### CURRENT HUMOUR.

McStiven says the crowned heads of Eu-ope are all trembling in their boots.—New brieans Picayune.

Accuracy of expression necessary : When you say that a girl's hair is as black as coal it is just as well to specify that you do not mean a red-hot coal.

The editor of the Jamestown Journal displays the characteristic of candour, to say the least. He soberly remarks :--" April fool's lay is the next day we celebrate."

"Oh dear !" exclaimed Edith to her doll, "I do wish you would sit still. I never saw such an uneasy thing in all my life. Why don't you act like grown folks and be still and stupid for awhile?"

Ohio is said to be excited because the son of a Baptist minister has married the daugh-ter of a Jewish rabbi. Anything that tends to retard the consumption of pork is certain to create an excitement in Ohio.

The steamer extinguished the flames, thus preventing, as a local reporter beautifully writes, "a fearful holocaust, in which that devouring element, the fire fiend, would have revelled with tongues of forky joy."

High art below stairs .- The modern Jeames of Bukley square is going in for astheticism and culchaw. In his pantry he sits gazing on a lily in an old cracked blacking bottle. He calls it the "Lily of the Valet,"—*Punch*.

A woman returning from market got into a South Hill street car the other day with a basketful of dressed poultry. To her the driver, speaking sharply, said, "Fare!" "No," said the woman, "fowl." And everybody cackled.—Burlington Hawkeye.

He was an entire stranger to the girls not introduce him. He finally plucked up courage, and stepping up to a lady, requested the pleasure of her company for the next dance. She looked at him in surprise, and informed him that she had not the pleasure of his acquaintance. "Wall," remarked he, you don't take any more chances than I

A good parson, who had the happy faculty of saying a kind wordfor everybody in whose behalf one could possibly be said, recently officiated at the funeral of a farmer who was known as the meanest and most miserly mar in the neighbourhood. Instead of execrating the deceased for his extortionate and niggard habits, this kindly disposed clergyman mply spoke of him as "the best arithme-cian in the country."—Catskill Recorder.

A man in Guilford, Conn., who was too oor to indulge in luxuries other than chil-ren, was presented by a loving but unreckoning wife with triplets-three boys-and he sought for some family to adopt them. Mr. Clark was rather inclined to take them, but his good wife thought one would perhaps be enough. They were talking it over before their little eight year-old-daughter, whr said: "Why don't you take one of them, ma? or don't they want to break the set?"-Harper's Drawer.

Did you ever notice how things get in your way when you're in a hurry? A Bostow woman told her husband that a runaway horse was going by. He jumped so quick he sprained his knee, and in his frantic haste-fell over two chairs and skinned his shins, tepped on the dog, upset the table with ooks and a drop light on it, ran against his vife and hurt her, and got to the ust as they were stopping the horse two blocks away, round the corner.—Boston Post. "James," said the grocer, as he looked ver his spectacles at the boy who was leasuring out half a bushel of potatoes, I find that I have spelt 'sugar' with an 'h Is that right?" "No sir," replied the clerk, after spelling the word over several times. "No, I guess it isn't, but I hate to scratch it out. What shall I do?" "If it

scratch it out. What shall I do?" "If it was me, sir, and I had put an 'h' in sugar, I should order hams and leave the 'h' of there." "Of course—of course. Really, James, but I begin to feel my age, and I only wonder that I don't some time spell eggs with two g's."—Detroit Free Press.

While discussing philanthropy the other day: "For my part," said Gilliput, "I de not believe in these charitable bureaux, Charity needs no middleman. I like better hen I meet a deformed or blind creatur

### AGRICULTURAL.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Commercially the situation in England appears to have considerably improved, but agriculturally it is as bad, if not worse, than agriculturally it is as bad, if not worse, than ever. Complaints are heard in all directions that farming has entirely ceased to pay, and when a tenant moves out it is found almost impossible to replace him, except at a ruinous reduction in rent. Farmers who own the land they till are anxious to sell, but can find no purchasers. As a result of this state of things many farms are reported tenantless, and much valuable land is lying waste.

in 5,000; in Halle the proportion was I in 1,500; Gotha, I in 1,800; Solwerin, I in 550; Copenhagen, I in 465; Stockholm, I in 266; in Kiel, Prussia, I in 260, and in Lien-kaping, Sweden, I in 63. In many German othes the microscopic examination of the flesh of every hog slaughtered is obligatory, and experts are appointed for the purpose. In other othes the butchers and marketmen, sensibly recognizing their interest in the mar-ter, have formed societies, of which every member is provided with a good microscopic ex-amination, however, is a sateguard which, in order to be efficient, must be applied to every animal, either slaughtered in a country or imported into it, and it would be a manifest impossibility to thus inspect every carcase which goes out of the great abattoirs of Cin-cinnati and Chicago. Legislation can do very little with trichinosis, except by aiding to diffuse information. If swine-raisers can be taught that feeding their bogs on the flesh of animals of any kind helps to spread and per-petuate trichinosis, one important step will have been taken toward the extermination of the pest. Another fact which everybody should know is that well-cooked pork never produces trichinosis in human beings. The Brockville Recorder has been interviewing Mr. J. J. Bennett, of Waterville, N.Y., who is a very successful hop grower, and who throws out some ideas that may be of use to Canadians engaged in the same busi-ness. His success in selling is mainly due to the facilities he has for drying and picking, and also to his knowledge of what is necessary for the growth of the plants. The land he uses is mainly composed of loam with a clay bottom. Last year he raised from his 80 acre field 100,000 pounds of cured hops, and sold them for 203 cents per pound, realizing the handsome figure of something like \$25,000. The price varies from year to year, sometimes falling to six and eight cents and sometimes rising as high as 65 cents per pound. He states that the average cost of harvesting is about six cents per pound. and who throws out some ideas that may be WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY. WHITE RUSSIAN OATS.

To the Editor of The Mail.

Yours, &c., WILLIAM RENNIE.

Toronto, April 5.

The trichinosis scare has not by any means

To the Editor of The Mail. SIR, —Among the many swindlers that in-fest our country is the following class which our laws fail to reach :—In the United States and Canada there are persons who extort large sums of money from farmers and others by giving new names to old varieties of grain, and selling it out for seed at enormous prices. A large trade is being carried on this year in our common white oats, known as New Zealand or Australian, which are being bought from our farmers at current market prices, 40c. to 50c. per bushel. The same oats are sent to the United States and named White Russian. Afterwards they are sold at exorbidied out in England, although little has been heard of it for the last week or two. Manifestoes have been posted all over the United Kingdom, setting forth the great dangers Kingdom, setting forth the great dangers arising from the use of hog products, and giving directions for cooking them when used. The natural effect has been to diminish the demand for American pork. The largest retailers in England state that during the past three weeks they have not cut more than half their usual quantity, and, owing to these facts, it is considered advisable that "American pork-packers should forego ut present shipping meats of a secondary character to the United Kingdom." It would be well if shippers would forego the export of meats of a "secondary character" not only for the present but for all time. It is this inferior stuff which has caused the existing scare and is materially damaging the trade. sent to the United States and named White Russian. Afterwards they are sold at exorbi-tant prices, even to our own farmers, who are attracted by the flaming advertisements. This is a subject that our Granges and agricultural societies should discuss, and if possible devise a remedy for and report to the Minister of Agriculture, who, I am sure, would take action in the matter. Yours, &c.

MANITOBA EXCURSIONISTS. scare and is materially damaging the trade. To the Editor of The Mail. Nebraska is not quite the paradise which it

To the Editor of The Mail. SIR,—There is great indignation among the citizens here because of the inhuman treat-ment the last emigrant party—the G. T. R. that left Ottawa on the 16th—received from the hands of the railroad authorities. Your reporter described the picnic scene on the Grand Trunk train as far as Chicago. He should have remained a few days longer with the party. He should have stayed with them the two days they were shunted to a siding near the stock yards at Chicago, when women and children were sickened by the terrible stench, and he should have come on to Winnipeg with the party, and experienced is represented to be upon the florid maps issued by the railway and land companies, but lovers of adventure may settle there without any apprehension of being compelled to vegetate away their lives in dull monotony. to vegetate away their lives in dull monotony. When the winter sets in the blasts that sweep across the treeless plains go to the marrow. Next comes the snow to the depth of many feet, accompanied by a frost sufficiently in-tense to cool the fervour of a fanatic and turn blue the lips of the most ardent lover. Fuel fails, and the settlers, having burned everything inflammable that is to be found out of doors are obliged to here the to Winnipeg with the party, and experienced the hardships of the travellers, who were over-crowded in cars, and these cars cold, dark, and destitute of water. In some of the cars out of doors, are obliged to break up their floors and furniture for consignment to the flames. Tens of thousands of cattle and sheep perish upon the plains and the more distant hills, and even human life succumbs and destitute of water. In some of the cars not a single light was given. The party left Ottawa March 16th, and did not reach here until the 27th. They suffered shameful treat-ment from the incompetent and inhuman agents that accompanied the party. These emigrants are respectable farmers and mechanics from Ontario and Quebec. They stipulate with the railroad authorities to be brought up in first-class cars, and are promised every necessary attention. So far these promises have not been kept; and it is simply heartrending to hear of the sufferings of women and children on the way. Many of our citizens talk of calling an indignation meeting. Yours, &c. it times to the stress of weather and want. At times to the stress of weather and want. At this time of year the Platte and other wide but shallow streams overflow their banks, spreading destruction along the valleys, and driving the people to the roofs of their houses and barns for safety. So soon as this flood subsides the sun will commence to nume, malaris from the avanue and mudthis flood subsides the sun will commence to pump malaris from the swamps and mud-holes which the receding waters have left behind as slight souvenirs, and the sallow settlers will go through the summer on a quinine dist. Occasionally the grasshoppers come along about harvest time and flevour whatever frost and flevour have spared, and then another winter that it makes a Canadian thilly to think of. No brasks has some advantages as a grint ground, but it has disadvantages which are little short of appalling. Another winter and spring such as that State has just passed through would discourage the stoutest of meeting. Yours, &c., A CITIZEN OF WINNIPEG. Winnipeg, March 28. EMIGRATION: T trut trat SIR,-While many of our Ontario farmers are selling their homes and making the North-West the haven of their hopes, they are pass-

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had in consequence, been conferred upon the agricultural community of this Dominion. He expressed the hope that the agriculturists of the Dominion, as well as those of the neighbouring sepublic, would send their sons to the college, whare they would be thoroughly trained for the proper discharge of their duties. Ald. Consequence, expressed the pleasure at the high character of the examinations just closed, and expressed the belief that the horses and cattle throughout the country would switch their tails with satisfaction upon observing that such a large number of well-trained graduates had been sent out from this college to attend to their wants. (Laughter and applause.) Addresses in a similar strain were de-livered by Mr. C. Elliott, of St. Catharines ; Mr. Cowan, of Galt ; Mr. Wilson, of Lon-dois; and Dr. E. T. Hagyard, of Lexington, Ky. (whose two sons had graduated at the college). Mr. Caesar, president of the On-tario Veterinary Medical Association, pre-sented the gold medal. Offered by that asso-ciation, to Mr. Butler, who had been so for-tunate as to win it by hard work.

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL.

Meeting at the Office of the Company.

SAVING MOTHER SAVING MOTHER. The farmer sat in his easy chair Between the fire and the lamplight's glare; His face was ruddy and full and fair. His three small bors in the chimner nook Conned the lines of a picture book; His wife, the pride of his home and heart, Baked the biscuit and made the tart. Laid the table and stoeped the tes, Defty, swiftly, silenity; Tired and weary and weak and faint. She bore her trials without complaint. Like many another household saint-Content, all selfah bliss above In the patient ministry of love. At last between the clouds of smoke That wreathed his lips the husband spoke :-

That wreathed his lips the husband spoke :--"There's taxes to ra's , an' int'rest to pay--And of there should come a rainy day. Twould be mighty handy. The bound to say. Thave sumpthin put by. For folks must di An there's funcral bills, and gravestums to by Enough to swamp a man, purty nigh. Beeides, there's fudwardand bick and Joe To be provided for when we go. So 'f I was you, I'll tell ye what I'd du : I'd be sayin of wood as ever I could --Extra fires don't du any good --I'd be sayin of wood, as a'u'n of ile. And rup u'r some candles once in a while ; I'd be ratur. sparin of confee an' tea, I'o'r sugar is high, And all to buy,

And cider is good enough drink for me, I'd be kind o careful about my clo'es And look out sharp how the money goes-Gewgaws is useless, nater knows; Extry trimmin' 'S the bane of women,

"I'd sell off the best of the checes and honey And eggs is as good, nigh about, 's the money And as to the carpet you wanted new-I guess we can make the old one du. And as for the washer, an 'sewin' machine. Them smooth tonged agent's so pesky mear You'd better get rid of em' slick and clean. What do they know about women's work ? Du they calkilate women was born to shirk ? Du they calkilate women was born to shirk # Dick and Edward and little Joe Sat in the corner in a row. They saw the patient mother go On ceaseless errands to and fro, They saw that her form was bent and thin, Her temples grey, her cheeks sunk in. They saw the quiver of lip and chin— And then, with a wrath he could not smother, Outspoke the youngest, frailest brother—

"You talk of savin' wood and ile An' tea an' sugar, all the while, But you never talk of savin' mother !"

COUNTRY CUSTOMERS.

How City " Drummers" Capture Unsuspect-ing Buyers..." Ways that are Dark "...De-vious Devices for Securing Business, as Related by the " Catchers."

in Buyers, Waye that are Dark ". Der Related by the "Catcurs." From the N. Y. Herald. The little sketch which appeared the other day in the Herald, describing the tactics of the enterprising fraternity of dry-goods drummers in capturing country merchants on Broadway, created quite a star among the hundreds of merchants, salesmen, clerks, "drummers," and others who are interested in the subject. Last night, as well as on Wednesday evening, when the Grand Central, Metropolitan, and St. Nicholas hotel lobbies were thronged with a dense crowd of se-ductive dry-goods men buttonholing stolid and unwilling country dealers, the article in question was made the oc-casion of many a jocular expression of approval that the Herald had done well "in showing the thing up." The fact is, that the salesmen and drummers are rather proud of their achievements in the way of be-guing the innocent country bumpkins who become victums of their wiles and blandish-ments, and seem to thoroughly enjoy any such ray of publicity as a great journal like the Herald might shed upon their devious path. They, indeed, quite bask and glory in it, and in conversing with a number of them no difficulty whatever was experienced in drawing them out. They told some queer features of a drummer's life, and, as it is one intimately associated with the business of the metropolis, it is well worth being dry goods house on Broadway gave a finny classification of the customers of the firm. He was a little, sharp-faced, keen-nosed man, and was pronounced by some of his associates to be their own more descriptive expression, "the uritable old rat." "We have three classes of customers," said why was as comical in its effect as he meant it to be serious : "our regular customers." tion of bread and butter to catch a customer Two men in the business are said to be worth in the neighbourhood of \$250,000. These, of course, are exceptional instances; but there is no doubt that, with a little cleverness, persistence, and ingenuity, a very good liv-ing may be secured by the tricks and dodges of which the drummer is a proud exponent. ANECDOTES ABOUT ANIMALS.

In China there is a fish that crosses th meadows at its pleasure from one creek to another, often a mile apart.

look. "If it's 4 man who never wants to buy anything that isn't of the meanest and the apast description, then we tell him that we are just closing out," and are selling out out old stock. That brings him down Again, if it's a man who is after very choic and novel goods, always wants the latest and best styles, then we'll tell him that we hav it's a man who is after very choic out old stock. That brings him down Again, if it's a man who is after very choic and novel goods, always wants the latest and best styles, then we'll tell him that we hav it's a more than the start of goods, fresh four out of them through the Custom House, and that he will have the very first out rule is . "Always adapt your argument to man."" "One of my favourite methods," said withigh to ver the clevences of the noble craft is which he had the proud honour to belong as evidenced from the above stories. " is the port of papers the *Carolina Sin* ; the optation, of Madison, Ga.: and many hother. Our friend from Spartanburg whe paper trick. Here, you see, I keep al optations, of Madison, Ga.: and many hother. Our friend from Spartanburg the port of papers the *Carolina Sin* ; the post to New York is very anxious to hear post to New York is very anxious to hear he latest news from Spartanburg the post to the above stories the store post the way, I keep the *Spartan*, regularly, but the way, I keep the *Spartan* we are an input. I once remember getting hold of a

but tell him that he must come to the store to look at it, and when he's once there we are all right. I once remember getting hold of a man like that who was stopping at a down-town hotel. At first he gave me not the slightest encouragement. I was after him from a Thursday till the following Monday, but it ended in his buying \$3,100 worth of goods." "Another of our pranks," a third salesman (a fine stalwart-looking fellow) chimed in. "is the auction-sale dodge. When a great auction sale is advertised to take place it is sure to attract a big crowd of country mer-chants. It's the thing then to attend the sale and show them all the attention possible, to help them to pick out the right class of goods, etc. You say to your man : 'If you don't aucceed in getting this line of goods at this or that price, come down and see us, and we'll be sure to have the very thing you want and a good deal cheaper at that,' or some-thing of the sort, and we have six chances out of ten to secure him as a customer. But, oh ' we have some cruel rebuffs, particularly in traveling. Pacole in the north as a with out of ten to secure him as a customer. But, oh ' we have some cruel rebuffs, particularly in travelling. People in the north, as a rule, are much ruder in their stores than they are in the south. In Bochester a merchant has this sign hanging out over his store: ' No goods to be shown in this store!' Well, I have been to him four times already. The first time he threatened to put me out, the second time he was only graff, the third time he said he had no time to talk to me, the fourth time he actually smiled at what he called my 'cheek,' and now I have made a bet of \$10 to \$2 that the next time I'll sell him a line of goods."

him a line of goods." That the business, some of the queer inc

That the busines, some of the queer inci-dents of which are here outlined, is highly profitable, is beyond doubt. Among the throng of drummers seen almost every night at the lobbies are some men worth their hun-dred thousand dollars. Though they have got rich, the fascination of their lifelong pur-suit, and the exercise of sharpness and in-genuity which it calls forth, chain them to its continuance when it is no longer a ques-tion of bread and butter to catch a customer Two men in the business are said to be worth

SA VIE SAUVEE RIVIERE TROIS, PISTOLES, Temiscouats, Guebec Cher Monsieur, -Depuis pres de quatre ans retais afflige d'une tousse accabiante, avoc un tendence a la Consomption. Je ne pouvai present rieu mange, ne pouvain repose ni jour ni nuit decade de la Consomption. Je fus conneiller de me servoir de votre BLOOD SYRUP, et apres c avoir depense trois petites bouteilles seulement 'e me suis trouve grandement soulage et je peu dre presque gueri. Yous pouves vous serrir da mon nom, et je suis pret a atteste tout le continu de ma lettra. Votre tout devone Sertr. John & Seton, Temoin. SA VIE SAUVER John S. Seton, Temoin.

Si.Fon desire plus de testimonies ou informs ion en regard des merites dels BLOOD SYRUP addresses a notre AGENT.

another, often a mile apart. The steward of the lately wrecked harque. Fontabelle owed his life to the captain's few triever. He was unable to swim, and the dog; on seeing him sink, dived after him and dragged him to the surface out of the wreck-age. The dog then let go of his hold, and, swimming ahead, thrust his tail into the steward's face, who seized it, and was towed to a ref.

to a reef. Eight days after a hen belon Eight days after a hen belonging to a lady living in Monticelle, N. Y., had disappeared a clucking noise was heard in an unfrequented part of the woodhouse. Investigation showed a hole in the wall through which the hen's head was protruding. The chicken had dropped between two walls, and, not being able to extricate herself, had picked a hole in the wall, thrust through her head, and called for help. HEART DISEASE GURED. SMUTHERED, Northumberland Co., O I suffered very much from palpitation of heart, and the doctors told me I was liable drop off at any ministe. I tried your BLI SYRUP and was cured. I believe it to be best medicine ever introduced. MOSES HERINGTO for help. A rattlesnake was seen to stretch himself

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**TESTIMONIALS** CANADIAN.

Victoris Harbour, Sincoe Co., Ont. I took one bottle of the INDIAN BLOOD SYRUP, and I feel like a new man. I recom mend it to all for Dyspepsis and Liver Com plaint. E. D. CURL.

plaint. SURE CURE FOR DYSPEPSIA. Burford, Brant County, Ontaria. Dear Sir. -- I wish to state that your INDIAN BLOOD SYRUP has completely cured me of dyspepsia. I can safely recommend it to all. MRS. ALICE SMITH.

LIVER COMPLAINT AND DYSPEPSIA.

CAN'T BE BEAT FOR DYSPEPSIA Victoria Harbour, Simcose Co., Ont. The INDIAN BLOOD SYRUP can't be beat in Dyspepsia. I could not work for some time be ore I got that boths of BLOOD SYRUP, and am now well and hearty. THOS. COURT: IFY

PAINS IN THE MIDE. VIGTORIA HARBOUR, SIMose Co. Ont. I had to quit work for two weeks owine to: pain in my side, one bothe of the BLOOD SYR CIP has removed it. It is wonderful for giving an appetite. CHAS. DEALDMAN.

upon my way (with great emotion)-some truly pitiable case-to give succour to him on "A pretty pass, this," remarked ellow reading a newspaper in the corner ; "here's still another midnight attack. I this continues we shall soon be robbed in open daylight!" "I'm quite indifferent to that," remarked Gilliput, with a shrug, "I never go out with a cent on my person." "Ah !" says the reader, "that accounts for your views on charity !"

#### A Voyage in a Snowboat.

A gentleman who has recently returned rom the western end of the Winona and St. Peter road states that he met a couple of men upon a snowboat, just this side of Water-town, and they gave him a ride. A distance of thirty-two miles was traversed in three nours, they taking a direct course for a station and paying no heed to fences, all of which were under the snow. The boat was onstructed similarly to an iceboat, had udder, and was easily managed .- Winona

#### Four Sips of Punch.

Republican.

A DOUBLE EXPERIENCE .- "Shall I read you a pretty story, Effie?" "Has it got a noral in it?" "Yes, darling." "Then, Mumsey, I'd rather not. A story with a noral is like jam with a powder in it !" REFINEMENTS OF MODERN SPEECH .- Fair Intense One-" Have you seen the Old Masters at Burlington House?" Bashful Youth (fresh from Marlborough, and better at cricket One-" Are they not really too TOO - !"

ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK .- John Thomas-"Did you ring, sir ?" Surgeon (just arrived at country house)—"Yes. Why have you aid out my surgical instruments on the dress-ng table?" John Thomas—"Surgical instru-nents, sir? I thought them things was what ing table ?" you dressed for dinner with !" A TIME FOR EVERYTHING. -Cockney sports-

man (eagerly, to huntsman, busy with his hounds, about to draw a covert)—"Hi! I say, Mister—Hi! Give us th' tip, when's th' proper time to say 'Yoicks !"

#### She Was a-Washing

The other day they had an assault and bat-tery case on trial in Justice Alley, and one of the witnesses for the plaintiff was a coloured woman. After the usual questions had been asked she was told to tell the jury what she knew about the case. She settled back and

"Well, I was a-washin' out my clothes when \_\_\_\_\_

"Never mind the washing, "said the lawyes "But it was Monday."

"Can't help that." "But always wash on Mondays."

"Never mind that. Tell the jury what you know about this affair."

"Well, I was a-sudsin' an' a-sudsin' my lothes when I seed -----

"Can't you let that washing alone? We all know that you were washing.<sup>57</sup> "Yes, sah. I had fo'ten shirts, free table-

cloths, twenty-four collahs and twelve towels in de wash, an' I was a-rinsin' an' a-rinsin'

'Yes, sah; I was a-wringin' an' a-wringin'

"Mary, I was a wringin an a wringin "Mary, I wish you'd hang that washing up to dry." "Yes, sah. De next fing arter wringin' out de clothes is to hang 'em out, an' I was a hangin' when \_\_\_"

hangin' when -----" "I guess you can be excused," said the

lawver "Shoo, now ! Jist hold on till I git dat

washin' in an' part of de shirts ironed an' I'll tell you jist how datfight begunan' de name of de party who was knocked ober de ash-heap an' frew de alley fence! Doan' get a poo' woman way off down yere an' den refuse to let her airn her witness fees,"—Detroit Free Perce

through would discourage the stoutest of pioneers.

# FARM NOTES.

Dr. Glenn, the largest wheat grower in Cal-ifornia, pronounces the wheat profit so small that he must seek diversity of culture for his 45,000 acres.

The Farmers' club of Oshawa have resolved to grow amber sugar-cane. Over a hundred acres have already been guaranteed, and a factory will be erected in readiness for next season's work.

The East Middlesex Agricultural Society surpassed London, and there is nothing pro-duced in the county that does not find a refuse to spend their promised \$5,000 in fit-ting up the present London Exhibition grounds till it is known if the fair will be duced in the county that does not find a ready sale there. In the heart of Essex county lies the vil-lage of Essex Centre, surrounded by some of the best wheat, corn, and hay producing land in the country. This village is within fifteen miles of Detroit, and will have a direct com-munication with that city in a short time by a branch from the main line of the Canada Southern. It may not be generally known, but it is a fact that for fruit growing and vine-vards the position is unsurpassed. I know of permanently located. There is a prospect of the fair eventually going to the Queen's Park. Messrs. James McLaren, E. O. C. Pew, and S. J. Dawson had an interview on Tuesday with Col. Dennis, Deputy Minister of the Interior, in relation to the leasing of 100,000 acres of land in the North-West for grazing purposes. They secured the lease, but have not yet selected the district. The condition yards the position is unsurpassed. I know of wild lands which only require clearing and ditching to become excellent farms, that can be bought at from eight to sixteen dollars an acre, according to location, timber, &c. Should this letter be the means of induc-ing anyone to wist the service described J.J. not yet selected the district. The condition is that the Government can cancel the lease at any time on giving two years' notice. The applicants have the privilege of choosing their land in any unsettled part of the Bow river district after three other claims have been satisfied. These are Mr. Wiser, M.P., Sena-tor Cochrane, and a son-in-law of Sir Hugh Allan's, each of whom have secured 100,000 for similar purposes. Messrs, McLaren and Pew have also purchased five thousand acres for settlement, and the latter gentleman has taken an additional township in the Turtle Mountain district, which he intends to col-onize.

ing anyone to visit the section described I do not think they would return disappointed, Yours, &c., WESTERN DISTRICT. Chatham, April 2.

## Sheep Disease in Lelcestershire.

To the Editor of The Mail.

Sheep Disease in Leicestershire. Though foot-and-mouth disease is becoming extinct in Leicestershire. the fluke scourge among sheep is spreading fast. In many cases the flocks have become extinct, while but few are entirely free. The moment a flock be-comes affected, the whole are hurried to mar-ket and sold at a great sacrifice. Thus, within the last few days two farmers have sold flocks that, if sound, would have made 50s. each. In the Leicester market they were sold at. TRICHINOSIS.

How the Pest May be Avoided-Its Preva-lence in Europe and the United States.

N. Y. Times. In the matter of trichinosis there is dense

In the matter of trichinosis there is dense and wide-spread ignorance to be overcome, and the task is one of no small' difficulty, for it concerns one of the common affairs of life, in respect to which the mass of people are tenacious of habit and hard to teach. There is hardly a newspaper in this country or in Germany which has not at some time, or a dozen times, established the fact that trichine are killed by cooking, and that pork which has been fried, boiled, broiled, or in any way subjected to heat above 176° is perfectly In the Leic ster market they were sold at 16s. each, while in London they fetched but 25s. each, and some died before they reached railway station. "Spinal Meningitis" Among Horses. There are said to be 30 dead horses lying on the bank of the Connecticut river, a mile or two below the city. They are victims of spinal meningitis. Until a recent time it doesn't seem to have been known that this disease, so serious and difficult to cure in the human subject, could also attack horses. It seems it can, and several horses have fallen while being driven in the street, so suddenly does the disorder manifest itself in full force-At Woolley's stables, Main street, several cases have occurred, and some are now under treatment; so of some other stables there-about. Only a few stables, as yet, appear to private owners as well as those of the livery stables. The horse, if unsupported, sinks down helplessly and cannot move. At Woolley's they had a strong frame-work to hold up the horses that were affected. The main treatment seems to be to give physic bals and a mustard plaster, and blanket the borse. Only a few die. The rest come out of it all right.—From the Hartford (Com.) Times, April 2. "Spinal Meningitis" Among Horses. way subjected to heat above 176° is perfectly harmles; yet the Germans of the Fatherland and those who have come over here persist in eating raw ham, and their folly and ignorance have occasionally fath. 

West the haven of their hopes, they are pass-ing on their way through a region of country which for fertility certainly cannot be sur-passed even in that land of promise. I speak of a belt of land between London and Wind-sor, along the Great Western railway, in Kent and Essex. These two counties are the most southerly in Ontario, and the climate more nearly resembles what may be termed tem-perate than any other in the province. There are a great many lots of bush land within easy distances of good markets which can be bought at reasonable prices. Chatham mar-ket compares very favourably with Toronto, and I have known of instances in which it has surpassed London, and there is nothing pro-Georgetown, Ont ; Alexander A. Walker, Wingham ; R. W. Stewart, Mount Victoria, Ohio ; J. G.' Reed, Rushylwanda, Ohio ; Richard C. Clark, Toronto ; John C. Stewart, Indianapolis, Ind. ; W. S. Bell, Kars ; J. W. Cook, Glanford; Andrew Metcalfe, Hud-son, P.Q.; J. Wright Frost, Preston, Ill. ; C. W. Stowe, Betroit, Mich., U.S.; George Ferling, Indianapolis, Ind., U.S.; John Law-son, Actois ; Esson Wessel, Wooler. Of the above-named students, the senior classes, numbering over forty, presented themselves before the board, the majority for final examination and their diploma, but some for the primary examination.

or the primary examination. LIST OF GRADUATES.

LIST OF GRADUATES. The names of those who succeeded in pass-ing are as follows :- T. Ashe, W. B. Austin, A. H. Badgerow, F. Broeks, D. Burt, J. S. Butler, L. Carley, W. Cain, C. C. Crane, F. Daly, D. L. Devore, J. A. Dell, J. Ferguson, C. M. Gustin, S. L. Honiford, Wm. Hunts-berger, W. A. Labron, G. F. Lonnt, W. E. Langford, A. Logan, A. Maguire, H. Mollroy, H. Owens, W. Bose, G. W. Thomas, E. Wells, W. Shaw, W. J. Somerville, W. Steele, C. A. Woodford, J. White. PERMARY EXAMINATION

PRIMARY EXAMINATION.

The following passed a primary examina-tion :--In anatomy--E. S. Bartram, J. A. Calder, W. Langtry, W. Preston, W. Ster-ling. Do. in materia medica--L. Lareau.

PRIZE AND HONOUR LIST. The following is a list of the seniors who

Maeting at the Office of the Company. Thursday afternoon a few gentlemen met Attorney-General Mowat at the office of Mr. F. C. Capreol for the purpose of receiving ad-ditional information relative to the Georgian Bay canal. Among others present were, Ald. Ryan, Messrs. W. Reford, Geo. Ellis, W. Faulkner, and W. H. Orr. Mr. Capreol at some length explained the working of the new hydraulic lift lock, and the advantages derived by that means of transporting large vessels from lake to lake, and over the high ground intervening between this The following is a list of the seniors who were successful :--Pathology-J. A. Dell, silver medal, pre-sented by the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association; J. S. Butler, A. Logan (equal), 2nd prize. Honours-A. Badgerow, D. Burt, F. Brooks, F. Daly, C. Gustin, E. Honiford, W. Shaw, E. Wells. the high ground intervening between this city and the Georgian Bay. He also cited the last annual report of the Chicago Board of Trade to show that the export of cereals

P. Drovss, F. Davy, C. Gustin, E. Honiford,
W. Shaw, E. Wells.
Anatomy-Silver medal presented by the Agriculture and Arts Association, J. S. But-ler; 2nd prize, J. A. Dell; 3rd, A. Logan,
W. Sihw (equal). Honours-J. Calder, W.
Langford, A. Maguire.
Entozoa-Prize, J. A. Dell. Honours-T.
Ashe, J. S. Butler, D. Devore, A. Logan.
Physiology-lst prize, J. S. Butler; 2nd,
J. A. Dell; 3rd, W. Langford. Honours-T.
Ashe, E. Wells (equal). J. Calder, F. Brooks.
Materia Medica-lst prize, J. S. Butler; A.
Logan (equal), T. Ashe, W. Shaw, D. Devore,
E. Wells.
Microscopy-lst prize, J. S. Butler.

Logan (equal), T. Ashe, W. Shaw, D. Devore, E. Wells. Microscopy — 1st prize, J. S. Butler. Ronours—T. Ashe, F. Daly, W. Langford, E. Wells. Breeding and Management of Live Stock— 1st prize, books to the value of \$20, presented by the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture, J. S. Butler; 2nd, books to the value of \$15, presented by the Agriculture and Arts Association, D. L. Devore; 3rd, books to the value of \$10, also by the Arts Association, J. A. Delli

value of \$10, also by the Arts Association, J. A. Dell.
The following is a list of the mocessful junice students: -Pathology-1st prize, W. A. Dryden, T. B. Coston, J. H. Reed (equal). Honours-S. W. Burt, A. O. Graham, W. J. Lyon, A. Por-teous, Lyman Vandervoort, J. A. Waugh, W. J. Waugh.
Anatomy-Silver medal, presented by Agri-culture and Arts Association, J. Hugo Reed; 2nd, W. A. Dryden. Honours-T. Cotton, A. Graham, D. Yonkerman. *Physiology-1st prize*, W. A. Dryden; 2nd, D. Yonkerman; 3rd, L. Vandervoort.
Gold medal, presented by the Ontario Veter-inary Medical Association for the best general examination, J. S. Butler. Honours-T. Ashe, J. A. Dell, A. LOGAN, W. Shaw, E. Wells.

#### PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

FRESERTATION OF PRIZES. Dr. SAITH, president of the college, upon taking the chair, stated that the prizes were about to be presented by the Hon. Adam Crocks, Minister of Education, his Worship the Mayor, Prof. Buckland, and other gentle-men, whom he was much pleased' to have with them on that occasion. He then gave an interesting account of the origin of the college, and of the gratify-ing progress which had since been made, until at the present time there was a larger number of innior students attending it than any Eng.

"How do you secure these?" "Through proper introduction. Those are the men whom we secure in the legitimate ways of the trade-there are some legitimate

ways, you know." "Well, conceding that, what's the second

"They are what we call the 'drops.' They are the country merchants who usually 'drop in' on their way down or up town. That's why we call them 'drops.' We can recognize a 'drop' in a stranger the moment he comes in."

"Very good-and the third class ?" "They are the ' pick-ups, '-- the men whom we don't know and have to catch in the best way we can. They are the men on whose capture we have to show the science of our trade! Ah, you'd laugh to hear of some of the ways in which we have to catch them." "For instance ?" "Well, one of the main things in the busi-

ness is to be friendly with every hotel clerk, so that he'll tell you at once when you look over the register which of the names are those

of country merchants." "I should think, from the general reputa-tion of hotel clerks for amiability, that this in itself would be a task of no slight magni-tude!"

ine wall, thrust shrough her head, and called for help.
A ratilesmake was seen to stretch himself out near a bage rock in Arizona. A large hawk swept down and nearly caught his snakeship napping. The snake sprung his rattle and coiled ready for a strike, while the hawk swept down and aparently failed to strike, and before he could recoil himself the hawk seized him with both talons close behind the head. In fact, he had him on the neck, and swept into the air, while the anake straggled and twisted, away up into the blue in wide circling sweeps, until the reptile hung limp and lifeless, when the hawk came down to earth again, and, alighting on a neighbouring tree, began to dine.
The captain of a Greenland whaler put a piece of meat in a rope noose, spread upon the snow, and waited for a bear. Bruin saw the bait, appreached and said this foot entangled in the rope. He quietly pushed it off hus paw and retired, and sat down at a distance to dine. After finishing his meal he nearch is either bait and the noose had been replaced. He pushed the rope aside, seized the beef, and again retired. A third time the noose was laid, but, excited to more caution by the evident observation of the bear, the sallors buried the rope beneath the snow and laid the meat in a deep hole in the centre. Once more the bear approached, and the sallors were hopeful of their success ; but bruin, more sagacious than they expected, after suuffing about the place tor a few moments, scraped the snow away with his paw; threw the fore aside, and again cetting the sub ruin, more sagacious than they expected, after suuffing about the place tor a few moments, scraped the snow away with his paw; threw the fore aside, and again cetting the only while ashore, tried to complace tor a few moments, scraped the snow and again cetting the only while ashore, tried to complace to a few moments, scraped the snow and again the only while ashore, tried to complace to a few moments where sub about the place tor a few moments where some the place t "Oh, not at all. We live round in differ-"Oh, not at all. We live round in differ-ent hotels till we get to know the clerks well. Now I am living at the Grand Central, for instance. When I become friendly with the clerks there's no use in my living there any longer, and I move to some other hotel. I move round the hotels all the time. And then the clerks must be friendly with us, be-cause we have it in our power to bring our customers to their hotels or to take them away."

away." " "Well, supposing the clerk is friendly, what then ?"

what then ?" "We lounge about the desk till our man, whose name has been pointed out to us by the clerk, comes in. We know the number of his room--say it's No. 78. In comes our the cierk, comes in. We know the number of his room—say it's No. 78. In comes our man and asks for the key to room No. 78. We know him then. We go up and say: 'Ah, how do you do, Mr. Smith ? You, per-haps, don't remember me, but I have been all through your country, and how is every-body in Smithersville?' Then we probably know somebody in his own or neighbouring town, and so the acquaintance is made. This is what we call the 'key dodge.' Then we have the 'envelope dodge,' which is like this : We find out through the clerk or by any other means that Mr. So-and-So is a mer-chant from the country. We take an enve-lope, put nothing inside it, but address it to his name. If we'd put either a card or note into the envelope he would see through the game at once, but in that way he does not discover our little trick. When our man comes along the supposed letter is handed to him. That's all we want—we know him then—and while he is puzzled to see nothing inside the envelope we 'go for him.'" "But don't the other drummers sometimes intercept your customers after you think that you have safely secured them ?" "Yes, some of them are very mean about it the the supposed them ?" capture a monkey. As soon as they put hands on him he gave a series of yells, when, as if by magic, every tree swarmed with in-dignant monkeys. An order to make for the boat was promptly obeyed. When the monkeys saw their enomy on a full retreat they formed in a solid body and followed hurriedly in their wake. Sticks, stones, and every available missile was hurled furiously at the heads of the flying sailors. In vain did they dron their prize, hoping that it might pacify their enraged pursuers. It was not so : only one dropped out of the ranks to gather in its hairy embrace the unoffending object of the fray ; while the others rushed on more frautically than ever. Reaching the boat they had not time to jump in, but showed her off from the shore, clinging to the gunwales, and crawling in when only some distance had been placed between them and their implacable foe. When they had arrived at a safe place to lie, they rosted on their oars and curiously scanned the infuriated army on the beach. There appeared to be thousands of them, running up and down in wild confusion, and hurling stones far out into the water in the direction of the boat.

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you have safely secured them ?"
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 that. Sometimes they practise what we call
 hving, which is somewhat like this: A
 frummer for a dry goods house will meet one
 for a boot and shoe manufacturer and still
 another for a hardware firm, and they'll con solidate their interests and agree to keep all
 the customers they get hold of to themselves
 and take them to some boarding or lodging house up town, where they will let no one go
 near them. They 'hive' them there, as we
 of a customer is not to leave him until he has
 made his purchases at your house. Suppos ing I make the acquaintance of a countryman
 in the afternoon. Well, the thing to do is to
 keep him for dinner and take him out for the
 evening to some theatre or other amagement,
 oas to keep him away from all the other
 drummers who are sure at night to come to
 inshotel after him."
 "And what arguments do you use to in the meet to purchase after you have made
 there acquaintance?"
 "It depends on what sort of men they
 are," the veteran replied, with a very wary Post-mortem examinations have, in some in stances, led to the discovery of the soars of oungletely healed abscasses or sores upon the when diseased is susceptible of restoration to a sound and healthy condition. Persons filteted with lung disease may reasonably hope to recover health by the use of well, chosea remedies. Foremost among these is Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver of and Hypophosphites of Limes and Soda, a bitting of blood, and other affections of the throng hy tested and highly scoredited sys-nition is promptly arrested by the Cod Liver of and hypophosphites, which are smoog the finest renovants used by physicians, re-vive the flagging emergies of the debilitated system. Post-mortem examinations have, in some in

TOMACH. CRAMP IN STORAGE. Cross Hill, Waterloo County. Ont. I was troubled with cramps in my stomas and loss of appetite. Your INDIAN BLOO SYRUP effected a speedy cure. NANCY LS:

CURES RHEUMATISM. BOTHWELL, Kent Co., Oni Dear Sir. – I have used your reliable INDL BLOOD SYRUP for Rheumatism, and it cun me after numerous other medicines failed. CATH ARINE HIGGINS

Liver Complaint. North Mountan, Dundas Co., Ont., Can. Dear Sir. — This is to certify that your valuabl INDLAN BLOOD SYRUP has effectually ours me of Liver Complaint, after all other medicine failed. MRS. JOHN KINNEY.

Ander, MRS. JOHN EINNEY. Sciatic Eheumatism. I had been troubled for years with sciatics, and tried everything I could hear of : nothing relayed me except the BLOOD SYRUP. I am now free from pain, can sleep well, and have gained sowm pounds in two weeks. Yours truly. DELANA CLEWS. Sturgeon Bay. Simcoe Co., Ont.

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Gures Dyspepsia and Indigestion. WESTPORT, Leeds Co., Unt., Jan. SI, 1879. Dear Sir, I have taken your INDIAN BLOOK SYRUP for Dyspepsia and Indigestion and Nervous Headache, and have derived grea-benefit fromits use. G. F. REYNOLDS, Painter

benefit from its use. G.F. REYNOLDS, Parinte Dyspepsia and Ridney Complaint: Westport, Locds Co., Jan. 29/1873. Dear Sir,-I have been suffering for year with Dyspepsia and Indigestion and Kidne Complaint, and have tried a gross many rem dies, but without effect. I became very bad ar could not leave my bed. I sent to your agen William Dier, for a bottle of your TNDMA BLOOD SYRUP, and I do not hesitate to as that it saved my life. I am completely cure and feel like a new man. Last week my ar was taken sick with severe headactis, and a its does of your valuable medicine cured him. DAVID BLACK.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Last Hawkeebury, Prescott Co. Dear Sir,—This is to certify that your INDLAN BLOUD SYRUP has cured me of Dyspepsia atter all other medicinas failed. I advise all similarly afflicted to give it a trial. ALEX. LAROQUE.

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Ales Litzarerit Ufrifstie. Saved Her Life. Kelvin Brant County, Ontario, Dear Sir, -I had been under the doctor's hands alintst continually for eight years, this year beigt the first I have not employed a physician. Afbrusing your INDIAN BLOOD SUBOF for aonief space of time, I was enabled to de all my work. I truly believe it was the means of saw mg my life. MRS. MARY LEONARD.

Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. Hamiton, Durham County, entarie. I had dyspepsia, indigestion and billousness for 10 years. I had to give up work. I procure some of your BLOOD SYRUP, and was fully m stored to health in a short time. I gained I pounds in three weeks. I recommend it as tagenulneomachcleanser and blood putrifier. CAPT. R. H. BUNT.

Cannot Recommend it too Highly. Nackawick, York Ce., N Dear Sir, --My wife has used your IND LOOD SYRUP with the most beneficial res cannot recommend your medicine too hig HARRISON CLAR

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take \$10,000 stock in any company formed t build the canal, and after a vote of thanks t Mr. Mowat those present withdrew. Harvell's Condition Powders

the last annual report of the Chicago Board of Trade to show that the export of cereals was largely on the increase, having last year reached the enormous quantity of 154,000,-000 bushels from that port alone. The greater portion of this would find its way to the sea-board via the canal, when built, and would add largely to the sevenue of the country. He had also a numbor of letters from leading English and European engineers endorsing the feasibility of the scheme, and one offering to construct it for a grant of 10,000,000 acres of land, five: from the Domin-ion Government, and five from the Pro-vincial. Mr. Mowat expressed himself in favour of the scheme, but thought it was one that should be taken up by the Dominon Government. After some further explanations it was moved by Ald. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Reford, "Thatafterhear-ing Mr. Capreol's remarks upon the great benefit the Huron and Ontario canal will be to the Dominion, Ontario, and especially Toronto, and seeing that its practicability is cougle—through the mediane of the hy-draulic lift-lock—with strist economy of con-struction and working Besolved, that this meeting approves of the immediate construc-tion of the canal, and respectfully advises that the Ontario Government appoint a dele-gation, consisting of the Hon. O. Mowat and others, to wait upon the Government of the Dominion and consult is to the best means of scouring—with the least possible delay—the construction of so important an undertaking." Carried.

arried. One gentleman expressed his willingness