

"Little Boyce, she lost her sheep,  
And didn't know where to find them!"  
Had she advertised in the Journal  
she might have found anything she  
wanted, from a lost pocketbook to a  
sewer-room rat with china bathtubs,  
for  
**It's Read Everywhere.**

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"How doth the little busy bee  
Improve each shining hour?"  
How doth the Evening Journal im-  
prove And its circulation improves,  
too. Thousands daily with their  
literary appetites on those stories of  
the day so graphically told in  
**The News Novelette.**

## SPAIN PREPARING A FLYING SQUADRON.

**Vessels Now Under Con-  
struction at Carta-  
gena Yards.**

**Six Ironclads, Three Cruis-  
ers and Torpedo Boat  
Destroyers.**

**Great Activity Continues to  
Be Displayed in All  
Spanish Ports.**

**Orders Placed for Two Powerful War  
Ships with a Big English  
Firm of Builders.**

**WAITING FOR MONEY IN ADVANCE.**

**Newcastle Constructors Decline to Com-  
mence Work on New Vessels Until  
There is Made Some Cash  
Guarantee of Payment.**

**By Don Fernando Rodriguez.**

Madrid, Nov. 30.—Great activity continues in all Spanish ports, particularly in Cartagena, where the full available strength is now employed in fitting out six ironclads and three cruisers, which, with the Glasgow torpedo boat destroyers, will make a powerful flying squadron.

I hear that the Spanish Government has accepted specifications and has given an Elswick firm an order for a powerful battle ship and a cruiser. But as no money whatever has come to hand in Newcastle, nothing has yet been done toward their construction.

In case of need the cruiser could be ready in a year, but it would take twice as long to finish the ironclad. I understand the cruiser is designed for exceptional speed, and that it would be able to coal for 5,000 knots at twenty-three knots hourly.

## CUBA'S STRONG FIGHT.

**General Bradley T. Johnson Says That  
Maceo Will Eventually Wear Out  
the Spanish Forces.**

Baltimore, Nov. 30.—In discussing the situation in Cuba General Bradley T. Johnson, recently there as correspondent of the New York Journal, says:

"The bankers, the planters, the writers, lawyers, doctors, the professors of the University of Havana, and the people are supporting the rebellion. The University of Havana is a hotbed of patriotism. The boys run off by the score to join Gomez and Maceo, and some of the professors are ministers plenipotentiary from the Cuban Republic to the South American governments, as Franklin and Laurens were from the devoted colonies to France in 1777-78. I think the property, the culture and the courage of the island are on the side of the rebellion.

"The insurrection is supported by wealth, directed by intelligence and conducted with genius and courage. I think the rebels out-fight and out-manoeuvre the Spaniards, and they will wear them out.

**No Chance of Being Starved Out.**  
"There is no chance of the rebels being starved out of the Pinar del Rio district.

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## FROM PULPIT TO TRIPOD.

**Disappearance of Rev. G. D. Coleman Ex-  
plained in a Letter He Writes to  
His Anxious Wife.**

The mystery surrounding the sudden disappearance of Rev. G. D. Coleman from Hamamton, N. J., just ten weeks ago, was solved yesterday by a letter received by Mrs. Coleman from her husband, who is now in the City of Mexico.

The morning Dr. Coleman left his home on his bicycle his intention was to collect a bill in Elm, a town three miles from Hamamton. From that time his whereabouts have been unknown to anyone. It was first supposed that he had met with some mishap, or that he had gone to Cuba on a filibustering expedition.

The letter which was received yesterday was a great surprise and a relief to Mrs. Coleman, who has been under great mental strain since his disappearance. It states that he had accepted a position as civil engineer on the railroad which is now being built in the suburbs of Mexico City. He gives no reason for his strange act further than that he was in search of work.

## TRUST CRUSHES A RIVAL.

**Brooklyn's Gas Combine Manipulates the  
Board of Aldermen Against an Op-  
position Company's Petition.**

The Brooklyn Gas Trust has some good friends in the Board of Aldermen, and led by Alderman Stewart, they succeeded yesterday in shutting out a possible rival.

For nearly a year the city has not made a contract with the gas company. The gas is used regularly by the city, but no bills are sent in. The contract has been withheld because some of the Aldermen favored a short term and others a long term agreement. The gas company and its Aldermanic representatives want a long term. The Long Island Gas, Fuel and Power Company yesterday petitioned the Board of Aldermen for a franchise. Alderman Fenwick moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Gas and Electricity. Chairman Leich and others objected to such a disposition of the case.

Mr. Leich said it had been impossible to get the committee together in four months. The petition, to the Law Committee, which is never in a hurry, except on special occasions, but Alderman Stewart, who is a close friend of General James Jourdan, president of the Gas Trust, arose two hours before the regular time and moved for an adjournment.

Notwithstanding a few protests the Board voted to adjourn by 18 to 5. The opposition were Aldermen Leich, McGarry, Ruggles, Messinger and Gullfoyle.

## THINKS BURGLARS SHOT HIM.

**But Perkins's Neighbors Believe He Was  
Hit by a Roman Candle Ball.**

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 30.—A fruit store belonging to Charles Perkins was discovered to be on fire early this morning. The firemen found Perkins himself inside the place with five wounds in his head and in an unconscious condition. The shop was totally destroyed.

Perkins regained consciousness during the day and said that two men entered his shop while he was asleep, and one of them shot him and then robbed him. No shot was heard by the neighbors, and the money had not been touched in the cash drawer. The physicians have found no bullets in Perkins's head. Many believe that a Roman candle or one of the skyrockets, many of which were in the shop, must have gone off, hitting Perkins in the head and setting the place on fire.

## STEAMER DISABLED AT SEA.

**Cotehele Lost Her Propeller, but Was  
Picked Up by the Holbein.**

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 30.—The British steamer Cotehele, Captain Uren, from New York, November 6, for Hull, was towed into this port to-night by the British steamer Holbein, from New Orleans, November 10, for Liverpool.

The Cotehele had lost her propeller and was in a bad way when the Holbein hove in sight.

## AN EARL LOVED SADIE M'DONALD.

**Shaftesbury Said to Have  
Been Captivated by Her  
Many Charms.**

**Gave the American Soubrette Dia-  
monds Aggregating \$50,000  
in Value.**

**Would Have Married Her and Installed  
Her as Mistress in His An-  
cestral Halls.**

## OCCUPIES A HIGH OFFICIAL PLACE.

Is a Descendant of Him Whom the Arch-  
bishop of Canterbury Alluded to as  
"That Earl, the Most Godly  
and Devout of Men."

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 30.—A sensation that would have shocked and scandalized the English nobility and penetrated even to the circle of royalty, was averted by the sudden death, in Australia, on Sunday last, of Sadie MacDonald.

On Friday of last week orders were received in Chicago from Melbourne to the effect that no less a personage than the Earl of Shaftesbury had become enamored of the frolicsome soubrette, who for several months had been starting the colonies in "Hoyt's Trip to Chinatown." Announcements of their engagement had been made at the clubs and in theatrical circles. It was said, and color had been given to the story, according to rumor, by the fact that the Earl had presented her with diamond ornaments aggregating in value about \$50,000.

While the advice came from an authoritative source the possibility of a scion of the house of Shaftesbury indulging in even a flirtation with a soubrette appeared so remote that a cablegram was sent to the family mansion in London seeking information concerning his whereabouts, and it was learned that the Earl of Shaftesbury was actually in Melbourne, serving temporarily as aide-de-camp to Lord Brasse, the eminent naval authority.

The London cable stating this fact, which lent a partial corroboration to the story that the earl had found an affinity in the American soubrette, reached Chicago almost simultaneously with the help message from the other end of the world that Sadie MacDonald had passed away.

**The Earl's Godly Grandfather.**  
Stranger things have happened among the English nobility than that the grandson of him whom the late Archbishop of Canterbury once alluded to from the platform of Exeter Hall as "that earl, the most godly and devout of men," should have been willing to perpetuate the great and noble house of Shaftesbury by an alliance with a favorite of the farce-comedy footlights. But it is nevertheless certain that, had Sadie MacDonald been spared long enough to marry her noble lord, the noble earl, London society would have received a shock from which it would have been a long time in recovering.

The Shaftesbury earldom was created in 1672, and is consequently one of the oldest, as it is one of the most wealthy and influential, in the ranks of the English peerage. The present earl, Lord Anthony, was born on September 1, 1863, and has consequently just passed his thirty-third birthday. He succeeded to the title a few years ago on the death of his father, Lord Ashley Anthony, who had just rounded his sixtieth birthday, while his mother, who is the only daughter of the third Marquis of Donegal, is still living.

Although his father gained reputation as a legislator when he sat in the House of Commons, before his accession to the title, as member for Hull and later for Cricklade, it was the grandfather of the present Earl, Lord Anthony Ashley Cooper, and who carried the weight of the titles of Earl of Shaftesbury, Baron Ashley, Baron Cooper and Basset, and all of which are now held by his grandson, who gave to the House of Shaftesbury its fame.

## Befriended All Denominations.

During the second half of his life—so died suddenly eight years ago on the eve of his ninetieth birthday—he was universally re-

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## ON WHOSE HEAD THIS BABY LIFE?

**Indictment of Randall's  
Island Officials to Be  
Asked To-day.**

**Dr. Buchenholz and He d Nurse  
Supple Under Suspension  
Pending Investigation.**

**Two Weeks of Their Neglect, the  
Charge Is, Resulted in Otto  
Kobetzsch's Death.**

## THE DOCTOR DENIES ANY BLAME.

Father of the Baby Has Scores of Affidavits to Prove His Charges, and Testimony Taken by Charities Commissioners.

In the Mount Sinai Hospital, a Jewish institution, a little baby, lying on its death-bed, was baptized in the Christian faith and received into the Lutheran Church one day last month. The Jewish superintendent of the hospital acted as the baby's godfather, while the mother of the child, kneeling beside the bed, weeping bitterly, prayed that her darling might be spared to her. The baby's father, who also stood by, did not weep. His thought were too bitter to find expression in tears.

Half an hour after little Otto Kobetzsch had received his name from the lips of good Pastor Heber, of the Zion Church, of Yorkville, his little life went out, and only the poor, emaciated body of her fifteen months' child was clasped to the frantic mother's breast.

Adolf Kobetzsch, looking upon the agony of his wife and the dead features of his baby son, then and there resolved not to rest till he had brought to justice the servants of the public whose cruelty and neglect he alleges are responsible for the untimely death of his innocent little child.

Every waking hour of Kobetzsch's time, since the remains of his child were committed to the earth, has been spent in the fulfillment of his grim mission, and this morning, with Assistant District Attorney George Gordon Battle, he will appear before the Grand Jury and demand the indictment of the people whom he charges with causing the death of little Otto, while the child was an inmate of the Infants' Hospital on Randall's Island.

These are the members of the hospital staff whose indictment on a charge of manslaughter Mr. Kobetzsch will ask at the hands of the Grand Jury:

**BUCHENHOLZ, S. A., M. D., House Physician,  
DUMPHY, MRS. M. C., Superintendent,  
SUPPLE, CHRISTINE J., Head Nurse.**

## Careful in Preparation.

Mr. Kobetzsch has been careful in the preparation of his case for the Grand Jury, and no point of evidence has been overlooked or neglected. All the papers have been collected in order, and the net which he has woven about Dr. Buchenholz and the head nurse possesses, he declares, the smallest meshes and no openings. Mr. Kobetzsch's story is as follows:

"On August 13 last I applied at the office of the Superintendent of Charities, No. 66 Third Avenue, for the purpose of securing two weeks' shelter in some institution for my thirteen-month-old son Otto, during the period of my wife's confinement. We were in straitened circumstances, but I was willing to pay for the child's care, and desired only that he should receive the best attention. Mr. Walsh, who was in charge in the absence of Superintendent Blake, said he would admit the child to the Infants' Hospital, on Randall's Island, and, knowing our poverty, refused to accept any pay. So, with an order from Mr. Walsh, I delivered the child at the hospital that afternoon.

"A child was born to us on August 17, and on August 27, two weeks after I had taken Otto to Randall's Island, I returned

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## NAT GOODWIN ABSENT.

**He Fails to Put in an Appearance at Court,  
although Subpoenaed by  
His Wife.**

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Nat C. Goodwin defied Judge Murphy and the laws of the State of California by not putting in an appearance in court this morning. Although subpoenaed and threatened with dire calamities in the event of a refusal to obey the summons, the versatile actor and his company of players were far, far away when the gong sounded upon the opening round of Goodwin vs. Goodwin.

The process was taken upon the actor Saturday night. It resulted from the dismissal of Goodwin's divorce suit against his wife. On November 19, the day of the actor's return to this city from Australia, his attorney went to the City Hall, paid the costs of action, secured an order of dismissal and left it with the County Clerk, with a request that it be entered upon the judgment book.

To Goodwin's surprise, on November 23 he received a notice of filing, by Mrs. Goodwin's attorneys, of an answer and a cross-complaint to the action. The matter was investigated, with the result that it was found that the entry of the dismissal of his action bore date, not November 19, but November 23, an hour or so after the answer and cross-complaint had been filed.

The case was to have come up to-day for hearing and a subpoena was issued. When Goodwin failed to appear to-day, Mrs. Goodwin's attorney asked the Court to take judicial notice of the serving of the subpoena.

"No, sir; I'll do nothing of the kind," said Judge Murphy. "If Mr. Goodwin has disobeyed the order, he has done so at his own hazard. If it turns out he was right in so doing, he is not in contempt, but if it turns out that he had no right to disobey the order, he must take the consequences."

## CHOATE FOR SENATOR.

**He Decided to Become a Candidate for  
Hill's Place in Opposition  
to Platt.**

Joseph H. Choate is a candidate for United States Senator to succeed David Bennett Hill, and will oppose Thomas C. Platt in the Republican caucus next month.

This was decided upon last night by a number of friends of Mr. Choate, who held two secret meetings, the first at the office of General Samuel Thomas, No. 80 Broadway, and the second at the State Club, in East Twenty-second street. Mr. Choate will abide by the decision of his friends.

## PRAYER RESTORED HEALTH.

**Miss Alice Schaffer, Suffering from Paralysis,  
Arose from Her Bed.**

Parkersburg, W. Va., Nov. 30.—A singular case of recovery from apparently hopeless illness through the medium of prayer has excited great public interest at Piedmont. For many months Miss Alice B. Schaffer, of Mount Storm, and a Philadelphia hospital suffering from almost total paralysis. She was unable to rise from bed or to talk above a whisper.

On October 5 she was brought home, as she had expressed a wish to die here. After two weeks, Rev. Mr. Koch, a Methodist evangelist from Ohio, began a series of meetings at Mount Storm, and, hearing of Miss Schaffer's case, mentioned it from the pulpit, and asked for the silent prayers of the congregation for five minutes for her relief. Miss Schaffer's sister was at church, and, on going home, asked her how she felt. She said she began to feel better at 9 o'clock, and at her own suggestion got out of bed without assistance. She is now in perfect health.

## HAMBURG STRIKE MAY END.

**Compromise Committee Making Very Favorable Progress.**

Hamburg, Nov. 30.—At noon to-day 14,500 dockmen were still out, but there are some prospects of terminating the strike to-morrow, as the Deliberation Committee of four shipowners and four workmen is progressing favorably.

The first condition of the men is that there be no further importation of Italians or Poles.

## "DEAD MAN'S CURVE" SOON TO DISAPPEAR.

**The Journal Wins Its Fight  
Against the Broadway Cable  
Death Trap.**

**Plan for a Tunnel Under Union Square Has  
the Approval of Every One Inter-  
ested in the Public's Safety.**

**Aldermen Are in Favor of It, the Park Board Will Indorse  
It, and, if Necessary, the Legislature  
Will Be Appealed to.**

"Dead Man's Curve must go!"  
The Journal has insisted, for many months, that such a menace to life and limb as the curve at Broadway and Fourteenth street, around which the cable cars swing with a fatal speed, could not be tolerated.

That insistence on behalf of the safety of the public, has borne fruit, and the death-trap will soon be a thing of the past. The Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen is in favor of a tunnel under Union Square, instead of the present surface tracks, and this sentiment is shared by all the other members of the Board. But it may be in the jurisdiction of the Park Board to allow a tunnel under a park, and that body is in favor of the project. If the power to make the change lies with neither Board, both will indorse the plan and the Legislature will be asked to pass a bill granting the necessary rights. In this application, President Vreeland, of the cable company, will join, as he heartily approves of the change.

The tracks which sweep out of Broadway westward into Fourteenth street, around nearly one-half of an immense circle into Union square west, and thence around the other half of the circle into the northern continuation of Broadway above Union Square, are to disappear.

Instead of wrenching around the wide, sprawling S, Broadway cable cars will glide across Fourteenth street to the Union Square pavement, sink swiftly into a tunnel beneath the Square's grass and trees, and emerge at the pavement opposite the northern continuation of Broadway to cross the Seventeenth street plaza in a straight connection with the present track.

When, because of many injuries to limb and an multitude of narrow escapes from death, public indignation aroused last Summer found voice through the Journal, Alderman Hill proposed to limit the speed at the curves, and his resolution brought about a public hearing before the Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen. To that body was suggested the better alternative of sinking the tracks and abolishing the curve, a plan which President Vreeland, of the Metropolitan Traction Company, gladly grasped. The company was almost as anxious as the public—the president said more—to abolish the curves whereon they have to maintain a force of life-savers, and yet cannot prevent accidents, which call for large sums in settlement of damages. Then, too, the wear on the cable at the two wide and two sharp curves is great; sheaves have constantly to be replaced, and altogether the track from Fourteenth to Seventeenth street costs nearly as much to maintain as that from Fourteenth street to the Battery.

**Everybody Favors It.**  
In the pressure of Autumn business the matter was thrust aside, but Alderman Hill, who has enthusiastically adopted the tunnel idea, has brought it to the fore. He has been canvassing the Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen, and has found all favorable to a report in favor of the tunnel. Further than that, he is satisfied that the full Board will approve the project, and yesterday he had a conference with President Vreeland concerning an application to the Board of Park Commissioners.

**Less Danger in Tunnels.**  
"The cars would cross Fourteenth street to the pavement at Union square before beginning to descend. The descent would be very sharp, but as the grip of the cable would not be released, neither the quick descent nor the rapid ascent of the grade on the other side would be felt by the passengers. The cars would not be allowed to coast through the tunnel. The company proposes to erect handsome entrances and exits for the tunnel, and rather beautifully than deface the square. The grass plots and trees and walks and fountains, which are now above the line of the proposed tunnel, would remain undisturbed. The work will cost the company about \$250,000, and I am not in favor of the company spending a penny less than it ought to make

## Practical Scheme.

Alderman Hill said yesterday: "I have no doubt now that the tunnel project will go through, and the death curves at Fourteenth street will be abolished. The tunnel is a necessity and is the most practical scheme for abolishing the great nuisance. If we compel the company to put in a slow cable on the curves, that would lessen the risk to life and limb, but would involve a reduction of speed along the road or a reduction in the number of cars employed to carry passengers, and this would mean a great loss to public convenience. With the tunnel, which is to be built by the Metropolitan Traction Company at its own expense, there need be no reduction in speed and, indeed, the passage from Fourteenth to Seventeenth street would be made more rapidly than it is now, and more comfortably.



## SECTIONAL VIEW OF PROPOSED TUNNEL UNDER UNION SQUARE TO DO AWAY WITH "DEAD MAN'S CURVE."

There is every prospect that before many months have passed "Dead Man's Curve" and its ever-recurring fatalities will be a memory. The first steps to bring about this desirable end were taken when the Journal took up the matter in the name of humanity protested against the continuance of this destroyer of human life. Everybody concerned, including the railroad company, is in favor of the tunnel idea, and if the matter rested solely with the Board of Aldermen the bore would be completed and the curve torn up before June next. Estimate show that the tunnel will cost about \$250,000. The Metropolitan Traction Company, which will pay the bill, now pays \$50,000 a year on account of the wear and tear of the costly cables in rounding the long reverse curve, besides many thousands in settling with victims of accidents, and the officers of the road, no doubt, consider the tunnel a good investment.