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An Interesting Article on This Subject Which Will be of Interest to Many Chathamites.

"Thinks of nothing but his work, does he f" doubtfully repeated a well-known employer of labor when confronted by a young man's desire for occupation, expressed by an ardent friend and admirer. "Well, at best that's a one-sided recommendation. The man who thinks of nothing but his work is going to worry over it, and that's bad for work, worker, and the business. I prefer a man who thinks of almost anyling but his work, outside of work— a noted Chicago nerve specialist sometimes delives that the period when hobbies should be laid aside.

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which saying embodies a greater which saying embodies a greater with than is at first apparent. The ler a man works, the more suctive and the saying embodies a greater with the saying embodies a greater with the saying embodies a greater with the saying embodies and greater than the saying embodies and gray hairs to his physical appearance, unnecessary years to heart, and soul, and mental equipment. But he is by no means putting into the beloved work the best that might be. Freshness and elasticity of enthusiasm are absolutely necessary to continued success of the highest order in whatever line suggested: and they cannot be unswervingly maintained, year in, year out, without rest, recreation, and change.

Physicians and scientists tell us that the grey matter of the brain becomes worn in actual ruts from continued thinking and demands along certain lines, with the cyclic or recurrent reactionary tendencies if the mental nature we are all more less familiar. Ever one knows at the cord too tight stretched, e spring kept const.

A Chicago business man not long since confessed, regretfully, that he dalways intended to love and marry, feeling that only in this way could be extract all of life's sweetness, but—he had never had time. Another man recently admitted that he had been so busy piling up dollars for the future enjoyment of these facts the hobby habit should particularly appeal to the man who so loves his work that, success in it seems to him most reasonably purseems to him most reasonably pur-chased at the price of an entire life-time of unremitting toil.

BRINGS CONTINUED SUCCESS. Few of us, perhaps, possess Abraham Lincoln's ability to sleep for wenty minutes at will and wake up it is freshed and revived to ardent wat long continued mental endeavers.

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mberlain, the violets of Rocke-er, the fine horses, automobiles, tobs and money kings and stren-other great money kings and stren-uous workers in the realms of fin-ance and varied accomplishments serve a like purpose. A hard workserve a like purpose. A hard working professional woman of Chicago makes candy in the still small hours of the winter night when the jaded brain alike forbids sleep and further endeavor. A busy physician rises at dawn eight months of the year, to dig in his tiny garden. Temporary but frequent relief from accustomed thoughts and efforts is absolutely indispensible, however obtained, and enjoyed, to a permanent success. Nearly atl of the world's greatest workers have recognized this truth conscientiously.

METHOD IN FORGETTING WORK. "Forget your work periodically if you hope to do your best for and with it," is the wise counsel of a man who long since learned that this connection, as in most

A noted Chicago nerve specialist sometimes claims that he saved to a friend and patient not only his life and reason, but also his fortune, by inducing him to acquire a hobby.

hobby.

"It was either death, the long holiday that meant financial ruin, or a great change of mental attitude for the unfortunate victim of too sustained and close devotion to business duty. As a physician I proved hopeless; he would neither take drugs nor the systematic exercise that is so distasteful viewed simply as a presoription. As a friend I managed to interest him in chicken raising. And in a year he was well.

The same wise doctor has cured

the beloved work the best that might be. Freshness and elasticity of enthusiasm are absolutely necessary to continued success of the highest order in whatever line suggested; and they cannot be unswervingly maintained, year in, year out, without rest, recreation, and change.

HOBBY GIVES MENTAL VACATION.

It is for this reason that the much discussed vacation should be religiously—and gayly—enjoyed by the devoted worker. It is for this reason that a pleasant hobby—in itself a recurrent vacation—should be sedulously cultivated by every ambitious toiler, mental, physical, or spiritual, until the point is reached where the hobby needs no further cultivation, because it claims its appy devotee instead. It matters appy devotee instead in the instead of t

ADDS MUCH, TO CHARACTER.

Nor should the cultivation of the hobby habit be encouraged for reasons of pure business only. The man with the hobby is the man who enjoys life and helps others to enjoy it. The man with a hobby is apt to be cheery in nature, wide in sympathies, charitable, broad in his judgments, ready to spread good times about him. He will seldom, as is too often the case with ardent workers, be too busy in getting ready for some future day to get the best out of the life of the present.

a poorer but wiser rival had married her out of hand. Yet another suc-cessful business man, whose proud boast it is that he has been fortyboast it is that he has been fortythree consecutive years "in harness"
with but two weeks of vacation in all
that time, scarcely knows his own
children; his wife, lavishly provided
for in all material details, bitterly
declares that business has robbed
her of her husband. Such cases
might be multiplied by almost every
observant individual of the present
day. The enjoyment of a hobby—
any hobby that would have prevented the slavish absorption to business
—would have rendered such mournful tales untrue.
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It is the "take a good time as you go along" workers, broadly speaking, who are of most value to their work, themselves, their associates, the world at large. The so-oled "concentration" that means the losing of the identity in the task is not really concentration; it is more properly absent mindedness. True concentration, the conserved and intelligently directed attention that may be disposed at will in any desired quarter, means the kind of mental effort that seldom fails to its purpose, and preserves the all around health of the worker. Robert Louis Stevenson, sweeping the South sea cabin. "without much benefit to the room, and with positive injury to the broom, but with such infectious good will and spirit as inspired and cheered all about hime," to quote an amused admirer, was not only executing his whole-hearted conception of duty but also endering possible more wonderful literary work. The hobby habit, properly followed, brings about unending refreshment of this kind.

LEAVE WORK AT THE SHOP. LEAVE WORK AT THE SHOP.

How much better, perhaps, to retire from business every night, returning to it with renewed energy, and fresh enthusiasm every morning, finding and making life good for family, friends, and neighbors through long years of happy, useful endeavor, by the sane, reasonable, and optimistic personal attitude best and most easily brought about by regular and enjoyable change of occupation and thought.

ent, persistent climbing so pleasantly common in American annals. The miracle seemed to be that any successful man could make up his mind to retire from business merely to enjoy life viewed from another side. But — suppose the man who promises himself to retire at 60, who sacrifices nearly everything that makes life worth living to the pursuit of the nimble dollar that shall render the long holiday possible, dies before the promised time of retirement? What becomes of the sacrifice then?

LEAVE WORK AT THE SHOP. they kindle themselves. If a man is attracted by a certain girl he invites her and her relatives to partake of the warmth around his fire. This is taken as a gentle hint that he is thinking of proposing. The parents very seldom, if ever, visit the "Shambang." The girls spin, assisted by the men, tell stories and sing until they tire. When a man has made his choice he dresses in his best and takes wine and food to the parents of the girl he has chosen. If his suit is approved his food is eaten and his wine is drunk and the girl is his after he has paid a small amount of money to her father. ******************

STAGE ICE-CREAM.

Joseph Jefferson, the veteran actor, tells the story of an amusing "break" in a production of "Camille" at the old Walnut street theatre in Philadelphia
In those days sea-island cotton was
stage ice-cream, just as molasses and
water was make-believe wine—sherry
or port, according to the proportion
of molasses.

LOVE STORY.

A prominent English woman who has just returned from Tibet says that the people of that country have long ago solved the question which has been causing much discussion in England for years. In the lama country, she says, you hear no cry, "Why don't men propose?" Every girl is married and old maids are unknown. The match-making place, or the "Shambang," as it is called, is a low hut, generally situated between two villages, where maidens and young men in every class of life congregate around small fires which

*********************** The Days of Auld Lang Syne

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's issues of Half a Century

ders for the pullding of a residence for the Chatham gaoler and altera-tions in the gaol.

Blondin has been displaying himself before the Buckeyes, and on Tuesday he made an ascension at Chillicote, which netted him \$1,000.

The Methodists in France count at present 152 places of worship, 20 ministers, 6 colporteurs, 72 local preachers, 203 teachers and 1,891 pupils in Sunday schools.

There is a steam shoe factory at Saxton's River, Vermont, owned by D. F. Murphy, Esq., or Boston, where all the hand labor about a shoe is in lasting the uppers.

At the last meeting of the Strat-At the last meeting of the Strat-ford Council it was decided that the rate could not be less than 28 cents on the dollar to meet the corpora-tion engagements this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Burdoc, of Pain Court, were driving into town, when their horse ran away. Mrs. Burdoc was nearly killed and Mr. Burdoc was badly shaken up.

Died-In this town, on the 14th inst., of scarlet fever, Georgina, youngest daughter of Hannah Ann and Geo. W. Huson, aged three years, Funeral from residence, William St.

His many friends in Canada will regret to learn that A. M. Ross, the engineer who superintended the erection of the Victoria Bridge under Stephenson, and whose name will be associated with it as long as it endures, is now the immate of a lung dures, is now the immate of a lung. dures, is now the inmate of a lunatic asylum.

A few days since a lady died in Philadelphia 107 years of age, and on the day of her funeral there were present five brothers and sisters, the youngest being over 90 years of age, and the ofdest being 111 years. A sight like this has seldom if ever been witnessed in this or any other country.

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MR. and Mrs. Thomas are still hale and delightful occasion—one long to be remembered by the many who gathered to do honor versally esteemed bride and bridegroom of half a century ago.

Mr. Thomas still enjoys a day with the shotgun. He says he feels young in Chatham by Rev. Dr. Sandys, and at the jubilee the two bridesamals of the lang saye. Wrs. Bagnell and Mrs. Homas wore the silk of her weeding eagain assisted the bride and the grown of the lang saye. Thomas wore the silk of her weeding still fifty years ago.

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New Post Offices.—The Hon. Postmaster General, whose active and laborious labors in connection with the
Postal Department of Canada have
been widely recognized both by friend
and foe, has not been unmindful of
the wishes and requirements in this
direction, of the inhabitants of Kent.

Prders have recently been issued for
the opening of two new post offices
in this county—one to be known as
Charing Cross, formerly Cook's Corners, on the Raleigh and Harwich
town line. Mr. Mounteer is to take
charge of the office for the present.
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old name Cook's Corners should be at
once substituted by the new name
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b old name Cook's Corners should be at once substituted by the new name Charing Cross—in fact, as Alexander says, be "kicked o'er the world's edge to timbo"—there being already in the Canadas some fifteen or twenty Cook's Corners without those of that name in Kent. Charing Cross then be it. The second new office is to be opened at Mr. Barillier's store in Dover, and is to be called Dover Sender. ver, and is to be called Dover South

Revival of Trade.—For the last three years the carrying trade be-tween Chatham and Detroit, by wattween Chatham and Detroit, by water, has been comparatively small. What little transportation did take place was on account of the flour corn etc., conveyed from the States into Canada. Now we are glad to observe that the tables once more are being turned and instead of Canadians buying their grain in American markets, they are shipping grain

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Frances Martin is agent for the Canada Powder Company.

Temperance Advocate Hewlett addresses a meeting in the Town Hall.

Cassell's History of England is just out, and is advertised by local book dealers.

A sirloin of beef in Paris France, costs 28 cents a pound, and other edibles are proportionately high.

John McMichael advertises for tenders for the Uniding of a residence for the Chatham gaoler and altera-

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Great preparations are being made in the northern districts of France, writes a Paris correspondent, for a cock-crowing competition which is to take place in the capital shortly. The owners of the roosters take great pains to train them to crow as loud as possible. One man, who is hoping to take a prize at the competition, showed the correspondent two very fine birds which he keeps in cages in his stable. The cages are so covered over, that though there is plenty of air, no air can penetrate.

Every day the cages are taken out in the open air and the covering is suddenly removed, when the roosters immediately begin to crow loudly, under The evident impression that they have overslept themselves and that the dawn is far advanced.

After a quarter of an hour of this exercise the birds, who must consider the days extremely long, are taken back to the stable and covered over again. This goes on for several weeks before the competition, and increases the bird's desire to crow long and loudly every time he sees the light.

The birds are fed in a special manner peculiar to each owner, the secret of which is jealously guarded. A mixture of finely chopped beef and harley enters into the composition of the food. Phosphate in various forms is also given with the food.

For the three weeks prior to the competition the food is carefully dosed and made as stimulating and exciting as possible. The bird is then sent to the show. During the crowing contest a timekeeper with a chronometer stands in front of each bird and marks the number of crows and the variations of notes in a given time, generally iffeen minutes.

The roosters are stimulated to crow by the presence of so many others all crowing a 3 once, and the noise is absolutely deafening.

Unlike the famous blades of Toledo and Damascus, Japanese swords are not flexible or elastic. They are unequalled for strength and hardness, and hold a very keen edge. Japanese steel is said to excel even Swedish steel in purity. Manufacture of the swords is a very elaborate process. Some ceremonials and superstitious practices are intermixed with the scientific operations. The swordhardener is regarded as the most important personage connected with the manufacture. It is his name that is inscribed on the hilt, and his reputation that enhances the value of a sword. Those who shape the blade, sharpen and adorn it are bf minor importance, we

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

"The night is fair,
The storm of grief, the clouds of care,
The wind, the rain, have pass'd away;
The lamps are lit, the fires burn bright,
The house is full of life and light:
It is the golden wedding day."
—Longfellow.

On the 26th of September Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas, of the River Road, Raleigh, celebrated their gold-





A Vote For George Stephens Means a Vote for a Bonus of \$796,650 from Kent County.

The Hon. Mr Blair, the only practical Railway man in the Laurier Cabinet, put the total cost to Canada of the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at \$139,000,000. This was before further concessions to the big corporation were made by the Laurier Government in 1904. The population of the Dominion at the last census was 5,371,315 and dividing this into \$139,000,000 the cost per head of population is 25.87. That is, every man, woman and child in Canada will contribute this amount directly or indirectly to the big railroad corporation for the carrying out of this mad scheme, On this basis Electors of the County of Kent are asked to vote this bonus of \$25.87 per head, or according to population in the County who long since learned that who loseth his life shall save it this connection, as in most res.

Take a hobby and ride it hard, and would preserve the early entered that makes it worth do
The same that makes it worth do
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The same that makes is a connection of the county. A vote for George Stephens is a vote for this great corporation bonus for a railway 607 miles to the north of us. ARE YOU VOTING FOR THIS BIG BONUS?