

The manager shrugged his shoulders. 'It amounts to the same thing,' he went on. 'You did it together, and it was well done. The damage was nothing to me compared with the life of—of little Mary. She was asleep in the dressing-tent, and if it hadn't been for you—'

Grayson wheeled upon him.

'It wasn't me that saved the child, Killeen. It was Rajah. God knows I've not much to thank you for. But if you'd kept your eyes open these past two years, you'd have seen what I did long ago—you'd have seen how Rajah loved your little girl.' Why, I've seen her time and time again feedin' him with bread an' laughin' to see him stow it away. She's talked to him an' petted him often. He loves her! That's what made him pick her out of the mud this mornin', an' that's what made him find her an' get her out of that burnin' tent when I was tryin', without knowin' it, to make him walk on the very spot where she was layin'. You can thank him for savin' her.'

Killeen stared at the trained with slow comprehension.

'I understand, Grayson,' he muttered. 'I'm sorry for my treatment of you two. I—you'll stay with us, of course?'

His vision, as he waited, was of a great spinning-top, which he had meant to augur their luck—Rajah's and his. Again he seemed to see the elephant's trunk sweeping up the toy before it had delivered its prophecy.

'Yes, we'll stay on,' he said slowly; and, bending down, carefully filled the sponge with the oil.

—Southern Cross.

That old enemy of the human race—consumption—still claims its victims, and in increasing numbers. A cold neglected—that is always the start—always. It seems inconceivable that persons who know perfectly well that a neglected cold will cause the sufferer to find a consumptive's grave persist in neglecting themselves. Don't let a cold get a start—stop it right at the beginning with TUSSICURA—a truly marvellous throat and lung tonic.

Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

December 11.

The annual combined picnic of Catholic schools of the Masterton and Pahiatua districts will probably be held about the second week in January.

Very Rev. Dean McKenna, on behalf of St. Patrick's Church committee, has just completed the purchase of the property known as the Masterton Fishponds, comprising twelve acres of land and the building thereon. This property, which is situated right opposite St. Bride's Convent, has been used for many years by the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, and very few visitors to Masterton missed the opportunity of being shown over the hatcheries and ponds. The Very Rev. Dean is to be congratulated on his foresight in securing the property. I understand that the property will be used principally for the convent and school.

His Lordship Bishop Carroll, of Lismore, New South Wales, and Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, of Sydney, paid a brief visit to Dean McKenna at Masterton, arriving on Saturday and leaving for Wellington on Monday. During their stay they motored through the South Wairarapa, and Bishop Carroll, who takes a keen interest in dairying, coming as he does from one of the biggest dairying centres in Australia, was delighted with the country he saw. Bishop Carroll comes from the same town in Ireland as Dean McKenna.

In Germany spiritual retreats are held for recruits or young soldiers. The idea was put forward in 1905 by Lieutenant-Colonel D. E. Hasse, who, during his long military career, had seen the great dangers to which young soldiers are exposed in the barracks unless they get a direct and special preparation for the new life and new conditions into which they are suddenly thrown. When it is borne in mind that there are every year from seventy to a hundred thousand young Catholic men who leave their homes to spend at least two years in the barracks, one easily understands the need of such a preparation.

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