

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A Port Stanley man declared that his daughter was cured of cramps by turning her shoes upside down before retiring to bed. The story sounds a little queer, but in our innocence we accepted it as true and argued that the scheme might be extended. If turning your shoes upside down would cure physical cramps, a little addition might cure financial cramps. We tried the experiment by turning up side down every blooming dud we wear, but it had no effect. The cramps came on harder than ever in the morning, shortly after the banks opened.

A Trip to the Mediterranean.

Mrs. W. C. Lewis received a very interesting letter a few days ago from her daughter, Mrs. Meek, who is now on a trip through the Mediterranean and Europe, from which we learn that they are having a delightful trip. She gives the following interesting account of passing the Azores Islands:

About nine o'clock we discovered ahead of us a faint, but broken outline of the first of the Azores Island. It looked like a mountain with peak in the clouds. It was most interesting to watch the different mountains take shape and separate themselves from the main peak. In two hours we reached this island, called Fayal. The first signs of habitation we saw was a tower at western end, doubtless a lighthouse; then as we drew alongside some distance from slope we could see those quaint Dutch windmills with those immense fans in motion. First one and then another would come in sight, and presently as we got opposite a valley, we saw a small white village, those scaled houses and a large white church. The whole island, at least the north side which we passed, was cultivated from the steep cliff to mountain peak. In the distance the fields so regularly laid out were a faint green. Grapes is the chief crop of this island. On the north side there was no harbor though there were several villages. Later as we passed we learned that the harbor is at the east end. Here the village is built on the mountain side and the water rises at times to such a height that it dashes over the village and rushes down the streets. Right east of this island, and apparently quite close, is another mountainous island called Pico, with fewer inhabitants, on account of the volcano 7,000 feet high. It has not been in action for a century. But what was most interesting was St. George's island on our right, forming a very wide channel with Pico. It was one of the most beautiful spots, so much more so because so unexpected. We don't hear much about this group, but here is a paradise. It is also mountainous with high steep bluffs where the waves break into spray. We came much nearer the island as mail was left off at the village called Ville das Velas. This is the city of the valley. As it says, it lay right in between two hills, extending like a serpent far up a hill that lay back of it. It was perfectly white, its church being most conspicuous. The mountain sides about the village were in cultivation, the fields at different stages of cultivation were marked off by hedges. We were about 1 1/2 miles from shore and as this is the limit, mail was put off in a small cask at stern of boat. But I have forgotten an interesting part. As we approached this island the whistle blew. Then presently a bundle of cloth was run up on ropes attached to the mast. This was suddenly undone by a jerk of the rope and out fluttered three flags, a yellow one and two red and white ones of different designs. This was a signal of mail to the city. Then when we were opposite, another whistle and the little barrel of mail was dropped off. A pole like a broom handle was attached to it with red flag at one end. Then we saw a man in a boat rowing out for it.

Wabash Railroad System.

The Wabash will sell round trip tickets at single first-class fare between all stations in Canada on the Buffalo Division. Tickets good going April 20th to 24th, inclusive, good to return April 25th, 1905. Low rate one way tickets on sale daily until May 15th to the south and west. Also special low rate excursion to Pacific coast, good for ninety days, with stop over privileges, on sale April 9th to 14th. The Wabash is the shortest, best and quickest route to the south and west. Full particulars from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, district passenger agent, north-east cor. King and Yonge Sts., Toronto, and St. Thomas, Ont., or P. J. Maher, Aylmer.

Card of Thanks.

Our hearty thanks and an expression of our deep appreciation for the great kindness shown us, is due to many friends who showed their sympathy in so many ways during the affliction through which we were so recently called upon to pass. We take this means of thanking you one and all.

Yours Sincerely
MR. AND MRS. T. J. KILEY.

FAMOUS PEOPLE
BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



HELEN KELLER

The World's Most Remarkable College Graduate

The story of Helen Keller's life is the biography of two wonderful women—the blind, deaf and dumb girl, who for over twenty years has fought against awful odds; and the kind, ingenious and patient teacher who has led her charge into the sunlight of knowledge and of kinship with humanity. In 1886, when Miss Annie Sullivan was called to Tusculum, Ala., to assume the care of Helen, the child had been living for nearly five years in the mental darkness that followed her treble affliction resulting from convulsions. The task of education seemed well-nigh hopeless, for the one sense through which the child's mind was to be awakened to consciousness was her sense of touch. But in June, 1904, eighteen years later, Miss Keller graduated from Radcliffe with distinction, and received her degree of B. A. This fairy tale of education, this romance of the conquest of obstacles, is a superb triumph of concentration. At her entrance examination in June, 1900, as if Nature had not sufficiently handicapped her efforts, she had to submit to two additional trials. The questions were given her in the American Braille system of writing for the blind, with which Miss Keller was only slightly familiar, having learned the English Braille—the two systems being as different as two distinct systems of shorthand. This delay in puzzling out the translation of the questions was further aggravated by the fact that her little Swiss watch with raised figures had unfortunately been left at home, so she had no means of gauging the time, yet her typewriter clicked out the answers and she "passed" with flying colors in every study. During her college course, in many studies Miss Sullivan repeated the lesson while Helen's fragile fingers feathering their way over her mentor's face, translated the muscular motions of speech into ideas. She studied English, Latin, French, Greek, German, political economy, logic, higher mathematics, chemistry and all the other myriad phases of college wisdom, through her wonderful fingers. She uses the typewriter in five languages, has learned to speak with clear articulation, can swim, row, play cards, chess and basketball; dance, and perform a hundred other seemingly impossible things. Her memory is marvellous, her temperament sunny and happy; her mind is wonderfully broad, subtle and thorough, and her book, "The Story of My Life," besides being great as a biography, is the most important work of the century on psychology as a revelation of the human mind, its methods and possibilities.

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Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. VanVelzer, of Aylmer, visited at R. Whytes last Monday.

Mr. W. Charlton and C. H. Putnam have gone to Windsor where they are engaged in painting on the M. C. R. R.

Miss Grace Smith, of Aylmer, has been spending a few days the guest of D. A. Moss.

Miss R. McCallum, of Gladstone, is visiting at J. J. Mitchell's.

Mrs. T. M. Patnam has returned from a visit to friends in St. Thomas.

Mr. J. H. Williams, of Woodstock, called on friends here this week.

Miss Maud Mortin has returned from St. Thomas where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. D. Campbell, of Avon, is visiting at Mr. James Mitchells.

SALE REGISTER.

Wednesday, April 19, '05—Executor's sale of household effects and real estate in the village of Corinth, the estate of the late Sarah J. Vanwagoner, to be held at Corinth at 1 p.m. R. H. Lind say & Son, auctioneers.

Copenhagen.

Mr. Wm. Tansley spent a day or so with his son recently. Measles are prevalent throughout this section. Farmers are all busy with seeding, some of them being nearly through.

C. W. Woonacott is in Toronto this week on business in connection with the County Council.

The trustees are having the school repaired and the grounds improved.

Mr. F. Roberts is on the sick list. Mr. John Liddle is having his barns overhauled under the supervision of Mr. W. McGee.

A public meeting will be held in the hall on Thursday, April 20th, at 8 p.m. to consider what shall be done regarding the debt still remaining on our public hall. Some provision must be made at once or the hall will have to be sold. Everyone is interested and no one should fail to be present.

While travelling on a Wabash train between Chatham and St. Thomas on Tuesday of last week, W. Harold Barnum, of Dutton, got into conversation with a commanding looking foreigner, and as the conversation developed the traveller proved to be G. D. Joubert, son of the Boer general in the recent South African war. Mr. Joubert's home is in Smithfield, Orange River Colony, and he is in Canada for the benefit of his health. He was in active service during the campaign. He speaks English fluently and is a man of more than ordinary intelligence.—St. Thomas Times.

USE IT FOR SCHOOL LUNCHEONS.

Clark's Corned Beef sliced thin and put on buttered bread, always pleases children. W. Clark, Mfr., Montreal.

A friend from Summers Corners sends us the following: "On the evening of April 10th, the wives of the members of Court Seville, No. 438, entertained their husbands and invited friends with a fine program, consisting of dialogues, songs and recitations. The hit of the evening was a dialogue originated by Mrs. L. E. Dancy entitled 'Going to lodge.' It took their husbands by storm and called forth bursts of laughter and applause. The principal actors were Mesdames Learn, Miller and Dancy, and Masters Clifford Baxter and Harold Miller. Special mention should be made of H. Arnp's readings and the Misses Learn's recitation and song. At the close of the program the gentlemen served a dainty lunch in their usual perfect style, after which the ladies tendered them a vote of thanks for their hospitality, and the gentlemen returned the compliment for the fine program given. The meeting closed, all feeling they had a good time."

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of
Chat. H. Fletcher

THE AYLMEY MARKETS

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Oats, per bushel.....	50 to 60
Barley, per bushel.....	60 to 69
Peas, per bushel.....	50 to 60
Beans.....	1 00 to 1 25
Corn, per bushel.....	55 to 63
Huckwheat.....	50 to 60
Rye, per bushel.....	55 to 68
Brass, per ton.....	18 00 to 23 00
Shorts, per ton.....	20 00 to 22 00
Chop, per ton.....	22 00 to 24 00
Potatoes, per bushel.....	40 to 50
Eggs, per dozen.....	12 to 14
Butter, per lb.....	25 to 34
Chickens, per lb.....	8 00 to 10 00
Turkeys, per lb.....	12 to 14
Geese, per lb.....	7 to 8
Ducks, per lb.....	9 to 10
Live Hogs.....	6 00 to 6 00
Dressed Hogs.....	to
Dried Apples, per lb.....	to

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License Commissioners Meeting.

The License Commissioners for the district of East Elgin will meet at 10 a. m., on Friday, 21st day of April, 1905, in the Walker Block, Aylmer, to consider the application of J. S. Martin, of Port Stanley, who is not a licensee, for a tavern license for the Franklin House, Port Stanley. Also for considering the applications of some twenty-two other applicants for tavern license. For the current year there were twenty-two tavern licenses and there are twenty-three applications for tavern licenses for the ensuing year. W. R. ANDREWS, Inspector.

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