GOING WEST

THE WONDERS OF THE SOO

An Interesting Letter From a Young Chathamite who Visited There.

The Splendid Development of **Business There--Expect** Additional Increase.

The following interesting letter from Will Stevens, son of Mr. N. H. Stevens, has been kindly loaned to

The Planet for publication: Petoskey, Mich., Aug. 23, '02. My Dear Father,-I arrived here last night from the Soo and will leave for Traverse City at 9,10 this morning. We left Sarnia Tuesday on the Luronic and had a fine sail up. My fellow traveller, Harrison, knew one of the Chatham hashers, while another was a Chatham fellow whom I knew, so we had the best there was. There were about two hundred and fifty passengers on board. We enjoyed the scenery very much and the time was passed pleasantly enough. We stayed with H. A. Harrison, a cousin of Frank's, at the American Soo the two days we sojourned there. Mr. H. has a large jewelry store, besides owing a business block. Our first afternoon there we did not do much as it rained all the time, but this gave us a chance to become acquainted with the Harrisons, who made it very pleasant for us. On Thursday Mr. Harrison took us over to the Canadian Soo, where we spent all day going through the several Clergue industries. We drove down to the steel works. All along the way we passed new houses just being put up, and counted thirteen brick stores on the main street that were either built and not occupied yet or the excavations made for them. They

expect hundreds of people in there this summer. Mr. Harrison knew the manager of the steel plant so that we were shown everything from the melting of the pig iron to the finished rail. The rails are made in a long building of brick and steel, so that there is no possibility of a fire. Part of it has a second floor of steel, where the moulten iron is put from one ireceptacle to another. We first saw cauldron on a carrier which was people there, and now runs it for himrun along on rails to a second cylind- self between the two Soos, and it looks rical receptacle with a cigar shaped as though the other company will be pivot which allowed it to work freely and by machines they poured the iron into it from the first one. They have ing machines. These machines pass part in the rail building, blowing holding to sell to industries he expec glaring flame passes out the stack, seems to be a new one, so if the boom ribbons for shoulder straps. The front at night. After all the dirt is blown out, which is known by the flame gradually getting clearer and brighter, the moulten mixture of some- men are scarce at that. thing (rather indefinite, but I couldn't find out what it was) was run of which Mr. Harrison is a member, skirt, the building with small donkey en- who is staying there for the summer gines. These run the moulds on flat Before my train left in the afternoon the second vat. The vat is then turn- and the rapids. We got a couple of Length of Skirts, Picture Hats, Long ed on it's pivot and the steel goes Indians to take us over them in. and a half moulds being filled from or twice I felt as though I would to date toilet, the cape ruffle and corfrom one end of the building to the enable us to keep dry, but we got other, doing all manner of lifting. soaked just the same. lifts the heavy mould off the steel, leaving a glowing ingot on the car. The mould is placed on another car get home Wednesday night and then the tongs come down again and pick up the ingot same as a piece of ice and deposit it in another leater. The heat comes from gas supplied from their own gas works. After it is heated again to just the point of melting the crane is again DR. PITCHER HELPS brought into requisition. It picks up the ingot and deposits it on the rolls, which are kept cool by running water, and if is run through and through the rolls until it is twice its own length. Then it is run down far-ther by means of revolving rollers, and placed under the cutting machine, which cuts it into two lengths. These pieces are transferred to carriers which run them to another part of the building, where there is another travelling crane. This crane picks up the glowing pieces and puts them into a third heater, and they are heated as before and afterwards rolled into steel rails. The rails are allowed to cool, and two men, with the assistance of a heavy dike hammer, straighten them out. They use their eye only in proving the straightness of the rails, as they are experts at it and do not need instruments. After straightening the -necessary holes are bored through the rail and then it is transferred to the flat car

ready for shipment. All the rails

are 80 pounds to the yard. There is

a small piece, about six feet, taken

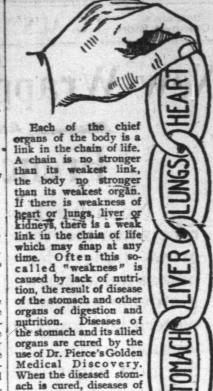
off every twentieth rail, to be test-

ed. This is put on two concrete sup-ports and then a large weight is

allowed to fall from about twenty-two feet on the centre of the rail. Sometimes the rail breaks, but gen-

erally it just bends. A man takes the curvature of the bend and jots

just what it costs to make a rail.



other organs which seem remote from the stomach but which have their origin in a diseased condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, are cured also. and nutrition, are cured also.

"I was in poor health when I commenced taking Doctor Pierce's medicines," writes Mr. Elmer Lawler, of Volga, Jefferson Co., Ind. "I had stomach, kidney, heart, and lung troubles. Was not able to do any work. I had a severe cough and hemorrhage of the lungs, but after using your medicine a while I commenced to gain in strength and flesh, and stopped coughing right away. Took about six bottles of Golden Medical Discovery. I feel like a different person. I gladly recommend your medicine to all sufferers, for I know it cured me."

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before, however, so I won't weary you with a description of them. Clergue has now started the two electric railways, one in the Canadian and one in the American Soo. He contemplates running electric cars across the river on a ferry, making a regular fare from any part of one Soo to any part of the other. The Soo Ferry Co. are not very obliging, and Clergue tried to buy them out or get concessions from them, but they would not sell out nor would they concede anything. Clergue immediately went to Detroit and purchased the ferry bodt Fortune from the ferry This cauldron was on a frozen out. The big water-powera building near the one the rails sixty-five thousand horse-power. It were made in in which has the blow- has 81 turbines. Clergue owns about two miles of country down the river ream of air into the cylindrical from the water power, which he is the dirt from the iron out through a big stack. The iron is left here have a city with a population of 50,
the dirt from the iron out through to bring here. The people expect to trimmed with wide bands of black that the bands of black that a bolero have a city with a population of 50,
the waist has a bolero 000 in five years. Every second house of the lace, with three narrow velvet which can be seen for miles around keeps up they won't be disappointed. is of the white mull softly draped. The

on a carrier and poured into the yesterday morning, where we spent a The maxture was now called very enjoyable time. I had the pleas-They have a small railway in ure of seeing Mark Hanna's daughter, cars about eight feet long under we went down to the fish hatcheries down into the moulds, about two canoe. It was very exciting, and once one yet full. One flat car holds two rather be on land. The Indians show moulds. The steel is allowed to cool marvellous skill in guiding the canoe enough to stand itself and then a out and in among the rocks, with the travelling crane is brought down water dashing up into their faces. We over the flat car. This crane runs were provided with rubber cloths to

Well, I must close, as my train leaves in twenty minutes. I expect to Yours affectionately

AN OLD MAN

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in the book and stationery business for over thirty-five years, says: "With people reaching my age, the curvature of the bend and jots it down in a little book for reference. All bad rails are sent back to be recast. The weights of all the iron and steel are kept as well as the waste material, so they know just what it costs to make a rail. Wishing to put an end to a trouble that was proving progressively The heat is stamped on the end, which is usually about 4,000. They know just what heat they use for each ingot. The highest number of rails produced in one day so far is 537. The wages run from \$2.00 to \$7.00 a day of twelve hours, but the men are idle a great part of the time. From the steel plant we went to the pulp mills and were shown all through that. You have seen them

Wishing to put an end to a trouble that was growing progressively worse, I procured a bottle of Dr. Pitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets, and am pleased to say they are satisfactory in every respect. I did not quite finish the one bottle I got, yet all pain and irritation are completely gone. I am pleased to recommend them to others."

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SILK COATS AND HATS.

Dust Coats Have Become Very Elegant and Elaborate.

Dust cloaks are now so elegant and elaborate that they form quite a smart toilet. To show the prevalence of gay colors a pink alpaca cloak seen at the races was trimmed with tinted lace and black satin and had large enamel buttons in black and pink touched with gold. A pale blue dust cloak seen on the same occasion had quaint trimmings of bronze silk edged with floral embroideries in blue and yellow.

Another smart dust cloak of biscuit colored mohair was decorated with Russian embroidery in shades of red and pink, and the tucked collar was edged with an applique of embroidered popples cut out in taffeta and shaded with crewel silk.

Many of the newer summer hats are trimmed with fruit and foliage. One



shape seen recently had for sole trimming a big wreath of red and white currants which fell over the brim, while the foliage formed a wreath around the crown. Tiny pears nestle in folds of blue tulle, and their foliage is almost exact to nature.

The pretty little garden party dress shown is of tucked white silk mull We drove down to the Country Club, ered ruffle around the bottom of the

The hat is of velvet leaves and black JUDIC CHOLLET.

FASHION NOTES.

Two items are indispensable to the up

sage bouquet. Parasols are in delicate coloring or in white decorated with black or ecru lace. The chine sunshade has a Dresden china ball for a handle and gold wires. The fluffy type of parasol, on the other hand, is lined with puffed or drawn chiffon and rows of soft lace. Skirts for country wear should be quite short. In Paris they are wearing



WHITE VEILING CHILD'S GOWN. their morning gowns to clear the ground. All the dressy gowns, however, are unusually long and trailing. Picture hats are being worn to a large extent, particularly black ones trimmed with a single large ostrich'

Veils are being worn even longer than ever, the ends in some cases reaching to the waist line. Du Barry veils of black net trimmed with a wide lace edge are very popular.

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