

A pure hard Soap.

# SURPRISE SOAP

MAKES CHILD'S PLAY OF WASH DAY

## MONEY TO LOAN

ON LAND MORTGAGES at lowest rate of interest. I also have a few farms for sale. I also sell buggies and carriages. Call and see me and get my prices, and you will save money by doing so. Henry Dagnieu, Chatham.

## Money to Loan

Company and Private Funds: Farm and City Property for Sale.

W. F. SMITH, Chatham, Ont.

## Money to Loan

ON MORTGAGES—1-2 and 5 per cent. Liberal Terms and privileges to Borrowers. Apply to LEWIS & RICHARDS

## MONEY TO LEND

ON LAND MORTGAGES ON CHATEL MORTGAGES OR ON NOTE To pay off mortgages. To buy property. To pay when desired. Very lowest rate. J. W. WHITE, Barrister, Opp. Grand Opera House Chatham

## WE HAVE ON HAND A LARGE SUPPLY OF

LIME, CEMENT, SEWER PIPE, CUT STONE,

&c. All of the best quality and at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES

J. & J. OLDERSHAW

A Few Doors West of Post Office.

## A Good, Stiff Argument

for our laundry work can be put up on just one article—the stiff bosom shirt. If there is any one that launders these as well as we do they are unknown to us. There certainly is no one who does the work any better than the

CHATHAM STEAM LAUNDRY Perfect finish is not the only thing sought here. Care is taken that the collar band is not stretched out of shape or made uneven or the bosoms of open-front shirts ironed so buttonholes do not come opposite. We do all these things right. CHATHAM STEAM LAUNDRY Sixth St. near Fire Hall, Phone 199

To Put Your

Horses and Cattle in Condition

And make your Hens Lay, use

Radley's Condition Powders.

25c. Per Box....

## Why Not

Beautify your home this Spring by giving it a fresh coat of PAINT or WALL PAPER. We are at all times ready to cater to your wants in this line. Having none but experienced and up-to-date workmen we can guarantee satisfaction. Leave orders at Office or Phone 52, and we will call on you and submit samples and prices.

BLONDE Lumber and Manufg. Co. Lumber Dealers and Builders and Contractors.

## XMAS A DAY OF TERROR.

Hard Lines of the Players Who Entertain Theater Crowds.

In the vaudeville houses where continuous performances are given Christmas day strikes terror to the most time hardened dramatic soul.

The doors open anywhere between 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. and close at about midnight. The headliners play their customary two turns, but those lower in the dramatic scale play "on demand," generally about four times. If an act is particularly weak, it is used to "chase" out the audience—in plain English, to tire it into leaving the house and making room for the line waiting in the lobby.

The low salaried vaudeville actor, therefore, eschews any Christmas dinner and hies himself to the nearest quick lunch counter, there to feast on turkey sandwiches, execrable coffee and pie as heavy as his spirits. By the time he has done his last turn on the stage he is more ready for bed than for the festive board.

To the unsuccessful actor Christmas is likely to bring that blessing of the Rialto, a "turkey date."

Scattered within easy access of New York are numerous small cities, or, more properly speaking, towns, where good shows never come. Of these the catchenny manager keeps a list, and on quick notice he scours Broadway for cheap, unengaged talent, from which he organizes his company, rehearse it hastily in some playhouse conveniently idle at the time, rushes some cheap printing upon the poor, unsuspecting town and lands there bright and early Christmas morning. The population, show hungry, welcomes the holiday diversion and packs the town hall, matinee and night.

The actors are thus assured of a good Christmas dinner and supper and a percentage of the box office receipts. Usually these are divided according to the importance of the roles played by the actors. This will tide them over until New Year's day, which brings another "turkey date."

Many an actor now featured on Broadway has played his share of "turkey dates." One in particular tells how, with five associates, he put on "The Clemenceau Case," not abashed that the cast called for no less than twelve capable actors, and was quite radiant over the returns of "one Christmas dinner with trimmings" and \$125 to be divided among the actors.—Washington Post.

## CHRISTMAS "BARRING OUT."

A Strange Custom of Schoolboys and Teachers.

"Barring out" was one of the Christmas customs greatly in vogue in England three centuries ago. It is a custom that obtains not only in England, but to some extent in our own country, to this day, although it is not particularly a Christmas custom in our country. "Barring out" was the keeping of the teacher or master out of the schoolhouse until he yielded to such terms as the boys of his school chose to dictate. If the boys were able to keep the teacher out of the schoolhouse for three days and nights he was bound by all the laws of the custom to come to terms with the boys and to grant them all that they demanded in the way of half holidays and abbreviated lesson hours and extended recesses. If, on the other hand, the teacher outwitted the boys and regained possession of the schoolroom, the chastened pupils were bound to submit to such terms as he chose to dictate. As these terms usually included the severe flogging of all the boys having anything to do with the barring out of the teacher, the boys were on the alert to keep him from defeating them. More than one Christmas time of rejoicing has been turned into a time of weeping and wailing on the part of boys whom some barred out teacher has defeated.—Leslie's Weekly.

**A Laundry List For Christmas.** For a laundry list obtain a delicate book slate with two or three leaves and bound in cloth. From embroidery linen cut a piece sufficiently large to face the front and back and with a margin a quarter of an inch wide all around. On one-half of the piece mark the words "Laundry List" within a frame at the middle, and to decorate the remainder of the piece draw a conventional flower design. When the work is finished, apply the linen to the slate and cover with glue by turning the edges over and making them fast to the inside on a narrow edge of the cloth binding that is usually left between the edge of the slate part and the binding. At the top hinge corner attach a ring with bow and ribbons, by means of which it can be hung in a convenient place, and at the knot tie a piece of string half a yard long, to the end of which a pencil may be attached.

## A Day's Work.

The amount of heat produced by an average man in a day's work is sufficient to raise 634 pounds of water from freezing to boiling point.

**The Opal of Nonnus.** Nonnus, a Roman senator, absolutely preferred exile to parting with a brilliant opal of the size of a filbert which was earnestly coveted by Mark Antony.

## HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

Walding, Kinnam & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. "Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation."

The more trouble some people have the more they want to borrow.

Don't run yourself down. Others will cheerfully do it for you.

The man who loses his temper easily is the most readily mortified.

Some women attract more attention than they really deserve.

Merry Christmas! Be merry all, be merry all! With holly dress the festive hall; Prepare the song, the feast, the ball, To welcome merry Christmas.

—W. R. Spencer.

## ARCHITECT'S EPPERIMENTS.

Church Built by One Man—Saskia and Snow, With Provision Boxes for Few, Served Legions.

At Stivichall, near Coventry, may be seen a church that—among English Churches at all events—possesses the unique distinction of having been built by the unaided efforts of one man alone. The name of this persistent and assiduous workman was John Green, a stonemason of Coventry, who laid the first stone in 1810, and finished his self-imposed task seven years later.

When the Rev. C. H. Sellwood Goodwin came into the living of St. Aidan's, near Middlesbrough, he found his flock without a place of worship. For a time he was at his wits' end and knew not what to do, for the cost of even a temporary wooden structure was far beyond the very limited means of the poor neighborhood. But, tenacious to his purpose and a man of resource, he did not remain long idle, and having been fortunate enough to secure a suitable site, set to work himself to dig the foundations.

Such energy and enthusiasm proved contagious, and every Saturday afternoon, and often, too, on other evenings after working hours, a crowd of willing assistants might be seen aiding their pastor in his laudable design. Gifts of timber, bricks, glass, slates, etc., were not wanting, and after several weeks of hard but pleasant toil these zealous workers were rewarded by the possession of a church, which any parish would have been proud.

A worthy missionary, the Rev. E. J. Peck, rose to the occasion when, having no church for his Eskimo congregation, he constructed one out of snow-blocks—a rude but efficient structure, that served its purpose of protecting its occupants from the biting winds that often raged around the seats, the altar, and all else within were likewise made of snow.

On Blacklead Island, Cumberland Sound, this same missionary displayed his further ingenuity by utilizing in the erection of a place of worship some forty sealskins, which were sewn together and stretched over a framework of whale ribs. For seats old provision boxes and boards did duty. The pastor, however, reckoned without his parishioners' dogs, which, pressed by hunger, partially devoured the church, and were only driven off with great difficulty. The rents that their voracity had made in the sealskins were subsequently mended with pieces of canvas and old sacks.

The Chapel of Transfiguration, which belongs to Conanicut Island, Narragansett Bay, is built on wheels so that it can be transferred from place to place as need requires. During the winter it is stationed at Connetquot Park near Jamestown, but when approaching winter drives people from the hotel and adjoining houses, the church moves likewise, and follows its congregation into winter quarters. Its removal necessitates the employment of a team of twenty oxen.

Along the nine miles of navigable canal that lie within the boundaries of the parish of Holme, Hunts, is towed a structure somewhat similar in appearance to a house-boat. This is the floating church of St. Withburga, to which flock such of the inhabitants of the neighboring fens as distance, or other reason, precludes from attending the parish church.

This unique place of worship, which is built upon a flat-bottomed lighter, is 30 feet in length by 7 feet in height, and cost \$350 to erect. It contains, in addition to benches for the choir, thirty-six chairs for the use of the congregation, a small organ, and a reading desk. On the whole it answers most satisfactorily, though certain of the worshippers have, through the gentle rocking of the boat, experienced at times the qualms of sea sickness.

## A Blast From Labouchere.

I am not a connoisseur of philosophy any more than of poetry. Much that passes as fine philosophy strikes me as very poor stuff, and whenever I have formed this opinion about the writings of any particular philosopher, frequently more than one, takes the same view. I suppose it is as easy to set up as a philosopher as to set up as a journalist. The first essential—after pen, ink and paper—is a smattering of general knowledge and the power of concealing poverty of thought by grandiloquent obscurity of expression. A new system of philosophy—and the fashions in such goods change almost as quickly as in bonnets—is generally constructed by clothing threadbare ideas in new words and phrases and contradicting one or more of the acknowledged masters of the craft, ancient or modern.—London Truth.

## The "Bag Wagon" in London.

London by night is shortly to have a unique attraction in the shape of an elegant traveling restaurant, which will perambulate the street for the benefit of those who desire refreshment better than that provided at the ordinary coffee stall, says The London Mail. The traveling restaurant consists of a lavishly ornamented van some twenty feet long by six in width, with a doorway at the side, to which the customer ascends from the street by a miniature flight of steps. Colored glass panels bearing allegorical designs form the windows round the sides, and the back of the car bears in large letters the announcement, "Night lunch."

## A Cheerful Custom.

In certain back country districts of England on Jan. 1, which is called Childermas, every child is soundly spanked before breakfast. The date is supposed to be the anniversary of the actual day upon which Herod slew the innocents. Therefore, to keep the memory of the slaughter fresh in the minds of the rising generation, subscribers to the ancient customs are bidden to whip their children before they rise on the morning of that day.



Puts on "The Shine that will please you." It's a Paste combining all the Good features of the liquid and paste polishes without their faults. Puts on a "patent leather shine" quick as a wink, keeps shoes soft, prevents the leather from cracking, makes it damp-proof and water-proof. One application a week of "2 in 1," and a few brisk rubs every morning, will keep your shoes as fresh and bright as new. IN 10c AND 25c BOXES AND 15c TUBES. ALL DEALERS.

**Boiled Water.** Before drinking boiled water as a beverage pour it several times from one pitcher to another. This will aerate it and remove the insipid taste.

**Brilliant Advice.** It was Count Montmond who said to Alexandre de Girardin of a young man who was beginning to make a brilliant reputation and whom Girardin did not appreciate, "Hasten to recognize him or he will not recognize you."

## TO CURE FEVER CHILLS.

And such complaints as "Shivers" and ague we recommend Nerviline very highly. Twenty drops of Nerviline taken in hot water with a little sugar three times daily not only stops the chills but knocks out the disease completely. Nerviline had a direct action on fever-chills and removes the conditions causing them. In stomach and bowel troubles Nerviline never fails. It's pleasant to the taste, quick to relieve and always cures permanently. Get a 25c. bottle to-day.

**Crickets on the Hearth.** To destroy crickets place a little ginger cordial in a saucer on the hearth at night. This will attract the crickets, which will die after having partaken of it.

**Rubber Plants.** To keep a rubber plant in condition it must have plenty of earth, plenty of water and a shower bath once a week. When it has dried, after this bath, wipe the leaves and sponge them with milk. This treatment acts as food as well as making them rich.

"Quick lunch" is one of the commonest of city signs. The sign does not say "a healthy lunch of good food"—the character of the food apparently is not considered. It's just a quick lunch, eat and get away. Is it any wonder that the stomach breaks down? Food is thrown at it, sloppy, indigestible and unwholesome food very often, and the stomach has to do the best it can. Normally, there should be no need for medical assistance for the stomach. But the average method of life is abnormal and while this continues there will always be a demand for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the one medicine which can be relied on to cure diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It is a medicine designed for the stomach, and to cure through the stomach remote diseases which have their cause in the derangement of the stomach and digestive and nutritive system. It cures when all else fails.

Sometimes the "broth" of a boy ends up by being in the soup.

—Humors feed on humors—the sooner you get rid of them the better—Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to take.

The average man feels that he has more brains than money.

I Cured a Horse of the mange with MINARD'S LINIMENT.

CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS, Dalhousie.

I Cured a Horse badly torn by a pitch-fork, with MINARD'S LINIMENT.

EDWARD LINLIE, St. Peters, C. B.

I Cured a Horse of a bad swelling with MINARD'S LINIMENT.

THOS. W. PAYNE, Bathurst, N. B.

Even the worm will sometimes turn before it is trodden upon.

Coughs, colds, soreness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cresoleum Tablets, 10c per box. All Druggists.

Few of us get any bouquets thrown at us until we are dead.

Sound judgment doesn't always make the most noise.

**The London and Western Trusts Co., Limited.** London, Ont. Capital, \$500,000.

Executive, Administrator, Guardian, Liquidator, &c.

Office and Safe Deposit Vaults, Corner Dundas and Richmond Streets, London, Ont.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Matilda Wilkins, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to chapter 129, R. S. O. 1897, that all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said deceased, who died on or about the 21st of February, 1904, are required to send by post prepaid, or deliver to S. B. Arnold, Barrister, Chatham, on or before the 15th day of April, 1904, their names and addresses with full particulars of their claims and the nature of the security, if any, held by them duly verified.

Notice is further given that after the said 15th day of April, 1904, the executors of the said estate will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and the said executors will not be liable for said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

S. B. ARNOLD, Solicitor for Executors. Dated at Chatham this 12th day of March, 1904.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC

World's Fair, St. Louis, April 30 to Dec. 1, 1904

## Easter Rates, 1904.

Round Trip Tickets will be Issued at

Single First-Class Fare

Going March 31st and April 1, 2, 3, 4, valid for return up to and including April 5th, 1904.

Between all Stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Detroit, Mich., and East, and to, BUT NOT FROM Buffalo, N.Y.

A. B. NOTTMAN, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Toronto.

W. H. HARPER, City Pass. Agt.

## WABASH

Over the Wabash to the Great World's Fair, St. Louis, April 30th, to December 1st, 1904. Single fare for the round trip, on sale daily from 25th. The Wabash is the only line that has its own rails direct to the World's Fair gates.

## Easter Rates, 1904.

Round trip tickets will be issued between all stations in Canada, at single first class fare, March 31st, April 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, good to return up to and including April 5th.

W. E. HISPIN, C. E. A., Chatham, J. C. PRITCHARD, Agent.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

## Easter Holidays, 1904.

Return tickets will be issued at single first class fare, good going Thursday, March 31st, to Monday, April 4th, valid returning on or before Tuesday, April 5th.

WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, APR. 30-DEC. 1, 1904.

Return rates from Chatham

\$16.05 good going 15 days

\$19.75 good going 30 days

\$23.70 good until Dec. 15.

On sale April 25th to Dec. 1st.

Good to stop over in Canada, also at Detroit and Chicago.

Pullman Sleeper to Ottawa daily, leaves Toronto on "Eastern Flyer" at 10 p.m.

One way special tickets on sale daily, to points in Colorado, British Columbia, California, etc., Rates \$32.75 to \$40.75.

For tickets, illustrated literature regarding World's Fair, and all information, apply to

W. E. HISPIN, C. P. & T. A., 115 King St. Chatham.

J. C. PRITCHARD, Depot Ticket Agent.

## Another Snap.

Good House and Lot, only \$600.00, payable as follows: \$50.00 down and balance in monthly payments; must be sold at once. For particulars call on

Smith & Smith.