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The secretary and his young wife were yet in the glamour of their honeymoon. No siderations of convenience, no passing inclination, had united them. Love, ar dent and proved by years of nationt wait ing, was the seal of their union. They had known each other as little children, and their hopes and plans had grown together, but Sellner's uncertain position forced them to postpone for a long time the fulfillment of their hopes. At last he received his expenintment, and on the following ed his appointment, and on the following Sunday he led his bride into their new home. When the long summer days of congratulations were ended, how gladly they spent the beautiful evenings togeththey spent the beautiful evenings together, with no third person to claim and share in their joy! Plans for coming days filled the hours. They were both of them fine musicians, and Sellner's flute and Josephe's harp made sweet music during ing the enchanted evenings, which sped all too quickly. The deep harmony of their instruments was an auspicious omen for their future.

One evening after they had played long together Josephe complained of a violent headache. It had begun in the morning, and the day's work and the evening's pleasure had wrought seriously upon her delicate nerves. Sellner sent at once for a physician, who assured them that she would recover in the morning. But after on extremely restless night, during which she raved incessantly, the doctor found poor Josephe with the symptoms of a nervous fever. He devoted himself zealously to the case, but Josephe grew worse daily. Sellner was beside himself. On the ninth day the physician lost hope, and Josephe herself felt that she could not live much longer. She awaited the end with gentle resignation.

"Dear Edward," she said to her hus band, "with deep sorrow I leave this beautiful earth, where I have found thee and highest blessedness; but, though I may not linger longer in thine arms, Josephe's love shall be round about thee un-til we meet again above."

She sank back and fell asleep. It was in the evening at the ninth hour. Sellner's sorrow was unspeakable. He struggled long with life. His grief destroyed his health, and when after many weeks he arose from his sickbed he was without a vestige of his former youthful vigor. Deep melancholy fastened upon him. Fix had left Josephe's room as it was before her death, and every evening he made a pilgrimage to this sanctuary of his love. Hither on a clear moonlight night he came and stood as in the time of his happiness, leaning upon her window. Into the sweet tones of the flute he breathed his yearnings toward her who had gone. Suddenly from a neighboring tower the watchman cried the ninth hour. As it struck by a light spirit hand the harp answered to his flute. Overcome with awe. Sellner ceased playing on the flute. The strains of the harp also ceased. With deep emotion he now began Josephe's favorite song, and the strings sent forth strong, loud notes in ac-

companiment to his melody. He sank to stretched out his arms to embrace the be- the contractor and the reeve. loved shadow. He felt himself breathed upon as by the warmth of spring, and a pale, shimmering light shone round him.
"I know thee, blessed shadow of my
sainted Josephe!" he cried. "Thou didst
promise in love to be round about me!
Thou dost keep thy word! I feel thy

breath; thy kisses upon my lips! Thy glory shines upon me!" Again he took the flute, and the harp

again sounded forth, but more and more gently until its whisperings were lost in one long, final chord.

Sellner cast himself upon his couch. In all his heated dreams he heard the whisperings of the harp. He awoke late, wearied from the emotion of the night. He felt the touch of a supernatural hand upon his life, and within him there was a strange voice. It prophesied the speedy victory of the soul over the body.

With unutterable longing he waited for the evening. At twilight he betook him self to Josephe's room. Playing upon the until the ninth hour. Hardly had the last clock stroke ceased before the barp again sent forth its strains to meet and blend with the flute tunes in perfect accord. Again the paie, shimmering light shone round him. Again he cried out to his loved one: "Josephe, Josephe! Take me with thee!" Again the harp strains took

leave of him in gentle whisperings. Sellner tottered back to his room. His looks terrified his faithful servant, who hastened, in spite of his master's prohibitions, to the physician, who was also a lifelong friend of Seilner. The physician found him in a fever, with the very symptoms that had appeared in Frau Sel malady. The fever increased during the night. He raved ever of Josephe and the

harp.
In the morning he was quieter; the struggle was over. He rewaled to the physical property release. He revealed to the physical property is the physical property of the physical ph sician the occurrences of both evenings and no arguments of cold reason could dissuade him from his belief. As evening came on he grew weaker and asked at last to be taken into Josephe's room. They did his bidding. He looked about him at each beloved object with tears of joy and spoke with certainty of the ninth hour as his last upon earth. The fatal moment drew near. He said farewell to all who were gathered around him and asked to be left alone with the physician.

Nine hollow strokes groaned forth from the castle tower, and Sellner's face shone

the castle tower, and Sellner's face shone with a heavenly light.

"Josephe" he cried with ineff the joy, as if God's hand had touched him. "Josephe, greet me once more ere I go, that I may know thou art near and may overcome death by thy love!"

Then the harp strings vibrated in splendid, triumphal strains, like peans.

"I come I come!" he cried, and sinking

did, triumphal strains, like preans.
"I come, I come!" he cried, and sinking back, struggled with life. The harp tones grew soft and gentle, but lost no sweetness nor clearness. Suddenly Sellner's struggle ended, and the strings snapped asunder. Were they orn by a supernatural hand?—Exchange.

Throwing the Shoe. "Over Edom will I cast out my shoe, "Over Edom will I cast out my snoe, says the psalmist, the throwing of a shoe being the symbol of new ownership, a testimony in Israel of possession. In Anglo-Saxon times the father delivered the bride's shoe to the bridegroom, who touched her with it to show his authority.

The custom of throwing an old shoe after the bride in England and Scotland signi-fied that the parents gave up all right or dominion over the daughter. "Here, waiter, you have charged for three soups instead of two."
"Yes, sir. There is the one I spilled of madame's dress."—Journal Amusant.

THE SEA GIPSY.

I am fevered with the sunset I am fretful with the bay, For the wander-thirst in on And my soul is in Cathay.

There's a schooner in the offing
With her topsails shot with fire,
And my heart has gone aboard her
For the Islands of Desire.

I must forth again to-morrow!
With the sunset I must be
Hull down on the trail of rapture
In the wonder of the sea.
—Bliss Carman.

Township Councils.

HOWARD COUNCIL

The Howard Township council met on Saturday last with all the mem-Communications.

From L. J. Reyeraft, stating that less the amount deposited by Mr. Pangburn in the drainage suit was refunded he would place the claim

From Stratford Bridge Co., stating

that the bridges, recently under con-struction, were completed and request-ed settlement for the same.

court.

From John Rose, wishing council to adopt a report of A. Smith, C. E., for improving the west branch of the Bell or Crawford drain, as he considered the plan suggested the proper one owing to heavy cuts and drain. Reports.

From the reeve stating that he had given contract for filling approaches to Armali creek bridge to J. Dewhurst for the sum of \$250, and further reported that the pass of the bridge had sprung from the weight of the filling in at the ends, and having met the manager of the Bridge Co., was of the opinion that they would jointly straighten the same, but it would be necessary to await the decision of the county, as they had constructed the bridge according to specifications and and did not think there would be so much earth required, nor so great pressure. Considered it a well-built bridge, and had given a two months' note of the township to contractors as per agreement. From the reeve on the McGregor creek bridge, Howard Road, stating

that it is completed. . From A. Smith, C. E., on the Cranberry Marsh, stating that the same is completed, with the exception of from stakes 10 to 12 he found three inches shallow; and from stake 15 to stake 20 the side slopes are not as specified.

specified.

From John Serson, tile inspector, certifying to completion of 261 rods 3-n, and 72 rods 4-in, at a cost of \$135.60, bin part lot 7, and 8, T. L. R. From J. C. Williams, certifying to the completion of the approaches to Atnoted Creek bridge entifling John Dewhurst, contractor, to the sum of \$250 as per agreement made between

Petitions.

From Zech Spence and forty-eight others, petitioning council to decide as to ownership of gravil pit on lot 3, con. 1, W. B., and road leading thereto, as they are of opinion that said property belongs to municipality. The following persons addressed the council: F. Guyott, W. Steen, John Minshall, E. Everett, W. Greenway, A. Gillespie, Lawson McDonald, Thomas Gadd, H. Buller, Julius Handy, James Alexander and John Robertson, in

reference to sheep killed by dogs. Wm. Stinson wished culvert repair ed on Howard road. Also claiming that sewer p po put in on con 12 was too shallow to drain his land-No ac-

A. Gillispie in eferen ing of an apornal which was running at large, sta a same had been im-pounded through pite of poundkeeper and asking refund.—No action. John Rose and W. A. Galbraith in reference to report on west branch of Bell and Crawford drain, consider the tile the only satisfactory way and ask

James Clirk, asking council to notify R. McKay to have the portion of the Clark drain repaired as per agreement when drain was constructed.—Clerk instructed to notify him to that effect.

John Crowder, 4 days' com. work, Arnold creek bridge and Howard road, J. Crowder, 3 days' con. work, D. N. Roe, work, Arnold creek bridge,

J. L. Williams, do.; \$5. W. Cudmore, do., \$3.50. John R.e, do., \$2.25 G. Cudmore, do., \$2.25. A. C. Arnold, do., \$1.12.

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John Cain, township engineer, resetting stakes, Grant and Pangborn drain, \$2.

T. L. Buller, lumber, Howard road bridge, \$50.29.

T. L. Buller, lumber, Arnold creek bridge, \$126.63.

E. Brien, digging 15 rods, Tp. portion Mitton drain, \$2.25.

Mitton drrain, \$2.25.
R. Taylor, removing a dead dog from under a sidewalk at Morpeth,

T. J. Guest, supplies for hall, \$2.60. Wm. Scafe, 56 rods, Tp. portion Buller & Hunter drain, \$11.20. A. Smith, C. E., survey of Whites'

creek, \$2.50.

A. Smith, C. E., inspection and report Cranberry Marsh drain, \$6.

J. C. Bilmer, assistance on inspection Cranberry Marsh drain,\$1. G. H. Grant, procuring tile and put-ting in its portion, Pangborn and Grant drain, \$11.10. Resolutions.

Moved by Campbell and Boothroyd, that the accounts as read be paid, and charge to their several accounts. -

Carried.

Moved by Williams and Campbell, that F. Guyatt be paid \$14 for three labs killed and sheep worried; Wm. Steen \$8, two sheep killed; John Minshall, \$11.33 for two lambs and one sheep killed; A. Gilliespie, \$6 for three sheep killed; A. Gilliespie, \$6 for three sheep worried; W. Greenway, \$4.66 for one sheep killed; Lawson & McDonald, \$2 for one sheep worried; Thos. Gadd, \$5.32 for four sheep worried; H. Buller, \$6.66 for two sheep killed; J. Robinson, \$2.66 for one lamb killed; W. E. Galbraith. \$3.32 for one lamb killed, and A. Alexander, \$35.32 for five sheep killed by dogs, being two-thirds value, and charge to the dog fund.—Carried. Moved by Boothroyd and Campbell,

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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets invigor ate stomach, liver and bowels, them when you require a pill,

that John E. Everitt be refunded \$1 error on collector's roll.—Carried.

Council met as a court of revision on the McGregor creek and Buller

Moved by Boothroyd and Campbell that the court of revision on McGregor creek drain adjourn until the first meeting of council in 1901, at 2 p. m.—Carried.

Moved by Campbell and Williams that the court of revision on Buller drain adjourn until first meeting of council, at 2.30 p. m.—Carried.

Moved by Duck and Boothroyd, that
as William Thatcher has paid \$2.47,

being arrears taxes charged against lot 8, L. R. S., pt. lot \$2, and as the Coll. roll of 1895 shows that he paid all taxes then due, resolved, that he be refunded the said sum, it being an errer, and probably chargeable against lot 9, adjoining.—Carried.

Moved by Boothroyd and Campbell, that the following reports be adopted:

John Crowder, re Arnold creek bridge also completion of McGregor creek bridge, Howard road. A. Smith, C. E., on the Cranberry Marsh drain. J. Serson, tile inspector, on lots 7 and 8, T. L. R., and J. C. Williams, on the

8, T. L. R., and J. C. Williams, on the completion of filling approaches to the Arnold creek bridge and that J. Dewhurst, be paid \$250, as per contract.—Carried .

Moved by Campbell and Williams, that W. Wright be refunded \$1 overcharge for statute labor.—Carried.

Moved by Duck and Boothroyd, that the partition of Z. Scange and 48 others. the petition of Z. Spence and 48 others, relative to road and gravel pit at or near the old sive of the Arnold mill be received and that the clerk be instructed to look up minutes of any

action taken relative to same at any previous time.—Carried. Moved by Duck and Boothroyd, that the report of A. Smith E. E., on west branch of Bell or Ckawford drain be adopted and the clerk prepare a by law for same.—Carried. Moved by Campbell and Duck that this council adjourn.—Carried. Geo. McDonald.

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