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HIGHGATE, in Kent Co., a village of 600 inhabitants, is said to be in need of a milliner, a druggist, and a barber.

MESSRS. A. HARRIS, SON & Co., the implement manufacturers of Brantford, are to erect a new three-storey factory, 400 feet long, and a wing with 160 feet frontage.

THE "Act respecting assignments and preferences" has been issued in pamphlet form by Messrs. Clark, Barber & Co., assignees in trust of this city. It is neatly printed, and will be found useful by business firms.

ACCORDING to the St. John, N.B., *Sun*, the wholesale merchants of that city report business much better than at this time last year. Orders are coming in from the country rapidly, and everything indicates a great improvement generally during the next few months.

IN the last number of the *London Grocer* is an interesting account of a novel bit of advertising on the part of an English retailer. This was done by allowing each customer who bought half a pound of good tea to guess how long a candle would take to burn. He gave prizes to those who came the nearest to the actual number of hours.

A CONSCIENCE-STRICKEN Massachusetts man has sent to the U.S. Treasury twenty-five cents, which represents a five-cent stamp illegally used a second time and the interest on that amount for thirty years. To the *Norristown Herald* there seems to be an unusually large

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number of twenty-five cent consciences in that country. It is seldom that a \$10,000 conscience is stricken hard enough to induce its owner to return that amount of money.

SEVERAL prominent fruit growers in the Niagara district express themselves as highly satisfied with the peach prospects this season. Apples promise to be fairly good and cherries also make a good showing.

MR. S. CARSLY, of Montreal, writes to say that our item regarding a building which it was said he would erect for his clerks is incorrect. We were led into the error by a Montreal daily, usually well and reliably informed on local matters.

BROWN—How is business with you Smith? Smith—Slow, very slow; nothing doing at all. Brown—How about that little bill I sent you three months ago? Smith.—Well, to tell the truth, I haven't had time to look it over.—*The Epoch*,

FISH are scarce in St. John, N.B. Arrivals of late have not been nearly equal to the demand. Receipts of cod and halibut have been unusually small, due of course to the cold and stormy weather. Gaspereaux in the harbor has up to the present time been a small catch. Many orders have been received for fresh fish which could not be filled, although efforts have been made to get them at Digby, where it was reported that there was not a scale.

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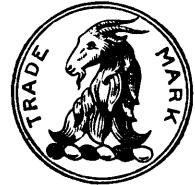
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A Concord lady who recently sent 50 cents for a box of ribbons "warranted all silk," in answer to a Maine firm's glowing advertisement, received a small lot of worthless cotton ribbons and a printed card, which "added insult to injury" by the inscription: "Some folks expect the earth for 10 cents."—*Concord (N. H.) Monitor*.

THE Detroit River Navigation Company, with a capital of \$200,000, has secured incorporation, with power to purchase, charter, navigate and maintain steamers and sailing vessels between United States and Canadian ports. John Coventry, Joseph Legatt, and Wm. Kingsley, of Windsor, Hiram Walker, of Detroit, and others, are the projectors.

IT is not long since Mr. H'y E. Abbey, the well-known operatic manager of New York, became seriously involved through the disastrous financial failure attending his lavish representations of Italian Opera. A single season left him \$283,000 in debt. But instead of taking advantage of the law or the business custom which would have given him the opportunity to escape more or less of his liabilities by going into bankruptcy, or by effecting a compromise with his creditors, he manfully announced his purpose to pay every cent. It seemed an herculean task for one man, but to-day, says a recent issue of the *Boston Transcript*, Mr. Abbey will make the last payment on the colossal debt, and "can look the whole world in the face, for he owes not any man."

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