

## BANANAS, ORANGES and CABBAGE

Due Ex S.S. Stephano Thursday:

**50 Cases Sweet Oranges**  
**30 Bunches Bananas**  
**50 Barrels Cabbage.**

**George Neal.**

## Commercial Catechism

What is the price of Flour now? Ans. \$5.80. good.  
Is Sugar likely to be dearer? Yes.  
Under Confederation, will our fishermen get a bounty on fish? Yes.

What do you think of the Muscle as an article of food? Excellent. Only recently a famous professor of one of the American Universities, who had been experimenting with the Muscle for six years, handed down his report, which says that it is just as good as the Oyster. He goes on to say that in view of the high cost of living it would be a grand thing if the nation would realize the value of this excellent shell fish, as ten persons could be fed for 25c. He further states that the opinion widely held in the United States as to Muscles containing a poisonous part is erroneous, simply a superstition introduced by the Indians in early days.

Is there more business done by mail in Newfoundland today than there was twenty years ago?  
Yes! twenty times as much.

Name a house that makes a specialty of selling by mail?

Well, there are several mail order houses in St. John's, but one house that figures largely in this line is J.M. Devine, The Right House.

Does he send the goods without the money? Well, the system, if we are correctly informed is cash in advance or cash with order, and money refunded if goods are not satisfactory.

But will he really refund the money if the goods are sent back to him for any reason? Oh, yes, you get a money back guarantee with the goods if you are not satisfied.

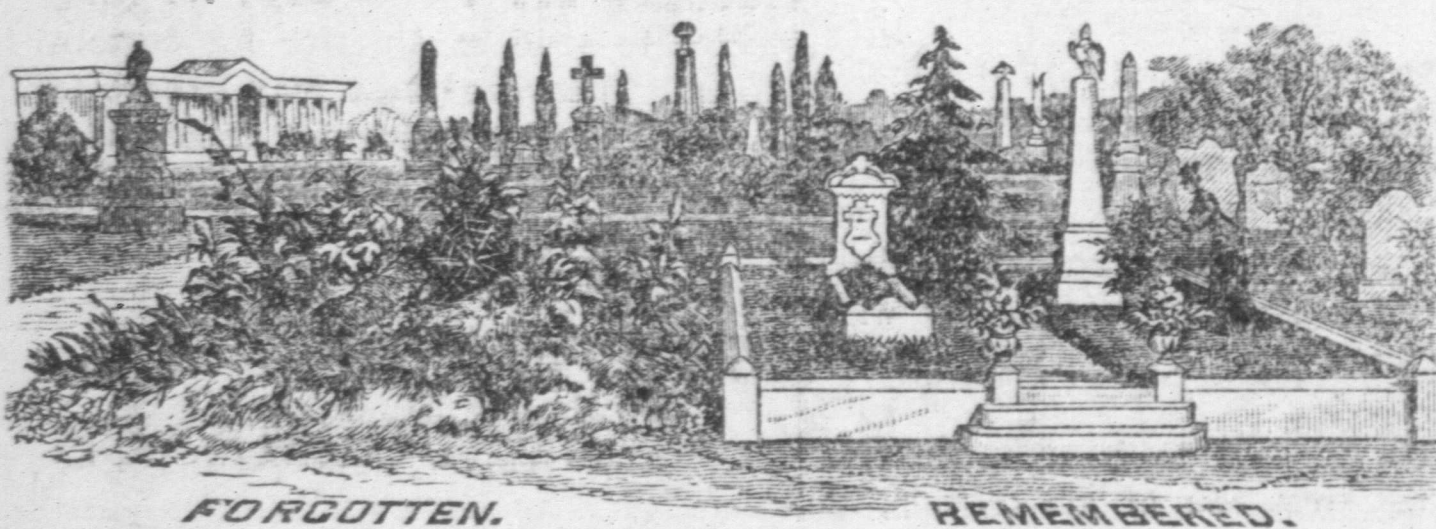
What is his correct address?

**J. M. DEVINE, The Right House**  
167 Water Street, St. John's.

You had better write him for all information.  
Does he give credit? Oh, certainly, to well-rated people.

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## Stoves! Stoves!

**Tinware! Tinware!**

We have received a shipment of  
**STOVES**

"Star Stirling," "Improved Success,"  
"Improved Standard."

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**Tin Kettles, Boats Kettles, Measures and Funnels.**

Local Councils and Union Stores requiring such goods should order at once.

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## CASE UNPARALLELED IN HISTORY OF U. S. CRIME

Negro Has Been Sentenced to Death Five Times For Committing Murder and is Now Condemned to Hang During Next Month—Eighth Time His 'Last Day' Has Been Set

Anniston, Ala., July 19.—Probably without a parallel in the annals of American courts is the remarkable case of Ervin Pope, the Alabama negro who has just appeared in court and for the eighth time listened to the reading of the death warrant and heard the date set for his execution. For five years the negro has been in jail under conviction for the murder of J. B. McClurkin, a white man living near the town of Oxford. He has been convicted and sentenced to hang five times; the case has been before the Supreme Court and reversed four times and eight different days have been set for the execution. Through it all the negro's nerve has never been shaken. From the day of his arrest he has maintained his innocence of the crime charged against him and has expressed confidence in his ultimate acquittal.

### The Murder

The murder of McClurkin occurred on the night of April 19, 1909. About midnight the victim was awakened by the noise of someone robbing his cotton gin. He got up, saddled his mule and followed the robber's wagon toward Oxford. The next morning his body was found horribly mutilated in a cotton patch on the edge of the town. In an alley in a negro settlement he had evidently been hit in the head with a heavy club, and his skull beaten in with a large stone.

Ervin Pope lived in the town of Oxford about a mile from where the body was found. He owned a little farm in the country and also ran a little restaurant in town. It was proved that on the afternoon preceding the murder Pope was at the mill owned and operated by McClurkin and had exchanged corn for meal.

### Principal Witness

The principal witness for the State was a negro, John Body, in front of whose door the murder was committed. Body testified that on the night of the murder he was awakened by the sound of screams and blows in the alley. He claimed to have gone to the door, opened it and looked out, and swore that he saw two men struggling, and he heard a voice say, "Ervin, Ervin." A blacksmith testified that he discovered the track of a wagon leading from the scene of the murder to Pope's house. Later a pair of shoes said to show traces of blood were found in an out-house in Pope's yard.

On this evidence, all of it circumstantial, the negro was tried and convicted.

**Was Arrested**

John Body, the negro in front of whose house the murder was committed, was arrested and held on suspicion. After Pope's conviction, Body was released. He immediately abandoned his crop and family and ran off, and all trace of him has been lost. The State and the defense have both made efforts to find him, but they have failed.

The lawyers for Pope have contended from the start that Body was the guilty man. Their theory is based on the seeming improbability of Body's story; on the fact that the murder was in front of Body's door; that the club with which McClurkin was killed came from a wood pile in Body's yard; that the murderer had taken pains to drag the body away from Body's door; that Pope had no one-horse wagon, while Body had a wagon which exactly corresponded to the tracks found at the scene of the crime; that barefoot tracks were found at the scene of the murder, as if Body had gotten out of bed and committed the murder; and the cotton seed which was stolen from McClurkin's gin on the night of the killing was found in an out-house just back of Body's house.

### Secured New Trial

At the first trial the court permitted a negro witness to describe his own conduct and actions as proof that Pope was guilty. The supreme court held that this was an unfair and improper way to proceed against the accused and ordered a new trial. The second appeal was granted on the ground that the defendant had a right to have Body's guilt considered by the jury, and that the State could not introduce illegal evidence to clear Body.

By a singular accident, the court repeated at the third trial the identical error it had committed at the second trial and this resulted in the third reversal of the conviction. The verdict found at the fourth trial was

reversed by the supreme court on a point of law.

On the fifth trial Pope was again convicted and sentenced to hang. The supreme court has now handed down a decision affirming the verdict of the trial court.

Nothing short of clemency or the discovery of new evidence tending to prove his innocence can now save Pope from the gallows. He is under sentence to be executed on the twenty-first day of next month.

## REMEMBER THE WEATHER WAS VERY HOT

And the Imagination of the Newspaper Man May Have Boiled Over

### GIRL WHO STOPPED BULLET WITH TEETH

And Escaped With the Loss Of Only One of Her Pearls

Shot in the mouth by the accidental discharge of a revolver, 15-year-old Margaret McLoughlin of 1614 Melon street, caught in the bullet in her teeth and spat it out, performing a feat often faked in stories, but never before known to have been actually accomplished, alleges The Philadelphia Enquirer.

The bullet took a teeth with it when the girl expelled it from her mouth, but, with the exception of a bleeding gum, she was uninjured.

Two boy neighbors of the girl, Harry Jamieson of 1619 Melon street, and Leon Skinkin of 1624, were at a section-floor window of the girl's home playing with a revolver, which they thought was not loaded, while the girl was in the yard. Suddenly the weapon went off, and the bullet sped downward toward the girl.

She had her mouth open at the time, and the bullet struck one of her upper teeth, knocking it into her mouth.

Immediately she snapped her jaws in pain, and crushed the bullet between her remaining teeth.

When she opened her mouth to spit out the blood one tooth and the bullet flew out.

The only explanation of the curious case is that the cartridge was very old, and the force of the bullet discharged from the revolver was not very great.

The girl had no marks on her face when she was taken to hospital.

## A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN

Every successful business man can give reasons for his prosperity. Most essential to any success is a careful and ceaseless attention to details. Every well conducted office or store in the world finds that simple and effectual filing systems are an absolute necessity. No employer will waste his own time or allow waste with his staff by using old fashioned methods. The benefits derived from the time and money-saving system which "Globe-Wernicke" devices encourage are self-evident. Not a paper can go astray when the "Safeguard" method of this Company is used. And no matter how complicated your filing problem, no matter how peculiar, no matter how small or how large, the "Globe-Wernicke" can provide you with the equipment that will place every record at your finger tips. Why not investigate? Mr. Percie Johnson represents the "Globe" in Newfoundland.

## COAL!

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**W. H. HYNES.**

## Helpful Hints For The Housewife

Labor Saving Ideas That Make Easier the Burden Of Housekeeping

A piece of starch placed in the water will keep flowers frosh for quite a long period.

If a little saltpetre is sprinkled over the fire occasionally it will keep the chimney free from soot.

After washing cut glass articles let them dry and afterwards rub them carefully with prepared chalk, with a soft brush.

Potatoes are more nutritious if boiled in their skins, after being scrubbed clean; they can be skinned before taking to table.

After using a gas stove for baking leave the door open a little while to allow the heat to escape. This will prevent sweating and rusting.

The best way to keep a dustbin fresh and clean is to put hot ashes into it each time it has been emptied. It keeps it quite clean and free from all smells.

Celery or parsley rubbed on the hands after peeling onions will counteract the odor. Lemon, borax, or ammonia is excellent for removing stains from the hands.

Brown stockings should never be ironed, but just pressed through the mangle to smooth them out. A hot iron will spoil the color and give them an unpleasant tint.

When washing oilcloth a tablespoonful of painters size added to a pail of water will give it a glossy surface and make it wear much better than when washed in the ordinary way.

Not only is powdered oatmeal good for the complexion, but a little of it thrown into the water in which the face and hands are bathed has a softening and whitening effect.

When cooking kippers, place them on a dish or tin with a piece of butter on each; cover and leave in a fairly hot oven for ten minutes. This method preserves the juice and the flavor of the fish better than frying.

When cleaning stone steps and hearths mix the white hearthstone or red ochre with thin starch instead of water. This causes it to stick to the stones, and it will not be washed off so quickly with rain or be trodden off.

To clean the inside of a silver teapot, mix together equal quantities of soda, vinegar, and flour. Paste this around the inside of the pot and let it stand over night. It will make the inside as bright as possible with very little labor.

When a splinter gets under a finger nail it is often very hard to draw out. In such a case, if a cold water bandage is put round the top of the finger and then kept wet and cold it will in time both draw out the splinter and keep the finger from festering.

### PREPARE FOR THE WORST.

Are you prepared for a fire? Most folk are not! One of my liberal policies will make the calamity easier to bear. It will cost you nothing to ask for a low rate and very little to be perfectly secure with Percie Johnson's insurance agency.

### MADE ATTEMPT TO POISON GIRL.

Philadelphia, July 18.—The police are puzzled by the poisoning of a young woman, whose identity was not revealed, by bichloride of mercury. The young woman put the tablets in her stocking and her leg was poisoned.

Her act probably saved her life, as she told the police the bichloride was given to her by a jealous rival, who told her they were headache tablets.

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(Dalhousie University.)

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P.O. Box 1270.

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