## BATTLE BETWEEN ANTS.

**One Army Invades a Schoolroom to Attack Another Lodged in the Walls.**

A missionary who is in charge of the Catholic school at Mpala, on Lake Tanganyika, tells of an extraordinary battle between ants in his schoolroom, which the pupils and their teacher were compelled to abandon in haste when the invading foe appeared on the scene. The deserted room became the theatre of a hotly contested battle between the ants that had their homes in the cracks of the stone walls and another species which advanced to the fight from the fields. The thousands of ants living in the walls are known to the natives as Masumbolo. They are very large and black, and as it is almost impossible to get rid of them, and they have the excellent quality of letting human beings alone, little attention is paid to them. The invading ants were not more than a third as large as the other species. They are called Siafou and are nomads and thieves by nature. When they discovered the home of the peaceful black insects they felt certain that a rich booty of larvae awaited them and lost no time in advancing to the attack.

Their squadrons moved forward in close files. They clambered up the door steps and into the room, moving very rapidly and began the fiercest of an attack upon the enemy, whom they surprised at home engaged in their peaceful occupations. Though the Masumbolo are so much larger than their fierce little enemies, they could not stand against these formidable aggressors, who are most effectively armed with the sharpest and hottest of pincers. So the attacked insects made scarcely any resistance, but gathered up as much of their larvae as they could carry and fled at the top of their speed. They fairly carpeted the floor as they moved toward the doors, while their conquerors lost no time in further attack upon the unresisting fugitives, but began to pillage the city that had been so suddenly abandoned.

A few minutes later, however, the Siafou paid very dearly for the raid they had made. Dozens of the schoolchildren applied wisps of burning straw to the cracks which the conquering ants had entered and burned them at the very place of their victory.

### NEAT PROPOSITION.

In these energetic go-ahead days, we are continually hearing of some new and curious way of making money, but the following method is, perhaps, as ingenious as any previously devised: A little boy entered a drug store, and marching up to the druggist said:

Please, sir, mother sent me to say as how Lizzie's got scarlatina awful bad, and mother wants to know how much you'll give her to spread it all over town?

### LIKE HIS FATHER.

My son said a father to a seven-year-old hopeful, I must discipline you. Your teacher says you are the worst boy in the school.

Well, papa, was the reply, only yesterday she told me I was like my father.


**What is it?**

Catarrhozone is a liquid, fragrant and cleansing, which rapidly volatilizes when inhaled. What is it for? It is an absolute, never-failing cure for catarrh of the throat or nasal passages. Is this true? We are so sure that it will cure you that we will send you, prepaid, a free sample of Catarrhozone and an inhaler if you send your address within one week. Write us.
N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont


### PECULIAR WILL.

A millionaire who died in Boston a few days ago directed in his will that no one owing him less than $3,000 be required to pay.

### BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Attention is directed to the report which appears elsewhere of the sixty-fifth annual meeting of the British America Assurance Company, which took place on the 16th inst. The fire branch shows a moderate margin of profit, despite serious fires entailing considerable amounts which occurred during the year. The financial surplus shows a balance of $29,894.52 and a surplus to policy-holders of $1,321,011.88.

### GONE SIMPLE.

That missionary, the head jailer reported, has gone daft.

He will still do, replied the King of Mbwpka, for a simple repast.


Iowa Farms for sale. $2 per acre cash, balance ⅓ crop until paid. J. Mulhall, Sioux City, Ia.


### MYSTERY SOLVED.

Suitor—Your daughter is the light of my existence.

Father—I've often wondered how you could see her with the gas turned so low.


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What do you think? Papa asked Jack if he expected to get any money in marrying me.

Was Jack insulted?

Insulted? He told papa that a good home was more of an object to him than wages.


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### WASN'T KEPT IN.

Mamma—Ain't you home from school earlier than usual to-day?

Bobby—Yes, mamma; I wasn't kept in to-day.


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### WORTHY OF NOTE.

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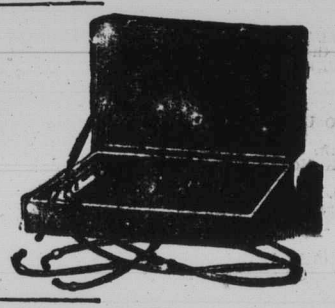
The "Improved" Edison graphophone will be sent free to each and every person who sells 24 boxes of Nervo-Heart Pills and returns to us the amount $8.40, or if you wish the Graphophone at once send us $8.00 only, with your order, and we will ship you the Graphophone and $8.40 worth of medicine immediately.

Don't miss this: we give the sender of 1st $8.00 order we receive each morning 9 additional Graphophone records (songs, band music, etc.) free. To the sender of the second $8.00 order we receive each morning 6 records free, and to the sender of the third $8.00 order we receive each morning 3 records free. So if you are smart you will get as high as $4.50 worth of records additional to the Graphophone free of any cost.

**The U. S. Talking Machine**



Second only to the Graphophone in reproducing clever stories, songs, band and solo music. The records for this machine are made of vulcanized rubber, one-eighth of an inch thick and seven inches in diameter, and are practically indestructible. It is enclosed in a beautiful polished hardwood case and will last a lifetime.

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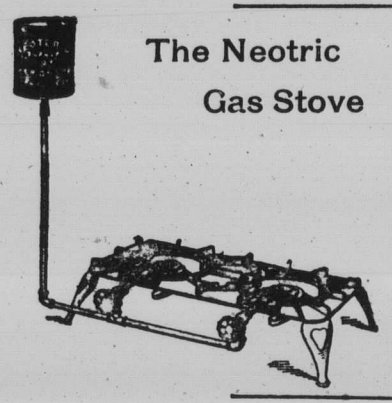

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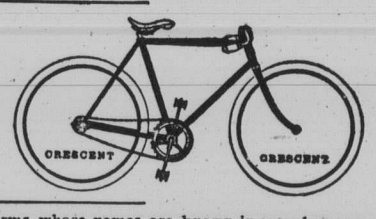


We are giving free, without any cost whatever [outside of freight and crate in delivery] these Crescent bicycles to our smartest salespeople. We will publish a list of awards of all our premiums every 2 weeks

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| F. D. Pepin, | Algoma Mills. " | " | Michael Brady, | Brockville, " |
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| Miss A. Leas, | Cannington " | " | R. Davison, | Belleville, |
| F. Millson, | Winthrop, " | " | May Pelton, | South Gower. " |
| E. Fisker, | Prescott. " | " | S. W. Smith, | Chatham, " |
| W. G. Noe, | Ingersoll, " | " | T. B. Barber, | Rossmore, " |
| R. White, | Altona, " | " | Chester Brierly, | Port Dover " |
| G. Philip, Jr., | Brougham, " | " | Geo. H. Fawcett, | Lindsey, " |
| W. Rolph, | Kirkfield, " | " | | |
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