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SHOULD WAKE UP.

The Windsor Record, Liberal, has the following to say:

"The Ontario Opposition should take effect in directing anew the attenthe following to say: the good advice tendered by the Mail tion of the provincial authorities to

ess.
"Last session it seemed to be still taboring under the depression induced by its calamitous defeat. With an aggressive, young leader it should now sit up and look around. * * The press this session expects to find in the Opposition a wide-awake auxi-

This is of considerabl interest to the people of this riding, especially when it is considered that Kent has had a representative sitting in this "sleepy" Opposition all the time. It is hoped that the advice of the Windsor Record will be heeded by the Liberal members at Toronto, for next to a strong Government is a progressive and wide awake Opposition. It is a source of benefit even to a strong Government. Mr. McCoig has been often scored for doing nothing, but this last criticism from one of his own party papers should arouse him to do something to show that he realizes the responsibilities of his

WILFUL WASTE OF GAS.

"Great complaint is made in regard "Great complaint is made in regard to the waste of gas from the Burgess well at Valetta. Enough gas has already been wasted to supply Tilbury for two years, while the owners, the Maple City Oil & Gas Co., refuse to cap it, and will not even allow Beighboring drillers to pipe it for Tuel, when held up for coal it looks, to an impartial observer, like a deliberate attempt to rain the entire gas field. Experienced oil men say that such conditions would not be allowed to exist a week in the United States, while this waste has now been going on for over three months."

The above news item appeared in The Planet a couple of days ago, and it seems to have been past over unnoticed and unheeded as far as taking steps to stop this wanton waste of gas is concerned? The item has gone anchallenged, which seems to confirm the belief that the statements therein contained are, unfortunately, true.

This is a matter which means much to Chatham-infinitely more than the average reader realizes. When a person stops to consider that millions of feet of gas are being drained from the gas field to which Chathamites are looking for a sufficient supply for domestic and industrial purposes and that this has been going on for the past three months, a realization of the seriousness of the situation coms home with considerable force.

where natural gas has been used for must promise that he will try to follow the directions furnished, and will where natural gas has been used for some time, are experiencing this now, and considerable difficulty is being met with in securing sufficient gas from new wells to supply the created demand. In those places every care is exercised in fostering the supply and in preventing all useless waste, while in the Tilbury field, during the short space of three months, if reports are correct, there has been wasted enough gas to supply a whole village for three years. Surely if this is not stopped at once the "ruin of the entire gas field" will not be long in coming, and then what will be the consequences?

Chathamites have gone to considerable expense to secure this gas, and to get it delivered in the city, and at the present time citizens are paying out money in fitting up their stoves to burn the natural gas. It

ties of the before-mentioned inspec-

tention these days to the natural The Daily Hanri gas issue (the trouble in securing anticient supply). As a result there the service, The St. Catharines Standard says: sufficient supply). As a result there will likely be some improvement in

and Empire and waken up to busi-the prohibition of the export of ness.

natural gas to Buffalo. The supply, such as it is, should be preserved to

JUST A LITTLE BIT OFF THE TOP

This is great weather, but the man with the large ears and the tender feet can be excused for doing a little grumbling on his own hook.

Leader Graham says that the Liberals will blot out the past. The trouble with their past is that there are too many blots on it already.

They talk of moving the electric light plant to the old police station. Many a disgusted citizen, wending his way home some dark night when the lights have been out, has consigned the whole outfit to much more dire places.

The Thaw scandal is being aired in New York. Perhaps this is the reason the January thaws were ashamed to put in an appearance

An American professor says that poets are decreasing. Perhaps, though, it may be that young men have enough money to get a hair cut occasionally nowadays.

The magazines are busy lately telling people how they may live within an income of \$2,000 & year and upwards. This will be welcome news to the majority of their readers who have to live without an income of \$2,000 and upwards.

The haberdasher sighed, for his window, full of lovely holiday necktics, was quite opaque with frost. "I'd give a lot," he said, "for some method to keep my window from frosting over in cold weather." "Pil let you have the method you want for nothing," said the patron. "Coat the inside of your window with glycerine, and it will keep as clear in winter as in summer. I'm a surveyor, and in my trade we always use glycerine on our glass instruments when it's cold." dow, full of lovely holiday neckties,

EXPERIMENTS IN FRUIT GROWING

For a number of years extensive variety tests with fruits have been carried on at the Ontario Agricultural College and the various fruit experi-ment stations in the Province. These

coms home with considerable force. It is hard to imagine a company of sane men allowing such deplorable conditions to exist in the conduct of the operations under their management.

In the first place, it is exceedingly unsanitary, It is a wonder that the farmers living in the vicinity of the escaping gas have not long since entered a vigorous protest, For the sake of the health of the community alone the leakage should be stopped.

The Drovince and the Province. These tests have good idea of what are some of the best varieties for the sections where the tests have been made.

The Nollowing list gives the names of a number of these, which are now offered for co-operative testing. One of the objects of this co-operative testing is to distribute these leading varieties more widely that they may be tested in every township of the Province, and that each grower may select for himself and grow more extensively those which give the best results on his own farm. Over 2,000 experimenters are already engaged in this work and are profiting because experimenters are already engaged in this work and are profiting because of its practical and educational value. The co-operation of all who are interested in fruit growing is invited. Any resident of the Province who wishes to take part in this work may select any one of the experiments in a product is concerned. St. Catharines, Hamilton and Brantford, where natural gase has been used for where it has been used for the state of cost. All we require is that each applicant "what time is 15?"

In eating pic care should be not to click the knife on the 1 sound is very annoying to persons.—Boston Transcript.

John's Explanation as John came into the room and hung his collar on the 1 state of the same will be furnished free of cost. All we require is that each applicant "what time is 15?"

ties of the before-mentioned inspector the task of enforcing such law to the very letter.

The gress of this section of the province is devoting considerable at-

Rosa's Curiosity.

the service, The St. Catharines
Standard says:
The experience which St. Catharines, Hamilton and Brantford are passing through in regard to the pastwal gas graphy should have good.

My Rosa—dat's my girl, you know—She alla time ees tease me so An' aska dees an' dat for try An' guess w'at prasant I am buy For geve to her on Chrees'mas day, But alla time I laugh an' sny:
"Nô! Nô! Eet ees su'prise for you. An' eet ees gona pleass you too! I have eet bought an' put away For keep for you teell Chrees'mas day." She stamp de foot an' say: "Oh, my! You tase me so you mak' me cry! You are so mean as you can be Bayeause you weell no taia, me!" My frand, she coax so lika dat; At las' I say, "Eet eess hat!" Oh, den, my frand, for sure she cry An' look so sad an' say: "Oh, why You tal me w'at eet gona bis' I want eet be su'prise for me. Baysides, I theenk eet be a reeng Eef you gon' geeve me anytheeng." Ha! W'at you theenka dat, my frand? Dees girls ees hard for ondrastand. So, queeck I say: "Eet ees no true. I justa maka joke weeth you." So now, you see, I musia gat A reeng censtead for deess hat, An' den, how mooch she coax an' tease, I weell no tal her w'at eet ees. A reeng censtead for deesa hat,
An' den, how mooch she coax an' tease,
I weell no tal her w'at eet ees.
But here ees steell da hat! Oh, pleass,
My frand eef eet should be you meet
Som body walkin' on da street
Dat look for buty da styleesh hat,
I have da cheap wan he can gat!
—T. A. Daly in Catholic Standard and
Times.

There was a mighty crash, and the great touring car of the leading lady collided with the humble milk cart. Amid the shower of white liquid the press agent jumped out on the sidewalk and began to write furiously.

"It is too bad," sobbed the leading lady as she gazed ruefully on the ruin of her thousand dollar gown.
"Cheer up, madam," said the press

agent. "The accident is worth at least "Ten thousand? What have you

"Why, I have written this: 'Mme Flasher took her milk bath on Main street today."—Detroit Tribune.

Going Him One Better.



Chatty Old Gentleman (as they pas the asylum)—We get an excellent view of the asylum from the railway. Escaped Lunatic-Ah, but yo ought the railway from the asylum!-

Exceptional Etiquette. should be taken not to step on her

If afflicted with hay fever, refrain from sneezing while talking with a grass widow. Some grass widows are

very sensitive.

The proper mode of heading a letter is "Dear Sir." Never write "Dr. Sir" unless the man owes you money. .In eating pie care should be exercised not to click the knife on the teeth. This sound is very annoying to sensitive persons.—Boston Transcript.

"John." said Mrs. Noodles savagely as John came into the room unsteadily "what time is it?"

"Jus' 1 o'clock, my dear," replied

John, making a desperate effort to act "What do you mean by telling me strike 3 not ten minutes before you

"Yes-hic-my dear, but you don't un'stand that clock. It's a repeater."-Milwaukee Sentinel.

A Sure Sign. "Now, there's Tommy Brown," said. Willie's mother. "I'm sure he likes to go to Sunday school." "the way he talks about it." "Why, what does he say?"
"He calls it "Sabbath a

Dangerous Ground.

"That man is utterly lacking in the most ordinary sense of propriety," said the sensational authore

Houston Post.

"He actually tried to discuss some of the details of my latest book with me!"-Washington Star.

"For three hours," said the poet, "I have sat here, but haven't written a "What you need," said his wife, "is exercise. Come and help me with the week's washing!"—Atlanta Constitu-

Mrs. Auchterbody—Weel, Sandie, you was a fine dry day we had last month.

Sandie—Deed, aye; it just put me is mind o' ane we had when I was a bit laddle, but it was, it onything, fully drive—Punch. drier.-Punch

MYTHICAL CREATURES.

The General Belief In Fabulous Mon-sters In Olden Days.

Now that the cold light of science has thrown its ray upon the most remote parts of our globe there is no longer room for legendary creaturessave the sea serpent-and we are told that the mermaid is nothing more than a dugong, a unicorn either a rhinoceros or a Tibetan antelope, while the cockatrice, the phoenix and the roc appear to be pure imaginations.

But in the Elizabethan age—an age

when the dodo had but recently been discovered—these and many other mythical creatures were, if not living, at all events actual realities to the ordinary public, and as such were referred to in the works of the great dramatist and other contemporary writers. We meet, for instance, in the "Win-ter's Tale" the line, "Make me not sighted like the basilisk," and in "The rempest," "Now I will believe that there are unicorns." But not only was more or less of credulity given to the existence of these and such like fabuious monsters, but a web of mystic lore encircled the most common and best known of beasts, birds and fishes. Who, for instance, is forgetful of the popular superstitions connected with the salamander, the newt and the blindworm, and who fails to remember White's account of the "shrewash" at Selborne? And if such superstitions still survive among uneducated peasants of the present day we may be assured that two centuries ago they were fully believed by the higher classes.—

WORKS OF A WATCH.

All the Parts Are but the Expression of One Idea.

To one who has never studied the mechanism of a watch its mainspring or the balance wheel is a mere plece of metal. He may have looked at the face of the watch, and while he admires the motions of its hands and the time it keeps he may have wondered in idle amazement as to the character of the machinery which is concealed within. Take it to pieces and show him each part separately, and he will recognize neither design nor adaptation nor relation between them, but put them together, set them to work, point out the offices of each spring, wheel and cog, explain their movements and then show him the result. Now he perceives that it is all one design; that, notwith standing the number of parts, their diverse forms and various offices and the agents concerned, the whole piece is of one idea. He now rightly concludes that when the mainspring was fashion ed and tempered its relation to all the that the cogs on this wheel are cut and regulated—adapted—to the ratchets on that, etc., and his final conclusion will be that such a piece of mechanism could not have been produced by chance, for the adaptation of the parts s such as to show it to be according to design and obedient to the will of one

Fifty Miles to Market.

It is not an uncommon thing in France to see a farmer forty or fifty miles from home in wet weather with a load. If he sees a prospect of a three days' rain, he puts his tarpaulin over his load, a cover over his horses and a waterproof coat on and starts off to market. He may go fifty miles before he finds a market that suits him, or he may know in advance just where he is going. You do not often see anybody driving fifty miles through a rainstorm in the United States to find a market for a load of hay, but it is not uncommon to see farmers' wagons for ty or fifty miles from home in France. They choose the wet weather for that purpose. Their roads are just as good

and that Chinese history goes back at least 500,000,000 years. The government records of China place the foundation of the empire at 2500 B. C. and claim that it was established by Tohi, who, they assert, is the Noah men-tioned in the book of Genesis, B. C.

How It Struck Her. "You seemed greatly impressed," said the minister, "with my description of how they brought the head of John the Baptist before the king on a salver." "Yes." sighed Mrs. De Style; "I was ed servants in those days. Now, mine when they bring me things, are forever forgetting the salver,"

A Sure Way. First Author—Oh, the unutterable monotony of existence! I am thoroughly disgusted with it all. Would that I might completely disappear for awhile. Second Author—Then why don't you marry a famous woman?—

Her Mourning. Maud-Why is that lady over th way always in black? Is she mourn ing for any one? Bess—Yes, a hus band. Maud—I didn't know she'd beer married. Bess—No, but she's mourn-ing for a husband all the same.

Of Course.

Professor (a little distracted) — I'm glad to see you. How's your wife?

"I regret it, professor, but I'm not married."

"Ah, yes. Then of course your wife's still single."—Fliegende Blatter.

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OPERATION WOUNDS.

Serious Danger to Which Surgeons Are Exposed-First Signs of Medical Blood Poisoning.

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This term blood poisoning is employed to express a disease resulting from the entrance into the blood of the germs of putrefaction or of pus formation or the absorption of the poisons elaborated by these germs existing on the outside of the body. It is a much less common affection bow than it was before the introduction of antiseptic surgery.

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In those days hospital wards, even the cleanest, harbored millions of septic bacteria. The knives and other instruments used in operating, although carefully washed in soap and hot water was the cleanest, harbored millions of septic bacteria. The knives and other instruments used in operating, although carefully washed in soap and hot water, were in effect no different from the poisoned arrows of the savage bowman. The lint used to pack the wounds, the bandages employed to keep the lint in place, the sponge with which the wound was washed at each dressing, were all impregnated with living germs of disease, and finally the very hands of the surgeon, scrupulously clean as they seemed to be, were coated with the microbes of suppuration and putrefaction.

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tice.
To day it is not the patient who is in danger of blood poisoning, but the surgeon, who may accidentally inoculate himself through a scratch or a hangnail.

The first signs of this are a feeling

The first signs of this are a feeling of soreness in the arm, for a finger is usually the site of inoculation, and redness and a slight swelling at the point where the poison entered. This redness soon extends up the inner side of the arm in streaks which mark the lymphatic vessels. The bacteria are passing through them to gain entrance finally into the general circulation. The glands in the armpit, through which the lymphatics pass, also become hard and swollen.

Soon the patient begins to have fever, alternating, perhaps, with chills, and then the symptoms of general blood poisoning appear.

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