

Valentines

We think we are safe in saying that we have by far the largest stock of valentines that ever came into Aylmer, the largest in our time at any rate. Hundreds upon hundreds, yes, thousands of them.

The custom of sending valentines greetings (like many other old styles and customs) has been revived in earnest. Their sale when in vogue half a century ago was large but only a fraction of the millions that have been made for the 1908 trade. A great change however has been made in valentine styles, few of the comic stable-in-the-back kinds remain and in their place we have the pretty valentine post cards, dainty greeting cards, and pretty artistically made valentines of every description and in price from 10 cents to \$2.50 each. Our window is filled with them now.

Now, don't be cross with the children when they ask for money for valentines altho, perhaps you cannot quite understand why this custom has been revived, it's a fact that it's here and the little ones will be quite out of style if they don't send valentine greetings this year, and the grown up children too for all that matter.

Valentines Day, February 14th, 1908.

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Some Important Letters Missing—Alleged Perjurer on Trial.

London, Jan. 27.—The Druce case, which has been so prolific of sensations, on Saturday offered still another.

The solicitor for George Hollamby Druce, who claimed to be the son of the Duke of Portland in the latter's dual personality of Thomas Charles Druce, and as such to be heir to the title and estate, made public the correspondence he has had with the public prosecutor, in which he asks that official to assist him in locating letters offered him by Miss Mary Patterson of New York, but which have fallen into the hands of a man purporting to be his representative. In a letter to George Hollamby Druce, Miss Patterson said she had a number of letters written by T. C. Druce to her mother, in which Druce referred to himself as the Duke of Portland. George Hollamby Druce sent Miss Patterson money to come to England, according to her letters, a man

representing himself as an agent of George Hollamby Druce's solicitor, called on her and got the letters. The solicitor is anxious now to find the letters, as he says they are necessary in the defence of Miss Robinson.

Miss Mary Robinson is said to be an American woman, the daughter of a southern planter. She recently testified during the progress of the Druce case that she knew Druce as the Duke of Portland, that Charles Dickens told her that Druce was the Duke of Portland and that Druce himself afterwards confirmed the statement. Miss Robinson was arrested Jan. 17, on a warrant charging her with perjury and she came up for trial Saturday. Her attorney declared that he had been unable to get any coherent story from her, that he believed her of unsound mind, and that the case was one for medical experts. The judge, however, decided that there was no evidence to bear out this contention, and he ordered the trial to proceed.

Attempt to Find Profitable Use For a Wasted Product.

Newfoundland whalers, seized with a spirit of enterprising economy, are reported to be attempting to place whale hide on the market for the manufacture of whale leather.

It is not surprising that such an attempt should be made. It must vex the spirit of any whaler of well balanced mind to see, after all the hardships and danger of his calling, an enormous and altogether disproportionate bulk of his quarry cast away. From a large right whale of, say, 45 to 50 feet in length, about 250 barrels of oil and one and three-quarter tons of baleen, or whalebone, may be obtained. The remainder of the gigantic carcass, which may be as much as fifty tons, has hitherto been considered useless.

The average whale hide if laid out on the ground would cover a surface of nearly 1,500 square feet, at which rate one whale if its hide could be made into boots and shoes would well stock a West end boot shop.

It is also hoped that the intestines of the whale will be made remunerative. This product is described as very thin and tough and suitable for glove manufacturers.

Regarding the use of whale for glove making, a Leicester Square firm gave their opinion that the only satisfactory skin yet found for fine gloves is goat-skin.

"It is not unlikely, however," they said, "that whale intestine could be manufactured into good motoring and driving gloves, for which reindeer at present holds the field against all other skins."

"At various times many skins have been tried, such as the skins of crocodiles, cats, pigs, calves, lambs and even rats. Many of the men's cheap dress gloves on the market are made in Naples of the skins of the local sewer rats. But practically all the skins mentioned have been found treacherous. Glove skins must not only be pliable, but also perfectly tough and firm, since they have to be sewn up right at the edge. If whale intestine is found to possess these three qualities, no doubt there would quickly be a market for whale gloves."—London Express.

The Attainment of the Best.

Earnest desire for the attainment of the best is rightly accounted one of the mainsprings of the progressive Christian life. Directed toward noble ends, and given worthy channels to work in, Christian ambition leads to the summit of highest blessing. But in every plan and purpose the divine guidance and blessing is conditional upon acknowledgment of God. The path must lead, not self-ward, but God-ward.

The ambition of James and John was unholy because it was selfish. How it all comes out in their request to Jesus: "Grant unto us that we may sit, the one on Thy right hand and the other on Thy left, in Thy glory!"

They sought their own exaltation. Jesus shows us the better way, and his ideal is fast becoming the ideal of the world. He points out the ambition that will always bless and never curse: "Whoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chiefest, let him be the servant of all." That, He went on to say, is my law of life, for "the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give His life a ransom for many." The holy ambition that leads without fail to the highest levels is the ambition to serve; to do the largest amount of good we can; to give all that we can possibly give; to lift every pound that we may from the shoulders of those who are crushed; to do the duty that we may every tear that we can dry; and to be a blessing to every needy soul we may chance to meet on the highway of life. He is the greatest who serves best. That is the path of highest honor and truest satisfaction.

Every man makes choice of his own way as well as his own ambitions. Jesus asks: "What would ye?" Let us be careful to forget all about seats and choose the subject's cup and the path of service. That path alone leads to the highest levels.

When Life Was Little Valued.

The 223 capital offences which the old English law recognized as punishable by death did not keep down the death penalty for all crimes but murder, crime in England, as well as everywhere else all over the world where the death penalty has been modified, lessened markedly, notes The Boston Traveler. Edmund Burke said that he could, in his time, obtain the assent of the House of Commons to any bill carrying death punishment. In Burke's day all classes of the community endeavored, with success, to have offences which injured them made subject to the extreme penalty. It would be difficult to-day even to imagine a list of 223 crimes which could be classed as misdemeanors, and this number in England, a century ago, was not altogether a legacy from the dark ages, because 150 of them were of later date than the reign of the Georges.

A man's life was not very valuable in those days. If he scratched his name on Westminster bridge; if he wore a wig or false moustache or other disguise on a public road; if he cut down a young tree; if he stole property worth more than a dollar and a quarter; if he had been transported for crime and returned a day ahead of the expiration of his punishment; if he wrote a threatening letter; if he stole a hide from a tanner's; for any and all of these things, and for two hundred more than these, he was hanged by the neck until he was dead. The problem of crime, was solved in those days by putting the criminal to death on the theory that there was no hope of regenerating a felon, and while he lived his influence would spread and corrupt the community. It was better, therefore, for his own sake as well as that of society, that he should be dead.

As late as 50 years ago there were at one time in London fifty-eight persons, one of them a child under ten years of age, under sentence of death.

Our sale of winter Goods, Furs, Fur Jackets and Cloth Jackets and all our Winter Goods still goes on.

Our February White Goods Sale Opens Saturday Feb. 1

We have been preparing for this Sale for over four months and to give our customers cheap White Wear, we have kept the following five points continually in our minds while making our purchases. 1st--Durability and Wear. 2nd--Perfection of fit and finish. 3rd--Design and Style. 4th--Fullness of sizes. 5th--Price and Quality.

The lowness of our prices will make you marvel. Come anyway if Only to see you'll not be asked to buy.

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Big Display of Linens.

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Wheat, Standard	95 to 95
Oats, per bushel	45 to 50
Barley, per bushel	60 to 60
Peas, per bushel	80 to 80
Beans	90 to 90
Corn, per bushel	65 to 65
Buckwheat	60 to 60
Rye, per bushel	65 to 65
Bran, per ton	25 00 to 25 00
Shorts, per ton	27 00 to 27 00
Chop, per ton	30 00 to 35 00
Eggs, per dozen	25 to 27
Butter, per lb.	25 to 27
Potatoes per bushel	60 to 75
Hay per on	12 00 to 14 00
Chickens, per lb.	8 to 10
Turkeys per lb.	10 to 12
Geese, per lb.	8 to 11
Ducks, per lb.	9 to 12
Live Hogs	5 00 to 5 00
Dressed Hogs	to
Dried Apples, per lb.	60 to 60

TRUMPER... Big January Sale

\$20.00 Suits \$16.00
\$5.50 Trousers \$3.99
All these goods made by first class mechanics (in the premises)
\$20.00 Suits \$9.90
made to your measure by factory makers.

We also have a few Hats and Caps left which we are selling at cost.

TRUMPER THE TAILOR

Every one knows that in using a field glass it is necessary to adjust it to a proper focus. Suppose that you put one of the tubes at your focus and the other tube at a focus that suited some one else and then you looked through both tubes. You would have a more or less blurred vision, and if you kept on looking the chances are that you would feel giddy and get a headache. Now, the two eyes are supposed to have an equal natural focus, and when by any chance that focus is

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\$200 Wanted in Cash IN 15 DAYS
During the balance of Jan, we are making a special sale on all winter goods, all new, and bought at the lowest price. Honest goods at honest prices to you, we need money.

1st--10 Men's Fur Coats
\$25 00 Coats now...\$18 00
\$23 00 Coats now...\$17 00
\$16 00 Coats now...\$13 00

2nd--Men's and Boys' Suits
Overcoats and Pants, new and up-to-date in Blacks, Plain and Fancy. Come in and see what we have others tell us our prices and patterns are the best.

3rd--Top Shirts Undershirts
Smocks, Caps, Mitts and Gloves
Touques, Sweaters and all winter goods to go this month.

4th--Just a Word on Shoes
We make a speciality of good honest shoes which will give honest wear.

Felt Shoes For Men, Boys and Ladies.
School Shoes for all members of our family the finest lines ever shown Aylmer and as usual our prices are the lowest.

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Valentines from 10 t White Drug Store.

Mr. Kilmer of the coll resumed work after his Miss York, of Harriete the guest of Miss Jessie ing the past week.

The programme after Methodist church on Mo consist of the following: the choir, solos by Mrs. Mrs. Chamberlain; du Mrs. Ninch and Mrs. Turner, with an 1 Bridgman; ms readings, Mrs. Lorne Mil Revs. Lancely, of Londo St. Thomas, and others. chairman.