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29 Ladies' Black Kersey Coats.
This season's styles, Formerly 89c
Styles
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THIRD FLOOR.

is entertaining her cousin, Miss Sadie

The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rey-

Newsdealer W J. Roberts is con-

Attorney Searies, of Susquehanna,

alled on friends in this city yesterday.

Miss Mary Gallagher is in New York

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reigeluth's son,

Mrs. P. F. Hope, of Philadelphia, is

J. Franklin Crowell is in the city

returned from their Scranton visit.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

J. J. Walsh, of Mayfield, who for a

friends will be pleased to hear of his

Wednesday evening. Father Malone is

stone colliery at Mayfield.

well known in this vicinity and some

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yost, of Scran-

Mr. W. D. Hill, the well-known in-

home for several days with an attack

spent Saturday here with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Cramer, of Bacon street.

where she will in future reside.

s visiting Mayfield frictals.

e per cent, penalty.

Mrs. X. W. Williams, of Greenfield,

Mrs. Burns, of Mayfield, yesterday

moved her household goods to Avoca.

Mrs. White and son Harry, of Oly-

hant, are visiting her parents, Mr.

nd Mrs. Thomas P. Williams, of Rush-

Frank Jones, Thomas Jones, Charles

White and John Griffiths, of Olyphant,

dsited friends in this berough on Sat-

Mr. Richard Latcham, of Scranton

Neah Pugh, of Poplar street, May-

Miss Lottie Reynolds, of Forest City

Mrs. Owen Owens, of Mayfield, is re-

covering from her long and severe ill-

Paul Cure, of Scott; Thomas Lough-

ELMHURST.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Buckingham at-

ern Star, at Scranton, last evening.

the guest of Mrs. Schoonmaker at "Oak

Terrace" on Friday last.

Mrs. G. D. Detrich.

ordially invited

Mrs, F. J. Amsden, of Scranton, was

Prof. E. B. Rogers spent Saturday

and Sunday with friends at Strouds-

Mr. J. H. Snyder and daughter, Mrs

A. F. Cobb, have returned from a trip

Mr. and Mrs. John Walters, of Madi-

enville, spent Sunday with Mr. and

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Bap-

tist church, will hold a dime social on

Friday evening next at the home of

Mr. Byron Buckingham. Proceeds to

apply on the pastor's salary. All are

In response to invitations sent out by

to New York where they attended the

funeral of Mr. Snyder's brother.

street, is visiding Dummore friends.

were Archbald visitors Sunday.

visited friends in Jermyn yesterday.

Rev. Father Malone, of Susquehanna,

Spellman, of Honesdale

Donald, is seriously ill

visiting friends in this city.

city on business.

again:

promotion.

Mayfield.

of grip.

rook street.

day night.

olds is on the sick list.

fined to his home by illness.

CARBONDALE.

THE CITY'S INSURANCE.

Agents Seek Equitable Allotment Common Council's Doings.

About the only thing that enlivened common council meeting last evening were the addresses of Jeremiah O'Hearn and P. F. Moffitt on the insurance question. The former said he was not out for favors but simple justice, and desired to know why other agents had been given more than he.

Leonard Campbell, chairman of the committee that made the recommendation, said it was because Mr. O'Hearn had made no application.

P. F. Motlitt called attention to the fact that he has been a taxpayer for years and that his parents before him; had been, hence he thought he was entitled to a big slice and said he uldn't be backward about asking for it all if he thought they would give it

For the past three years W. R. Baker has held the lion's share, having

placed \$9,600 with his companies. The following resolution introduced by Leonard Campbell was adopted: That insurance on city property beawarded as follows: To Couch agency, \$2.500; . J. H. Bridgett, \$2,500; J. H. Reese, \$2,500; P. F. Moffitt, \$2,500 on building: W. R. Baker, \$1,500 on Mitchell hose house; J. O'Hearn \$1,500

on Columbia hose house. This insurance is to take effect March

G. B. Van Gorder introduced an or dinance providing for flagstone sidewalks on Terrace street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. It was referred to the street committe.

An ordinance annexing First ward territory along Garfield avenue, Spring street, Lincoln avenue, Laurel and surance agent, has been confined to his Grove streets to the First sewer district was also referred to the commit-

MEETING OF MINISTERS.

The Honesdale District Ministerial association will hold its last meeting for this conference year in the First Methodist church in this city, Monday evening and Tuesday, March 13 and 14 Rev. A. J. Van Cleft will deliver the address Monday evening. The committee especially invites a full attendance as this will be the last general gathering of the ministers of the district dur ing Rev. W. L. Thorpe's services as presiding elder, the present conference year closing his term of six years.

CENTURY CLUB SOCIAL

The New Century club held its triannual social at the home of Mrs. I.. A. Bassett of Lincoln avenue, last evening. The rooms were handsomely decorated and the gentlemen friends of the organization were delightfully entertained by a fine literary and musical programme.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. George Schaff, of South Main street, is entertaining her neice, Mrs. homas Riley, of Oneonta, N. Y. Fred Spanle resumed work in the North Main street machine shop yeserday after a brief illness.

Mrs. Porter Williams, of Park street, a at Harford at the bedside of her nother, Mrs. Peck. who is seriously ill. Miss Ida Snyder is convalescent. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Abbey's son, Vere, s seriously ill.

Miss Myrtie Wolf, of Scranton, is being entertained by the Misses Cynhia and Anna Harlor, of Darte ave-

J. E. Dennis, of Erook street, returned to Pen Argyl yesterday. Miss May Burke, of Prooklyn street,

It's Just as Well

That you should see the Coming Fashions in Spring Dress Goods. First display of the season at the Globe Warehouse today.

Thursday evening last, In a short time after their arrival they were transformed into a weird group of phantons and with Miss Bessie Buckingham pre- day at 10 o'clock. Interment will be siding at the plane they began their made in the Archbald Catholic cemeghostly march through the spacious tery, parlors and called forth much merri- Misment. In a short time, however, masks vere thrown aside and in games and ausic the hours passed quickly by. At 11 o'clock elegant refreshments were merved by Mrs. Christy and the we' ona' hours arrived before the reluctant farewells were said and the young people dispersed to their respective homes. Those present were: Misess Carrie Schiebel, Jennie Dunning. Mame Rhodes, Jessie Hardenburgh, Inez Bessle Buckingham, Lou Dunning, Neilie Huber, Grace Stanton, Cora New and Mamie Dunning and Mesers, George Schiebel, Walter Scott, E. B. Rogers, Mortimer Edwards, Edgar Machette, Harold Machette, Garfield Edwards, Elmer Williams, Chas. Davis, Will Jenkins, Percy Rhodes,

TAYLOR NEWS.

Fred Davis, Dorrance Fuller, Harry

Christy, Charles New, Robert Christy,

Friend Rhodes and Walter Stanton.

Anthracite Glee Club Re-Organized. Benefit Raffle-Personal News.

The Anthracite Glee club, a musical rganization of this town, met on Sunday afternoon in Llewellyn's hall and re-organized as a permanent organiza-They will enter the competition at the Olyphant eisteddfod on the 'Sallor's Chorus' tomorrow, St. David's day. The following officers were elected: President, John F. Tubbs: secretary, William H. Thomas. Professor Samuel Evans was selected as director. The club is composed of the following well known singers: First tenors, William Jones, Morgan Morgans, Harry Evans, W. H. Nicholas, John G. Price. David J. Davis; second tener, Robert Liewellyn, William H. Thomas, David Jones, Richard Winters, Harry Smith, David T. Davis, William Reese: first bass, James E. Watkins, Thomas Owens, Edmand Jones, Richard Watkins, William Hoskins, William Griffiths, John R. Thomas, John T. Thomas; second bass, David Griffiths, William G. Howells, John F. Tubts, ing. John T. Jones, William Williams, Thomas Francis.

A raffie for a set of mining tools for the benefit of Mrs. Charles Guard, will be held at the residence of James Pow-II, corner of Main and Oak street, on Monday evening, March 20. Comritting Bright's disease. Interment was made tee, G. J. Powell, John Nallor, Briney Saturday in the old Depot cemetery. PHara and David Griffiths, Tickets, to centa:

The "Merry Milkmaid" will be reproluced by the choir of the Calvary Baptist church, on March 13 and 14, under the direction of Professor David E. Jones

The collieries of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company are church last Friday was composed of Greatest Medicine. working four eight-hour days this

Mrs. B. O. Jones is slowly recovering from her recent injuries, which she sustained by falling down a flight of

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johns, of Hydo-Park, spent toe Sabbath with relatives Mrs. A. Histed and children have in this place. We congratulate Professor David E. Jones on his morited success in win-

ning third prize at one of the musical onservatories at Bostor for the best congregational tune Professor Jones! number of years has been employed by | Selection was the distinction number of years has been employed by | Yet," and out of one hundred competiselection was the hymn "God Calling Simpson & Watkins at their Duryea to assistant chief engineer, and is at present gational church are making a general survey of all the ments to conduct an elsteddfod in the ments to conduct an elsteddfod in the

church auditorium or April 17. ngaged in surveying the property at committee are hard at work on the Northwest colliery. His many same and will have the programme ready for publication during the com-The Taylor united choic, under the will preach in Sacred Heart church on direction of Richard Watkins, are requested to meet at the Calvary Baptist

church this evening for rehearsal. The ears ago, before entering the minabove choir will compete on the chief istry, was weighmaster at the Keyprize at Olyphant eisteddfod tomor-J. C. Turner, a former well-known The residents of North Main street Mayfield resident, now of Luzerno are dissatisfied with the light furnishberough, was a visitor here on Satur-

ed at the corner of Main and Oak James Inglis spent the Sabbath with ton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Helmes, of Rushbrook street.

friends at Ransom. Benjamin Reese, who was injured in Miss Mary Burns, of Avoca, spent Taylor mines on Saturday week, is re-Sunday at the home of her mother in covering slowly,

ARCHBALD.

Mr. James Mullen, of Church street died Sunday morning, death being due

One Cause of Sleeplessness That Can be Overcome.

Mr. Wm. Handschu, of 46th street, Cotton Alley, Pittsburg, Pa., expresses himself as follows regarding the new remedy for that common and obstinate disease, piles: "I take pleasure in stating that I was so afflicted with piles that for three months I got no regular sleep; I became completely prostrated, the doctors did me no good; my brother told me of the new remedy for piles the Pyramid Pile Cure; I purchased of my druggist three 50 cent boxes and they completely cured me, I am once Pay your taxes today and save the more at work and but for this excellent remedy I would be on my back Eugene Hutchings, Willie Stevens and I take great pleasure in writing this Willie Parry, of Mayfield, attended a letter because so many people are sufsurprise party in Olyphant on Saturferers from this trouble who like myself did not know where to look for a

permanent, safe, reliable cure. Experience with the Pyramid Pile Cure for the past three years has de-Miss Lizzie Jones, of North Main monstrated to the medical profession as well as to thousands of sufferers from piles that it is the safest and most ney, Fred. Richtmeyer and Tom Jones public, containing no oplates or poisons of any kind, painless and convenient to handle, and being sold by druggists at 50c. and \$1.00 per box, is within Prof. Rogers, of Jermyn, visited his brother here on Washington's birth-

the reach of every sufferer. Very often two or three boxes have that had not yielded to other remedies the mending list. tended a meeting of the Order of East-

for years. There is scarcely a disease more aggravating and obstinate to cure than clair house yesterday. the various forms of piles, and it is a common practice to use ointments, streets and the health officer of this saives and similar preparations con- city, died suddenly yesterday morning taining dangerous potsons to remove at 2 o'clock. A week ago he was enthe trouble. The Pyramid has super- gaged in the active pursuit of his duseded all of these ineffectual remedies ties, and on Saturday succumbed to and no one suffering with any rectal the inevitable. The deceased was trouble will make any mistake in giving known as an honest and upright man, the Pyramid a trial.

trouble send to The Pyramid Drug Co., certain ambition about him that made Marshall, Mich., for a valuable book on an impression. piles, describing all forms of the disase and describing the method of cure. Pile Cure as it is the best known and servance of Robert Emmet's birthday to many people in your own vicinity pared. Mr. Robert Christy, a merry party of who have been cured completely by it. | There will be no parade on St. Pat-

young people gathered at his home on to heart failure. He is survived by a wife and two daughters, Mary, of this place, and Mrs. John Ragen, of Providence. Funeral will take place Tues-

> Miss Maggie Kane, of Laurel street, is able to be out again after an illness of three weeks.

> Rev. A. Broderick, of Susquehanne s visiting friends in town. Mrs. Charles Dougher sustained e fracture of the arm by falling while

> coming from church. The friends of Miss Maria Gilroy will be glad to hear of an improvement in her case. Miss Nellie Price, of Riverside, en-

> tertained Miss Gibbons, of Scranton, Enturday. Miss Nora Healy, of Scranton, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Healy, of Main street.

> Miss Julia Cox, of Scranton, is being entertained by Miss Kane, of

FACTORYVILLE.

Laurel street,

Mrs. Sarah Simrell, who has been nursing her daughter Carrie, of Binghamton, through a long illners of typhold fever, returned home last Friday, and reports that Mrs. Beardsley has fully recovered.

Sunday here with his mother, James is now connected with the Agents' Supply company, of Scranton. Messrs, Ira Gardner and S. N. Sim-

Mr. James Boyle, of Scranton, spent

rell spent Sunday with relatives in Red Jacket todge, No. 524, I. O. O.

candidates last Saturday night. The acetyline gas plant recently placed in the Odd Fellows' hall is to be come 'blue,' discouraged and desponemoved, as it is inadequate to supply | dent?" the necessary light. It will be re-placed with a larger one with double

There will be a special meeting tonight (Tuesday) of the members of Factoryville encampment, I. O. O. F. for the purpose of practicing the degree work. All members are requested to be present.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church realized about twenty-five dollars from the ten cent supper served at the roll call last Friday even-New maple syrup will soon make its

annual debut on buckwheat cakes Warm sugar parties will also soon be in order. John Johnson, a resident of the town-

ship, died last Thursday morning from The Young Women's Christian Temperance union will bear in mind that their regular meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month,

Next Monday afternoon will be the

first regular meeting for March. The evening services of the annual roll call of the Methodist Episcopal the following programme: The speakers were Rev. James, of Eutonymus Rev. Dr. Brundage, of Harford; Pev. headache, bilio H. H. Wilbur, of Turkhannock, and Price 25 cents. Rev. J. S. Lewis. The vocal mosic was furnished by the church male quartette, and Mrs. B. T. Jayne. Miss Spencer captivated the audience with

Next Friday evening, March 3, at the Methodist church, there will be an en-Women's Christian Temperance union

An Honest Medicine for La Grippe. Langeliffe church will meet at the of Red Men, No. 211, of this place. M . rays: "I have had the worst afternoon. cough, coid, chills and grip and have token lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's has done any good whatever. I have used one 50-cent bottle and the chilis, cold and grip have all left ree. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine. For sale by all druggists. Matthews Bros., wholesale and retail agents.

PITTSTON NEWS

Success of the Pittman Company. Bottlers on the Anxious Seat-Per-

The Sam Pittman Comedy company made a very favorable impression last evening at Music hall before an audience that occurred every seat in the auditorium. The play presented was one of their standard creations. This company is entitled to the patronage of our old time theater people The only excitement on Main street

esterday afternoon was a genuine dog fight. The contest was between

NO SLEEP FOR THREE MONTHS Thomas and Butler street. The brewers of this vicinity are placing some of the bottlers on the anxious seat because the latter have been using the kegs of the former for the manufacture of what is known as corn beer. A United States officer was in the city yesterday, sent direct from Washington, to investigate this matter in the interest of the internal revenue. The brewers think that they are responsible to the government from the fact that the package with their name contains goods that require the usual stamp. The brewers are getting tired of this kind of generosity and yesterday notified those who have been engaged in this kind of business to desist. But

the government officer will do the rest. The funeral of the late Mrs. John C. Williams took place at Wilkes-Earre yesterday effernoon. Her husband. who for many years has been one of the mine superintendents of the Delawere and Hudson company, and herseit, were residents of this city for many years. Venus lodge, No. 194, of which she was a member, attended in a body. This lodge pays \$1,000 on the effectual pile cure ever offered to the death of a member. Mrs. Williams was a daughter of the late Gilbert Jones, and was known here for her good Christian traits of character. many gifts of charity will never be known.

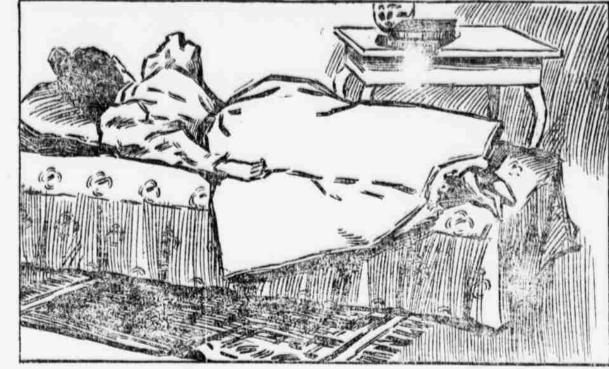
Mrs. Charles Arvidson, who has been made a complete cure of chronic cases seriously iil for the past week, is on

Phil. Harris and William Spear, of New York, were registered at the Sin-

James Tigue, a familiar figure on our and while he was often handicapped If in doubt as to the nature of your in the pursuit of his duties, he had

The Henry Grattan society of th city, one of our most progressive Irish Any druggist can furnish the Pyramid organizations, will make a proper obnost popular remedy for piles and if on March 4, at the Keystone hall. An you ask him he can doubtless refer you excellent programme has been pre-

WEAK, WEARY WOMEN.



Tired and broken down women, whose lives are made miserable through the blighting influences of fe-

F., conferred the third degree on three | male complaints, why do you suffer?" "Why will you allow yourself to be-

> "Why will you endure the torture of pains, nervousness and other weaknesses caused by rheumatism or head troubles"

"If you suffer thus, it is wholly needless and entirely your own fault." There is help for you and for all

other women who suffer this way." "Let me read you these words, which were recently penned by a wom- pletely cured me. I am now feeling one that has proved to be women's an who suffered, who endured, who perfectly well, able to attend to all my best friend,"

ought and found relief."

"Mrs. H. P. G. Carnes, one of the best known ladies in Butler, Pa., says:" "For nearly three years I was under the doctor's care, a constant sufferer

aggravated form." "Medicine did me no good and my suffering was so great that at times backache, headache, bearing down I felt that death would be a relief." "At last our druggist recommended | nent relief."

> the marvelous change it made in my grand discovery." health."

heard much, but knew little."

"I am rejoiced to say that it com-

duties and I believe I owe my life and continued good health wholly to the

ise of Warner's Safe Cure." "This is only one case among thous ands in which Warner's Safe Cure from female weaknesses in the most has been the means of curing the dis-

tressing allments poculiar to women." "Time and again it has proved to be unequaled for giving quick and perma-

me to try a remedy about which I had i "No woman who wishes to escape misery, to avoid suffering, to replace "I took his advice and before I had delicacy and weakness with health and finished one bottle, I was astonished at strength, can afford to be without this

> "It is a remedy that can be relied upon, a remedy that never fails and

rick's day in this city. This decision this evening. A test will be made with the memory of the late Very Rev. John to be present. Finnen. A special mass was observed partment have removed all the main accordance with his request.

The Delaware and Hudson mine department have removed all the main accordance with his request.

LEARN TO SAY "NO" when a dealer offers you something "just as good" in place of Hood's Sarsaparilla. There can be no substitute for America's

HOOD'S PILLS cure names, sick headache, biliousness and all liver ills.

AVOCA.

The Standard Democratic club will meet this evening. All members are requested to be present,

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methtertainment under the auspices of the odist Episcopal church will hold a held at 2.30 o'clock Wednesday, at the business meeting in the class rooms Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. S. C. this afternoon.

Mrs. A. O'Malley is spending a few Prospect cemetery, with Blends in Kingstor profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's The contest for a horse between Cough Remedy is the only thing that Postmaster Dieble, of this town, and Thomas McLaughlin, of Green Ridge, was decided on Saturday evening. Deeble turned over to the Sarsfield society \$735.65; Mr. McLaughlin, \$425.25. After financial affairs were settled the members of the society held a smoker and spent a few sociable hours in

honor of the event. Joseph McDermott, of Grove strect, s suffering from a severe uttack of heumatism.

Miss Mame O'Malley is visiting friends in Scranton.

The marriage of Miss Ella Early to James Ginty, both residents of this town, was solemnized in St. Mary's church on Saturday evening, Rev. M. F. Crane performed the ceremony.

Rev. Dr. Mills, pastor of the Memorial church at Wilkes-Barre, will preach in the Langeliffe Presbyterian church this evening. Vesterday afternoon the remains of Mrs. J. H. Christian were laid to rest in Marcy cemetery, and a large number of sorrowing friends from this and

currounding towns attended. Rev. J. R. Wagner, of Luzerne, preached an imressive sermon and volced a deserving tribute to the memory of the deceased. The pall-bearers were C. H. Druffner, William Laird, E. C. Kellum, E. Snyder, F. E. Dommernuth, William Brown . Many floral tributes were placed on the coffin by loving friends Among them were bouquets from Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Druffner, Misses Graham William and Edward Laird, Miss Mame Hines, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brown and Mrs. Reid and sister, of Peckville: Mrs. Mc-Cullough, of Wilkes-Barre, and a handsome pillow inscribed "Mother." Interment was made in Marcy cemetery. Rev. L. E. Van Hoesen attended an Epworth league convention at Salem yesterday.

PECKVILLE.

A regular meeting of the Wilson Fire

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was arrived at on Sunday afternoon the Miller smoke protector to prove its the several societies, in respect to efficiency. All members are requested Forty Men L.ving on Christmas Isl-

> There was twenty-eight car loads. The cars were hauled up Plane D and switched to the light track, when they were taken to Olyphant where the muchinery will be unloaded and housed subject to the order of the mine department.

A bennet social will be held by the Epworth League on Tuesday evening. March 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bell, of Main street

Mr. John Pobinson, aged 51 years, a esident of Grassy Island, died at his miles. home at that place on Sunday afternoon, after an illness of only four days' duration. Deceased leaves a wife and seven children. The services will be Simpking officiating. He was a mem-The Ladies' Missionary society of the ber of Warahpa tribe. Improved Order George W. Waitt, of South Gardiner, home of Mrs. W. F. Pier on Thursday whose members will attend the funeral In a bedy. Interment will be made in

ROMANCE STILL LIVES

In Spite of the Opposition of Certain Literary Critics.

From the New York Sun. While Professor Brander Matthews has been standing guard over the English language, his older enemy, Romantic Fiction, has broken out of the donjon keep, leaped over the most and is again in what Professor Matversions of the elder Dumas's "Les Trois Mousquetaires" are to be prospring. We tremble to think of the by this means to make the acquaintance of our old friends. D'Artagnan, Athos, Porthos and Aramis. We tremble to think of the old fogics who ought to be improving their minds with the immortal works of Professor Matthews and Mr. Hamlin Garland, but waste the precious hours even as Mr. Thackeray used to do. They may not be able to go to the theatre, those old

Athos, Porthos, Aramis and D'Artag-For the instruction of the young and confusion of the old. Professor Matthews should show once more the essential fustain and futility of this absurd story. He should not neglect to remark that nobody could really drink so much Spanish wine as is said to have run down the distinguished gullet of Athos; that Porthos was a person of shocking taste; that Aramis dissembled too much and that D'Artagnan could never have been elected a member of the American Peace so-Then the infernal improbability of the fellows! The Hon. Aladdin Atkinson or some other Reston statisticlan has computed that there is enough glint of steel in the "Three Musket-cers" to read a whole volume of the United States Census by. How much more profitable it is to read the Census than to read Dumas is evident to all

good men As to the amount of fighting in this regrettable book, it is incredible and disgusting. Dumas should have made his swashbucklers resort to arbitra-Then at Professor Matthews will not fall to demonstrate, there is so much motion in the book that several gentlemen who ride the wooden horse for their liver's sake, scout the story as a hash of improbabilities. Finally, the wretched composition is interesting, and consequently immoral and in-

tolerable. Professor Matthews should be sure to rate Sir Walter soundly, too. It is notorious that "Quentin Durward" started Dunus on his career of crime. As fer those absurd watchwords, "One for all" and "All for one," how much better it would have been if Dumas had given his years to serious study and anticipated the great modern abracadabra of Sixteen to One.

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SETTLEMENT IN THE OCEAN.

and, Which Was Said to Be Worth-

less. From the Son.

There is no speck in the ocean big enough to set foot on where men are not settling down nowadays, if they think there is a chance of making a little money. This is how it happens that about forty men are living today on Christmas Island, one of the lonely spots in the Indian Ocean, about 200 miles south of Java. The Island is shaped something like a dumb-bell, about ten miles long and in its widest part has a width of about five

In 1887 the British surveying vessel Flying Fish was ordered to make an examination of the island. It found un anchorage place in one of the little bays and a number of men were landed. They reported that the islandwas of little value, and no serious attempt at exploration was made. A few years later it was discovered that rich beds of phosphate of lime are on the island, and in 1896 Mr. Andrew Ross, brother of the man who owns the been Keeling Islands, made the ney to Christmas Island and decided that money was to be made by settling there. He went back for his family and a few men from Cocos and then returned to the island. Near the shores of Flying Fish Cove a number of substantial houses have been erected. Wells have been sunk and fruit trees and cocoanut paints planted, and a small experimental plantation of cofee has also been made. The results thus far leave no doubt that the islthews would call "our midst." 'Two and is well suited for coffee growing. In May last year, Mr. Pless had just imported a number of coolies from duced on the New York stage next Java to make the necessary preparations for working the valuable deposits thousands of persons who will be led of phosphate of lime. The population then numbered about forty.

Most of the island is covered with forest. Its climate is delightful, and during the greater part of the year resembles a hot summer tempered by sea breezes. In the rich phosphatic soil the trees grow to great height. Aniwho will take down their dog-cared mai life is seldom abundant on accanic copy of the "Three Guardsmen" and islands, and thristmas Island is no mai life is seldom abundant on accanio exception. There are only five species of mammals, two kinds of rate, a shrewmouse and two bats. The presreprobates, but they can still read of ence of the rats and the mouse must be accounted for by supposing that they drifted to the island on floating wood, while the bats reached it by flight. Owing to the abundance of food and the absence of enemies, the rate swarm everywhere. Birds of passage appear in the rainy senson, and include many varieties.

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