

THE SIGHTS OF ANCIENT ROME

Entertaining Letter From Dr. T. K. Holmes Who is Now Touring Rome.

Many Impressive Scenes—Grand and Imposing Structures of the Long Ago.

Dr. Garnet Holmes is in receipt of a very interesting letter from Dr. T. K. Holmes, of this city, who is now in Rome and, through the courtesy of the former, The Planet has obtained permission to publish it. The letter is as follows:

Rome, April 25, 1903.
Grand Hotel Continental,
Rome, (Italy):

This is our third day in Rome, and busy ones they have been. No one who has not been here can imagine how strangely this place impresses a Canadian. Grand and imposing ruins everywhere, age and decay marking almost every structure one sees. The people seem like their buildings—hard-worn faces on every street and marks of poverty everywhere among them. With all these one sees on all sides evidence of former grandeur and wealth that is almost inconceivable. Millions have been lavished in churches, palaces, towers, amphitheatres, sculptures, carving painting, and most of these show marks of decay and ruin. Works of art are now being carefully preserved, but this wise care has come too late for very many things. To-day we engaged a guide and visited the Forum, the Coliseum, and the Campidoglio, the Catacombs, the Appian Way, Circo Maximo, and dismissing our carriage and guide went through the Capoline Museum, where we saw the dying gladiator, the same by Proximate, the Varnes found in a neighboring ruin deep buried in the earth.

In this museum there are hundreds of other works of sculptured art, but not all so interesting. There is the most complete collection of busts of Roman Emperors in existence. It gives one a strange feeling to look across the former and see the very places one has read of all his life in Roman history. The spot where Julius Caesar was cremated, and the rostrum from which Mark Anthony and Cicero delivered their orations, the place where Virgil sacrificed his daughter to save her from slavery and shame, and where the young Lucius with his unpassioned words roused the multitude to desperation that resulted in the downfall of the hated Claudian line. Arches, pillars, foundations, palaces catch the eye everywhere on this historic spot, the Forum Romanum, as it is called to this day. We have also visited St. Peter's church, the Villa Borghese, the Barberini Palace and the Vatican gallery of painting.

We shall remain here longer on our way to Naples than we had intended because the King (Edward VII.) will be in Naples and we don't want to be in the crowd. We shall wait in part of our time here and then go to Naples for about four days and return for a few days to Rome before going north to Florence, etc. One might spend months here and still find new objects to interest him, but we shall see the most important things in ten days.

I hope all is going well at home. The weather here is cool and delightful. Our hotel is near the station and not far from the Coliseum and other objects of interest. We have been most fortunate in our choice of hotels—good rooms, good food (six course dinners) good beds and good attendance.

T. K. HOLMES.

District Dashes

W. D. Dick, of Stratford, is to be the new manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, in the place of Mr. Dupuy, who has been promoted to Amherst, Nova Scotia. —Wallaceburg Herald-Record.

Miss Ella Macdonnell arrived home on Saturday evening from New Mexico, whether she went last fall on account of failing health. She returns much improved. —Wallaceburg Herald-Record.

Mrs. J. W. and Miss Eva Steinhoff arrived home on Friday last from Citronell, Alabama, where they spent the winter months. Capt. Steinhoff spent the last couple of weeks with them. —Wallaceburg Herald-Record.

We congratulate Clarence Huff upon the occasion of his marriage, which took place at Sarnia to Miss Annie Windover. They have taken up their residence north of the town on Mr. Huff's fine farm. —Dresden Standard.

Postmaster John Watson, recently received a letter from his brother-in-law, A. L. Grover, formerly a well known Dresden merchant, now in Portage La Prairie, Man. Mr. Grover is delighted with the great Northwest and believes the business outlook to be bright. —Dresden Standard.

Tilbury East has decided to make its own drainage tile in the future instead of buying it ready-made. So for this purpose they have purchased the moulds for moulding all sizes of cement tile and intend erecting a building on the Township grounds at Valletta for the manufacture of the same. A committee has been appointed to see that this is attended to properly. A competent man will be put in charge of this work as soon as the building is ready.

Mr. S. E. White, of Chatham, visit-

ed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mitchell on Friday last and attended the concert in the evening. —Merlin Mirror.

Miss Jennie Allen is spending a few days at her home here. Miss Allen has held a position in the C. P. R. telegraph office at Kennilworth for the past nine months. She has resigned her position and accepted a similar one with the G. N. W. Tel. Co. at Dutton. —Comber Herald.

Engineer McKay, with assistants, are engaged running lines for the extension of the L. E. & D. R. Railway from Harrow to Amherstburg. We understand that one line will be run as the crow flies. This will cut the time for travel and may be an expensive right of way, but the lands will likely be run so that the lands will not be cut up so badly. —Comber Herald.

INDIVIDUALITY.

Making of Handmade Goods Will Cultivate It in Canadians.

In Canada, above all other countries, we have great need to encourage individuality, for our system of public education, however excellent, takes but little count of the individual, and from a certain standpoint we are educating on a system which tends to destroy anything like strong individuality. In fact, if you take the spirit which prevails in our smaller towns and villages you will find a positive resentment against the man or woman who dares to strike out in any line of his own. Go into our large stores and you will find one huge table covered with the same form of hat, reproduced a thousand times. Pass into the mantle department, and on great trees hang coats and jackets of the exact cut and make and color; and all this is influencing our people and their view of individuality and its right to assert itself in any line in life. With all our boasted freedom, as compared to the past, we fall into line like mild-eyed sheep and follow the mass. In the old days we might have been led by individuals; to-day it is the unthinking crowd that takes the lead. How many people think or care what has been the origin or inspiration of any fashion we follow so blindly? Surely there is nothing so degrading, so calculated to still the best that is in the human soul, as indifference. Can the Society for Arts and Crafts stir up the public to take an intelligent interest in the thought and virtue which are expressed in the handmade article, they will bring closer to the mass of purchasers in the Dominion the problems which face the men and women who design and execute the work they propose to encourage. Those great factories hide so much from us that is beautiful and worthy in human lives and the struggles of the workers to beautify their own lives by contact with beautiful things. Can we but encourage work which will not separate men and women from their homes and their children, can we but raise the taste of the richer classes in the Dominion so that they will take into consideration all that a good handmade article represents and be willing to pay for that ideal quality of human individuality, as well as for the time and labor expended on its construction, we shall have much to thank the Society of Arts and Crafts in Canada for, —Lally Bernard, in The Globe.

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The rental asked was low indeed, the house was handy for the trains, the usual expert guaranteed.

The local drains

And, as I gaily signed the lease, I little thought a countless number Of cats would spoil, by day, my peace; By night, my slumber.

The first upon my doorstep miaowed, Conspicuously strayed;

"Enter poor wretch!" I cried aloud, "Be not afraid."

"Here you shall always find a plate; Enter and eat"—and, as I beckoned, From somewhere by the area gate Appeared the second.

Next morning was another seen, And they continued still to come, Till I possessed, in all, thirteen— I owned them!

Thirteen they are—or, rather, were; At fabulous expense I cherished Those wretched cats with strenuous care, Yet never have perished.

And, since my income is not great, And cats are creatures I detest, I really quite anticipate, Lying the rest.

Meanwhile, with eagerness intense, I study the suburban atlas, Hoping to find a residence Completely catless!

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SPECIALS FOR TO-NIGHT!

Boys' clothing—Nobby styles in boys' heavy pure Irish table linen, fine worsteds, sizes 22 to 28, special at \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

Boys' 3 pc. suits—Latest patterns, well tailored, in fine worsteds, serges and tweeds, sized 28 to 33 inches, at \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.00 and \$3.50.

Carpets of every description—If you need a carpet of any kind, this is your place to buy, our cash prices means money saved to you; see our stock.

Window shades in every wanted color, full sized, mounted on rollers, plain, lace and fringe trimmed, at each 75c, 50c, 45c, 40c, 35c and 25c.

Linoleums—Extra heavy Scotch linoleums, two yards to four yards wide, in new floral and tile patterns, guaranteed in wear, a regular 65c quality, special per yard 50c.

MILLINERY SPECIALS—Lot 1—12 only stylish trimmed hats, your pick for Saturday at \$2.50.

Lot 2—16 only beautiful trimmed hats, latest New York styles, special for Saturday, your choice at \$3.50.

Children's muslin bonnets at 15c—Your pick of four dozen pretty muslin bonnets, special Saturday at 15c.

Leghorn hats at 19c—Five dozen fine leghorn flaps, clearing Saturday at each 19c.

50c table linens at 38c yard—4 pieces heavy pure Irish table linen, fine finish, 64 inches to 68 inches wide, choice patterns, the best 50c tabling in Canada, Saturday a yard 38c.

Lace curtains—45 pair fine Nottingham lace curtains, plain centres with rich Battinburg border designs, worth up to \$2.50 a pair, special at \$1.75.

25c mercerised satens and dress muslins at 15c yard—35 pieces beautiful mercerised satens, mercerised foulards and fine dress muslins, hand-some designs, rich colorings, regular 18c, 20c, 25c and 35c yard, your choice Saturday a yard 15c.

Great ribbon sale—900 yards ribbon, liberty satins, liberty silks, taffetas, crystal cords, fancy stripes, shots and two tones, rich pure silk qualities, four inches to seven inches wide, regular 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 yard, clearing Saturday at 25c.

Dress goods bargains—1 piece heavy navy blue chevot suit, yard and a half wide, suitable for skirt or costume, regular 75c yard, Saturday 39c.

One piece all wool grey homespun, 56 inches wide, spring weight, regular 75c a yard, Saturday price 39c.

3 pieces black satin venetian suit, fine pure wool, guaranteed not to spot or shrink, best dye, rich finish, worth regular 85c yard, clearing Saturday at 58c.

50c corded velvets at 36c yard—Rich finish, medium cords, colors navy, cardinal, brown, cream and black, worth regular 50c a yard, Saturday 36c.

A towel bargain—40 dozen fine heavy pure linen huck towels, 19 by 40 inches, fringed and hemmed ends, regular 35c a pair, our special price a pair 25c.

\$3.00 skirts at \$2.48—14 only ladies' pure wool frieze walking skirts, colors Oxford grey and black, well tailored, welt seams, 6 rows stitching around bottom, a special \$3.00 skirt, clearing Saturday at \$2.48.

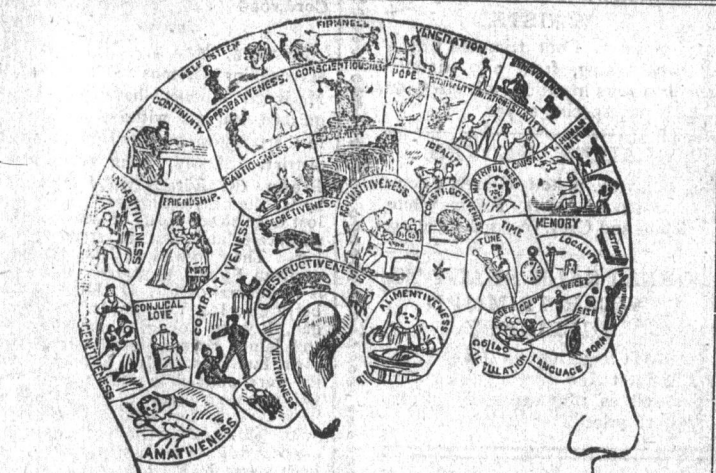
Tailored skirts—Fine chevots, cut in latest styles, beautiful trimmings with satin bands, cording, etc., colors black, Oxford and navy, our special leader at \$3.50.

Ladies' spring coats, short and long lengths, in fine plain and shower proof cloths, very smart styles, at each \$2.00, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$9.50.

Men's suits—Extra values, fine pure wool two-piece suits, latest patterns, well tailored, splendid linings, sizes 35 to 44 inches, special at \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00.

Men's fine worsted suits, plain and fancy, fine pure wools, best linings, latest cut, superior tailoring, sizes 35 to 44 inches, at \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00.

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Can be seen at **Merrill Hotel** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Keeper House of Refuge.

Applications will be received by the undersigned at Harrison Hall, Chatham, until Friday, May 15th, 1903, at ten o'clock a.m. for a keeper and matron for the Industrial Farm and House of Refuge for the County of Kent.

It is requested that all applicants for the position be present on the date named in order that the committee may have a personal interview.

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Auction Sale of City Property

There will be offered for sale, by Andrew Thomson, Auctioneer, at the Garner House, on Tuesday, May 12th, 1903, at 2 p.m., part of lots 156 and 157, on north side of Park St. in the City of Chatham, having a frontage on Park St. of 84 feet 6 inches, and a depth of 208 feet.

This property has upon it a good one-story frame dwelling containing 6 rooms, hall, in good repair. It is well situated and will make a good home for terms and particulars see large posters or apply to the auctioneer.

IVEY & DROMGOLE,
Vendors' Solicitors,
3 London, Ont.

Mortgage Sale of City Property.

There will be offered for sale at public auction, subject to a reserved bid, at the Rankin House, Chatham, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, May 13th, 1903, part of lot No. 115 on the northwest side of King street, in the City of Chatham, being the property lying between the lands of The Chatham Gas Co., Limited, and those of Dr. T. K. Holmes.

On the land in question there is a large two-story frame house, with furnace, bath, etc.

For terms and conditions of sale apply to

LEWIS & RICHARDS,
Vendors' solicitors,
Dated April 28, 1903.

Mortgage Sale

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by public auction on Saturday, the twenty-third day of May, 1903, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, at the Garner House, in the City of Chatham, the following property, to-wit: Lots 115 and 116, on Delaware Avenue, in the City of Chatham, according to John Wall's plan and sub-division. Upon the said property is one and a half story brick house in good repair.

Terms—Twenty per cent. off the purchase money, to be paid down at the time of sale, balance to be paid in 30 days.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Geo. B. Douglas, solicitor, at the City of Chatham, dated April 30th day of April, 1903.

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the estate of Ellen Elizabeth Little, in the County of Kent, Spinster, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "the revised statutes of Ontario," 1897, chapter 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Ellen Elizabeth Little, who died on or about the 8th day of March, A. D. 1903, are required, on or before the 1st day of June, A. D. 1903, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to Thomas Scullard, Victoria Block, Chatham, Ont., one of the executors of the last will and testament of said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further, take notice that after such last mentioned date the executors of said estate will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated the 30th day of April, 1903.

R. O. KNIGHT,
THOMAS SCULLARD,
Executors estate of
E. E. Little, deceased.