

## Maple City's Veteran Poet

At 93 Years of Age Capt. Geo. Stringer Writes a Poem for The Planet—An Aged Man with a Remarkable Intellect

The following lines are from the pen of Capt. Geo. Stringer, a pioneer of Kent County, and a man who played a very prominent part in the building up of this district. Capt. Stringer is 93 years of age, and the verses quoted below were written for The Planet a few days ago. It is indeed a wonderful thing to see a man of Mr. Stringer's years still possessed of such a clear intellect. It is safe to say that there are not many men living today who at 93 years of age can equal this verse.

Mr. Stringer is a former sailor, and sailed the Great Lakes when he was a younger man, and at a time when this city was but a village. During his life he has written some really clever verse. He has an acute memory for a man of his years, and tells many interesting incidents which happened in the early days of this country. He has always been of a literary turn of mind and can still recite for hours at a time the sketches from the classics which, when a boy, he learned by heart. Although he is becoming feeble, the Captain is still able to get around to see his friends occasionally, and he is always a welcome caller at The Planet editorial rooms.

ADDRESS TO THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

the Legislative floor,  
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Will be held in memory for evermore.  
Thy Sovereign, wishing to honor thy good name  
Sent it west o'er sea, o'er mountain and plain,  
And on the wings of the wind it went, until  
It anchored in the Garden of Kent.  
City of Chatham, I knew thee in thy prime,  
Before thou hadst the time to shine,  
When laboring bullocks, drawing the wooden sled,  
McGregor's Mill, to grind corn for bread.

Often the like might be seen at the mill door,  
All the way from the western part of Lake Erie's shore.  
Now, in my wane years, weak and weary,  
I am wishing for faith to make me cheery.  
But if I flee to the city, what waits me there?  
But to see profusion that I must not share!  
There is a haven I wish to enter,  
Where the King of Kings rules in the centre.

I am steering there, through storm and squall  
To be there forever, with good St. Paul.  
—CAPT. GEO. STRINGER.

## Not a drop of Alcohol

Doctors prescribe very little, if any, alcohol these days. They prefer strong tonics and alteratives. This is all in keeping with modern medical science. It explains why Ayer's Sarsaparilla is now made entirely free from alcohol. Ask your doctor. We have no secret. We publish J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

### CUPID'S COURT.

An Adverse Decision, an Appeal and an Oral Argument.

The judge's daughter was perturbed. "Papa," she said, knitting her pretty brow, "I am in doubt as to whether I have kept to the proper form of procedure. In law one can err in so many little technicalities that I am ever fearful. Now, last evening George—"

The judge looked at her so sharply over his glasses that she involuntarily paused.

"I thought you had sent him about his business," he said.

"I did hand down an adverse decision," she answered, "and he declared that he would appeal. However, I convinced him that I was the court of last resort in a case like that and that no appeal would lie from my decision."

"Possibly the court was assuming a little more power than rightfully belongs to it," said the judge thoughtfully, "but let that pass. What did he do then?"

"He filed a petition for a rehearing," "the usual course," said the judge, "but it is usually nothing but a mere formality."

"So I thought," returned the girl, "and I was prepared to deny it without argument, but the facts set forth in his petition were sufficient to make me hesitate and wonder whether his case had really been properly presented at the first trial."

"Upon what grounds did he make the application?" asked the judge, scowling.

"Well," she replied, blushing a little, "you see, he proposed by letter, and his contention was that the case was of that peculiar character that cannot be properly presented by briefs, but demands oral arguments. The fact that he had been omitted, he held, should be held an error, and the point as such a novel one that I consented to let him argue it. Then his argument was so forceful that I granted his petition and consented to hear the whole case again. Do you think?"

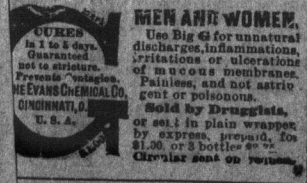
"I think," said the judge, "that the court favors the plaintiff."

### With Care.

The village Sunday school treat was full swing, and, after a rollicking one, the youngsters were now engaged on a heavy tea.

Little Johnny, though unaccustomed to very rich fare, had been tender to his inner Johnny until he did not accommodate another until, and he was consequently left slightly uncomfortable. Shall I lift you down, my little boy?" was the gentle inquiry of a helper who had noticed the youth gelling about on his seat.

"Yes please, m," assented Johnny, as disesteemed anatomy made him himself as stiff as a poker. "You lift me down, but"—and here his ailing look was truly pathetic—"don't bend me!"



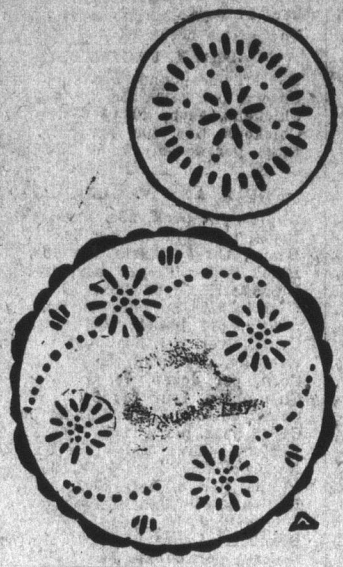
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### FOR THE BUSY WOMAN.

The Art of Painting Your Own Linen Hat.

This is something that will appeal to the—I was going to say lazy, but I mean very busy, woman or to the girl who doesn't want to tire her eyes making innumerable perfectly unnecessary stitches. The painted linen hat was thought out and made by the artistic mother of a little girl, and as the mother is not in the least lazy, but, on the contrary, most painstaking and dainty in the way she dresses her family, any substitute that she would suggest would be worth noting.

As it turned out, the hat was extremely pretty and very inexpensive.



the only real item worth considering being a bow of red ribbon tied around the crown.

A wire hat frame and the stamped linen pattern for a child's lingerie hat were bought, with a paint brush and red water color paint. Then, instead of embroidering the design, she painted it, filling up the spaces with red paint which does not spread and colors evenly. The scalloped edge was treated in the same way, and in about half an hour a unique little hat was ready, the material of which, excepting the ribbon, cost about 40 cents.

When it came time to launder the hat, the artistic mother tells me that she simply washed out the paint, which disappeared almost entirely, leaving, however, just enough for the markings of the next application, which follows when the linen is dried and ironed.

As a lingerie hat has always been a somewhat perishable headgear, hardly worth the time spent in embroidering it, a painted hat of this sort is a saver of both time and money, and the effect is really charming. Of course, instead of red paint, blue or any favorite color may be used with a corresponding ribbon.

Among the other novelties seen in children's hats are the chains of flowers on velvet ribbon. This is an effect recently sent over from Paris and can easily be copied by the home milliner. The model hats are usually the turned up wide brimmed affairs on the sailor order. A black velvet ribbon about two inches wide or more, according to the size of the flower, is used for background, and flowers, daisies, small roses or pansies are sewed on at regular intervals, the stems having been completely cut away and the flowers applied almost flat on the ribbon. This ribbon is then used to trim the hat with, and two streamers float down the back—Good Housekeeping.



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The Reader Who Skips.  
A good work of fiction, whether in prose or in verse—we are here speaking only of good works—is a work of art and can be rightly enjoyed only by entering into sympathy with the artist's mind and accepting his work according to his intention. In a perfect poem the place of every word, in a perfect novel the place, if not of every word, of every episode and of every paragraph, is important, and the reader who skips throws away the pleasure he has meant to derive from the harmony of composition, in which very possibly the beauty of the whole may chiefly consist, and despises the best part of the artist's labor. He might as well go to see a good play and then willfully miss every alternate scene—Exchange.

Atmospheric Temperature.  
The temperature of the atmosphere cools on an average about 1 degree for every 300 feet that we ascend or warm at the same rate as we descend. The mean temperature at the north pole is 0 and at the equator between 80 and 90 degrees. We can, therefore, get into a temperature 1 degree colder for every seventy or eighty miles that we travel north and in a temperature 1 degree warmer for every seventy or eighty miles that we travel south.

Sound judgment doesn't always make the most noise.

Tragedy in a Country Kitchen.  
Full many a gem which should have been raised serene  
Burns to a crisp behind the oven door,  
And many a sack of flour is born to burst unseen  
And waste its whiteness on the pantry floor.

## CHURCHES

### HOURS OF SERVICE

The services in all the churches in the city are held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., except the following:—  
Seventh Day Adventists—8 and 7.  
Campbell A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.  
St. Joseph's R. C.—7.30, 9.00, 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m.  
First Baptist—11 and 7.30.  
Union A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.

### NOTICE TO PASTORS.

Pastors and others who contribute news items to this department of Saturday's Planet will confer a favor by seeing to it that their "copy" reaches this office not later than Friday at 4 p. m. Matter received later than that hour cannot be guaranteed insertion.

### INTERNATIONAL S. S. LESSON FOR TO-MORROW.

The Two Reports of the Spies.—Num. 13, 17-20, 22-33. Read Num. 13, 14.

Golden Text—"The Lord is with us; fear them not."

Evidently the hosts of Israel were not ready for the Lord's battles, or they would not have sent spies out when God had told them the character of the land had been promised. His guidance step by step. Faith goes at God's command and walks not by sight. This was their lesson and is a lesson that we must all learn to-day. The 12 spies spent 40 days to find out if God's words were true. Only 2 of the 12 were "right with God," the other 10 were wrong on faith and could not believe God or help their comrades by their report; they saw the situation through eyes of unbelief, while Caleb and Joshua saw with an eye of faith, whose cry was, "on to victory, we know their God and the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."—Dan. 9, 33.

The majority report caused the unbelieving multitude to cry and weep day and night; they murmured against Moses, Aaron and God for leading them out of Egypt to slay them, and purpose to elect a captain to lead them back again. Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the rebels and Caleb and Joshua rent their clothes and pleaded with them on God's behalf, but the host of cowards would have stoned God's witnesses had not the glory of Jehovah interposed. Thousands of hearts are ready to believe reports of higher critics, skeptics and a lot of unbelieving spies, and to reckon God and His promises and judgments as of no account; whose motto is, "Let us eat and drink for to-morrow we die."

Faith and unbelief, courage and cowardice, debate and conflict were amongst the people of God, but Moses interceded, Jehovah is gracious, and instead of instantly cutting off disobedient, rebelling Israel, He turns them into the desert 40 years to train the rising generation to walk by faith.

When all the old grumblers die out, Caleb and Joshua head this victorious Salvation Army and take possession of the promised land. During those 40 years the Canaanites had a respite, a suspended sentence, and a God-given object lesson in Israel's walk and warfare, with plenty of time for repentance, God would, but they would not; just as men are to-day.

### CHURCH NOTES

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, pastor. The pastor will conduct the services on both occasions to-morrow, Mr. John Smith will preside at the organ.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 9 p. m.  
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

#### CHRIST CHURCH.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity. Rev. Robert McCosh, pastor. The pastor will conduct the services and preach both morning and evening to-morrow.

The Holy Communion will be administered at the 11 o'clock service to-morrow.

Sunday School will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3.  
The Holy Communion is administered the first Sunday of every month at the 11 o'clock service, and the third Sunday of every month at 8.30 a. m.

#### ST. ANDREW'S.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Battibay, pastor. The pastor will preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.  
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

#### HOLY TRINITY.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity. Rev. W. H. Colles will preach on both occasions to-morrow.

There will be short services during July and August.

The Holy Communion will be administered to-morrow morning at the 11 o'clock service.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.  
No meetings of church societies until further notice.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 11 o'clock and on the third Sunday at 8 o'clock a. m.

Baptism any Sunday at 4 p. m. when previous notice has been given.

## PATERSON'S COUGH DROPS

Quick relief and certain cure for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, and all irritations of the mucous membrane of the throat and lungs. Sufferers from these troubles should try them. Ask for the three-colored kind in the medicine bottle.

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### PARK ST. METHODIST.

Rev. Dr. Daniel, pastor. The pastor will preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.  
Regular weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening at 8.

### THE CENTRAL BAPTISTS.

Rev. W. A. Gannon, pastor. Gospel services in I. O. O. F. Auditorium at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. W. A. Gannon will preach at both services.

Sunday School at 3 p. m.  
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

### WILLIAM ST. BAPTIST.

W. E. Matthews, B. A., B. Th., pastor.

The pastor will conduct both services, preaching in the morning on "A Challenge to Unsuccessful Fishermen," and in the evening on "The Folly of Frivolity."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in connection with the morning service.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.  
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

### VICTORIA AVE. METHODIST.

Rev. W. H. Graham, pastor.

The pastor will conduct the services both morning and evening to-morrow.

Classes meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock and 12 noon.  
Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

### LATTER DAY SAINTS.

Services will be conducted to-morrow as usual.

Religio Society every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Sunday School to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Regular weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening at eight. Question box at the door.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

There will be service to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, second floor of the Oddfellows' Block.

### SALVATION ARMY.

Salvation Army, Union Depot—Knee drill at 7 a. m., meeting for promotion of holiness at 11 a. m., Christian fellowship meeting at 3 p. m., soul-winning service at 7.30 p. m. All services for citizens and soldiers.

### CAMPBELL A. M. E.

Rev. B. Roberts, pastor.

Services will be held as usual to-morrow.

Class meeting at 12 noon.  
Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.

### FIRST BAPTIST.

Rev. J. H. Fenwick, pastor.

The pastor will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sabbath School at 12.30.  
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

### B. M. E.

Rev. C. M. Walker, pastor.

The pastor will preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 8.

### UNION A. M. E.

Services will be held as usual to-morrow.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.  
Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.

### MT. ZION BAPTIST.

Services will be conducted to-morrow as usual.

Sunday School at 2.30.

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### TABLECLOTHS.

The "Doubblers" and the "Bubbles" of Olden Times.

In the twelfth century the tablecloths were very large and were always laid on the table double. For a long time they were called "doubblers" for that reason. The cloth was first placed so as to touch the floor on the side of the table at which the guests sat. Then all the cloth that remained was folded so that it just covered the table.

Charles V. had sixty-seven tablecloths which were from fifteen to twenty yards long and two yards wide. He had one cloth which was thirty-two yards long, and that had the arms of France embroidered on it in silk. All of these were fringed.

In the sixteenth century "doubblers," or double cloths, were replaced by two tablecloths, one of which was small and was laid just as we lay ours to-day.

The other, which was put on over it, was large and of beautifully figured linen. It was skilfully folded in such a way that, as a book of that time says, "it resembled a winding river, gently ruffled by a little breeze, for among very many little folds were here and there great bubbles."

It must have required much art and care to make dishes, plates, salt-larves, sauce dishes and glasses stand steadily in the midst of this undulating sea and among those "bubbles" and puffy folds.

However, the fashion had only a short existence, as is apt to be the case with impractical fashions, and toward the latter part of the century a single cloth, laid flat and spreading the floor on all sides of the table, came into general use.

### Royalty and Simple Life.

Every now and then our industrious newspaper scribes raise a little of the curtain on the private lives of European royalty and allow themselves some exclamations of surprise at finding how simple it all is. Royalty is popularly supposed to live in a perfect carnival of luxury, and to spend its time in devising new ways and means for the spectacular spending of money. Of course, nothing is further from the truth. There is a lot of human nature even about royalty, and it is pretty commonly true that we do not very much want what we have, and that we yearn for things that we cannot get. Most of the pleasures in life come from the pursuit of something, and not from its capture. The fun is over when the fox is caught, and when we glance into the real privacy of the millionaire we are likely to find him eating steak and onions and apple pie like the rest of us, and looking with a measureless disdain upon the dainties that we had thought most surely would be his exclusive diet.

The latest story of the simple life concerns Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. She is very wealthy, but she has small inclination for the things that wealth can buy. Indeed, she would willingly give the whole of her fortune, and her crown as well, for the luxury of motherhood, which can not be bought from nature by either money or rank. The queen rises early and takes a first breakfast at about 7 o'clock. At 9 o'clock she conducts prayers for the household and then attends to her correspondence. Then she is ready for a walk or a drive before luncheon, which is served at about noon. The afternoon is devoted to audiences. Statesmen and ministers attend at the palace and make their reports, and this is no perfunctory duty, for the young Queen wants to know the why and wherefore of everything. Dinner is at 7 o'clock, and it is just such a meal as one can buy at a middle-class restaurant. Then the evening is passed quietly with books or music, and bedtime comes at 10.30.

Queens are not always happy. Perhaps it might be said that they are never happy. Queen Wilhelmina would be an ideal mother, and in addition to her natural craving for a child, she is haunted by the fear that Germany will make some claim of succession to the Dutch throne. She has told her Ministers that she fears no child will ever come, and has urged them to make provision in good time, but she is still young and the people are hopeful, so that nothing has yet been done.

### The Minutest of Shells.

Among the minute existences upon the face of the globe that have been elevated by means of the microscope into an honored position of independence are the foraminifera, mostly marine animals inhabiting many chambered cells. At one time they were considered mollusks, at another they were ranked among the infusoria and eventually they were settled comfortably in the sub-kingdom protozoa. The calcareous shells have in the past formed vast deposits of chalk. They are often to-day congregated as realms of sand. These animals are not always minute, but generally they are subjects imperatively demanding the lens. An ounce of sand has been known to contain 6,000 of their shells, and in the West Indies the figure ran into millions. Your object under the naked eye seems to be merely a pinch of brown sand; under the microscope you have a great variety of the lowliest lilliputian shells, representing every variety of form known to the conchologist.

Drink Taxation in Britain.

According to a recent statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the average taxation per head in Great Britain for alcoholic drink and licenses is approximately 15s. 7d. on an estimated population of 43,643,000. The alcoholic strength of beer and wine varies considerably and there are no statistics, at present, of the quantities at each degree of strength which would admit of the number of gallons of proof spirit being given with accuracy.

### Congregationalism's Strength.

The statistics of the strength of Congregationalism throughout the world have just been compiled. The total number of churches, chapels and mission stations is now 12,833, with 1,333,331 church members and 1,602,886 Sunday school scholars. More than half of these are in America.