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Implement House

COMPLAIN OF

THE METHOD.

Instruction of Mathematics

at the C. C. I.

Say That the Eystem .s Unauthorized nd Discriminates Against the Pupil

in After Life.

A petition is in circulation among

the parents of many of the students

of the Collegiate Institute, addressed

to the Board of Trustees and com-

plaining of the method adopted in the

The promoters of the petition allege

that the method taught is an .unauthorized one, and intricate and con-

fusing and that graduates under it,

who enter the profession, are placed

at a disadvantage in being prohibited

from teaching the method they studied

The text of the petition, which ha

To the Chairman and Members of the

Chatham Collegiate Institute

We, the undersigned, are not satis

fied with the progress which our chil-dren are making in the subject of ar-

thmetic, as taught in the Collegiate

Institute and would humbly request your Honorable Board to take the

matter into your serious considera-tion, with a view to remedying the

existing evils. We object to the system used by the

Taylor, in exemplifying the problems, on the ground that it is confusing and

not the same as that taught or according to any authorized text-book in our

public schools or collegiate institutes. This we consider a serious drawback to those who graduate from the collegiate, as teachers, since the system of would not be tole.

tem, complained of, would not be to

Homorable Body to look into the last examination in arithmetic, given at the Chatham Collegiate Institute and

so ascertain the percentage obtained ed by the pupils. By this means both the members of the Board, and the parents of the children, will be en-

abled to see whether or not the result of that examination is satisfactory.

CAPT. DAVIDSON OPTIMISTIC.

Capt. H. J. A. Davidson, of the Northwest Mounted Police, who was with the Canadian Mounted Rifles in

with the Canadian Mounted Rifles in South Africa, is la guest of J.; G. Pennefather, ex-Collector of Customs in this city, and now a resident of Toronto, He is optimistic regarding the war situation, and believes General Kitchener already has the Boers in his power. In such a country it was comparatively easy for

try it was comparatively easy for a mobile force like the Boers to escape

from a tight position by dispersing in twos and threes after agreeing to

meet in a given time at a certain point. For this reason Capt. Davidson does not think De Wet's feats are so marvellous as they seem.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria

New ideas in American Collars ever, week at The 2 T's.

And your petitioners will

erated in the public schools. We would further request

Mathematical Master,

several signatures attached, is as fol-

instruction of mathematics.

themselves.

#### G. W. Cornell ::::: Dentist

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**Oream Putts** 

**Cream Rolls** 

Oyster Patties Meat Pies

**Bausage Rolls** 

Charlotte Russe

AT THE KENT BAKERY. LEAVE YOUR ORDER EARLY. W. S. Richards

To-night, 35c. will buy any Tie The 2 T's store.

Mrs. George Bodger, Grey street, is seriously ill with appendicitis.

Miss Gertie Somerville, accompan-ied by Miss Nellie Rhody, will sing at the Park St. Bible Class to-morrow Christ Church choir holds its week-

ly rehearsal to-night at 8 o'clock, sharp. All members are expected to The civic finance committee met

yesterday afternoon and, without transacting business, adjourned until the first of next week. A liberal reward is offered for the

return of a shopping bag lost yes-terday. Besides other articles it con-tained a purse, in which was over \$60. See Adwt. To-night, 25c. and 35c. Bow and String Ties 15c. or two for 25c., at The 2 Ts.

James Scathe, Harwich, fell head-first from his wagon on King St. to-day. He was standing up and, the wagon slewing, lost his balance. He was badly shaken up, but was not seriously injured.

To-day C. Austin & Co. are selling 35 cent hose for 5 This firm has the reputation of sell-ing goods at a low figure, but when The Planet said last night that they were selling them for twenty-five we were in error.

Cents we were in error.

Jas Beckerd, formerly with Powell

Davis, in this city, has completed his course at the Detroit College of Medicine. He stood at the head of a class of 75 students, only the first three of whom took homors at the recent final examination. Mr. Bechard is a brother of Frank M. Bechard, of this city.

TOWN BELL MAY FALL. Market Clerk Fred Holmes says the sup-port of the town hall bell is in very unsafe condition. On ringing it the tower actually trembles and for that reason he has not been ringing the bell at morning, noon and night for so long a period as formerly. The bell weighs many tons and its fall would cause considerable damage. The property com-mittee intend to look into the matter.

TO-DAY'S MARKET. To-DAY'S MARKET.

There was a very small market this morning, owing to the very cold weather. Eggs were very scarce and were ready sellers at from 18 to 20c. a dozen. Butter was on in fair quantity, selling from 18 to 20c. per lb. Vegetables of all kinds were very limited. Some very choice dressed meats were offered for sale, with little change in prices—beef sold at 5 to 6c. per lb., pork at 8c., and lamb at 7 and 8c. Poultry was more plentiful. Chickens sold at from 20 to 30c. each, and turkeys at 85c.

and turkeys at 85c. A NEW SCHOOL. A NEW/SCHOOL.

Trustees Jos. Everitt, J. Miller and Henry Ramsdale; of Union School Section No. 4. Raleigh and Harwich, were in the city to-day, examining the plans for the new \$2,500 brick school which they purpose erecting. Architects J. L. Wilson & Son have the plans in charge. The building will be of brick and have all modern improvements, including ventilation. This fine school will take the place of the little drab school house that stands on the townline at the point where

#### AFTERNOON'S DESPATCHES.

ESTERHAZY'S APPEAL Paris, Jan. 19 .- Major Esterhazy's appeal against the decision placing him or the retired list of the army has been re

MAY NOT RETURN. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 19.—Lieut.-Col. Steele has, it is said, te m offered an important command in South Africa, and may accept the position instead of returning with the Strathconas.

FOUND GUILTY.

New York, Jan. 19 .- Walter C. Mc-The anniversary services in St. Paul's Church, Bridge End, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3, by Rev. J. F. Jchnston, B. A., of Tilbury, and on the following evening the annual tea, and musical and literary entertainment will be given. Dr. A. W. Thornton will occupy the chair.

Segment Widdle farmedly in the conduction Alister, Andrew J. Campbell, and Wm. A. Death, three of the four persons indicted for the death of Jennie Boss-chieter, a mill girl, of Paterson, N.J., chieter, a mill girl, of Paterson, N.J., who was foully murdered on the night of Oct. 8 last, were last night adjudged guilty of murder in the second plegree. According to the New Jersey law, the maximum penalty for the prisoners is 30 years' imprisonment. The jury took fourteen ballots, and, after summoning Judge Dixon and the miscreas filed into the court room. Seymour Widdis, formerly in the employ of the Lake Erie at St. Thomas and later at Walkerville, has been appointed yard master here in place of R. A Peterson, who has accepted a position in the freight department. They returned at 8.14 o'clock, having been out four hours and twenty-nine

> HER MAJESTY'S HEALTH. London, Jan. 19, 6a. m.-The indis-

London, Jan. 19, 6 a. m.—The indisposition of Queen Victoria is the leading topic in to-day's newspapers. The official announcement that Her Majesty's health is not satisfactory is regarded as of grave significance, and public anxiety will not be diminished by the intimation that the aged British Sovereign has been advised by her doctors to transact no business for the present and to remain in-doors, for some provision for the signing of documents and the performance of other necessary duties must obviously be made, but not even the Prince of Wales can act for the Queen without the authority of par-Parents Petitioning Against the Queen without the authority of par-

Attention is drawn to the fact that Attention is drawn to the fact that to-day the venerable ruler of the British Empire attains the age of 81 years and 210 days, or one day more than the age reached by her grandfather, George III., at his death in 1820. Thus Queen Victoria has not only reigned the longest but has lived the longest of all English monarchs, and there can indeed be no doubt whatever that The Times is right when it says the oldest British Sovereign is also the best beloved.

The Extreme Limit.

"I think there should be a law agains publishing lies," said the innocent faced man as he laid down his paper and heav ed a sigh. "Have you discovered a lie?" was ask

ed by a fellow passenger.
"I'm sure of it. A man who was on a steamer when she was wrecked claims to have swum a distance of 40 miles to land. We know that is a physical impossibility. I myself was once on a steamer lost off the coast, and at that time I was called a champion swimmer. I swam and swam and swam, but I didn't swim no 40 miles. I could not have done it." "How far did you swim?"

"Thirty-nine miles to a foot, sir, and any man in this world who says he has sn't in him, sir!"

Rife Fire.

When we had entered that spitting, humming zone of rifle fire, the like of which no living soldier had ever before witnessed, a bullet skimmed along the top of a man's head, just grazing the skin and fighting off the half in its course. skin and flicking off the hair in its course. Surely the time for a prayer or even shriek, if ever there were one. "I've just had a free 'air cut, mates!" was the only observation heard by the officer who witnessed this ghastly jest of the pale one.—

The mischief of flattery is not that it

persuades any man that he is what he is not, but that it suppresses the influence of honest ambition by raising an opinion that honor may be gained without the

A St. Louis woman was asked how she managed her husband. "Feed him well and trust to luck." was the answer.

There are about 100,000 Indians in the Dominion of Canada located upon re-

The Cane Fiend. "Say," said the man from Jersey as his

right and left hand changed bundles, 'd'you ever think who was the worst kind of a bore? I'll tell you. It's the man who's got a history to tell about every who's got a history to tell about every blame thing he owns. He can't trot out a clay pipe without relating some dreary yarn about how he got it or something that happened to him once while he was smoking it. You sit and writhe, and he dodders away. The dad bingest bore I know lives in Harlem. Me and Mrs. Miggs took dinner with him last week one night. He's got a room chock full of canes—must be more'n 300. No famous or even half way well known man ever owned one of them. They're just canes, cut here and there wherever he's been. He pesters his friends to bring him home a cane whenever they go away. They He pesters his friends to bring him home a cane whenever they go away. They ain't even rare or even pretty wood. They are just about as interesting and valuable as a collection of tomato cans would be. Yet he'll talk you biind about them; tell you where can't one was cut and who got it and how many times he jabbed his knife into his finger while he was doing it. Smart enough business man too. But we've all got our soft spots, I guess."

BEAD STREET TRACK TO GO.

Gen. Manager Woollatt, of the Lake Erie, was in Chatham to-day on his way home from inspecting the work done on the Ridgetown-Dutton extension of the Lake Erie.

While in the city Mr. Woollatt expressed a desire to meet Mayor Sulman and the members of the city council.

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He also said that the Lake Erie would be willing to meet the council half way in anything they might ask, and were quite agreeable to the track being moved from Head street to the alley one block further north.

# **GETS GAY**

And Incidentally Makes Plant Painters Become Emerald With Envy.

Megnificent Memorial to Gerius Presented on the Windows of Morley & Co.

King Frost made himself felt last ever

It is always expected that when he make decided appearance, the mighty monarel of frigidity, will play some prank. His seems to be an unseen hand that works mysteriously for good or ill. Frozen water

mysteriously for good or ill. Frozen water pipes and general difficulties arising from operations of the invisible worker cause outbursts of exercrations from the citizens generally. But his work is not all for the worse. He brings us snow, and thus greases the wheels of local commerce, and he gives the smooth ice on which the Canadian young people my enjoy the pleasures of skating and hockey.

Then again, he sometimes turns the attention of his fairy force to making brilliant works of art. This morning all who passed the windows of Morley & Co.'s establishment were enchanted by a beautiful creation on the plate glass windows. During the night the Frost King had fashioned a picture tha would have made any artist envious. The scene much resembled a grove of feros with the plants throwing into relief their wonderfully wrought leaves One fern, larger than the rest, rose far above its smaller kindred and, from this parent stem, the finely fashioned subordinat s branched upwards. The sight aroused the warmest admiration in all who saw it.

## ON MONETARY

Electric Road Promoter Webb Deems Canucks Savers and Yankees Spenders.

But B. lieve the Two Will Work Harminlously logether in Fostering the Ratial Road.

"The Cuban's sole delight is to earn money to spend it for pleasure," said Barrister Joseph Webb, of Ypsilanti, promoter of the electric road from Windsor to Chatham, to The Planet, on the occasion of his recent visit. "The Americans are a dollar chasing people and the residents of Canada are frugal as a class. You will find more people of Canada with money in their pocket than in the whole United States, despite the disparity in population. The Yankee is always broke but he is active, and you will find that although he is strapped at the end of the year, the shrewd American has made and spent 15 times \$5. The Canadian, on the other hand, has the \$5 still in his pocket that he began the year with. The latter's capital has

year with. The latter's capital has profited him nothing."
"In reference to the new electric road I am confident that you will see work commenced on it before long. Of course we expect to have to bvercome difficulties and to meet with opposition. If you were to assassinate position. If you were to assassinate me this moment, there would be some who would say you ought to be burned at the stake while others would want to pension you for life. There are friends and opponents of everything and we expect opposition. Allittle is a good thing, as it will spur the pro-moters of the road on and give them

"There is no doubt but that once the road is built to Chatham, that it will be extended to take in the surrounding townships. Such has been the exper-ience in the States and such it will be here. I am mot a prophet, but am merely judging by past results. Elec-tric roads are not for through traffic, the steam railways cater to that. The electric roads depend entirely on local traffic and you have a fine country round here for a street railway."

A GORGEOUSLY BOUND

Work of art has just been issued at an outlay of over \$100,000, for which the publishers desire a Manager in this county, also a good solicitor; good pay to the right party. Nearly 100 full-page engravings, sumptuous paper, illuminated covers and bindings; over 200 golden lilies in the Morocco bindings; nearly 50 golden roses in the cloth bindings. Sells at sight; presses running night and day so great is the sale. Christian men and women making fortunes taking orders. Rapid promotions. One Christian woman made clear \$500 in four weeks taking orders among her church acquaintances and friends. Write us. It may lead to a permanent position to manage our business and look after our large correspondence, which you can attend to right at your home. Address J. A. Knight, Secretary, Corcoran Building, opposite United States A GORGEOUSLY BOUND

If you would know the value of money, go and try to borrow some. He that goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing.—Franklin.

TILBURY.

Jan. 19,-The hockey match in Sarnia Jan 19.—The hockey match in Sarnia last night resulted in a score of 2 to 1 in favor of Sarnia.

Joe Bacon, who died yesterday of pneumonia, was insured in the C. M. B. la for \$1,000.

C. Wylie, of the Tilbury Iron Works, has put in seven iron bridges for Tilbury East township during the past year, and has steel on hand for three more.

The Royal Scarlet Chapter will meet in Palmer's Hall next Saturday night.

The many friends here of Charles Smith, of Stewart, are sorry to hear that he is dangerbusly ill.

#### WALLACEBURG

Jan. 19.—The Prof. Wesley trial came up yesterday here. The case was easy to prove against him. He put up no defence and was given \$50 or 30 days imprisonment.

Mrs. Leighcox, of St. Thomas, is visiting her son, Mr. Leighcox, teller of the Bank of Montreal here.

The Presbyterians held a reception at the residence of Mrs. John Scott on Thursday in honor of their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Nicholl, B. A.

Bernard Bigsby delivered an excellent lecture last night in the town hall. A large crowd spent an enjoyable evening.

T G. Oliver, of Toronto, agent for the Monetary Times, made a business trip here yesterday.

#### BLENHEIM.

Jan. 19.-Wm A. Bucke, of the Genera day on business.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Fennacy tool place yesterday.

Miss M. Burk is visiting friends in St

Thomas and Aylmer.

A large crowd attended the band concert at the skating rink last night.

Geo. Thompson and Wm. Henry start Monday to make a canvas of the town to find the number of incandescent lights that will be taken.

will be taken

Geo. Appleford has returned home after visiting friends in Leamington for the past Geo. Vester, sr., is ill with an attack of Dr. Hanks was in Chatham yesterday or

#### RADIAL ROAD FOR COUNTY

Lieut.-Col. Rankin Recommends the Local System in Preference to the Long Line.

Believes the Latter Would have Strong lendency to Draw Trade From Chatham and District. Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, at the re-

jest of the Dover Council, interested himself in the electric railway agitated here some years ago.

Speaking of street railways this morning, Mr. Rankin said:-"I see that the applications is to be made for a charter to establish an elec-tric railway between Windson, Char-ing Cross, Cedar Springs, Blenheim and Chatham. The material effect of this will be to take business from southern Kent and Essex to Wandsor and De-troit, and would result in injuring Chatham, instead of giving this city any advantage.

Chatham, instead of giving this city any advantage.

"The system for an electric road, as advocated by me about four years ago, was to have the line of street railway extend from Chatham through Dover to Wallaceburg, thence to Petrolea and back to Chatham via Dresden. It was proposed to go south, touching Blenheim, Ericau, Cedar Springs and Charing Cross. Such a line would tap all the commercial lines of railway throughout this peninsula of railway throughout this peninsula and bring trade from the north and

"Any system of street railway what-ever, leading to Windsor and the west will merge in Detroit as a central point, and will be largely for the ad-vantage of the City of the Straits, and against the interests of this city."

#### Children Cry for CASTORIA.

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WANTED BELIABLE MEN-In ever locality throughout Canada a introduce our goods, tacking up show-ards on tree-tence, along roads, and all conspicuous places, also listributing small advertising matter.

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#### For Saturday Next

25 dcz. Ladies' Pure Wool Cashmere Hose, extra heavy quality, double sole, heel and toe, high spliced ankle, assorted ribbs, regular 35c value,

2 pair for 55c

#### Bargains in the Carpet Department For Saturday Next

One doz. Wool and Union Rugs, reversible patterns, pretty borders, sizes 3x3, 3x3, and 3x4 yds., worth \$4.50 to \$6.75 each,

Your Choice on Saturday for \$2,87

2 pcs. Extra Heavy, Reversible Pattern Hemp Carpet. 34 in. wide, the strongest, heaviest hemp, woven, worth 25c yd.,

On Saturday per yd. 17c



### Clothing Department

ECONOMY IS A GOOD THING

But their are lots of ways of cutting down expenses which will not result in economy. For instance, you might get along without the articles mentioned below, or tuying inferior qualities. That is not economy. These are needed articles, and each one will quickly save you much more than it

#### Saturday Morning We Place on Sale the Greatest Underwear Snaps of the Season

Bargain Special No. I

Men's Extra Fine Quality of Wool Shirts and Drawers, beautiful, fine, soft wool, a limited quantity only, are sold regularly at \$1.00, and \$2.25 a garment. THEY GO ON SALE SATURDAY AT HALF PRICE

hoice For 50c

Bargain Special

Boys' Fine Quality, Union Shirts and Drawers, in plain gray shades, extra heavy, all sizes from ages 5 to 16 years, sold at from 25c to 50c, sale Saturday.....

Choice For 25C

Bargain Special No. 3

The Special Display of Boys' 2 & 3 Piece Suits and Reefers

On display in East Show Window Saturday. B oys' 2 pc. Sults, sale prices..... \$1.98, \$2,39, \$2.48, \$2,95

Boys' S torm and Dress Reefers, sale price \$3 and \$3 50.

Reefers Saturday for.....

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Laxative Grip Capsules Bloodroot Cough Cure

Forty Cents will be the bill.

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