

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

JUVENILE ASTRONOMY.

I showed Orion's starry frame :
The childish eyes grew big with wonder.
I told him how the hunter came
To glitter in the heavens yonder.
And how for ages he has stood
Mad 'Taurus' furious horns assailing,
With lion skin and club of wood
And mighty strength all unavailing.

I pointed out, beneath his feet,
The Haro, its master's combat viewing :
And then the dog star, eager, fleet,
Bright Sirius, the whole group pursuing.
I paused. The darling clapped his hands
And stamped his little foot imperious,
Then, looking toward the starry bands,
He shouted loudly, "See em, Sirius!"

—Anna J. McKeay.

An exchange speaks of "a gem of an egg." Gem of an egg is good ; to show it off properly it will require a hen setting.

OBEDIENCE.—"And, mamma," sobbed the unhappy wife, "he-he throw his slippers across the r-room, and t-told me to go to the dud-dud-devil."
"You did right, my dear child, to come straight home to me."

At the seaside—Maud—What are you reading? Pimmie—"A Man Without a Country." It's such a painful story! Maud (looking drearily up and down the beach)—It isn't half as painful as a country without a man.

To Prove It Wasn't Veal. Guest (in restaurant)—Waiter, there's a lot of feathers in this chicken salad!
Waiter—Yes, sir. We put 'em in not no'ssarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

"Goliath," one of the big trees of California, is a solid tree measuring 23 feet through at the ground. It has been estimated that its weight is about 100,000 tons, and that it would make 1,500,000 feet, board measure, of clear lumber, the branches and top piling up 1000 cords of wood.

AN AGREEMENT OF OPINION.—"What do you think of married life?" asked the hen-pecked man, addressing the youthful bridegroom.
"Bliss is no name for it," said the young husband, enthusiastically.
"You are right," said the henpecked man, gloomily, "bliss is no name for it."

Wife—Do you really think that marriage is a lottery?
Husband—No, I do not.
Wife—(somewhat surprised)—Why don't you?
Husband—Because when a fellow has drawn a blank, he can't go and purchase another chance.

THEY'RE NEVER SATISFIED.—Five o'clock in the morning. The end of a charity ball. A beggar stands on the steps asking alms. A lady, enveloped in a white satin mantle, comes out and makes hastily for her carriage.
"Please to assist a poor creature; I've nothing to eat."
"Impossible! I've been dancing for you the whole night!"

The origin of "windfall," in the sense of "good luck," dates from the time of William the Conqueror. It was then a criminal offense to cut timber in the forest. Only such could be gathered as the wind had blown down, hence a heavy windstorm was hailed by the peasants as so much good luck, and from this comes the modern application of the expression.

A BIT OF PHILOSOPHY.

Little drops of printer's ink,
A little type displayed,
Make our merchants princes
With all their big parade.

Little bits of stinginess—
Discarding printer's ink—
"Busts" the man of business,
And sees his credit sink.

In speaking of the minute parasites which are found in the hairy part of a tiger's foot, a scientist says: "They constitute one of the most wonderful curiosities I know of in the animal world. The parasites are so small as to be almost invisible to the naked eye, and yet each is a perfect counterpart of the tiger; head, ears, jaw, legs, claws, body, tail, all are there. You may think this is a big story, but look the subject up and see if it is not so."

DRIVEN TO IT.—Haggard Citizen—"That's a rare old violin you've been playing every night at your house for the last month, is it not?"
Next-door neighbor—"Yes. Been in the family over a hundred years."
"Such a violin would be hard to replace, wouldn't it?"
"Couldn't be replaced. If I should lose it I'd never get another."
(With assumed carelessness)—"What will you sell it for?"
"Five thousand dollars."
(With feverish eagerness)—"Bring the infernal thing out! I'll take it."

Can we be indifferent to the wretchedness of our brethren when we know that peace, health and happiness are within their reach. Commercial men, office men, clerks, students, and all persons of sedentary habits may be entirely relieved from the distress caused by indigestion or dyspepsia by using K. D. C.

FULL LINES IN MEN'S SUITS.
FULL LINES IN YOUTHS' SUITS
FULL LINES IN BOYS' SUITS
FULL LINES IN BOYS' & MEN'S PANTS
FULL LINES IN MEN'S COTTON COATS
FULL LINES IN MEN'S LIGHT OVERCOATS
COTTON AND WOOLLEN SHIRTS.

CLAYTON & SONS,

11 JACOB STREET, HALIFAX, N. S.

Harness, Horse Boots, Halters, Whips, Horse Covers, Carriage Wraps, Dog Collars, Oils, Soaps, Blacking, Horse Rugs, Harness Mountings, Harness Leather, Patent Leathers, AND EVERYTHING FOUND IN A WELL STOCKED

Harness and Saddlery Hardware Store, at

KELLY'S, 33 and 35 Buckingham Street,

SELLING AT PRICES THAT DEFY COMPETITION.

P. S.—A trial order solicited, and I feel satisfied that I will then have your trade. I. P. K.

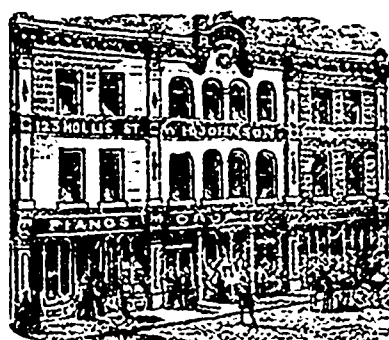
GEO. E. SMITH & CO.

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

General Hardware, Carriage Goods, Mining and Mill Supplies, Paints, Oils, &c.

79 UPPER WATER ST.

Head Commercial Wharf, HALIFAX, N. S.



Pianos & Organs

BY THE

Greatest and Best Makers.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS THIS MONTH TO REDUCE THE SURPLUS STOCK.

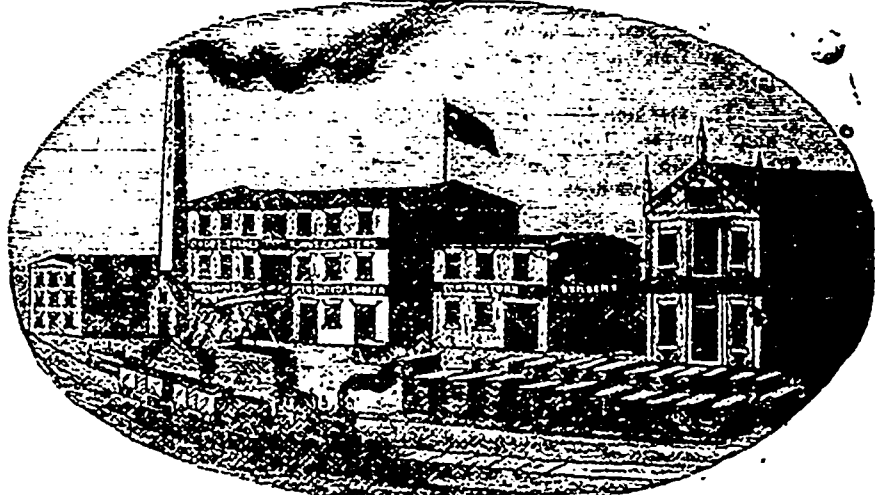
DON'T FAIL TO CALL OR WRITE FOR PRICES.

W. H. JOHNSON,

121 AND 123 HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N. S.

RHODES, CURRY & CO. | AMHERST, N. S.

Manufacturers and Builders. | 1,000,000 FEET LUMBER KEPT IN STOCK.



Walnut, Cherry, Ash, Birch, Beech, Pine and Whitewood House Finish, Doors Sashes, Blinds, Wool Mantels, Mountings, &c. "CABINET TRIM FINISH," for Dwellings, Drug Stores, Offices, &c. SCHOOL, OFFICE, CHURCH and HOUSE FURNITURE, &c. Bricks, Lime, Cement, Calceined Plaster, &c. Manufacturers of and Dealers in all kinds of Builders' Materials. Send for Estimates.