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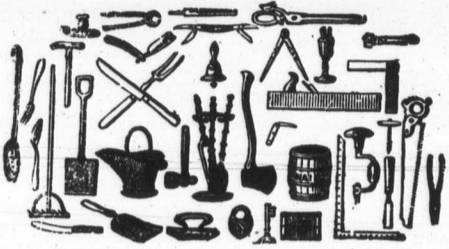
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FRONT OF YONGE.

We had a call from Mrs. C. Clow, of Caintown, on Saturday last. Mr. Clow is teaching school in Western Canada.

Mr. D. Warren, who died last week, was interred in the church of England cemetery at Ballycane.

We have a very comfortable feeling when thinking over Mr. Loverin's household. Would the editor be so kind as to give a bird's eye view of that Noah's ark.

After the return of the hunters we could smell bear meat and venison clear out at Caintown.

Mr. Claud Gibson, who spent the summer at Alexandria Bay, is now at his father's beautiful home in Mallorytown.

Dr. Lane, of Mallorytown, as coroner, held two inquests last week, one on the remains of Mrs. Horace Birch, of Ballycane, and the other on Miss Susan Goodbody, of Mallorytown.

The deer hunt story in the Muskoka woods was commenced in the Reporter last week, and will, we doubt not, be very interesting to young and old.

The vote on the referendum taken at Mallorytown on Thursday last was a very tame affair. There was not the hustle and push about the matter there would have been had it been an election for members of parliament.

ADDISON

Palace factory has quit making cheese and will make butter for the rest of the season. Everybody is bringing milk as Palace factory can't be beaten for good goods.

Mr. R. H. Field and lady are spending a few days in Toronto and will take in the fat stock show at Guelph. Dr. Brown will take charge of his business during his absence.

Messrs. Munroe and Quinn are paying a higher price for pork than any other buyers in this section—and don't you forget it.

Mr. David Wiltes and lady were visiting friends in Smith's Falls on Sunday last.

Mr. Edward Duffield, who has been on the sick list for some time, is improving nicely, and will be able to be about in a few days.

The Rev. Mr. Lawson spent a couple of weeks in the west in the interest of the referendum, and Mr. Howe, of Athens, officiated in his place much to the satisfaction of all.

Mr. Frank Scott is engaged as head clerk at J. J. Quinn's store for the present.

Mrs. T. Brown, of Smith's Falls, paid her many friends in this vicinity a short visit recently.

Miss Florence Church, of King street, gave an At Home at the Florida House on the 4th inst., it being her birthday. Music was furnished by the Snider orchestra, and those who desired tripped the light fantastic for a few hours, after which all sat down to a sumptuous repast and then dispersed, hoping soon to meet again.

LANDSOWNE.

The funeral of the late Robert Allen, jr., of Great Falls, Montana, formerly of this place, was held here in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, Nov. 9th, under the auspices of the I. O. F. The remains reached here on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by his brother in law, Wesley Keating. A wife and three children are left in Montana; his father, four sisters and one brother are left here to mourn his loss. Death was due to appendicitis.

Charles Quinn is preparing to move into his house in the village.

The Farmers' Institute meetings were held here on Saturday last. Interesting meetings were held both afternoon and evening.

Orville Curry moved his family to Gananoque last week.

Jake Herbison, who has been ill for the past week, is, we are glad to say, slightly better.

Miss Luella Shields has sold her farm to Schuyler DeWolfe.

A. M. Dixon and Miss Hewitt were married at Brockville last week.

Mrs. Bigford has returned home, having spent a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. Goodfellow, of Westport.

Mrs. (Rev.) Cornell, of Oxford, and Mrs. (Rev.) VanCamp, from near the Adirondacks, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Fredenburg.

Miss Franklin and Mrs. Gamsby are drilling their pupils for the school entertainment on Friday evening, Dec. 12th.

Owing to the sudden illness of Mr. Raney, he was not able to be present at the song service held in the Methodist church on Friday evening last and his part was taken by Rev. Mr. Nelson.

Mr. J. H. Warren made a short call

at the General Hospital, Brockville, last week.

D. F. Warren has had his house furnished with a new range.

Although the weather was extremely cold and wheeling rough, quite a large and very appreciative audience were present at the sacred song service in the Methodist church on Friday evening, Dec. 5th. Besides the choir, the following took part in the programme: Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Vancamp, Mrs. Stillwell, Mrs. Fredenburg, Miss Franklin, Miss Redmond, Rev. Nelson and Stillwell, Messrs. Fredenburg, Raney, and Redmond.

DELTA.

There were glad tidings of great joy came to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Quigley, of the Johnston Hotel, when a daughter arrived to be one of the guests.

F. K. Cameron has closed his lime kiln for the winter and leaving it in charge of Mr. George Brown, has gone home to Carleton Place. We would like to know that Cameron Bros., when they come back in the springtime, intend to become permanent residents of Delta. They have done a splendid business in their lime-kiln here.

R. E. Green, the tax collector, is making his rounds and reports plenty of money.

Mrs. (Dr.) Menzies has gone to Rosemeath, Northumberland County, to join her husband who just moved there from Portland.

Miss Annie Brown, of Addison, is at present visiting her relatives.

The trustees of the public school have engaged Mr. R. Hannah, of Elgin, to teach for ensuing year.

The boys, girls and sleds are much in evidence since the fall of snow, and the merry jingle of bells greets our citizens.

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About Volcanoes.

Few persons have any idea of the prodigious quantity of lava and hot ashes which a volcano in a state of eruption can vomit in a few hours.

The matter which was discharged in 1669 from Mount Etna and which threatened to overwhelm Catania forms a mass the extent of which has been estimated as being not less than 1,000,000,000 cubic yards.

From the immense crater of Kilavea, in Hawaii, there was vomited in 1840 during a single eruption a mass of lava equivalent to fifty times the volume of earth which it was necessary to remove in order to form the Suez canal.

In 1878 the Skaptar-Jokul, one of the most redoubtable volcanoes in Iceland, sent forth two rivers of fire, one of which ran along a valley for eighty miles, its depth along the entire distance being thirty yards. Finally, it is estimated that from the mass of stones and ashes which were discharged in 1884 from Krakatoa could be formed a mountain higher and wider than Mont Blanc.

An Old Time Remedy.
In the ice chest of a Germantown residence there are always lying four or five big keys. This is because the nose of the little son of the house bleeds every few days, and nothing stops the hemorrhage like the dropping of a large, cold key down the child's back, says the Philadelphia Record. He squirms and cries out before the shock, and then in a moment he is well, his nose stops bleeding. A physician said that the cold key remedy for the hemorrhage of the nose was as old, he supposed, as keys themselves are. "It is a very good remedy," he went on, "and its curative power is due to the shock it gives. But isn't it an odd thing to use a cold key? Almost as odd, to my mind, as the candle with which some persons tallow their noses when they have a cold. But the candle remedy does no good, so far as I can see, whereas the key remedy is one of the best in the business."

He Didn't Take the Hint.
Chicago once had as its superintendent of city schools a bachelor named Howland, whose gruffness of manner and love of neatness were proverbial. Going into the room of a young and attractive teacher one day, Mr. Howland took notice of an untidy desk and a carelessly arranged bookshelf, and, pointing his finger at them, queried brusquely: "What kind of a housekeeper do you think you'd make?" "Why, Mr. Howland, are you looking for one?" was the humorously quizzical reply.

His Grace.
Bishop Wilberforce used to tell a story of a greedy clergyman who when asked to say grace looked anxiously to see if there were champagne glasses on the table. If there were, he began, "Bountiful Jehovah!" But if he saw only clear glasses he said, "We are not worthy of the least of thy mercies."

WHY THEY MARRIED.

Reasons of the Chronic Granks For Entering into Wedlock.

Postal cards having been sent out to married men with the inquiry, "Why did you marry?" a large number of responses came to hand, from which the following are selected:

"That's what I have been trying for eleven years to find out—X."
"Married to get even with her mother, but never have—W."
"Because Sarah told me that five other young men had proposed to her—C."

"The father thought eight years' courtin' was almost long enough—B."
"Please don't stir me up—J."
"Because I did not have the experience I have now—G."

"That's the same question my friends ask me—C. H."
"I wanted a companion of the opposite sex. P. S.—She is still opposite—A."

"Because it is just my luck—P. J."
"I yearned for company. We now have it all the time—Karl."
"Have exhausted all the figures in the arithmetic to figure out an answer to your question. Between multiplication and division in the family and distraction in addition, the answer is hard to arrive at—Old Man."

"I married to get the best wife in the world—Simon."
"Because I asked her if she'd have me. She said she would. She's got me—Bilvina."—Detroit Free Press.

The Cause of Geysers.
Bunsen has explained the periodical eruption of geysers in such a satisfactory manner that doubt is no longer possible. A cavern filled with water lies deep in the earth under the geyser, and the water in this cavern is heated by the earth's internal heat far above 212 degrees, since there is a heavy hydrostatic pressure upon it arising from the weight of water in the passage or natural standpipe that leads from the subterranean chamber to the surface of the earth.

After a time the temperature of the water below rises, so that steam is given off in spite of the pressure, and the column in the exit tube is gradually forced upward. The release of pressure and the disturbance of the water then cause the contents of the subterranean chamber to flash into steam and expel the contents of the exit pipe violently.

These eruptions may also be provoked by throwing stones or clods of turf into the basin of the geyser. The water in the cavern below is disturbed by this means.

A Love Potion.
One of the leading sources of income to the old herbalist was the compounding of love powders for despondent swains and heartless maidens. If a powder would not bring the desired relief, various juices of roots and herbs were mingled in a potion and sold as the love phial. Here is an old recipe: "Mistletoe berries (not exceeding nine in number) are steeped in an equal mixture of wine, bee, vinegar and honey."

"This taken on an empty stomach before going to bed will cause dreams of your future destiny (provided you retire before 12 o'clock) either on Christmas eve or on the first and third of a new moon." Perhaps as a lingering remnant of this absurdity there is a current notion in some parts of the world today that a whole mince pie eaten at midnight will cause the reappearance of long departed friends, not to mention the family physician and the more interested members of the household.

A Memorable Ride.
The most memorable ride in English history was that of Sir Arthur Owen, which placed the Hanoverian dynasty on the throne of Great Britain. The act of settlement by which in 1701 parliament elected the house of Hanover to the British throne was passed by only one vote, and this casting vote was given by Sir Arthur Owen, the member of parliament for Pembroke-shire. He arrived at Westminster, dusty and travel worn, only just in time to record his vote, having ridden with furious haste from Wales kept at all the posting houses along the route. To that ride Britain owes its Georgian era; hence its Queen Victoria and her descendants.

"Tomato."
What is the earliest instance of the occurrence of the word tomato in any European language? The first I have in my notebook is the reference to "Americorum tumate," made by Gullandinus in his "De Papyro," a commentary on parts of Pliny, 1572, page 90. Later (page 91) he says, "Denique tumate ex Themititan, recentioris fere pomum aureum, et pomum amoris nuncupant." showing that both the Aztec name tomatl and the popular "love apple" were already in use. "Themititan," I may add, is probably a misprint for Thensitian—i. e., Tenochtitlan synonym for Mexico.

Cast Out Cast.
Honor to the strong man in these ages who has shaken himself loose of shams and is something. For in the way of being worthy the first condition surely is that one be. Let cast cease at all risks and at all costs. Till cast cease nothing else can begin.

Herole Remedies.
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