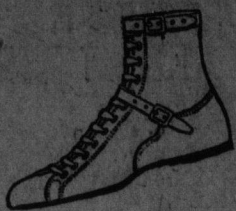


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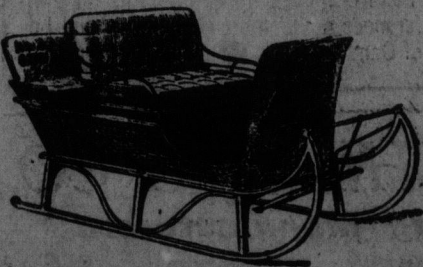
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A NEWS BUDGET FROM AUBURN, N. S.

**Sale and Tea by Ladies of St. Mary's Church
Auburn Man Has Hard Fight with Fire.**

Auburn, N. S., Dec. 15.—The ladies of St. Mary's church held their annual supper and sale in Ray's Hall, Aylesford. The affair was very successful, over one hundred and twenty dollars being realized. Forty-eight dollars were taken at the tea tables, which were presided over by Mrs. Waldo Palmer and Mrs. Cecil Claremonte. Twenty-seven dollars at the fancy table in charge of Miss Harris and Mrs. Fidler; seven dollars at the handkerchief table, over which Miss Alice Fain presided; thirty-three dollars at the apron table and useful table in charge of Mrs. St. Bishop and Mrs. Charles McIntyre, while Mrs. Cochrane and Miss Hilda realized ten dollars at the fish pond. Mrs. George Graves poured tea and coffee, while many others assisted in serving.

Harry Caulfield kindly entertained with music during the evening. When Mr. Caulfield neared his home after supper he discovered a barn which he had rented, and in which were two of his horses to be on fire. The fire was just breaking out. The owner of the barn, Roger Parks, had been in the barn a short time before to put up his horse. It was said he carried no light, but the fire caught in his part of the barn. Mr. Caulfield heard the stamping of his horses and tried to rescue them. Twice he got in the barn but was driven out by the fire. He very narrowly escaped with his life. His face was scorched and one side burned from his fur coat. One of the horses a fine black, was one of a matched pair. Fortunately a colt and the other black were being driven that night and were thus saved with the harness and carriages, which were kept in that barn. Other harnesses were destroyed. Mr. Parks also lost a horse, harness and carriage. The owner of the barn had \$300 insurance on the contents.

WOODSTOCK MAN HAS CLOSE SHAVE

Woodstock, Dec. 14.—For a week or more heavy rain has been falling and the snow has disappeared. A few miles below town there has been good crossing by ice over the St. John river, which is about a quarter of a mile in width at that point.

Yesterday Patrick Reardon was crossing from his home over the river. When about the middle of the ice suddenly started to crack and Reardon in caked of about five feet. Mr. Reardon started to emulate Eliza Crossing the ice, in Uncle Tom's Cabin. He is a good swimmer, but that would have availed him nothing with the churning mass of ice around him.

Picking his way carefully, and jumping from cake to cake he finally reached shore a mile below the starting point. Mr. Reardon was in town today and he told your correspondent that it was a thrilling experience and one that he would not care to repeat.

Mrs. James T. Hurd and son, Norman, of Ontonagon, Mich., is visiting her sister, Miss Stephenson.

Mrs. D. C. Haviland, of Grand Falls, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas Neales, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. J. A. F. Garden, who had been visiting in Montreal for the past two months, returned home yesterday.

The marriage took place in Rossville recently, by Rev. Percy J. Quigley of Harvey Turner, of Clarkville and Hattie Thornton, of Queensbury, and at East Florenceville, by Rev. E. C. Turner, of Samuel A. Perkins, of Peel and Lella Grant, of Gordonville, and Isabella, eldest daughter of Herbert Antworth and George Catell, both of Greenfield.

CALLS AMERICAN WOMEN PAMPERED AND INCAPABLE.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Raymond Robins, president of the Women's Trade Union League, says American women are the most incapable and pampered in the civilized world. She blames the flattery and space given to women in American newspapers.

"I think it is high time the women of this country should take notice of the ability of English and European women," says Mrs. Robins. "Where in America can an organization be found like the English suffrage organization or the women's trade unions of Germany?"

"We are backward when it comes to accomplishing things that require hard work—like organization for instance."

She read statistics showing that in Germany 30,000 women are members of the stenographers' union and 25,000 organized in the metal trades. In America the largest women's union is the shirtwaist makers. It has 15,000 members.

INTERVIEWING THE EDITOR. Many folks are full of the idea that the newspaper editor by reason of his sedentary occupation must necessarily be a man of slight muscular development. But 'tis not always the case.

One day a young man might have been seen leaning up against the front of a sporting journal, a prey to uncontrollable grief. A benevolent looking old gentleman who was passing by, noticing the man's frame shaken with his outbursts of sorrow approached him and said:

"What is your trouble, my friend? Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Alas!" said the young man, "it is my poor misguided brother."

"And what of your brother, my young friend?" gently inquired the benevolent old man.

"Well," sobbed the stricken one, "this morning he saw an insulting paragraph in this paper which he took to refer to him."

"Yes," said the kind hearted gentleman.

"Well, ten minutes ago he went upstairs to knock the stuffing out of the editor."

"And has he come down yet?" asked the anxious inquirer.

"Part of him has," said the brother in a voice that was choked with emotion. "He—he's coming down in sections. I don't know when the bulk will arrive!"

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WEE AGNES.

Agnes was a little tot of five, with curly flaxen hair, china-like complexion—and a will of her own. She had been ill-advised, not to say deliberately naughty, at the dinner table, and mamma had dismissed her to her bedroom, to remain in durance vile till she should express due contrition for

her behavior. Agnes cheerfully obeyed the parental order, and showed no spirit of repentance at the end of the first-quarter of an hour. When thirty minutes had elapsed mamma called from an adjoining room—"Agnes! dearie, aren't you sorry?" There was no reply from the darkness beyond.

Ten minutes later the question was repeated. Back came the reply, in the patient dignity and childish treble of

five summers—"Mamma, please don't ask me any more. I'll come and let you know when I'm sorry."

Customer—"Ca' you 'ake up a per- skiptive for a bad cowl?"

Chemist—"Certainly. Have you got the prescription with you?"

Customer—"No, but I got the cowl. —Punch.