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—Miss Miner, of Smith's Falls, is visiting in town.

—Mr. Harry Berney has accepted a position with Mr. C. L. Lamb.

—A party from Brockville caught 6 fine salmon at Charleston yesterday.

—Have you noticed the new wickless, blue flame oil stoves with ovens at W. F. EARL's?

—J. V. Phillips, of Philipsville, has shipped his thoroughbred stallion, Rifleman Jr., to Manitoba.

—We are pleased to report that Mr. J. Jones, Victoria street, who has been so seriously ill for a few days, is somewhat better.

—Call in and see our line of fishing tackle. We have a good assortment to select from in Archer and Sore catch spinners, rods, lines and minnow pails.—W. F. EARL.

—Ed. Curry is repairing and renovating the property he recently purchased at Charleston.

—W. G. Parish has added a band reawing machine and another planer and matcher to his stock of machinery in his mill near the station.

—The popularity of the Reporter's Horse Route bills is evident by the fact that a few days ago an order for bills to be sent to Manitoba was received and another from Western Ontario.

—Mrs. Derbyshire is making extensive improvements to the house recently purchased from the Isaac Robeson estate.

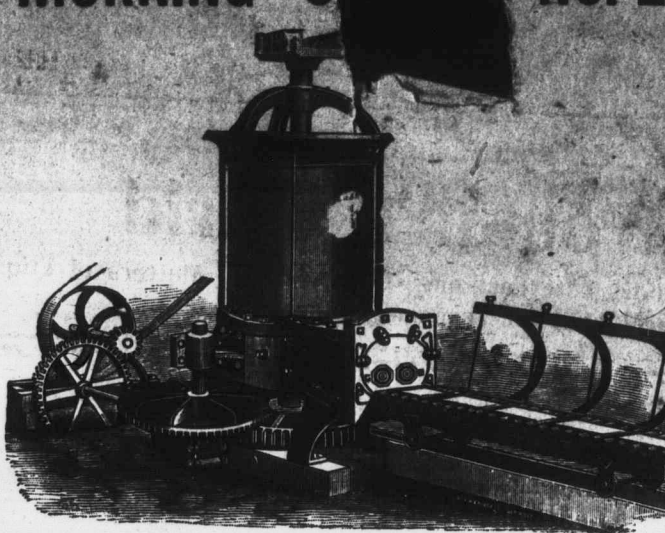
—An itinerant vendor of cheap ready made clothing was in town yesterday. When interviewed by Chief Brown he produced a license for rig driven by one horse and was allowed to go on his way rejoicing.

—Now is the time to get in your well pump. I have a fine working pump at a cheap price. Piping galvanized and black, all sizes with fittings in stock. Pipe cutting and other work done promptly.—W. F. EARL.

—Color Sgt. W. W. Frew, and Corp. Donald Jack, of "H" Co., 56th Regiment, Light Rifles, Lansdowne, who took a short course of instruction last winter at the Royal School of Infantry, Stanley Barracks, Toronto, received their certificates this week and are to be congratulated on having passed their examinations in such a creditable manner.

—Richard E. Mills, a former typo in the Reporter office, who started a newspaper at Fergus, Ontario, some four years ago, sends a marked copy of his paper this week in which he says:—"As promised last week The Fergus Canadian appears in 8 page form this week. We are forced to make this change because of the increasing pressure of our news and advertising columns. The Canadian is a young newspaper and has had to win its way against opposition, not always fair or business like. That our efforts have been appreciated is abundantly proved by the very large increase in circulation, and by practical assistance we are daily receiving in the gathering of news throughout the country in which The Canadian circulates." We are pleased to note Richard's progress, as he was one of the best "subs" the Reporter ever had.

MORNING STAR NO. 2.



ROSS & EARL'S BRICK AND TILE WORKS, ATHENS.

The fresh morning air circulated freely through our lungs as we emerged from our sanctum and wended our way again in the direction of "the flats" lying to the south east of the village, in search of pointers for our second morning stroll. The objective point this time was the busy hive of industry, Ross & Earl's Brick and Tile Works. These gentlemen are too well known to the builders and farmers of this section to need any introduction at our hands. They have been engaged in the business for many years and the large number of substantial brick stores, dwellings and other buildings in which the product of their yards are to be seen, as well as the thousands of acres of previously unproductive soil that has been reclaimed through the use of their superior make of tile is proof positive that they are turning out an article that is worthy, and is receiving the hearty endorsement of the people of this district. We have frequently visited their works at the foot of Isaac street and in conversations with them have gleaned the following facts and figures in relation to their business.

We have often stood and watched the men at work, both under the old style of hand make and the later, and we think better system of machine made brick and tile. The yards comprise about two acres in extent and here the clay is taken out in the fall and placed in large heaps, in order that the action of the frost will help to prepare the clay for being properly tempered. This clay must be free from lime or gravel otherwise the brick would burst while being burned. The material is carried in wheel barrows from the pit and dumped into the grinding machine a cut of which appears above.

This machine is operated by two horses when making brick for and 3 for tile. It requires two smart men to the delivery of the brick from the machine. The clay, after being ground is forced out through moulds on to a revolving table, where it is cut into proper lengths by a number of heavy wires attached to a frame. Men with wheelbarrows stand ready to take the finished brick or tile away which are piled in tiers under the drying sheds.

The firm employ from six to eight hands, and the daily capacity of the mill is about 5,000 per day of brick and 3,000 of tile. They are thinking of putting in steam power, which would increase the output fully two thirds more. The brick is a trifle larger than those formerly made by the old hand process and have a fine smooth finish on the face side and are made with a

number of holes running through the centre, which allows of an even burn all the way through. The color is a deep red, very hard and of excellent quality and we have only to mention the fact that all the brick used in this section is now made by this firm, as a proof that they are considered the best that can be procured anywhere.

The capacity of drying sheds is about 100,000, and the kiln shed for burning brick about 300,000. When the brick or tile is sufficiently dry they are placed in the kiln which has a capacity of 25 to 30 thousand tile and 15,000 brick, which are filled in to make arches and protect the tile while being burned.

It requires about 800 cords of wood to properly burn the season's output of brick and tile. The firm have been fortunate in securing several tracts of wood land from which they have taken their supply for years past. The wood is cut and drawn to the yards thereby giving employment to the men during the winter months.

The output during the season is about 300,000 brick and 90,000 tile all of which find a ready sale in the surrounding country, and in our opinion the proprietors deserve great credit for their pluck and energy in building up an industry in our midst, which not only gives employment to the laborer, but also materially reduces the cost of building in the vicinity of Athens.

Our morning stroll like everything else must come to an end. But we go back to work feeling that others have labor as well as ourselves, that labor is the lot of man, that the heart may conceive and the head devise in vain if the hand is not prompt to execute the design. That work is necessary to preserve the social and moral well-being of the human family, that idleness and sloth begets poverty and degradation, and that by an all-wise dispensation of providence, not only man's physical nature but his intellectual as well, requires him to put forth daily exertion, whether it be at the anvil, the bench, in the field or at the desk, matters little, except in so far as adaptability is concerned. But one element is essential and that is that man shall work. Refuse to be guided by this principle and he must inevitably become a failure. Make work the rule of his life and his efforts much eventually he crowned with success.

Bidding our readers good bye for the present, we hope to be able in the near future to give them an account of a stroll out into the country and a resume of another morning stroll.

A RARE OLD FIND.

In looking over some old papers belonging to the Loverin estate a few days ago the editor of the Reporter came across a rare old silver coin bearing the following inscription "Hispanium, Rex, 1769," on the reverse side "Carlos III, D. G." The coin is well preserved and the letters and ornamental parts perfectly clear and legible. This coin was found by the writer over 45 years ago near the old house on the Loverin homestead and after carrying it around for several months it was thrown into a drawer with a lot of old papers, where it has remained ever since. We have a faint recollection of hearing a story in connection with this coin to the effect that nearly one hundred years ago a tramp came along and stopped at the Loverin homestead and craved a lodging for a few days, offering to do odd chores for his board.

He was an adept at wood working and rigging up a little shop in an outbuilding made the family a number of tables, bureaus and boxes as well as cases for a couple of old fashioned clocks that reached from the floor to the ceiling (one of these clocks is still running at the farm). He also made a fanning mill said to be the first one ever made or used in Leeds county and farmers used to come for miles to have their grain cleaned for seed by it. He was also an expert engraver on copper, and there were several pieces of finely engraved copper plate lying around the place within the writer's recollection. He was very reserved in his manner and only occasionally, when in a low mood through drink, that he would tell anything about himself. From these remarks let drop in an unguarded moment it was surmised that he

had been a buccaner on the Spanish main and that the gold and silver pieces that he displayed on these occasions were the product of some of his depredations. He used to sit for hours at a time on a big stone in front of the old house on the hill and count over his coins and it was near this stone that the coin now referred to was found many years after. He disappeared one day and was never heard of in those parts again.

Another rare find while looking through the old papers was an envelope mailed in Vermont on the 6th of November, 1865, on which were a couple of 2 cent stamps bearing the portrait of Martin Van Buren, then president of the United States, and two 3 cent stamps bearing the profile of Thos. Jefferson. The envelope and stamps were well preserved and as fresh and distinct as a last year's Canada stamp. The old chest of drawers contained several parchment deeds over 150 years old and any quantity of letters and envelopes which were mailed before the introduction of postage stamps into this country or the U. S.

—Mr. Nathaniel Benedict has relinquished his residence on Reid street.

—Mr. W. Mott is behind the counter of P. F. Slack & Son's store for a few days. The rush of spring trade required the assistance of more help.

—Cap. Chas. Chapman, for over thirty years license inspector for Grenville county, died at his residence, Prescott, on Tuesday of last week, aged 83 years.

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