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Such a showing of toys, games and dolls was never before seen in Brockville. Curious mechanical toys, iron toys, furniture—Dolls, a wonderful family, some of them almost big enough to go to school—some small enough to go in your pocket you should buy early—better choosing now, less crowding—more time to think and fuller assortments. You know just how hard it is to shop in the crush of the last week. Only a few days more before Christmas, remember. The children are anxious to know when Santa Claus will arrive—we're not sure yet but we'll let you know soon, watch the advertisements

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Only space to mention a few toys.
Dolls' wash sets, table wringer, tub, board and clothes horse, 20c, 35c and 50c,
Doll's dressers, 3 drawers and mirror, oak, at 30c.
Doll's wardrobe, one drawer, 3 shelves with glass door, 60c.
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Dgll's cradles, very nice, colored trimmings, 25c.
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Go-carts, 4 wooden wheels, 35c: with two steel wheels, 35c.
Doll's dishes in sets, at 10c and 25c; extra large size, 50c.
Building blocks, 6 pieces, 10c; 9 pieces, 25c; 10 pieces, very large, 40c.
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RANDOM NOTES BY THE WAY.

H. S. and P. O

The postal system of the world is a marvel--a stupendous concern—a revelation—an inspiration—a revolution.

As we wander from place to place in our progressive country, few departments offer a more interesting subject for a half hour's study than a village post office. There is a pressure often brought to bear on the capacity of the waiting room—at times all sorts, sizes and classes meet there, from the tiny six-year old to the three-score-and-ten. We look into eyes steel blue—eyes blue, eyes light or dark brown, or black as midnight—eyes dull, heavy and weary under life's burden—eyes sad, plaintive, pathetic with sorrow—eyes that snap and sparkle, swift as a bunch of Chinese fire-crackers—eyes that laugh and weep in the same moment—eyes that charm, entrance and bewilder you—eyes that scorn and hate—reproachful eyes that scintillate little darts at a semi delinquent lover—trusting, confiding, loving eyes that accelerate your pulse.

We see silver hair—golden hair—hair flaxen, red, brown and black—hair frizzled and frowsled, banged, water-falled, tressed and trussed—hair twisted and coiled and spiralled—hair braided and bewitched and switched at random

Fine figures and forms divinely fair, with gaits that sway and swing—oscillate, undulate, vibrate gracefully, sweetly to the rythm of life.

Voices that whisper—voices that don't whisper—voices that fife and flute and roll and tremor—that trill and thrill—merry and sad—voices unutterable that beam from the eye—the echo of a joyous tintinabulation.

The little room in the post office is well filled—the hour for distributing the evening mail is near. Fine looking, cultured young gentlemen pass the lingering minutes in formulating sacharine-coated, good-natured pellets and firing them at fair girls—these young ladies retaliate by shooting back lavender-scented pellets of wit, which, in their vivacity and animation, flow fast as South African bullets.

The wicket opens—the grave looking business man takes his business letters with a business air and hurries to his place of business. A stream of letters is issuing—letters that scold—letters that frown—letters that disappoint—letters that surprise—letters from angry politicians, the pen dipped in more than gall—lightnings flash in vituperation—thunders roll in irony, sarcasm and vindictive wrath—crimination and recrimination. Letters that praise—letters that mourn and weep. A white hand passes under the wicket—the fair maid's swift glance at the address reveals a secret to a close observer near—that is a love letter—the unconcious smile ripples and dimples the cheek that quickens the heart action with a tell-tale blush.

Our guardian angel may tell how many, in the last twenty-five years, pupils and students in this high school formed their first mutual attachment in the little old post office—an attachment that soon grew into friendship—rising into fondness—then affection—suddenly unfolding the bud in a blaze of blooming love. To find all these, we must pass over hill, dale and mountain—cross rivers, lakes and continents—then rise above Cloudland, on beyond the star gemmed dome, where Arcturus reigns—pass the sweet bands of Orion's union—into the realm of love.

It needs no analyst or prophet to discern that even now, daily, in that office on Memory's tablet are written warm-hearted, true-hearted, pure hearted thoughts that will be known and read when the dust of the tomb is swept away, and where now the dear little forget me-not weeps dewy tears and sheds its fragrance o'er the quiet sleeper's bosom. The eternal bloom of the Rose of Sharon shall then blend with the white lily on the cheek and perfume the breath of the beautified redeemed—when the dear Long, long ago shakes hands with the Sweet by and by.

The postmaster of Athens has papered and painted, renovated and brightened his office generally, but while the deservedly renowned and far famed H. S. exists, this waiting room will be contagious with the germs of friendship, the molecules of affection, the very bacteria of love, which will forever defy detection and exclusion.

But behind the wicket and above all this, is one. It is a true womanly countenance. Every look, word and act expresses a desire to please and oblige. Here we encounter a stern, haughty, repelling, icy dignity, intended to make one feel inferior. That countenance also indicates gentle patience, an earnest kindness, a sincere courtesy free from vanity, the very material that goes to form a true follower of our Lord.

And the years go and come down the corridors of time, and pupil and student, teacher and professor will soon pass on and off the Bridge of Sighs. The vast re-union is swiftly approaching. Learn well your part, have ready a grand recitation—your theme, Redeeming Love—for soon it will be Commencement day for you in the high school in heaven.

W. S. HOUGH.

HOLD MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Under above heading, The Sun, one of the best agricultural papers in the province, gives this very sensible advice: The regular Institute meetings now being held in various parts of the province are doing a great deal of good. But officers in charge of local Institutes should not, however, limit their activity to these regular and supplementary meetings. In East York, in the township of Scarboro, the members get together at regular intervals during the winter and discuss among themselves matters of local interest. At one meeting, for instance, a member will be expected to open a discussion on fruit culture, at another meeting some other member will lead on poultry, and so it goes, practically every department of farm life being taken up and discussed during these winter meetings. In addition to all this, the Scarboro farmers have at their March meeting every year a seed fair to which members bring specimens of the grain, roots etc. they have for sale. These sales often run into the hundreds of dollars, and buyers obtain at a few cents above the market price, first class articles for seed.

G. T. FULFORD'S LIBEL SUIT.

Barwick, Aylesworth & Wright, acting for E J. Reynolds, of Brockville, have filed at Osgoode Hall Senator George T. Fulford's statement of claim in the $10,000 slander action against N. Clarke Wallace, M.P. for West York, in connection with ante election charges made during the recent campaign. Senator Fulford asks that the action be tried at Brockville, and makes the following statement:

"The defendant is a professional politician, and was, at time of the publication of the slander complained of, a candidate in West York.

"On the 25th day of October, 1900, the defendant, at a public meeting in Toronto Junction, falsely and maliciously spoke and published of the plaintiff the following words:

Senator Fulford paid $50,000 to the Government for his title, and is now advertising in Europe that he was made a senator by the people of Canada because of the incalculable benefits that had been conferred upon them by his discovery in pills. * * * *

"By reason of this, the plaintiff has been greatly injured in his character, credit and reputation, and in his office as a senator, and in his business as a merchant, and has been brought into public scandal, ridicule and contempt."

What is a Kiss?

A New York monthly offered prizes for the best definition of a kiss. Thousands of answers were received, but the judges awarded the following the prize. "A kiss is something made of nothing, Lord knows it's good," and the other is "A kiss is a noun, though generally used as a conjunction. It is never declined. It is more common than proper; it is not very singular, and is generally used in the plural, and agrees with me and you."

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A CHANGING SENATE.

Ottawa, Dec. 4—The Government will have control of the Senate very much earlier than is generally supposed. If the Liberals who were appointed by the present Government would always attend regularly, they would be able to outvote the Conservatives before the approaching session is over, as some of the latter will be unable to attend. When the liberals came into power, they had nine supporters in the Senate, and now they have 28, with three vacancies. One of these was caused by the death of Senator McInnes, and may be filled any day. The other two will have to be vacated by the Senate, as Senators Reesor and Sir Frank Smith have not been present for two sessions. Reesor is a liberal, so that the strength of the Government in the Senate will only be increased by two votes out of three appointments. This will make thirty Liberals. It is calulated that about thirty-four will be sufficient to have control, as a number of senators are too infirm to attend the sittings. As there are 81 Senators, 41 votes are actually required for a majority over all.

Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.—Rev. W.H. Main, pastor of the Baptist Emanuel Church, Buffalo, gives strong testimony for and is a firm believer in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. He had tried many kinds of remedies without avail. "After using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I was benefited at once," are his words. It is a wonderful remedy. 50 cents.—67

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