

A certain man went to a dervish and proposed three questions. First—"Why do they say God is omnipresent? I do not see him in any place; show me where he is."

"Second—"Why is a man punished for crimes, since whatever a-loses proceeds from God? Man has no free will, he cannot do anything contrary to the will of God."

"Third—"How can God punish Satan in hell fire, since he is formed of that element? and what impression can fire make on itself?"

The dervish took up a large club of earth and struck him on the head with it. "The man now went to the cadi and said to him:

"I proposed three questions to a dervish, who sang a club of dirt at my head, which made my head ache."

The cadi having sent for the dervish asked him:

"Why did you throw that club of earth at his head instead of answering his question?"

The dervish replied—"The club of earth was an answer to his speech. He says he has a pain in his head—let him throw it at me and I will make God punish him. And why does he criticize a complaint against me? Whatever I did was the act of God and I did not strike without the will of God. What power do I possess? And as he is complained of the earth, how can he suffer from that element?"

The man was confounded, and the cadi highly pleased with the answer of the dervish.

A MAN OF IMPORTANCE.

Two boys, each employed in a different office on Toronto street, were yesterday picking a pile of one-cent stamps on a pile of circulars at the post office, when one of them asked:

"Has your boss got back from his summer trip yet?"

"Yes; has your'n?"

"Yes. Has anybody been round to the office to welcome your boss home?"

"No; he's been home three days and hasn't had a caller."

"Well, I guess he's kind of second class," continued the other as he whacked on a stamp. "Over twenty people were waiting in the office when my boss got home, and they said if he didn't straighten up them accounts they'd make him trouble right along! He hadn't hardly landed at the depot before most everybody knew he was home."

ALL SORTS.

George Eliot says: "Women don't love men for their goodness; this is lucky, if true."

Sportsman: "Much rain, Donald?" Donald: "A bit soft. Just a weedy wet showery afternoon."

Formerly they were foolish virgins, who had no oil; now they are the foolish virgins who are too free with the key.

"Am I badly dressed?" asked a French provincial, while being measured by a swell Parisian tailor. "Simply covered, sir, simply covered."

"What have you been a-doin'?" asked a boy of his playmate, who he saw coming out of the house with legs in his eyes. "I've been chasin' a birch rod round my father's," was the snarling reply.

Will some one who is versed in the science of sound please get up and explain why an hotel-waiter, who can't hear the call of a hungry man two feet and a half away, can hear the jingle of a quarter clear across a dining-room?

Gentleman: I say, waiter, really, you know, this sole—ah—is not fresh. Waiter (blandly): Not fresh, sir; but, perhaps, sir, you might as well eat it as you might as well eat a piece of beef with a heating of it with your knife.

An Iowa lady took her little child into a cemetery for the first time, and upon showing him the marble figure of a lamb upon a grave, was at once appalled and delighted to hear him exclaim: "If I strown an old sheep is buried there."

Landlord (to tenant who had given up farming at the end of his lease & await better times): Well, Jackson, how do you like being on your capital? Farmer: Not too well, my lord; but I find it less than letting you live on it.

To a man and his wife who had been married for some days. "It's too good and so incontinently had a good cry. She began to improve from that moment."

A traveller, soiled with journeying, slipped at a little hotel in Brittany, and immediately calls for a bath. "Bah!" exclaims the parson who carries up the tub to his room, "The dirty brute; he's going to wash himself all over."

On the river: "What's the matter, Alfred? You look uneasy." "What, my wife, who is fond of swimming, dived off the boat some time ago, and has not yet come to the surface; I am afraid that something must have happened to her." "How long has she been under?" "About two hours."

A short-sighted lover passes the subject of his affections upon the street without saluting her, wherefore she takes him to task at their next meeting. "What weight should I attach to your professions?" she says, severely; "yesterday I met you on the street, and you passed on without even looking at me." "Madam," replies the offender, gallantly, "if I had stopped to look at you I should never have passed on."

Damoeris's Portfolio of Fashion, What to Wear, and the Quarterly on hand. Also the latest numbers of the Seaside Library at original prices at the Telegraph Book Store, opposite the Vester House, Blenheim.

JUST ARRIVED

FALL STOCK

Dry Goods

Ready-made Clothing

Hats and Caps,

Groceries

Boots and Shoes, etc

CHEAPER THAN EVER

Being busy unpacking my goods, I have no time to give a list of prices this week.

W. E. MAYHEW.

Blenheim, September 4, 1879. 30-ly

500 Men Wanted

As I have fully decided to leave Blenheim this fall, I beg to inform my numerous customers and the public in general, that I want 500 men, women and children to buy my stock of

Dry Goods

Ready-made Clothing

Hats and Caps

Groceries

Boots and Shoes, etc

At and under cost,

Commencing to-day, 5th Sept.

and continuing until my entire stock of goods are disposed of. Come and secure bargains, now they are going. Consolidated Bank bills taken at par for goods.

All debts must be paid by the 15th inst., or they will be placed in hands for collection.

ALEX. HUGHSON.

Blenheim, September 5, 1879. 43-ly

ATTENTION.

To all in want of a

First class Sewing Machine

The following recommendation from one of the most prominent manufacturing firms in the Dominion will commend itself. Then why buy what manufacturers with years of experience discard. The New

No. 8 Wheeler & Wilson Machine

with all the latest improvements is now taking the lead among manufacturers as the machine for speed, durability, ease of operation, and in all parts essential in a first-class machine. Over 1,200 of these machines now in the country. Read the following from the Crompton, Corset Company, late of Chatham—

OFFICE OF THE CROMPTON CORSET CO., 78 York Street, Toronto, 24, July, 1879.

D. BANKER, Esq., Chatham, Ont., Dear Sir,—Up to the present time we have purchased fifty-five No. 8 Wheeler & Wilson machines, twenty-five we had at our disposal; we have thirty in addition in our present place, York Street, and expect to add from eight to ten this fall. After a fair trial with the Singer and others, we have no hesitation in saying that the No. 8 Wheeler & Wilson is far superior to the N. Y. Singer—in fact there is no comparison between the two—when speed, durability, economy and regularity in work is required, it would not pay us to use the Singer Machine if we got them free of charge. The N. Y. Singers which we had we jubbed off for ten dollars each, and were glad to get rid of them at that price.

We have no objection in saying anything in favor of the Wheeler & Wilson; if there was any other machine in the market we would purchase it, as it would not pay us to run any other than the best—the machine which will run at the greatest speed and at the same time be most durable—we find the cheapest in the end. We came to this conclusion after our years' test, and we think it is the general opinion of our customers. We are, yours truly,

CROMPTON CORSET CO. F. CROMPTON.

P.S.—Our machines are set, and we run at about 900 stitches per minute; but they will run at about 1,000 per minute.

Sales room, 26, King Street West, Chatham. Chatham, August 13th 1879. 44-133-ly.

Ridgetown Advertisements.

All the leading styles in

FALL AND WINTER MILLINERY

being opened out at

MRS. E. C. BANKER'S, RIDGETOWN.

Velvetens in all colors, Embossed Velvets Brocade Silk Ribbons for Dress Trimmings (Something new and stylish.) Fancy Goods of all kinds

Our facilities for buying are such that we will not be undersold. A call from old and new patrons respectfully solicited. No trouble to show goods.

MRS. E. C. BANKER, Ridgetown, Sept. 9, 1879. 24-ly

James McKerracher

Veterinary Surgeon, Ridgetown.

GRADUATE of the Ontario Veterinary College. Veterinary Medicines always on hand. Horses examined as to soundness. Office—in Kyle's Drug Store, No. 1, Porter Block.

Lefebvre—Immediately opposite the Canada Methodist Church, Erie Street. Ridgetown, Feb. 12, 1878. 45-1y

NEW TAILORING SHOP IN RIDGETOWN.

CHARLES DALTON.

PRACTICAL Tailor. All orders promptly attended to. A perfect fit guaranteed. SHOP—Opposite the Kent County Bank. Ridgetown, April 24, 1878. 29-1y

FOR FIRST-CLASS

Boots & Shoes

JAMES MEWEN'S RIDGETOWN.

I guarantee to do as good work as any other House in the County

LUMBER, LATH AND SHINGLES

CUNNINGHAM & LEITCH RIDGETOWN.

Have now on hand 400,000 feet of

UNDRESSED AND DRESSED LUMBER

from Georgian Bay, which they are prepared to undersell any yard in this part of the country. We also manufacture and deal in all kinds of

SASH, DOORS, BLINDS, MOULDINGS, CHEESE BOXES, &c

Bill Staff supplied on the shortest notice.

Farmers and others will please bear this in mind and call and see. June 18, 1879. 36-30-1m

Duart Advertisement.

R.S. GENGE OF THE DUART

CABINET & UPHOLSTERING FACTORY,

BEGS to inform the public that he has on hand a very large assortment of all kinds of

Parlor, Kitchen AND Bedroom Furniture

which will be sold as cheap as at any other Shop in the country. I also keep on hand, and make to order.

COFFINS

Funerals attended on the shortest notice. A good Horse always on hand. A call solicited. Duart, Oct. 15, 1878. 8-6m

FARMERS SUBSCRIBE FOR THE RURAL NEWS

Chatham Advertisements.

ATKINSON AND VAN ALLEN

FIRE, LIFE AND Marine Insurance.

Money to Loan. Mortgages bought. Notes discounted. Also represent the following reliable Companies:—

Fire.—Northern, of England; Queen, of England; Scottish Commercial, Dominion, of Hamilton; Royal Canadian, of Montreal; National, of Montreal; Gore District Mutual Union, of Toronto.

Life.—London and Lancashire, of England; Sun Mutual, of Montreal; Travellers, of Hartford, Conn.

Marine.—Royal Canadian. Accident.—Sun, Mutual and Travellers. Aggregate capital, \$75,000,000. Office upstairs, Smith's Block, next to the Merchants' Bank, King street, Chatham, Ont.

REMOVAL!

MRS. A. B. GIBSON HAS REMOVED TO 11, King Street, Chatham

best done to Ruffey & Dogg's First class, and would take the method of informing her customers that she is now prepared to show fall-fashions in Ladies' and Children's Hats, Ribbons, Ornaments, Trimmings and Corsets, Ladies' Misses' and Children's, Hosiery and Stock, Children's Clothing—Ready made and made to order. Ladies' Underclothing ready-made and made to order, Cardboard, Mittens and Frillings, Berlin and Fingering Yarns in large variety. In fact everything kept in a first-class Millinery establishment. Having secured the services of a first-class Milliner from Toronto, I can confidently recommend to the ladies of Chatham and vicinity, perfect satisfaction. Madam Desjardins's Tailors for sale. A call respectfully solicited.

Chatham, April 5 1878. 24 ly

J. MORISH,

IMPORTER OF English and American Stationery, WALL PAPER AND FANCY GOODS.

DEALER IN School Books, Wrapping Papers, &c., &c., &c. CHATHAM.

Orders by mail will receive prompt attention. Chatham, Oct. 8, 1877. 2 ly

MIKE M'GARVIN.

ACTIONEER and Valuer of the County of Kent, Ontario. Agents for sale. Moved to last of reasonable terms. Improved lots and wild land for sale. Orders left at HENRY SMITH'S Office, Chatham, Oct. 3, 1878. 22 ly

St. Thomas Advertisements

E. OATON, ARCHITECT, 107-109, St. Thomas.

PLANS and Specifications of every description of Building executed on the shortest notice and correct estimates made of the cost. St. Thomas, May 25, 1877. 45-ly

Real Estate!

J. S. UFFER DEVOES his whole time to buying and selling Real Estate. As any business contracts to him will receive prompt attention. Money loaned. OFFICE—Second door east of Post Office. St. Thomas, June 25, 1878. 25-ly

Gilbert & Co., ST. THOMAS.

BREWERS of Ale, Porter and Lager Beer. Having one of the largest and best equipped breweries in the Dominion, we are in a position to supply the trade of the West. All orders promptly attended to. Send for sample of our Goods. St. Thomas, May 16, 1878. 22 ly

HUCHE'S MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS

William Street, St. Thomas.

AMERICAN, Italian and Scotch Granite a specialty. Monuments, Tombstones, Pools and Chatham Marble, Piers, Window Sills, Caps, &c. Scotch and Canadian Granite Monuments a specialty.

JOHN E. HUGHES, Prop'r. St. Thomas, July 24, 1879. 41-ly

\$300 A MONTH guaranteed. This day at home made by the best machinery. We will start you with a full set of tools and machinery. The work is light and pleasant, and such as any one can get right at. Those who are who are in the habit of reading our paper will see that we are not at all deceived. We are now at our office and see for yourselves. Write for our circular and see for yourselves. Chatham, Ontario. Address: 27-28, King Street, Chatham, Ontario. 41-ly

THE NATIONAL

POLICY

CARPETS.

There are no goods imported affected more by the new Tariff than Carpets, the new duties being 10 cents a yard, and 20 per cent. additional. In anticipation of this, we placed larger orders for those Goods for our Spring trade, and we are now opening them up.

Brussels, Tapestry, Wool, Union, Stairs, &c., &c

and we are selling them at prices that astound people.

The largest stock in the County to select from, out of which you cannot fail to be suited.

Rich Patterns in Tapestry, 65c. Unions, 65c. All Wool, heavy, 85c

As these Goods are sure to advance in a short time, now is the time to buy. Lace Curtains from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Lambraxins, Curtain Holders &c.

Give us a call and we guarantee to please you all. All Carpets out and marked on the premises.

Hagaman & Jull

RIDGETOWN. Ridgetown, June 2, 1878. 50-ly

REMOVAL.

The Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has removed the Telegraph Office & Bookstore TO THE GRASS BLOCK,

Opposite the "Vester House," and would solicit a continuance of their patronage so liberally accorded to him in the past. A full and now assortment of

School Books; latest Pencils Wall Paper Window Blinds Stationery, Twine, Wrapping Paper, Paper Bags, &c., JUST ARRIVED.

All the periodicals and Newest Works of the day constantly on hand. Also, a choice selection of the most popular Music.

Toronto and London morning papers regularly received, and will be delivered at the subscriber's residence. A few Sewing Machines to be disposed of at a great sacrifice.

F. M. DEACON. Montreal Telegraph Office

CHATHAM FOUNDRY.

(NORTH CHATHAM) R. PARKINSON, Prop'r.

R. P. begs to inform the public that he has every facility for manufacturing anything in the Machinist's line. Having

NEW AND VALUABLE MACHINERY

I am prepared to perform in a prompt and workmanlike manner all descriptions of work connected with the Machinery of Steamboats, Saw and Grist Mills, &c.

Repairs of all kinds promptly attended to. Also, dealer in every description of Brass Goods. Chatham, September 30 1878. 49 ly