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M. SILVER,

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P. S.—You'll find our Boots, Shoes and Rubbers always at the top for quality and style, and our prices the lowest.



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THESE GOODS are rapidly winning their way in popular favor because of their cheapness, durability, and general excellence. Does your house or any of your outbuildings require repairing or a new roof? Are you going to erect a new building? If so, you should send for circular describing these goods or apply to

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Now in stock a fine line of stylish Light Overcoats, Pants, Bicycle Suits, etc. Be sure to see these goods and learn the prices.

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A full range of shirts, black and colored soft materials, finest qualities of laundry goods, Cuffs, Collars, Ties, Braces, Handkerchiefs, Caps, Woollen Underwear, etc. You can get just what you want in these lines here and at reasonable prices.

PRICES DEFY COMPETITION

The undersigned returns thanks to the general public for their patronage during the past 16 years, and will endeavor to so conduct his business as to receive their continued trade and sustain the reputation of his store as "The Old Reliable" Clothing House.

Cloth bought at this store will be out free of charge.

A. M. Chassels,

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Cook's Cotton Root Compound
Is successfully used monthly by over 10,000 Ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. It is the only medicine for all the ailments of women. It is safe, effective, and its action is gentle. Price, No. 1, 50 cents; No. 2, 10 cents; No. 3, 25 cents. Cook's Cotton Root Compound is sold by all druggists. The Cook Company, Windsor, Ont.

No. 1 and No. 2 are sold by J. P. Lamb & Son, Druggists, Athens.

From Neighboring Firesides.

Newsy Budgets by the Reporter's able staff of Correspondents

DAYTOWN

We understand that J. Huffman intends doing quite a lot of lumbering and shanty work this winter.

J. H. Wood is at present cutting and hauling cordwood to Delta. He has H. Gilbert helping him.

Mrs. Eli Wood, who fell and broke two ribs, we are sorry to say is not recovering as fast as we would like to see her.

Harry Stevens paid a flying visit to Smith's Falls on Sunday last.

Good sleighing at present.

The revival meetings which have been being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Garrett, have closed.

CHARLESTON LAKE

The lake has not yet frozen over, but the people are complaining of the severe cold.

Mrs. R. Foster visited her sister, Mrs. Ralph, at Melcombe, recently.

J. Fortune treated his friends to a grand party on Thursday evening.

Miss Eyre is engaged to teach our school for another year.

While Miss Johnson was returning from school at Athens on Friday evening, her horse became unmanageable and ran away, throwing her cut, but fortunately she was not much hurt.

The horse ran as far as J. Ferguson's where it was captured.

J. Ferguson is quite ill.

W. Taylor has purchased W. Smith's interest in Oak Leaf factory, and intends building a new residence in the spring. Mr. Taylor has moved into W. Johnson's house for the winter.

LAKE ELOIDA

The Brockville Hunting Club had great success. They brought home 25 deer and 1 bear. There were fourteen in the party and they report a jolly time.

Mrs. Henry Crammy gave a tea party to a number of her Frankville friends a short time ago.

Mrs. Jacob Hewitt is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Mr. Theodore Foley is busy repairing the buildings on his village property.

The men in this section did not turn out to vote to the extent that was hoped for.

Mr. Fred James and sister spent a few days in Brockville last week.

Mr. Leeder, our cheesemaker, is busy moving this week into Mrs. Hewitt's house. He continues to make cheese until January.

Mr. Henry Johnson has returned from the West and reports a pleasant trip.

Miss Percival contemplates giving a concert before her school closes.

Mr. Amos Witte had the misfortune to get injured while working about the stable. He became delirious and could not tell what happened him, but is recovering.

SEELEY'S BAY

Mrs. F. H. Gilbert, who has been ill with la grippe, is recovering slowly.

The sleighing in this locality is very poor.

Mrs. Wm. Gilbert's condition remains about the same.

Gilt Edge cheese factory is still running and a good supply of milk is being received, which is brought long distances by patrons of factories that have closed.

Mrs. A. Jackson, very ill for the past few days, has taken a change for the better.

At the regular meeting of L.O.L. No. 13, held on Wednesday evening last, Dec. 10th, the following officers were elected and installed for the year 1903, viz.:

W.M.—Albert Neal.
D.M.—G. D. Gilbert.
Chap.—Jno. Stevenson.
Rec. Sec.—Arthur Likley.
Fin. Sec.—J. A. Steacy.
Treas.—Hy. Willis.
D. of C.—Geo. Moore.
Lecturer—Elmer Smith.
1st Committee—G. H. Chapman.
1st Tyler—P. Neddow.
O.S.—M. J. Flynn.

The lodge is in a flourishing condition and prospects look bright for continued prosperity.

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Physician—Dr. Elliot.
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Senior Woodward—Geo. Moore.
Junior Woodward—Geo. Cheetham.
Senior Beadle—Geo. Sly.
Junior Beadle—Jao. Cheetham.
Trustees—H. Moore, W. L. P. nam.

Fin. Committee—Dr. Elliot, N. A. Johnson.

G. M. Elliott, D.S.O.R., who was present, presided, and after the routine business and election of officers were over, he gave a very interesting discourse on matters regarding the I.O.F. aims and objects. The court is in a prosperous condition. The present membership is nearly sixty, and future prospects are good.

Her Character.
Mistress—I'm afraid I shall not be able to take you.

Maid—But isn't my recommendation good enough.

Mistress—Your recommendation is perfect. The lady who speaks so flatteringly of you must have reason for doing so.

The Gauge of Fun.
"Did he have a good time on his vacation?"

"Did he? Well, say! If you could see the blisters on his hands and the way his nose is peeling, you wouldn't ask any such foolish question."

Saved Trouble by This.
Sleeks—My wife wanted me to buy her a pug dog for a pet, but I bought her a groundhog instead.

Meeks—Why did you do that?

Sleeks—Because a groundhog digs its own grave. See?

Unfailing Indications.
"Going away on vacation, old man? You need it, for you look all fagged out."

"Great Scott! Isn't that proof enough that I've already been on my vacation and just got back?"

For Safe Keeping.
Mr. Biggs—I've just hired a safety deposit box.

Mrs. Biggs—What for?

Mr. Biggs—To keep our winter supply of coal in.—New York Journal.

Pa Calls the Turn.
Little Willie—Say, pa, what's a don ble chin?

Pa—A double chin, my son, is an exchange of words between your ma and grandma.

"Quid Rides?"
Lady—Do you have far to ride to your work?

Fat—I walk, mum. Th' doctor said me automobile was ruinin' me health.

The Cause of Vio.
Vice is due chiefly to inattention; not ignorance, but thoughtlessness. "I see the better and approve, yet I pursue the worse." In this case knowledge is not absent, but defective. It is on the margin instead of in the focus of consciousness. In the language of physiological psychology a present appetite presents its claims on great billows of nerve commotion which come rolling in with all the tang and pungency which is the characteristic mark of immediate peripheral excitation. The future consequences of the gratification of that appetite, on the contrary, are represented by the tiny, faint, feeble waves which flow over from some other brain center, excited long ago, when the connection of this particular cause with its natural effect was first experienced. In such an unequal contest between powerful vibrations shot swift and straight along the tingling nerves from the seat of immediate peripheral commotion and the meager, measured flow of faded impressions whose initial velocity and force were long since spent what wonder that the remote effect seems dim, vague and unreal, and that the immediate gratification of the insistent, clamorous appetite or passion wins the day?—William De Witt Hyde in Atlantic.

Supply at Hand.
Employment Agent—I have a cook that will just suit you. She is a young widow and is very fond of children.

Mrs. Richleigh—But we have no children.

Employment Agent—Oh, that'll be all right, ma'am. She has six of her own.

His Staff Won.
"Thought your dad wasn't going to send you back to college?"

"Yes, dad did kick at the expense, but I threatened to stay at home and help him run the business, and he decided college would be cheaper."

A Substitute.
Judge—Of course I might let you off, Casey, if you had an alibi.

Casey—Shure, yer honor. Oi haven't war about me, but here's me last quarter if that'll timplt ye.

Very Short.
The Bud—Why does Mr. Spatts wear such short trousers?

Brother—Because they fit him. I asked him for a small loan, and he said he was so short his corns made his head ache.

Coducation.
"Do you believe in coducation?"

"Nimch. There is usually too much and too little 'education.'"

Dangerous Economy.
"So the engagement's off?"

"Yes. She advised him to practice economy, and he started in by getting her an imitation diamond."

After the Quarrel.
He (to himself) There! All on account of my beastly temper. I suppose I've gone and said too much.

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"Mike," said Plodding Pete, "did you ever go to school?"

"Sure," answered Meandering Mike. "I don't have to talk dis way. If I showed off me literary accomplishments, folks would wonder why I wasn't readin' de help wanted advertisements instid o' huntin' fur hand-outs."

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CONCERNING CALENDARS.

Some interesting facts have been brought back as the result of the researches of the general public, but were preserved as part of the esoteric learning of the priests, whom the people had to consult not only for the dates of the festivals, but for the proper times when various legal proceedings might be instituted. About 300 B. C., however, one Enchus Flavius, secretary to Apollonius Claudius, stole these secrets by repeated applications to the priests and collated the information so gained. It was really publishing an almanac when, as Livy relates, Flavius exhibited the test on white tables around the forum. From this time similar tablets containing the calendar, the festivals, astronomical phenomena and sometimes allusions to historical events became quite common. They have been dug up in Pompeii and elsewhere.

There are also extant Christian calendars dating as far back as the fourth century, which give the names of the saints and other religious information.

One of the most famous of the calendars of the middle ages is that compiled by Petrus of Dacia in A. D. 1300. A manuscript copy is preserved in the Savilian library at Oxford. The Symbolical Man or Man of Signs (Homo Signorum), still a common feature in almanacs, appears in this book, not, it is conjectured, for the first time, as it seems to have been a survival from the time of Ptolemy's "Almagest," a collection of classic observations and problems relating to geometry and astronomy.

The first printed almanac was the "Pro Pluribus Annis," issued at Vienna in 1457 by an astronomer named Purbach. The earliest known almanac devoted expressly to the year of issue was published by Rabelais in 1533.

Thenceforth the ephemeral yearly character of the publication came to be definitely recognized by almanac makers. Nostradamus set the fashion of incorporating predictions of coming events into almanacs, a fashion that has continued to this day in all purely astrological brochures of this sort despite intermittent efforts to suppress it by royal authority in France and elsewhere.

WEATHER PROPHETS.
Blow out a candle, and if the wick continues long to smolder look for bad weather. If it goes out quickly, the weather will be fair.

The twelve days after Christmas indicate the weather for the following year. Each day in order shows the weather for one month.

When it begins to snow, notice the size of the flakes. If they are very fine, the storm will be a long one; if large, the storm will soon be over.

If the chickens come out while it rains, it is a sign that the storm is to be a long one. If they stand around under the shed, the storm will be short.

When the cattle lie down as soon as they are turned out to pasture in the morning, it is because they feel a rheumatic weariness in their bones, and you can look for rain soon.

When a night passes and no dew falls, it is a sign it is going to rain. This omen loses much of its mystery when one remembers that dew has not fallen because the night was clouded.

When you see the sun drawing water at night, know that it will rain on the morrow. The sun is said to be drawing water when its rays can be seen shining through rifts in distant clouds.

Brain Strain.
A French investigator has come to the conclusion that the brains of military men give out most quickly. He states that out of every 100,000 men of the army or naval profession 199 are hopeless lunatics. Of the liberal professions artists are the first to succumb to the brain strain, next the lawyers, followed at some distance by doctors, clergy, literary men and civil servants. Striking an average of this group, 177 go mad to each 100,000.—London Express.

A Painful Inference.
A teacher was instructing a class of boys and had spent half an hour trying to drive into their heads the difference between man and the lower animals, but apparently with little success.

"Tommy," he said coaxingly to a little chap, "do you know the difference between, say, me and a pig or any other brute?"

"No," replied Tommy innocently, but another teacher standing by laughed.

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THIS fine new brick hotel has been elegantly repaired and refurnished throughout in the latest styles. Every attention to the wants of guests. Good yards and stables.
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THE undersigned has a large sum of money to loan on real estate security at low rates.
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WE have instructions to place large sums of private funds at current rates of interest on improved farms. Terms to suit borrower. Apply to
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Boar for Service.
Registered imported Chester White boar for service at the farm of Samuel Spence, near Steele's Mills, three miles south of Athens. This breed of swine is the best for market purposes and farmers would do well to breed from stock that brings the highest prices. Terms of service reasonable.
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A NEW MAN OLD SHOP.
The undersigned has made arrangements to occupy the paint shop run for many years by D. Fisher, on Victoria street, Athens, and is now ready to paint all kinds of wagons, buggies, cutters, or other custom work in a first class manner and at prices that be found right. Give me a trial.

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