

"SHALL WE EVER FLY?"

If people make so much fuss about velocipedes, which by the way were in existence fifty years ago and given up as impracticable, what would they say were a machine to be constructed which would enable a person to fly along in the air somewhat after the manner of a bird? From very early ages there have been those possessed with the idea that such a machine was not impossible, and many experiments were tried—some of which ended in ignominious failure, while others were partially successful.

There has been on exhibition at the Crystal Palace, London, a model of a machine constructed by a Mr. Stringfellow; but it was not found to be so successful on trial as had been anticipated. It is generally supposed, however, that Stringfellow's machine can be brought to perfection, and the whole subject of aerial navigation is receiving an amount of attention from scientific men which promises soon to have valuable results.

BLOCKHEADS AT WORK.—The literary scavengers who have at various times denied the claims of Shakespeare to his incomparable works; of Walter Scott to his novels; and of Edgar Allan Poe to "The Raven," have just found out that young Wolfe was not the author of "The Burial of Sir John Moore." Ingenious gentlemen may think it very pretty sport to strike at the fame of an unfortunate young poet, who is dead and cannot speak for himself.

PRESIDENT GRANT appears to be heartily sick of the cares of office already. The fight on the Tenure of office law has so completely disgusted him, that it is said he has to feign sickness in order to get out of the way of his tormentors. A Washington correspondent says:—"The indisposition of the President has become a daily event at the White House, whereby he is conveniently saved interviews with Congressmen and office-seekers. He always begins to be unwell at nine o'clock in the morning, continues secluded until calling hours are over, and rides out behind two horses and one cigar every afternoon."

Another assassination is reported from Ireland. This time the County Donegal is the scene of the crime, a steward on the estate of the Earl of Leitrim having been shot dead in the discharge of his duties.

WHITEWASHING AND WALL-COLOURING Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, in rear of Messrs. Robins and Tolton's granary, near the Grand Trunk Station. Guelph, March 31. do 3m

HORSES FOR SALE. For sale 2 span of good working Horses, with or without harness. Also, Two young Galloway Bulls. Apply to THOMAS MCCRAE, Janesfield, Guelph, Ont. Guelph, 31st March. do 3m

New Advertisements.

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, &c., GUELPH, Ontario.

BASE BALL. The regular annual meeting of the GUELPH MAPLE LEAF BASE BALL CLUB, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and general business, will take place at Nichols' Court House Hotel, ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 5, At 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance of members particularly requested. WM. SUNLEY, Secretary. Guelph, April 1, 1869. do 4

COPARTNERSHIP. The undersigned beg to inform the public that they have entered into partnership for carrying on the business of contractors and builders, and are prepared to execute all orders for building in stone or brick. Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order. To suit purchasers. All orders left at the store of Hirsch & Kennedy, Produce Merchants, West Market Square, Guelph, will receive prompt attention. Guelph, April 1. PIKE & DAVIDSON. do 3m

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864 & 1865. JOHN HENDERSON, OF ELORA. THE Creditors of the Insolvent are notified that the undersigned has made an assignment of his estate and office, under the above Act, to me, the undersigned assignee, and they are required to furnish him within two months from this date, with their claims, specifying the security they hold, if any, and the value of it, and if none stating the fact; the whole attested under oath, with the vouchers in support of such claims. JOHN KERR, Official Assignee. Toronto, 31st March, 1869. do 12

SITUATION WANTED. Wanted by a young lad, aged 16 years, a situation in a store. Is a good scholar—can write well, and is quick at figures. Remuneration not so much an object as a situation, as advertiser is desirous of learning the mercantile business. Apply to J. B. Mearns, Guelph, 31st March. do 1

FARM WANTED. Wanted in the Township of Guelph or Emmons a farm of from 150 to 300 acres. Address, giving all particulars, and stating price and terms, to J. C. C. Draver, 20, Guelph. Guelph, 27th March. do 3m

STRAW AND SILK MILLINERY. MISS LAWRENCE, (Successor to Mrs. Wm. Pringle). Will for the present season carry on the business at all its branches at the rooms lately occupied by Mrs. Pringle, at the corner of the Post Office, Douglas Street, Guelph. Guelph, 31st March. do 3m

TOWN OF GUELPH. Application for the offices of TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER Will be received at half past seven o'clock p.m. on MONDAY the 5th day of April next. Applicants to name three good and sufficient sureties for \$4,000 each. JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office, Guelph, 24th March, 1869. do 10

HOUSE AND LOTS FOR SALE. For sale, in the Town of Guelph, a large 2-story Frame Dwelling House, on the Waterloo Road, containing eight rooms and good cellar. There is also a well, a well of water, a good stable and other out-houses. There is attached to the premises a Town Lot, situated in what is known as Oliver's Survey, about ten minutes walk from the Market House. The house is in a desirable locality, and the terms are exceedingly moderate, which can be learned by applying to the undersigned, or to Mr. W. S. G. Knowles, Auctioneer. Guelph, Mar 31. do 1

TENDERS WANTED. SEALED TENDERS will be received up to THURSDAY, THE 8th OF APRIL, '69, For the erection of a Stable and Carriage House for JOHN HOBSMAN, Esq., in the Town of Guelph. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the undersigned, Wyndham Street. KAUFFMAN & COOPER, Architects. Guelph, March 31. do 1

CAUTION, CAUTION. The public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or negotiating a note, signed by Michael Cummings in favor of George Bolton, or bearer, for the sum of \$200, due two years after date, the 10th of March, 1870. The said note is supposed to have been lost in a fire which recently took place at Henry Bolton's, holder of said note, and no value has been obtained for the same. Also, another note for \$200, drawn September 2nd, 1868, in favor of Henry Bolton against the said Michael Cummings, sine September 2nd, 1869, and supposed to have been lost at the fire. HENRY BOLTON. Guelph, Mar 30. do 1

HORSE BILLS. 1869. Horse Bills printed at the Mercury Steam Printing House! Magdonnell Street, Guelph. Quicker, cheaper and better than ever. NEW TYPE, STEAM PRESSES, and a variety of CUTS to select from, gives an unrivalled facility. Orders by post promptly executed. Sent along your orders to McLAGAN & INNES, Mercury Office, Guelph. April 1. do 1

CAUTION. I hereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 30th of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it. Guelph, 11th March. F. PREST. do 1

LET US HAVE PEACE. The Music to be performed at The Grand National Jubilee, To be held in Boston in June, 1869. Comprising Fifteen Choruses from Oratorios and Masses. Just published and ready for sale. Price 50 cents. Sent post paid on receipt of price. Oliver Ditson & Co., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. Chas. H. Ditson & Co., 711 Broadway, N. Y. Guelph, March 30. do 1

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS. Notice is hereby given that any person or persons found cutting or removing timber, or in any way trespassing upon the front lots of Lots Nos. 3 and 4, in the 10th Con. of Franklin will be prosecuted to the utmost rigor of the law. W. F. SNIDER, Per THOS. W. SANDERS, Guelph, March 11. do 1

Guelph, Ontario.

We have pleasure in making known to you the arrival of all of our IMPORTATIONS DIRECT FROM THE PLACES OF PRODUCTION, for the Spring Trade, and of saying that at no previous time have we been in the same position to offer you such an assortment to select from; the Varieties of Styles, Fabrics and Novelties in the various Departments are so varied and new that they call for an immediate inspection, in order that the taste and care shown in purchasing be fully appreciated.

We are safe in saying that no other House in the business in Guelph can approach the variety of our Stock to select from; and the prices at which our entire Stock will be offered must command immediate sale.

We are desirous of impressing this fact upon all intending buyers, that it is UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE for any other House in the Trade TO COMPETE WITH US, for this reason: We have no second profit to pay; we buy direct from the Manufacturers in Britain ourselves; and as all others in the Dry Goods business here purchase their Goods at second hand from wholesale houses in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, paying these importers their profit (as a profit they must have) and then adding their own profit on before selling you the Goods here, it certainly cannot fail to convince you of the great truth, that we assert, that our Goods must be at least twenty per cent under ordinary prices in other Stores in Guelph.

A call is respectfully solicited, when we feel confident that we will show you to your entire satisfaction that we are working for the mutual advantage of each. Yours very respectfully, HOGG & CHANCE. Guelph, March 30. do 1

FLOUR MILL FOR SALE.

The mill is situated in the Town of Brockville, within sixty feet of the Grand Trunk R.R., and is close to the Freight Depot, is substantially built of stone 40x60, four stories high, covered with slate, has three runs of stones, with merchant boiler, custom mill, and both for buckwheat flour, and cornmeal sifter, with machinery complete in every department, coolers in 4th and 3rd stories, with patent packer. The mill property consists of four acres, with stone dwelling house 2 1/2 stories, water for 8 or 9 months. There is also a high-pressure engine, 40-horse power, with locomotive boiler. Boiler house of stone, covered with iron, chimney of brick rising above roof. No expense has been spared to make this the most complete mill in the country; everything about it is in perfect order. It will be sold at a bargain, and affords a rare opportunity to millers who may require a first-class mill cheap. For further information apply to E. MORRIS, Manager Ontario Bank, Guelph, or to the proprietor, F. I. SCHOFIELD, Brockville. Mar 30. do 1

SUGARS and SYRUPS

REDUCED IN PRICE. At the popular Stores of JOHN A. WOOD. Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st. Guelph, 29th March. do 1

DR. BRIGGS' THROAT AND LUNG HEALER.

Is one of the safest and most reliable remedies in existence for the speedy cure of Coughs, Colic, Indigestion, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Sore Throat, Asthma, Diphtheria, Difficulty of Breathing, Plethoric Pain in the Side and Throat, Quins, Hoarseness of the Lungs, and all diseases of the Throat, Lungs and Chest, including that worst of diseases—Consumption. This remedy is also valuable in Liver Complaint, Inflammation of the Kidneys or Urinary Organs, and all Internal Inflammation. This really superior remedy should be in the possession of every family, as a timely use of it in case of a recent cold will afford immediate relief, while cases of long standing and of apparently incurable character readily yield to its wonderful soothing and curative properties. Its universal adoption to the wants of mankind, make it an indispensable necessity in every household. The Balsamic virtues of the Wild Evergreen as an agent in the cure of the numerous diseases of the Throat, Lungs and Chest, which almost to our ever varying climate prevail in a greater or less degree are well known, but the power of relieving healing and during these diseases is enhanced when by a scientific preparation it is combined with other ingredients of equal value as healing agents. Until recently that terrible disease Consumption, has been considered an affliction beyond the reach of medicine, or the healing art. But a new era in the management of Pulmonary Disease seems to be dawning upon the scientific medical world, and since many distinguished physicians have acknowledged that CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED, few there are who attempt to controvert their opinion. Price \$1.00

Dr. J. Briggs' Unrivalled Pile Remedy.

Is mild, yet efficacious, and warranted to cure Internal, External, Bleeding and Itching Piles, in the most satisfactory manner, without the least unpleasant sensation. It is well known that thousands upon thousands have been afflicted with this disease, many of them, who would say, "but have gone to their long homes without relief, but have gone to their long homes without relief. The number is incalculable who are dragging out a miserable existence at the present day, scorching and trying for a remedy. We would say to those who suffer, go and get a box of Briggs' Pile Remedy, and the trial will not be in vain. The relief is immediate, and a cure soon effected. Price \$1.00

Dr. J. Briggs' Modern Curative

Is without doubt the purest, mildest and most efficacious remedy ever discovered for the immediate relief and rapid cure of Corns, Bunions, Ingrowing Nails, Chilblains, Frost-Bite, and also all Rheumatic and Skin Diseases, such as Cuts, Bruises, Scalds and Frost Bites, Bites of Insects, Sore Lips, Sore Nose, Chapped Hands, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum, Ringworms, Fleas, Sore Feet, Fester, Chafe-Flesh, Sore Nipples, Caked Breasts, Cancerous Sores, White Swellings, Scald Head, Scoury, Gunshot Wounds, &c. The proprietor in offering this compound to the public has the most undoubted confidence in its success, as it is composed of the most healing and pain-relieving substance known to mankind. The Curative, from the purity of its ingredients, will remain for years as sweet as when first made. Lard, suet, and other animal fat or oily substance have not been used. It is well known that the Scrotal Salves and Ointments in the market soon become rancid and unfit for use. This Modern Curative is the best household remedy in the world—simple and pleasant in its application, certain and effectual in its results. Price 50 cts. and \$1.

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To lay out their hard-earned cash.

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WM. STEVENSON, Nurseryman, Guelph. HAVING been appointed Agent for the sale of this remarkable plant for the County of Wellington, is prepared to take orders to be delivered this Spring at \$2.50 per Dozen. Circulars containing sworn evidence as to its perpetual bearing qualities from June until frost to be had on application. WM. STEVENSON, Nurseryman. Guelph, 29th March. do 1

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A gentleman wants a house to live in, with a garden and out-houses, if possible, with board. A private family preferred. Address with terms to G. H. H. Mercury Office. Guelph, Mar 30. do 1

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And the only one capable of supplying the very choicest descriptions of Goods at the very Lowest Prices. Don't forget the No. of the Store and the name of its Proprietors.

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from the 1st till the 31st of March. They come from Egmont, Normandy, Maryboro, Garabruce, Nichol, Fernie, Elora, Salem, Pilkington, Woodville, Conestoga, Waterloo, Berlin, Baden, Galt, Hepler, Pilsbath, Morrison, Averbyle, Puslinch Plains, Eden Mills, Rockwood, Erin, Colborne, and Eramosa, in fact the name of JOHN A. WOOD as

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