

AN ATTRACTIVE YOUNG PERSON.

(Continued.)

The government inspection was always one of the events of the year at Little Puddington. It generally took place in the end of August. The inspector was an elderly gentleman, whose proper name was Christopher Wensby; but whose ordinary name among the teachers of his district was "The Walsby."

"I should very much like to see them," said Miss Jordan dryly. After dinner, accordingly, the specimens were produced, and very neatly executed they were.

"I don't believe our girls ever did that work," said Miss Jordan solemnly, as she bent over the button-holes.

"I have always to report as to the quality of the needlework," said the inspector stiffly, and with a slight blush.

"That evening Mr. Wensby compared notes with his host; and the rector confessed that he was surprised—secretly, he was startled—to find what a large number of attendances had been made, even by the most irregular of the village children.

"All this made the rector feel very uncomfortable. But there was no help for it; and the next day he sent a verbal message to the schoolmistress, requesting her to step over to the rector, where the School Board was then sitting.

"Perfectly sure," said Miss Grayling, looking the clerkman full in the face.

CHILDREN CRY FOR PITCHER'S CASTORIA.

He was not in a position to marry; and Miss Grayling was not a suitable match for him. He knew all that very well. He did not like to think of what his aunts, Miss Cope and Miss Georgina Cope, would say, on being presented with a village school-mistress for a niece.

"I offer you my heart and all I have," he continued, his eyes searching her down-cast face. "Alas, that is so little! I know well we cannot marry on my present stipend; but I have youth and strength on my side. Sooner or later I must get a living; and then—"

"Mr. Cope, I feel honored and flattered more than I can say; and my heart tells me it is not indifferent to you; but—"

She paused, and the tones of the church clock striking fell on her ear. "Mr. Cope!" she exclaimed, withdrawing her fingers as she spoke, "you are more than generous; but I cannot trust myself to give you an answer now. I must be rash, or unjust to you. Leave me now—leave me, I beg you. I will write to you tomorrow."

Next day he received a daintily scented note from Miss Grayling, in which she said that, much as she honored him and highly as she valued his friendship, she could see that it was not for interest to marry a dowless girl, and she, therefore, declined his proposal.

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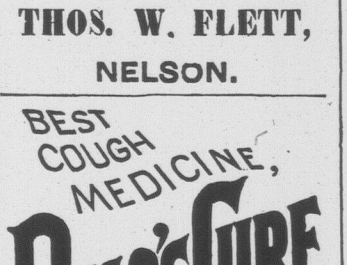
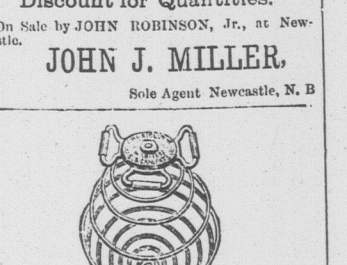
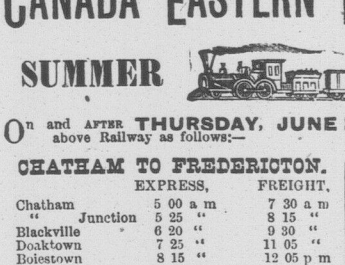
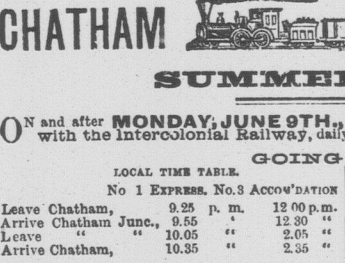
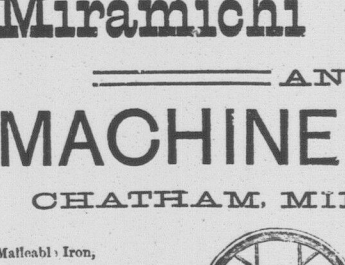
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