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## An Autumn Song.

The song birds are flying,  
And southward are hieing,  
No more their glad carols we hear  
The gardens are lonely,—  
Chrysanthemums only  
Dare now let their beauty appear,  
The insects are hiding,  
The farmer providing  
The lambkins a shelter from cold  
And after October  
The woods will look sober  
Without their crimson and gold.  
The loud winds are calling,  
The ripe nuts are falling,  
The squirrel now gathers his store.  
The bears, homeward creeping,  
Will soon all be sleeping  
So snugly, till winter's o'er.  
Jack Frost will soon cover  
The little brooks over;  
The snow clouds are up in the sky  
Already for snowing;  
Dear autumn is going,  
We bid her a loving good-bye.

The Kirkpatrick-Powell Nuptials.

On Wednesday afternoon, October 16th

the marriage of Mr. John Kirkpatrick,

son of Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick, of Petro-

lea, to Miss Maud Powell, of Brooke Tp.,

was solemnized at the home of the bride's

father, in the presence of about thirty

guests. Rev. Mr. Coupland, of Watford,

officiated and was assisted by Anson

Moorehouse, of Shelden. The ceremony

took place at 4 o'clock p.m., the bride

being given away by her brother—Mr.

Ernest Powell. The principals were un-

attended. Miss Mary Fowler, niece of

the bride was flower girl. The bride

looked very winsome in a handsome

gown of white silk organdy, and carried

a bouquet of bridal roses. The little flower

girl was dressed in white organdy, and

carried a basket of white carnations, in

which rested the wedding ring. A re-

cherche repast was served after the cere-

mony was over, and congratulations had

been extended, to which all did ample

justice. The house decorations were

white asters and bunting. The happy

young couple left soon after for a short

honeymoon trip, the bride's travelling

gown being of brown, with hat to match,

and brown furs. They will reside at the

home of the groom, 10th line west. The

groom's present to his bride was a hand-

some gold bracelet, and to the flower girl

a gold pin.

The groom is a well-known and prosper-

ous young farmer, and his many

friends throughout this section will join

in extending congratulations to him and

his bride.—Petrolea Advertiser.

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**Vegetable Crops.**

In spite of the lateness of spring and

dry weather during summer, the vege-

table growers of the Province have had a

satisfactory season, according to the

reports of the crop correspondents of the

Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association. On

the whole, prices have been good. Re-

ains in early fall caused rapid growth,

and high prices in some localities. All

kinds of vegetables should sell well. Gar-

den roots, such as beets, carrots, par-

snips and turnips have yielded well, but

generally speaking, they will be scarce

on account of the demand. The onion

crop has not been much except in the

Ottawa district. It is probable that the

marketable onions will not be hurried on

to the market; a large percentage of

them will be kept over winter. Celery

has yielded a good crop, but the quality

is not quite up to the standard. Lettuce

and radishes are fairly plentiful. Salsify,

where grown, is plentiful and extra fine

in quality. Late cabbage and cauliflower

have yielded well and are of fair quality.

Potatoes, while turning out better than

expected are only an average crop.

Infants too young to take medicine may be

cured of croup, whooping cough and colds by

using Vapo-Cresolene—they breathe it.

Mrs. Wm. Snow, of Blenheim, died

suddenly yesterday. She has been ailing

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## Dyspepsia of Women

**Caused by Female Disorders and Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

A great many women suffer with a form of indigestion or dyspepsia which does not seem to yield to ordinary treatment. While the symptoms seem to be similar to those of ordinary indigestion, yet the medicines universally prescribed do not seem to restore the patient's normal condition.



Mrs. Pinkham claims that there is a kind of dyspepsia that is caused by a derangement of the female organism, and which, while it causes a disturbance similar to ordinary indigestion, cannot be relieved without a medicine which not only acts as a stomach tonic, but has a peculiar tonic effect on the female organism.

As proof of this theory we call attention to the case of Mrs. Henry Beaubien, 83 Sparks St., Ottawa, Ont., who was completely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after everything else had failed. She writes:

"I had been troubled with indigestion and general stomach disorders for nearly a year. I had a soreness in my stomach and was unable to digest my food. I dieted and doctored without success; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound brought me permanent relief. I used three bottles and it cured me of my stomach trouble and built up my general health. I now enjoy a splendid appetite, can eat all kinds of food without trouble with indigestion, and know that I owe it all to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

No other medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement, or has such a record of cures of female troubles, as has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

**For Halloween.**

While one must use the imagination in telling fortunes by tea leaves, there is always a great deal of amusement in the pastime. The reader should be dressed in a manner that her identity is unknown to those present. In the first place she must possess a high sense of humor and a bright fancy. I used three bottles and it cured me of my stomach trouble and built up my general health. I now enjoy a splendid appetite, can eat all kinds of food without trouble with indigestion, and know that I owe it all to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

Serve the tea in small cups and do not drain it from the leaves. Each person drinks his or her cup of tea, draining it of every drop. The cup is turned upside down in the saucer, turned three times, then the reader gets her vivid imagination to work. The objects nearest the rim of the cup are for first consideration. A leaf is a lady, a stem or small stick indicates a man. Long wavy lines are misfortunes, four leaf clovers good luck, like-wise horseshoes. Letters are initials of loved ones, trees are good signs, squares mean letters, letters with money if dots are close by. A horse is a new lover, a dog or deer a good friend. In fact, one can see anything and call it what one may. It is all nonsense, yet helps to fill out the Halloween programme. The pleasure is in the excitement the reader causes by her jovial spirit in a fun-provoking reading of the fates.

**Your Wisest Course.**

If you are caught in the wet, get sore throat, neuralgia or muscular pain, don't wait for worse troubles. Begin prompt treatment with Polson's Nervine. It drives away all trace of cold, eases rheumatism, neuralgia and pain, saves you from a lay-up in bed. No 25c purchase can bring more comfort than a bottle of Polson's Nervine; it's the cleanest, strongest liniment made. Sold everywhere in large 25c bottles.

**No Trace of Missing Stock.**

"Had the earth swallowed them up instantly trace of them could not be more completely lost," said Mr. Arch McWilliam yesterday in reference to the five head of export stock he had stolen from his field west of Dutton, several weeks ago.

Every effort has been made to discover the missing stock, and two government detectives have been endeavoring to locate them, but not the least trace of them has been found. The thieves were evidently experts at the business in thus covering up their tracks so completely.

**BARNUM & BAILEY'S CIRCUS.**

Sold to Ringling Brothers for \$410,000.

London, Oct. 22.—At an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Barnum & Bailey show to-day a resolution was adopted ratifying the provisional contract providing for the sale of the property for \$410,000 to the proprietors of an American circus.

With the other assets this will give the shareholders \$2 to \$2.25 per share. When the company was formed in 1899, British investors almost fell over each other in their anxiety to subscribe the capital of the company—\$2,000,000.

The American purchasers are Ringling Brothers of Wisconsin.

## LOCAL OR OTHERWISE.

LONDON has a Chinese physician, a young man about 25 years old. He is a graduate of Hong Kong university, and is the only Chinese doctor in Ontario.

INSTEAD of burning the leaves this year the small boys in the cities are making pocket money by packing them in sacks and selling them for stable bedding.

GIANT TRIPLETS "Currency," "Bobs" and "Stag" Chewing Tobaccos, in big plugs. Quality always the same.

ALTHOUGH Canada comes far down on the list as regards number of miles of railway to its area, it has more railway mileage in proportion to the population than any other country in the world.

THE Petrolia town council passed a by-law last Friday night prohibiting the manufacture of explosives in the town and ordering the one remaining factory to remove its plant from the town.

ITCH, Mange, Prairie Scorpions, Barbers' and every form of contagious itch on human or animals cured in thirty minutes by Wollord's Sanitary Lotion. It never fails.

WM. FARBER, the newly appointed immigrant inspector at the tunnel, Port Huron, speaks nine different languages. It is said that no immigrant arrives at that port, but what can converse with Mr. Farber.

EITHER run a town with a vim, or just sell out and loaf. One thing must be done—run the town for all it is worth, get up steam and keep it up. Do you want trade? Bid for it. Do you want business to come to your town? Encourage what you have. Do you want a prosperous town? Then never permit jealousies to rule your actions, but work together for common prosperity and mutual benefit.

The never failing medicine, Holloway's Corn Cure, removes all kinds of corns, warts, etc.; even the most difficult to remove cannot withstand this wonderful remedy.

"WILL we pull through till spring?" is a question most of us ask ourselves on reading the stiff prices we are to pay during the winter months for the different staple articles that go to make up the daily bill of fare. A provision dealer in Toronto states that eggs will be from 60 cents to 75 cents a dozen and that butter would reach 50 cents a pound. Other dealers are more conservative and place butter at 40 cents and eggs at the same price. The scarcity of these two articles is not confined to Toronto and vicinity, but is general.

FOR Quality and Quantity ask your dealer for the new big plugs of "Bobs," "Stag" and "Currency" Chewing Tobaccos.

THE high prices of all products will have the effect of balancing the accounts of crop shortages to the farmers, but they are making the lot of the man on salary in towns and cities a hard one. With milk and butter, meat, coal and rents at the top notch the ordinary householder has difficulty in making receipts and expenditures balance. The farmer, at least, has a living assured, which is more than many heads of large families in the cities can count upon. If this state of affairs is maintained much longer, the much desired turn in the tide of workers back to the land may come with a rush.

ITS POWER GROWS WITH AGE.—How many medicines loudly blazoned as panaceas for all human ills has come and gone since Dr. Thomas' Eucalypti Oil was first put upon the market? Yet it remains, doing more good to humanity than many a preparation more highly vaunted and extending its virtues wider and wider and in a larger circle every year. It is the medicine of the masses.

THE total amount of county rates due from the various municipalities in Lambton to the county treasurer on Dec. 14th are as follows:—Bosancourt \$3,736.48, Brooke \$4,524.98, Dawn \$3,060.81, Ennis-killen \$4,621.89, Euphemia \$2,134.28, Moore \$4,550.78, Plympton \$4,672.15, Sarnia tp. \$2,259.47, Sombra \$3,101.81, Warwick \$4,373.26, Forest \$357.93, Petrolia \$2,247.75, Sarnia \$5,522.41, Alvington \$420.90, Arkona \$191.89, Oil Springs \$490.31, Point Edward \$388.43, Thedford \$196.42, Watford \$618.41, Wyoming \$282.07. Total \$48,201.23. Nearly \$1 per head for the population of the county.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator does not require the help of any purgative medicine to complete the cure. Give it a trial and be convinced.

MANY women complain that they cannot keep the pretty little ferns presentable for display in drawing rooms in fancy pots, because they fade so quickly and die. This is because they are not managed properly. Twice a week they should be taken to the kitchen sink and the leaves well washed and stood under the tap, which should be allowed to drip over upon them until they are quite refreshed. After this the pots should be laid on their sides and allowed to drain. If treated in this way they will keep fresh and look pretty all winter. House plants of any kind must not be watered too often in cold weather, or the soil will go "sad" and the plants die.

THE DEMON, DYSPEPSIA.—In olden times it was a popular belief that demons moved invisibly through the ambient air, seeking to enter into them and trouble them. At the present day the demon, dyspepsia, is at large in the same way, seeking habitation in those who by careless or unwise living invite him. And once he enters a man it is difficult to dislodge him. He that finds himself so possessed should know that a valiant friend to do battle for him with the unseen foe is Farnell's Vegetable Pills, which are ever ready for the trial.

THE Lambton County Council will petition the Ontario Legislature at its next session, to amend the municipal act to provide that when a poor person who would be a proper person to become an inmate of House of Refuge is committed to the County Jail the Warden be clothed with authority to have such person transferred to the County House of Refuge and to order that the maintenance of such

person be charged against the municipality from which such inmate was committed, after having first given notice to the municipality in question, and that in case the municipality disputed its liability on the ground that such person had not been a resident of the municipality that on being notified by the Warden the County Judge shall have power to hear evidence and determine which municipality (or municipalities) is liable for the maintenance of such person on the basis of three years residence, and if more than one municipality is found to be liable the said Judge shall decide in what proportions. Some such legislation is needed.



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