The Planet.

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· GIVE HOME INDUSTRIES A CHANCE.

There seems to be a little food for thought in the following, from the Municipal World for Novem-

"How many municipal councils ever give the ratepayers of their municipality an opportunity to purchase debenture issues? Many debentures furnish the most desirable investment for truit find , and there is not a municipality in the province in which the total debenture issue could not be taken up. All that would appear to be necessary to popularize this idea is to announce that up to a fixed date offers for the whole or part of an issue will be received from ratepayers. Money on deposit in banks usually pays but three per cent, or at most four per cent. Debentures for local purchase should be offered at the latter rate, or at par, as local conditions may de-

MARK TWAIN'S BIRTHDAY.

Thursday was the birthday of Mark Twain, a member of that small company of people who are endowed with great gifts in amusing mankind by means of their wit and humor. Mark Twain is "a household name" whereever the English language is spoken. His humor is clean and sparkling and, unlike many of the humorists of today, he has possessed the power to keep himself for many years in the front rank of the makers of funny sayings. The man who has read none of Mark Twain's books is to be distrusted as much as the man who has failed to read Robinson Crusoe or Pilgrim's Progress and never delighted in fairy stories. Mark Twain makes a much better showing on the lecture platform than is made by other humorists, and he is a good teller of funny stories. A sample of his best is his account of his saving of a man about to perish by fire. The great humorist tells that he discovered the cause of excitement on a near-by street to be a fire which threatened to burn a man at a third-story window because the crowd could give no assistance. What the humorist did he tells almost as follows: "I saw the man's danger, and with my usual presence of mind made preparations to save him. I asked for and received a rope. One end of this I threw to the man at the third-story window, and when ne had fastened it around his waist I pulled him down to safety."

Humorists are proverbially sad men and given to fits of "the blues." This, however, is said to not bother Mark Twain as much as the fact that people regard him simply as a funny man. Doubtless he likes to have his work appreciated, but he dislikes being thought of only as a man who makes people laugh.

Mark Twain is more than a hu morist; he is one of the best and truest men who ever lived, He it was who, rather than see creditors receive only a part of their claims on a business in which he was interested, went on a long lecture tour and then paid one hundred cents on the dollar. The law would have allowed the first settlement, but the humorist's sense of honor forced him to have the debt paid in full.

The world should be thankful for the men who cause it to laugh and forget its troubles. Mark Twain is a leader in such work, and we wish him "many happy returns."

THE COST OF NEWSPAPERS. Printer and Publisher, Toronto. Modern newspapers cost quite a tidy sum to produce, even though the best of them can be bought for a cent. There is no article turned out in any workship that costs so much to make and is sold for so little as a newspaper. . If anybody has money to spare, and is particularly, desirous of getting rid of it, my ad-vice to him is to start a newspaper.

LORD ROSEBERY AS AN ORATOR.

Lord Rosebery's popularity in Scotland is well known, and Scotchmen have unbounded faith in his ability and intense admiration for his oratory. This was once demonstrated in an amusing fashion, says the writer of some political reminiscences. His Lordship was addressing a great Liberal gathering in Edinburgh. He was approaching his peroration, and was thundering forth his thrilling sentences with all his accustomed skill. The meeting was roused to a tremendous pitch of enthusiasm.

At the back of the hall stood an old man of farmer-like aspect. He was straining his ears to catch what his Lordship was saying. But in vain. He could not hear. At last, when the audience again broke into a torrent of cheers and applause, the old man rapturously shouted:

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King Edward to Honor Japs. London, Dec. 1.—(C.A.P.)—King Edward has decided to confer the or-der of merit on both Field Marshal Oyama and Admiral Togo. The order of merit was instituted by Vinc. Bd of merit was instituted by King Edward in June, 1902.

What's the Reason't Victoria, B. C., Dec. 1.—There is interesting speculation here as to the secret reason for the hurrled eastern McBride and Finance Minister Tatlow on the eve of the sesion of the local House.

Suicides In Creek. Woodstock, Dec. 1.—Conrad Senn of lattsville committed suicide about daylight Wednesday by jumping into the creek that runs through his place.

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Beans, per bu., \$1.25 to \$1.41.
Clover seed, per bu., \$3.00.
Corn, per bu., 40c to 50c.
Potatoes, per bu., 25c to 30c.
Apples, per bag, 25c to 50c.
Pork, per cwt., \$4.00 to \$4.50.
Butter, per lb., 12c to 12c.
Eggs, per doz., 10c to 12c.

A young colored man named Jeremiah Butler, living near Starkeweather's Hotel on the Sydenham, met his death at the hands of another colored man named Anderson Smith. The two men quarrelled and fought, Smith striking Butler on the side of the head with a stick.

Married, by the Rev. T. S. Howard, Wesleyan minister, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 21st ult., Mr. Hugh F. Edwards, of Romney, to Tryphenia Toll, third daughter of Col. Toll, of Raleigh.

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"Canned goods are Alaska's main

"Canned goods are Alaska's main food refuge," remarked Bishop Rowe, of the frozen gold regions, in a recent after dinner address, "and the native Indians have come to regard America as a canned country. Every article of diet and even wearing apparel comes cased in tin, and it is no wonder that the native looks with scepticism upon anything that is imported out of the conventional package.

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"Recently a gentleman interested in the Sunday work among the natives of Alaska, in order to hold their interest the closer with various amusements, imported a phonograph with about a hundred cylinders, all musical selections. The natives were completely mystified by this invention and not a little superstitious regarding the reproduction of sound as something supernatural. Suddenly one brilliant half breed, with a reputation for progress, leaped up in the middle of a phonographed song, and, seizing a cylinder, flourished it before his brethren of the tribe, his face illumined with an inspiration. "Theve it!" he cried. "I know what this is now. It is canned white man!"

"The explanation was taken in all serious and now the request at a Sunday gathering is often heard, almost cannibalistic, indeed, "Sir, can we not have a little canned white man this afternoon to amuse the children!"

DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Pla-net's Issues of Half a Century Ago

From The Planet fyles from Oct 5, 1863, to Nov. 12, 1863.

The friends and admirers of Hon. T. D. McGee are about erecting for nim a suitable mansion and appurtenances at Montreal.

Morpeth was visited by a serious

Birth—At the rectory on Monday morning, the 2nd inst., the wife of Rev. F. W. Sandys, D. D., of a son.

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On Thursday about nine o'clock parties around the round house were startled by a wild cry, "Golly, I'se Free, dey don't get me again." A search revealed a sable son of Africa clad in blue shoddy, armed with a Springfield rifle and fixed bayonet and all the panoply of an American soldier. When he had recovered his breath and had time to answer the numerous questions of his fellow countrymen, he told them that when he enlisted the Colonel promised him all sorts of good things; "but," added he pathetically, "when they got me in the barracks, I found that I was no better than a white man and so I left—and here we goes for Chatham."

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The above we suspect is a rather highly colored account of the escape from Camp Wayne of Geo. Carr, who was coaxed into enlisting "for a soldier," but who, upon a second thought, concluded that he would rather not go. He loved liberty and Canada too well. How many others are there who wish they could say are there who wish they could say, "and here goes for Chatham."

We are requested to state that Rev. H. H. Hawkins, agent for the collection of funds for the erection and completion of the Olive Baptist High school in this town, has received and paid over on account of that

the young Prince of Wales will enter upon the 23rd year of his age. It is proposed to celebrate this event and his recent marriage by a ball at the St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto, on the evening of that day.

R. H. Jarvis was a manufacturer and dealer in brooms, brushes, etc., wholesale and retail, Chatham North, The following were the Chatham

aarkets: Flour, per 100 lbs., \$2.00 to \$2.63. Wheat, No. 1, per bu., 90c to \$1. Wheat, No. 2, per bu., 84c to 90c. Wheat, red, per bu., 75c to 83c. Barley, per 100 lbs., \$1.37 to \$1.62.

COUNTRY

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District Doings

JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

J. Warnock was a Maple City visitor on Sunday.
H. Clements, M. P., was here for a day's duck shooting last week.
Mr. Gibb, of Wallaceburg, is putting down the spiles for the new dock. M. Shaw was a visitor here on

Monday. Wilfred Garbutt is better but the quarantine has not been removed.

The Misses Stewart, Tilbury, spent
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Mr. McDonald, C. E., Chatham, was
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Miss Tillie Pardo and Miss Grace Salton have returned home from visit in Merlin. We are very glad to know that Mr.

Geo. Knott is improving, after his severe illness.

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