

GOOD SHORT STORIES

At Arm's Length.

"I want," said the recently married man in the linen draper's shop, "a lady's belt."

"Yes, sir," said the polite shop assistant. "What size?"

A blush mantled the customer's brow, and he swallowed twice in rapid succession. Then he said, "I don't know exactly. Let me have a tape measure, please."

And as he placed it along the inside of his arm, from shoulder to wrist, the shop assistant remarks beneath her breath to her chum:

"He's not the idiot he looks, is he, Jenny?"

Fisk's Price of Lies.

James Fisk, jr., had been a peddler from his boyhood days through New Zealand towns. His father was a peddler, and James had been brought up that life, absorbing all the bluff, nerve and flashy display characteristic of the travelling vendors of Yankee notions and tinware, who were conspicuous in the early days, before merchandising had developed to a perfect system. It may be said of Fisk that he had been a prince of peddlars, and his wagon was spectacular in appearance, being painted in the brightest colors, and to which he drove four well-groomed horses that always attracted a large crowd of rural admirers wherever he went.

A story of an incident of the days when he was travelling with his father illustrates Fisk's standards of moral honesty. An old woman charged Fisk, jr., with having misrepresented the value and quality of a piece of calico, sold at a bargain sale. "Well, now," said Fisk, jr., "I don't think father would tell a lie for 12 cents, though he might tell eight of 'em for a dollar." James, jr., had graduated from a peddler to a merchant and had accumulated \$64,000 when he came to Wall street.

How Could He?

"Vicious circle" is a term used in the medical world. An example of its psychological use applied to argument may be found in Joseph A. Scoville's book, "Old Merchants of New York City."

Tom, the son of a wealthy man, was a great favorite with all who knew him, but he heartily detested business. A merchant of New York had hired him as bookkeeper at a high salary. Nevertheless, Tom got into the habit of reaching the office late, and later, until finally he got there about 2 1/2 hours after the start of the day's work. When this state of affairs had gone on for a week the merchant remonstrated. "But, my dear sir," returned Tom, "how can I come any earlier? I don't get my breakfast till 11."

"But get your breakfast earlier."

"How can I? I don't get up till 12."

"Then get up earlier."

"How can I," pleaded Tom, "when I don't go to bed until daylight?"

In the face of such convincing argument there was nothing to be said.

He Glued Them In.

A newly-appointed Scottish minister, on his first Sunday of office, had reason to complain of the poorness of the collection. The minister, a young man of the elders, "they are close—very close. But," confidentially—"the auld meenister he put three or four saxe pence into the plate hisself, just to gie them a start. Of course, he took the saxe pence awa' with him after."

The new minister tried the same plan, but the next Sunday he again had to report a dismal failure. The total collection was not only small, but he was grieved to find that his own sixpences were missing.

"Ye may be a better preacher than the auld meenister," exclaimed the elder, "but if ye had half the knowledge o' the world an' o' yer ain flock in particular, ye'd ha'e done what he did an' glued the six-pences to the plate."

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Terrible Results of Earthquake in Beluchistan.

Calcutta, Oct. 23.—The recent earthquake in Beluchistan was the worst that has occurred over such a wide area in many years. It is reported that the fatalities were 120 and that 150 persons were injured.

Complete details have not as yet been received from the interior, but the best information is to the effect that the total deaths during the recent cyclone in eastern Bengal did not exceed 100, and that the fatalities included no Europeans.

CENTRAL Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The men's meeting in Association Hall at 4.15 to-morrow will be a centre of much interest. The McCoombe Bros. Irish evangelists, led the meeting last Sabbath, and it was an inspiration to everybody. By unanimous vote they were requested to lead again to-morrow and the Association Hall should be filled to the doors. Evangelist Pink will sing.

The Religious Work committee will meet at 8 o'clock to-night.

Weekly meeting of the Cabinet is postponed from Monday until Wednesday evening of next week, when Mr. Sheldon, of Chicago, will give an address.

A prayer meeting in the interests of the financial canvass will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 9 o'clock.

EAST HAMILTON Y.M.C.A.

A men's meeting will be conducted by the McCoombe Bros. on Sunday night, at 7 p. m., and a ladies' meeting at the same hour in the Barton Street Methodist Church.

A junior Bible class was organized this morning and will be conducted every Saturday morning. Every boy is invited to attend.

Mr. Powis has the regular classes in full swing now, and the members are requested to come in and join them.

Basket ball season will start next week.

Dough Scrapers.

Save stray cards, and when laking cake or other pastry, use a card to clean the mixing bowl and you will find it will yield to any curve or angle as nothing else will, making it possible to save every bit of the batter.

NEW HALL.

"Ebenezer" Ready For Aggressive Evangelistic Work.

In the church advertisement on another page of this issue will be seen a notice of the services in connection with the opening of Ebenezer Hall, which takes place on Sunday, October 31st, at 7 p. m. The new hall, which is situated at the corner of Barton and Ruth streets, one block east of Sherman avenue, was erected for aggressive evangelistic work of its name was chosen because of its meaning, the English translation being, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Mr. Robert McCoombe, of Birkenhead, England, will be the speaker at the opening services, which will be of an evangelistic nature, and many who have heard him speak in this city before will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him again. He is a fluent speaker, well learned in the word of God, an able teacher and a powerful Gospel preacher. He made many friends on his last visit to the city and overflow meetings are expected. The services will be continued each evening during the week, with the exception of Saturday, at 8 o'clock, a rousing song service at fifteen minutes to the hour being one of the enjoyable features. A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to attend.

ROYAL ARCH.

Visit of Occidental Chapter, Toronto, to Hiram.

About fifty of the members of Occidental Chapter, No. 77, Royal Arch Masons, of Toronto, paid a fraternal visit to Hiram Chapter last night. The local committee which had charge of the arrangements were untiring in their efforts to give the visitors a good time. After the banquet the following toast list was presented:

"The King and the Craft." Proposed by V. E. Comp. Fred Miller. Responded to by R. E. Comp. G. W. Foster, Grand Superintendent, Toronto, R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith and R. E. Comp. J. W. Hickson. Song, Mr. W. E. Peacock; song, Bro. Roy McIntosh.

"The Grand Chapter of Canada." Proposed by V. E. Comp. Fred Miller. Responded to by R. E. Comp. G. W. Foster, Grand Superintendent, Toronto, R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith and R. E. Comp. J. W. Hickson. Song, Mr. W. E. Peacock; song, Bro. Roy McIntosh.

"Our Visitors." Proposed by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith. Song, Bro. F. W. Gayer. Song, V. E. Comp. Fred Miller.

Third Principle's toast. Responded to by Ex. Comp. Geo. Britton, First Principal, St. John's Chapter.

The officers of Occidental Chapter conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree.

On behalf of the local chapter F. Hills, First Principal, presented the Toronto Chapter with a set of polished brass candlesticks.

SHAM FIGHT.

Umpires For the Military Event on Monday Next.

The umpires for the sham fight on Monday have been chosen and are as follows: Umpire in chief, Major de Bury, professor of tactics at the R. M. C.; chief umpire on attack, Lieut.-Col. Logie, assisted by Lieut.-Col. Moore, Lieut.-Col. Bruce, Lieut.-Col. Renzie, Lieut.-Col. Fraser, Majors Roberts, Knowles, Caracallen and Captain Ross. The umpires will report at the Rifle Ranges at 9.30 Monday morning. The defence umpires are: Chief, Lieut.-Col. Bertram, assisted by Lieut.-Col. Ashton, Lieut.-Col. Peck, Lieut.-Col. Stone, Major Tisdell, Major Orr and Captain Parmenter. They report at Ancester at 9 o'clock. The defence will be in at Ancester and march into position on the Brantford road.

E. A. DEPEW.

Well-Known Hamilton Contractor Died at Rochester.

The death occurred in Rochester last evening at 6 o'clock of Edwin Arthur Depew, a well-known Hamilton contractor, but recently of Mount Pleasant, Ontario. He was visiting friends there, and while out eight-seeing was taken suddenly ill, and was carried to the General Hospital, where he almost instantly expired. Depew was a native of Barton, and carried on an extensive business as a builder in this city until two years ago, when he moved to Mount Pleasant, where he had since resided. He leaves both parents, a wife and one daughter, Marion, all residing in Mount Pleasant, and two brothers, Frank, of this city, and Norman. Depew was connected with various real estate deals in this city and built numerous houses for the Eastern Building Company and the International Harvester Company, and leaves a large estate.

The remains will arrive to-night on the 8.05 T. H. & B. train, and will be sent to Mount Pleasant, where interment will be held on Monday from his late residence.

SPANISH POLICY.

Pacification and Liberty—Religious Orders and Common Law.

Madrid, Oct. 23.—The Cabinet was in session for four hours last night, and following its adjournment, an official communication was issued announcing that the Cabinet proposed to follow a policy of pacification and liberty. It is understood that among the specific decisions arrived at was one to submit the religious orders engaged in industries to the operations of the common law.

800 IN PRISON.

Panama, Oct. 23.—A prominent member of the foreign colony at Managua, who has arrived here, reports that the political situation in Nicaragua is critical.

When he left the capital the prisons were filled with political prisoners, whose number exceeded 800, and included some of the most prominent persons of the republic.

To Preserve Parsley.

To preserve parsley for winter use, put the picked leaves into a jar and sprinkle salt on each layer. It will keep all winter, and is better than drying it.

CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

Special Services and Special Music.

The pastor, Rev. W. J. Smith, preaches at both services at Charlton Avenue Methodist Church to-morrow.

Erskine Presbyterian Church will have a praise service in the evening. Preacher, Rev. S. B. Russell. Strangers welcome.

In Gospel Tabernacle the Rev. J. J. Ross, of Toronto, one of Canada's strongest Gospel preachers, will fill the pulpit morning and evening.

In First Congregational Church the P. S. A. Brotherhood will meet. Speaker, Rev. E. H. Tippet. Soloist, Mr. Clarke. Violin accompanist, Miss Clarke.

In MacNab street Presbyterian Church the Beverly Ketchen will preach at both services; 11 a. m., "Thanksgiving service; 7 p. m., "A Right Conception of God."

Rev. T. MacLachlan, of St. James' Church, will speak to-morrow morning on "Faith." The evening will be a Thanksgiving service. Special music. Seats free. All welcome.

Mrs. (Dr.) Harry Walker, of Wetaskiwin, Alta., will sing a solo at the evening service in Victoria Avenue Baptist Church. Morning and evening services conducted by the pastor, as usual.

Rev. Mr. Sedgewick will preach at both services in Central Presbyterian Church. He will conduct a brief Thanksgiving service on Monday at 11 a. m., and will speak on "Canada Through a Scotsman's Eyes."

The evening service at the First Congregational Church will be of an interesting character. The choir will sing Gervais's Harvest Cantata, and Rev. E. H. Tippet will preach a patriotic sermon.

The subject of discourse at Unity Church to-morrow evening will be "Prof. George B. Foster's 'Faction of Religion.'" For free and complete copies of Dr. Eliot's "Religion of the Future" address the minister.

At James Street Baptist Church to-morrow Rev. W. E. Norton, Superintendent of Home Missions, will occupy the pulpit at 11 a. m. Dr. Hooper will preach at 7 p. m. Solo, "O Giver of Mercies," by Miss Coutts.

Rev. J. Roy VanWyck, B. A., will preach in Westminster Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. on Isaiah xlii. 1-4, and at 7 p. m. on Ephesians v. 20. Mrs. Le Roy Grimes will sing solos at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., and the choir will sing a Thanksgiving anthem at 7 p. m.

At Central Methodist Church Rev. I. Towell, D. D., will give a Thanksgiving talk in the morning. In the evening Rev. Isaac Couch, M. A., B. D., will preach on "The Effect of Belief in Character." Special singing for the day. Visitors welcome.

At St. Giles' the pastor, Rev. J. B. Paulin, will preach at both services. Miss Beatrice McKenzie will sing "With God" at the morning service; evening anthem, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Mr. Drysdale will sing "Only Remembered."

Rev. J. A. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Church, will preach in his own pulpit both morning and evening. Services appropriate to Thanksgiving time. Ensign Price, of the Salvation Army, will speak briefly on the work of the Salvation Army Rescue Home at the close of the evening service.

Rev. J. V. Smith, D. D., will occupy the pulpit of Centenary Church to-morrow, his morning subject being "Dwellers in Eden," and the evening "The Question That Will Not Down." Special Thanksgiving musical services by the choir, under the direction of W. H. Hewlett.

Rev. Dr. Williamson will preach at both services in Emerald Street Methodist Church to-morrow. In the morning he will preach a Thanksgiving sermon. In the evening the subject will be "Samson's Riddle." Organ recital at 6.45. Pews free at all services.

In Ryerson Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. C. S. Applegarth, will preach at both services. Ryerson Bros. will conduct a meeting for men only at 10 a. m. The sacrament of baptism will be administered to children at 11 o'clock, and the pastor will speak on "The Value of a Child." The evening subject will be "The Lord's Prayer."

In First Methodist Church special Thanksgiving services will be held to-morrow, and the pastor, Rev. E. B. Laneley, will preach both morning and evening. His morning subject will be "A Time of Thanksgiving," and in the evening he will speak on "The Temptations of a City." Special music will be rendered by the choir, under Wilfrid V. Oaten.

In Erskine Church to-morrow evening a cantata entitled "Two Harvests" will be given by the choir of the church, under the direction of Dr. C. L. M. Harris. The evening service will be almost entirely music. The cantata is one of the best works by the English composer, Dr. Ferri Tozer, and is made up of solos and some very fine choruses, which will take one hour to give.

The Bishop of Niagara will preach in Christ's Church Cathedral at the morning service to-morrow, and Canon Almon Abbott, M. A., in the evening. The choir will sing Garrett's Harvest Cantata during the offertory at the evening service. The soloists will be Miss Victoria Stares, Miss G. Gates and Dr. Gerald Glasco. Shortened evening service. Appropriate psalms and hymns for Thanksgiving.

At Simcoe Street Church the pastor, Rev. H. B. Christie, will conduct both services. In the morning the subject will be "Our Canadian Thanksgiving," and in the evening No. 2 of the addresses illustrated from the thrilling life story of Will Crooks, M. P., the great English labor leader and social reformer, "His Struggles Against the World."

Rev. A. E. Mitchell will preach in Knox Church to-morrow at both services. The morning discourse will be the fourth of the series on the seven churches in Asia; evening topic, "Canada, Its Perils and Its Possibilities," a Thanksgiving sermon. In the morning Mr. Chester Walters will sing "The Eternal Goodness," and in the evening there will be a duet, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Mrs. A. W. Palmer and Miss M. Johnson, and a male quartette, "At Evening Time."

TRAVEL IS VERY GREAT.

A large number of Hamilton people are taking advantage of the reduced rates offered by the railways for Thanksgiving Day to visit friends and outside places. The present indication is that the number of people travelling from Hamilton on Thanksgiving Day will exceed all previous records.

To Preserve Parsley.

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SURPRISED.

Dundas People Thought Local Man Would Get Job.

Dundas, Oct. 23.—The announcement in last night's Times that C. W. Sealey, of West Flamboro, had been appointed Customs collector here to fill the position rendered vacant by the death of Robert McKechnie, caused no little surprise here. It was fully expected that some local applicant would have got the appointment.

Primrose Lodge, Daughters of Rebeccah, have an at home in their lodge room last evening which was much enjoyed. Besides daily refreshments there was a good programme of dancing.

After a service of many years, J. McLellan has resigned his position with Grafton & Co. as designer in their clothing department. He leaves in a short time for the West, where two of his sons have been successful ranchers for several years. Mr. McLellan is succeeded by Mr. Doyle, of Hamilton.

At the Y. M. C. A. senior Bible class last evening the question "Is war ever justifiable?" was discussed.

Scarlet fever is apparently on the increase, a number of cases having developed during the past few days. The capacity of the Isolation Hospital and the endurance of the nurses are being severely tested.

OBITUARY.

Death of Little Twin Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monk.

At 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late James Ewing Ritchie was held from 77 Mary street to Hamilton Cemetery, and was attended by a large number of friends. Rev. Dr. Towell conducted the services at the house and grave. The pallbearers were James Raynor, H. Barrett, E. Pugsley, Robert Wilson and Messrs. Hendrie and Weldon.

Much sympathy will be extended to George E. and Mrs. Monk on the death of one of their little twin daughters, Georgina Emily, aged 17 days. She died on Friday, and the funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from her parents' residence, 154 Wood street east, to Hamilton Cemetery. Rev. E. N. Burns was in charge of both services.

The funeral of Mrs. Anne Mansfield, who died in Chicago a few days ago, was held from the undertakings rooms of James Dwyer at 8.30 o'clock this morning to St. Mary's Cathedral, thence to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mass was said at the church by Rev. Father Hiney and by Rev. Father Bonomi at the grave.

CELEBRATED.

P. C. Thomas Steward Twenty Five Years Married.

P. C. T. Steward celebrated his silver wedding last night at his home, 36 Euclid avenue. It was a happy gathering, and the reminiscences were many and pleasant. Many friends and relatives, who were present at the wedding, were at the party last night, chief among whom was the bride's mother, who is now a mother with a grown-up family. A copy of the Times containing the wedding notice twenty-five years ago was shown to the members of the party, and P. C. Steward still stands by the good old family newspaper.

Mr. and Mrs. Steward were the recipients of many nice presents.

CAREY BROS.

Carey Bros. will give one of their popular moving picture concerts on Monday next, Thanksgiving Day, afternoon and evening. A full two-hour programme will be given, with the latest illustrated songs and up-to-date films, educational, amusing and sensational, to suit all refined tastes. Prices same as last year.

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Big Clearing Sale

50 PIANOS

We have taken so many instruments in exchange for Heintzman & Co. Pianos during the past ten days that we have no place to put them. They are too valuable to give away, but we must get rid of them. We are willing to sacrifice the price. We will give you terms you never expected. We will take them back any time within three years and allow you every dollar you have paid on exchange for Heintzman & Co. Pianos. This means you have had the use of a piano three years for nothing. We will give you a partial list of what we are offering:

Dyer & Hughes Organs \$35

Estey, 6 octave \$40

Meecham Piano \$40

Western Piano \$60

Bacon & Raven Piano . . . \$75

New York Piano \$90

Chickering Piano \$100

Great Union Piano . . . \$110

Haines Piano \$125

Chickering Piano \$125

Dominion Piano \$150

Heintzman & Co. Piano \$150

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The above is only a small part of our enormous stock. Space will not permit us to describe them. Come in and see for yourself.

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The Fur Question Must Be Settled Now!

To have the matter of furs satisfactorily disposed of before winter sets in, is a source of much food for thought. Happily we are in a position to-day to be of inestimable assistance to prospective buyers.

Our Furs are more distinctive in their originality than at any time in former years. Our stock is heavier and more complete than ever before.

Come now and get a full season's wear out of these fine furs we carry. We know that you will not be disappointed.

ISABELLA FOX SETS—Of extra quality skins, full furred; stoles all finished with head and two tails, lined with satin; handsome Salome Muffs with head and tail to match, set with shirred satin. This is excellent value at \$50.00

PERSIAN LAMB TIES—Black Persian Lamb Ties, finished with head and lined with satin, price Saturday . . . \$7.50

Muffs to match \$15.00

ALASKA SABLE SETS, including small ties in new shapes, satin lined, and large Empire Muffs to match; price \$24.00

WHITE THIBET SET—Neat white Thibet Set, large stole with deep cape, chain fastening, large muff to match. This is excellent quality fur and the price for Saturday is \$15.00

PERSIAN PAW SETS—The Muffs in this Set come in the new rug shape, with either throw or tie to match. Special price for Saturday . . . \$16.00

BADGER STOLE—Handsome Badger Stole, with deep cape, well lined, with two heads; price \$15.00

Large Muff to match . . . \$10.00

MINK THROWS—Canadian Mink Throws, 56 inches long, beautifully striped and lined with heavy satin, price for Saturday \$24.00

Large Rug Muff to match . . \$40

GREY LYNX SET—Handsome Grey Lynx Set, with a very large stole, finished with 6 tails and large muff to match, priced for Saturday \$50.00

MARMOT STOLE—72 inches long, deep cape, finished with two heads and 6 tails, well lined with satin, price . . \$6.75

THANKSGIVING DAY, OCT. 25th

Following the usual custom, this store will be closed on Thanksgiving Day

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited

Everybody's Column

HUDSON BAY.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—Which is the correct form, "Hudson Bay" or "Hudson's Bay"? I see both used; and would like to know if there is any authoritative usage.—Puzzled.

The Geographical board, which is the Canadian authority on such matters, gives "Hudson Bay" and "Hudson Strait" as the proper forms. Its rule is to avoid possessive forms whenever practicable.—Ed.

U. S. CONSUL'S ADDRESS.

Editor Times.—Can you tell me if there is a United States Consul in the Yukon, and what is his address?—Subscriber.

Yes, George C. Cole, Dawson City, Yukon.

FALSE SYNTAX.

Mr. Editor.—To settle an argument, please say is the phrase, "He ran in the house," correct? Should it not be, "He ran into the house"?—Student.

If it is intended to express the idea that a person entered the house, "into" is the correct form. If it is not intended to convey this idea, but only the idea that a person already in the house ran about therein, the "in" form should be used. The phrases do not mean the same thing.—Ed.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE FOR HUNTERS

For the accommodation of hunters, the Grand Trunk will run special train, leaving Toronto 9 p. m., Oct. 28th and 29th, for North Bay, stopping at principal intermediate stations. Returning special will leave North Bay at 9 p. m., November 13th and 15th.

Further information may be obtained from Grand Trunk Agents.

SOVEREIGN FIRE.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Sovereign Fire Insurance Company. This company