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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

A chief among ye, takin' notes,
An' faith he'll print it."

TOWN TOPICS.

Mr. Woodman Mann is now an assistant in Goderich post office.

Wm. Weld, of the Farmer's Advocate is in town on Monday.

Some fine showers of rain fell during the week, and fruit trees are now coming into blossom.

A navy blue necktie was lost on the square on Monday. The finder will please leave it at this office.

Col. Ross left for Toronto on Wednesday, to assist the Wingham railway deputation in their negotiations.

Lucy.—The Goderich mare, "Lucy" is entered for the summer meeting of the Chicago jockey club, which takes place in July.

We understand Capt. Gregor McGregor has bought the Park House and will conduct it as a summer hotel the ensuing season.

A whale 60 feet long is on exhibition at Ottawa. The proprietor kindly sent us a couple of admission tickets, but as they were unaccompanied by railway passes, we do not purpose using them at present.

LEFT TOWN.—Mr. John Wilson and family left on Monday last for Bradford, McKean, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wilson for the past eleven years has been a resident of Goderich, and had the reputation of being a steady, industrious man. We wish him every success in his new sphere of action.

The dramatic club of Goderich will play a very fine drama and farce for the benefit of the brass band on the night of 24th May. The band is \$100 in debt for instruments, and past running expenses. The instruments must be paid for at once, and we trust that as the band boys go through the town selling tickets that every one will buy a ticket to assist them.

A lady, well known for her ministrations amongst the sick and poor of the town, has handed us the following receipt, said to be an excellent cure for colds, and a valuable medicine for consumption: Spikenard root, Indian hemp, skunk cabbage, pint of rum, pint of molasses, and quart of water. We understand that this recipe has been sold in town heretofore for \$2.

COCKING MAIN.—Toronto, Hamilton and other places of importance have lately come to the front as cock-fighting centres, and now Goderich joins the band. On Sunday morning last about eight o'clock, a cocking main was held in the yard of St. Patrick's Ward School, and a few of our young local sports enjoyed themselves for some time in watching the belligerent action of a couple of roosters. The party then adjourned to meet at a designated place on Sunday next, when the "sport" will be again indulged in. We believe our Chief Constable is a sporting man and would like to be present at the next exhibition.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Detroit, Mackinac and Marquette R. R. Co., relating to lands in Northern Michigan. The company are offering lands at low prices to attract settlers. In this connection we cannot do better than quote the following from the Toronto Weekly Globe of February 18th: "Our advice to Canadians is to stay at home, but if they will go to the United States they had better go to Northern Michigan, where they will find flourishing Canadian settlements, good markets, good soil, abundance of wood, well paid work and a climate to which they are accustomed. They will not run the risk of freezing in winter for fuel, nor of having their crops destroyed in summer by drought or insect, and as it is likely to be the case in Kansas and Dakota. And then, it does not cost much to go to Michigan, and if they do not like it they can return home. The Detroit, Mackinac and Marquette R. R. is a link of the Great Northern Pacific, and on its completion, which is promised this year, the lands will be rapidly settled and their value greatly enhanced."

H. S. L. S.—At the regular meeting of the High School Literary Society, on Friday evening last, the question of the justifiability of the execution of Mary Queen of Scots was debated before a larger audience than the room was capable of comfortably holding. The affirmative was sustained by Messrs. M. Long, G. Rutherford, and W. Hatt; and the negative by Messrs. J. Taylor, R. Miller, and F. McDonald. The debaters had evidently been at considerable pains to prepare themselves for the discussion, as was shown by the numerous quotations and references to historical authorities; and though there were some slips, and some of the firing was rather wild, yet the debate may be fairly pronounced creditable, especially when it is taken into account that for three of the speakers, we believe, it was the first attempt of the kind. One thing we may suggest, that in the future, in the interest of the debaters themselves, as well as that of the Society generally, the regulations as to the time to be allowed the speakers should be strictly adhered to. Dr. Ure, who acted as chairman, gave his decision in favor of the negative, i. e., that the unfortunate Queen was shown to be deserving of the extreme penalty of the law which she suffered. A duet by Misses Cook and C. Williams, and a quartette by other members of the Society, completed the evening's exercises.

Mr. W. F. Williams, formerly of S. Malcomson's law office, is now in Mr. E. E. Wade's office in Brussels.

There was a striking array of summer bonnets and hats at church on Sunday. Cardinal red appears to be the favorite color yet.

Mr. Fred Robertson, formerly of Goderich, who left for Australia last winter, has been appointed agent for an English steamship company at Port Pirie, South Australia.

RUNNING UP RAPIDLY.—During the past week our circulation has been largely augmented by new subscribers. We are now offering the paper on trial for the remainder of 1881 for 75 cts.

FOR ENGLAND.—Mr. Wm. McLean, the well known drover, left Goderich on Tuesday to ship to Liverpool market on the Allan Line steamer Scandinavian some 400 head of cattle. Mr. D. Cameron of Colborne, will have charge of the living freight, and will be assisted by Messrs. J. Vitarin, M. Gordon, Geo. Sutton, and Geo. Garaythe. We wish the entire party a prosperous journey and a safe return.

S. S. ENTERTAINMENT.—An entertainment given by children attending Knox Church Sunday School was held in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance of children and their friends. Mr. T. McGillivuddy, superintendent, occupied the chair, and introduced the children taking part in the programme. All the pieces were well received, particularly the recitations of the tiny Nina Strachan and Percy Miller. A reading was given by Minnie Strachan, and recitations by Aggie Miller, Eliza Fraser, Percy Miller, Mary Nicholson, Oliver Major, Grace Pulley, Nina Strachan, Kate Dancy, James Thomson, and Willie McKenzie; a dialogue by Misses L. Dickson, Kate Macara and N. Seegmiller; and vocal music by Misses McKay, Ralph, Ferguson, Gibson, Miller, Madrum, Thomson and Waddell, and the infant class. Miss Hutchison presided at the organ. \$8.15 were realized.

We understand that Capt. Rhynas has awarded the contract to Mr. F. Smeeth for the erection of a snug dwelling on Newgate street.

POSTPONED.—The sale of type, etc., composing the stock of Cathcart's printing office, has been postponed until Monday next.

SUCKERS.—On Tuesday morning about fifty farmers and young men were catching suckers on the bridge. The suckers were very plentiful.

HURON HORSES.—Mr. W. L. Ferguson, of Colborne, who took three entire horses over to Iowa several weeks ago, recently returned home, having disposed of his horseflesh at good prices. Mr. Ferguson has done a good deal to improve Huron stock in our own County, and now that entire horses are so successfully raised here, he has had the enterprise to extend their reputation to the Western States. He deserves success.

MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE MEETING.—At the last meeting of the Mechanics' Institute it was decided to hold the annual meeting on the 20th inst. at 8 p. m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors for the past year, electing the new Board, and other business. Accounts were presented for books and magazines and ordered to be paid. Messrs. H. Hamilton and W. T. Whitley were appointed auditors. The meeting then adjourned.

We were on Thursday last shown by Miss Noble a copy of the Dakota Pentagraph, published at Sioux Falls, Dakota, which is a curiosity in itself. The newspaper offices have been boycotted by the terrible floods which have prevailed in that section of late, and have been unable to obtain printing paper for the publication of their issues. The consequence has been that tinted, manilla, wrapping paper, and factory cotton has been resorted to by the enterprising publishers, and even tinted cambric has been utilized. The copy of the Pentagraph shown us is of pink cambric, and presents a good appearance, but is a little hard on the eyes.

Constable Sturdy occasionally appears in his new uniform, which is tasty and well-fitting. He looks every inch a police officer as he "walks his lonely round" in his best suit.

It is a subject of remark that those merchants advertising in the local papers are doing the best trade.

LABOR-SAVING CHURN.—Messrs E. & J. Downing, the well known boot and shoe dealers, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Ephraim Downing will continue the business and will retain the services of Mr. John Downing as foreman. Mr. E. Downing is one of our most popular merchants.

LABOR-SAVING CHURN.—On Wednesday evening last a novelty in the shape of a labor-saving churn was exhibited in the sitting room of Martin's hotel, by John Brown & Son, the agents for Perth and Huron, in presence of a number of our prominent business men, among whom were Geo. Old, Charles Nairn, D. C. Strachan, Wm. Mitchell, Chas. Andrews, M. Swanson, Robt. McBrien, Sam'l Sloane, Henry Wells, Lucius Carey, John Martin, Elijah Martin, John Knox and others. The churn is the celebrated Baldwin Figure Eight, and is incomparably in advance of any thing in the shape of a churn we have ever seen, and worked to perfection during the test. A gallon and a half of cream was procured from Mrs. Blake on the Huron Road, and placed in the churn, and operations began. At the end of 2 1/2 minutes the cover of the churn was removed, and it was found that seven pounds of excellent butter was the yield. The time-keepers were Messrs. Elijah Martin and D. C. Strachan. The greatest satisfaction was expressed by all who witnessed the operations. The Figure Eight appears to be destined to supplant all other churns at present in the field. Mr. Geo. H. Old has been appointed local agent in Goderich, and we would advise all our friends interested in the dairy business to drop in and see him, and observe the working of the churn.

ROWING.—The annual meeting of the Goderich Rowing club for 1881 will be held in the British Exchange Hotel this (Friday) evening, at 7.30 p. m.

RAILWAY CHANGES.—Mr. W. Wainwright, for many years General Passenger Agent of the Grand Trunk railway, has been appointed Assistant General Manager. He has well earned his promotion. The difficult duties of the office he so long held have been discharged with great satisfaction to the Company and his relations with the public have been of the most cordial nature.—Mr. S. R. Calloway, late General Superintendent of the Detroit and Bay City Railway is now General Superintendent of the Chicago and Grand Trunk. Mr. Calloway is an old Grand Trunk man, having entered the service of the company 18 years ago, and since then he has occupied prominent positions on different American roads. Mr. C. B. Peck, the former General Manager, has been appointed Traffic Manager at Chicago.—[Beacon.]

OBITUARY.—We regret this week to chronicle the death of Wm. Donaldson, son of Mrs. Jane Donaldson, of this town, which occurred at Bay City, Mich., on the 7th inst. The deceased, who was in his nineteenth year, left Goderich, last August, for Bay City, where he had been employed, up to the time of his death. He was taken ill on Tuesday last week with a severe cold, which culminated in brain fever, and he succumbed on the following Saturday. The deceased was born and brought up in Goderich, and was much respected by all who knew him. His brother, Mr. David Donaldson, of the British Exchange, was telegraphed for, and left for Bay City on Friday last, arriving in time to close the eyes of his only brother. The remains were conveyed to Goderich on Monday, and the funeral took place from the residence of the mother of the deceased on Tuesday afternoon. The thanks of the relatives of the deceased are tendered to Mr. S. Dunn and others of Bay City for the kindness and attention shown to the young Canadian during his last illness.

MISS WESTON, PRACTICAL Dress and Mantle maker, would intimate to the ladies of Goderich, that she has begun the business of dressmaking at her residence on the Cambridge Road, next to Smeeth's planing mill. All work done in the newest and most fashionable styles. Agent for Corwell's patterns. 1780-3m.

WANTED.—AN EXPERIENCED Girl to do general house work in the home of the United States. Family consists only of the Consul and wife. Good wages will be paid. Girl must understand cooking and be able to take charge of the general house work. References will be required. JOHN HIBBARD. 1784.

GODERICH HIGH SCHOOL.—The next Entrance Examination will be held on Thursday and Friday, the 7th and 8th of July. Intending candidates must notify the Town Inspector or Head Master not later than the 4th of June. For further information regarding the Examination of the School, apply to H. J. STRANG, B. A., Head Master. 1786-3t.

Real Estate.

FARM FOR SALE.—LOT NO 1 con 9 W. D. Township of Ashfield, con 100 acres, 70 of which are cleared, free of stumps, a good frame barn and house, and a nice young orchard. The above property is first class land, with a mile and a half of Gravel Road, and with a fine view of the lake. For particulars apply to R. RADCLIFFE, Real Estate and Insurance agent, Goderich. Also several bush lots for sale in same Township. 1785-4t.

FOR SALE.—LOT 9, LAKE SHORE Tp. of Colborne, containing 112 acres, 30 acres cleared, balance excellent timber. Soil a good clay loam. As this property adjoins the Point Farm it is in consequence most eligible situated. For particulars apply to J. J. Wright. March 1st 1881. 1776-4t.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—AT Duncannon, 12 miles from Goderich, consisting of 1/2 of an acre of land, well fenced, a frame house, a good well and pump are also on the premises. The lot has been well improved. Terms reasonable. For particulars apply to Mr. J. M. ROBERTS, Merchant, Duncannon, or R. E. BROWN, Nils P. O. 1767-4t.

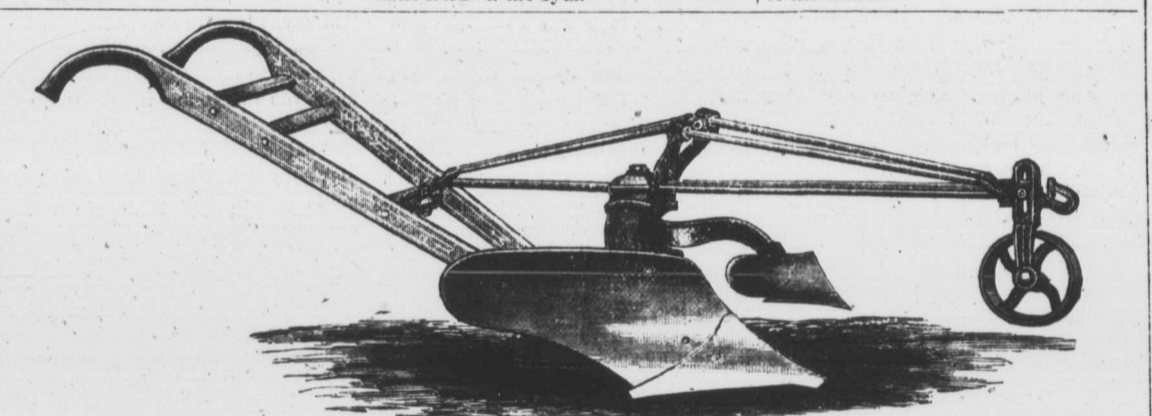
HOUSE AND LOTS NOS. 33 AND 78, corner of Victoria and East streets, in the town of Goderich, for cheap, or will be exchanged for farm property. For particulars apply to JAS. SMITH, Auctioneer, office Crabb's Block, of C. C. CRABB, Auctioneer.

SHEPPARDTON.—FARM FOR sale 60 acres, 30 acres cleared and well fenced. Brick Cottage 25x30, stone cellar full size of house. A large creek runs through the lot, no waste land on the creek. A very fine orchard surrounds the house. Good barn and other buildings. Terms very easy. Apply to R. T. HAYNES, 104 1/2 Lake Shore road, Colborne Township, or to GARROW & PROUDFOOT. 1768.

FARM FOR SALE.—BEING LOT 9, con 13, Colborne, about seven miles from Goderich, comprising 60 acres, cleared. A frame house, and a new frame barn 50x35, and a stable and other outbuildings are on the premises. A young orchard, good pump, etc. on the farm. The farm has a road on two sides of it. Four acres of fall wheat are so well situated. Distant only 1 mile from a post office. For particulars apply to Wm. SHIELDS, Sheppardton P. O. 1777.

SHEPPARDTON.—STORE, WITH Post Office, for sale or rent with 2 1/2 acre land. Stock all fresh and good. Will sell on very easy terms, having other business to attend to. For further particulars apply to R. T. HAYNES, 104 1/2 Lake Shore road, Colborne Township, or to GARROW & PROUDFOOT. 1761.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.—Lot 6, Con. 8, Township of Colborne, Co. Huron, containing 98 acres 75 of which are cleared and in a good state of cultivation. There is a frame house 26x28 with cellar under the whole, kitchen 16x20, wood shed 16x28, stable 18x26, for horses, also cow stable 11x24. There is a well with a never failing spring, and a good young orchard with about 40 trees, selected. Terms easy. For particulars apply to THOMAS WATSON, proprietor, Carleton or GARROW & PROUDFOOT, Goderich. 1750.



THE SEEGMILLER PLOW.

Visit to the Chilled Plow Works—Success of a Goderich Inventor.—The "Seegmiller," the Best Plow made—A "Huron" on East Street.

On Tuesday morning last a reporter of THE SIGNAL paid a visit to the Seegmiller Chilled Plow Works, situated on East St., Goderich, and viewed the progress of the manufacture of the celebrated implement there made a specialty of.

THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES of the Seegmiller Chilled Plow are (1) the beam, which is a true truss, consisting of three small rods of iron, bridged without either bolts, nuts, threads or rivets, which thereby lessens the cost of the plow, and yet ensures greater strength and durability; (2) the adjustment, which is made through the medium of a universal joint on top of the standard, and which admits of the plow being adjusted vertically or laterally, thus giving either depth or width of furrow without the use of the cumbersome, old-time clevis; (3) the eye-bolt at the end of the beam, which passes through the handle-bracket, and is made to grasp the back end of the beam, and hold it solidly in place. These are some of the distinguishing features, and are covered by patents by the inventor, Mr. S. Seegmiller, in Canada, the United States and in England. Mr. Seegmiller has during the past year devoted his entire energies, and that inventive talent which he undoubtedly possesses, toward perfecting this particular implement, and the result of his labors is visible in the production of what is beyond doubt the best plus variety of chilled plows. The metal used in the construction of the mould-board is worked to perfection by the Oliver chisel process, and is so hard that it will turn the point of the best cold-chisel. Its fibre does not run parallel with the surface of the casting, as is the case with cast iron and steel; but its direction is through the thickness of the mould-board, thus bringing the friction of the soil on the end of the fibre or grain. On this account the following qualities are claimed for the plow—it will scour in any soil; one mould-board will last as long as three made by any other manufacturer in Canada; it is at least one-fourth lighter of draft than any other plow of any kind; it is easily adjusted for change of width or depth of furrow, and it is capable of doing a third more work in a given time than any other plow made. The Seegmiller plow is a handsome implement, and as the reporter looked at the rows ranged up ready for shipment, he felt a just pride

that so enterprising and pushing a manufacturer as S. Seegmiller had located in Goderich. The name "SEEGMILLER" is placed on the chilled board by a secret process, and will prove a trade mark for the guidance of all who wish to purchase the best plow manufactured in Canada, if not in the world.

THE MOULDING SHOP of the works is located on the north side of East street, and is a commodious brick structure. When visited it presented a scene of the utmost activity and industry. The shop is under the personal supervision of Mr. Henry Huntington, who is a practical moulder of years experience in the manufacture of chilled plows in the United States, and he is ably assisted by an efficient staff of competent workmen, each member of which appeared to have the interest of the factory at heart almost as much as the proprietor of the works. The neatness and order which obtained in the moulding shop was most complete, and the facility with which the work, both heavy and light, was done, was truly marvellous, as we stood watching the master workman of this department as he traced indelibly the word "Seegmiller" on a mould-board, we were fully convinced that Mr. Seegmiller had succeeded in securing the services of a competent man.

THE GRINDING SHOP was the next place of interest, and here the rumble and clatter of machinery in full operation was something far beyond what was expected. Mr. Frank Austin is the chief of this department, and as we watched the sparks fly during the operation of putting on a polish on a mould-board which out-shone the brilliancy of any mirror, we were amazed, for we had no idea of the extent to which the polishing process could be carried in the master of iron chilled so hard as to be impervious alike to file or cold-chisel. In addition to the emery buffers, at which Mr. Austin worked, there were also in this department a complete outfit of solid emery wheels, mammoth grindstones, and other machines of the most improved style for the carrying on of the work, all in full operation, and in charge of capable men.

THE BLANK-SMITH SHOP is superintended by Mr. Alex. McIntosh. Here the forging and wrought iron work of the institution is done, and from the good quality of the iron used, or the excellent workmanship of the foreman of the shop and his assistants, or from both these causes combined, the welds made and the work turned out are of the most creditable character. The specialty in this department is the manufacture of the patent beams for the

plows, although considerable general blacksmithing is also done.

THE WOOD SHOP is located in the second story, immediately over the finishing shop, and is fully equipped with hand-saws, sharpers, stickers, turning lathes, benders, &c. for the successful manufacture of all wood work connected with the implement.

THE PAINT SHOP is under control of Mr. Harry Rothwell, whose reputation as a master of the brush and paint-pot is thoroughly established in this section.

THE MACHINE SHOP, in addition to the departments for the carrying on the manufacture of the Seegmiller chilled plow, the energetic proprietor has in thorough running order a machine shop second to none other in Ontario, the machinery for which was purchased at the time of the fitting-up of the Seegmiller & Hutchinson's mammoth mill. Mr. Wilson Salkeld, is the foreman, and his supervision every class of work capable of being done in a well-equipped machine shop is turned out in a manner and of quality surpassed by no other institution of the kind in the Dominion. Repairing of machinery of all kinds at short notice is a specialty in this shop.

IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE Mr. Alfred Meek the shipping clerk, attends to the correspondence of the firm, Mr. James B. Thompson controls the local agencies, and Mr. Fred Seegmiller is superintendent of the entire works, as Mr. S. Seegmiller is frequently called from home in connection with the development of the large, and we are pleased to learn, constantly increasing trade of the factory. At the time of writing from 150 to 200 Seegmiller Chilled Plows are turned out weekly, and this number has so far proved insufficient to meet the demand for the implement.

SOME FORTY HANDS are now employed at the works, and as constant additions are being made to the number of the employees, principally skilled workmen at good salaries, the benefits which will accrue to Goderich from this great manufacturing enterprise will be felt and appreciated by almost every resident.

Taken all in all, the establishment of Mr. Seegmiller is the most complete of its kind in Canada, and our heartiest wish is that the energy, perseverance, inventive power and invested capital of the enterprising proprietor will reap its full measure of success; and if our hopes are realized, the name of "Seegmiller" will become familiar as a household word in the vocabulary of the agricultural community at large.

Marine News.

We regret to learn from the boats employed in the fishing business that the catch has been very light to date.

The dredge Challenge arrived last Monday evening from Sarnia, accompanied by three scows in tow of the tugs Parker and Tendueau. The dredging of the harbor will be proceeded with at once.

Mr. W. L. Horton left on Saturday last for Buffalo, to resume his position on the propeller Atlantic. Capt. Rhynas, of the same craft, left Goderich to assume command on the same day.

The steam barge Tecumseh, for Georgian Bay, to load ties for Chicago, on entering Lake Huron ran on the schooner Sweetheart, sunk last fall. The tug Frank Moffat went to her assistance, but on attempting to pull her off she leaked so badly that it was thought best to leave her. The Hawkins went up with steam pumps from Port Huron. The Port Huron Wrecking Company brought over pontoons, and are at work on the scow Mollie, sunk at Lark's dock.

ARRIVALS. The government dredge and barges, in charge of Capt. Carleton, were brought into harbor Monday by the tugs Trudeau and Parker. The Parker left again on Tuesday. After doing some work at Port Albert, the dredge will be employed in clearing Goderich Harbor.

The schooner Star, Capt. Baxter, arrived on Tuesday from Kincardine, light.

The first passenger steamer to touch at Goderich this season was the Quebec, of the Beatty Line, commanded by Capt. J. S. Moore. She arrived off the harbor about half-past seven a. m., on Wednesday, but owing to the dense fog which prevailed, it was four hours before she could reach the port, being guided by the whistle of a tug at the end of the pier, and finally directed by a yawl rowed by a couple of men. She was heavily laden with general merchandise for the Northwest, and had some 70 passengers and 350 tons of freight on board. About 30 passengers were added from this port, principally emigrants. The steamer drew some 12 feet of water. A fog whistle or some such device is needed at this port.

DEPARTURES. The schooner Niagara, Capt. McLeod, left on Saturday for Thessalona river, light. The first clearance of the season.

On Saturday evening the schooner H. N. Todman, Capt. Munro, left for Meaford, with salt.

The schooner Jenny Rumball, Capt. Petrie, left on Sunday for Inverhuron, light.

The schooner Arabia, Capt. Devell, with salt for Chicago, left on Sunday night.

On Tuesday the schooner Kolfage cleared for Georgian Bay, with salt.

The schooner Ontario, Capt. McKenzie, left for Blind River, on Wednesday, light.

The schooner Tecumseh leaves this week for Kintail, to load cordwood.

Three children of Mr. C. A. Page, of Belleville, were on Sunday poisoned by sausage which he purchased at a grocery on Saturday night. Prompt means were taken to counteract the poison's effect, and the two older children have recovered. The youngest is still unwell.