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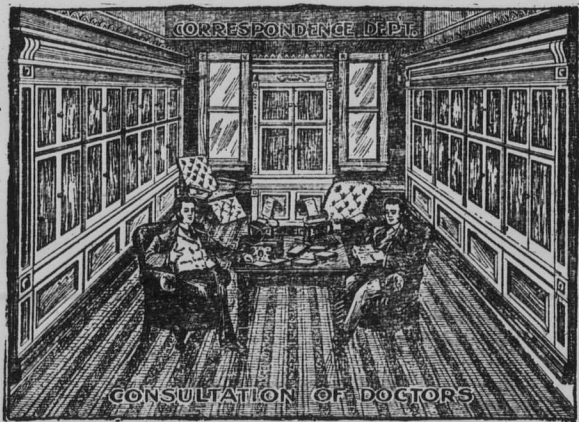
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## WALKERTON.

Mr. Columbus Schnitzler who recently sold his farm to Mr. John Flach is negotiating for the purchase of the farm of Mr. J. D. Kuntz of the Central Hotel here.

Thos. Ferris, an inmate of the house of refuge, died in that institution on Friday last, aged 77 years. The deceased, who was a native of England, came to the House four years ago from Arran Tp. A paralytic stroke, which he took two days previous to his death, hastened the end.

While driving into Walkerton on Friday evening last Mr. Chris. Lettner was run into by Jack Long of Chepstow who was returning from town on a hay-rack. Lettner's rig was upset and a shaft broken from the cutter. A little farther on Long also ran into Jacob Schuler, upsetting his rig and dumping him on to the road. A friendly settlement of the damages done is said to have been afterwards effected.

The office on Jackson street of Mr. J. F. Burke, the liveryman, was broken into on Sunday night by parties who evidently wanted a place to roost for the night. Entrance was made by the rear of the building, the back door being forced open and the lock broken. Once inside, the parties started to make things comfortable for the night by burning all the fuel and wood in sight. They decamped before daybreak, leaving behind them disgusting excretations of tobacco juice to mark their visit.

While hanging on teams on the main street here on Tuesday afternoon, Harry Hauck, the six-year-old son of Mrs. Hauck, fell under the sleigh of Mr. Ralph Waechter and was run over, the sleigh passing over his leg near the hip. No bones, we understand, were broken, although the limb is in a badly bruised state. The habit of hanging on sleighs is a common one among the children here, and many narrow escapes have been seen on the front street.

## A Convict's Sacrifice.

"He that doeth unto the least of these" etc., is a teaching that penetrated the walls of the Walkerton jail and impressed a vagrant, John Sullivan. He was in the right place to find the least of them and at the right time for the "doing unto" act. A prisoner named Day was incurably afflicted in the institution with consumption, and as the dread disease is most contagious in its advanced stages, to tend the patient was merely to court death. As nobody was falling over himself to take the risk, Sullivan came forward and asked for the job. The rapidity with which it was accorded him nearly knocked his hat off. As the vagrant had worked around the hospitals in more prosperous days, he had some experience in caring for the sick and a knowledge of what was required. The tender manner in which he nursed the dying prisoner and tended him unto death may not be rewarded on earth, where the doings of the poor are forgotten, but many more spectacular things will get less credit, we believe, in Paradise. As the whitest lily grows in the blackest mire, so one of the most creditable acts ever performed in Walkerton was done in the county jail.—Bruce Times.

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## The Ground Floor.

Once upon a time, as the story goes, a fox and a groundhog went out for a walk, ultimately drifting on to the subject of the various schemes which even in that day were being presented to a credulous public by which they might Get-Rich-Quick, the fox, recognizing the increasing interest of the groundhog in the subject, remarked: "Would you like, my boy, to get in on the ground floor of an absolutely sure thing?" and the groundhog's readiness to embrace such an exceptional opportunity being immediately communicated, the fox said: "All right then, you have only to open your mouth and the plum will fall into it—there you are;" and suiting the action to the word, he pointed to a juicy piece of meat which was hanging from a bush nearby. As the groundhog reached for it, the concealed trap to which the fox had all along been leading him, was sprung, and the fox ran off with the meat. The foxes which are on your track to-day are more numerous than ever, and the number of get-rich-quick schemes with which you are beset is also increasing. The ground floor plan is worked over time, and the "fox" in ninety nine times out of a hundred walks off with the "plum." If, however, the people of Canada are seriously looking for a "sure thing" in which to invest their savings, that sure thing is available to them in the Canadian Government Annuities-proposition, by which, for the payment of a small sum each month they can provide an income to begin at any age after the age of 55 ample for all needful requirements, and which no process of law can deprive them of. You should be interested in the subject, and information will be supplied you either by your postmaster or by the Superintendent of Annuities, Ottawa, to whom the letters go free of postage.

## Moonshine Whiskey Made In Eastnor.

Last week six rigs drove hurriedly into Stokes Bay and twelve men jumped from the cutters as soon as they were in front of the hotel and stationed themselves at the different doors. These men were determined to look for whiskey. Constable A. C. Bridge was the leader, and he had sworn into office T. J. Bridge, George McMaster, J. Hilditch, J. Shaw and others, who were all determined that they would put an end to the illegal sale of booze in Eastnor. So they searched the premises up-stairs, parlor, kitchen, bedroom, closets, stable, in fact every place where liquor might be found, but it was all empty like old mother Hubbard's cupboard, all they could find was an empty jug, and there was an odor as if there had been something like whiskey in it. The Haywards, who run this house, were naturally pleased that the constables had their efforts for nothing. The result at Lions Head, however, was different, when these vigilant officers of the law descended upon that village and shut off retreat from the hotel they found one small jug, nearly full, and it was the genuine stuff and the proprietor has to answer for his violation of the laws.

But this is not all, two distilleries on a small scale have been found, one at Greenock Point, and the other in the Eastnor swamp, each having a complete outfit for making whiskey. It would appear that moonshine whiskey has been very common in Eastnor lately. As soon as Local Option became law, operations were begun to supply the local demand. It is claimed that the cost of producing this article is very small, say 15 to 20 cents per gallon. It is a mixture of blackstrap, barley, hops, etc. It is sold to dealers at \$1 per gallon, and consequently when retailed at 5 or 10 cents per glass admits of quite a large profit.—Warton Echo.

## Ontario's Smallest School.

To Miss Adele Ewen, of Fergus, last fall a student at Durham Model School falls the distinction of teaching the smallest school in the province—only 3 pupils. Col. Craig, M. P. P., School Inspector for South Wellington, thus refers to it:—"I deplore the depreciation of the rural population of Wellington County. Pilkington has some of the best land in Ontario, and No. 1 Pilkington has a splendid school building and good equipment, with a splendid teacher. Yet in the 5,208 acres which constitute that school section there are but three children of a school age. That there are so many old bachelors is deplorable.

We quite agree with the wish expressed by so many smokers that tobacco companies would give them a little more tobacco and less paper in the very small packets selling at ten cents each. The amount has been growing less and less of late years, and probably in time the ten cents will only buy the smell of a tobacco leaf done up in brown paper.—Kingston Standard.

The twenty cent piece which used to be a great nuisance, is seldom seen now, even in a church collection. The reason is that banks and others send all they get their hands on to the Receiver-General's office. They are then sent to the mint and recast into quarters. It is a pity that Straits Settlement coin could not be eliminated in some way.

## Stop Gambling On Trains.

The Grand Trunk Railway authorities have issued a circular to their passenger conductors instructing them to watch with more care the conduct of passengers on their trains, with a view to putting a stop to Gambling. Many complaints have reached the company about card-playing and people being fleeced out of their money, and it seems the conductors or at least some of them, have not made any effort to stop the practice of gambling on their trains. Playing cards for amusement will not be interfered with, but gambling of any kind will not be tolerated, and conductors must be more watchful or look for new positions.



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## Denounced The Preacher.

In Owen Sound, on Sunday evening, upon the first occasion on which the choir were habited in surplice and gown Miss E. Black, a lady of good family, caused a sensation in Division Street Presbyterian Church. As the last notes of "Come Ye Disconsolate," the opening hymn, died away and the sermon was about to commence, she stood up in her pew near the front of the church and denounced the minister, Rev. G. A. Woodside, for allowing the choir to take part in the service surplice. "Is this a Presbyterian church with those things? I am surprised that you, the minister should allow it! Oh we are all going to ruin," she cried, and, sobbing, sank down. The minister calmly and quietly began his sermon, which was conducted without further interruption.

Tea has been going up in price for some time past and is still going. "We will have to cut out 25 cent tea altogether in the near future," said a prominent local grocer, and he added, "As far as the wholesalers are concerned, teas that retail at 25 cents a pound have already been cut out, and when the retailers have sold their present stocks they will not be able to retail any more at that price. So you can count on it that there will be only 30, 40, 50 and 60c teas very soon."