

A Plea for Curling.

(For the Mercantile.) Much has been said of late through the medium of your columns in praise of the grand old game of curling. Even the muse has been pressed into service, and in such a way as to show, that although curlers are a jolly, noisy set of fellows, some of them appear to be also poets of no mean order, especially when their favourite game is the subject.

Breakfast—Epps's Cocoa—Grateful and Comforting. "By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctor's bills."

Commercial.

Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, March 13. Flour, per 100 lbs. 85 00 to 85 50. Fall Wheat, per 100 lbs. 1 05 to 1 05.

Toronto Markets.

TORONTO, March 13. Fall Wheat, per bushel \$1 24 to \$1 30. Spring Wheat, do. 1 15 to 1 16. Barley, do. 1 38 to 1 39.

Hamilton Markets.

HAMILTON, March 11. White wheat, per bushel \$1 29 to \$1 35. Breadwheat, do. 1 18 to 1 20. Rye, do. 0 90 to 0 90.

Special Notices.

AS NUMEROUS CASES OF POISONING Have occurred from the sale to the public of Hypophosphites, containing strychnine, without being properly labelled, purchasers of Dr. Wheeler's Compound Elixir of Phosphates and Calisaya are requested not to confound the two preparations, as is frequently done, under the impression that both are of the same medicinal properties.

JAMES CORMACK, TAILOR AND CLOTHIER. NO. 1, WYNDHAM STREET. Has now on hand a superior stock of FRENCH, SCOTCH, ENGLISH

CANADIAN WOOLENS. Suitable for the Fall and Winter.

FRENCH COATINGS. A speciality this Season. A magnificent display

Of Gents' Furnishing Goods; Also a large and well selected stock of Ready made Clothing at very low prices.

JAMES CORMACK, wd No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

NEW GOODS. Just received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS. BERLIN WOOLS. And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual.

MRS. WRIGHT, Upper Wyndham St., next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 21th, 1873. dw

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE. In Portable, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makes, all new and cheap for cash. Apply at the Mercury Office.

DOMINION SALOON. RESAURANT. Opposite the Market, Guelph. Oysters in their season. First-class accommodations for suppers, parties, &c. GEORGE BOOKLESS, Proprietor, Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. diy

Elephant Clothing Store.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO. Just Received a splendid new stock of

HATS AND CAPS!

C. E. PEIRCE & CO., Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph, Mar. 2, 1874. "Pay as You Go."

Good Doctrine: first rate: Admirable Philosophy: more good sense and economy in these few words than most people are aware of. If you take a paper, pay as you go—your butcher, baker, tailor, shoemaker, pay as you go. It is a philosopher's stone. We wish it was impressed on some people's hearts with a sledge hammer.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A large lot of Ladies', Misses and Children's Prunellas, WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICE.

Purchasers will do well to call and examine our stock and prices, before purchasing elsewhere. Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall. WM. TAWSE & SON. Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874.

JACKSON & HALLETT, IMPORTERS. Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.

New Fruits, Teas, Coffees Etc., Crop 1873, comprising New Table Raisins, New Valencia Raisins, New Currants, New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc. TEAS, TEAS.

Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb. Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb. Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb. Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb. Choice Fresh Black Tea at 50 cents per lb. Finest Fresh Black Tea at 75 cents per lb. Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb. Reduction to parties taking a box.

Also, our own importations of genuine Brandies, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail. JACKSON & HALLETT, Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph.

FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS. JAMES MASSIE, Manufacturer of CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS, Alma Block, Guelph.

Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at his Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer in

OSZENGES, all flavors; DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes; GUM and LICORICE DROPS, CONVERSATION LOZENGES, MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns; SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS, FRUIT BISCUITS, GINGER NUTS, CHEWING GUM, ROCK CANDY, LICORICE.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars. His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western Fair the only place where they were entered for competition. All Goods are carefully packed and shipped with despatch.

The Oldest Hardware Business in the County J. M. BOND & CO., DIRECT HARDWARE IMPORTERS, OFFER FOR SALE

CATTLE CHAINS of over fifty different kinds, and made specially to our order. GRAIN SHOVELS—Polished steel and iron. HALF BUSHEL MEASURES—Stamped and warranted correct. TUBULAR LANTERNS—To burn coal oil. The best lantern made; cannot be put out by the strongest wind, and burns bright and clear. WARRANTED PLATFORM SCALES—Weighing beams, steel yards. Every farmer needs a scale to weigh his produce. A good one will save twice its cost in 1 year. CHOPPING AXES—Made to order from several makers, and over thirty-five different kinds. CROSS CUT SAWS, with teeth of various shapes. Butting Saws for cutting hardwood. We have saws of all kinds from approved makers. Sausage-Meat Cutters and stuffers. With every article usually kept in a first-class Hardware Store. JOHN M. BOND & Co., Guelph, Ont.

NEWMAN LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN New York and Liverpool Consisting of Sixteen of the Best Equipped and fastest steamships in the world, Sailing from New York every Thursday and Saturday.

Also, Agent for the Michigan Central and Erie Railroad. Passengers booked to all points in the United States. MARKET-SQUARE, GUELPH.

ALLAN Steamship Line

GUELPH AGENCY. Prepaid passage certificates issued. Beaths and outward tickets secured at best rates. G. A. OXNARD, G. T. R. Agent.

HART & SPIERS, Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance, and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph.

In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas. S. Spiers in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm.

Guelph Bakery, Two doors above the Wellington Hotel. W. J. LITTLE. While thanking the public generally for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon him, would respectfully inform them that he is still prepared to supply them with all kinds of Biscuits, Pastry, Bride's Cakes, and Confectionery of every description.

L. D. SINE'S 43rd Semi-Annual GIFT ENTERPRISE. The only reliable Distribution in the country. \$1,000,000 In Valuable Gifts! To be distributed in

L. D. SINE'S 43rd Semi-Annual GIFT ENTERPRISE. To be drawn MONDAY, MARCH 30th, 1874. ONE GRAND CAPITAL PRIZE \$10,000 IN GOLD. One Prize, \$5,000 in Silver. Five prizes \$1,000 each in greenbacks. Five prizes \$500 each in greenbacks. Ten prizes \$100 each in greenbacks. Two Family Carriages and Matched Horses with Silver-mounted Harness, worth \$1,500 each. Two Buggies, Horses, etc., worth \$600 each. Two fine toned Rosewood Pianos, worth \$500 each. Ten Family Sewing Machines, worth \$10 each. 1500 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (in all worth, from \$20 to \$300 each). Gold Chains, Silverware, Jewelry, &c., &c. Number of gifts 10,000. Tickets limited to 50,000.

AGENTS WANTED to sell Tickets, to whom liberal premiums will be paid. Single tickets, \$5; six tickets, \$25; twelve tickets, \$50; twenty-five, \$125. Circulars containing a full list of prizes, a description of the manner of drawing, and other information in reference to the distribution, will be sent to any one ordering them. All letters must be addressed to MAIN OFFICE, L. D. SINE, box 86, 101 W. Fifth-st. Cincinnati, O.

GUELPH Marble Works. The undersigned will furnish Grave Stones, Monuments, Tablets or Posts. As cheap as any dealer in the Dominion. Granite Monuments or Headstones IMPORTED TO ORDER.

ALFRED S. FEAST, Woolwich street, above Bruce's Carriage Works, Guelph. FARM FOR SALE—100 acres, being lot 35, con. S. Puslinch, 30 in a good state of cultivation, remainder in bush, good frame buildings, with both hard and soft water, good orchard of large fruit trees, 15 acres of fall wheat in the ground, 20 acres fall ploughing done. The farm is one lot from the Brock Road. Will be sold cheap and on reasonable terms. Apply to James Makellin on the premises, or by letter post paid, to Puslinch P.O.

THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser

The EVENING MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. Terms \$4 per annum in advance; credit \$5. Delivered in w-m, by the week 10 cents. Rates of advertising—first insertion, per nonpareil line 2 cents; subsequent insertions 1 cent. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle for Sale or to Rent, Lost Articles, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., not to exceed five lines in length, 25 cents for each insertion; for the same over 5 lines and up to 10 lines, 20 cents each insertion, cash. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. A large advertisement, special notices, or advertisements intended as local insertions after the reading matter, but not among the 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion.

The WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every Thursday morning. It has now a GUARANTEED CIRCULATION FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTY, AND EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY WEEKLY IN CANADA, OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. Terms:—\$1.50 a year in advance; credit \$2.00. Rates of Advertising:—For transient advertisements 8 cents per nonpareil line first insertion, and 5 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Farms or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle for Sale or to Rent, and all advertisements of local character not exceeding 10 lines, solid nonpareil space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. For any space over ten lines, the rate will be at the same proportion as the average number of words in a 10 line advertisement at 40.

Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended as local insertions after the reading matter, but not among the 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion. Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Contract advertisements charged other than once a month charged extra.

SPECIAL NOTICE. All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. if renewed are subject to our revised rates.

FURNITURE AT RETAIL. BURR & SKINNER. Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new warehouses

At the Factory, Oxford st., ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE. Spring Beds, Mattresses, &c. Having large facilities for making Furniture, they are in a position to offer every inducement in the way of fresh new designs, and best of finish, all at low prices.

GREAT CHEAP SALE! At I. & J. Andrews' FANCY STORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET. CONSISTING OF SLIPPER PATTERNS Toys, Dolls, and a general stock of FANCY GOODS, BERLIN WOOLS IN ALL SHADES

All of which will be sold at and below cost. Orders received for Hair Jewellery, I. & J. ANDREWS, Guelph, Jan. 18th, 1874. dw

PRINT DEPARTMENT. JOHN MACDONALD & CO. Are showing an immense stock of CHOICE PRINTS From the Leading Printers.

JOHN MACDONALD & Co. TORONTO. FALL AND WINTER, 1873-4. POWELL'S

Boot and Shoe Store. Call and examine my new stock of Ladies', Gents' & Children's BOOTS & SHOES, Which for moderate prices, style and workmanship, cannot be surpassed in the town.

Particular attention paid to Custom Work and Repairing. West side Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, Feb. 18th, 1874. dw

TO THE OWNERS AND BREEDERS OF HORSES AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS. GENTLEMEN,—Having been appointed Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, I find it necessary to be absent from my practice for several days each week during the winter months, but I will return to Guelph every Friday evening, and remain at Copley's Union Hotel, second street, until the following Monday, where I can be consulted on the diseases of horses and cattle. Thanking you for your patronage, and soliciting your future patronage, I am, gentlemen, Yours obediently, E. A. GRANGE, V.S. Guelph, Jan. 10th 1874.

AGENTS WANTED. JUST OUT, a new and beautifully coloured Map of the Dominion. The largest, the latest, and the most comprehensive for the money yet published. To every intelligent voter who wishes to understand the "situation," with regard to railways and other important territorial interests, this map is indispensable. Agents who take hold of it in earnest and immediately will reap a good harvest, and should send for terms and state where they saw this advertisement. dw2 JAMES CHURCHILL, Toronto.

NOTICE. Oak for sale, 2 and 3 inch plank sawed and tongued. Apply at THE MERCURY OFFICE, Guelph.