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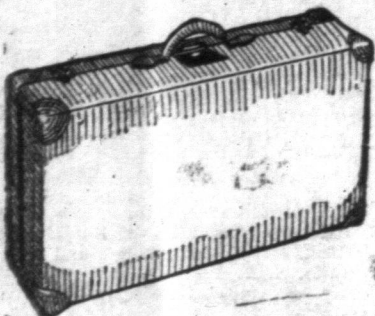
WE are not advertising to day. We want to use this space, and take this opportunity to thank our patrons for helping us to end this old year well.

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## The Letter-Box

## SUNDAY PAPERS.

Tom Groves, Chatham, Ont., writes: Dear Planet.—I would like to have information in regard to Sunday papers in London, England. 1. Is there any newspaper published on a Sunday? 2. Which of the London dailies last year issued a Sunday edition and the cause of failure to continue? 3. Why are weekly papers dated Sunday and circulated through the week? 4. Plenty of them. 5. Daily Telegraph and Daily Mail; partly because the ground was already well covered partly because a continuous seven-day publication is opposed to the English tradition, and partly because it was regarded as a grasping greediness for two papers already enjoying immense revenue to be still "asking for more." 6. The large weeklies are all dated on Sunday; take Lloyd's, with a circulation of close on one million copies; it goes to press at noon on Thursday and is on sale Friday morning, in the market town in England to catch the farmers, Friday being the chief market day in a large majority of the cities; later editions are issued on Friday and Saturday, and a Sunday edition at 3 o'clock on Sunday morning; this, of course, is the Sunday paper. The Referee, with an enormous circulation, only issues one edition—as late as possible on Sunday morning to catch the country trains. "A Reader," Bowmanville.—I am opposed to Sunday newspapers on what you call "the American plan."—Planet in Mail and Empire.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—From information received in regard to newspapers in London, England, I am clipping from Planet, of the Mail and Empire, one of the best posted men in Canada, as far as London is concerned. I accept Planet as authority. I don't want to slide out of anything, without acknowledging that I was wrong in regard to some weekly issuing their Sunday edition. But I claim that I have got the information from Planet that backs up my statement, and which was my reason in mentioning London, that the Daily Telegraph and Daily Mail, two of the leading dailies of London, by the voice of the people had to quit issuing a Sunday edition, which goes to show plainly that a continuous seven-day publication is opposed to the people.

But the question that concerns us as Canadians, is, are we going to allow a foreign sheet to be dumped into Canada on Sunday, a seven-day continuous daily that is opposed to everything British, with editorial of the blackest type, that should make a loyal Canadian blush with shame to patronize such a paper, whose only object is dollars and bluff. Mr. Editor, I am opposed to this Sunday paper business on principle.

First, because the law of Canada forbids the publishing of a Sunday edition.

Second, that it must be an infringement of the law if you deliver goods on Sunday and cannot sell them, but have to pay for them through the week.

Third, as loyal Canadians to law and country we should make every effort to stop Sunday papers entering the Dominion.

Now, the question is, what are the people going to do about it? You are asking for reforms and for better Sunday observance. It's no use coming and whispering and saying you are doing right. Come out and show make a side you are on. It must be very plain to the majority of the good thinking people of Chatham that things are not what they ought to be. It's no use resting on your laurels, and saying someone else is going to push the thing along. It is the business of everybody who has the good and welfare of the city at heart. We have hundreds of people professing to be true to themselves and those around them, who must be aware that such things exist, who could, by their voice and influence, shake the foundation. The ministers, who are preaching glad tidings and helping to build up the moral standing of a community, could do a great deal to stop these Sunday papers. All denominations can stand on one common platform.

What have the city papers got to say about these Sunday papers? Can either one of them give us an editorial saying that it is right to allow them here on Sunday? If you believe we should have them, and the country demands them, by all means let us have them printed in Canada.

In reply to my friend, Mr. Hallinan, re Sunday drinking, I can shake hands with him and would like to hear the news that the hotel here has bottled up from seven o'clock Saturday night will six o'clock on Monday morning. But it must be very plain to Mr. Hallinan that it's no use for a solitary individual to try and turn a wheel and put the machinery in motion when the main shaft is fastened down with a set-screw.

A man spoke to me the other day, asking me about prohibition—what I thought about it. I said: I was not in favor of.

"What, you not in favor of prohibition?"

I said no; I will give you my reason. The country is not ripe for prohibition and it would simply mean a farce, the same as the Scott Act.

What we want is the law strictly enforced right up to the handle. Educate the people to that first, and then launch out on prohibition when you have felt the pulse of the people on a fair trial. What is the sense in talking prohibition and expecting to make a success of it when you are not stopping the selling for a few hours?

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I remain, Yours respectfully,

TOM GROVES.

## ABOUT CARRIER BOYS.

Chatham, Dec. 30, 1901.

To the Editor of The Planet,

Dear Sir,—May I ask permission through your most valuable and up-to-date paper to give public expression to what has come to my own

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personal knowledge in regard to boys who deliver parcels for the merchants on King street.

I have had boys to call at my store as late as 10 and 11 o'clock at night to enquire for some person, where they wanted to deliver a parcel and that, on more than one occasion Saturday night last, I had a small boy to call at my store at 20 minutes after 10 o'clock with five parcels, one for the extreme east end of Stanley avenue, one for Dover street, one for Queen street near G. T. R., one for some side street of the west end of Park avenue. He went with the parcels for east end of Stanley avenue and returned to my store with his clothes all on and not bitten, but apparently a general satisfaction. And, sir, I do not think that parcels should be delivered after a reasonable hour, say half past nine or ten o'clock at latest, particularly in secluded parts of the city. I do not wish to offend any person, but carrying parcels over such distances and delivering parcels at such late hours I do think are unreasonable. Merchant, do not be afraid to let a purchaser carry his or her parcel if they so wish.

F. O. B.

THE CITY ENGINEER.

Dec. 19th, 1901.

Editor The Planet:

Our new engineer has been here for eight months. The result of his stay has been a general satisfaction by the better class of citizens, who think and know where they are at. They can see the difference between permanent improvement and scab efforts. The general appearance of the city speaks for itself, and there is no doubt in our minds for a minute that the city council given him the proper road map. The city again would have spoken for itself.

I have been a close observer of his reports. They surely fill the bill. This was a new departure to us in the city of Chatham. By this means we know where our money goes. I noticed, some time ago in one of his reports, that he asked for more all the lawn sprinklers and also that all trees on public thoroughfares be properly trimmed. This would, in my opinion, have proved the statement, that you cannot have durable roadbeds, while the bottom is soaked with water, and the sun never has a chance to evaporate the dampness from the roadbed.

Since his arrival here on the 22nd of April, 1901, up until the present, the 28th of November, there is a net saving on the pay sheets of \$572.00, compared with the same dates of last year.

Again, if we add the different local improvements and compare the same with last year, we have a net saving up to the present date, of about \$992. He has informed me that two-thirds of the work done, has simply been correcting errors work done in the past, by way of filling gutters and grading the same, raising catch basins to receive the water of the properly graded gutter, and opening clear waterways, for which the people paid for years ago.

He has also informed me that he has removed the disagreeable effluvia, by doing what the other fellow was paid for, viz, adding thirty or forty traps to the sewerage system in the past.

I am a ratepayer, and have been so for years, and think I have a right to pass an opinion, and that is we have got a man who knows his book. Give him the material and more money, if he wants it, and let us make the capital of the Garden of Canada a place to be envied by the greater and smaller cities in Canada.

I might say further that the new permit system, regulated by our engineer, the people who tear up the streets can do so no longer with impunity, but must conform with the by-laws made by the people. Thanks to the engineer, and while I have all kinds of respect for Ald. McGeig and have supported him heretofore, I do think he is trying to increase the earth's surface by trying to make mountains out of "noise" and represents my opinion that man who swallows a carpet tack with all sorts of distortion, while he smiles with sweet equanimity, as he passes a steam roller into his stomach. As after eight months of experience with our engineer, he struggles to make a point over a paltry seven or eight dollars of a livery bill, forgetting that the same engineer saves them a thousand dollars on the pay-sheet.

I have some more to say later on. We have good, up-to-date dailies here. I can get it in any time. So look for me later. Thanks for the space.

Yours truly,

CITIZEN.

## Theatrical

The Flaming Arrow, which was presented at the Grand last night with Go-Won-Go-Mohawk in the leading role was a real Indian play.

It was decidedly exciting and kept all interested, almost spellbound, from start to finish. The well trained horses, which were on the stage at different times, excited the admiration of all, while the acting of the Indians was splendid. Snow Ball, the colored girl, sent a vein of laughter running through the whole play.

The next attraction is the Hottest Coon in Dixie, for a matinee and an evening performance.

The Hottest Coon in Dixie New Year's Matinee and night.

No doubt numbers of people have seen the poster with this title that advertises the newest con comedy, "The Hottest Coon in Dixie." Without knowing the peculiar origin of the happy little ducky perched on his gallant steed, the baryard rooster, fondly clinging to his watermelon on route to the Hottest Coon show; while in California, during an engagement in San Francisco at a celebrated California theatre where the show had become a fad for fashionable San Franciscans, a performance was visited by a celebrated painter who was en route to Japan to sketch Japanese scenery. He attended a performance of "The Hottest Coon in Dixie" show and after the show, he asked for an introduction to the manager of the company and presented him with the sketch he had made on the back of his program with the words "Don't scare him away" for at the time, efforts were being made to extend the engagement of the company in the city and was much talked of in the press, many flattering comments appearing daily. The opinion of this gentleman found expression in the happily drawn cartoon of the little ducky that fills the mission of the silent advance agent of the popular con comedy.

Mam'selle Awkins on Saturday night.

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Nasal catarrh generally leads to ulceration, in some cases to such an extent as to destroy the nose entirely and in many old cases of catarrh the bones of the head become diseased. Nasal catarrh gradually extends to throat and bronchial tubes and very often to the stomach, causing that very obstinate trouble, catarrh of the stomach.

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All druggists sell complete treatment of the tablets at 50 cents and a little book giving the symptoms and causes of the various forms of catarrh, will be mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

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## For The Coming Year

We wish every reader of this space full measure of happiness and prosperity from the first to the last day of 1902.

Fascinating indeed is the outlook upon a year just about to begin, and to most people this year's prospect is perhaps specially so. The prosperity which every man and woman desires to make life satisfactory is happily general in Western Ontario just now. Farmers, mechanics and business men have felt the stimulus of good times in the year now closing, and are looking forward to yet better experiences in the month to come. People may be pardoned if they "see things large, hear the voices of to-morrow, and taste in hope the flavor of success." For our own part we expect as a matter of fact to make and sell more and better clothing in 1902 than in any year of our past history.

No one was ever the worse for looking forward with strong expectations so long as he did not forget to work for their realization. Once more, we wish you heartily a happy and prosperous New Year.

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