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Values you read about, but seldom realize unless you go to WHISKAR'S.

Pure Silk, hemstitch, 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c, white.
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These Handkerchiefs have all been bought below their value. You get the benefit.

Study the economy these prices teach, and patronize the store that makes them.

Western Ontario.

First Load of Iron Ore From the Drumbo District.

A Dereham Farmer Fined \$40 for Assaulting an Indian Woman.

The bachelors of Dresden hold a grand ball on Dec. 31. J. C. Richards, of Brussels, has purchased the boot and shoe business of H. B. Pollock, Goderich.

Dr. J. R. McDonald, son of Dr. P. McDonald, M.P., of Wingham, has gone to Rossland, B.C.

Thos. Ballantyne, of Hensall, has leased Squire Hawthorn's farm in Stephen for a term of years.

John Dickson, treasurer of Wingham, has sufficiently recovered from a long illness to be able to work out.

Dr. Turnbull, of Clinton, who has been taking a course in the New York and Baltimore hospitals, has returned to Clinton.

A. L. Kerby, drygoods merchant, of Windsor, has assigned to R. Pinchin, and the store is closed while stock is being taken.

John Bailey and family, who had been residing in Goderich for some time, have removed on to their farm in West Wawanosh.

Mr. Wm. Brown, a resident of Owen Sound for 27 years, died the other morning of spinal trouble after a long and tedious illness.

Carling Bros., of Exeter, bought a turkey the other day from Nelson Baker, of Stephen, which weighed 28 pounds when dressed.

It was rumored in Lucknow that one of Mr. Thomas Young's children had died from diphtheria in Walkerton, but there is no truth in it.

J. W. Hanna, of Windsor, has been elected vice-president of the twentieth district of the Conservative Association, which met at Chatham Thursday.

The first load of iron ore from the Drumbo district was shipped from the farm of Mr. H. Burgess. It was consigned to the smelting works at Hamilton.

At the twelfth annual show of the Oxford Fat Stock Club the attendance was large and the exhibits far in excess of any previous exhibition held by the club.

The trustees of school section No. 4, Grey, have engaged the services of Mr. Longman, of Listowel, at \$500 per annum, as successor to R. G. McDonald for 1897.

The death took place Tuesday of Mr. James Lappin, hotel-keeper at Strathallan. Deceased was 73 years of age, and kept a hotel in Strathallan for about 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, of Ashfield, are removing to Lucknow, having purchased the brick residence on the corner of Havelock and Hamilton streets, formerly owned by Mr. Thos. Young.

Mr. Thos. McLean has shipped close to 3,000 lambs, besides cattle from the Lucknow station. The lambs went mostly to Buffalo, and the cattle to Toronto, Montreal, and the old country.

Lucknow Sentinel: There is scarcely a vacant house to rent in the village. All our stores and shops on the front street are, with one single exception, occupied, and the occupants apparently doing well.

Mr. M. E. Carrie, mathematical master at the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute for over fifteen years, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Board of Education. He intends going to Boston.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Strish, Middle street, West Lorne, Thursday night, when his daughter Mary was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. Mack, of that place, by the Rev. Mr. Dewitt.

Mr. George Hunt, Woodstock, has received word announcing the death of his father, Mr. Wm. Hunt, which occurred in Ingersoll. Mr. Hunt was stricken with paralysis and died within 24 hours. Deceased was 84 years of age.

James Smith, a Dereham farmer, was

tried at Oxford county court, charged with assault upon Lydia Thomas, an Indian woman. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. The judge fined defendant \$40 or three months' imprisonment.

John Ray, nightkeeper at Point Clark, has been dismissed from his position by the Dominion Government at the instigation of Mr. M. C. Cameron, M. P. for West Huron. Mr. Ray was charged with becoming intoxicated and neglecting his duty.

The man who shot Mrs. Snooks, of Dover, on Monday night, and while she lay unconscious robbed the house, is still at large. The unfortunate woman is still in a precarious condition, and complications, resulting in death, may occur at any moment.

The Huron and Ontario electric railway, running from Kincardine and Goderich via Walkerton to Eustachius, the junction town, thence north to Meaford and south to Port Perry, is to be begun at once. The New York contractor states that it will be finished by January, 1898.

The Woodstock police on Wednesday seized 130 loaves of fancy bread on sale at the different bakeries, they being from one-half to three-quarters of a pound under weight. The loaves were distributed to the poor. The bakers contend that fancy bread does not come under the bylaw, and that of fighting the matter in the courts.

Suit was brought by Mr. George Riddle, of East Oxford, against Mr. James Laid, of Woodstock, to recover \$200 alleged by plaintiff to have been overpaid defendant in rent. Verdict for plaintiff for \$120 and costs. The grand jury brought in a true bill against W. H. Anderson, charged with assault upon Constable J. W. Fish, of Otterville.

New York, Dec. 12.—Henry Farmhouse, of 313 Meeker avenue, Williamsburg, is dead, under very remarkable circumstances. He had been out of work for many weeks. He hanged himself outside a second-story window with a clothesline. Then he repented, seized the rope with his hands and tried to climb back. His wife, awakened by the noise, rushed to the window, failed in her efforts to draw him back, and in her excitement seized a knife and cut the rope. Farmhouse fell and was dead when picked up.

The Supreme Court has given its decision in the celebrated case of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway vs. Sales. The action originated out of the burning of some goods owned by the defendant while they were in a car on the railway tracks at Merline station. The defendant asked for \$2,000 damages, and the matter was brought up in the different courts until it was carried to the Supreme Court by the plaintiffs. The decision of this court is that Sales be given \$400 damages and that the railway pay the costs of the action in the Court of Appeal and in the Supreme Court.

The Wilson Heat Deflector. One of the latest patents on the market, and one which every household will hail with satisfaction, is the Wilson Heat Deflector. This valuable aid in heating has not only the question of increased heat involved, but an economy of over 30 per cent in the saving of fuel. This useful article is adjusted to any sized pipe. Its valuable principle is based upon rapid combustion. In slow combustion the gas which is formed is laden with escaping carbon; a hot fire consumes nearly all the carbon. The obtuse cone of the Deflector reflects the rays of heat downwards transversely, keeping stove and fire always hot, thus making quick combustion. As an evidence of the merits of this useful article, it is only necessary to state that in Toronto furnace men are using them on their own furnaces, and the principal large buildings are all using them. Bloor street, corner Park avenue, up stairs, has been appointed the company's representative in London.

Use Kur-a-Kof for coughs and colds, 25c; at Anderson & Nelles' drug store.

Venezuela.

Settlement of the Boundary Business Delayed.

Minister Andrade's Visit to Washington Postponed.

Uncle Sam May Withdraw His Support From Venezuela.

The Treaty Denounced by Venezuelans as "An English Trick."

Washington, Dec. 12.—The unofficial reports from Venezuela that a serious agitation has sprung up against the boundary settlement agreed on between the United States and Great Britain causes much surprise in official quarters here.

Minister Andrade and James J. Storrow were to have sailed from La Guayra, the Venezuelan port, on Thursday noon, and reach New York on the 16th. Mr. Andrade has called the time of his leaving, and had added an official cablegram to Mr. Olney, stating that President Crespo approved the agreement and would attend an extra session of Congress to ratify it.

For this reason the reports that Mr. Andrade and Mr. Storrow will not return at present owing to expected developments growing out of the agitation against the settlement, is felt to embarrass and possibly impede the final adjustment, which had been confidently expected at an early day.

Up to the present time President Crespo has not called an extra session and 30 days must expire after the call before Congress could meet.

UNCLE SAM MAY PULL OUT. The London Chronicle publishes a special dispatch from Washington saying that Mr. Storrow, counsel for the United States Government in the Venezuelan boundary dispute, who is now in Caracas, has asked Secretary of State Olney whether the protocol can be modified. The writer of the dispatch asserts that Mr. Olney will consent to any modification in the protocol, and adds that if Venezuela obstructs a settlement of the boundary question, the United States will withdraw its support.

VENEZUELAN BITTER. A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says: Comments on the part of press and public on the negotiations continue to be very bitter. Señor Tomas Michelena, one of the republic's greatest jurists, who was Venezuela's Minister at the court of St. James when Venezuela broke off diplomatic relations with Great Britain, publishes a letter which has created a sensation. It is no secret that the intense feeling which it has engendered was the cause of Mr. Andrade's departure being so abruptly stopped. Neither Crespo nor the members of his official family are willing to try any longer to stem the apparent irresistible tide, and it is confidently asserted that when Andrade leaves for Washington he will bear nothing more than a diplomatic note to Cleveland, saying that the treaty will be duly ratified before Congress when it assembles in regular session. Michelena, in his letter, discusses the and complications, resulting in death, may occur at any moment.

WANT NO PROTECTORATE. He says, first, that the adoption of the protocol would place the United States with the protectorate over this and the other republics of South America, occupied by the United States, and that the United States would be most dangerous. Next, he regards the clause which states that 50 years' occupation shall give a good title as "outrageously inimical to Venezuela's interest," and as "wholly in favor of England," so vehemently does he denounce this clause, that basing his opinion on the whole on it, he declares that the treaty is

AN "ENGLISH TRICK." "Better lose the territory by force," are Michelena's words, "than acquiesce in the arbitration of the question under the terms of those stated. We should be better off to have the war over it. It is lost to us forever if we accept this protocol." Michelena says that the clause should be unconditional, and that, above all, Venezuela must be represented on the tribunal.

PROBABLY ONLY A POLITICAL FULMINATION. Washington, Dec. 12.—Neither Secretary Olney nor the British ambassador, Lord Salisbury, have been looking after the interests of everybody, and are now prepared to talk about cheap rates for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Teachers and Students for one first-class, one-way fare and one-third can procure return tickets enabling them to go from Dec. 11 to 24 and return until Jan. 11, 1897.

Commercial Travelers get round trip tickets for single first-class fare, good going from Dec. 19 to 25, and return until Jan. 4, 1897.

To the General Public tickets will be issued at single first-class fare for the round trip starting Dec. 24 and 25, returning until Dec. 26, also Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, returning until Jan. 2, 1897; for single first-class fare and one-third return tickets, good going from Dec. 23 to 25, and Dec. 30 and 31, and Jan. 1, good to return until and including Jan. 4, 1897.

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This is the stamp that the letter bore which carried the story far and wide. Of certain cure for the loathsome skin disease that bubbled up from the tainted tide of the blood below. And 'twas Ayer's name And his sarsaparilla, that all now know, That was just beginning its fight of fame With its cures of 50 years ago.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

Is the original sarsaparilla. It has behind it a record for cures unequalled by any blood purifying compound. It is the only sarsaparilla honored by a medal at the World's Fair of 1893. Others imitate the remedy; they can't imitate the record.

50 Years of Cures.

A Strange Case.

Two Wallaceburg Ladies Narrowly Escape Death.

Mrs. McLean's Residence Entered Early Thursday Morning and an Attempt Made to Administer Ether.

Chatham Banner, Dec. 11.

Our Wallaceburg correspondent writes this morning: "A very mysterious and alarming affair happened here at an early hour yesterday morning, which came near resulting seriously. The particulars are: About 3 o'clock Tuesday morning Mrs. A. McLean was awakened by a noise in her room. She arose and taking a lamp proceeded to the sitting room. She had only gone a few yards when she fell to the floor in a dazed condition, the lamp being fortunately extinguished by the fall. She lay there unconscious for an hour, and when she recovered sufficiently to stir she found her daughter Mae lying on the floor a few feet from where she fell, also unconscious. Mrs. McLean relighted the lamp and made her way to the door, calling in Night Watchman Cousins, who was in the neighborhood, attracted by the light.

"Dr. Herd was quickly summoned, and an examination was made. It was found on approaching the bedroom that a strong odor of ether issued from it, leading to the conclusion that the house had been entered by some miscreant, and an attempt made to overpower the inmates by the administration of the drug. Mrs. McLean is positive that she heard somebody moving in the house when she awoke, and that she saw a man in the house, it is evident that crime was contemplated.

"It was a narrow escape, and it is no wonder the people of the town are excited over the matter. Every effort should be made to hunt out the perpetrators of the outrage."

GRIP HERE AGAIN.

Bread Bacilli Which Came From Russia in 1889 Still at Work.

If You Have a Stubborn Cough and Sore Throat, You Are a Victim.

Epidemic Checked by "77."

Grip is here again, but it is here in a much milder form than it was in 1889 and 1890, when it counted its dead by the thousands on both sides of the Atlantic.

The malady has been prevalent for perhaps a month, but it is only within the last few days that it has been recognized as our dread visitor from Russia, who came in December, 1889. At first the doctors passed the cases off as colds, but they have found them so stubborn and unyielding to treatment that they are taking the more serious view.

LIKE A COLD, ONLY STUBBORN. The symptoms, as described by physicians in all parts of the city, are first a slight fever with chills, followed by a catarrhal condition of the head, descending to the throat, and even to the larynx and bronchial tubes. In most cases there is a most distressing and stubborn cough. The severer cases run for weeks unless checked by the use of Dr. Humphrey's Specific "77."

"77" meets the epidemic condition and is the cure for all its manifestations. Taken early cuts it short promptly.

"77" Breaks up a Cold That Fan's On. A small bottle of pleasant pellets, fits the vest pocket. Sold by druggists, or sent on receipt of 25 cents or five for \$1. Humphrey Med. Co., corner William and John streets, New York.

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From now until Christmas we will make a present of the following lines: Anybody purchasing 25c worth of goods we will give them a beautiful Japanese Basket, also anyone purchasing \$2 worth of goods of any kind we will give them a beautiful Silver Cup, gold-lined, burnished triple plate. These cups are worth in the regular way 50c. Now we want it distinctly understood that there will be no extra charge on goods because of these presentations. It is no small sacrifice for us to do this. Our only aim is that we may give our customers the very best satisfaction that they can get in the city. All who have known us in the past will bear us out in just what we say. Now the following lines are complete:

Toys in abundance from 1c up

China ware in endless variety

A Beautiful China Cup and Saucer for 5c.

Children's Mugs 5c.

A Beautiful China, Cup, Saucer and Plate for 19c.

Celluloid Cases of all kinds—Shaving Cases, Dressing Cases, Manicure Sets, Jewel Cases, Handkerchiefs and Glove Cases, and Cuff and Collar Cases.

Sleighs for the boys and girls, all kinds, from 15c up.

Wheelbarrows 20c.

Dolls' Carriages 39c.

Books and Games of all kinds.

A Beautiful Book for 5c.

All kinds of Games 5c each.

Musical Instruments—A nice Mouth Organ 5c, a nice Auto-harp \$1 98, worth \$2 50.

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A Few Hints To Mining Investors.

To the average thoughtful and conservative investor mining is looked upon as an exceedingly hazardous venture, one almost sure to prove disastrous and embodying almost every known objectionable feature in the market of investment.

In the generally accepted term of "mining" this fact has been too often demonstrated to be entirely overlooked, but when the system of the work is thoroughly understood the result is readily explained, and one can be two realize that there are, or can be, two sides to the story.

Here is a cursory glance at a mining venture:—Four or five men own a claim on which "traces" of ore have been found, not necessarily in quantities to assure a profit, but enough to show "color," and thereby throw a hint as to what possibly exists beneath the surface.

This property is "right next to one of the richest claims in the district" and everything points to success. The market value of this claim as it lies is not much over \$1,000, so we will assume it to be decided to a purchaser at that figure. Now what is done? A company is formed with one million dollars capital, of which three or four hundred thousand shares are decided into the treasury for development purposes and offered to the public at "the extremely low price of ten cents per share," which gives about 30 or 40 times the cost of the claim and leaves the original owners with the majority of the stock, at no cost to themselves.

If the claim, on development, proves a rich one, they receive nearly all the profits; if to the contrary, they have already made a good thing, and the shareholder, with his worthless stock certificate, shoulders the loss.

This is very profitable to the promoters of the business, but hardly so to the outside investor.

While there is no question but British Columbia is destined to be one of the greatest mining camps on earth, and thereby of incalculable value to this country, it can readily be seen that we cannot afford to pay \$100,000 to develop every \$1,000 claim. One who goes into a plan of this kind is not speculating, for "speculation" implies a possibility of profit as well as loss.

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