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**MR. WESTMAN'S REPLY.**

A few days ago this journal published a timely interview with Mr. John Piggott—a man whom everyone will admit is a public-spirited citizen, and at all times a "boomer" for Chatham—in which he very wisely pointed out that there is considerable room for improvement in the Chatham Peninsular Fairs. He thought—as every resident of this flourishing agricultural district should—that Kent has the necessary advantages for furnishing one of the best exhibitions in the province, if arrangements were handled properly.

The West Kent Agricultural Society is a public institution, playing for public patronage, and as such it is open to fair and unbiased criticism. Mr. A. D. Westman, a director of the Society, does not seem disposed, however, to accept the criticism—which was offered with the very best of intentions—in a receptive spirit. In an interview with the Banner on Saturday, he attempted a reply to Mr. Piggott, and if Mr. Westman did say all that was credited to him in that interview, he places himself in rather a peculiar position.

Mr. Piggott's criticism was that the Fair was not as good as it has been in former years, and was by no means as successful as it should be. What is Mr. Westman's answer? In his alleged interview, he (Mr. Westman) says that in point of attendance this year's fair was "SLIGHTLY LESS" than last year. In point of exhibits "WE WERE WEAK THIS YEAR." Last year the main exhibit building was the best thing at the fair, while this year "IT WAS NEGLECTED." He furthermore states that new things were introduced to make up for the deficiencies—which he himself admits, and points out,—but he does not go on to say what these new things were, if any. These cannot surely be the horse races, which seemed to be the chief attraction this year!

Mr. Westman ends his "interview" with the advice to "never mind the knocker." The question is, what constitutes "knocking" in Mr. Westman's mind? Is it knocking to draw attention to defects in a public institution, which Mr. Westman himself admits exist? Should not fair and open criticism, in a public interest, from a man who has no axe to grind, benefit a public institution, when such criticism is admittedly deserved?

**GAS TROUBLES.**

The people of the city of Brantford are at present awaiting with interest the outcome of a war which is being waged between the Natural and Manufactured gas companies of that place. The situation has its interest to Chathamites, owing to the intention of the City Council to grant a franchise for the establishing of a natural gas company here.

Users of manufactured gas in Hamilton, who have been looking forward to a reduction in price, as a result of the cut made recently by the natural gas people, are doomed to disappointment, according to the Spectator. The directors will meet next week, but they will not make any cut. The chances are they will abolish the meter rent of 50 cents a quarter, but the price of gas will remain at \$1 per thousand feet.

The Hamilton Gas Company is feeling the effects of the opposition of the Ontario Pipe Line Company, but the directors figure that it will not last long and that is their reason for not cutting prices. They have been looking into the situation and claim that the supply of the natural article will not last long and that the Hamilton Gas Company will then have the field to itself once more. In the meantime they are not taking out any connections or meters.

When a consumer changes from artificial to natural gas the company merely shuts off the supply and allows the meters and connections to remain in the buildings, expecting that they will be required again before very long.

Our esteemed local contemporary has been giving away papers during the past week in a long, strong and united effort to increase its circulation. The result is as we expected—everybody wants The Planet even more than ever.

Elgin County will in a few days see the removal of the last toll gates within its borders, on the London-Port Stanley road. The County Council has just taken action on a by-law to issue debentures for the sum of \$16,250 to pay the amount of the award for the purchase of the toll road. This will no doubt be of untold benefit to the people who find it convenient to use the road.

The Banner says that the removal of the hog cholera restriction was bound to come in time. This is quite true, and the length of the time depended upon how long it would take Mr. Clements to convince the Government that the time for removing them was long past due. If the farmers had depended upon the Banner to secure a this much needed "Public Benefit," they would still be suffering.

Chatham seems to be conspicuously alone this year in the matter of poor Fall Fairs. Reports from other places show that successful exhibitions have been held, many of these places being less fortunately situated than Chatham, for events of this kind. Hon. Nelson Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, was the principal speaker at the second day of the Simcoe Fair last Wednesday. It was school children's day, and the students of the schools marched in line to the fair grounds, while the High school cadets formed a body guard for the distinguished visitor. Business was entirely suspended in the shops and stores of the town. The attendance was the second largest in the history of the exhibition.

The provincial "better terms" conference which is to take place in Ottawa during the week of October 8th will be held in the railway committee room of the Senate. Including the federal representatives about thirty will take part in the conference, a number which the committee room will accommodate comfortably. This particular room of the Senate, whose east window looks out upon the statue of Sir John Macdonald, has been the scene of many famous gatherings of political import. Perhaps the most interesting of them, having regard to the prime object of the approaching gathering, was the famous enquiry of 1891 into the Baie des Chaleurs railway scandal, an investigation which threw a flood of light upon the methods by which were piled up these enormous additions to Quebec's public debt which are largely responsible for the present demand for an increased provincial subsidy.

Even the poet might succeed if he would only throw away his rhyming dictionary and go to work.

**Death by Boiling.**  
 In old England, before the law was passed which prohibited "cruel and unusual forms of punishment," murderers were often condemned to death by boiling. In such cases the victims were chained in large kettles of cold water, which was gradually heated until it caused the flesh to drop from the bones. The last English victim of the "boiling death" was one Rouse a cook, who, it was alleged, had killed seventeen persons.

**Talked Shop.**  
 "I spent a pleasant half hour in a barber's chair yesterday."  
 "How was that?"  
 "Listening to the barber's story of how his brother went suddenly insane and slashed a customer. The barber explained between strokes that insanity ran in his family."

**Anonymous.**  
 Schoolmaster—"Anonymous" means without a name. Give me a sentence showing you understand how to use the word. Small Boy—Our new baby is anonymous.—Chums.


**Trying to Kill Him.**  
 Mrs. Benham—I baked you another cake today. Benham—I know what you want; you want my life insurance.

**We ought either to be silent or speak things better than silence.—Pythagoras.**

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**A Patented Plant.**  
 "One plant at least has been patented," said an inventor. "It is the Abrus precatorius, alias paternoster pea, alias weather plant. John Nowack took out the patent. The weather plant is still believed by many persons to foretell the weather. John Nowack was sure it did so, and he put it on the market along with an indicating apparatus, guaranteeing it to foretell for forty-eight hours in advance and for fifty miles around fog, rain, snow, hail, earthquake and depression likely to cause explosions of fire damp. Alas for poor Nowack! The experts of the bureau of agriculture took up his patented plant. They proved that the movements of the leaves—to the right foretelling rain, to the left foretelling drought—were not caused by the weather, but by the light. And they proved that the plant's famous downward movement, which was supposed to foretell earthquake, was caused by an insect that punctured the stem, causing the leaf, naturally, to droop. That is the only patented plant I know of, and Nowack lost money on it."

**Buying Birds to Free Them.**  
 Birds are often purchased in the bird market at Lucknow, India, in order to be set free again. This is done by Hindus as a work of merit and by Mohammedans after certain rites have been performed as an atonement, in imitation of the Jewish scapegoat. It is essential that a bird used for this purpose should be strong enough to fly away; but that does not induce the cruel dealers to feed the birds, or to refrain from dislocating their wings or breaking their legs. They put down everything to good or bad luck, and leave the customer to choose a strong bird, if he can find one, and to go away if he cannot. The merit obtained by setting a bird free is not attributed to Deity, but it is supposed to come in a large measure from the bird itself or from its attendant spirit, and hence birds of good or bad omen, and especially kites and crows, are in much demand and are regularly caught to be sold for this purpose.

**"Home, Sweet Home."**  
 Probably no one would have been more surprised than Sir Henry Bishop himself could be have foreseen that a single melody in one of his numerous operas would achieve such celebrity that at the present day it is still sung by leading prima donnas at fashionable concerts, jangled on street organs and loved by a vast public that knows nothing of music, properly so called, as the purest representation of the English spirit—"Home, Sweet Home." "Clari, the Maid of Milan," the opera in which this favorite song occurred, has long been consigned to the limbo of forgotten musical works, but "Home, Sweet Home," survives with undiminished popularity and is likely to survive when many more pretentious compositions have followed "The Maid of Milan" into oblivion.

**Women and Mirrors.**  
 "We carry lots of women clear to the top floor or at least several floors up and then they take the next elevator down without going three steps away from the elevator," declared the operator of one of the "lifts" in a big office building. "No, it isn't because they like to ride in the elevators particularly. Why do they do it? To get the use of the mirrors, of course. See those mirrors on either side of the elevator? That's what attracts them. A bit of wind will strike them as they turn the corner by a big building and then they imagine that their hair is badly disarranged and make for the nearest mirror, which is in the elevator."

**A Chinese Duel.**  
 A Chinaman was killed recently in Bangkok in a duel with another of his race. The Chinese method of dueling is interesting, but does not seem deadly. These two Bangkok Chinamen fought with the two forefingers of each hand, stabbing each other with these in the region of the spleen and at the same level on the other side of the body. The men who go in for this kind of contest practice every morning, stabbing bags of rice or paddy with these fingers till they can use them like a piece of iron.

Overproduction is the ruin of the country, especially the overproduction of fools.  
 Look yourself over carefully. Are you a fool? Nothing pays so well as a little sense.

**HERE AND THERE.**  
**Streamers Fly From Sashes and Hats.**  
 Yards of lace on Gowns.  
 Little girls' sashes nearly always have a little bunch bow set at each side of the front part of the sash that passes around the waist. The bow at the back is not long, as this style is mostly worn with the little short skirted French dresses. Often there is no sash, but only a tiny bebe ribbon run through the beading on the embroidery belt, and then there are full bunches of bebe ribbon tacked in the same way to each side of the front of the belt.  
 Many of the imported hats have ribbon streamers introduced at the back. A trimming the American woman likes is a modified form of the same thing where the soft, broad ribbon turns over



**WHITE NET BLOUSE.**  
 The brim, forming a bow beneath, with soft, wide ends hanging to the depth of a little bobbed off veil.  
 Beaded elastic belts, with buckles fashioned from large beads in shades to match, are used with white lingerie frocks. They are narrow, and most of the belts shown in the shops are white, with a row of gold beads at the edges and outlining the buckle. Some of them are made in fancy designs.  
 Five hundred yards of lace on a handsome lingerie dress seem an enormous quantity of trimming to the average woman, but now that these gowns are so popular a prominent modiste asserts that many such orders are given by wealthy patrons.  
 Socks in preference to stockings are now worn by young children, and sandals and rubber soled canvas shoes will be worn for play with and without stockings.  
 The blouse in the cut is of white net. Each of the wide tufts that form the body and sleeve portions is trimmed with plaiting of the net. A skeleton bolero is a novel feature made of white silk embroidered in Greek key pattern in silver.  
 JUDIC CHOLLET.

**WHAT IS WORN.**  
**Shirt Waist Modes—Lingerie Gowns.**  
 Quaint Gilding and Embroidery.  
 The new features of the latest shirt waists are tiny frills down each side of the front box plait and bone buttons used instead of the popular pearl examples.  
 Lingerie gowns have never had such a vogue. They are thought very chic for evening frocks, whether décolleté

**Helgolander Soup.**  
 What do the Helgolanders do with their birds? Some are sent away to the Hamburg market and the rest kept for home consumption. Roasting is a slow fire, with the tail on, over toast, is practically an unknown art or at least one rarely practiced. Everything goes into the pot for soup. "Trosching" is an institution much lauded. Mr. Gathe tells us how it should be prepared. Take care to commit forty or fifty thrushes, according to the requirements of the family, to the soup pot, and do not have the fattest birds drawn, and if the cook is a true artist no one will fail to ask a second helping. A favorite Helgolander dish is kittwale. In November and December these gulls are very fat and when prepared in Helgolander fashion are considered a delicacy, although a somewhat fishy one. The gray crow is also a very favorite dish.



**A DEMISEASON HAT.**  
 Or high necked. One of the most beautiful models is a princess made of embroidered motifs, held together with scrolls of baby Irish and valenciennes laces.  
 Black and white is always a stylish combination and should be the standby of the middle aged woman, be she stout or thin. The opposite type of the plump woman, she of the thin, sallow class, should never wear a toilet entirely of black unless from necessity.  
 Quaint lingerie sunbonnets are smart for golfing and tennis, and a pretty girl looks, mightily fetching in one of these old time affairs.  
 The gown of embroidered linen that is made in shirt waist style, fills a great many needs, is handsome at the same time that it is simple and can be worn upon a great many occasions.  
 Lace sleeves in a gown of heavier material are the acme of smartness. A mingling of different fabrics promises to be one of the fall dress features.  
 The black hat illustrated is trimmed with black and white pekin silk, which is one of the new French fancies. Curling under the brim at the back is a white ostrich feather topped by a paradise plume.  
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**Beggars Who Take the "Care."**  
 Begging seems to be a lucrative calling in Vienna. In one of the district police courts a man and his wife were summoned to appear on a charge of begging in the streets. Only the woman appeared, and in answer to the magistrate's questions stated that her husband had gone to Baden to take a cure. The prosecuting attorney remarked that the Viennese beggars earned such good incomes and lived so well that they were forced to go to some bath resort to recover from their high living. Only a few days ago, he said, a beggar well known in the Vienna police courts had returned from Carlsbad after taking the cure there and had resumed his begging with renewed vigor.—Pall Mall Gazette.

**Pawnshop Sales.**  
 "Don't imagine," says an auctioneer, "that you can get any real bargains at a pawnshop sale. The pawnbroker knows just what people think about his stock, many of them having learned from experience that he will pay next to nothing on the best quality of jewelry and silverware, watches, etc., and they thus get it into their heads that all the articles sold at auction are genuine goods. But there's where they make a big mistake. The pawnbroker seldom sells any pledged articles at these auction sales. He uses them simply for a "blind." Articles taken in pawn are invariably sold at private sale."

**A Glimpse of Carlyle.**  
 One day Carlyle suddenly stopped at a street crossing and, stooping, picked up something out of the mud, even at the risk of being knocked down and run over by passing vehicles. With his bare hands he gently rubbed the mud from it. He then took it to the pavement and laid it down on a clean spot on the curbstone. "That," said the old man in a tone of tenderness he rarely used, "is only a crust of bread. Yet I was taught by my mother never to waste anything—above all, bread, more precious than gold. I am sure that the little sparrows or a hungry dog will get nourishment from this bit of bread."

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