

# Last Chance

Thirty days sale of McBurney-Beattie Bicycles is nearly up. Buy before the 13th and save \$20.00.

ON HAND—Several second-hand wheels in good condition, will be sold for a mere trifle.

## E. L. BROWN.

# Something for Nothing!

You can't get blood out of a stone, and no merchant can give you something for nothing. We aim to make a small profit on every pair of Shoes.

The promises of the BARGAIN DAY MERCHANT are written in water. Shoes should be bought from a dealer whose promises can be depended upon.

We claim to have THE WISDOM OF AGE, and the Enterprise and Progressiveness of Youth, as far as Shoe selling is concerned.

SHOES well bought are half sold.

Follow the crowds of Shoe buying people and come to us, where good Shoes are sold for little money.

## WALKER & LOVE.

# G. C. Bristow

Has just received a good assortment of Ready-to-wear Suits.

### Suits for Men Suits for Youths Suits for Boys

The Goods and prices are right. Be sure to call on G. C. BRISTOW.

Remember the spot—

Opposite Central Hotel, Aylmer.

# SAY!

It's our object to procure for our customers the best values obtainable. When we buy cheap, we sell cheap. This week we have a few novelties for you at prices that will sell them very quickly indeed. Take a look in our window when you go by.

MEDALLIONS—Beautiful hand colored, glass mounted with untarnishable metal corners, sold regularly for 50c. each. We have 72 pairs (12 subjects) at only 50c. per pair.

PRIVATE POST CARDS with cuts of Talbot Street, Shoe factory and Collegiate Institute, worth 2c, each, for 10 cents a doz.

WRITING PADS, with cuts as above, at 10 and 20c. each.

PAPETRIES with cuts, worth 50c., for 35c.

BOOKS—Cloth bound, about 100 left, at 15c. each.

## E. A. CAUGHELL.

Our school books and school supplies are here. We're all ready for school opening.

### THE REGENT DIAMOND.

It is Acknowledged the Most Perfect Brilliant in Existence.

The "Pitt" (or "Regent," as it was afterward called) is the most perfect brilliant in existence, and its history is also very remarkable. It is said to have been found by a slave in the Par-teal mines in 1701, who to retain his treasure cut a hole in the calf of his leg, in which he concealed it, although it is more probable he secreted it among the bandages. The slave escaped to the coast with his find, where he encountered an English skipper, whom he made his confidant, offering, indeed, to bestow upon him the stone in return for his liberty. The mariner, apparently consenting to the slave's proposal, took him out to sea and when there drowned him, after obtaining possession of the diamond. Disposing of the gem to a diamond merchant for \$1,000, it is said the man afterward hanged himself in a fit of remorse.

Mr. Pitt, governor of Fort St. George and great-grandfather of the illustrious William Pitt, became the next possessor of this valuable stone, weighing 410 carats, for £20,000. He sent it to London, where he had it very skillfully cut at a cost of £5,000, the process occupying two years. Pitt appears to have found his diamond no very enviable possession, for, after refuting the calumnies of his enemies, who had charged him with having obtained it by unfair means, he was so haunted by the fear of being robbed that he never slept two nights consecutively under the same roof, never gave notice of his arrival in or departure from town and went about mysteriously disguised. He must necessarily have felt greatly relieved when he parted with the diamond to the Duc d'Orleans, regent during the minority of Louis XV, king of France, in 1717 for the sum of £135,000.—Chambers' Journal.

### MINERS AND MORPHINE.

A Necessary Custom Which is Not Pleasant to Contemplate.

"When I was in the northwest," said a gentleman with some money invested in mines, "I employed a prospector to go out into the mountains looking for properties which had been recommended to me. One day he was to have gone from our camp over into a very rough and rocky district, but when evening came he reported that he hadn't made the trip.

"Why not?" I inquired.

"Because I didn't have my morphine with me," he responded in a very matter of fact manner.

"Morphine?" said I in astonishment.

"What has that got to do with it? You are not a morphine fiend, are you?"

"Not as much of a one as you are a tenderfoot," he laughed and proceeded to inform me that every prospector who knew his business always carried with him enough morphine to kill a man easily and that he did so in order to end himself quickly in case of an accident which would disable him far away from assistance. There were many instances of prospectors falling over cliffs and crippling themselves or breaking a leg in a hole among the rocks or rendering themselves helpless in some other way, and death was sure to follow by starvation or freezing or in some sections by being devoured by wolves or other wild animals. In order to prevent such a horrible death as any of these the prospector simplified matters by always carrying a little packet of morphine, which not only quieted the pain of the hurt he had sustained, but put him to sleep pleasantly to wake no more on earth. It struck me at first as uncanny, not to say wicked, but I got over that feeling after a narrow escape or two, and I carried my little tin box just like a veteran would."

—Washington Star.

### STARTED A PRAIRIE FIRE.

An Army Officer Caused the Worst One Ever Known in Kansas.

The greatest prairie fire known in Kansas was in the year 1869, and it was set out by an officer of the United States government.

One day in 1869 he and a party of officers from Fort Hays were returning from a wild turkey hunt in the canyons of the Saline. The wind was blowing a hurricane, and when a stop was made on the high prairie some ten miles north of Hays this officer deliberately touched a match to the dry, crisp grass in order to make a spectacle. When the other officers saw what he was about to do, they made a desperate effort to stop him, but the deed had been done, and the red flames were reeling across the prairie like a frightened antelope. That fire swept from where it had been started clear across Kansas into what is now Oklahoma. The streams and roads offered no obstacles to it whatever. While going south it had also turned to the east and left a trail of ruin across Rice, Reno, Kingman, Harper and other counties. Thousands of settlers were burned out, losing their houses and their feed, their horses and cattle.

—Washington Star.

### GROVESEND.

Mrs. S. Telford, spent a few days of last week, at her daughters in S. Thomas.

Miss Hattie McClelland left on Tuesday for a two weeks visit with friends in London, Sarnia, and other places.

Mr. Davidson, a young college student, preached a splendid sermon in this place on Sunday evening, in place of Mr. Moorhouse, who preached in Sparta.

Little Hazel Ingram entertained a number of her friends to a birthday party on Thursday, she received a number of presents.

Mrs. J. McClelland, and Clarie Nickle spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Aylmer.

Our lace, silk and tapestry curtains, are best and cheapest. A. J. Anderson.

Aylmer's Greatest Store.

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# YOUELL & WRONG

We are selling large quantities of Wash Goods these days. Our bargains are convincing, and careful buyers so easily recognize this fact that it is only necessary to tell them what we are doing. Here are a few of our offerings for this week. Be early for them.

Magog Gingham per yard, 5 cents.

10 Choice Patterns, in striped Dimities, regular 15c. per yard, 10 cents.

12 Pieces of Piques, plain and colored stripes, what we have been selling at 20c. and 22c., this week per yard 10 cents.

5 pieces of American Muslins, brand new goods, latest shades and patterns worth 25c. per yard., for 17c.

### 3 HOSIERY SPECIALS

20 dozen ladies' fast black Cotton Hose, regular 12 1-2c line per pair 10c.

25 dozen ladies' fast black Cotton Hose, Hermsdorf dye, the kind you pay 18c. for. This week two pair for 25c.

10 dozen ladies' full fashioned cotton hose, silk finish, guaranteed not to change color, good value at 25c. per pair, 19c.

# A Few Linen Specials

200 Yards of 60 inch Cream Satin finished Damask Table Linen, extra special, per yard, 23 cents.

3 pieces loom, direct tabling, pure linen, worth 40c., this week per yard 29c.

1 piece of full bleach Satin Damask, new patterns, warranted all linen Tabling, regular \$1.65 per yard for \$1.25.

25 Dozen Turkish Bath Towels, pure linen, fancy border, size 30 x 42, per pair 60c.

50 Dozen Grass Bleached Huck Towels, fringed, plain border, size 24 x 36, per pr., 25c.

60 Dozen Glass Towels, fancy check, per dozen, 45 cents.

Valenciennes Laces and insertion per dozen yards, 25 cents.

SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS—Our buyer, while on a trip to the Queen City last week secured a jobbers' stock of boys' knitted Sailor Blouses, at less than manufacturers' prices. While they last we will sell them each at 38c.

Saturday we sell 18 dozen men's 25c. Braces, two pair for 35c.

# YOUELL & WRONG.

See our windows for Saturday bargains.

### Pessimistic Parsons.

The Babler does not believe in criticizing either the sermons nor services of the church which he attends. But there comes a time in every human heart crying out for the comfort of faith and the knowledge of God and seeking that comfort and knowledge from the words of one who claims, by education and ordination, the right to teach from the pulpit the truth that the words he listens to are as stones where he hoped for "bread," as "scorpion" when he needed "eggs."

For three successive Sabbaths he has listened to the preaching of a gentleman whose goodness we cannot doubt, but whose hopeless utterances would convince us—if we did not know better—that the heavens were molten brass and the earth a whirlpool of iniquity, that for humanity there was nothing but misery, unless perchance in the hereafter. God would relent and give us a little peace. We have come out of that house of worship heartsick and looking into the sky watching the glorious sunset and its after glow, lighting this beautiful, bountiful world of ours, have learned, despite the words of the preacher that life is good, and no misery comes to man but through man's own acts.

These pessimistic utterances help no one. There is nothing in them for everyday life and the members of the congregation who love and respect the parson, excuse the sermons by saying, "Oh, his liver is out of order," or "he suffers from indigestion." Is the pulpit a place to distill bile? Should a congregation be denied practical, helpful sermons on account of a man's digestion? We wot not. As Christ helped with words of peace, so let his teachers help. If the life of Christ has left anything in this world it is hope.

### THE MISSIONARY QUESTION.

When Lord Salisbury spoke as he did of the missionaries in China he did not do so thoughtlessly. Men and women have pushed themselves into the mission field, regardless of every text in the bible, except "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature." It never seems to have dawned upon them that the time had come to say "Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we wipe up against you." This being as much a command as "go and preach," should have been heeded. All great wars have been brought about by acts of individuals rather than the masses.

The individual teacher, the individual missionary has forced himself into China against the wishes of the people, and now the nations represented by these individuals are crying for revenge. The incalculable complications which this war suggests, the many possibilities of misunderstandings amongst the allies, the problem of the introduction of western civilization in the Chi-

ese Empire are questions to appal the bravest statesman.

### WOMEN IN POLITICS.

We notice in one of our leading dailies that Mr. Macleod Stewart, of Ottawa, is to contest Carleton county and that Mrs. Stewart is to accompany him through the campaign.

That the leading ladies in England have long since been prominent in the election contests of their husbands is a well known fact, but Mrs. Macleod Stewart is the first Canadian lady, so far as the Babler knows, who has taken this position. Mrs. Stewart is a woman of charming personality and brilliant manner, and will doubtless assist her husband practically in his campaign. Mr. Macleod Stewart has long been known as the advocate of the Georgian Bay canal. The plan of the Georgian Bay canal, the Ottawa river down the St. Lawrence to Montreal. Practical engineers deem the scheme most expedient. As the obstructions to be overcome lie within a distance of 15 miles the saving of distance would be three hundred and forty miles from Chicago, and the area of square miles from which freight would be sent along this line route is about one million five hundred square miles. This would doubtless make Montreal the greatest shipping centre in the western world, and the government which pushes this enterprise will have something to show to its constituents and to the world at large of Canadian energy and foresight.

Mrs. Stewart has every detail of this great scheme at her fingers ends and will doubtless explain more fully and thoroughly than we have done. We wonder if others will follow this fair lady's example, and will part of the outfit of the coming politician be an intelligent and charming wife?

Aug. 8, 1900.

### THE BABLER.

### Colds That Hang on

Pneumonia is the result of neglected chest colds, colds that hang on and inflame and irritate the bronchial tubes and lungs. To promptly and thoroughly cure chest colds, tightness in the chest and all colds in the throat and bronchial tubes Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has proved itself the most effectual remedy extant. Its sale is simply enormous. Family size 60 cents.

"Doctors say that cold weather affects the nerves." "That's so; when it is below zero I feel a peculiar nervous timidity about getting out of bed in the morning."

Remember this: No other medicine has such a record of cures as Hood's Sarsaparilla. When you want a good medicine, get Hood's.

### Toronto's All-Canada Exhibition.

"Educational and Entertaining, Aggressive and Progressive," are the very appropriate watch-words adopted by the Toronto Industrial Exhibition this year, which will be held from August 27th to September 8th. This is the twenty-second successive year of Canada's great Exposition at Toronto, and each year has not only seen an improvement in the arrangements as compared with the years that have gone, but the quality of the stock is very far ahead of what it was at the beginning, thus proving the incalculable value of Fairs such as that held annually at Toronto. It is an old story to say that the exhibition immediately approaching will be superior to all predecessors, but it can safely be said that arrangements have been made, and negotiations are pending, that warrant the statement that the Toronto Fair of 1900 will fully maintain the reputation it has gained by being the best of all that are annually held. A good deal of the space has already been taken up, and a number of entries have already been made, but there are so many divisions comprised in the prize list, with its 131 classes and \$35,000 in premiums, that there is ample provision for all; and, talking of those divisions, it is interesting to note that there are no fewer than 55 in class 128, knitting, shirts, quilts, cloths, etc.; 354 in class 54, poultry; and an average of 16 or 17 in each of two dozen classes devoted to horses and cattle. This will give some idea not only of the scope of Toronto's Great Exposition, but also of the opportunities offered to secure a prize. It is a little early to refer to what is promised in the way of entertainment, but when it is stated that \$30,000 is spent annually on this department, visitors have ample guarantee that they will be abundantly provided for, and the admission to the Toronto Exhibition with its myriads of attractions is only 25c. Entries close on Aug. 4th, and prize lists may be had by addressing H. J. Hill, Manager Industrial Exhibition, Toronto. As last year, so this, the exhibition will be inaugurated on Tuesday evening, August 28th, with a brilliant Military Tattoo. Reduced rates will be given and excursions held on all lines of travel.

### FOR SALE.

Saw mill, with 40-horse power boiler and 35-horse power engine; everything complete, new, and in first-class condition. A bargain for some one. Apply to, or address, THE EXPRESS Printing Office, Aylmer, Ont.

FOR SALE—75 acres of sandy loam land, two miles from the Village of Stratfordville; good farm buildings, nearly new, good orchard, plenty of good water land, well drained, being part of lot 15, in the 5th concession of Bayham. A great bargain for some one. Must be sold. Apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

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