



HOW SOLOM WAS RUINED, A CLERGYMAN'S ADVICE.

This Writer Thinks the Leonids Did it.

OCCURRED IN YEAR 1896 B. C.

Ever since the birth of Christ the world has been taught that those two goddesses, Solom and Gomorrh, came to their natural end in a supernatural manner through fire and brimstone; but now an ingenious Englishman assures us that this is all a mistake, as there is incontrovertible proof that the cities were destroyed by a shower of meteors, similar to the famous Leonids, which were expected to make such a brilliant display in the heavens a few weeks ago. The name of this latest iconoclast is Garbett, and his startling views on this subject are now causing some commotion in English scientific and religious circles.

AN INGENUOUS THEORY.

Now, according to Mr. Garbett, either the Leonids or their progenitor, the Perseid comet, certainly struck the earth in the year 1896 B. C. N. Y. he even says that this blaze in the heavens took place at sunset, and that it was most clearly seen in the section of the country containing Solom and Gomorrh. Straight down on the doomed cities fell the fiery meteors, and in this way the story of the destruction of the cities is explained. And we are assured that the meteoric matter, which gradually spread that the unfortunate lady had been turned into a pillar of salt.

This novel theory is propounded with much earnestness and with a little scientific ability. Mr. Garbett knows his Bible, and he has also a considerable knowledge of astronomy. He tells us that the Leonids, which various great comets, and he became the years, during which, according to astronomical calculations, showers of this kind have fallen on the earth. Still, even the possibility of this knowledge has not sufficed to win for him a very respectful hearing from English scientists. The theory, though plausible, is most fantastic, and a little consideration will show that it does not rest on any sure foundation. In the first place, some of the claims, it is utterly unreasonable to suppose that a shower of meteors ever fell which covered such a small extent of country as is embraced within the region of Solom and Gomorrh, and, in the second place, there is ample evidence that showers of meteors, no matter where they may occur, never cause destruction of human life. Experience shows us that such meteors are almost always extinguished in the air and very seldom reach the earth.

STIR IN RELIGIOUS CIRCLES.

To many religious people in England, Mr. Garbett's extraordinary theory has naturally come as a shock, and they are anxious to see whether it will meet with general acceptance or as an idle dream. Their minds have been greatly relieved by the assurances of several scientists that meteors have never caused destruction of human life as Mr. Garbett describes; still, remembering how many onslaughts have been made of late years on the story of Jonah and the whale and other miraculous episodes in the Bible, they cannot help feeling uneasy as to this latest attack on one of the most picturesque and hitherto most undoubted incidents in the entire Bible. Mr. Garbett, for his part, apparently refuses to believe that the scientists who have scoffed at his theory know more about meteors than he does, for he has not retracted anything or admitted that he was in error. On the contrary, his theory has not been set forth in an English scientific magazine, the result being that it is now beginning to attract attention in other countries besides England.

Extremes of Temperature.

Is a never-falling cause of disease. At this season of the year neuralgia, toothache and a host of similar diseases are rampant. The great question, then, is to find the quickest, surest, and most economical remedy. Folsom's Nervine exactly fills these requirements. It is a prompt, efficient and economical, and exceeds in power every known remedy and is as cheap as inferior articles. Nervine is no upstart remedy, but has enjoyed an immense sale for the past thirty years, and has brought happiness and comfort to the countless numbers who have used it. All druggists sell it, and doctors recommend it.

Pope Leo has sent to the Emperor of China a colossal and artistic vase, having previously received a rich gift from Her Majesty.

The Simcoe County Council has compromised with the sureties of Treasurer Sanford.

The Almost Miraculous Cure of John McDonald, Cape North, N. S.

For Years He was Afflicted With Spinal Trouble and Paralysis of the Legs—Was Treated by the Best Specialists in Victoria General Hospital, at Halifax, Without Benefit—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Have Restored Him.

Mr. John McDonald, a well-known merchant of Cape North, N. S., was for many years a sufferer from spinal trouble, which eventually resulted in partial paralysis. Treatment of many kinds was resorted to, but without avail, until finally Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were used, with the result that Mr. McDonald is again enjoying almost perfect health. Mr. McDonald's story is given as follows in his own words: "Almost thirteen years ago I caught a bad cold, which lodged in my back, producing a terrible pain. Laxatives were at first resorted to, but they had no effect, and the trouble became so bad that I could hardly walk, and could not go out of doors after dark, as I would be almost certain to fall if I attempted to walk. Medical treatment did me no good. I tried six different doctors, but the result was always the same. I spent \$80 for an electric belt, but it was simply money wasted. Years went on, and I was continually growing worse, until in the spring of 1895 my lower limbs would scarcely support me. In June of that year I went to the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, where I remained for two months under the treatment of the best specialists, but was I returned less than I was when I first entered the hospital. This thoroughly discouraged me, and I gave up all hope of ever getting better. I continued to grow worse until about the first of January, 1896, when I had been so long that I could not stand alone, as my legs were like sticks under me. My only means of locomotion were crutches, and my legs dragged after me like useless pieces of timber. I could not raise them one inch from the floor. About the first of the following April Rev. Mr. McLeod strongly urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had tried so many things without benefit that I did not think the pills could help me, but nevertheless decided to give them a trial. After using six boxes I could see that there was a slight improvement, and I continued using the pills until I had taken thirty boxes, and by that time my new life and vigor had returned to my legs, and I had been able to attend to my business behind the counter without the aid of crutches or crutches. Under God's blessing Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have restored me to a new measure of health and energy I never expected to again enjoy in this world.

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A UNIQUE MILLIONAIRE.

The Difference Between Rhodes and Rockefeller. "In the genus millionaire Cecil Rhodes is unique. On the face of the earth to-day there is probably no other rich man who would use his private fortune to build a railroad in a savage country or defray the expenses of a war, not knowing whether there shall be a reimbursement is a sacrifice of this unusual sort, in an age when money is king, that commands the admiration of statesmen and mechanic alike; while capitalists from very wonderment are constrained to give aid.

"This explains why, through the length and breadth of South Africa, you cannot find a man that envies Rhodes his fortune, since he neither spends money on himself nor does he hoard it for posterity. If he has a son he would get no legacy from him," says this world-unique millionaire. "I like to see a young man begin poor. It will bring out the best that is in him."

To a Rockefeller, Gould or Vanderbilt such disinterested use of millions must seem like insanity. Here is a man that husband his fortune with one hand and lavishes it with the other, much as Napoleon kept the recruiting sergeant busy at one end of the scene, while he never hesitated to fling a few thousand men to certain death at the other. He lives a plain life than his associates. He owns no steam yacht or private car, and consistently declines all titles and peerage honors. He shuns society and prefers knocking about on the veiled in a Khaki suit to attending a court reception. He has spent a million dollars to provide Cape Town a zoological garden and beautiful park, yet he lives himself for the most part in a thatched hut in Metabaland. There his villa at Groot Schur. On each occasion he has rebuilt it at great expense, though he is seldom there to enjoy its luxuries. It is a good way to distribute money to the workman, he says. —Ainslie's Magazine.

Gone Down. "This," said Sandy Pikes, as he reached for another hot frankfurter, reminds me of de South African communications. "How so?" asked Kelly, as he polished the draught spigot. "Why, another German steamer 'disappeared,' and then the tourist vanished. —Chicago News.

Manitoba's oldest pioneer, Elton Vermette, of St. Norbert, is dead, aged 109 years.

TOOTH LORE.

Some Interesting Facts About the Dental Functions.

In the great Malagawa temple at Kandy is a tooth attracting pilgrims from far and near. A special mission was sent from Kandy to try to chase this, a suppoed tooth of Buddha. An amount equivalent to \$250,000 was offered for it. It is not strange to find a portion of the human body should be thus worshipped. There are many shrines where teeth are held as objects of worship, inclosed within golden casques, and rarely exposed to the gaze of the unbeliever. The average individual values a tooth lightly, even as an object of utility. It is a natural setting, and its loss is considered a trifling matter unless it happens to be a front tooth. Not until nearly all the teeth have been destroyed by decay or removed by the forceps does one realize what has happened.

When one tooth has been extracted, you have really lost two. Teeth cut and grind. The grinding teeth may be likened to millstones—one acting upon the other. Remove a tooth, and the opposing organ is without a function. It will lengthen slightly, as though it were searching for a mate, and in the case of the gnawing animals the loss of an incisor usually results in the death of the animal. The opposing tooth, elongating, prevents the use of the remaining teeth, or, as frequently happens to rabbits, the tooth, having no work to do, curves upward until it penetrates the skull. Luckily, our teeth are limited as to their growth. The loss of a tooth adds a wrinkle to the face. This is not so apparent in the young as in the middle age, although even in the youthful the loss of a cuspid, or eye tooth, is plainly indicated by a line extending from the wing of the nose to the angle of the mouth. This is caused by the shrinking away of the prominence which outlined the root of the tooth. It is a curious fact that most people in chewing use only one side of the mouth more than the other. This can be traced usually to some defect on the unused side; but the habitual use of one side of the mouth is detrimental to the opposite side and to the health generally.

The strength of an organ depends upon its use" applies to the teeth as it does to any other part of the body. The mastication of coarse food may wear the grinding surfaces, but this does not interfere with their function, as is shown by the teeth of the Eskimaux—ground down in many cases to the gum, yet showing no signs of decay. The same condition may be seen in the teeth of the Calliope Indian. Nature has provided for the wear of the tooth by building from the inside, when the pulp which is the centre of the tooth is approached.

A tooth standing alone in a diseased, unhealthy condition may nevertheless be of use, but because one among its neighbors is attacked by caries it is folly to have it extracted. In this age there are various methods at your command for the preservation of teeth, and how broken down and useless a tooth may appear, it may be built up and restored in the hands of a skillful dentist. In the hands of a skillful dentist experienced two years ago, so rapidly is dentistry advancing.

Dear Sirs—

I was for seven years a sufferer from Bronchial trouble, and would be so hoarse at times that I could scarcely speak above a whisper. I got no relief from any lining till I tried your HONEY BALMS. Two bottles gave relief and six bottles made a complete cure. I would heartily recommend it to any one suffering from throat or lung trouble. F. J. VANBUSKIRK, Fredericton.

Polygamist Roberts' Case.

There is a class, and a large and respectable class at that, which honestly believes that a polygamist should not be permitted in the National Congress. The sensationalists shriek for purity possibly in order to distract attention from their own moral rotteness. We do not wish to hurl bricks, but to one with some statistical knowledge of Washington life and some personal acquaintance with Washington legislators, an acquaintance, let us say, that was never cultivated nor extended beyond the exigencies of the newspaper business, it is not a cruel jest that men who voted to expel Roberts on the ground that his moral nature was such that he could not be permitted to take part in making laws for the United States main themselves unindicted for crime against society and marital relations. Roberts was proved guilty. —N. Y. Telegraph.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget to Cows.

She Heard It. The surprised choir had done its duty for the evening service. But all during the church hours there had been a peculiar sound outside as if a child were crying. In reality it was something the matter with the organ. It could be heard distinctly in the auditorium of the church. When the choir sang the recessional, and marched slowly out of the church into the dressing rooms one of the young ladies among the sopranos asked the woman who takes care of the robes, "Did you hear that awful squeaking out here?" "Yes, indeed, mum; I could almost understand the words." And nothing more was said on the subject. —Free Press.

Revising Game Laws.

The Ontario Game Commission met at the Parliament building yesterday for the purpose of revising the game laws. The commissioners are Dr. G. MacCallum, Dunnville; H. S. Orlin, Toronto; James Dickson, Fenelon Falls; W. G. Parish, Athens; W. B. Wells, Chatham. Mr. S. T. Bastedo, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, goes to Montreal to-day to attend a meeting of delegates from Quebec, New Brunswick, and several States of the Union to consider the best methods of protecting game and fish.

Each pigeon used in the carrier service of the British navy costs the Government \$4 a year.

CANDY AS A SOLDIER'S RATION.

Soldiers in the Philippines are Liberally Supplied With Goodies.

The idea of the importance of candy as an army ration may be had from the fact that already since the Spanish-American war one New York manufacturing house has shipped no less than sixty tons of sweets to the soldiers in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The candy is of a quantity that would retail for from 30 to 40 cents a pound. It consists of mixed chocolate creams, lemon drops, coconut macaroons and acidulated fruit confections. These are put up in one-pound cans, of a special oval shape, designed to fit the pocket of a uniform coat.

AGONIZING SUSPENSE.

The Terrible Situation of a St. Vincent Lady.

St. Vincent, Ont., Feb. 1.—No other man in Canada has gone through a period of such extreme anxiety, alternating with despair, as Mr. Jos. McLaughlin, a highly-respected, retired farmer here, who experienced during the past summer. Last spring his family physician pronounced Mrs. McLaughlin to be suffering from neuritis of the eye, Neurasthenia, or Nerve Exhaustion. She was extremely nervous, hysterical and despondent. She had severe rheumatism, not sleep, and had sharp pain in her left side, and over the kidneys; her feet were perpetually cold; her face ghastly pale, urine high-colored, scalding, and with a brick-dust deposit; sour stomach, vertigo, headaches, and pain after eating oppressed her. She had no appetite, could not sleep, and lost flesh startlingly. It seemed to her friends that she was "going into decline." The physician said her only hope of new health lay in her-her treatment. This being refused, was out of the question, and her husband believed there was no hope. He read a newspaper article highly recommending Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills about this time, and decided to try them. Soon a change for the better came, and day by day the patient improved. Her appetite returned, strong and vigorous as she ever was. Her recovery is due entirely to Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills—the only remedy that cured her disease by killing the germs that cause it. Every other medicine she used failed.

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A WRECK OF A WRECK.

Two Hundred Lives Lost on Sable Island in a Year.

In the space of a single year Sable Island claimed more than two hundred lives. In fact, many wrecks line the shoals of this ocean graveyard that the new pile up on the old, like broken toys. An iron steamer, the Cronos, which was wrecked on the northeast bar, broke in two about midnight. The pieces were scattered together again, and the islanders suppose that she struck landers upon an old submerged wreck, and is settling over it, which accounts for the two parts coming together. Nor is this the only wreck that exacts from the living. The same informant who writes me about the Cronos Hall adds that the barque John McLeod, which was wrecked off Devil's Island at the entrance to Halifax Harbor, has drifted ashore on Sable Island bottom up. It is a wreck of a wreck! —Ainslie's Magazine for February.

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Put the crumbs of a French roll into a basin and cover them with a pint of boiling milk, add a small piece of butter and beat the bread into a batter, add a light paste; mix with celery salt, cayenne, black pepper and a little grated nutmeg and stir in three ounces of grated cheese, and when this is well mixed, the yolks of two eggs. Whip the whites of the eggs to a very stiff froth, and when the cheese mixture is hot stir them lightly into it and bake at once in a buttered tin for half an hour. The pudding should be evenly browned when taken from the oven.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

A six-year-old boy named Morgan Little, of Windsor, slipped and fell on an icy walk, dying of concussion of the brain.

QUEBEC ONCE MORE.

A Young Lady of St. Justine Writes of Her Experience With Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Miss Anna Cholette was a sufferer from childhood—Doctors gave her Up as a Chronic Invalid—To-day in Superabundant Health From Use of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

St. Justine, Que., Jan. 20.—Miss Anna Cholette, of this place, has been an invalid from to Kidney Disease, all her life until quite recently, when she began to improve. Her many friends were delighted at the change and she met with congratulation and encouragement on all sides. It was not generally known, however, that the cause of Miss Cholette's improving condition was due to Dodd's Kidney Pills, and it was not until the other day that the fact was given out. But such is the case, and Miss Cholette acknowledges the benefit she has derived from Dodd's Kidney Pills in the following letter, giving full details of her case for the benefit of other sufferers.

"Since the age of eight years I have suffered with inflammation of the kidneys. I am to-day twenty-four years old. I hasten to write you, therefore, to give you the full details of my cure. I commenced to attend to my cure. I was not able to bear the fatigue of study. One day mother fell sick and the doctor profited by the occasion to attend me also. He came often to see me for six months when he told me it was not necessary to come any more. My trouble would right itself as I grew older. He made nothing of the months I had been unwell already. The trouble continued constantly after my mother's recovery. At this time I was under the consultation of two doctors. They said I had been suffering this long time of inflammation of the kidneys. They gave me many medicines, and I was under their treatment for two years. They gave me no relief. "My parents were greatly pained at seeing me suffering so, and as for myself I felt that I could never find pleasure again in this world. "My father one day read in a newspaper of the good effects of Dodd's Kidney Pills. He bought three boxes of them to try and they gave me some relief. He bought me a dozen more boxes and now I am perfectly well and overflowing with life and spirits."

The Sane Cure.

Chickens eat sand. Dogs roll their meat over in the dirt with their paws while devouring it. Ergo?—Men and women should do the same if they never void dyspepsia. So says a new prophet. What to eat, was out of the question, and her husband believed there was no hope. He read a newspaper article highly recommending Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills about this time, and decided to try them. Soon a change for the better came, and day by day the patient improved. Her appetite returned, strong and vigorous as she ever was. Her recovery is due entirely to Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills—the only remedy that cured her disease by killing the germs that cause it. Every other medicine she used failed.

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Sadie Evans, queen of the gypsies, died last night at the camp near Elizabeth, N. J. It is said she was 106 years old, being born in England in 1794.

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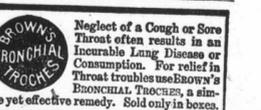
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SUNDAY SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. VI. FEB. 11, 1900.

Jesus and Nicodemus.—John 3:1-21. Commentary.—Connecting Links. "After Jesus left Bethsaida he journeyed north up the Jordan valley to Galilee, and over the mountains to Caesarea Philippi, where He was present at a wedding, and wrought His first miracle, turning the water into wine. Thence with His mother and His brethren He went down to Capernaum, about twenty miles to the northwest on the sea of Galilee, where He remained a few days."

Market Reports The Week.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS. Following are the closing prices at important wheat centres to-day: Chicago, Jan. 8, \$0.63-8; New York, 0.75-8; St. Louis, 0.71-1.8; Toledo, 0.72-1.4; Detroit, 0.72; Duluth, No. 1 hard, 0.67-8; Minneapolis, No. 1 northern, 0.66-8; Minneapolis, No. 1 hard, 0.67-8.

NOTES

visible supply of wheat in Canada and the United States has decreased 1,389,000 bushels; that of corn has increased 426,000 bushels; that of oats has increased 24,000 bushels. Chicago, Feb. 1.—Opening.—Wheat, May, 86 to 88 1-8c; July, 88 3-4 to 89 1-2c. Friday—Cold weather; light local snow falls. Buffalo, Feb. 1.—Spring wheat, No. 1 hard 76, No. 1 northern 75 1-4, Winter wheat, No. 2 red 72, No. 1 white 71 1-2 on track, Corn, No. 2 yellow 37, No. 3 yellow 36 3-4, No. 2 corn 36.

WHEAT AND FLOUR

Exports of wheat and flour from America this week equalled 3,061,026 bushels, against 4,248,226 bushels last week and 1,988,877 bushels in the corresponding week of 1899. The world's shipments of wheat this week are estimated at 5,600,000 bushels. Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 276 cars, as against 254 cars last Saturday and 473 cars a year ago.

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# STORY OF THE HUNT

## The Reporter Hunt Club At Lah-ne-o-tah Lake

In the Valley of the Magnetawan

In the Fall of 1899



In the afternoon of the day mentioned in last chapter, the boys decided to go across the lake to new ground. Charlie, Len, and the Scribe took up over the hills leading on beyond the little beaver lakes, leaving Doc at a runway on top of a hill where the deer crossed from the regions up the river. Marsh took the boat and a couple of dogs up to the head of the lake, while Phil and Byron put out dogs down on the west side of the lake. The dogs that they put out took off in a wrong direction and their race was lost. Marsh's dog soon got a start and brought a fine buck up over the hills to where Doc was located. It came within a few rods of where he stood and he fired a couple shots, when the deer halted and stood looking him in the eye. Whether the gaze had a bad effect or not, the Doc does not say, but when he recovered himself and got ready to shoot he found the mechanism of his rifle was out of order and he was unable to force a cartridge up into the barrel. Doc was in a quandary. He wished to retrieve his bad luck during the preceding days, but just at this critical moment, when fortune was propitious, his usual ill luck attended him and he was unable to take advantage

Of course, there were partridge innumerable walking about, and sometimes they would come near enough to be knocked over with a stick, and the rabbits were hopping about in all directions with a look that seemed to say, 'We know you won't shoot our way as it is against the rules to shoot small game when on the lookout for deer.' Hour after hour passed away, and still no sound of baying hound or crack of huntsman's rifle resounded through the immense forest. "I took out my lunch and while eating it I heard the first faint sound of a hound in the distance. Nearer and nearer it came, and I concluded that at last game was coming in my direction. The sounds came nearer to my watch and then turned off down the side of the opposite hill and passed on to the shores of the lake, where in a few minutes the crack of Ed's rifle told me plain enough that the game was captured. I had about concluded to abandon my watch and start for camp, when I heard a hound yelping along the same runway on which the deer had just passed. Shifting my position so as to cut off the retreat of the game if it took down the old runway, I had hardly got to

by Len to his friends in camp and at the cafes and restaurants at home. He may throw a little more dramatic interest into the recital when he finds tenderfoots asking impertinent questions, but Len's powers as a mighty hunter are too well known to be disputed. It was late that night when the boys sought their couches. Len was in a particularly happy mood and indulged in an extra supply of fried cake and molasses, after stowing away more than the usual supply of fresh boiled potatoes and venison stew. For a long time he lay in his crib at the lower end of the cabin and thought over the incidents of the day. From where he lay, he could see through the window out onto the placid waters of the lake. The silent stars twinkled in the heavens and glistened through the leaves. A loon came out from its resting place and made doleful music for its mate farther down the lake, and a whip-will sang its lay in the forest, all unheard by the rest of the gang, excepting Len. When, finally, his eyes closed in sleep, the distorted figures of Phil's collie pup and the bear cub would rise up before him and assume fantastic shapes and immense proportions. Once



age of the kind act of Providence and kill the game that seemed to have been sent that way for his especial benefit. The hunter and deer stood gazing at each other for fully a minute, when the deer, thinking, no doubt, that he had given his enemy every opportunity to get in a shot, gently waved its tail by way of a parting salute, as much as to say: "Ta, ta, I'll see you later," and strolled off into the underbrush and was lost to view. That evening in camp the incidents of the day were talked over and the conclusion was come to that the party would try for game in the big woods back of the camp, and each man was assigned his position for the day. Phil and Charlie were to put out the dogs, Ed and the Scribe were to have the lake watches, Len was to guard the runways leading off to the north, and the rest were placed in the most advantageous positions where game was supposed to run. Several shots were heard by the watchers away to the north, and when the boys straggled into camp that night, Charlie lugged a fine doe and Ed brought in another from the lake. Len was as usual in appearance, and a trail leading into several whoops that credit to a genuine bear. He was staggering under something that did not look like a bear previously killed, and the boys rushed out of camp to see what he was so excited over. We will let Len tell the story of his experience in his own well chosen language: "When I left camp this morning, I had serious misgivings, as I was going out to the identical runway from which I wandered on that never-to-be-forgotten tramp of ten miles, on that rainy day last season, when for ten long weary hours, I trudged on and on, hoping against conviction that I would soon find our camp, only to be disappointed. However, I went to my station on a well defined runway and watched several hours without seeing anything worth shooting at.

my station when I saw an object dodging along through the underbrush and occasionally coming into sight as it passed over a rocky place on the hillside. I was inclined to think it was a porcupine, and knowing the unmerciful roasting I got last season over my encounter with that kind of game, I about concluded to let it pass without further notice. Just at this moment, Phil's pup came by on a good lively gait and in a few moments came up to the animal I had been watching. The next thing I saw was the animal climbing a small tree and when it was three or four feet from the ground the hound made a spring and grabbed it by the flank. In an instant, I saw that the animal, let it be what it might, was not a porcupine, and I sprang over the logs and boulders towards where the dog was still hanging on to the rear end of the game. Even when within a hundred yards I was not certain as to what kind of an animal the hound had caught, but I decided to get a little nearer so as to run no risk of having a repetition of the fate of poor Jeff. A more than usual severe pull on the animal's flank by the pup caused it to emit a growl that convinced me that I had struck something better than the hated porcupine, and feeling that my aim was good enough to make a bead without any danger to the hound, I raised my Winchester and fired. The first shot struck the animal but did not reach a vital part, and I fired two more shots before the animal relinquished its hold on the limb and dropped to the ground. Running up, I saw the hound in a lively tangle with a large bear cub. I watched them for a moment, but as the animal had been mortally wounded it soon was finished by the dog, and I stepped up and cut its throat. It proved to be a large sized spring cub, and as I was nearly two miles from camp, I concluded to lose no time in shouldering my game and starting out for camp.

his imagination saw an immense black bear with form raised on its haunches and front legs extended as if wishing to embrace him. It stood directly before him and there seemed no possibility of escape. Slowly his hair raised on end, lifting his cap off his brow, from which the cold beads of perspiration rolled in copious drops. He tried to shout for help but, his tongue, up close to the roof of his mouth, and he shuddered convulsively, expecting that the



next moment would be his last. Fortunately, just at that moment, Marsh let off an unusually loud snore, which broke the spell and Len awoke to find it was all a dream. Our artist has drawn a sketch as Len looked (to himself), just as the bear was about to clasp him in his brawny arms.

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### LAUGHING GAS.

In the Thicket of It. Say, whither go these fellows? With hair so very long, Their muscles indicating That they are very strong? Their suits are thickly padded, With pride their faces glow, Some objects queer they carry-- Say, whither do they go? These chaps with bulging muscles And Federweil hair, With pads of large dimensions In clothing that they wear-- Why, they're the season's heroes, Who bravely strive for fame, And proudly they are going To play a football game. Whence come these tattered fellows With hair so badly torn, While some, all cut and battered, Are by their comrades borne, And here and there is limping A chap with bandaged shin, And some have both eyes blackened-- Where have these victims been? They've not been in a battle, Although it looks that way; Their wounds were not inflicted By men in deadly fray. Ah, no, these tattered fellows, Some cut, some bruised, some lame, Are heroes who've been playing A Rugby football game. They don't regard the bruises, They never shrink at mire, For laurels they are striving, To glory they aspire. They're now the season's heroes, These chaps of grit and brawn, So call the ambulances And let the game go on. --Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Amending It. "I awaked you," protested the mortified ex-coachman, "for a certificate of good character, and all you say for me in this recommendation is that I 'wouldn't steal a red-hot stove.' Cawn't you make it a little stronger than that, sir?" "Certainly. Let me have it again." And the ex-employer took the document, erased the words "red-hot stove," inserted "active volcano," and handed it back. --Chicago Tribune.

A Failure. "I believe that eddication's a failure," said Farmer Sparrowgrass. "Do you?" "Yes, I do. I paid Ephraim's way through college, and now he's a 'milk o' use' but to wear loud clothes an play golf all day." --Detroit Free Press.

### JINGLES AND JESTS.

The Cow That Kicked Melinda. She went to milk the cow with her hair tufted round her brow, And a happy little smile upon her lips; Her hands were brown and strong, and she trifled a happy song, But how many of the safest of us slip. The hired man ran in and made a fearful din, As he hammered on the little cuckoo house window, And he filled the house with fright as he yelled with all his might. "The cow has kicked Melinda!" That alliance for awhile could be heard for half a mile, And the horror of it sunk in every heart; But when the shock was over, like bull calves into clover, You ought to've seen that little household start. They found the story true, for she was black and blue, And her granny piped an order through the window. "If the milk she milked is spilled, then the animal must be killed!" The cow that kicked Melinda. In splendid halls adorning you sit tomorrow morning, And spread your little saphin for a feed; If you're disappointed much and your teeth do frequent touch, Something that is very tough indeed, As you struggle and you sigh, to masticate you try, And the trolley gone is sounding through the window, Your spirits I might see if I whispered in your ear, "That's the cow that kicked Melinda!" --Toronto Globe.

### HOW PAPER IS RULED

METHODS FOLLOWED IN PREPARING MODERN STATIONERY.

The Ruling Machine is an interesting piece of mechanism, in which ink is fed to the pens by strips of flannel on strings of yarn.

How many people who pick up a small memorandum book full of tiny blue squares know of the machine or process by which the lines are traced? The majority of people, if asked this question, will immediately answer that the work is done after the manner of all ordinary printing--on a fast press making so many thousand revolutions per minute. Hundreds of business men, perhaps, who order their ledgers, day books, journals, billheads, etc., from the printer know little different than that the men who set the type and operate the presses are also responsible for the red, blue, purple and other colored lines that run perpendicularly and horizontally over the pages in their business books.

All the larger printing establishments have both the lines attached, and here the lines and special columns with which a man may want his stationery marked are put on, and not in the pressroom proper, as might be supposed. There are two pieces in Pittsburg where this work is done exclusively, and all except the few larger printing houses send their work to be lined, or, professionally speaking, ruled, in these establishments. At a paper ruling house on Second avenue, where a register watched the methods of forming colored lines, the operator in charge of the machines that do the work explained many of the difficulties encountered in accomplishing the delicate tracings. The paper ruling machine resembles an old Washington hand press, with which our forefathers disseminated the news. It consists of six uprights, between four of which are set two systems of rollers. From a feed stand a boy or girl adjusts the paper that is carried forward, traced, sent underneath through a series of blotter covered rollers and eventually discharged between the last two uprights in much the same manner as the completed newspaper is vomited from the printing press.

The pen with which the ruling is done is by far the most interesting part of the mechanism. This is a grooved brass affair about an inch and a half long, containing at the top what is called a bowl, into which the ink is passed to the groove and thence transferred to the paper. If a dozen lines, for instance, are to be ruled, a dozen pens, set at any required distance apart, are employed. These are adjusted to a beam over the wide blanket on which the paper is carried, and the bowls of the pens are kept constantly supplied with fluid from a strip of flannel saturated with the color of ink desired.

When more than one color of line is to be traced, strings of fine yarn are soaked with ink, placed at the top of the wooden beam and the ends made to lie right in the bowls of the pens. Over the strings of yarn is placed the saturated flannel, and on top of that is put a thin sheet of tin or copper. From this sheet are run more strings of yarn containing another color of ink, and these yarn ends drop into the bowls of other pens at the side of those giving the first color. When the pens are properly adjusted, the colors will not mix, even though at times the lines are no farther apart than the five hundredth part of an inch. Those who will take the trouble to look at the horizontal lines at top of their billheads and notice the purple line between the two parallel red ones, leaving a scarcely perceptible margin of white, may appreciate the extremely intricate nature of the adjustments required to produce such an effect.

As many colors as may be desired are possible of being ruled at one impression or passages of the paper over the blanket. It is also possible by the use of more than one beam on the ruling machine to trace varying lengths at the same time. For instance, all the horizontal lines, say, are ruled, and it is intended to rule a certain number of the perpendiculars from the uppermost horizontal below the margin and another series from a horizontal at a quarter or a half inch farther down the paper. By the use of cams the paper is made to meet the pens attached to the first beam at the right time to catch the uppermost horizontal. Those lines are traced, and the paper passes on under the pens in the second beam, and the tracing begins exactly at the next horizontal line described. By the use of the same cam the tracing can be stopped and resumed at any part of the paper.

Extraordinary care must always be exercised by the operator lest the moving strings, which steady the paper on the blanket, come in contact with the pens and thus destroy the work by causing the ink to run all over the paper. He must also, with the aid of a brush, feed ink to the flannel that in turn passes to the yarn strings hanging in the bowls of the pens. There is little danger of the flow becoming at any time too heavy, but if the fluid is not properly fed the lines will vary in distinctness. The consistency of the ink used in ruling is much thinner than water, rendered so by the application of oxgall. Almost any quality of paper is capable of being ruled, even to the flimsy material used in manufacturing the work of ruling is slow compared with the modern methods of turning out printed material, but this is made necessary by the extremely delicate nature of the work and the exceeding care that must always be observed. --Pittsburg News.

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## Local Notes

Miss Eva Pariah is dressmaking in Brockville.

Miss May Berny is this week visiting friends in Brockville.

Mr. S. Laughlin of Toronto is spending a few weeks in Athens and vicinity.

Mrs. Eager of Morrisburg is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pariah.

Mr. M. P. Breese of Delta has purchased the Fitzsimmons farm near Brockville.

Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb is this week visiting friends and relatives in Smith's Falls.

Mr. Wm Ferguson of Kemptville, insurance agent, was last week the guest of Mr. Fred Hayes.

Mr. Milton Mansell of Temperance Lake recently purchased 400 bushels of oats in Lansdowne.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. M. B. Holmes is recovering from an illness of several days duration.

Miss Mae I. Steyens of Carleton Place is visiting friends in Athens, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. B. J. Saunders.

Dr. Preston, ex-M. P. P. for South Leeds, who left Newboro two years ago to practice in Ottawa, has returned to Newboro.

Mr. D. W. Hayes of Brockville is in Woodstock this week as delegate to the provincial convention of the Y. M. C. A.

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The newspaper is a law book for the indolent, a sermon for the thoughtless, and a library for the poor. It may stimulate the most indifferent, it may instruct the most profound, but it cannot be published for nothing.

Mrs. (Rev.) Raley and her little son, Emsley, left Athens last week on their return to the mission station at Kitamaat. They will be joined en route by Mr. Raley. Their many old and new friends here have very much enjoyed the social intercourse held with them.

Mr. W. G. Pariah, one of Ontario's fish and game commissioners, was in Toronto last week attending a session of the commission. It is said that many important changes in the law will be recommended to the legislature, but their nature has not yet been made public.

Application will be made at the next session of the Dominion Parliament for power to build an electric railway from Ottawa to Winchester and Morrisburg with branch lines from Winchester to neighboring towns. A rival concern is applying to the Ontario Legislature for a similar road over nearly the same route.

Two years ago a Western farmer gave his daughter two chickens and promised to feed the increase for four years, provided she would take care of them. He says she has \$64 in the bank and has 200 chickens that he will have to feed this winter. He also says that at the end of four years she will own the farm and will be charging him rent for it.

The public have been asked to look out for a man wanted in Toronto for the murder of Miss Ferguson in that city recently. The person who committed the crime is said to be 35 or 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, medium build, stooped shoulders, beard cropped very close, slouchy gait and appearance, wears a long dark overcoat and peak cap. Supposed to be a tramp who is demented.

The best method to pursue in combating the tent caterpillar is already being considered by some of our exchanges. Last season, we are informed by Mr. Rough, the apiarist, the great shortage in white honey was due to the worms checking and destroying the bloom on the basswood trees, and the effect of their ravages in the maple groves last year is viewed with considerable apprehension by sugar-makers. So far as fruit trees are concerned, very effective work can be done at this season by destroying the masses of eggs. These are now plainly visible, being generally located on small twigs on the outer end of the limbs. A few hours work upon the part of all owners of fruit trees would go far towards removing this most obnoxious pest.

The Point of View.

A farmer drifted into a hardware store in Chicago and was asked by the manager:

"Don't you want to buy a bicycle to ride around your farm? They're cheap now. Can give you one for thirty-five dollars."

"I'd sooner put the thirty-five dollars into a cow," said the farmer.

"But think," said the manager, "how foolish you would look riding around town on a cow?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the farmer, "no more foolish, perhaps, than I would milking a bicycle."

## FREE SEED DISTRIBUTION.

Editor Reporter:

DEAR SIR,—Under instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution of sample packages of the best and most productive sorts of cereals, etc., is now being made from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The distribution will consist, as heretofore, of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, field peas, indian corn, and potatoes. Each sample will weigh three pounds. The quality of the seed will be of the best, the varieties true to name and the packages sent free to applicants, through the mail. The object in view is the improvement of the character and quality of the grain &c, grown in Canada, an effort widely appreciated, and the choice of varieties to be sent out will be confined to those which have been found to succeed well at the Experimental Farms.

These articles will be sent only to those who apply personally, lists of names from societies or individuals cannot be considered. Only one sample of one sort can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat or barley. Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent any time before the 15th of March, after which date the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may all be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing will please mention the sort of grain they would prefer and should the available stock of the variety named be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place. Letters may be sent to the Experimental Farm free of postage.

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## Charleston Lake Jottings.

Mr. Banty, a well known frequenter of Charleston lake, has purchased Sheep Island from Walter Beatty, M.P.P., and rumor says he will commence the erection of a club house on it in the spring. Last fall he had a very fine boat house erected on the main shore near S. Y. Bullis' cottage, which is to be removed to his new purchase this winter.

Lewis King, the owner of Bertha Island, is making a lot of improvements to his cottages on the island in anticipation of the return of a party of Americans who occupied it last season. He is putting in a bath room and a large double veranda on the end of his cottage facing Tar Island, besides extending the wharf on that side of the island.

Dr. C. M. B. Cornell, not satisfied with the very extensive additions and repairs made to his cottage and grounds on Point Geraldine last season, will in the spring tear out his present dining room in order to enlarge it.

He has purchased the island directly opposite his cottage and will erect an observatory on it in the spring and possibly connect the two islands with a wire bridge.

The ice on the lake has reached a thickness of about 14 inches and a large quantity is being cut and stored in the ice houses in connection with the cottages at the lake. The editor of the Reporter had a gang of men on Thursday and Friday putting nearly 200 cakes into his new ice house at Warren's Bay for use on his houseboat Lah ne o-tah next season.

William Crozier and sons have the contract to supply 1,000 bushels of sand for the new R. C. church to be erected near Warburton next summer. They piled up large quantities of sand on the shore last fall in order to have it ready for hauling as soon as the ice was solid.

Rumor says that one or two at least of the prominent Athenians will erect cottages at Charleston lake next season.

Cedar Park hotel has already booked several large parties of Americans for rooms during the spring run of salmon, and Harbor View hotel has weekly enquiries for accommodations as soon as the ice leaves the lake.

Present indications point to the biggest rush of pleasure seekers to Charleston next season of any year in its history.

## The Gothenburg System.

The Toronto Telegram says: "The advocates of the Gothenburg system of liquor selling will find much to confirm them in their faith by the results of the experiment tried in South Carolina. There a state dispensary system prevails and a report just issued shows it to be a great success in operation, financially as well as morally. The profits derived by the State in the five years which have followed the adoption of the plan have been \$1,700,000. The Board which controls the dispensary reports that illicit liquor selling is on the decrease and that the liquor traffic is well under control. The State monopoly of the traffic in liquors apparently works well in South Carolina."

## Farmer's Heavy Loss.

Gannanoque, Ont., Feb. 5.—John Bennett, a farmer residing about five miles north of this town, met with a big loss by fire on Saturday evening. All his barns, machinery, feed, grain, cows, sheep, hogs, etc., were burned. The fire started in a hay mow, where the hired man accidentally dropped a

lantern. The loss will be about \$14,000; only partly covered by insurance.

## "Grasp All and Lose All."

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## DELTA CARNIVAL.

A highly successful carnival was held on the Delta rink on the 16th ult., at which the following characters were represented:

John Walton, sailor; George Sawyer, clown; Henry Smith, farmer; Charlie McGuire, negro gent; B. Flood, lumberman; R. Alford, negro dude; Burn Murphy, news boy; P. Alford, Jap.; Wain Jackson, countryman; John Hockie, tramp; E. Phelps, shoe black; A. Coleman, sailor; A. Lafleche, little woman; Rupert Stevens, maid of honor (prize); Rubie Stevens, Toppie; H. Breese, milk maid; J. Jackson, highland laddie; George Creggan, Farmer John; Charlie Hockie; Will Godkin, old duffer; C. Huffman, Uncle Sam; E. Powell, old man; C. Van Loan, pants; Will Morris, negro dude; Will Bell, General Buller; Mabel Johnson, stars and stripes; Ethel Van Loan, sweet sixteen; Ethel Phelps, maid of honor; Miss H. Knowlton, flower girl; Miss A. Wood, summer girl; Miss M. Bell, lady from Paris; Miss Aggie Knapp, queen of night; C. H. Smith, Hon. John Dryden; D. Flood, flower girl; C. Copeland, 20th century; S. Stevens, what not; W. Taber, Hon. Isaac Greer; W. Phelps, Uncle Tom; A. Topping, Balie; A. Nixon, pet; E. Rape, little quaker; F. Powell, just come.

The next carnival is to be held on the 10th inst.

## OAK LEAF

TUESDAY, Feb. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Godkin spent a few days last week on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rath, Malakoff.

A large number from here attended the Presbyterian anniversary at Lyndhurst, Monday evening, 5th inst., and report a very pleasant time.

Miss Maggie Morris of Wiltsetown is visiting at her uncle's, Mr. F. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Card, Plevna, have returned home, after visiting their many friends in these districts.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morris of Delta were guests of Mr. W. H. Godkin for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Green and a number from here attended the Odd-fellows at home at Delta and spent a very enjoyable evening.

Miss Bell Johnson has returned home from Rockfield, where she has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. F. Warren.

## MARRIED.

FLOOD—EARL.—At Athens, on January 31, 1900, by Rev. Rural Dean Wright, Mr. Frederick Flood, of the township of Lansdowne, Rear, and Miss Emma Earl, daughter of Wm Earl, Esq., of the same place.



## Sale Register.

Parties getting their auction bills printed at this office will be given a free notice of same in this column. We have arrangements with D. Dowlsley, Frankville, and E. C. Slitz, Delta, auctioneers, to fix dates for sales without parties going to see them.

On Feb. 17th, the goods and chattels of the late Herbert Hull will be sold by auction at the premises, a half-mile west of Athens, consisting of 6 cows, 2 horses, brood sow, 8 fall pigs, vehicles, household furniture, &c.

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# In The Furnace of Temptation

She did not respond, and he drew a long breath, and walked away in silence. She let her hands fall into her lap, and sat in an attitude of expectation. As Don Ippolito came near her again he passed a second time.

It is in this house that I forget my prayers," he began, "and it is the first of your kindness that you suffer me to do so, your good mother there, and you. How shall I repay you? It cut me to the heart that you should ever forgive me for what you did, though I was hurt by your rebuke. Oh, had you not the right to rebuke me, if I abused the delicate unreserve with which you had always treated me? But believe me I meant no wrong then."

His voice shook, and Florida broke in. "You did nothing wrong. It was I who was in the wrong. I remember it all far better than yesterday. 'Is it not the will of God?' she asked. My uncle called me to him, and asked me whether I should like to be a priest in good earnest when I grew up? 'Shall I?' then he able to make as many little figures as I like, and to paint pictures, and carve an altar like that in your church?" demanded. My uncle answered that I should have real men and women to preach to, as he had, and would not that to much finer? In my heart I did not think so, for I did not care for that part of it; I only liked to preach to my puppets because I had made them. But I said, 'Oh, yes, as children, I kept on contriving the toys that I played with, and I grew used to hearing it told among my mates and about the neighborhood that I was to be a priest. I cannot remember any other talk with my mother, and I do not know how or when it was decided. Whenever I thought of the matter, I thought, 'That will be very well. The priests have very little to do, and they gain a great deal of money with their masses; and I shall be able to make whatever I wish. I only considered the office then as a means to gratify the passion that has always filled my soul for inventions and works of mechanical skill and ingenuity. My inclination was purely secular, but I was inevitably becoming a priest as if I had been born to be one."

"That you were not forced? There was no pressure upon you?"

"No, there was merely an absence, far as they were concerned, of any other idea. I think they meant kindly by me. I grew in years, and the time came when I was to begin my studies. It was my uncle's influence that placed me in the Seminary of the Salute, and there I repaid his care by the utmost diligence. But it was not the theological studies that I loved. It was the mathematics and their practical application, and among the classes I loved best the poets and the historians. Yes, I can see that I was always a mundane spirit, and some of those in charge of me at once divined it. I think they used to take us to walk—you have seen the little creatures in their priests' gowns, which they put on when they enter the school, with a couple of young priests at the head of the file—and once for an unseasonable pleasure, they took us to the arsenal, and let us see the shipyards and the museum. You know the wonderful things that are there: The flags and the guns captured from the Turks; the strange weapons of all devices; the famous suits of armor. I came back half-crazed; I felt that I must leave the Seminary. But I set to work the best I could to carve out in wood an invention which the model of one of the antique galleries had suggested. They found it—nothing can be concealed outside of your own breast in such a school—and they carried me with my contrivance before the superior. He looked kindly but gravely at me. 'My son,' said he, 'do you wish to be a priest?' 'Surely, reverend father,' I answered in alarm, 'why not?' Because these things are not for priests. Their thoughts must be upon other things. Consider well of it, my son, while there is yet time,' he said, and he addressed me a long and serious discourse upon the life on which I was about to enter. He was a just and conscientious and affectionate man, but every word fell like burning fire in my heart. At the end he took my poor plaything, and thrust it down among the coals of his grate. It made the coal fire smoke, and he bade me carry it out with me, and so turned again to his book.

"My mother was by this time dead, but I could hardly have gone to her, if she had still been living. 'These things are not for priests,' kept repeating itself in my mind, and day in and day out, I was in despair. I was in a fury to see my uncle. I poured out my heart to him, and tried to make him understand the illusions and vain hopes in which I had lived. He received my sorrow and the reproaches which I did not spare him; he bade me consider my inclinations as so many temptations, and to overcome for the good of my soul and the glory of God. He warned me against the scandal of attempting to withdraw now from the path marked out for me. I said that I never would be a priest. 'And what will you do?' he asked. 'Alas! what could I do? I went back to my prison, and in due course I became a priest.

"It was not without sufficient warning that I took one order after another, but my uncle's words, 'What will you do?' made me deaf to those admonitions. All that is now past. I no longer resent or hate; I seem to have lost the power; but those were days when my soul was filled with bitterness. Something of this must have showed itself to those who had me in their charge. I have heard that at one time my superiors had grave doubts whether I ought to be allowed to take orders. My examination, in which the difficulties of the sacerdotal life were brought before me with the greatest clearness, was never. I do not know how I passed it; it must have been in grace to my uncle. I spent the next ten days in a convent, to meditate upon the step I was about to take. Poor helpless, fruitless wretch! Madamigella, even yet I cannot see how I was to blame, that I came forth and received the first of the holy orders, and in their time the second and the third.

"I was a priest, but no more a priest at heart than those Venetian conscripts, whom you saw carried away last week, are Austrian soldiers. I was bound, as they are bound, by an inexorable and inevitable law.

"You have asked me why I became a priest. Perhaps I have not told you why, but I have told you how—I have given you the slight outward events, not the processes of my mind—and that is all that I can

do. If the guilt was mine, I have suffered for it. Some ban seems to have rested upon whatever I have attempted. My work—oh, I know it well enough!—all has been cursed with fertility; my labors are miserable failures or contemptible successes. I have had my useless dreams of blessing mankind by some great discovery or invention; but my life has been barren, barren, barren; and save for the kindness that I have known in this house, and that would not let me despair, it would now be without hope."

He ceased, and the girl, who had listened with her proud looks transfixed to an aspect of grieving pity, felt enough to say, "Oh, I am sorry for you!" she said, "more sorry than I know how to tell. But you must not lose the courage, you must not give up."

Don Ippolito resumed with a melancholy smile. "There are doubtless temptations enough to be false under the best of conditions in this world. But something—I do not know what or whom; perhaps no more my uncle or my mother than I, for they were only as the past had made them—caused me to begin by a lie, do you not see?"

"Yes, yes," reluctantly assented the girl.

"Perhaps you know—that is why no good has come of me, nor can come. My uncle's piety and my own piety were the principal priest of the church to which I am attached, and he has had infinite patience with me. My ambition and my attempted inventions are a scandal to him, for he is a priest of those like the Holy Father, who believe that all the wickedness of the modern world has come from the devices of science; my indifference to the things of religion is a terror and a sorrow to him which he combats with prayers and penances. He starves himself and goes cold and faint that God may have mercy and turn my heart to the things which his own is fixed. He sees my soul, but not me, and we are scarcely friends."

Florida continued to look at him with steadfast, compassionate eyes. "It seems very strange almost like some dream," she murmured, "that you should be saying all this to me. Don Ippolito, and I do not know why I should have asked you anything."

"The pity of this virgin heart must have been very sweet to the man; whom she looked at. His eyes were moist, as he said, and he said, 'You are a woman, and you know the truth in you that I should seem to you what I am.'"

"Indeed, you make me ashamed," she cried with a blush. "It is selfish of me to ask you to speak. And now, after what you have told me, I am so helpless and I know so very little that I don't understand how to comfort or to encourage you. But surely you can somehow help yourself. Are men, that seem so strong and able, just as powerless as we? What is it that comes to rest trouble? Is a man?"

"I cannot answer. I am only a priest," said Don Ippolito coldly, letting his eyes drop to the gown that he wore. "Yes, but a priest should be a man, and so much more; a priest!"

Don Ippolito shrugged his shoulders.

"No, no," cried the girl. "Your own schemes have all failed, you say; then why do you think of becoming a priest in reality, and getting the good things must be in such a conical skirt, singular that I should venture to say such a thing to you, and it must seem presumptuous and ridiculous for me, to ask you to do anything but to be different. She panted, coloring deeply, and controlled herself, and added with grave composure, "If you were to do that, dear young lady, 'To what madamigella' asked the priest, sadly.

"To what?" she echoed, opening her eyes full upon him. "To God?"

Don Ippolito made no answer. He let his head fall so low upon his breast that she could see the sacerdotal tonsure.

"You must excuse me," she said, blushing again. "I did not mean to wound your feelings as a Catholic. I have been very bold and intrusive. I ought to have remembered that people of your Church have different ideas—that the saints!"

Don Ippolito looked up with pensiveness.

"Oh, the poor saint!"

"I don't understand you," said Florida, very gravely.

"I mean that I believe in the saints as little as you."

"But you believe in your church?"

"I have no church."

There was a silence in which Don Ippolito again dropped his head upon his breast. Florida leaned forward in her eagerness, and murmured, "You believe in God?"

The priest lifted his eyes and looked at her beseechingly. "I do not know," he whispered.

She met his gaze with one of dumb bewilderment. At last she said, "Sometimes you haze little children and receive them into the church in the name of God?"

"Yes."

"Poor creatures come to you and confess their sins, and you absolve them, or order them to do penance?"

"Yes."

"And sometimes when people are dying you must stand by their deathbeds and give them the last consolation of religion?"

"It is true."

"Oh!" moaned the girl, and fixed on Don Ippolito a long look of wonder and reproach which he met with eyes of silent anguish.

"It is terrible, madamigella," he said, rising. "I know it. I would faint if I saw a single hearted, for I think I made a mistake; but now you see how low back and dead to a life my life is. It is worse than you could have imagined, is it not? It is worse than the pain of a cruellest bog, for he at least believes in himself."

"Worse, far worse!"

"He went on piteously, "believe me that I have the grace to abhor myself. It is not much, it is very, very little, but it is something. Do not wholly condemn me!"

"Condemn? Oh, I am sorry for you with my whole heart. Only, why are you tell me all this? No, no; you are not to blame. I made you speak; I made you put yourself to shame."

"Not that, dearest madamigella. I would say nothing now, if I could, unless to take away the pain that I have given you. It has been more a relief than a shame to have all this known to you; and even if you should despise me—"

"I don't despise you; that isn't for me; but oh, I wish I could help you!"

Don Ippolito shook his head. "You cannot help me; but I thank you for your compassion; I shall never forget it." He lingered irresolutely with his hat in his hand. "Shall we go on with the reading, madamigella?"

"No, we will not read any more today," she answered.

"Then I relieve you of the disturbance, madamigella," he said, and after a moment's hesitation he bowed sadly and went.

She mechanically followed him to the door, with some little gestures and movements of a desire to keep him from going, yet let him go, and so turned back and set down with her hands resting noiseless on the keys of the piano.

XI.

The next morning Don Ippolito did not come, but in the afternoon the postman brought a letter for Mrs. Vervain, couched in the priest's English, begging her indulgence until after the day of Corpus Christi, up to which time he should be too occupied for his letter of ordinary.

This letter reminded Mrs. Vervain that she had not seen Mr. Ferris for a long time. She felt that it was her duty to ask him to dinner. But he returned an excuse, and he was not to be had to breakfast the next morning for the asking. He had been open rebellion. Mrs. Vervain landed, and sent up her gondolier with another invitation to dinner.

The painter appeared on the balcony of the Venetian house which he wore at his work, and looked down with a frown on the smiling face of Mrs. Vervain for a moment without speaking. "Then, will come," he said, gloomily.

"Come with me, then," returned Mrs. Vervain.

"I shall have to keep you waiting."

"I don't mind that. You'll be ready in five minutes."

Florida met the painter with such gentleness that he felt his resentment to have been a stupid caprice for which he was no ground in the world. He took to recall his fading sense of outrage, but he found nothing in his mind but penitence. The sort of straightforward humility with which he behaved gave her a novel fascination.

The dinner was good, as Mrs. Vervain's dinners always were, and there was a pleasant conversation. When the presence of a favorite guest, when he saw this, "Well, Mrs. Vervain, what 't' it?" he asked. "You needn't worry that you're treating me so well for nothing. You want something?"

"We want nothing but that you should not neglect your friends. We have been utterly deserted for three or four days. Don Ippolito has not been here either; but he has some excuse; he has to get ready for Corpus Christi. He's going to be in the procession."

"Is he to appear with his flying machine, or his portable dining-table, or his automatic camera?"

"No, after all, when it comes to the beaming reproach, Florida's face clouded, and Ferris made haste to say that he did not know these inventions, and that he had had no wish to blaspheme them.

"You know well enough what I meant," answered Mrs. Vervain. "And now we want you to get us a window to look out on the procession."

"Oh, that's what you want, is it? I thought you merely wanted me not to neglect my friends."

"Well, do you call that neglecting them?"

"Mrs. Vervain, Mrs. Vervain! What a mind you have! Is there anything else you want? Me to go to the procession?"

"We don't insist you can take us to the window, and leave us, if you like."

"His civility is indeed unexpected," replied Ferris. "I'm really quite unworthy of it."

He was going on with the badinage customary between Mrs. Vervain and himself, when Florida protested.

"Mother, I think we abuse Mr. Ferris' kindness."

"I know it, my dear—I know it," protested Mrs. Vervain.

"It's perfectly shocking, but we are to do, we must abuse somebody's kindness."

"But he has better stay at home. I'm much rather go," said the girl, tremulously.

"Why, Miss Vervain," said Ferris, gravely, "I'm very sorry if you've considered me joking. I've never yet seen the procession to advantage, and I'd like very much to look on with you."

She could not tell whether she was grateful or annoyed, but she answered, "I'm very sorry if you've considered me joking. I've never yet seen the procession to advantage, and I'd like very much to look on with you."

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the idea of bayonet exercise as an affair of parade ground display has prevailed, until recently, though many commanding officers have worked hard and it seems, with some success, to substitute for the formal parade drill of companies and battalions man to man contests with blunted weapons, small prizes being given to the victors. Gen. McClellan, it must be said, contemplated the same practice. In his Manual there are plates, curious enough to look at after the lapse of half a century, showing the padded men of that period wearing the padded "plastron" to protect the body, and going through with what look to the eyes of this generation like very stately movements, with specially made whalebone bladed bayonets. The whalebone blades are made detachable from the hilt of the bayonet, so that a blade broken by a "palmbutt hit" can be replaced.

In the article in the United States Review, already mentioned, the writer evidently takes the view that the day of the bayonet is by no means past. The "trowel bayonet" designed by Col. Rice in the seventies, with the idea of furnishing the infantry soldier with a convenient and ever-ready entrenching tool, was at the time a practical sense. The idea of it, however, serves to show how little importance was attached to the bayonet as a weapon twenty-five years ago. But since that time the bayonet has been gradually improved up to the present form of a broad-bladed knife, made by a spring below the barrel of the rifle, to which it is attached when one pound in weight, and about twelve inches in length.

## HISTORY OF THE BAYONET. Evolution of This Weapon Which is so Effective WHEN USED BY BRITISH TROOPS

It was the officers who made the surrender of Plevna a decent modern affair; the Turkish rank and file could, and would without doubt, have gone on as their work of point and butt until none were left to surrender to the surviving victorious Russians but the staff.

The history of infantry fighting sums up something like this: First, the Macedonian phalanx, with long lances; then the Roman legion, with short, stout spear; then an interval of, say, 12 centuries, during most of which the mounted man had things all his own way; then the 200 years beginning about 1500, when the Spanish "infanteria" was considered irresistible by reason of its pikemen, which were, practically, the introduction of the matchlock, and with it a threat of an end to all beginning in the 17th century.

But some French or Spanish soldier, whose name has been forgotten, hit upon the brilliant idea that new-fashioned machines might be converted into honest pikemen occasionally by simply sticking the butt of a dagger into the muzzle of a matchlock. The scheme seemed to work for half a century, until it was generally felt that if the firing of the matchlock was to be come other than a long and deliberate ceremonial, as seemed to be probable with the improvements that were coming from Nuremberg, the corking and uncorking of the barrels would have to be obviated in some way or other.

In 1689 Gen. Mackay introduced among his infantry a ring bayonet. The name of the weapon has been changed with Bayonette, the French sealer made as a matter of fact, "bayonets" and "bayoneta" are Spanish words, and mean neither more nor less than "sticker" and "little sticker." But the etymology of the word did not trouble the British infantry whom it helped to raise to the topmost place among the troops of Europe in the period from 1700—the date when Wauban was a matter of fact, bayonet introduced in the armies of the Great Monarch to the middle of the present century. The transition from ring to socket bayonet was a perfectly natural one. The two rings in the earlier weapon were merged into a sort of tube fitting on the end of the musket barrel. This tube was connected with this tube by a stout neck, so as to leave it clear of the bullet's path when the gun was discharged. In order to give the blade greater strength it was made triangular in section. Finally this triangle was evolved into the present bayonet which is to-day the conventional idea of it entertained by un-forgotten civilian minds. It was this form that was used in the Peninsular war, where more than at any other time or in any other part of the world the bayonet won its fame. "British bayonets" became in those days a synonym for the military power of the British.

In the earliest part of this century the authorities of the United States army were fully alive to the importance of skill with the bayonet. Gen. George B. McClellan wrote the manual of bayonet exercise, which was the authorized text book for the army at the beginning of the Civil War. It is interesting now to the lay reader chiefly on account of the elaborately minute instructions on position in those days. The bayonet was laid on the effectiveness as a military spectacle of a large body of men going through the bayonet exercise. McClellan took it now obsolete, and bayonet drill in the United States army has taken the form of an athletic exercise, like boxing, carried on with bayonets made safe by pads attached to the points of the British bayonet by the complaint of a recent writer in the United States Review.

HER GOOD NAME.

Mistake of a Woman That Helped Church Out of Difficulty.

The mistake a lady recently made caused her husband to pay \$450 more than he had expected, but resulted in a large increase in the fund being raised to pay off a debt on the local church. The lady is the wife of one of the best known coal men in this vicinity, and at the time she made the mistake she and her husband were at a meeting of the church, of which they are members, in a nearby town.

The meeting had been called to raise funds to pay off a pressing debt against the church. The minister made an appeal to the congregation for money and appointed a committee to take around a paper for subscriptions. As the member of the committee came near the coal man he said in a whisper to his wife:

"Put your name down for fifty."

The wife wrote her name and placed the figures opposite, and when the paper reached the minister he looked over the congregation and, with a smile, said: "I am delighted to see that Sister Smith has so nobly responded to the call I made and to the needs of the church. She has put her name down for \$500, and it is the largest subscription on the paper. I know many of you are worth more than the lady who has so nobly shown her love for the church, and I hope you will strive to emulate her noble conduct. To give you a chance, I will again pass around the subscription paper and I hope none of you will fall behind our generous sister."

While the paper was being again passed around, the husband of the lady became very anxious and turning to his wife, he said: "How much did you put down?"

"Well," said the wife, "I intended to put down \$50, but I guess I put one cipher too much, but for goodness sake, don't let them know that I don't know how to write \$50."

He did not and paid the \$500, and when the subscription paper was returned the second time the subscriptions had been largely increased. — Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Jury's Verdict.

"Gentlemen of the Jury," asked the clerk of the court, "have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," replied the foreman.

"The verdict of the jury is that the lawyers have mist this case up so that we don't know anything at all about it."

The hearing of the arguments in the election appeals from North Waterloo and West Huron will not come up at the present sitting of the Court of Appeals, because these cases will not be reached in time.

## A FEW WORDS ABOUT CATARRH.

How it Begins—How it Becomes Chronic—How it is Thoroughly Cured by Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure.

Persons who take cold easily are almost sure to become victims of catarrh, which in its acute form is nothing more or less than "cold in the head."

Running at the nose, stuffed up nostrils, difficult breathing, and headache are well-known symptoms of chronic catarrh.

If allowed to run on acute catarrh becomes chronic, and then there are small ulcers formed in the nose, droppings into the throat, which cause hawking and spitting, and when the ulceration reaches the bone, form consumption.

As a result of the thickening of the membrane of the nose and eustachian tube deafness and loss of the sense of smell are also symptoms of chronic catarrh.

When allowed to work its way along the air passages catarrh ultimately reaches the lungs and becomes pneumonia.

To clear the air passages and heal the ulcers in the nose is the object of treatment, and no means have ever been so woefully successful as Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure.

The improved blower which is given free with every box of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is a simple yet most effectual method of sending the preparation to the very seat of disease.

Relief comes almost instantly, "cold in the head" and acute catarrh are cured in a few hours, and chronic catarrh is absolutely eradicated from the system in a few weeks.

As catarrh almost invariably leaves its victims in a weakened, run-down condition, the patient should use Dr. Chase's Nerve Food along with the Catarrh Cure to build up the system, and form new red corpuscles in the blood.

This combined treatment is unapproachable as an effective method of permanently curing catarrh and ridding the system of every symptom or trace of this distressing, debilitating, and dangerous disease.

There is no ailment so frequently neglected as catarrh, and none that so certainly leads to consumption and death. Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, 25 cents a box; blower free. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box. At all dealers, or by mail, from Edmanson, Baker & Co., Toronto.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Iodine and Turpentine is mother's favorite remedy for croup, bronchitis, coughs and colds. 25 cents a bottle; family size, 60 cents.

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Our line of Crockery and Glassware is worthy of your attention.

G. A. McCLARY

Local Notes

Mr. Andrew Hagerman was a visitor in Athens last week.

High School Concert on Friday evening, Feb. 16th, at 8 o'clock.

Rev. M. J. Bates, evangelist, visited friends in Athens last week.

Select Oysters, Sugar-cured Ham and Bacon—E. D. Wilson & Son. 2m

Mrs. Geo. Boyce of Halifax, N. S., is visiting friends in Athens and at her old home at Addison.

Quarterly services will be conducted in the Methodist church on Sunday next. The morning service will commence at 10 a. m.

Miss Mary Purvis and Mr. Ross Purvis of Junetown, ex-students of the A. H. S., were in Athens visiting friends on Saturday last.

The recent municipal census of Ottawa shows its population to be 57,002, an increase of more than 1,600 over that of the previous year.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will be held at the home of Mrs. J. P. Lamb on Thursday next (8th inst.) at 3 p. m.

The ladies of St. Paul's Presbyterian church are arranging for a concert to be held on the evening of the 23rd inst. Several talented vocalists have already been secured and a first-class programme is assured.

Parties who have promised or wish to deliver wood on Reporter subscription account are requested to bring it in at once.

The many friends in Athens of Miss Rachael Thompson, a student at the A. H. S., learn with regret that she is seriously ill at her home in Escott.

During the Christmas vacation, Miss Thompson was attacked with pneumonia, but has suffered a relapse and her condition is reported to be again serious.

Last week a Kingston insurance agent kissed a married woman (not his wife). He was convicted of the offence before a magistrate and fined \$5 and costs.

A reporter of the Kingston News is authority for the statement that he got off easy. The London News says: "These necessities of life come high, but we have to have them."

On Sabbath evening last a reception service was held in the Methodist church at the close of the regular service, when thirty-five probationers were received into full communion.

A series of sermons on baptism had been delivered by the pastor as a preparatory instruction, and on the evening of the reception he spoke on the desirability of all believers uniting with some branch of the christian church.

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Deacon and Calf Skins Highest Cash Price at the Brockville Tannery A. G. McCrady Sons

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Rev. G. S. White, a minister of the Methodist church, well known to many in this section, is said by the Napanee Star to be a cousin of General White, the gallant defender of Ladysmith.

Respecting Candlemas Day, the old saying is, "If it's fair and clear, there'll be two winters in a year." Friday last was very bright, so if Bruin failed to see his shadow it was no fault of the weather.

Despatches from Iowa state that a young man of that state who neither smoked, chewed, drank, swore or used slang is missing. Perhaps the angels came down and stole him.

The municipal councils of Rear Yonge and Escott and the village of Athens meet on the 19th inst. to further consider the proposition relative to securing the abolition of the toll-gates on the "Farmersville Plank Road."

In response to the very large petition in favor of Robt Mackie, now confined in Kingston penitentiary for complicity in the famous Napanee bank robbery, notification has been given that His Excellency sees no reason why clemency should be extended to Mackie.

Frontenac Co. Council want a change in the mode of summoning jurors. It costs the county \$530 per year, whereas the work, the council believes, can be effectually done for \$100. The co-operation of other county councils to secure the needed legislation will be sought.

At the High School concert on February 16th, the glee club will be assisted in the music by the best local talent. Mrs. J. B. Kenyon, elocutionist, engaged to furnish the literary part of the programme comes to Athens highly recommended as an entertainer. Admission 25 cents.

Recorder: Two young men of Athens, who have attractions in Brockville, were in town yesterday paying their respects, and started home last night. But the storm had conspired against them, and after struggling through the drifts for a time, they returned to town and remained till this morning.

Truly the profession (!) of teaching is looking down. A young man, holding a second-class certificate, taught all last year in the vicinity of Port Elgin for \$175. As the days began to approach when the "sun goeth down early," the magnanimous trio of trustees gave him a formal notice, that unless he could see his way clear to accept \$150 per annum, and in addition, assume the responsibilities of caretaker and janitor as well, he could look for new worlds to conquer in 1900.

If the ratepayers of that section are worth their salt, any signs of the young man's leaving, or his agreeing to such terms, should have been the forerunner of the three trustees being discharged from office, and without any superannuation allowance.—Kingston News.

A pleasing instance of the prompt manner in which the executive of the Independent Order of Foresters deals with claims for mortuary benefits was brought to our notice this week.

The funeral of the late Herbert Hull took place on the 24th ult. On the evening of the following day the claim was duly proved in the local court of Foresters and next morning was forwarded to the Supreme Secretary at Toronto.

On Thursday last, just six days after proof of claim, a cheque was received for the full amount of mortuary benefit carried by deceased.

Village Council. The municipal council of Athens met in regular monthly session on Monday evening, Feb. 5th, the reeve, clerk and the members of the council being present.

Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed by the reeve and clerk.

Clerk read a circular from the reeve and clerk of the village of Glenoe, Ont., asking the co-operation of Athens village council in petitioning the Ontario Legislature to grant an amendment to the municipal act to give to village municipalities the same powers as are now enjoyed by town and cities, with reference to providing that the costs of granolithic sidewalks may be met by assessing the cost of same partly on the properties adjoining the proposed sidewalks and partly from the regular taxes of the whole municipality.

On motion, the reeve and clerk were authorized to give sufficient notice that the west end of Wilts street, from lot 12 to George street, is being used for storing stone for village purposes and that this council will not be responsible for any damage resulting from such stone being piled thereon.

On motion, the bill of the G. W. Telegraph amounting to 70c, for notification concerning death of Herbert Hull, was ordered to be paid.

The council then adjourned to call of reeve.

B. LOVERIN, Village Clerk.

The Archbishop of Ontario and Metropolitan of Canada has issued a notice to all clergymen in the ecclesiastical province of Canada to arrange for special prayer in behalf of the British arms in South Africa on Sunday, Feb. 11th.

The cigarette wave is beating against the rock. An orler has been issued by the Southern Railway, applicable in South Carolina and Georgia, prohibiting the use of cigarettes by employees, and forbidding the employment in future of any one who smokes cigarettes. The order applies to all depots, and it is stated that it will be extended to other divisions.

Miss Helen F. Clark, of the Evangelical Band, addressing the Methodist preachers' meeting in New-York on "The Religious Condition of New York," said that as a heathen city there are 1,300,000 persons without any religious affiliation at all, which number is 100,000 more than the population of Tokio, the second largest heathen city in the world.

The People's Column. Adv'n of 6 lines and under in this column. 25c for first insertion and 10c each subsequent insertion.

FOR SALE. A good building lot at a sacrifice, between Dr. Cornell's and the new Rectory. Apply to JOHN CRAWLEY, Athens, Ont.

Farm For Sale. 300 acres of well cultivated land, lots 23 and 24, color 6, Elizabethtown, one of the best dairy farms in Leeds. House, barns and stables first class. Athens, 10 miles from New Dublin, close to school and churches. Good orchard. WILLIAM B. BOLTON, New Dublin, P. O.

Farm to Rent. The Chas. P. Wilts farm, situated just outside the village limits on the Delta road, consisting of 75 acres. Good location for party wishing to supply milk to village customers. Apply to WILSON WILTS, Athens, or to COLEMAN WILTS, Brockville.

WANTED. White Ash Snath Sticks, not more than 12 inches diameter at the butt, gradual taper to 1 inch at the top. Must be perfect sticks, shaved round, and free from knots and knurls. Price \$1.00 per 1000 sticks, cash on delivery. THE SKINNER CO., Ltd. Gananoque, Ont.

Farm Hand Wanted. The subscriber wants to engage the services of a good, reliable single or married man with a small family to work on the farm. A good comfortable house furnished to married man, and a steady job to one giving satisfaction. Apply at once to ANDREW HENDERSON, Lake Elvida, Athens, Feb. 6th 1900.

Farm for Sale or Rent. The undersigned offers for sale or rent the Ruggles Hawks farm, being part of Lot No. one in the Tenth Concession of the Township of Yonge, containing one hundred acres of good land with stone dwelling and good barns and outbuildings. The farm is in a good state of cultivation, free from soil seeds, and is within half a mile of a school house and cheese and butter factory. Terms, liberal. Possession on March 1st next. Feb. 5, 1900. S. A. TAPLIN, Athens.

WARNING. The public are hereby notified that the corporation of the village of Athens have temporarily closed to public travel that portion of Wilts street, extending from lot 12 in Block V to George street, by piling thereon a quantity of stone for village purposes, and further that the corporation will not be held responsible for any damage that may occur to parties using said part of street for traveling purposes. Dated this 6th day of February, 1900. B. LOVERIN, Village Clerk.

Village Property For Sale or Rent. A very desirable property for sale or rent. About 51 acres of land, every inch good; a good frame house with furnace and cistern in cellar, a frame barn and other buildings. One of the best fruit orchards and gardens that is in Athens. This property can be bought down low, as the owner intends leaving town. Terms of payment to suit purchaser. For further particulars apply to B. Loverin, proprietor Athens Reporter, or to J. W. Kerr, Elgin, Ont. 1 mon.

Farms for Sale or Rent. The subscriber offers for sale or rent those two valuable farms, as follows: FOR SALE—Lot No. 34 in 11th Con. of Elizabethtown, containing 150 acres, in a good state of cultivation, with good buildings, well fenced, plenty of wood, &c. Terms reasonable. FOR RENT OR RENT—The well known Dobbs farm, 2 miles south of Athens, containing 250 acres of good farming land. Good buildings, lots of wood, convenient to cheese factory, post office, school, blacksmith shop, &c. This farm is capable of raising from 25 to 30 cows. Terms, for either selling or renting, very reasonable. Possession of farm can be given at once. Apply for further particulars to WM. KARLEY, Hardware Merchant Athens.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897 chapter 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the late Herbert John Forest Hill of the Township of Yonge in the County of Leeds, Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the twenty-second day of January A. D. 1899 are hereby required on or before the first day of March A. D. 1900 to deliver or send by prepaid address to the Administratrix of the property of said deceased, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions with full particulars of their claims, statement of accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them. A notice is hereby further given that after said last mentioned date the said assets of said deceased, among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid and the said Administratrix will not be liable for the assets of said deceased, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of said distribution. Dated at Athens this 6th day of February, 1900. T. R. BEALE, Solicitor for Administratrix.

Don't Die before your time with rheumatism or neuralgia when there is a remedy at hand. Dr. Hall's Rheumatic Cure will cure the most obstinate case. It is an internal preparation. Mr. W. A. Butler, porter for Canadian Express Co., Kingston, Ont., suffered with Muscular Rheumatism for three years. Three bottles of Dr. Hall's Rheumatic Cure cured him completely. 50 cents a bottle, containing ten days' treatment. For sale at all drug stores.

FARM FOR SALE. The North East quarter of Lot Number 16 in the 11th Concession of Landdowne, containing 50 acres of land. There is on the premises a good brick house and outbuildings, well watered by good wells. Soil excellent. The farm is situated about one half mile from Soper's, and is close to church, school house, and cheese factory. For further information apply to Mrs. Frank Wilts or Isaac C. Algire, Athens. 3 mos.

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