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### A Man in a Well.

An old man named Wakefield, who lives near Goderich, adopted a peculiar method of reconciliation toward his sister. He had disposed of his farm and he and his sister had some dispute over the settlement of affairs. In a pique, he tied a rope around his body and lowered himself into the well, with the water up to his chin, thinking his sister would come and rescue him. She did not come for nearly an hour, at the end of which time she found him nearly dead. She alarmed the neighbors who rushed to his assistance and pulled him out. Several doctors worked all night to revive him. He will recover.

### Excuses Don't Count.

The explanation of a failure is not equivalent to a success.

The back ranks are full of men and women, each one of whom can tell you with the correct narrative of every detail exactly why he has failed.

The boss was a cold blooded, unappreciative fish, some gossip started a scandal, the head of the department was incapable and jealous, the train missed connections, the clerk of the hotel forgot to wake him at 6.30, his teachers were against him when he was a boy, a political friend went back on him just before election, he was just ready to rent a store when another man put in the same line just across the street, and so on.

If you wish to prove the merits of an excuse against the merits of an order, carry an excuse book and an order book and ask the boss at the end of the week which one he wishes to see.

And remember this, too, there is scarcely a person who has ever failed who cannot give you a reason for it which seems to him to be a good one.

Excuses don't count. They will be accepted if they are only occasional, but when they become chronic they lose what little value they ever had.

Learn to succeed. Educate yourself for success. Learn how to do the things that really make for success, and excuses will never be necessary.

### Don't Skin Their Friends.

While the natives of the new Hebrides are flesh-eating cannibals who would not hesitate to skin their enemies, yet a little incident told by Missionary Paton in the Presbyterian church at Walkerton on Monday night shows that unlike the white man, they won't skin their friends. A coin it seems, known as a half crown and amounting to 62c., was lost by a trader, who not having time to return and search for it, left it to its fate. A native, who later found it, crossed two sticks on the road and placed the coin conspicuously in the niche between them and although thousands of the natives passed it daily, yet when the trader returned a month later the money was still there—a feat that couldn't be performed with any degree of certainty here. Diogenes wouldn't have needed a lantern to find an honest man in the New Hebrides.

### Times Have Changed.

How the times do move! Who would think walking through one of our stores and seeing the salesladies employed there, that time was when the first man to employ a girl in his store had a narrow escape from being mobbed? Yet such was the case. The press tells us that the first merchant in the United States and probably in the world, to employ girls in his store has just died at the age of ninety-two years. His name was Benjamin Franklin Hamilton and he lived in town of Sacco in Maine. It was in 1855 that Mr. Hamilton employed several pretty girls to sell ribbons and laces, dress goods and hats. The enterprising proprietor of this store was rewarded for his pangs by a boycott of his lady customers. He persisted however, and both there and at Portland and Biddeford he achieved great success eventually, partly on account of what was at first considered a daring innovation. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hamilton paid the girls who fifty-six years ago were brave enough to earn their living at a suitable occupation, good wages, and that if any of them are living to-day they are enjoying an old age of ease and comfort.

### Lucknow Druggist To Appear.

Great interest is being taken in the case of J. G. Armstrong of Lucknow, the druggist who will appear in the Goderich court December the 12th, to answer to a charge of criminal negligence in handling drugs in connection with the death of Miss Morrison of Detroit. Provincial officers who have been working on the case allege that three other persons, D. Murchison, of Toronto; Mrs. McMoran and her thirteen-year-old daughter, of Lucknow, were all taken so violently ill after taking headache powders purchased at Armstrong's that they almost died.

### Lady Teacher To Jail For Thrashing Pupil.

Brockville, December 1—Weeping bitterly, Miss Nora McCrea, a young school teacher, whose home is in Merrickville, this afternoon received a sentence of one week in the local jail, from Judge McDonald, Senior judge of Leeds and Grenville, for having last October unlawfully punished Helen McCoubrie, one of her pupils, in the school, which she taught near Frankville.

The child was in the first place severely punished for dropping a water bottle and when subsequently she brought to school a note of protest from her father by adoption, the school teacher punished her again. Mr. McCoubrie was subsequently paid \$500 by Miss McCrea in settlement of the case and to avoid parental prosecution, but Mr. Trail, agent of the local Children's Aid Society, brought the matter to trial.

Miss McCrea testified that the child was unruly. Judge McDonald, however, found the defendant guilty.

Miss McCrea, who comes of a highly respected family, feels her position very keenly.

### Commission Government.

Vancouver is to be governed by a Commission instead of a Council. Under the commission form of government the city will be in the hands of a board consisting of the mayor and four commissioners, the present aldermanic body being dispensed with. These will be subject to the direction of the ratepayers at all times by means of the initiative, referendum and recall. Each of the four commissioners will be in charge of one or other of the large departments and the Board will meet every day for the transaction of business. The Mayor will be elected for two years, and two of the commissioners for two years, and two for four years. All will be paid salaries, the amounts of which have yet to be decided.

### The Weight Of The Loaf.

And now there is a controversy regarding the legal weight of a loaf of bread. What enactment controls the dimensions of a loaf of bread anyway? Is it a Provincial law, the vote of the council or simply the whim of the baker? A draper must sell a thirty-six-inch yard, a hardware man must sell nails 16 ounces to the pound, the coal dealer must sell 2,000 lbs. of coal for a ton, the farmer must deliver a cord of wood or a ton of hay, or a bag of potatoes, or a bushel of grain, and the grocer cannot fix the weight of a pound of sugar or a quart of molasses to suit his own sweet will, and even the printer has to give half a hundred sale bills for 50 and a few over sometimes; then whence the baker's sliding scale? This is an important question, affecting almost everybody.—Harriston Review.

### Seedless Apples.

Now with wireless telegraphy and telephoning, horseless carriage and smokeless powder, there is also prospects of seedless apples. An accidental discovery has been made by C. S. Leager, in an orchard in Modoc Co., Nevada, of a tree bearing seedless and coreless apples; it is hoped that with the assistance of Luther Burbank, it will be possible to propagate seedless apples. The tree is seven years old, but has been nibbled back each year by cattle. This year it bore twenty-five perfect seedless and coreless specimens.

A Cargill correspondent writes: An epidemic of sore eyes has overtaken a large number of the children and some of the older folks of the village. The malady is apparently more showy than dangerous, and orbs that look red and bleary, as if their owners had been weeping or visited with grief are on exhibition in the burg. The cause of the trouble is unknown, but like other visitations it got a start through some means or other in the village.

Chris Beckman of Glenall formerly of Hespeler, who was arrested Hespeler two weeks ago, appeared in court in Guelph on Wednesday of last week. He pleaded guilty some days ago to a charge of indecent assault on his daughter. The charge of incest laid against him was withdrawn. He was sentenced to two years in the central prison.

### Curious Medley In Dead Letter Office.

A great collection of valuables and curiosities was made by the dead letter office during the year.

Almost everything under the sun that could get through a slot failed to find an owner and landed safe, but unclaimed, at Ottawa.

No fewer than 2,963,117 letters, cards, packages, and enclosures of various kinds came in. Among them were checks to the value of \$632,398, money amounting to \$21,713, drafts amounting to \$104,151, money orders totaling over eighty thousand dollars, promissory notes of the face value of \$183,151, stock certificates, \$20,850.

There were 45 aprons, 6 bonnets, 6 prayer books, 8 bibles, a bill of divorce, 3 stuffed birds, 270 blouses, 168 boots, 355 brooches, 3 butterflies, 298 cakes, 6 certificates of character, 5 certificates of death, 26 marriage certificates, 1 cheese, 7 packages of chewing gum, 23 cigars, 4 cobs of corn, 31 collars, 4 corsets, 1 bust developer, 7 garters, 212 gold rings, 6 hair switches, 15 knives, 1 lady's companion, 39 pieces of machinery, 1 mince pie, 15 pedigrees, 3 plum puddings, 1 shaving mug, 1 spine supporter, 89 stockings, 5 teddy bears, 122 watches and 7 wigs.

### Girl Badly Burned

Miss Dolly Tindale, daughter of Mrs. Geo. Tindale of Hanover, was the victim of a painful and distressing accident on Saturday last at the home of her uncle, Mr. Jos. Brocklebank on the 4th concession of Brant. It appears she was engaged trimming the wick of a lamp when in some manner her clothing caught fire. When her grandmother, Mrs. Richard Brocklebank, who was in the next room, but who is hard of hearing got to her, she was enveloped in a mass of flame. Dolly poured a dipper of water over her head, and the fire was at length extinguished but not before the poor girl had been burned in a frightful manner. She was taken to the Walkerton Hospital that evening and is doing as well as could be expected, but is suffering greatly. Miss Dolly is scarcely 16 years of age. Her attending physician states that the corsets she wore saved her life. Luckily the burns are mostly confined to her body and her face will not be disfigured.

### The Helpful Bundle.

When winter winds are raging fierce, with snowdrifts in their track, it's mighty nice to have a tierce of boodle in the shack. Then one can sit before the fire in peace and joy, gadzooks, and knock some music from his lyre, or read detective books. The howling of the bug-house storm, that gets the poor man's goat, but makes his cottage seem more warm, from trouble more remote. He sees the snowy gusts career outside his cheerful hut, and comfortable and serene reflections fill his nut. He salted down a plunk or two whenever he drew his pay, and now it doesn't make him blue when comes a stormy day. Across the street there lives a skate who never saves a red, and when bad weather fills a date, his children howl for bread. A poor, dejected, sad-eyed drove, their misery's intense; they shiver round an empty stove, and wish their pa had sense. It matters not how poor or fine may be the toiler's pay, he ought to put some down in brine, to meet the stormy day.—Walt Mason.

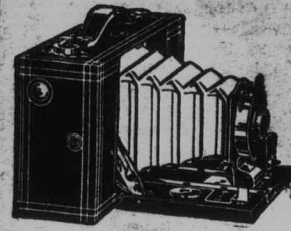
### Items of Interest

It is nothing rare in China for boys twelve to fourteen years old to marry. The physical, moral and intellectual development of the contracting parties has nothing to do with the matter. Other considerations entirely regulate the affair. An old Chinese aphorism says that the great business of life is ended when the sons and daughters are married. The Chinese parents do not care to run the danger of postponing the marriage of their children, especially of their sons, until after their own death.

Miss Conner, of London, Ont., sister of Mr. J. A. Connor, Richmond street grocer, was bitten by a tarantula while picking bananas off a bunch in the store last week, and for a time it was feared that the result would prove serious. Miss Conner was bitten on the finger and underwent the most excruciating pain. She was attended by a physician, who opened and burned the wound. The spider was captured and measured about four inches in diameter and two inches in length.

A preacher was taking milk of a member of his own church who drove a milk wagon. The milk supply grew unsatisfactory, but the buyer was loathe to broach the matter to the driver because of the church relationship. Finally, however, the milk continuing watery, and less and milkery, the preacher was driven to extremes. But he was very gentle with his parishioner. Said he one day to the driver: "My dear brother, you evidently do not comprehend that I am buying milk, not for baptismal purposes, but for use upon the table."

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