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LOCAL MENTION

Stereopticon Bible pictures are being shown at the Roller Rink this week.

Alderman Markle and wife motored to Toronto last Sunday, returning home Monday.

Mrs. R. Sparks, who has been ill for some time, is improving. Her many friends will be pleased to see her around again.

Miss Lillian Vance, of the City Hospital, Hamilton, is spending a week's vacation at the home of her brother, Dr. R. J. Vance.

Dr. W. G. Dow, of Owen Sound, was visiting his uncle, Mr. Peter McGregor, while attending the Medical Congress held in Hamilton last week.

The Royal Bank staff and Miss Agnes Eager and Lorne Featherston motored to Rockwood last Monday, spending a pleasant day sightseeing.

W. G. Spence, who for a number of years has been employed at James Eager's, has resigned and accepted a position with the Bertram Co., of Dundas.

James Scanlon, who was so severely injured last week at Slater's mill, is reported to be improving very satisfactorily, and expects to be home with his family shortly.

Mr. C. Morden visited friends in the village last week end. We are pleased to see that Clare is convalescing after his struggles with the M. S. A. authorities. He says the Waterdown hammocks look good to him.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. G. H. Greene, Mill street, next Wednesday afternoon, June 12th, at 2.30. All non-members, as well as members, are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. A. Wagness of Hamilton was visiting at C. P. McGregors Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newell spent Sunday with friends in Brantford.

The Women's Auxiliary of Grace Church are meeting today (Thursday) at the home of Mrs. S. Chaffe.

Mrs. Thomas Long of Copetown is visiting for a few days at Geo. Potts.

J. Metzger, Dundas representative of the Corn Club, was a visitor in town last Saturday.

Miss Doris Barnsley of Hamilton, is spending a few days in the village the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ribson, George street.

Gordon Ryckman of the Royal Flying Corps, Toronto, spent the week end with his parents, W. A. and Mrs. Ryckman.

Alfred Dale has purchased a new automobile.

The Knotty Knitting Club packed their first box of socks, consisting of 100 pairs, for direct shipment to England for the field comforts department of the Red Cross.

Mrs. R. Ireland received word yesterday of the death of her brother James Haines of Utica, N. Y. after an illness of four years. Deceased leaves a wife and three children, and three sisters, Mrs. James Baker and Mrs. Brucken of Utica, N. Y. and Mrs. Roy Ireland of Waterdown.

Mrs. Ireland left last night for Utica to attend the funeral.

Several of our young married men are being held up in the city by the Military authorities.

Geo. Nicholson and A. Dale are having an Auction sale of farm stock and implements in the village next Thursday, June 13th.

Flowers

To become acquainted with the flowers in their own natural environment, to watch their resources of life, to look into the variety of their structure, to admire the display of their beauty, and to learn their wonderful effort at propagation, is a story that outrivals the most fascinating fairy tale and is one that never grows old.

We are apt to be carried away by the great developments and the newly discovered facts, which lie along scientific lines, and to some natures they are irresistible, but the study of nature is always restful and refreshing.

The propagation of plants by the assistance of insects, birds and animals, winds, rains and tides is both an interesting and instructive study. For instance, the hedges, the common locust and the silver leaved poplars are propagated by the roots travelling under ground for some distance, then shooting up and producing a new plant. The fern and many garden plants are reproduced by cutting the roots in pieces, each piece producing a new plant.

Some others are propagated by the branches taking root at the end, and thus forming a loop, such as the witch hobble and black raspberry, while the strawberry and cinquefoil send out long leafless runners which take root at intervals, forming new plants.

Then there is the onion, the tiger lily, and various other plants that are propagated by small bulbs grown on the stems, or at the axils of the leaves. When these mature they fall off readily and take root in the soil. Again some plants have an explosive mode of scattering their seed. When the seed pod is ripe and dry, an explosion takes place, scattering the seed in all directions. For instance, the blue violet, the pansy, the wild balsam, the crane's bill, the witch hazel, the Jersey tea and other common plants. The American sandbox tree grows a capsule which, when dry, explodes like the noise of a pistol.

Our common trees, such as the ash, box, elder, elm and maple are dispersed by means of a membranous wing to which the seed is attached. This wing is so adjusted that it falls with a spinning motion. The catalpa and trumpet vine have seeds of a similar kind.

Then there are those plants and seeds which have hairs attached to the seed, and which act as a tail to be carried in all directions by the wind. Some of these are the dandelion, thistle, fleabane, arnica, willow, milk weed and willow herb.

Again, some plants have seed pods with very small openings, resembling a pepper box. These are the poppy, monk's hood, larkspur, velvet leaf and jimson weed, and when these pods are shaken by the wind they readily show their efficiency in the dispersal of their kind.

The tumble-weeds are dispersed chiefly by the wind, and blow about for miles, scattering their seed as they go. Among them are the Russian thistle, pigweed, tickle-grass and pepper grass. A single plant of Russian thistle will grow three feet high and six feet in diameter, and will produce as many as 200,000 seeds.

Our ocean-currents are responsible for transplanting many of our plants and trees. It is a well-known fact that on newly formed coral islands (a rocky formation built by the coral insect), the cocoa palm is the first to spring up; the nuts from these palms may have floated hundreds of miles, as the cocoa-nut is surrounded by a fibrous husk it is well adapted for swimming. There are about a hundred drifting fruits known, among them the Maldivian nut, which has been found to weigh as much as 25 pounds.

Then come the burs, which cling to you with filial affection until force affects a separation. Their means of dispersing their kind is to attach themselves to the hair or fur of passing animals. They are the burdock, stick-tights, and cockle burs. A case of this kind of distribution occurred in the island of Ternate, in the Malay Archipelago. A buffalo with his hair stuck full of the seeds of a coarse grass was sent as a present to the King of Ternate. Very soon the whole island was covered with the grass.

MILGROVE.

Miss Jessie Cornell has returned to her home in Burlington after visiting friends in Milgrove.

Mrs. Ofield, of Coberton, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Carey.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. W. Bean has returned after visiting her parents at St. George.

John Allison and John Roberts has each purchased a new automobile.

D. C. Flatt took his large Sunday School class out yesterday for a joyride. All report the best time ever.

"Jack and Ken on Monday night
Went out to fish, but ne'er a bite."

Mr. Patterson, ex-mayor of Galt, occupied the pulpit on Sunday last, delivering a very fine sermon on temperance.

We fancy wedding bells can be dimly heard in the near future.

A Timely Warning

Some one has been picking the bloom off of the scrubs in the Union cemetery. If repeated the parties will be prosecuted.

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