

WINNIPEG DURING THE RAINY SEASON.

#### A Lost Art.

Where's this we saw the other day, something about introducing into our schools the art of conversation as a subject of study. We forget what paper we saw that in, and for that matter don't want any further reminder of it. But what we mean to say is this, surely they don't mean it. Surely it is not possible that they meditate converting our fine hearty Canadian boys, with their frank, outspoken manner, into solemn caricatures of Sir Charles Grandison; to restrict the natural, cheery, and intelligent utterances of our girls, to the set and formal phrases of Miss Edgeworth's day. Jerusalem! fancy a poor fellow in a roomfull of girls who had graduated in the art of conversation! Give us a rest. Our education is artificial enough already, without this new wrinkle; and by all that's honest, leave us at least the privilege of natural, unstudied speech in our schoolrooms and homes.

The bottom of a well is something that you can always deep end upon.—One individual may dye a coat, or even a pair of whiskers, but it always takes two to dialogue.—Toledo American ican.

"So she refused you, did she?" asked Pingry; "why didn't you press her, my boy?"
"Press her!" exclaimed Brown; "she wouldn't let me get near enough for that."—Boston Transcript.

Guitar is the name of a man who is running for sheriff in Council Bluffs, and he's making a good deal of music for the boys and seems to have the most of them on a string .- Visscher, Chevenne Sun.

"A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty," but the simple toiler of the sea scaleth the fish that cometh to his net, and selleth it to his neighbour for chowder or the frying-pan.-Newton (Mass.) Republican.

When you squeeze a young lady, if you ever do, and she exclaims "Oh!" do not think she is at all displeased. It is only an involuntary action of the vocal organs—simply ohing to the pressure.—Lowell Citizen.

Mrs. Turvy went to hear the new preacher last Sunday. She liked his ideas well enough, but she said he kept his lips so closely pressed together as to make his words almost illegible. -Greenbush (N. Y.) Gazette.

Rev. Dr. Lord's forthcoming lectures on celchrated historical characters will, no doubt, be scholarly, thoughtful, eloquent and instructive, but for concentrated humour and profundity they will not compare for one moment with the series of essays on many of the same characters, contributed by Jimuel Briggs, D. B., to Grap's ALMANAC for 1882.



#### THE SERVANT-GIRL QUESTION.

Brown.—You'll excuse my wife, Mr. Jones, for doing the simple duties of a housekeeper herself, the fact is we find it impossible to get a servant-girl !

Jones.—Don't apologize, my dear sir, she does very well considering the limited education she has had!

### It Saved My Life.

The value of human life is so supremely important that anything which tends to its prolongation is entitled to the highest consideration. Speaking to us recently on this matter, Charles Nelson, Esq., proprietor Nelson House, Port Huron, observed: I suffered so with rhoumatism that my arm withered, and physicians could not help me. I was in despair of my life, when some one advised me to try St. Jacob's Oil. I did so, and as if by magic, I was instantly relieved, and by the continued use of the Oil entirely cured. I thank heaven for having used this wonderful remedy, for it saved my life. It has also cured my wife.—Port Huron (Mich.) Commercial. portant that anything which tends to its pro-(Mich.) Commercial.

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TUESDAY, the 6th Day of December, Next, viz:—Townships of Mowat, Blair, McConkey, Hardy, Patterson, Mills, Sinclair, Bethune, Proudfoot, Gud, Machar, Strong, Joly, Laurier, Prangle, Lount, Nips sing and Hinsworth.

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Sheets containing conditions and terms of sale, with information as to area and lots and concessions care prised in each both, will be furnished on application personally or by letter, to the Woods and Forest Branch of the Department, or to the Crown Timber Offices of Ottawa, Belleville and Quebec, and the office of T. E. Johnson, Esq., Parry Sound.

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