

**A PERFECT WATERPROOF.**

The "Lounger" of the Illustrated Times says: "By the way, speaking of waterproofs, I think I can give travelers a valuable hint or two. For many years I have worn India rubber waterproofs, but I will buy no more, for I have learned that good Scottish tweed can be made entirely impervious to rain, and, moreover I have learned how to make it so; and for the benefit of my readers, I will give the recipe: In a bucket of soft water put a half pound of sugar of lead, and a half pound of powdered alum; stir this, at intervals, until it becomes clear, then pour it off into another bucket, and put the garment therein, and let it be in for twenty-four hours, and then hang it up to dry without wringing it. Two of my party—a lady and a gentleman—have worn garments thus treated, in the wildest storms of wind and rain, without getting wet. The rain hangs upon the cloth in globules. In short, they were really waterproof. The gentleman, a fortnight ago, walked nine miles in a storm of rain and wind, such as you rarely see in the South; and when he slipped off his overcoat, his under clothes were as dry as when he put them on. This is, I think, a secret worth knowing; for cloth, if it can be made to keep out wet, is, in every way, better than what we know as waterproofs."

**Read the only paper in Canada that is not bound in any way to political parties or sects.**

**GET AN EARLY BREAKFAST.**—A bad custom is prevalent in many families, especially among farmers, of working an hour or two before breakfast, attending to chores, hoeing in the garden, cutting wood, mowing, etc. It is convenient on many accounts, but is not conducive to health. The prevalent opinion is, that the morning air is the purest and most healthy and bracing, but the contrary is the fact. At no hour is the air more filled with dampness, fogs and miasmas, than about sunrise. The heat of the sun gradually dissipates these miasmatic influences as the day advances. An early meal braces up the system against these external influences. Every one knows the languor and faintness often experienced for the first hour in the morning, and that is increased by exercise and the want of food. We do not agree with the boarding house regime which prescribes a long walk before breakfast as a means of promoting health. Probably the best custom would be to furnish every member of the family, especially those who labor out of doors, with a cup of warm coffee, well mixed, immediately after rising from bed. Then let them attend to chores, or mowing, hoeing, etc., for an hour or two, while teams are feeding, and the breakfast preparing. They will feel better and do more.—*American Agriculturist.*

**Do you want more farmers in the Legislature, and a less number of tricksters? If so, see the Farmer's Advocate.**

**CARTER'S DITCHING MACHINE.**—A trial of one of Carter's Ditchers took place on the farm of A. McKeller, Esq., M. P. P., near Chatham, on Saturday. The machine was placed in a large field on the south side of the river road, (the soil being a stiff, hard clay, rendered even harder to work by the rain that had fallen,) and about noon two teams were attached and the work commenced. Ten trips were made across the field, in about four hours, when the ditch was finished, ready for the tiles. The machine worked beautifully, the clay being scooped up and thrown out as freely as if the soil had been a light sand. The ditch cut is about 90 rods long, three feet deep and eight inches wide. All present were highly

pleased with the machine, the universal opinion being that it was just the thing required in this section of the country, where thorough draining is really a necessity. Hitherto the great drawback to the introduction of a complete system of drainage has been the expense, few of our farmers being in a position to undertake the cutting of ditches by hand. With this machine the expense will be greatly lightened, the average cost of drains cut by it not exceeding 3c per rod, against 18c to 20c by the old system.

**Do you wish to have your land improved in value, see account of Carter's Patent Ditching Machine.**

The Glencoe annual fair was held on the 3rd of November, and was the best that has ever been held in Middlesex; more profit and less humbug than the Western Fair.

**HOW WE SHOULD LIVE.**

Everybody should live on the sunny side of their houses as much as possible; and allow the sun's genial rays to penetrate the rooms. Darkened parlors are fashionable evils. True, it is gloomy enough to be ushered into a tomb-like apartment, where one can scarcely grope his way to a seat; and to discover, when his eyes become accustomed to the dim light, that every chair and sofa has on its linen "duster," apparently equipped for travelling to some unknown land. But ladies must have their carpets kept bright and fresh, even if their cheeks are the paler for it! And so the shutters are tightly closed, and the heavy curtains drawn. But for the sake of health and beauty, ladies, let this be done only in the "best parlors," if it must be done at all. Let the rooms where the family stay be cheerful and sunny. No lady would expect her house-plants to send out full, brilliant blossoms, unless she placed them at a window where the sunshine would invigorate them. No more should she expect her children to show fresh, rosy complexions, or to develop genial dispositions, unless they live in light, sunny, airy rooms.

**Have you seen the Little Giant Threshing Machine at work.**

**PERSEVERANCE.**

Perseverance is a virtue much talked of, but little appreciated. What might be accomplished in the mental and moral world, as well as in the material one, if people would only put perseverance to the helm? Who is there who has not felt this in his or her experience?

How many times when we are all alive to the beauty of good deeds, we yearn to perform them, we resolve that hereafter we will be more vigilant, more faithful in the performance of our duties; but the glow of our feelings dies out because the little virtue above mentioned is not practised, and we fall back into our old way of acting on the impulse of the moment, and not according to our highest conviction of right.

How often we feel the ability to perform something with the talents given us, and we promise ourselves that we will rouse and try to make the most of our gifts! But the enthusiasm passes, and lack of time or energy prevents our carrying out our plans, and when we next review ourselves we feel unmixed regret at our lack of perseverance.—*Moore's Rural.*

**TO ALL OUR FRIENDS.**—We hope you will renew your subscription at once and induce others to join you.

What kind of vice is it that some persons will shun however bad they may be?—*Advice.*

**The Compliments of the Season.**

As you will not see the *ADVOCATE* again until the New Year arrives, we will now wish you the compliments of the season, and may you all gain by the following:

"Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

"Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
Ring in redress to all mankind."

"Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife."

"Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
Ring in the common love of good."

"Ring out the slander and the spite,  
Ring in the love of truth and right."

"Ring out the narrowing lust of gold,  
Ring out the thousand wars of old."

"Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace."

"Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

**Can any one ask any better commendations than you see on the first page of this paper? Read them.**

**Reasons why You should Subscribe for the Farmer's Advocate.**

Because you ought to make money, and can do it by knowing about the test of seeds which is carried on in connection with the Agricultural Emporium.

Because it is the only agricultural paper that is edited by a farmer in Canada, and the only paper uninfluenced by politics or sect, and has advocated your interests as agriculturists. It was this paper that caused the investigation into the old Agricultural Board affairs. It was the first to apply for the names of Secretaries and Presidents of Agl. Societies to be published. The first to ask that seeds may be forwarded to you as they are forwarded per mail on the other side of the line; or, at least, as cheaply as you have newspapers forwarded to you. The first to suggest a general trial of implements. The first to ask why our pork should be depreciated in value, by allowing American still-fed hogs to be slaughtered here.

Because it has done more to check the introduction of racing at our Agricultural Exhibitions, than any other paper.

Because it is recommended stronger by County Councils and Agricultural Societies that have taken it, than any other paper.

Because it was the first to bring into notice that valuable implement, Carter's Ditching Machine.

Because it is the only Agricultural paper for which you have in no way been taxed.

Because the editor's plans are commended by the Governor General and the new Agricultural Board.

Because the editor has saved the honor of our Agricultural Position, by retaining in our country the King of Canadian Stock, much to the increased value of our exports.

Because the Fall wheats, the peas, oats and potatoes that the editor has disseminated, have created more wealth for those that have procured them, than any other varieties obtainable.

This paper first exposed the practice in Toronto, of having first prize stock engraved and the prizes awarded, previous to an exhibition.