### THAMESVILLE

May 8,-A. W. Fick, of Toronto, is in Mrs. R. C. Coates is visiting Chat-

in town to-day Carrier boys are not authorized to collect subscriptions. Our collector calls in each town one a month; if a subscriber wishes to pay his account before the collectors calls he must remit direct to The Planet office, Chatham, as we will not be responsible for monies paid to carriers.

#### TILBURY

May 9 .- Mrs. Moffat, Miss Kimmerly and Miss Gertie Stevenson were in Detroit last night to hear Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

Inspector Park, of Chatham, visited the Public school here yesterday and Local Conservatives have opened a

committee room in the Scriven block, which will be open every evening and on Saturdays. Mrs. Baird, County President of the

W. C. T. U., will conduct a school of methods, under the auspices of the lo-cal society, at the Methodist parsonage here to-morrow at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Green, of Sombra, is visiting

her daughter, Mrs. E. Jacobs. V. Campbell opens up his new store here to-morrow. 0 R. H. Smith has sold his residence

on Canal street to Samuel Sales, Sr., of Tilbury East, for \$950. Mr. Sales will move here in the fall, J. T. Arneu left here this week for Toronto and Montreal, and talks of

leaving for South Africa. W. S. Law, of Mather's grist mill, has rented the residence of the late Mrs. Macklem, on Young St., and will move his family here at once.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* Theatrical

At the Grand to-night we are to have Uncle Tom's Cabin on a larger and grander scale than ever before. Al. W. Martin's big \$30,000 production direct from New York City has been booked to appear. Mr. Martin's production is certainly the most pretentious that has ever been given Harriet Beecher Stow's immortal work. It cost \$30,000 to put it on the stage. Scenically it has never been equaled. The cast numbers sixty people and at the head of the list is the inimitable Milt G. Barlow, the prince of black face character actors and a minstrel man without a peer. The balance of the company has been selected with special care and it is said to be unsurpassed since the days of Newton Gothold Stockwell and Eve Miller. Many bright specialties enliven the play, buck and wing dancing and jubilee shouting being a special feature. Its brass bands, pickaninnies, and golden chariot attract

Mr. Ned Howard Fowler, who plays the role of "Clarence" in LeRoy Pelletier's grand production of "The Royal Box," which will be seen in this city shortly, is a young American actor who has achieved great success during the five years that he has been on the stage. His work with the Castle Square Stock Company in Boston, attracted the attention of New York managers with the result. that a Metropolitan engagement was offered him. From the hour of his advent in New York, his progress upward has been little less than marvel-

One difficult role after another was assumed and with such ability that at length the coveted role of 'Clarence''-long Mr. Fowler's stage character, as its creator, Chas. Coghlan was his ideal actor - was given him.

On March 3rd last, at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York, Mr. Fowler opened the regular annual run of Coghlan's great play, as "Clarence." His work not only electrified the critical audience present, but won the approbation of Mrs. Coghlan—the one time co-star, now the widow and devoted admirer of the great to such an extent that on the following morning she wrote "Your Clarence was exquisite! Never since the Mastself played the part, has it been so ably interpreted!"

It was after seeing Fowler in the leading role that Manager LeRoy Pelletier determined to star the young actor in "The Royal Box" on special spring tour. Under the personal stage direction

of Taylor Granville, who staged the play for Coghlan, and than whom there is no greater stage director in America, and with a company of specially selected Metropolitan players Mr. Pelletier promises his patrons the most finished and best presenta-tion of "The Royal Box" it has ever

The entire New York production is carried complete, a sixty foot car being employed to transport the scen-

The Quebec provincial government will offer about 3,500 miles of timber lands, at upset prices on June 3. A special course of military instruc

tion for school teachers will be held at Stanley barracks, Toronto, commenc-Wireless telegraphy is suggested as a substitute for the hheliograph to communicate between military posts along the northwest frontier.

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#### ONE UNDER STRENGTH

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Halifax, N.S., May 7 .- There are now 2,371 men of the fourth contingent at the military camp in this city. This is just one under strength. To-morrow the troopship Cestrian will sail with the Third Regiment, under Col. Williams and two squadrons of the fourth, at two o'clock. The troops are under orders to parade at nine o'clock at the military camp. To-day the trooper was bedecked in colors, and steam was up, The horses were put on board the transport to-day, and the saddles were packed by the troopers. The men will parade in khaki uniform with forage caps, and will be played to the steamer by the Royal Canadian band.

While the force was on parade to day two men, G. A. Smith and E. Beeman, of Ottawa, were ordered by General O'Grady-Haly to drop out. was on account of a telegram from the Minister of Militia. The reason given for Smith's retirement is that he married after enlisting Beeman's dismissal is not known Chipman and Pringle, two Ontario re-cruits, will be left behind. They are sick in hospital. A board consisting of Lieut.-Col. Humphrey, embarkation officer, two naval and two military officers, inspected the troopship to day. The final inspection of the ship

will be at noon to-morrow. The Allan Line steamer Corinthian, which will be the third transport for the conveyance of the fourth contingent to South Africa, left Liverpool yesterday for Halifax. She brings a number of passengers and a quantity of freight.

GOOD NIGHT!

Good night! The crimson scented

Droops low her pretty head, And the little grasses long ago Their evening prayers have said. Night's starry eyes are blinking At the moonbeams silvery light, When the lily hides her golden heart And whispers soft, "Good night!"

The wind is idly rocking The song-bird in its nest, And a silence deep is brooding O'er the sleeping world at rest, A sweet good-night to you, dear

heart! A morn with radiance bright; And be it night or be it day, God keep you, love-good night!

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The best way to tell a cigar is by the feel of it. Take a cigar in your hands and give it a gentle pressure, holding it close to the ear. If the cigar is a good one, it will be just the least little bit flexible, and the fingers will sink into the wrapper. It gives forth no perceptible sound. If the cigar is hard and close rolled and when placed to the ear sounds as though you were pressing straw together, beware. The best cigars are made of the same leaf as the wrapper and are closely rolled. The common cigars are what is known as filled and contain all kinds of refuse from the tables where the good cigars are made. There are some filled cigars that are good smokes, but you seldom find a Havana or a Manila or good Cuban or Key West smoke that is not rolled. Many people who go into a cigar store to get an imported smoke do not follow up the salesman when he takes the cigars from the case and are consequently often fooled. They are given domestic brands and are charged imported prices for them.

These "good cigar judges" cannot tell the difference when there is all the difference in the world. If you must have an imported smoke, make the clerk hand you the box and look closely at the revenue stamp. The stamps on domestic goods are green and white, while those on the imported boxes are all yellow and white. Look into the next cigar cases you see before purchasing an imported cigar. If they have no boxes in the case to which is attached a yellow and white stamp, don't attempt to make a purchase. The clerk will sell you a cigar he calls imported, but it will not be the real ar-

#### PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

A thousand times better are the men who do than the weaklings who only know .- "God Wills It."

I've burned out the candle o' the Lord's mercy an' blowed the ashes in his face.-"The Sign of the Prophet." It is as bad to slave at work as to slave at pleasure, but God may forgive what people cannot help.-"Lazarre." Nature works not for man's enjoy-

ment, but for her own satisfaction and her own glory.—"Our National Parks." Time has kindlier uses for his scythe than cutting short human lives. His chief use of it is to cut off the tops of human memories.—"The Usurper."

To really enjoy the holidays one should have money, uncounted money, in a coal scuttle, let us say, with a convenient little fire shovel close at hand. -"The Last of the Knickerbockers."

Lovers of love are not lovers only. They are artists in emotion, always in quest of a still more subtle sensation, a foy more intense, a grief more bitter, and are unable to remain faithful to a monotonous fidelity, a tender constan-

Her Opportunity. "Mrs. Weeds," said Mr. Binks, "I asked your daughter to marry me, and

she referred me to you." "I'm sure that's very kind of Susie; but, then, she always was a dutiful girl. Really, Mr. Binks, I hadn't thought of marrying again at my time of life, but since you insist suppose we make the wedding day the 20th of this

A Temperance Story. "You seem rather hilarious today." the lathe remarked to the buzzsaw. "Yes," replied the buzzsaw; "the man who runs me brought some whisky into the shop with him a little "Well?"

"Well, I took two or three fingers at his expense."

Attentive to the Duties. "Yes, I'm one of the trustees of the proposed gallery of art." "What have you done so far?" "So far? Why, we've eaten three annual dinners and are preparing for a

Not Good Enough. Mr. Nucomer-I found a china collar button in the hash this morning, and-Landlady-Nora, bring a gold plated button for Mr. Nucomer. Remembe he is on the second floor.

Comforting. Patient—Doctor, what is the effect of that medicine you just gave me? Physician—I don't know, but in the interests of science I feel it my duty to stay and find out.—Ohio State Jour-

Cultivation. "I suppose you hope to make a very cultivated young man of your boy

"Yes," answered Farmer Corntossel. "We're cultivatin' him the best we can. Every now and then mother and me gives him a rakin' over."

Judge-Do you think the fire was of incendiary origin? Witness-I wouldn't like to say that, your honor. To tell you th' truth, I believe th' building was set on fire.-Ohio

State Journal.

The Witness.



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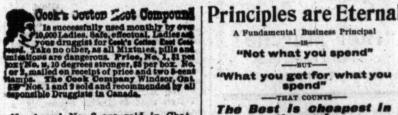
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