

# WALKERTON INDEPENDENT

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There is the usual cold comfort for all parties in the returns from Medicine Hat.

Customs officers in New York had a big job on hand lately. They seized 10,000 kid gloves.

A scientist tells us that "metals get tired." Now you know why the gold gave out before it got to you.

There is one advantage in looking for the north pole. In the face of the gravest danger one can always keep cool.

At a spiritualist seance in New York, we are told, a man's arm was lengthened two feet. That's stretching it some.

Anybody who doubts the ability of the American Indian to be as civilized as anybody should observe him in a football game.

That man who is going to cross the ocean in a balloon should pause to consider that the water in the Atlantic is still deep and wet.

The inventive Yankee is still at it. During the last fiscal year the United States patent office received some 58,527 applications for mechanical patents.

Kissing, declares Dr. Napoleon Boston, spreads more disease than flies. We scorn his statement because we don't like his name. Reminds us of Waterloo and Bunker Hill.

A way has been found to make paper out of cornstalks. This will create a pleasant harmony for the man who likes to combine his reading with the pleasures of a corn-cob pipe.

The plan of the proposed Henry Hudson memorial bridge at New York calls for a reinforced concrete span of 710 feet, and represents one of the boldest engineering projects of the time.

The Highways Protection league reports 932 automobile accidents occurred in Great Britain in 1907, killing 215 persons and injuring 675. For these accidents and other motor car offenses 2,070 persons were summoned, of whom 2,426 were convicted.

There are at present on duty in the main thoroughfares of Paris 21 policemen who speak English, nine who speak German, and six who speak Spanish, and their usefulness has been so clearly demonstrated that the prefect of police has decided to add to their number as opportunity may arise.

Brazil has spent \$15,000,000 in the effort to hold up the world's price of coffee by government purchasing and warehousing of the Brazilian production. The theory that a national government can do anything it chooses in the market is a very old one.

It is not generally known that Wilhelm Schlegel, the German dramatist, has done many things wisely, if not too well, and as he begins to slide down the years, turning inventor of a motor brake is a becoming climax to his other accomplishments. Whether it is a truly practical stopper remains to be proved.

According to the Scientific American the fact that our macadamized roads don't wear as well as those in Europe is because we don't apply the theory of the stitch in time. European highway departments watch the roads and mend them wherever and whenever they need it without allowing the damage to become important.

Now a medical expert comes forward to assert that the French heel, considered one of the greatest outrages inflicted by feminine vanity upon suffering nature, is not only proper, but highly desirable. Still, feminine vanity will not make so much of this practical vindication, as, in any event, it would have kept on wearing the French heel.

Felicitations to the cranks! Ambassador Bryce's tribute to them as not infrequently the first pioneers of great causes, is distinguished appreciation. It is scarcely so enthusiastic, however, as Dr. Holmes' earlier observation that there never was an idea started that woke up men out of their stupid indifference but its originator was spoken of as a crank.

Horace E. Bixby, 82 years of age, still at the wheel after 60 years as a Mississippi river pilot, enjoys the distinction of having taught Mark Twain the art of navigation on the "Father of Waters." He says Mark Twain became a good pilot, having but one fault—the excessive use of tobacco. Capt. Bixby is still hale and hearty and enjoys telling of the various episodes of his eventful career upon the river.

During the five years preceding 1904-05 the total acreage annually under indigo cultivation in India was 755,900. In 1905-06 this area had decreased to 330,400 acres, or a falling off of a little less than 44 per cent.

The Mecca railroad is being constructed rapidly, solidly and methodically. Foreigners are employed in positions of leadership and management. By imperial order it is now proposed to complete the line from Medina to Mecca, a distance of 280 miles, before the next pilgrimage.

It is a good sign when in the non-sectarian colleges the president urges upon the students a proper observance of Sunday, as did the president of Cornell university at the opening of the college year, remarks Youth's Companion. In protesting against the discussion on that day of athletic and social matters pertaining to the college, he said: "The observance of Sunday is the temporal sign that man belongs not only to time, but to eternity. I earnestly hope that Sunday may be observed as a day of physical rest and spiritual meditation."

# 138 DEAD IN MINE

HORRIBLE RESULTS OF EXPLOSION AT MARIANNA, PA.

## SECOND BLAST IS FEARED

Fifty-Six Bodies Are Recovered, But Work of Finding Victims Is Slow, Owing to Gases and Debris.

Marianna, Pa., Nov. 30.—Fifty-six bodies, all but two of them horribly mangled, were taken from the mine of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal Company here, in which an explosion occurred Saturday, killing many men and casting into gloom what was until then considered the model mining town of the world.

There is no doubt that the death list will reach 138 men. Officials of the company, who had stated that not over 125 men had been killed, Sunday night admitted that 138 men went down the shaft to work Saturday morning. According to miners and others familiar with the number of men generally employed in the mine, the death list will exceed the company's estimate by at least 50.

Exact Number Is Not Known. As in nearly all mine disasters, there seems no way at present of knowing how many men went to work. The number check-off system has again proven defective and from no source can an accurate statement as to the fatalities be secured.

It is possible that the exact number of men killed will never be known. Up to darkness Sunday night 25 bodies had been brought to the surface in an iron bucket. Arms, legs or heads were missing from some and the trunks of others were burned, bruised and cut.

Two Were Suffocated. Two of the men taken from the mine had been suffocated and their bodies were not even scratched. One of these was John Ivill, a cousin of John H. Jones, president of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal Company, owners of the mine, who was employed as head time-keeper. Ivill's body was found beneath a coal-digging machine and it was apparent that the young man had crawled there in a vain effort to escape the deadly fumes.

The body of the other man was found near Ivill. The unfortunate had placed his face in a pool of water, which all miners are advised to do when an explosion occurs, in a desperate attempt to fight off suffocation until rescued.

The opinion was expressed by a number of expert miners that the mine will not be cleared of victims for several days.

Danger of Second Explosion. Reports have been in circulation that a second and more terrific explosion is likely to occur at any moment. The company officials assert this is not true. There is considerable gas in the mine, however, and there is undoubtedly danger.

As the ropes around the shaft, but there were few of the hoisting scenes usually associated with a mine explosion. Most of the relations are English-speaking people, who their grief in silence. It is estimated that one-fourth of the victims were Americans. As rapidly as possible work of rescue is being carried on. Short intervals new men are sent into the mine to relieve others searching for the dead. Owing to the dangerous gases and the mass of wreckage in the mine, the rescue work is slow and is being carried on with great precaution. Experts from Pennsylvania and West Virginia are in charge of the work of exploration and are being materially assisted by J. W. Paul and Clarence Hall of the United States experimental and testing station in Pittsburgh.

## WOODRUFF QUILTS SENATE RACE.

Withdraws in Favor of Root After Seeing Judge Taft.

Hot Springs, Va.—Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the New York Republican state committee, Sunday eliminated himself from the senatorial race in favor of Secretary of State Elihu Root.

This action was taken after a protracted conference with President-elect Taft and was followed by statements by both Messrs. Taft and Woodruff. Aside from these statements, each of which concedes the election of Mr. Root to succeed Senator Platt on January 19 next, no details of the conference were made known.

## Carnegie Sends \$30,000 Check.

Payette, Ia.—President William A. Shanklin of Upper Iowa university Sunday received a check from Andrew Carnegie for \$30,000, in payment of his pledge to give that amount when \$150,000 had been raised.

## Wild Man of Woods Dead.

Virginia, Minn.—The "Wild Man of the Woods" was found dead in his shack about 20 miles northeast of here and his body brought to this city. In the shack of the strange man was found a notebook with the name "William J. Hill, Massey, Ontario."

## Many Coke Ovens Reopen.

Huntington, W. Va.—More than 2,000 coke ovens in the Norfolk & Western fields, which have been idle for almost a year, resumed operations Sunday night.

## Hermit Author Found Dead.

Chicago.—Surrounded by his only friends—his books—Dr. John Norris, 70 years old, an author and recluse, was found dead in his little cottage in Riverside. For several years Dr. Norris has been known as the "hermit of Riverside."

## Ohio to Test Option Law.

Findlay, O.—Suit was filed here Friday afternoon to test the constitutionality of the Rose local option law, by which 54 of the 88 counties of the state have voted out the saloons.

# GETS FIRST CABINET PLACE

HITCHCOCK TO BE POSTMASTER GENERAL UNDER TAFT.

Republican National Chairman Selected Because of His Ability to Advise President-Elect.

Hot Springs, Va.—Frank H. Hitchcock has been offered and has accepted the position of postmaster general in the Taft cabinet that is to be.

The official announcement of this conclusion regarding the first cabinet selection of President-elect Taft doubtless will not be made until Mr. Taft has completed his cabinet, at which time it will be announced en bloc. Because of this view of the situation no expression regarding the selection of Mr. Hitchcock was obtainable for publication from either Mr. Taft or the Republican national chairman. There were many reasons, it was pointed out, why it was expedient that Mr. Hitchcock's status should be



FRANK H. HITCHCOCK

fixed, at least so far as the principals are concerned, and a complete understanding is known to exist between them. As chairman of the Republican national committee, Mr. Hitchcock became more familiar than any other person with the political phase of questions likely to arise at the beginning of the Taft administration and the knowledge he gained regarding the personnel of the party will be of great service to Mr. Taft throughout his administration.

Besides these reasons the national chairman admittedly possesses a comprehensive as well as a technical knowledge of postal affairs, gained by a protracted experience as first assistant and acting postmaster general. Mr. Hitchcock, accompanied by Charles H. Boynton of New York, left here Friday night for Washington, where Saturday night he was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the executive and advisory committees of the national committee. He then will visit headquarters in New York. It is also probable that from this time on Mr. Hitchcock will be frequently in contact with President-elect Taft.

## CAMER RAMMED AND SUNK.

Master in Fog Off Sandy Hook Costs Four Lives.

New York.—In the thick of a fog off Sandy Hook Thursday the stout steel freighter Georgic of the White Star line rammed and sank the light-laden Panama line steamer Finance, outward bound, with 86 passengers. The Finance went down within ten minutes after the collision, carrying to their death three of her passengers and one of the crew.

The rest of the passengers, who included 18 women and 14 children, as well as others of the crew, were rescued by the boats of the Georgic. The freighter was not damaged.

Of the passengers lost, one was a woman, Miss Irene Campbell of Panama, who clung frantically to the rail of the sinking vessel and could not be persuaded to release her hold, nor were the men who manned the small boats able forcibly to remove her.

## 12 WEDDINGS, ONE DIVORCE.

Starting Statistics on Legal Separations in United States.

Washington.—Higher divorce rate in the United States than in any of the foreign countries where statistics are available, is announced by the census bureau, which in a bulletin just issued, says that at least one marriage in twelve in this country ultimately terminates in divorce.

The report covers the 20 years from 1887 to 1906, inclusive. From 1887 to 1906 there were 12,832,044 marriages and 945,625 divorces, against 328,716 divorces for the preceding 20 years. Divorce is now 2 1/2 times as common, compared with the married population, as it was 40 years ago. Utah and Connecticut are the only two states showing decreased divorce rate. Divorce caused 38.9 of the total divorces in the 20 years.

## Missouri Woman a Suicide.

Nevada, Mo.—Mrs. H. C. Moore, wife of Col. Moore, a leading merchant of Nevada, committed suicide Saturday night by drowning herself. Mrs. Moore threw herself into Lake Park Springs, near here, which is owned by her husband.

## Addison Lysle Is Dead.

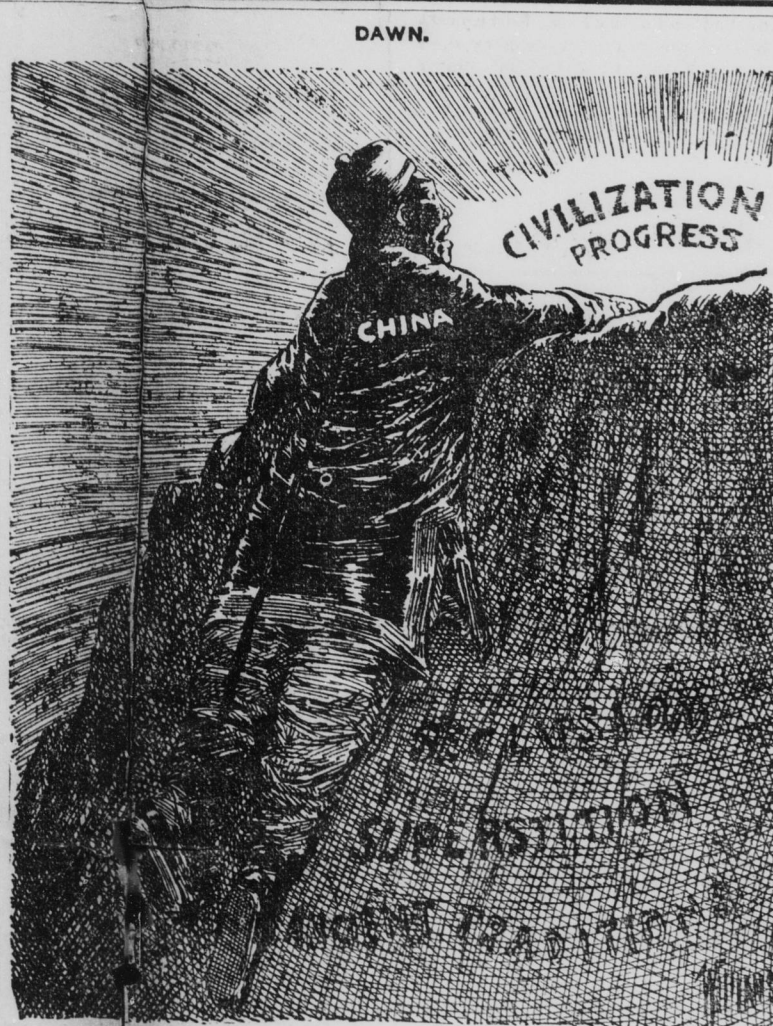
Los Angeles, Cal.—Addison Lysle, once a prominent citizen of Pittsburgh and formerly president of the national board of navigation, died here Sunday, aged 72 years.

## Ptomaines Kill Rich Banker.

Tulsa, Okla.—J. George McGannon, millionaire president of the Central National bank here, died Friday of ptomaine poisoning contracted while dining in a hotel. McGannon came here two years ago from Seneca, Mo.

## Escaped Convict Is Caught.

Chelsea, Mich.—A man arrested on suspicion here was identified Friday as Harry Robinson, 58 years old, who escaped from prison at Atlanta, Ga., March 21, 1908. He was serving time for a train robbery in Arkansas.



# LAMPHERE GUILTY OF ARSON

IS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR TWO TO 21 YEARS.

Verdict Is a Compromise—Several Jurors Held Out Long for Life Sentence for Murder.

Laporte, Ind.—Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children, by setting fire to the Guinness house April 28, was found guilty of arson Thursday evening by the jury which had the case since 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Within five minutes after the verdict was reported, Judge Richter had sentenced the defendant to the state penitentiary at Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to 21 years. He will be taken to Michigan City at once to begin his sentence.

Attorney Worden for the defense said that a motion for a new trial would be made, and should it be refused, an appeal to the Indiana supreme court would follow. The Indiana supreme court is two years behind in its work and so this case could not be reached until after Lamphere had served the minimum time of his sentence.

The jury was something of a general verdict, held out long for a life sentence in the first degree with a life term. So far as could be learned, the jury was for hanging.

Lamphere Thursday night said that he was confident the dead body in the fire was Mrs. Guinness' regardless of what other people may think. He reiterated his innocence of setting fire to the house, though admitting that he was on the road and saw the fire that night. He also declared that he did not see Mrs. Guinness kill Helgelein.

"I have no complaint to make about the verdict. Things looked pretty blue, but the verdict might have been worse."

## ACTRESS ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Mrs. Eleanor Cowper Shoots Herself in New York Hotel.

New York.—Mrs. Eleanor Merron Cowper, a widely-known playwright and actress, shot herself in her room at the St. Regis hotel Friday and will probably die. She was a protege and business partner of the late James H. Wallick, manager and actor, who killed himself at his home in Middletown, N. Y.

Before shooting herself, Mrs. Cowper wrote letters to her lawyer, Judge Herbert B. Royce of Middletown, and to John Hood, manager of the King Edward hotel in West Forty-seventh street, where she formerly lived, advising them of her intention to kill herself. A brief history of her life, largely devoted to recounting her career on the stage, was found in her effects.

## Boat Sinks; Hundred Drowned.

Manila.—The coasting steamer Ponting, carrying a large number of laborers from Narayan to the rice fields in Pangasinan province, struck a rock and sank Sunday night during a storm, off the town of San Fernando in Union Province. It is estimated that a hundred of the passengers and crew of the Ponting were drowned. The steamer Vigaya rescued 55.

## Kills Brother and Mother.

New York.—With aim so deadly that all five shots he fired took effect, William Kallebrun of Jersey City Friday night shot and killed his brother Leo and then his aged mother, Mrs. Victoria Kallebrun. The tragedy took place in the apartments of Mrs. Kallebrun in New York. Kallebrun had come from Jersey City with a friend, Albert Trognay, to secure money from his brother Leo, and the shooting resulted from fact that Leo would not give his brother money. Kallebrun was arrested soon after the murder.

## No Dinner Suicide Cause.

Chicago.—Despondency over his inability to provide a big Thanksgiving dinner for his family is thought to have caused Stitts Hagen, 40 years old, 797 North Forty-first avenue, to commit suicide at his home by inhaling illuminating gas.

## Pray for High Tariff.

Joplin, Mo.—Protestant pastors throughout the Kansas and Missouri zinc mining district offered Thanksgiving day prayers for a higher tariff on zinc ore.

# HUNDREDS PERISH

JAPANESE STEAMERS IN CRASH OFF PORT OF CHEFOO.

## DISASTER IN DENSE FOG

Both Ships Sink, Carrying Down with Them Many American and European Passengers—Victims May Number 700.

Chefoo, China.—Two Japanese steamships collided off this port Monday afternoon. Details of the accident were lacking, but it was reported that a total of 700 persons had been drowned.

According to the best information available, the vessels were passenger boats and heavily loaded with Europeans and Americans.

The crash suddenly came in a dense fog. The lookouts were unable to see more than a few yards ahead, and could not give the alarm in time for the passengers and crew to take to the lifeboats.

The ships crashed with a mighty impact within two minutes after warning cries had been sent down to those below.

Instantly there was a frantic rush for safety. Not stopping to lower the boats, scores leaped into the sea. Most of these were drowned.

The vessels sunk soon after the collision, taking down with them the passengers and crew who were asleep at the time of the accident.

The catastrophe was appalling, the news agency says, and was so complete that for a time not even the names of the ill-fated ships could be learned. The Japanese government went to work on the case, and expected soon to have the boats identified.

## ABRUZZI YIELDS TO FAMILY.

Duke Cables Miss Elkins That Their Match Is Off.

Rome, Italy.—The Elkins-Abruzzi match is now at an end for all time, according to information received from the most trustworthy source. The marriage has been abandoned definitely and there is not likely again to be any question about it.

All efforts to ascertain the exact reasons have been unsuccessful, but it is evident that they are based upon family objections on both sides which cannot be overcome.

This information is confirmed by the fact that the Perseveranza of Milan, a newspaper which is regarded as the mouthpiece of the Italian foreign office, declares the engagement is now off. Simultaneously with this publication the duke of the Abruzzi has dispatched a long cable message to Miss Elkins declaring that he has been unable to remove insuperable obstacles to the marriage.

## PORT AU PRINCE IN A PANIC.

Approach of Rebels Frightens Every One But the President.

Port au Prince.—Every hour brings the revolutionary army nearer to Port au Prince, and a feeling of impending disaster has taken possession of the people. The advance guard of Gen. Antoine Simon's forces is now not more than 25 or 30 miles from this city and up to the present the insurgents have swept all before them.

The government losses at Anse a Veau on Friday and the rout of the loyal troops have caused consternation among the officials of the government, with possibly the sole exception of President Nord Alexis. Every effort to have him take himself out of the country has proved a failure and the aged president, who has faced many revolutions before, announces his determination to fight to the last.

## SATTERLEE GETS NAVY OFFICE.

New Yorker to Be Assistant Secretary of the Department.

Washington.—Herbert L. Satterlee of New York, it is understood, has been tendered the position of assistant secretary of the navy to take the place of Thomas H. Newberry, who Tuesday became secretary of the navy, succeeding Victor H. Metcalf, whose resignation became effective then. Mr. Satterlee is a son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan.

## Two-Cent Rate Is Upheld.

Washington.—The supreme court of the United States Monday reversed the decision of the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Virginia, holding to be unconstitutional the order of the state railroad commission fixing a two-cent passenger rate on state business, the effect being to uphold the order.

## Fleet Sails from Manila.

Manila.—The American battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry sailed promptly at eight o'clock Tuesday morning. The next port of call is Colombo, Ceylon.

## Racial Riots in Prague.

Prague, Bohemia.—The racial riots, which were widespread Sunday in this city, were resumed Monday. The Czechs and Germans coming into conflict in various quarters. The police cleared the streets with swords and bayonets, many persons being injured.

## East Buffalo Yards Reopen.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Under the closest restrictions the East Buffalo stock yards, which had been closed because of the foot and mouth disease among cattle, resumed business Monday.

## "Innocent Bystander" Shot.

Philadelphia.—Richard Burk, a bystander, was shot in the breast and probably fatally wounded and Andrew Loneragan was shot in the arm, in a pistol fight between Loneragan and George Medway Monday.

## To Head Inaugural Parade.

Washington.—Chairman Stellwagen of the inaugural committee appointed Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, U. S. A., to be grand marshal of the inaugural parade. Gen. Bell announced his acceptance.

# SEEMED WORSE EVERY DAY.

A Dangerous Case of Kidney Complaint and How It Was Checked.



Mrs. Lucy Quebeck, Mechanic St., Hope Valley, R. I., says: "Eight years ago I contracted severe kidney trouble and my back began to ache continually. Every day it seemed worse. The least pressure on my back tortured me, and I could not stoop without a bad twinge. The kidney secretions passed irregularly with pain, and I bloated badly. My head swam and spots flitted before my eyes. One doctor said I was incurable. However, I found prompt relief when I started using Doan's Kidney Pills, and the troubles I have related gradually disappeared."

Sold by all dealers. 50c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

## WAS VERY FULLY OCCUPIED.

Situation in Which Bibulous Irishman Had His Hands Full.

Some one asked George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, if he intended becoming a candidate for governor of New York. Now Mr. Cortelyou had an especial answer for leading questions, so he answered by telling the following story:

Two Irishmen celebrated St. Patrick's day and started home together, but became separated. Finally they discovered themselves hugging lamp posts on opposite sides of the street. "How are yez, Pat?" called Mike. "Fair," says Pat, "how are yez?" "I dunno," says Mike; "come over and see."

"I can't come," says Pat. "Why can't yez?" says Mike. "I've got me hands full shytayin' where I am," says Pat.—N. Y. Herald.

## BAD ITCHING HUMOR.

Limbs Below the Knees Were Raw—Feet Swollen—Sleep Broken—Cured in 2 Days by Cuticura.

"Some two months ago I had a humor break out on my limbs below my knees. They came to look like raw beefsteak, all red, and no one knows how they itched and burned. They were so swollen that I could not get my shoes on for a week or more. I used five or six different remedies and got no help, only when applying them the burning was worse and the itching less. For two or three weeks the suffering was intense and during that time I did not sleep an hour at a time. Then one morning I tried a bit of Cuticura. From the moment it touched me the itching was gone and I have not felt a bit of it since. The swelling went down and in two days I had my shoes on and was about as usual. George B. Farley, 50 South State St., Concord, N. H., May 14, 1907."

## ACCURATE INFORMATION.



Fortune Teller—This line here shows that you will die in a year. Client—Good heavens! In a year? "H'm—yes—but in which year I can't quite tell you."

## TWO GOOD STORIES BY BARRIE.

One Told by Successful Author Is Decidedly Against Himself.

Mr. J. W. Barrie, the author of "What Every Woman Knows," tells a good story against himself.

A lady of his acquaintance had taken a friend to see one of his plays, and, quite astonished, he asked her why she did so.

"Oh," was the reply, "it's such a quiet street for the horses!" He also tells of a playgoer who received no response to his repeated requests to a lady in front of him to remove her huge hat.

At length, exasperated, he said: "If you won't take off your hat, my dear madam, will you be so kind as to fold back your ears?"—Woman's Life.

## LIVING ADVERTISEMENT

Glow of Health Speaks for Postum.

It requires no scientific training to discover whether coffee disagrees or not.

Simply stop it for a time and use Postum in place of it, then note the beneficial effects. The truth will appear.

"Six years ago I was in a very bad condition," writes a Tenn. lady, "I suffered from indigestion, nervousness and insomnia."

"I was then an inveterate coffee drinker, but it was long before I could be persuaded that it was coffee that hurt me. Finally I decided to leave off a few days and find out the truth."

"The first morning I left off coffee I had a raging headache, so I decided I must have something to take the place of coffee." (The headache was caused by the reaction of the coffee drug—caffeine.)

"Having heard of Postum through a friend who used it, I bought a package and tried it. I did not like it at first but after I learned how to make it right, according to directions on pkg., I would not change back to coffee for anything."

"When I began to use Postum I weighed only 117 lbs. Now I weigh 170 and as I have not taken any tonic in that time I can only attribute my recovery of good health to the use of Postum in place of coffee."

"My husband says I am a living advertisement for Postum. I am glad to be the means of inducing my many friends to use Postum, too."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."