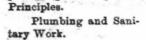
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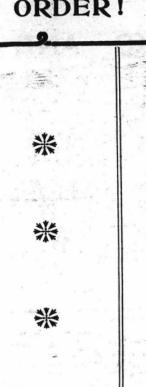
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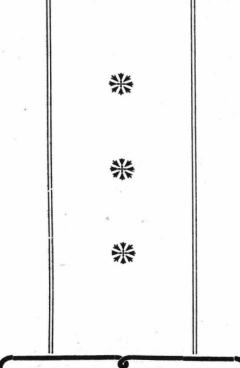
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12th Before Sir George Young (in the chair), Sir H. J. Vansittart-Neale, K.C.B., Lord George Pratt, Col. F. C. Ricardo, C.V.O., J. Thomas, Esq., and the Mayor of Maidenhead (D. Bidmead, Esq.).

DISTURBING THE PHEASANTS. Edwin Carter, of Cookham, was summoned for trespassing by day in search of game on land belong-ing to Henry Joseph Mash, Cookham. Mr. T. W. Stuchbery, Maidenhead, appeared for

the prosecution.

Edwin Moore, of Nuttings Farm, Cockmarsh Hill, stated that on Friday, the Sth inst., he was coming out of the farm when he heard the report of a gun and a minute later saw the defendant, who was standing on common land, reach over a wire fence on to some private land and pick up something. Witness shouted to defendant and he walked off. He was not should to detendant and ne was not. He was not carrying a gun. When the spot where Carter reached over was examined an amount of congealed blood was seen and a number of pheasant's feathers.

Re-examined: He saw defendant place a pheasant inside his shirt.

William Pheby, living at Winter Hill Farm, cor-P.C. Pierce stated that he saw defendant on the same evening. He had a lot of blood and hairs on his shirt and waistcoat, and asked to account for this, he said he had had a lot of rabbits.

Defendant denied that he was after game : when he was seen by Moore he was stooping to pick up some nuts and not a pheasant. He did not have a gun

Mith aim.
A fine of 5s., with 9s. 6d. costs was imposed, and defendant was allowed till Saturday week to find the

EMPHATIC.

Stephen Thomas Bidmead, of Risborough-road, was brought up on remand charged with having failed to comply with a magistrates' order to contribute a weekly sum to the maintenance of his wife and children. The prosecution was at the instance of the Maidenhead Board of Guardians, for whom Mr. W. Weed, clerk to the Board, appeared.

Mr. J. Skinner, Relieving Officer, stated that there was a sum of £9 due to the woman, defendant having failed to pay a penny since the order of 5s. weekly was made. Defendant had been in work.

Defendant, saked what he had to say, replied, "The magistrates can make whatever order they like; I will never pay a penny."

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An order was made for the payment of the arrears.

THE NAVIGATION OF STEAM-LAUNCHES. THAMES CONSERVANCY PROSECUTIONS. William Howard Barnes, of Reigate, was sum-coned at the instance of the Thames Conservancy Board for navigating a certain motor-launch on the river in such a manner as to endanger the safety of

river in such a manner as to endanger the safety of persons in punts.

Mr. A. Corble appeared for the Thames Conservancy, while defendant was represented by Mr. Higginson, barrister, instructed by Messrs. Cattarns, Jehu and Co., London.

Colonel Arthur Poole, of Bourne End, late of the Indian Army, said that on Sunday, the 15th August, he was in a 2ft, punt with a lady in Cookham lookent, between the footbridge and the look, when he noticed defendant's launch coming up the cut at a fast rate, and before he had time to do anything it passed him, the wash of it going into the punt and wetting the lady.

Mrs. Rosalie Ellis Keefer, living at Mill House, Cookham, Miss May Caryll Baker, and Charles Hope Lumley, of Cookham Gate, Cookham, spoke to seeing the launch travelling at a speed too fast while in the cut, and said it created a big wash.

Alfred Hill, look-keeper at Cookham, stated that he warned the persons in defendant's launch to "go easy."

Defendant, who said he had had considerable experience of the river, denied that his launch created any appreciable wash; in fact, on the day in question the engines were working badly and their speed never exceeded three miles. He would give £100 to any charitable institution if it could be said that at such

speed any appreciable wash was made.
Similar evidence was given by defendant's wife.
A fine of £5, with 19s. costs, was imposed. Herbert Roles, of Park-street, Maidenhead, was summoned for having navigated the steam-launch "His Majesty," belonging to Mesers. J. Bond and Sons, without due care and caution, and in such a

Sons, without due care and caution, and in such a manner as to endanger the occupants of a punt.

Mr. Corble prosecuted for the Thames Conservancy and Mr. W. Weed, solicitor. Maidenhead, defended.

Frank Hayes, living at The Laurels, Bridge-road, Maidenhead, stated that on the evening of Sunday, the 9th September, he was on the river in an ordinary-sized fishing-punt, with three other men. Just above Cookham Bridge they noticed "His Majesty" approaching and making a considerable wash, and as it passed an amount of water was shipped and the occupants were soaked.

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Edward Godden, living at Rose Cottage, Cookham, said that he was one of the occupants of the punt and corroborated what the last witness had said.

Cross-examined: Roles had seen him since the occurrence, but he (witness) denied that he told him that he was not going to have his fishing "spoilt by 'these launches."

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Defendant said the launch was proceeding on the day in question at its ordinary speed, which had never before been complained of, and there was no great wash. He saw witnesses in a fishing-punt; they were just taking a ryepeck out of the water. In doing so the punt gave a "lurch" and thus shipped water. He denied that his launch was the cause of it. He always navigated his launch very carefully and had

always navigated his launch were carefully and had never had a complaint against him.

Harry Maisey, tobacconist, Bridge-street, deposed that he was a passenger on board on the day in question. The launch was being driven at ordinary pace and was creating no wash. He saw the fishermen, but did not see their punt ship water.

Charles Frederick Barker, of York-avenue, York-road, Maidenhead, gave corroborative evidence, as did also John Bond, jun.

George Bond, of the firm of Messrs. Bond and Sons, produced a half-model of "His Majesty," and said that it would be quite impossible for the launch to create a wash in deep water and a wide reach such as that wherein the alleged offence took place. Defendant was a very skilful and careful driver, and a number of times had taken members of the Thames Conservancy Board up and down the river; he was most trustworthy.

The magistrates considered that it was a case where more care should have been exercised, but in view of

more care should have been exercised, but in view of the excellent character borne by defendant they would simply order him to pay the costs, 12s. THEFT OF WALNUTS. Frederick Blay, of Spencer's-road, Maidenbead, and Frederick Belby, of Portlock-road, Maidenbead, were together summoned for the theft of walnuts, value 6d., the property of William Smart, of Bisham.

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Smart stated that he saw the defendants pick the walnuts up from an enclosed piece of ground on which stood a number of walnut trees. He went up to them and asked them if they had got enough.—
(Laughter.) To get on to the ground they had to climb over a fence.

Defendants admitted the offence.

The magistrates warned them against repeating such conduct and dismissed the case.

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William Henwood, of Boyn Hill, was summoned for having, on October 3rd, had in his possession three rabbits alleged to have been unlawfully obtained.

P.C. Elliott stated that he saw defendant near Lowbrooks Farm. His general appearance pointed to the fact that he had been on wet land, and knowing him to be a poacher witness stopped him and told him that he suspected him of having been in search of game. He was searched, but there was nothing in his clothing. A basket which he was carrying appeared to contain mushrooms, but on being searched witness found that these were only on top and covered three rabbits. Asked to account for them, defendant said he picked them up while gathering mushrooms. The rabbits were quite warm, and marks on their necks showed that they had been caught in wires. The land near about belonged to Mr. William Brill.

Defendant, against whom there were several similar convictions, now repeated the story he told the constable.

stable. He was fined 10s., inclusive.

The Maidenhead Club opened its season a fortnight ago, when there was a good attendance of members present. Several good players have been lost, but the present. Several good players have been lost, but the club is anticipating a successful season, as there are a few young players who have joined this year.

The president's cup (holder, Mr. S. Dobson) will again be competed for. This season, however, the classes have been considerably altered and the starts conceded by the higher classes greatly increased, the results of the play last year in the lower classes being very poor. Matches are being arranged with Reading, Reading Y.M.C.A., Reading Gasworks, and West Drayton.

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Drayton.

It is proposed to devote a space weekly in this journal to the study of the game, and any contributions or enquiries will be acknowledged by Mr. W. O. C. Stuchbery, of Elgin House, Maidenhead, who is conducting the column on behalf of the Chess Club.

A match is being arranged to take place in America between Rubenstein, who drew for first place with Dr. Lasker in the Russian Masters' Tourney, and Capablanca, the Cuban expert. This will give lovers of the game a further opportunity of ascertaining the capabilities of the Cuban.

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A match is also being arranged between Janowski and Dr. Lasker for the Championship of the World. Some time back Janowski performed exceedingly well in a match against Lasker, so the champion of the world will have to fight hard to keep his position.

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BERKSHIRE TEACHERS AT MAIDENHEAD.

LUNCHEON AND MEETING.

"TRAINING VERSUS PRUNING." SOME INTERESTING SPEECHES.

The Berks County Association of Teachers held its autumn meetings in the Guildhall, Maidenhead, on Saturday, the several gatherings held during the day opening with a private conference in the morning, the attendance being large and representative.

There was a luncheon at lo'clock, at which the President of the Association (Mr. H. Leslie Edwardes) occupied the chair, and in addition to upwards of 70 members of the Association, it was attended by Sir J. Cockburn, R.C.M.G. (who at one time held the portfolio of Education for the Common wealth of Australia), and a number of prominent educationists of the County, included amongst whom were Sir George Young, Bart., Mr. J. W. Walker, J.P., C.C., Alderman G. H. Peters, Alderman Ernest Gardner, M.P., together with the Mayor of Maidenhead (Mr. D. Bidmead), the Rev. Canon Drummond, Mr. A. Holford Knight (prospective Liberal Candidate for East Berks), Mr. A. S. Candle, Mr. J. B. Markham (Education Secretary, Maidenhead), Mr. G. Mattingley (President Maidenhead Chamber of Commerce), Mr. J. Haigh (Teachers' representative on the Berks Education Committee), and others.

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Following a much-epjoyed repast, provided in capital style by Mr. Geo. Randall, Swan Hotel, High-street, a short toast-list was carried through. The loyal toasts, proposed from the Chair, were duly honoured, and
Sir John Cockburn submitted the toast of "The Berks County Association of Teachers." At the outset he observed that the best years of his life were spent in association with similar associations when he was in Australia, and since he had been on this side of the earth his associations were more with the managers than the teachers. To his mind the welfare of the teacher was a matter of primary importance to the community, and there was nothing which ministered more to the efficiency of teachers than such associations as that under whose auspices they were assembled there that day. Sir John went on to say that teachers were constantly confronted with manifold problems, and it could never be said that a teacher had learned his profession, because it was a progressive science. No sconer was one problem solved than they were faced with something else. Their life was a source of constant activity. Nothing was more important than that the teacher should adapt himself or herself to the new conditions, and no profession called for such vitality and alertness of mind. was a source of constant activity. Noting was more important than that the teacher should adapt himself or herself to the new conditions, and no profession called for such vitality and alertness of mind. The tendency of the day was to give more latitude to the individuality of the teacher, and he was quite in agreement with it. It was such associations as these which helped to make the teachers' work much easier, and in proposing the toast of the Association he wished for its continued welfare.—(Applause.)

The toast was heartly honoured, and
The President responded and expressed his thanks to Sir John Cockburn for the sympathetic view he had taken of the teacher's calling. The circumstances of a teacher's life, he said, were many and varied, and when sympathy came from outside it was greatly appreciated.

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"The health of the Maidenhead and Berks Education Committees" was proposed by Mr. A. S. Candle. Speaking first of the latter body, Mr. Candle commented upon its important work, and went on to quote some figures relative to its administration. It controlled, he said, 210 schools, of which 187 were non-provided, which at once suggested many delicate problems. Over 1,000 persons of all grades were in its service, and its annual expenditure was £120,000, of which sum £46,000 was contributed from the rates. The Maidenhead Committee, not so large, of course, as the County Committee, had 2,442 scholars in its six schools, five of which were non-provided, and there were 74 teachers, with an annual expenditure of about £10,000, and nearly £5,000 of this amount came from the local rate. Mr. Candle went on to express the hope that all local committees would remember one fact, viz., that education dealt with living persons. Teachers were living human beings, and therefore their work was far more inportant and delicate than those dealing with road-making and sewage-farming, and such other things that came under the head of local government, and so committees should try to keep in living, close, personal touch with the actual work of the schools. Concluding, the speaker said that the condition of affairs in the county made the teacher's lot a contented one, and he hoped that the highest suncess would attend the committees in their administration of education.—(Applause.)

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Sir George Young, Bart., first responded, and in the course of his remarks he observed that it was of the utmost importance that personal, good relationship should be coveted between those who had to do the imachine work and those who had to do the living work of teaching, and he believed that he was right in saying that the relationship existing between the Berks Education Committee and the teacher was of a faiendly spirit.—(Applause.)

Mr. J. W. Walker, a member of the Maidenhead Education Committee, in the course of his response to the toast, said that there were two things he had been struck with since he had had to do with matters of education, and one was the genuine interest which teachers always seemed to take in the scholars, and the other was their genuine, self-sacrificing efforts for the good of the scholars. He entertained the profoundest respect for the high and wonderful calling of the teacher, a calling second only to that of the Christian ministry.—(Applause.)

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The remaining toast was that of "The Mayor and Corporation of Maidenhead," and it was proposed by the Rev. Canon Drummond, who said he was proud to feel that the Mayor and his colleagues were an excellent body and that they showed the greatest interest in the work of education. He ventured to say "without beasting over-much" that the borough did not occupy any mean place in the cause of education.

—(Applause.)

The Mayor responded to the toast, and after extending to the Association a very hearty welcome to the

ding to the Association a very hearty welcome to the town, said that Maidenhead was honoured in having such an illustrious body in its midst. He realised, he said, the very serious and great trust which teachers had reposed in them. It was no light matter, because that influence and that general environment in which the children were in the earlier stages of life would influence them for the rest of their lives. In conclusion, the Mayor said he was sure that the teachers appreciated the great trust reposed in them.

(Applause.)
This concluded the luncheon proceedings, and there followed immediately a

There was a representative platform, amongst those occupying seats thereon being the Mayor of Maidenhead (Mr. D. Bidmead), who presided, Sir John Cookburn, K.C.M.G., who delivered an address on the subject of "Training versus Pruning," Mr. J.W. Walker, J.P., C.C., Sir Geo. Young, Bart., Ald. G. H. Peters, Revs. Canon Drummond, C. H. Nash, D. Chapman, O. S. E. Clarendon, and C. A. Raymond, Mr. Ernest Gardner, M.P., Mr. A. Holford Knight, Mr. J. B. Markham (Maidenbead Education Secretary). Mr. J. W. Stone, Mr. F. Fairman, Mr. F. W. Porter (Deputy-Mayor), Mr. Lucian Oldershaw, Mr. R. G. Knight, Mr. H. Leslie Edwardes, Mr. A. S. Candle, Mr. Edwards (Cookham), Mr. J. Haigh, Mr. A. Harris, and others.

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At the commencement of the proceedings the Chairman read letters of regret at absence from, amongst others, Sir Cameron Gull, Sir Albert Rollit, Sir William Shiplake, Mr. E. J. Harris (Ascot), Mr. W. H. Dunn (Hungerford), and Ald. C. W. Cox (chairman of the Maidenhead Education Committee).

Proceeding, the Mayor said he was glad to say that since the introduction of the 1902 Education Act no serious difficulty of any kind had interfered with the harmony of the local Education Committee. The authority had not any internal troubles to settle, and as a rule simply confirmed what was done by the various managers and sub-committees which formed the Education body. He was quite sure that all the education authorities in the county were anxious to do what was best for all their boys and girls, and he was sure they had not only a consideration for the scholars, but for the teachers, and also the parents of the children.—("Hear, hear.") Speaking broadly, he might without hesitation say that the teaching-staff in the county of Berks was efficient. The Mayor went on to say that, as a young man, it was perhaps unnecessary for him to say anything about the burden of education, but he could assure them he very much appreciated the fact himself.—(Laughter.) It was a heavy burden and an increasing one. Each political party had from time to time increased the heavy burdens, though he believed those burdens were only necessary and reasonable in order that there should be increased efficiency and a general improvement in the welfare of the children. They did hope, however, that the Imperial Parliament would help them in the direction of increased grants. In recent years there had been one or two very important extra burdens, and one of these—that of the medical inspection of school-children—was a very proper measure. Addressing a few words to the teachers, the Mayor said that to them was entrusted the care of the child at th ing that time would remain with it through life as a mark of usefulness or otherwise. The teacher's was a difficult and important work, and he trusted that they would always appreciate it. In conclusion, he hoped that the teachers of Berkshire would rise to the full dignity of their calling, so that the children of Berkshire should show the mark of excellent teaching and good influence in their after-life.—(Applause.) Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., followed with a practical and instructive address on the subject "Training v. Pruning." He said he was glad to be associated with those who devoted their lives to the important profession of teaching, important because out of the material they had to deal with other professions had to be fashioned, and he was pleased to be introduced

to that association because it had always been one of his pleasures when in the Antipodes to be associated with teachers' associations. The side of the teacher was usually the side of the child, and, moreover, there was less of that bad aspect of trade unionism amongst teachers than any other association. Proceeding to his subject, Sir John said that lately he had taken to farming, and since then he had learned more abent education than during the whole of his previous life. There was a very strong analogy between gardening and teaching, and their language teemed with references to that analogy. The most beautiful of their educational establishment was called the "Kindergarten," the garden of the children. The laws of child-life were very much the same sort of laws as governed the operation of gardening. There were two styles of gardening, the old style of formal gardening and the newer style recently introduced. He (Sir John) had a xery great friend who was mob interested in the work of education, especially technical education, and he took a week-end place in the beautiful hills of Surrey, To get to the resident how to decorate that drive. The gardeners wanted him to plant laurels and all sorts of shrubs. Nature had already decorated the drive in a way no gardener ever could; she had planted the whole of the sides with lovely bracken and glorious throngs of ferm, but instead of that the gardeners wanted to put in their own herbaceous bordering. But his friend would not allow that; he believed in the new style of gardening which, instead of destroying Nature and bringing everything into conventional form, gave a chance of free-play, and that drive was one of the most beautiful was the order of Nature; but there was no need for the wholesale pruning which the old fashioned style of gardening compelled. And, as there were two modes of education. The old mode was that of the pruning-knife allowing nothing whatever to grow in its natural shape, destroying and outting everything, and the new style of allowing natur orease that activity. A revolution had come over the whole face of life; they were living in days in which steam, electricity, etc., were all new forces, and they were not yet adjusted to the requirements of that age. Woman was now becoming a force in life. The teacher, who was the gardener of humanity, had to consider what the condition would be in which those placed under his or her care should be planted, and he must give to the child the maximum possibility of development of it faculties, in order that it may be able to live in these yet almost unknown conditions of society. The teacher must give the utmost possible development to the individual without unduly interfering with the roots of the individual. They could not do better than watch the operations of nature. Take the new form of forestry as practised in Germany. The trees were planted in such ways that the forester had to use his pruning-knife very little indeed, beyond seeing that the trees were healthy and planted in the right position and right soil; he had not to go round always lopping and cutting down; nature did almost verything that was necessary in the way of repressing undesirable activities. And so with the child. The teacher, too, must take into account that the child was not going to live am isolated life, but as one of the community, and it should be brought into relationship with the other members of the school. It must be taught a spirit of infer-dependence, not of independence. Then, again, teachers should know the value of free play in education, because no education that was painful was of any value whatever, and as a matter of fact there could be no acquisition of knowledge under conditions of pain. It would be a mistake to say that education should contain no teate or trials, and what was more the natural child did not try to avoid trials; he delighted inhills of difficulties, but these must be undertaken spontaneously. The old form of education bad passed away, and the child must be fitted for what was now essentially a constru

accorded.

A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to the Mayor for presiding, on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Walker, seconded by Mr. Edwards (President of the Maidenbead Teachers' Association).

This terminated the proceedings, and the majority of the company afterwards sat down to tea, at the conclusion of which a warm vote of thanks was accorded the members of the local Association for the excellent arrangements made for the meetings.

This brought a very profitable day to a close.

### HOCKEY.

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This match was played at Ealing on Saturday on very grassy and sodden turf. Maidenhead made the experiment of a re-constituted forward line, the success or otherwise of which could not, unfortunately, be proved, owing to the centre-forward having to retire from the game before half-time. Maidenhead were the first to score, through Lowe, after the game had been in progress about a quarter of an hour, West Ealing equalising soon afterwards. Both teams struggled hard on the slow ground, and nothing further was scored till the last stages of the game, when West Ealing scored twice, the home side thus winning by 3 goals to 1. In spite of some effectual defence and good goalkeeping, West Ealing would have scored more often against their weakened opponents had they not rather overdone their passing in the circle. Maidenhead's new arrangement of the team may be successful; there certainly seemed signs of combination among the forwards. They must learn to part with the ball at the right time, not too soon and not too late, always trying to draw an opponent, so as to leave an easy and clear opening for the partner. A soft, accurate, and well-timed pass is far better than a violent hit. The inside forwards, again, must be able to pass either way very quickly, to outwit the opposition. The remarks about drawing opponents and hitting apply equally to halfbacks; hitting, however forcible, is of very little use if there is a long distance between the hitter and his own forwards and opposing halves. The half especially should, as a rule, dribble the ball up as far as he can before meeting opposition, then, the opponent being drawn, pass softly to the forward, who is in the best position. Places must be kept; wing-halves must cling to their outside men, or they might as well stand behind the goal-line. The backs of Saturday last must study the rules of the game refouling.

Maidenhead Team.—Waigh, goal; Lemon and J. Jackson, backs; Brett, F. H. Jackson, and Bolton, half-backs; Uroh, Nyren, Low, Upson,

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