barely cover the landlord's claim outside credit tors can readily reckon what they will get.—

A Newmarket grocer, P. Harding, has assigned.
—So has Henry Catton in the same line at Paris.—The creditors of J. Fostner, a grist miller at Waterdown, recently met together to consider his affairs, Their duties were remarkably light—his affairs were not worth considering, for he had virtually no assets.

" How we may all render each other more cheerful and comfortable in a pecuniary sense," is the text of a short discourse put before customers in a Canadian weekly by a druggist, Mr. W. W. Stephen. Let every one, he says in his exordium, "Let every one come as close as possible to buying for cash. All you want to do is exercise self-denial, pay for everything this coming year and by next fall you will in a sense find yourself a year ahead, and with your "discount for cash," money in your pocket, which I guess is a pretty comfortable feeling. There is a dark side to the credit business that you don't often think about, until its results show up. How many farmers, mechanics, laborers and others who run bills in the various stores from year to year are able on a day's notice to pay an account to the trustees of some "bust up" business. They owe this broken down firm an account, and they are asked to settle at once. What is the result? Why, in nine cases out of ten, if the debtor be a farmer he executes a chattel mortgage, and by the time the mortgage is paid, if it is ever paid, he has no doubt paid double or triple price for his goods; if a mechanic, he borrows money in some other way at a ruinous rate of interest and he too has the same experience in the cost of the goods as the farmer, and as for the HONEST LABORER, he is the worst of all. Bailiff comes around and makes a seizure, and that settles the laborer's hash."

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