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It is a positive cure for all Kidney and Liver troubles and is unequalled as a blood purifier. Why suffer when you can get a sure cure for your ails at three quarters of a cent per dose. Dr. Bains' Buchu Compound is sold by your druggist at 25c per package. Prepared only by H. E. EWALD, Whitby, Ont.

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Physician and Surgeon.
GRADUATE, Toronto University and member of College Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. Residence, Abasco St., nearly opposite the Livery stable. Office in the Drug Store, next door to Carrick Banking Co. MILDMAY.

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Work Guaranteed
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Cook's Cotton Root Compound
Is the only safe, reliable monthly medicine on which ladies can depend in the hour and time of need. Is prepared in two degrees of strength. No. 1 for ordinary cases is by far the best dollar medicine known—sold by druggists, one Dollar per box. No. 2 for special cases—10 degrees stronger—sold by druggists. One box, Three Dollars; two boxes, Five Dollars. No. 1, or No. 2, mailed on receipt of price and two 3-cent stamps.
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Mildmay Market Report.
Carefully corrected every week for the GAZETTE:

Fall wheat per bu.....	85 standard
Oats.....	25 to 26
Peas.....	52 to 53
Barley.....	40
Potatoes.....	7 to 9
Smoked meat per lb.....	15 to 15
Eggs per doz.....	14 to 14
Butter per lb.....	\$5 50 to 6 00
Dressed pork.....	

Glebe & Sealing's Market.

Wheat.....	85 to 85c bus
Peas.....	52 to 53
Oats.....	25 to 26
Flour, Manitoba.....	\$3 00 per cwt.
Family flour, No. 1.....	\$2 50
Family flour, No. 2.....	\$1 60
Low Grade.....	80c
Bran.....	50c
Shorts.....	60c
Screenings.....	65c
Chop Feed.....	90 1.10
Cracked Wheat.....	\$2 40
Graham Flour.....	\$2 40
Forina.....	\$3 00

The Leading Shoe Store.
is prepared this fall to give special value in
Boots, Shoes and Rubbers...
We have bought them right direct from the makers at the lowest prices and are selling them at the
Lowest Cash Price
We never before were able to give better values in all lines. Our experience has taught us the needs of shoe wearers and we have been very careful in selections.
In men's long boots we have just what is wanted for this time of the year. All new, clean stock bought from firms making a speciality of these lines.
Call and be convinced
John Hunstein,
Wholesale & Retail
Harness & Top Works.
Leather fly nets 40c to \$1.00
Duster: 30c 40c 50c upwards
Best binder whips 40c
Axle grease 50c a box
Machine oil 5c a bottle
Just received several cases
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Blankets 50c upwards
Push rugs all prices
Goat robes \$5 upwards
Saskatchewan buffola robes \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9
Cow hides \$10, \$11 to \$16
Come and get Prices. Everything away down. Raw furs, hides, sheepskins as cash.

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Our stock of School Books for both
PUBLIC and SEPARATE SCHOOLS is Complete.
We have also on hand full lines in
School Bags, Scribblers, Inks, Stationery, Etc.,
While we have added the above lines, we do not neglect our stock of
DRUGS AND DRUGGIST SUNDRIES.
Large assortment of Combs, Brushes, Sponges, Etc. Give us a call.
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Liberal Convention.
Notwithstanding the rough and stormy weather that existed last Thursday, a host of the prominent Liberals of the South Riding of Bruce, assembled in convention at Formosa. At 2:30 p.m., the President, John M. Fischer, called the meeting to order. The first order of business was the election of officers, and resulted as follows:—Pres., John M. Fischer; Vice-Pres., Mr. McKenzie; Secretary, A. W. Robb. The conveners for the several polling sub-divisions were then appointed. When this order of business was over, the following gentlemen were nominated to represent the constituency in the Provincial Legislature:—R. E. Truax, Dr. Taylor, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Nicholson, A. Waechter, H. P. O'Connor and Mr. Murdoch. Previous to the several speakers taking the platform, Mr. Malcolmson, of Lucknow, J. H. Moore, of Mildmay, and Jas. Lockie, of Hanover, were appointed as a committee to draft a motion of confidence in the Government. The president then called upon the speakers as their names appeared on the minutes. Explicit attention was paid and all eulogized the Government now ruling over our fair province. Each speaker previous to taking his seat, resigned in

Belmore
J. Hugill has just finished repairing the room which was damaged by fire in D. N. McDonald's dwelling.
W. Lane talks of leaving us and intends heading for the Klondike. W. is a hustler and will no doubt find a mine.
It is feared that our young clerk is fast becoming enamored with one of our fair belles. He's rushing business strong.
A fair representation of both Sunday schools attended the convention held in Wroxeter last Tuesday, and report a very profitable time.
J. Haist gave his many friends and acquaintances an evening's entertainment in the form of a dance last week. We cannot say how it came off.
B. Botts, who left here last week for the vicinity of Harriston, has not returned since. He said he was going to attend a wedding, and from the fact that he fails to re-appear, it is thought he is away on his honeymoon. A will have it his own way now.

Lakelet.
Mrs. T. S. Dulmage left last Tuesday to visit her parents in Wheatley.
Mr. and Mrs. Wakes, of Shelburne, are visiting at Mr. Adam Scotts at present.
Mr. Burnett is hauling brick for his mammoth brick house which he purposes building next summer.
Mr. Dulmage, our merchant, has been unwell during the past week. He is able to be down in the store again.
The special services in the church were to be re-continued this week, but owing to the extremely severe weather, they have been cancelled.
Many from this vicinity purposed attending the Sunday School convention held in Wroxeter to-day, but the atmosphere was too keen to make the trip.
A couple of bills announcing your concert under the C. O. F. arrived in the burg this evening. Your admission fee is reasonable and you deserve to have a good crowd.
To day, Tuesday, is the annual meeting of the patrons of Springbank factory. The day is bitterly cold and the roads so bad that the probabilities are the crowd will be small.
Thursday is the day of the Farmers' Institute meetings in the hamlet. Should the weather prove favorable, we may expect a bumper crowd. The gentlemen who are to do the speaking will no doubt come well prepared.
Professor Brush visited our burg on Friday and Saturday. He made quite a nice sum of money while here and those who attended the whole performance say they got the worth of their money. They went to Fordwich on Monday.

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Sr Fourth:—Willie Berry, Jean McGavin, Nelson Holtzmann, Rebecca Wendt, Tillie Liesemer.
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County and District.
There is a keen competition for the vacant registrarship in Waterloo County.
At the meeting of the County Council at Guelph on Tuesday, Robert Scott, Esq., was elected Warden of Wellington for this year. We extend congratulations.
The Patrons and Independents of Centre Grey have nominated Mr. John W. Davis in the place of Mr. Gamey, M. P. P., who retires on account of ill health.
The early train jumped the track at Allenford on Tuesday morning. A light engine and heavy load caused the mishap. The train arrived at Chesley about 11 o'clock.
The amount of milk received at the Biant butter and cheese factory during 1897 was 1,865,342 lbs, and the total value of cheese made was \$14,650.41. The average price received per pound was 8 1/2c.
We notice by the Canada Gazette that Andrew Waechter, Daniel Sullivan and Jos. McLeod have been appointed License Commissioners for South Bruce. The board is the same as last year.

FORMOSA.
Our town is becoming quite a convention city.
Thursday, last week, we had a large crowd in town. The cause was the assembling of the Liberals to nominate a candidate for the Provincial Legislature. Mr. R. E. Truax received the unanimous choice.
Again on Tuesday the Independent electors of the riding assembled in Kubry's hall, and nominated Mr. W. R. Thompson as their standard bearer.
Red Cooper says there are only two families in town that won't vote for Truax.

School Report.
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ROUND THE WHOLE WORLD.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chronicled Briefly—Interesting Happenings of Recent Date.

A twelve-year-old child named Spillberg has been burned to death in Frynpan alley, London.

Milk is dearer than whiskey in Rhodesia, owing to the rinderpest. The price is now \$3.75 a quart.

An epidemic of measles is spreading over England, the disease growing more malignant as it spreads.

A twenty-one pound baby, lately born to a farmer's wife at La Hulpe, near Brussels, holds the Belgian record for weight.

The Earl of Devon, at 86 years of age still preaches and attends to all his duties as prebendary canon of Exeter Cathedral.

Rome's catacomb of St. Calixtus is now lighted by electricity, and the system will soon be extended to all the catacombs.

Father Kavanagh, who was parish priest of Knock when the miraculous cures made that village famous eight years ago, has just died at the age of 84 years.

France's Treasury Department benefited greatly by the Charity Bazaar disaster, as the duties paid on the inheritances it caused amounted to 2,200,000 francs.

Sir Arthur Sullivan has promised to write a secular cantata for the Leeds musical festival next October. The subject he has selected is said to be "The Vicar of Wakefield."

All sword bayonets of the British troops in Ireland are being sharpened as fast as possible by order of the War Department. Such an order is said to be unprecedented.

Londoners are upset by the transfer of the stamp and telegraph offices of the General Post Office at St. Martin's le Grand, used for twenty-five years past to a new building across the street.

A British Admiral has come to grief on horseback. Admiral Sir E. R. Fremantle, who is in command at Devonport, while riding recently was severely wounded in the leg by being run into by a passing carriage.

Women in France have just secured a slight addition to their legal rights. They may henceforth be valid witnesses to registration of births, marriages and deaths, and to the signatures in legal documents.

Aristocrats in la lanterne would be no meaningless cry if a revolution were to break out in Paris, as the city still keeps up 266 oil lamps, suspended by ropes to gallow-like posts, such as were found convenient in 1793.

A European has been sentenced at Bulawayo to six years' imprisonment with hard labor for defrauding the natives of their cattle. He pretended to be a Government inspector, and seized the cattle for supposed violations of law.

Two glasses of a temperance drink served to a London doctor by a teetotal family contained so much alcohol that the doctor was unable to walk straight across the room. He is now lecturing against ginger ale and root beer as intoxicants.

Capt. James Brown, commander of the windward lately presented to Lieut. Peary by Mr. Harmsworth, has spent thirty-nine years and made thirty voyages in Arctic waters. His father and grandfather were engaged in Arctic work before him.

Human heads formed a collection recently sold at public auction in London. There were twelve of them, from Ecuador, New Guinea, New Zealand, and other places. A "tattooed Maori head with a curious smell" brought seventeen guineas.

Major-General Bengough of the British army, who died recently, became famous in India for a divisional order commanding the medical staff to pare the corns and cut the toenails of the men in order to improve the marching efficiency of the division.

Southampton is now ready for attack by sea, the five gunboats that carry the defence boom having been placed in their stations. The boom consists of a network of wire lawers running from ship to ship and connected with heavy balks of spiked timber and to submarine mines.

Twenty bicyclists having been killed during the past year on a bridge at a sharp turn at the bottom of a hill on the road between Mentone and Nice, a meeting has been put up at the dangerous point by the Touring Club of France to catch reckless coasters who are hurled over the parapet.

English wreckers, who were trying to save the cargo of the steamer Aden, which went ashore on the island of Socotra last June, after being driven off forcibly by the natives, discovered that the Socotrans' right to wreckage cast upon their coasts had been recognized by Great Britain by treaty.

Prussia's paternal Government has ordered two private schools in a little town near Potsdam to be closed because they interfere with a rival establishment. One may be kept open for a year longer provided the proprietor engages to take in only twenty pupils and to teach them no foreign languages.

A great improvement has been made in Parisian duels. The seconds in an affair of honor between a dramatic

author and one of his critics made a mistake in the place of meeting, thereby sending their principals to opposite ends of Paris. This made a subsequent meeting at close quarters unnecessary.

Grand opera in Paris, according to official accounts, has been given at an expenditure over receipts of 4,500,000 francs in five years, an average loss that is, of \$180,000 a year. The subvention of 800,000 francs a year reduces the annual deficit to \$20,000, but there is a further yearly deficit of \$30,000 on the opera concerts.

Stealing telephone service is a new form of misdemeanor in London, classed by the Croydon Police Magistrate as petty larceny, and punished by him with a fine of five shillings. An ingenious young man had made a false key admitting him to the public telephones of the National Company, which he used without paying.

Princess Thyra, of Cumberland, sister of the Princess of Wales and the Empress Dowager of Russia, who has been recently in a private asylum, has so far recovered her mind and health, owing to the improvement of her eldest son's condition, that she will be present when her daughter comes out at the Austrian court in January.

It took seventy shots at close range including a number from the 9.2-inch calibre gun, before the British cruiser Edgar could sink a derelict tank steamer in the Red Sea. Naval men are trying to figure out how many shots would have been needed if the Edgar had been dealing with a hostile cruiser of her own class.

France's Chamber of Deputies is examining seriously a curious project for diminishing child murder by making the punishment fit the crime. M. Lauriers proposes that mothers convicted of infanticide shall be sentenced to transportation, and compelled to bear one, two or three children, according to the degree of the crime.

Dum-dum bullets work both ways on the Indian frontiers, as the Afridi tribesmen are blunting the bullet tips too. The two pipers of the Gordon Highlanders who distinguished themselves at Largs, lost one his leg, the other his foot, owing to the terrible splintering of the bone, caused by the "modified" Lee-Metford missiles.

Cricket has not abolished the color line in South Africa. Though the blacks play the game well they cannot play in teams with white men, and when the All England eleven goes to Cape Town on its return from Australia, Prince Ranjitsingh will not be allowed to play. The objection to half breeds is even stronger than that against the pure blacks.

Another British institution the domestic servant's right to a fortnight's notice of dismissal, has been overthrown by a higher law than that of the Queen's Bench which rendered the decision. The judges in giving their opinion, stated that being in doubt as to the existence of the custom they had taken the opinion of "their domestic advisers" on the point.

A Missal, a Book of Hours, and a Psalter, which had been in the possession of Viscount Arbutnot's family for 400 years, were recently sold at auction in London for \$6000. The Missal is the only one extant according to the Scottish use. The manuscripts were written and decorated by his vicar for Sir Robert Arbutnot between 1482 and 1491.

While a circus was parading on Tottenham road in the outskirts of London a baker gave one of the elephants a couple of loaves of stale bread. A few nights after the elephant broke from its fastenings in the town where the circus then was, got away from its keepers and made its way back to the baker's shop, where it broke in the plate glass windows and ate up the bread exposed for sale. It then allowed itself to be led quietly back to its stable.

THE COST OF AUTOGRAPHS.

Difference in Price of "Notes" and of Royal Potentates' Signatures.

In looking at autographs of celebrities of the past it is interesting to note that the signature of Queen Elizabeth is now worth £15; while that of Queen Anne will only realize 30s. As a striking contrast to this, it is also a noteworthy fact that poets' signatures in the past have always been considered more valuable than those of Royal potentates.

In the year 1858 a signature of Shakespeare was purchased by the authorities of the British Museum for 300 guineas. In June, 1891, a letter of Her Majesty Queen Victoria realized the sum of £7, while a letter written by the poet Shelley changed hands for £11 15s, and was regarded as a great bargain at such a low figure. A letter of Martin Luther's, with signature attached, was recently disposed of for the respectable amount of £25. A letter written and signed by the Duchess of Teck may be secured for the nominal sum of 8s., whilst the signature alone of the fated Marie Antoinette is valued at £4.

In contrast to this, a letter written by Louis XVI. of France, the husband of the unfortunate Marie is offered for the sum of 10s. Thirty shillings is the price now demanded for the characteristic signature of the ambitious Napoleon Bonaparte.

A single page written by the late Prince Consort is valued at two guineas, but half that amount will purchase a long letter by the present Prince of Wales. The autograph of the Princess of Wales has recently been sold for the low sum of 7s 6d, while, strange to say, an original autograph telegram in the same handwriting is valued at five guineas.

HOUSEHOLD.

MINCE PIES.

Positively no stomach can digest mince pie without injury and no intelligent woman in these enlightened days serves it to her family.

The above item and others of similar import are ever appearing in the newspapers, yet thoughtless man is ever making covetous reference to the reprehensible article, and the good housewife who cherishes early associations finds herself weakly sympathetic. Nobody claims that mince pies are hygienic, but neither are baked pork and beans—a standard dish among the most "enlightened"—nor many other dishes which we eat with more or less relish.

Certainly nobody claims that mince pies are not good, nor will any reasonable person deny that the holiday season is the time for mild indulgences, if we are ever to indulge ourselves at all. For those, then, who would sin somewhat against health's laws the following recipe is submitted as being the best of its kind—tested without serious results to well-being.

Three pounds of prime beef from the tenderest part of the round, six pounds of apples, greenings, one and one-half pounds of suet, the juice and grated peel of two oranges and two lemons, two pounds of brown sugar, one pint of molasses, three pints of boiled cider, one quart of good California brandy, three grated nutmegs, one tablespoonful of m.a.e. and one and one-half tablespoonfuls of salt, two tablespoonfuls each of ginger and allspice, one tablespoonful of cloves, six tablespoonfuls of cinnamon one-half pound of sliced citron, two pounds of seedless raisins, two pounds of currants and one glassful of grape jelly.

Steam the meat or let it simmer gently until tender, let it cool, and chop it rather fine—the size of the average pea; chop the apples to the size of white beans. Prepare the fruit carefully, mixing all the dry ingredients thoroughly; then add the cider, molasses, lemon and orange juices, and lastly the brandy. Mix again thoroughly, pack in a large stoneware jar, cover and stand in a cool, dry place. Mince meat should stand about three weeks before using, to ripen and blend the flavors.

In making pies, see to it that your pastry is of the best. An hour's baking is none too long for perfect results.

WHAT A MOTHER CAN DO.

"What is home without a mother?" Not much like a home without a mother is it? You can tell almost the moment you step into a stranger's home, whether there is a mother there or not. Her presence is marked in the performance of duty, and her counsel sought in every difficulty. How marked her absence! How vacant the place she once occupied!

I wonder how many mothers realize that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." People are saying that the world is growing worse; that the majority of people are going to the bad; that life is not worth living, etc. Perhaps it does look that way to some people, but

"This world is not so bad a world. As some would like to make it. And whether good or whether bad Depends on how we take it."

The world consists of the people who are in it, and where would the people be if it had not been for their mothers. So if the world is saved it will be through the goodness of God and the enduring influence of good mothers. The question naturally arises, "Why is the world so wicked and the young people running wild to such an alarming extent? Our grandparents point with pride to their childhood days, and inform us that things were not so then; that the terrible sins which are now common were unheard of then, except in rare instances and they ask a reason for it."

Everything goes by fashions. "You may as well be out of the world as out of fashion," and that is true of the young people. In these days it is fashionable for boys and girls to bow to their elders, to politely address their parents; in short to carry their manners with them. Now, the fashion has changed; the boy addresses his father as "pa," and his mother is known as his maternal ancestor; the old gentlemen are treated to a dose of slang and often profanity, on every possible occasion. You say this is too harsh! Things have been smoothed over and let pass long enough, let us face the true situation with eyes wide open.

It must be confessed that the manners and actions of the average boy and girl are discouraging. What sort of a future can you promise for the young man who spends every dollar he gets hold of foolishly? What sort of a future can you predict for the young woman who was once as pure as the lily, who utterly disregards her mother's commands and entreaties and spends her time in the streets in company with young men and women, whose characters will not bear investigation? Probably there is not one but whose mind turns quickly to some bright boy or girl whose downward course has reached a state of rapid progress. What is going to be done about it? "The boy of to-day is the man of to-morrow." Are we going to sit down and do nothing but take it for granted that things must remain so because things are so? Who is going to save the boys and girls if father, mother and the home don't? Nobody.

The woman who takes her shopping bag, ten cents in her purse, and leaves

her home and children to gad the streets by the hour, is a greater hypocrite than the Pharisee who went into the temple to pray to be seen of men. The man who spends his time in drunken idleness and sets before his children an unholy example, is lowering himself below the brutes. Are the average homes places where the family altar is set up, the Bible read daily and a blessing asked before each meal? The place where the most lasting, most enduring good is done, is in the home.

You ask when one ought to begin to teach the mind of the little ones. Some one wisely answered: "One hundred years before they are born." Be all that is pure and right, and your children will love you and be like you. The wee tottler hears the oath and the little mind remembers and baby lips lisp it. Remember that little minds grasp as quickly the good things that are taught them, but we do not so readily notice the good as the evil in them. Mothers, there is a wonderful work to be done, the little minds must be brought into the sunshine of God's great love, and begin to develop while they are tiny buds, that they may grow into pure and beautiful women. Then will some great political problems be solved, for there will follow a purity in politics which is the only salvation for a country.—Dora Dean.

BUILDING A HOME.

In his book on building a home Francis C. Moore says: "The advice of a sensible, practical woman who is a thorough housekeeper should also be regarded as indispensable. Therefore, if a man's wife answers this description of helpmeet her husband will make a serious mistake if he fails to consult her at every step and secure her revision of his plans especially in the important matter of closets, arrangement of kitchen, butler's pantry, etc. Her experienced eye will discover defects which would never occur to him. It should be remembered that she occupies the house during the greater portion of the daylight hours, and it would be strange if she should not know proportionately more about what is needed for comfort and convenience than the head of the house. Her practical knowledge will be invaluable to him; she will see things that both he and the architect overlook; the need of a door here, a window there, a closet in this place, the fault of a door hung on the wrong side in another; such objectionable features as steps between the butler's pantry, dining-room and kitchen, the floors of which should always be on the same level, to prevent the stumbling of servants with dishes, etc. Women would make admirable architects, especially for dwelling houses, if they were able to climb ladders and properly supervise buildings in process of construction. Now that athletic education is being so carefully looked after at the women's colleges, this deficiency may perhaps disappear."

MAKE BEDTIME PLEASANT.

Busy mothers are prone to hurry the children into bed. We would that all would reserve a certain amount of time for the children's bed hour, making it pleasant, so pleasant that they will ever look back upon it with the sweetest of memories. Listen to their little sorrows, answer their questions as best you can. In return you will keep the child's confidence as he grows older and other influences, often bad ones, are brought to bear upon his life.

ABOUT WEDDING RINGS.

English women didn't always wear a plain gold circlet for a wedding ring. At one time the custom was for the ring to cost as much as the bridegroom could afford to pay. Rings of bone and hard wood have been used; an ivory wedding ring was recently found on the finger of an Egyptian mummy—it is in the shape of two clasped hands. An iron ring, with the design of a hand closing over a heart was discovered on the skeleton finger of a Roman lady dug up in Pompeii.

In France, wedding rings used to be made of three or more links of quaint design; and in Germany, at the same time, they were engraved with queer astrological characters. Roman Catholic peoples, particularly Italians, had a fashion of embedding in the ring a fragment of some relic, such as a morsel of the true cross. The Greek church uses two rings, one of gold and one of silver. In Spain, wedding rings made of the hoofs of asses are supposed to be possessed of peculiar virtue and insure their wearers against epilepsy. Fashion has determined not only the style of the wedding ring, but the finger on which it shall be worn and so capriciously has custom altered that every single finger, including the thumb, has been used in turn. Often in portraits of the time of Elizabeth rings may have been seen on the thumbs of married ladies.

In many parts of Great Britain it is still supposed that a marriage with out a ring is not binding, and when the gold hoop has been lost or forgotten, such substitutes as the church key, a curtain ring, even a ring cut from the finger of the bride's glove have been used.

NOT NECESSARILY.

Waller—So Biker rents that forty-dollar-a-month house of yours, does he? He pays too much rent.

Landlord, sighing—You don't know him.

AN INSULTED MAN.

Hammersley—What's come between you and Plunderson? Osgood—Oh, it was this way. He said to me: "What's the use talking? Every man has his price, and you know it. Then I asked him what his was, and he wanted to fight."

LONDON'S DENSE FOG.

ALMOST THICK ENOUGH TO CUT WITH A KNIFE.

Accidents Which Occur in the Gloom—Tools and the Solitary Slighter—Cattle Suffocated.

Fog is not, of course, peculiar to London, though the fog of London has attributes quite peculiar to itself. Channel fogs are well known to all traveling on the Continent, and between Usant and Plymouth steamers are frequently obliged to slow down at certain seasons of the year on account of it. According to Mr. Rudyard Kipling, in the "Rhyme of the Three Sealers," the killing grounds are reached "Half steam ahead by guess and lead, for the sun is mostly veiled. Through fog to fog, by luck and log, sail ye as Bering sailed."

In our sunniest shires, says the London Daily Telegraph, there are often days when a thick, damp, grey shroud hangs over everything. Only last week the Royal Buckingham were unable to go out on account of it. But London fog comes down to us through the smoke of ten thousand chimneys, and has a power in collecting and bringing down every impurity in the air analogous to that of the insinglass used in the fining of wine. It is not difficult to understand that respirable air, with its proper proportions of oxygen and nitrogen, such as all lung-breathing animals require in a state of purity and abundance, cannot absorb quantities of carbon in the form of soot and sulphurous and sulphuric acid without becoming heavy, yellow, opaque and oppressive. Moreover, London air is being constantly breathed over and over again by its millions of human beings and animals, and it is a medical truth that it would only be necessary to keep people long enough together in a close room for them to poison one another. The tragedy of the Black Hole of Calcutta is instance enough to name. Now a foggy atmosphere is invariably a stagnant one, and thus it may soon become fatally contaminated with germs of all sorts and miasmatic vapors.

ITS ACCIDENT RECORD.

As far as hospital admissions for accidents are concerned, a typical yellow fog is only second to a hard frost and slippery street. But any long spell of fog, such as that of the close of 1891, sends the death rate from diseases of the respiratory organs up with a bound. It is also highly conducive to the spread of influenza, of which there is a certain amount about at the present time. To any whose lungs wind-pipe and mucous membrane generally are at all susceptible, a fog, with its horrible burden of soot and impurities, is intensely irritating and often causes trying cough. The eyes, too, suffer painfully from the same cause, and there seems unfortunately very little practical remedy to offer so long as coal must be burnt. The general uses of smokeless anthracite would greatly mitigate our inconveniences and dangers, but that, perhaps, is more than we dare expect in this generation. Some benefit, too, may be hoped for as oil becomes more widely employed for cooking or driving machinery, and so far as contaminating the air is concerned the substitution of the electric light for gas is an immense gain.

London has, of course, had its "great fogs" even as it has had its "great fires." There was the memorable Cattle Show in the sixties, when a number of the poor fat beasts were simply suffocated, and there is also that historic occasion on which Mr. Toole succeeded in reaching his theatre and found that only one solitary sight-seer had done the same, the two at once sympathetically fraternizing in misfortune. One of the most curious effects of a fog is the way in which it will cause people to mistake even the most familiar roads and routes. Sometimes it is wholly unaccountable how the error has been made, as one may have imagined himself going perfectly straight through a square to find that he had crossed it and got to

EXACTLY THE OTHER SIDE.

Without an exceedingly good "bump of locality," and the faculty of remembering even in the gloom and darkness a number of small but frequent landmarks, the way is almost certain to be lost, even though traversed daily, and the rare possessor of this useful attribute is sometimes astonished on a foggy night to observe the utterly stranded and belated appearance of whole groups of people in the localities with which, under ordinary circumstances they would be quite at home. Probably those unfortunate persons who fall into the river or the docks on foggy weather know the tracks they might safely follow, but are diverted from them by the strange gloom, in which everything assumes mysterious indefiniteness and unlikeness to its usual appearance.

To be put down suddenly by a cabman unable to drive further, is, perhaps, one of the most completely baffling experiences of a fog. A doctor who thus found himself in a square in which several patients lived and where he visited almost daily, described himself as being as completely lost as if set down in a totally unknown region. But it is to be feared that a certain amount of fog is inevitable, though more public spirit and consideration for one another in the matter of burning less smoky fuel, might remove some of its worst features, for, given the not rare combination of cloud, calm, and a cold stratum of air, and there are the factors of a fog.

A Lumberman's Life.

CONSTANTLY EXPOSED TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

He Falls an Easy Victim to Rheumatism and Kindred Troubles—A Twenty Years' Sufferer Tells How He Found Relief.

From the Richibucto, N. B. Review.

Mr. Wm. Murray, of Cormiersville, N.B., is an old and respected farmer, and a pioneer settler of the thriving little village he now makes his home. While Mr. Murray was yet a young man he, together with his father and brother, founded one of the best mill properties to be seen in those early days. The mills consisted of a sawmill and gristmill, and were operated and managed by the two brothers. Labor saving appliances being then comparatively unknown, the young men were exposed to dangers and difficulties almost unknown to the present generation. One of the greatest evils in connection with the business was exposure to wet and cold, which though unheeded at the time, have crippled its victims with rheumatism. In a late conversation regarding his disease, Mr. Murray told the following story of his long misery and final cure by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills: "For over twenty years I have been a sufferer from rheumatism. I attribute the cause of the disease to the time when as a young man I worked at our mills. In the winter we would haul logs on the pond where the alternate thaws and frosts of early spring would imbue them in the ice and slush. When the time came for starting up the mill I would go out on the pond sometimes in water up to my knees and work away from morning till night chopping logs out of the slush and ice. I was generally wet from head to foot, and every second night of the week I would, without changing my clothes, stay up and run the mill till daybreak. So you see I was for two days at a time in a suit of partially wet clothes, and this would last till the ice had melted in the pond. After a few years rheumatism fastened itself upon me as a reward for this indiscretion, and ever increasing in its malignity it at last became so bad that for weeks in succession I could only go about with the aid of crutches. At other times I was able to hobble about the house by the aid of two canes, and again at other times it would ease off a little and I was able to do a little work, but could never stand it for more than a couple of hours at a time. The least bit of walking in damp weather would overcome me, and I remember one stormy night when I tried to walk from Covage Bridge to my home a distance of five miles that I had to sit down by the roadside six times to ease the terrible pain that had seized my legs. During all those years of agony I think I tried all the patent medicines I could get a hold of, but they did me no good at all. I consulted doctors, but my sufferings remained undiminished. In the fall of 1895 I went to a doctor in Buclouche to see if there were any means by which I might at least be eased of my sufferings. The doctor said frankly, "Mr. Murray you cannot be cured, nothing can cure you." I was not satisfied and then I determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I procured half a dozen boxes and began taking them at once. I soon felt a change for the better and after my supply had been finished I got another half dozen boxes and continued taking them according to directions. That dozen boxes was all I took and you see me now. I am alive and smart and can do my kind of work. I did my farming this spring and could follow the plough for days without feeling any rheumatic pains. Yes, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did me a world of good, and I strongly recommend them for the cure of rheumatism.

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ROOSTERS DO THE HATCHING.

In one respect the Spanish peasants are ahead of the rest of the world. They have learned to make cocks hatch eggs and to look after the chickens, while the hen, being at liberty, can and does lay more eggs than she would if hampered by her maternal duties. The trick is performed in this way: They carefully pluck the feathers off the roosters under side, and the bare skin is then irritated with nettles until inflammation sets in. The cock soon finds that the pain caused by this cruel process is mitigated by warmth and softness, and this makes him willing and eager, although for purely selfish reasons, to hatch a brood and let the little chicks sit under him.

MONEY FOR TREES.

Few people have any idea of how much money is spent by the municipality of Paris in planting and looking after the trees which line the principal boulevards and avenues of the French capital. The annual report of the superintendent gives the total number of trees planted at 87,615, each of which represents an initial cost of \$35. The annual expenditure of maintenance is \$52,500.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The city papers are still indulging in the old war cry 'It is time for a change.' This time it is the Mail instead of the Globe that is making use of the phrase.

Look out for a hot time during the next four weeks. Contest on hand for the South Riding of Bruce. Mr. R. E. Truax, of Walkerton, and Mr. W. R. Thompson of Tecumseh, are the contestants.

We feel quite comfortable in this freezing temperature, with the mercury playing around zero point, when we read the despatches from West Australia, telling us of the thermometer registering 124 degrees in the shade. Fires from spontaneous combustion are common, and bush fires are doing great damage. In Victoria, and other colonies hundreds of thousands of acres have been swept by flames, houses, fences and orchards being destroyed. The land of the maple leaf is the land after all.

It is a matter for surprise that we have any honest, respectable public men, or that any honest, respectable men will take hold of any public work in this country. In either case they are slandered and badgered almost beyond belief. The people who do the badgering and the slandering are, of course of a well-known class, and of themselves are of little consequence in public matters, but the continual din of their complaints and their tedious whines create a row which decent men do not care to face. Let a man enter public life in any capacity, or take hold any public franchise, and they are at him. He is a boodler, or desires to be. The man enters the eye of the public, and from that moment he has no peace. They lay in wait for him to catch him stumbling, and, failing, they lie, and their lies are believed by the ignorant. This is the gauntlet thrown down to every public man, and it is a wonder that the public affairs are not left to boodlers and office seekers.

It is to be hoped that in the next Legislature there will be some member strong enough to rise and denounce the chief lobbyists who roam the corridors. This was when the Ontario Legislature was almost free from the influence of the lobbyists, but this Legislature has been more subject to the influence of the lobbyists than any of its predecessors. There has been a liquor lobby and a street railway lobby always on duty, and the members in some committees have acted as if the Legislature were owned by the agents of these forces. Ontario never elected a Legislature as weak as that which was prorogued for the last time last week. It was inferior in ability to any Legislature which ever sat in Toronto, and unless the next Legislature has independence and ability enough to put the lobbyists where they belong, the boasted superiority of the Ontario Legislature to the State Legislatures of the Republic will become an exploded superstition.—Star

Sheriff O'Connor has been appointed Returning Officer for South Bruce.
 Mr. J. B. Campbell of Pinkerton has been appointed Returning officer for Centre Bruce.

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It is rumored that Mr. James Shoullice has retired from the contest in Centre Bruce.

Messrs John Pierson, W. Vandusen, and John Irwin have been re-appointed license commissioners for North Bruce.

Anthony Schnurr, hotel-keeper at Chepstow laid two charges against Jas. Doyle the other day, for attempting to obtain liquor on Sunday, and on Monday Doyle was fined \$2 for each case. This legal warfare is expensive, and it would be better for all concerned to give it up.

Col. Buchan came up from London yesterday and transferred the arms to Mr. Otto E. Klein, who will shortly be gazetted as captain. Capt. Henderson is to be promoted to the position of Major and paymaster of the force.

Mr. John M. Latimer, of Greenock, has moved into town, and has rented the old McLay property.—Telescope.

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A meeting of creditors will be held at the office of the said John Hillhouse, Elora street, in the said Village of Clifford, on

Friday, Jan. 21, 1898,
 at the house of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a statement of affairs, to appoint inspectors and fix their remuneration, and for the ordering of the estate generally.

Creditors are requested to file their claims with the Assignee, with the proof and particulars thereof required by the said Acts on or before the day of such meeting.

And notice is further given that after the said first day of January 1898 the Assignee's office is to be distributed to the assets of the Debtor among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been given, and that he will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

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Export cattle—Three dealers were buying today and managed to make up a few carloads for export to the old country by way of St. John. Good steers were selling for 4c to 4½c per lb. the latter figure for the very best. Heavy cows sell for 3c to 3½c for export and bulls about 3½c to 3¾c per lb. some selling as low as 4c.

Butchers' cattle—This line was a little weaker to-day, and many of the poorer cattle were hard to get rid of at all. Prices ruled from \$2.75 to \$3.50 per cwt, very few extra choice ones fetching 3½c per lb. Common to medium ruled from 2½c to 3c per lb.

Stockers and feeders—Light stockers for Buffalo were a little lower in price, selling from \$3 to \$3.35 per cwt. Feeding steers sold for 3½c to 3¾c per lb. Feeding bulls sold for 2c to 2½c.

Sheep and lambs—There was a little steadier feeling for sheep. Export butchers' sheep are selling at the same prices—3c to 3½c per lb. Lambs are firmer at \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt, or 3½c to \$5 each.

Calves—There is a good demand for choice veals, but common calves are hard to get rid of. Prices rule \$2 to \$3 each.

Milch cows and springers—There was a fair demand and prices ruled firm at \$20 to \$45 per head. Good cows are wanted.

Hogs—The market is weak and prices were lower, choice selections of bacon hogs selling for 5c to 5½c per lb weight off the ears. Thick fat and light hogs bring 4½c per lb; sows, 3c to 3½c; store 4½c per lb.

Drinking Decreasing.

The report of License Inspectors of the province is the most favorable from a temperance standpoint that has ever been presented to the province of Ontario.

It gives a number of interesting comparisons. In 1914-5 the number of licenses was 3,873, in 1895 6 the number was 3,801, in 1896 7 the number was 3,653.

In 1894 95 the amount of fines collected amounted to \$17,243.46; in 1895 96, \$16,979; 1896 97, \$14,457.01.

The list of commitments for drunkenness is much more encouraging. In 1889 the number was 4,789; in 1890, 4,373; 1891, 3,614; in 1892, 2,736; in 1893, 2,952; in 1894, 2,274; in 1895, 2,387; in 1896, 1,907; 1897, 1,716.

Mr. David Richardson of Ancaster is dead at the advanced age of nearly 100 years.

Mr. Henry Creswicke, a surveyor, of Barrie, was struck by a railway train and killed.

On Sunday Mrs. Geo. Dagleish, sr., of Teeswater, had the misfortune to fall, breaking her arm at the wrist.

The Ontario Government has made a grant of \$1500 for the improvement of leading roads on the Bruce Peninsula.

The sum of \$5000 is said to have been paid out for hogs at Paisley on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

A farmer of Brant named James McCallum, fell from a ladder in his barn, a distance of about 12 feet and broke one of his legs.

A valuable milch cow belonging to Jno. M. Young of the Elora Road, Minto, was found dead in her stall one morning about a week since having apparently dropped dead without a struggle. She was all right at 10 o'clock the evening before. The veterinary says she died of heart disease.

Mrs. S. James, Seaforth, suffered for years with what is called old people's rash. She was treated by many physicians without any result. Mr. Fear, the local druggist, recommended Dr. Chase's Ointment, which relieved the irritation at once and speedily effected a permanent cure of the skin eruption. Mrs. James also says Dr. Chase's Ointment cured her of Itching Piles which she had been troubled with for years.

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CHAPTER X.

The January day had been hopelessly bad and wintry. All the morning the low-lying clouds and complaining winds whistling shrilly through the bare trees, had foretold the coming storm. At noon the storm burst. The wind rose to a wild, piercing gale, and the snow fell faster and faster, and in wild, whirling drifts, until all around Blackwood Grange lay buried in its midwinter winding sheet.

The old house was very still—the stillness of death surely, for death stood grim on their threshold. The willing servants bated their breath, and hushed their voices, and muffled their tread, for the master they had never liked lay sick unto death in one of the upper rooms. They had never liked him; but the dread majesty of the grave was around him now, and they forgot their old aversion.

In that spacious chamber, hup with satin damask, carpeted in mossy green, adorned with exquisite pictures and statuettes, the mystery of Blackwood Grange was a mystery no longer. Lying in the low, French bed, whiter than the snowy pillows, lay Isabel Vance, Victor Latour, that mockery of man, was no more. Isabel Vance, in the white robes of her sex, lay tossing there, raving in delirium, or sleeping the heavy, unnatural sleep produced by drugs.

Amy knew all. The unutterable wonder with which she had first heard, her wild incredulity, her absolute inability to convince herself of the truth, are not to be described. It proved the truth of Dr. Sterling's assertion—whatever the secret she had sworn to keep that was not it. Slowly the truth forced itself upon her, day by day, until she could realize it at last. She clasped her hands in indescribable thanksgiving, her whole face alight with joy.

"Thank Heaven!" she cried. "Oh thank Heaven! thank Heaven! Better anything than what I thought I was—a madman's wife!"

"What!" exclaimed Mrs. Sterling. But Amy, with a frightened cry, covered her face with her hands.

"I have broken my oath—I swore not to. Oh! don't ask me questions, Mrs. Sterling—I dare not tell you!"

Mrs. Sterling smiled. She could guess pretty nearly the truth now. They did not tell Amy that other horrible suspicion, that Isabel Vance was the murderess of George Wildair. Such ghastly horrors were not for innocent ears; they would spare her that if they could.

Mrs. Sterling, Amy, the housekeeper, and the doctor were all who were allowed to set foot inside that sick-room. The amaze of the housekeeper was something ludicrous in its intensity; but there was no help for it—they were forced to take her into their confidence.

And by day and by night, for two long weeks, these three women watched by the bedside of that guilty woman who had wronged one of them so deeply.

This wild January afternoon Mrs. Sterling sat by the bedside, watching her patient with a very grave face. The crisis of the fever had arrived, there was little chance of the sick woman's recovery, and they did not even hope it. Better for them, better for her, that death should release her, than that she should live to end her days in a madhouse or a prison.

Amy sat by the window, gazing aimlessly out at the fast-falling snow. An infinite calm had settled upon her—a deep content; a stronger, truer, more fervent love than any wild fancy she had ever known, was slowly dawning in her heart. Her sorrows had been heavy, her disappointments bitter; but now hope blooms so soon in the heart of young persons of nineteen or twenty.

As the short winter day faded into early dusk the snow ceased; but the ground was heaped high, and the bitter wind shrieked idly. Amy arose to draw the curtains and light the lamp.

"I am afraid the roads are impassable," she said. "The snow is higher than the fences, and John will persist in coming this most tempestuous night. How is she?"

She stopped short with a thrill of terror. For two great, dark eyes looked up at her weirdly from the bed—two eyes in which the light of delirium shone no longer.

"Where am I?" said a low, faint voice. "What is it? What has happened?"

"You have been very ill," answered Mrs. Sterling—"ill of brain fever. Don't ask questions; drink this and go to sleep."

But Isabel Vance pushed away the cup with her delicate hand, and fixed her great dark eyes on the matron's face.

"What is it?" still in that faint whisper. "What has happened? What is it? Tell me—tell me!"

She looked at Amy—memory seemed struggling back in her dull brain; she looked at Mrs. Sterling; she looked around the strange room, at her own dress—and all burst upon her like a flash. She sprang up in bed with a cry those who heard it might never forget.

"Lost!" she shrieked. "Lost! lost! lost!"

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vision that seemed reading soul and body apart, and Isabel Vance lay on the pillows like one dead.

The midnight hour had struck. Through the rain, wind, and high-piled snow, Dr. John had bravely made his way, and reached the Grange as the mystic hour had struck. Amy met him with a white, scared face.

"She is dying, John! Oh! if you could have but come sooner! Nothing can save her now."

"Nothing could have saved her at any time. My coming sooner would have been of little use. My mother is with her. Has she spoken yet?"

Still, with that white, frightened face, Amy told of that dreadful awakening. She trembled with nervous terror from head to foot as she recalled it.

"My poor little girl!" Dr. Sterling said; "these death-bed horrors are too much for your tender heart. Go to your own room, my Amy, and get some rest; you look worn out. I don't want my precious little treasure—lost so long—to wear herself to a shadow. Go and try to sleep."

"But, John—"

"Miss Earle, I insist upon being obeyed. If my patient expresses a wish to see you, you shall be called. Meantime, go to bed, and go to sleep. I am not accustomed to being disobeyed; and don't you begin, mademoiselle. Go!"

He turned her toward her own room, led her to the door, and left her there with a parting threat if she dared disobey. Amy smiled to herself as she went in. It was very sweet to be taken possession of in this way by Dr. John.

In the sick-room Isabel Vance lay fluttering between life and death. Nothing could save her now. She lay, whiter than snow, still as marble, but entirely conscious, entirely calm; the great black eyes looking blankly before her at the wall.

The dark eyes turned upon the young doctor as he entered, but the old light of hate was there no more.

"Shall we send for a clergyman, Miss Vance?" he said bending over her; "your hours on earth are numbered." She shook her head.

"No clergyman can help me—I am long past that."

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be come white as snow. The infinite mercy of God is beyond our poor comprehension, Isabel."

She shook her head again.

"You don't know! You don't know! I have committed a greater crime than deceiving and making wretched the life of an innocent girl. John Sterling, I am a murderess!"

"I know it!"

She stared at him with wild, wide eyes.

"You shot your false lover, George Wildair, the night before he was to have married Amy Earle. You deceived her to possess yourself of the fortune Dorothy Hardenbrook should have left you. You see I know all."

"And yet you talk of forgiveness." "Because there is forgiveness for all who repent."

"But I don't repent. I would do it again, if it were to be done. George Wildair deserved his fate; and yet I was mad the night I shot him—mad with my wrongs. I don't think my brain has ever been right since. What I told Amy, the day I married her was truth, after all."

"What did you tell her?"

"Do you not know? But I suppose she kept her oath. I told her I supposed she was a monomaniac—possessed of a desire to murder her. I told her the intensity of my love had begot that mad desire—that I dare not remain an instant with her alone, lest I should plunge the fatal knife into her heart. She fainted, poor little girl; and that secret kept my other secret. A babe could impose on that insipid little nonentity."

"Poor Amy! You have been merciless to her, Isabel Vance!"

"Well, you can console her when I am gone. I am beyond your power and hers. You would like to have me tried for murder, I daresay. Death will save you that trouble."

Amy slept long and soundly until, when the sun was shining brilliantly on the snow, the housekeeper brought her the breakfast she had so used her to. Amy ate, refreshed by her deep sleep, and hurried to the sick-room.

It was very, very still. The shutters were still closed, the curtains still drawn. Mrs. Sterling moved softly about; Dr. John met her on the threshold.

"All is over," he said. "Isabel Vance died this morning, almost without a struggle."

He led her to the bed. Strangely quiet and white, in the solemn majesty of death lay Isabel Vance. More beautiful in death than she had been in life, the cold features looking like those of an exquisite statue carved in marble.

home, and Blackwood Grange became the happiest home in the land. Dr. John is a model and a paragon of married perfection; and Amy Sterling is the happiest little wife, the blisseelest little mother, in Merry England.

(The end.)

RIDING OVER A COBRA.

An Incident of Bicycle Riding in India.

Bicycling in southern India is attended by peculiar dangers. A wheelman, whose way led him across the Annamally Hills, was spinning along when suddenly he saw, lying directly in front of him, a large cobra. The lively encounter is thus described by the cyclist in the Madras Mail:

It was impossible to avoid the loathsome reptile by swerving to either side; the slope was too steep, and I was going too fast. I back-pedalled with my whole weight, and put on the brake with all the force that my right hand could exert; but the momentum was too great, and the bicycle went over the snake, which rose with a hiss to meet me and extended its hood.

Quick as lightning it struck at the front wheel, and as it struck I instinctively lifted both hands from the handle-bar, the thought flashing through my mind that shoes and hose gave my feet a legs a chance, but that my hands were naked.

The instant my hand was off the brake, the bicycle shot forward, for in my fright I had forgotten to continue to back-pedal. With unutterable horror I saw that the snake was half-through the front wheel, and that the wheel was drawing it through the fork with a horrid "swish."

Then there was a thud as the head of the snake was drawn through the fork, and a second later a flap of the tail and of the snake as it was drawn through and hit the road on the right.

The one idea that pressed me was to accelerate this process. How the bicycle did fly down that hill. The trees by the roadside passed me like a ribbon. The level ground at the foot of the slope I sped across at racing speed, and I rushed up the opposite slope as long as I had any breath left in me.

Then I ventured to get off. The snake's head was gone as far as the spectacles on the hood, pounded into a speckle by the hard road; on the right side of the wheel the snake tapered off into a few fleshy vertebrae.

Two herd boys in the fields came to see what had happened, and with sticks helped me to remove the carcass from my wheel. I think there can be nothing more frightful than to have a cobra in the front wheel of one's bicycle, while one is pedalling for dear life.

A STORY ABOUT NELSON.

How His Career in Life Was Very Nearly Changed.

A pretty little romance gives Nelson's memory a sentimental interest in Canada. During his service at Quebec, in 1782, when he was but twenty-four years of age, he became infatuated with a beautiful Canadian girl, Mary Simpson, daughter of a great Canadian merchant of the period.

At the time of Nelson's visit she was but sixteen years old, marvellously beautiful and witty. On October 14, 1782, Lord Nelson's ship, the Albemarle, was ready to sail, and he had a very sad and tender parting with Mary Simpson, and went down the St. Lawrence to board the man-of-war. The next morning arrived and the Albemarle did not leave anchor, and Captain Nelson was seen coming back to Quebec in a boat.

A friend of Nelson's, a man prominent in Quebec at the time, espied him, and asked him what had happened. Nelson is quoted as having said: "I find it absolutely impossible to leave this place without again waiting upon her whose society has so much added to its charms, and laying myself and my fortune at her feet."

Nelson's friend protested against such a rash act, and told him that, "situated as you are at present, your utter ruin will inevitably follow." "Then let it follow," replied Nelson earnestly, "for I am resolved to do it." But despite his intentions, the stronger will of his friend prevailed, and he was fairly carried back to his ship, and forced to leave behind the girl he loved; and it was many years before he gave up the hope of possessing her, for Nelson never returned to Canada, and Mary Simpson died in spinsterhood.

FRIENDLY ATTENTION.

True friendship has a broadening influence, and takes small account of things which might serve to weaken the charms of mere acquaintance.

"Are you habitually lame, or is your limp caused by some temporary trouble?" inquired the lawyer in a case of assault and battery addressing a witness for the defendant. The man bore every indication on his face and person of having been in some recent catastrophe which the lawyer hoped to prove was the particular affray then before the court.

"Oh, O! I'll be all right in a day or two, said the witness, cheerfully. It was just a friend of mine kicked me the other evening, and O! m, a bit stiff in the joints that's all!"

OF HONEST PARENTS.

My opponent shouted the orator, has seen fit to refer to the fact that my mother took in washing. She did; and what is more to the point, she always sent it all back!

After that there was nothing to do but cast a majority vote for the man whose parent showed such evidence of perfect honesty, and attention to duty.

YOUNG FOLKS.

TURNING A NEW LEAF.

"Now what is that noise!" said the glad New Year, "Now what is that singular sound I hear?"

As if all the paper in all the world were rattled and shaken and twisted and twirled!

"Oh, that," said the jolly old Earth, "is the noise of all my children, both girls and boys, A-turning over their leaves so new and all to do honor, New Year, to you."

A WHOOPING-COUGH PARTY.

What a funny party, I hear you say! And who ever thought of having such a thing?

This is how it came about. Lydia had the whooping-cough so of course she had to stay home from kindergarten, and as every child who goes to kindergarten knows, this is hardly to be borne. But when in addition to staying away from school, you can't even play with the little girl on the next block, nor go near any baby for fear of giving "it" to her, why then it is too much.

So you can imagine how pleased Lydia was when she heard that Ise and Corinne and Kathryn had whooping-cough too.

Not that she was glad that they had whooping-cough which, as you know, is not a comfortable thing to have, but if they had to have it, she was glad they all had it at the same time, because here was some one to play with.

So the lady who lived near Lydia invited all the four children to tea and this is how they came to have a whooping-cough party.

Lydia, who only lived up-stairs in the same house, came first, so she was there to receive the other three, and as she had never seen them before nor they her, there was great excitement. First, the three little girls had to take off their brown hats and coats and their white leggins and gloves, and all the warm wraps they had on to keep from catching cold, and all that time Lydia never said a word.

But when they went into the parlor, I assure you they all chattered away like magpies, and I never saw four little girls get on so well. They played all sorts of games; blind man's buff and oats-peas-beans and tag; and then they picked up potatoes in a spoon, and if you think this is an easy "Ying to do, just you try it, that's all with large potatoes, and a small spoon, on a slippery wooden floor.

At last they were asked to walk out to tea and there was the table all beautifully set, just as if it were for grown-up people, with pretty silver and china and pink candle-shades, and cakes and chocolate and milk and brown bread.

The little girls all made a fine tea, and no one sat at that table but just their four selves, and the grown people just stood up and waited upon them.

After tea they went back to the parlor, and the three little girls, who had been in Germany, began to recite some pretty little verses about the stork and about a little pony and a fox. When I do and behold! Lydia had never been in Germany, but she understood German and she even had a German book with some of these very verses in it, so she not only understood what the little girls recited, but she could say some of the verses herself.

And then the very thing happened that Lydia had thought of; they all began to cough at once! Nothing funnier was ever heard than these four little girls, three in white dresses and the fourth in green plaid trimmed with red, all doubled over and red in the face with coughing! It was so funny that they could not help laughing themselves and of course that made them cough more, till they were quite helpless.

However, that was all over at last, and then they had a little more play before the carriage came, and then the three little girls who were the visitors bade good-bye to the one little girl who lived up-stairs and they parted in the best of good temper, and much pleased with each other.

And if they had not all had the whooping-cough at the same time this very funny party could never have taken place.

A TRUE STORY.

Some years ago a little Welsh boy, stole out of the poor-house of his native village and ran across the country.

He was a pauper, that is, he was fed, clothed, and educated by the district, the people being taxed to pay for it all.

There is no disgrace in honest poverty, but in that country to be brought up in a poor-house is almost as bad as being reared in a jail.

The boy was ambitious, he had a soul above his surroundings. He wanted to be something more than a farm hand, working like a slave for twenty-five cents a week and his board, and yet that was his destiny unless he ran away.

He slept under a hedge, and the next morning saved some wood in payment for his breakfast.

Day after day he did the same kind of thing, earning each meal by the performance of some work.

Each day he got farther away from the hated poor-house, and nearer the coast.

At last he reached a seaport and tried to get a position on board a vessel, sailing, he cared not where. But he was so thin, and pale, and looked so delicate, that no one would employ him.

Then he risked all. He crawled aboard a freight steamer bound for New Orleans, hid himself in a coal bunk and for three days laid there nearly dead with starvation, sea sickness and dust.

He was discovered, dragged on deck. A whipping with a rope end and hard work for the remainder of the passage, were his punishment.

When the ship reached New Orleans he feared he might be sent to prison, so he sought safety in flight.

For weeks he picked up a precarious living, and at last had enough money to enable him to buy a sabback's outfit.

Thirty years later, a great crowd assembled to welcome a man to England, a man who had become the friend of kings, a man everyone believed worthy of the highest honor.

A prince was the first to shake him by the hand and bid him welcome. This man had discovered and explored lands where white man had not trod before.

He had added to a world's knowledge and had achieved the greatest renown.

The queen invited him to dine with her, dignitaries of the church sounded his praises, and ladies of high degree sought his company.

Success followed success, and he became the husband of a beautiful lady, rich, honored and respected.

He entered Parliament and was listened to by the greatest statesmen of the great empire of Great Britain.

And this man, with honors heaped upon him, was the same who in his boyhood's days had been the poor-house pauper, the stowaway, the shoe-black of New Orleans, and now the honored friend of kings and princes.

He had discarded his own name, and taken that of the benefactor whose shoes he blacked in New Orleans, and who had taken a fancy to the lad.

His name, as it appears on the page of history, will immortalize that benefactor, for Henry M. Stanley, the explorer, owes everything to him.

His strangely eventful life proves that nothing is impossible to those who are ready to seize on opportunities, and dare to ascend, no matter what obstacles may be on the hill of life.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

There is many a match between a refusal and a kiss.

The time to say no is not before one is asked to say yes.

Love-matches very frequently turn out lucifer-matches.

No woman is, ever has been, or can be strictly a misanthrope.

The most charming lovers often make the very worst husbands.

It is a great pity that it is so much easier to win a woman than it is to live with her.

Many men are naturally as averse from marriage as women are naturally adapted to it.

If everything is possible to God, anything—if he intensely desires it—seems certain to Woman.

Many a woman who expects in marriage the blessing of love, finds instead the curse of hate.

A man who proposes more than one to a woman often asking in a sort of fortune, smites her in the face.

No woman who really cares or a man wants him at her feet when he is capable of rising to her heart.

Love may laugh at locksmen but never at wedlock—too serious under all circumstances to provoke a smile.

No amount of love from one man an repress in a woman's breast her intense desire for admiration from men.

Nearly every man meets his ideal some time or other, but he is not always able to secure an introduction.

The quality that in a man is admired as firmness in woman is spoken of as continuity and in children is punished as obstinacy.

However, unfortunate a woman's love affairs may have been she never despairs of meeting an ideal lover, even though she live in a desert.

The marriage service ought to be altered to read "Love, honor or obey," for some men this easy to obey a man whom one could neither love nor honor.

It is not sufficient that a woman is convinced her husband and lover is devotedly unless he assures her of the fact at least a dozen times a day. She can hardly believe anything however delightful, unless it be incessantly repeated.

NEW USE FOR SAWDUST.

It is said that the present generation may witness the extraordinary spectacle of dredges being employed to reclaim the enormous deposits of sawdust at the bottom of the Ottawa River.

By a new process, sawdust, shabs, bark and all refuse from saw mills can be rapidly converted into carbon. This carbon is powdered and mixed in equal quantity with lime-ore, and the mixture is subjected for ten hours to an intense electrical current, strong enough to convert iron into a boiling mass, and lead into an explosive gas. The result is calcium carbide, (acetylene carbide) already familiar to the public as the substance from which acetylene gas is made. The process of the manufacture of the gas is being so cheapened that even now, it is said, a twenty-five candle-power acetylene light costs only 1-2c. an hour. If the public can only be reassured as to the safety of this gas for domestic use, there should be a great future for it, and Ottawa, with its unlimited water power and supply of raw material, would possess unrivaled advantages for its manufacture.

HAS LOTS OF ROCKS.

Did you say her father had lots of rocks? Yes, he owns and operates two or three big stone quarries.

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting News About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Ottawa had 1,128 deaths last year. A young son of Louis Smith, fisherman, was scalded to death at Victoria, B. C.

The French theatre, a home for opera, will be built in Montreal next summer.

Shipments of Northwest wheat by Fort William aggregated 17,600,000 bushels in 1897.

There were 514 births, 337 deaths and 236 marriages in Hamilton during the last half year.

According to reports from Victoria, B. C., there are eight British vessels in the harbor at Esquimalt.

Mr. Cochrane, partner in an eating house, was stabbed to death at the Crow's Nest Pass.

There was no truth in the reported formation of a Canadian regiment for service in the East.

Mrs. Boomer was elected a High School Trustee at London by the Council, being the first lady who has ever served on the board.

Two Hamilton shoe dealers were fined \$1 each for keeping their stores open after 7 o'clock in Christmas week. Another case will be appealed.

There will be 75,000 names in the directory of Toronto for 1898, and the publishers claim that this entitles the city to a population of 225,000.

The Dominion Treasury Board has issued a circular warning civil servants against wire-pulling as a means of securing promotion or increase of emolument.

At Brantford, William Steves, a lad of eighteen years, pleaded guilty to uttering one dollar notes raised to ten dollars and was sent to Kingston Penitentiary for three years.

Mayor R. Wilson Smith, has purchased a seat in the Montreal Stock Exchange, for \$5,500, and advance of two thousand dollars over the last sale. He proposes to go into the brokerage business.

Little Freddie Guerin, the nine-year-old son of Mr. Joseph Guerin of Hamilton, was alone in the house when a lamp exploded. He threw it outside, and with the aid of a policeman extinguished the fire in the house.

Exports of poultry from Montreal the past season are the largest in the history of the trade. Exports of eggs in 1897 were one hundred and seventy-two thousand cases, compared with one hundred and forty-two thousand in 1896, and ninety-five thousand in 1895, largely to the United Kingdom.

The fire losses of Toronto for the year 1897 amounted to \$666,879, of which \$117,155 was on buildings and \$549,724 on stock. The insurance on these losses was \$2,250,000. The four chief fires were: The Electric Light Company's; Murray's; Eckhardt's; and the Eaton's, which totalled \$47,000 of the amount.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The collapse of the great English engineers' strike is rapidly approaching. The British imports from Canada for the past year showed an increase over the previous year of twenty-five per cent.

Prince, the murderer of William Terriss, the actor, was found guilty, but the judge accepting the medical evidence, sent him to a lunatic asylum.

The investigation into the cause of the London England, fire shows that the loss was \$3,050,000. The jury returned a verdict of arson.

Lord Charles Beresford, Conservative, was elected in York by a majority of 11 over Mr. Christopher Furness, Liberal. The seat was formerly held by Sir Frank Lockwood, Liberal.

The London Morning Post says President McKinley is hopelessly drifting in trying to satisfy everybody that the result will be chaos in the Republican camp, and the rapid growth of Bryanism. It further says that the Dingley tariff is a failure.

UNITED STATES.

Mrs. Ballington Booth is declared out of danger.

Mr. Mark Hanna has been elected Senator for Ohio.

Neither the crematories nor cemeteries of San Francisco will take the body of Durrant, the murderer.

President P. A. Larry, of the State Savings Bank, of Montana, was assassinated at Butte on Tuesday.

The dispute between the train despatchers and the Canadian Pacific railway has been amicably adjusted.

John J. Overton, said to be 103 years of age, was married to Mrs. Mary J. Henderson at Charleston, West Va., on Monday.

Robert Gudgeon, saloon keeper, was shot and killed at Chicago on Monday night by robbers, who escaped. He would not "hold up his hands."

In the Guldenuppe case, Mrs. Neck on Monday pleaded guilty to manslaughter, and was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

Further time has been given by the U. S. House Committee on Commerce for the building of the proposed bridge over the St. Lawrence from St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

Instructions have been sent to collectors at American ports not to interfere with sealskin garments if shown to have been purchased before December 29 last.

A serious Indian uprising is reported in Oklahoma Territory where the Seminoles have gone on the warpath to avenge the lynching of a couple of members of their tribe.

GENERAL.

Dr. Jamieson intends becoming a candidate for the Cape Parliament.

Martial law which was proclaimed in Prague on December 2nd, has been withdrawn.

The Japanese transport steamer Nara was wrecked on December 24th, and eighty lives were lost.

The capital of one of the Moluccas Islands has been visited by an earthquake and fifty lives were lost.

Great Britain has a pledge from King Menelik of Abyssinia, that he will not block the advance of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition.

There was a riotous demonstration in Havana on Thursday against the United States and there is talk of an armed intervention.

The French Government has decided to prosecute M. Zola, the novelist, on account of his connection with the Esterhazy-Dreyfus scandal.

A music hall singer and several accomplices have been arrested at Budapest on the charge of blackmailing King Alexander of Serbia.

Steamers which have just arrived at Sydney, N.S.W., report a tribal war at Tanna in the New Hebrides. There is said to have been considerable bloodshed, and the natives were also causing the traders much trouble.

News of the renewed fighting in Uganda, has been received from Fort Lubwa in the Uoga country. Lieut. Macdonald, brother of Ma'or Macdonald, the commander of the British forces, and Mr. Pilkington, the missionary, have been killed.

WEDDING PREPARATIONS.

This usually takes the form of getting together a large and fashionable trousseau, and in possibly taking a few lessons in cookery, on the part of the lady, but if her future husband happens to make any sort of personal preparations, he keeps the matter to himself generally. It is not de rigueur that he should do anything to qualify himself for the new condition of life which he is about to enter. It is possible that he might with advantage take a hint even from the savages of South Africa in the matter of the training of the masculine candidate for matrimonial felicity.

Before a man is permitted to enter the holy estate he has to show of what metal he is made, and whether he is possessed of sufficient patience to endure the fret and worry of married life. In order to decide the point, the would-be bridegroom's hands are tied up for a couple of hours in a bag containing five fire-ants.

If he should succeed in bearing unmoved the torture of their stings, he is considered fully qualified for matrimony, for surely a man of such exemplary patience and fortitude could not fail to make an admirable husband, even supposing his wife to be the most nagging of her sex.

WHEN MARRIAGE IS A FAILURE.

Marriage is a failure if neither husband nor wife has married for love, but merely for money, or any other mundane motive.

If the meals are ill-cooked and badly served.

If two young people rush into matrimony and take upon themselves all the burdens of married life, when too young to realize the awful responsibility of it.

If the income, though well managed and made the most of, cannot cover the expenditure. If the husband be a faddy, fidgety man, perpetually prying into household matters, and thinks he knows more about them than anybody else.

If both parties are absolutely resolved to see only the worst side of each other's characters.

If the husband tries to be mistress as well as master, or the wife master as well as mistress of the house.

If, when dark days come, husband and wife forget that they took each other for better or worse, for richer for poorer.

If the wife is a fine lady totally ignorant of even the rudiments of domestic economy, and thinks more of her dress than her husband's comfort.

ABOUT WEDDING RINGS.

There have been various explanations given of the origin of wedding-rings. Wheatley says the ring was anciently a seal by which all orders were signed and things of value secured; and therefore the delivery of it was a sign that the person to whom it was given was admitted into the highest friendship and trust. Hooker regarded the ring, from its shape and portability, as a pledge of sincere affection. Other authorities say that it was originally a pledge of the woman's dowry, or regard it simply as a token of the mutual bondage to each other into which marriage brings husband and wife. It would appear that wedding-rings were worn by the Jews prior to the Christian era. The ring has been much used at betrothals as well as at weddings, and in many parts of Europe the husband as well as the wife wears a wedding-ring. The left hand was chosen to show the wife's submission, and the third finger, either because a small vein was supposed to run from it direct to the heart, or because the thumb and first two fingers represent the Trinity.

AGRICULTURAL.

FATHER HAS SOLD HIS WHEAT.

There is nothing too good for us now. I shall have a new sealskin sacque, and Johnny is going to get him a horse.

That can pass anything on the track; And mother will dress up in silks, And, oh, but life's easy and sweet—Everybody's polite and clever and kind Since father has sold his wheat!

We'll build a new house in the spring, And we'll store the old organ away, And as soon as the dicker is made, I shall have a piano to play.

The fellows are coming in droves And life is deliciously sweet—Oh, every one seems just too lovely to us Since father has sold his wheat!

FALL OR WINTER MANURING.

After all that has been said and written on the subject of manuring, it does not seem to be well understood that it should be done some time before the crops are to grow. There are five things that are especially needed by the soil—humus, nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid with water to permeate and dissolve them.

Humus is the decayed and decaying vegetable matter in the soil. It gives it that dark rich color, as we call it. It makes it light and porous so that it will hold large quantities of water, just as the sponge does. And in it live the little "invisible friends" the myriads of bacteria which fix or hold the nitrogen that certain plants gather from the air, and make it available for the coming crops. Stable manure will make the humus. So will crops that are plowed under, such as the clovers, cow peas and soja beans. And the nitrogen which they at the same time bring to the soil is much cheaper than that bought at a big price in fertilizer bags. Indeed nitrogen is far the most costly of the manures when it is bought. The merchant bases his price for mixed fertilizers more on the nitrogen they contain than on any other ingredient. Moreover, when it is in the structures of these plants it is in a much less dangerous condition and is more easily appropriated by the succeeding crops than in the form of mineral nitrates or animal refuse. These latter really do considerable harm if applied directly to tender seeds or rootlets, and should be well mixed with the soil at about the time the plants will need the nitrogen to stimulate their growth, for it is very volatile when turned into ammonia by union with water.

Phosphoric acid and potash must also be applied properly. Many persons fail to get the good effects from them which they might reasonably expect. This is one point that should be thoroughly understood by farmers, fruit-growers and gardeners. The preventive measure is to apply potash and phosphoric acid in the fall or winter and let the rains and melted snows thoroughly dissolve these mineral manures and mix them with the soil. Then when the crops are sown or planted the next spring, the potash and phosphoric acid will be in condition to do only good work. If a crop of clover of any kind is on the ground they will gradually reach the roots as they permeate the soil, and stimulate them to greater action than would be possible without them. They will gather more nitrogen, and this with the other manures will together be in condition to be taken up by the following crop. It takes time to digest and prepare it for use. If you cannot have all the winter and early spring to prepare them have all that is possible. We do not feed a horse and have the strength from that self same food ready for use the same hour. And so with the food in the soil except nitrogen, which is almost immediately available. Nitrogen in the soil is like a whip to the horse—it acts almost at once or is gone by evaporation as ammonia.

Furthermore, do not waste money on freight, soaking and handling of a lot of useless materials. Buy concentrated manures—such as dissolved bone or acid phosphate and muriate of potash. Mix them to suit your needs, unless you can get some reliable merchant who has machinery to do it for you at reasonable rates. And do not be afraid to apply them liberally. It does not pay to half-feed the soil any more than it does to half-feed the fattening stock. This half-feeding often leads to discouragement and disbelief in mineral fertilizers. A little will do some good, but it takes about 300 pounds of dissolved bone, and the same amount of phosphate rock to give a crop of almost any kind a good annual meal. Full feeding means net profits, while half-feeding only keeps things running at cost or a little below it.

OATS FOR COLTS.

Few farmers seem to realize that the first winter of a colt's life to a large extent determines its future usefulness and value. With the majority of our acquaintances the one thing they aim at the first winter is to toughen the colt, and in many cases he becomes so "tough" that he never makes a serviceable or profitable horse.

GRAPE GROWING.

Plant on a gentle eastern, southern or southeastern slope. Any good garden soil will produce grapes. If the land is a clay soil tile it. Set two-year-old vines. Get them of a good nurseryman—not of agents. Plant in the fall 10x10 feet apart. Lay down on the ground during the winter and cover with any kind of litter. Stake while one and two years old and the third year put on trellises. These trellises can be made of posts and wire. Prune carefully. If the vine is weak cut back to one bud, but if strong to two, and if very strong leave three buds. Do not practice summer pruning except to pinch back and keep off suckers. Take off ground in March or April.

PROTECTING TREES.

While there are innumerable remedies recommended and used for the protection of young trees against the depredations of rabbits, mice and other animals, there is nothing better and more reliable than small meshed wire netting wound around the tree and tied together with a wire. It is inexpensive, durable, does not keep out light and air, and is in every way preferable to tarred paper, tin and any of the close coverings recommended.

THE WINTER STRAWBERRY BED.

Where heavy winds prevail and the ground is not covered with snow the mulching material on the strawberry bed is very apt to be blown off, or become displaced. It is therefore quite important to examine the beds from time to time and replace the covering on the bare plants. It costs nothing and is time well spent. Broken and interrupted rows in the strawberry bed are a discouraging sight at picking time.

DISTRESS IN CUBA.

Awful stories of the suffering people described in a letter.

"Things are getting worse every day and the misery is terrible. No words can describe it. Even in the hospitals in the different charitable institutions the wretched Cubans die of hunger and of disease unassisted, because they are too numerous to be well attended. The societies are too poor to help them. They can give only what they receive daily from some kind hearted families. We suppose that the Government really gives some money to help the poor, but it goes through too many hands before reaching the needy. That is why they receive nothing. "Women and men are often found seated or lying down beside the bodies of their dead relatives in the streets etc., and their wretchedness is such that they find no words to express their sorrow. They remain tearless and quiet, as if they had also lost their mind. I have often heard mothers exclaim, "I hope God will take away my children," or "May God allow my children to die soon, because it is a torture to hear them cry for food without being able to give them anything to eat, and to see them suffer so much is unbearable."

A SURPRISING APOLOGY.

A young advocate before the Scotch Lords of Session, on hearing a decision against his client, which he deemed contrary to law and justice, so far forgot himself as to exclaim that he was "surprised at such a decision." Their lordships were very angry, and were considering how to mark their sense of the advocate's impertinence when a pawky old councillor rose, and besought their lordships' forgiveness for the slip his young brother advocate had made. "It was purely lack of experience that led him into error. Had he known your lordships half as long as I have done, I'm hanged if he would have been surprised at anything your lordships said or did."

PURELY CANADIAN NEWS.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Gathered from Various Points from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Ore sampling works are being built at Rosebery, B.C.

The Merchants' Bank will open a branch at Edmonton, B.C.

There are 45 patients in the Gravenhurst Home for consumptives.

Rev. S. Day, of Hamilton, slipped off the sidewalk and broke his arm.

John Overholt is re-building the flour mill recently burned at Wellandport.

A branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be opened at Dresden shortly.

Arobdeacon Phair, of Rupert's Land is in Montreal in the interest of Indian missions.

The bartenders of Montreal have formed a union, and will demand a raise of wages.

T. L. Linlop has been re-appointed assessor of St. Thomas on the casting vote of the mayor.

Tilbury's great gas well has turned out to be a water well—and a salt water well at that.

Friday night a man was discovered trying to set fire to the Dumas Hotel, Chatham. He escaped.

Dr. Whitehead, V.S., of Strathroy, is a prominent candidate for collector of customs at that point.

The demands for dogs for the Klondike has made dog-stealing a thriving industry in Vancouver.

A weed burner is the latest farming implement invented and patented in Portage la Prairie, Man.

The body of Napoleon Boulanger, was found in the lake at Nelson, B. C. How he got there is a mystery.

James Vannell, who tried to flim-flam a St. Thomas jeweller out of a diamond ring, has been committed for trial.

Prince Edward Island exported \$300,000 worth of cheese last year. Six years ago that island did not export a pound.

The Glencoe Council of 1897 voted themselves a salary at their last meeting. They took time by the hct-lock.

Mr. H. Collier Grounds, of Ottawa, has been appointed organist of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal.

Real estate in Vancouver is advancing, and the citizens of the Terminal City are formally hoping for the return of boom days.

Four hundred and fifty tramps were given shelter in Chatham police cells during the past year. Most of them were foreigners.

Louis Laurence, who escaped from the storehouse of the Kingston penitentiary, was recaptured at Hamilton and taken home.

George Brigham, of Mitchell, has received word that his eldest son has been smothered in a well he was digging in Manitoba.

Miss Jage Dooner has been given a verdict of \$1,200 against the city of Montreal. She fell on a bad sidewalk and broke her leg.

Rabbits are very numerous around Point Pelee. Bert Gardiner shipped 62 of the pets to Detroit the other day and got four cents each for them.

The T. H. & B. railroad, says the St. Catharines Journal, is so exorbitant in price for mail service that it is probable the line will not be awarded a contract.

Patrick O'Connor, a Guelph carpenter fell from the roof of a house to the ground 24 feet. He was badly jarred, and will be under repairs for a month.

There is still a trifle of \$5,000 between the price the C.P.R. are willing to pay for F. Aug. Heinze's railway and smelter and the price he is willing to take for them.

The Edmonton Bulletin estimates the cost of police maintenance in the Yukon at \$2,000 per annum, and thinks this will likely absorb all the royalties that can be collected.

A man named Joly who assaulted Chief Hebert, of St. Cunegonde, about a year ago, escaped to the United States. He foolishly came home for the holidays, and now he is doing five years.

Fifteen men in McNair's lumber camp, on the Tobique River, N. B., were taken seriously ill from eating pork. When the pork was taken in the carriers to lighten the load, threw away most of the pickle.

An Indian named Somyer has confessed that he killed a storekeeper named Francis Jones at Hall's Crossing, B.C. They had a dispute over some change, and Jones went at the Indian with an axe. The Indian took the axe from him and used it.

HER METHOD.

Uncle Bob—Yes, my wife allus b'lieved in tying a string to her finger to remember things.

Uncle Bill—She has one on her finger most of the time, I notice.

Uncle Bob—Yes, 'ceptin' when she has somethin' very pertiklar to remember. Then she leaves off the string, an' when it ain't there she remembers why.

CHURCHES.

EVANGELICAL.—Services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath School at 3 p.m. W. H. Holtzman Superintendent. Cottage prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Young People's meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Choir practice Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Finkbeiner Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Services 10:30 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. J. H. Moore, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Johnston, Pastor.

R.C. CHURCH. Sacred Heart of Jesus.—Rev. Father Halm. Services every Sunday, alternatively at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Vespers every other Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m. every other Sunday.

GERMAN LUTHERAN.—Pastor, P. Mueller. Th. D. Services: every 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of each month 2:30 p.m. Every 3rd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 1:30 p.m. Every 3rd Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

METHODIST.—Services 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath School 2:30 p.m. G. Curie, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursday 8 p.m. Rev. J. H. McLean, B. A., Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

C.M.B.A. No. 70—meets in their hall on the evening of the second and fourth Thursday in each month. H. KEELAN, Pres. A. GISSLER, Sec.

C.O.F.—Court Mildmay, No. 186, meets in their hall the second and last Thursdays in each month. Visitors always welcome. John McLean C. R. M. Filsinger, Secy.

C.O.C.F. No. 165—meets in the Forester's Hall the second and fourth Mondays in each month, at 8 p.m. Jno. D. MILLER, Coun. F. C. JASPER, Sec.

A.O.U.W. 416, meets in the Foresters' Hall, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month. L. BUHLMAN, M. W. M. JASPER, Rec.

J.O.F.—Meets on the last Wednesday of each month. J. W. WARD, C. R. Wm. JOHNSTON, Rec. Sec.

K.O.T.M. Unity Tent No. 101, meets in Foresters' Hall, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. W. McCULLOCH Com. M. JASPER, R.K.

Grand Trunk Time Table.

Trains leave Mildmay station as follows:

GOING SOUTH	GOING NORTH
Mail..... 7:33 "	Mixed..... 4:00 p.m.
Mixed..... 10a. m	Express..... 10 p.m.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

—Mr. Wm. Ballah is now in charge of Peter Meyer's mill.

—Glebe & Sieling will do chopping for 4c per 100 lbs.

—Come at once and take the cake. Slaughter sale, Herringer's stock.

—Miss Mary and Allie Hooye are visiting friends in Lakelet this week.

—Messrs. Sloan and Walkley of Fordwich were in town on Saturday on business.

—Miss Mary Diebel, returned this week from Teeswater, where she has been residing for the past month.

—Wm. Johnston, of Harriston, returned to his home here on Saturday night. He will remain for a few weeks.

—The Trustees of Liesemer's school house placed a new stove thereip. These days cause one to hug a large box stove.

—The ladies of the Presbyterian church purpose holding a social in the basement on Wednesday evening Feb. 16th, watch for bills.

—Cheap land in Alabama. Young men now is your chance to better yourself. For particulars apply to L. Doering, Peter Meyer's mill, Mildmay.

—Jas. McEwing, of Palmerston, who has been relieving J. H. Moore at the G. T. R. station here for the past month, left last Friday for Cargill, to relieve the agent at that place. We are glad to see Mr. Moore again able to resume his duties.

—Assignee's sale of blacksmith's stock tools and chattels will be held at the late stand of Andrew Teskey in the village of Mildmay, on Tuesday the 8th day of February, 1897. Sale to commence at 1 p. m. For particulars see posters. J. HILLHOUSE, Assignee. Clifford, Jan. 24, 1898.

—The Provincial Legislature has been dissolved and nominations will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1898, and Election on Tuesday, March 1st. All over the country the stalwarts of the several political faiths are girding on their armour for the fray. The next three or four weeks will be considerable fun. The people of South Bruce will be called on to cast their votes in favor of their standard bearer as Mr. W. R. Thompson of Teeswater, the Independent candidate is in the field.

—The anniversary services of the Methodist Sabbath School will be held in the church here on Sunday and Monday, next. On Sunday, Rev. J. C. Seymour, of Paisley, will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Special collections in aid of Sabbath School work. Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. an entertainment will be given by the children. As these services and entertainment have always been a success, we hope all interested will attend, and accord the same courtesy as heretofore. Admission 10 cents. Rev. J. H. McLean, B. A., pastor.

—N. Schwalm sells furniture at reduced prices.

—50% interest on your money, by buying goods at quick clearing sale of Herringer's stock.

—Mr. Fred Boettger, has purchased from Mr. John Berscht, of Solway, his 50 acre farm on the 10th con., paying therefore \$2250 in cash.

—Building operations throughout the township will be fairly active during the coming summer. We have secured a partial list of the buildings to be erected:—Barns—Joseph Lewis, John Haines, Peter Liesemer, Louis Waechter, Joseph Thompson, Wm. Weber, J. D. Kinzie, Henry Russwurm, Nicholas Hunstein. Houses—John Klemmer, John Felsing, John Kaufmann and John M. Fischer.

To introduce our new monthly publication, American Popular Music, we make the following liberal offer:—Send us the names of three or more performers on the piano or organ, and fifteen cents in money or postage, and we will mail you sixteen pages of the latest popular songs, two steps, etc., full sheet music arranged for piano or organ, and American Popular Music for three months. Address Popular Music Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

—Urban Schmidt has a collie dog that should be shot. It is a menace to citizens as they pass along the street. Wednesday, as we were passing Dr. Clapp's drug store, the brute came running down the street and snapped at our person. Fortunately we escaped being bitten, but our clothing was badly torn. This dog will cause Mr. Schmidt serious trouble if he is not made away with.

—Public excitement is running high in Berlin, as the day of Allison's execution draws nigh. Government Executioner Radcliffe is now there making the necessary arrangements for Friday's work. The erection of the scaffold is not yet commenced, but will probably be started Wednesday. The young mans parents is expected to visit him for the last time to-morrow. They have asked for the body, but the officials seem inclined to think this request will not be granted and the body will be buried in the court yard, according to custom.

—The Union Farmers' Institute will hold meetings in the Temperance Hall, Thursday, February 3rd, and in the Town Hall, Mildmay, Feb. 4th, when the following program will be carried out:—Lakelet—Joseph E. Gould, Uxbridge—Afternoon—"Feeding and care of dairy cows." Evening—"Remedy for overproduction and low prices." Major James Sheppard, Queenston.—Afternoon—"Country roads: how to improve them." Evening—"Three historical nays on the Niagara River." Mildmay: J. E. Gould—Afternoon—"The value of ensilage." Evening—"Success or failure in dairying." Major Sheppard—Afternoon—"Planting and care of orchards." Evening—"Winter gardening." Meetings in both places to commence at 1:30 in the afternoon and 7:30 in the evening. No admission fee. All are cordially invited. Suitable music at the evening meetings.

—Court Mildmay, No 186, Canadian Order of Foresters, have made arrangements with the Edison Co., to give a two nights entertainment in the town hall, Monday and Tuesday evenings, of next week, with their Vitascopes. This is Edison's latest invention and is a machine, by which pictures are thrown on canvas, true to life as they actually occur. They do everything but speak. The Harriston Tribune has the following to say of the entertainment:—"The concert was without doubt one of the most entertaining and instructive ever given in that town. The scenes were all natural to life—The Queen's jubilee procession in London was simply immense, horses, bands, men, women and children all on the move, some walking fast, some slow, and hundreds standing looking at the procession. The first Diamond express was a marvel. It could be seen five miles away, puffing, smoking and steaming and came into the station with such a rush and roar that many were frightened, thinking that a genuine passenger train had broken loose." The admission fee has been placed at the low figure of 15c, so as to enable all to attend. This is something new in this town, and the Foresters are congratulated on securing the services of this company. The views will be interspersed with selections on an Electrophone, of some of the leading bands, of the United States, as well as comic songs, readings, etc. There are several in town who have seen these machines work, and their verdict is that the entertainment is to use a popular phrase "out of this world."

—Glebe & Sieling will do chopping for 4c per 100 lbs.

—Miss Rose Herringer, is visiting with Hanover friends.

—Mr. George Schultzeis, of Hanover, is visiting with his parents at present.

—Clearing sale now on. Herringer's stock selling at and below wholesale prices. John Spahr, manager.

—Miss Martha and Mr. David Haskins, of Huntingfield, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Teskey this week.

—Miss Powell, who has been visiting with Miss Teskey for the past month, returned to her home in Kincardine this week.

—We are prepared to do chopping at 4c per 100 lbs. All kinds of feed on hand. Wm. Ballah will be in charge of the mill. Peter Meyer's grist mill.

—I have added considerable to my stock and have now a good variety of bed room sets, side boards, chairs, etc., etc. which I am selling at reduced prices. Saw logs and wood taken in exchange.

—N. Schwalm.

—We are having genuine winter weather at present. The snow is piled in huge banks, while the thermometer is playing around zero, all the time, Sunday it registered 15 degrees below and again this morning it is dangerously near the same point.

—At the Independent Convention held in Formosa on Tuesday. Mr. W. R. Thompson, of Teeswater, was nominated as candidate for that party to contest the riding of South Bruce, in opposition to Mr. R. E. Truax.

—Mr. Geo. Herringer has disposed of his stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., to Messrs. H. H. Engel & Co., of Hanover. The company has had bills printed announcing a quick clearing sale. John Spahr is manager.

—Mr. A. Brohman has secured the services of Mr. Henry Schultzeis, to conduct his blacksmith shop, (lately occupied by Mr. Andrew Teskey.) He desires to thank all for past favors and hopes for a continuance of same.

—Last Friday evening the members of the Walkerton Evangelical church assembled at the residence of Mr. Hesse-naur and presented their pastor, Rev. C. S. Finkbeiner, of Mildmay, with a fur coat. Mr. Finkbeiner made a feeling reply and thanked the people for their generosity. Refreshments were served after which the gathering returned to their homes.

—To the ladies of Mildmay and vicinity: S'igh's system of dress cutting is a system highly recommended. In Walkerton during one month, thirty-eight scholars, including all the leading dressmakers, learned this system. Dress cutting school is open every afternoon at J. E. Mulholland's photo gallery from 2.30 until 4 o'clock. Terms easy. Call and inspect.

—Here is an Atlanta boy's composition on Vaccination: "I don't believe in being vaccinated. I knew a boy once who lost one of his two arms by it, and he never could play baseball after that. The other night pa came home, and tried to open the door with his umbrella. I asked mother what was the matter with him? She said she didn't know, but she s'posed he had been vaccinated. So you see what it brings you to!"

COUNTY AND DISTRICT.

The by-law to raise \$25,000 for a system of waterworks carried in Mount Forest by a majority of 49.

A disastrous fire occurred at Alvinston, burning out three stores and doing much damage to other buildings.

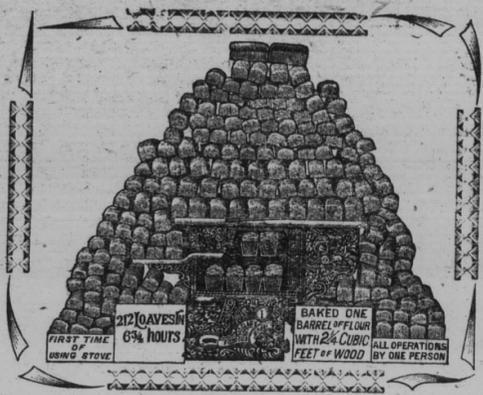
The Government will place some 95,000,000 whitefish in Lake Ontario, Erie, Huron and St. Clair next summer. The eggs are now being hatched in the Sandwich hatchery.

The Tiverton congregation presented Rev. Jas. Fitzpatrick of Underwood, with an easy chair in recognition of his services as moderator during the time their church was vacant.

Mr. Andrew Schmidt of Stratford had an exciting adventure with two footpads who stopped him and were about to rob him when he threw one out of the cutter and drove rapidly away, escaping three shots from a revolver fired after him.

By an act of the recent legislature the Tiverton Horticulture Society will be changed to a township agricultural society with part of Kincardine township to its territory. The Tiverton Show will now be placed on a firm basis and an effort will be made to improve the grounds, erect buildings, etc., so as to make it the equal of any rural show in the county.

STOVES



We are still in the lead with The Best Cooking Stoves in the market. Just think of the Model Cooking Stove as shown in cut, baking 212 loaves of bread in 6 1/2 hours. We have these celebrated stoves on hand. Also the latest in Parlor Stoves. Call in and see them. No trouble to show goods. First class Tinware and Hardware, New Williams Sewing Machines, Coal Oil, Tar Paper, etc., which can be purchased at prices away down. call and be convinced.

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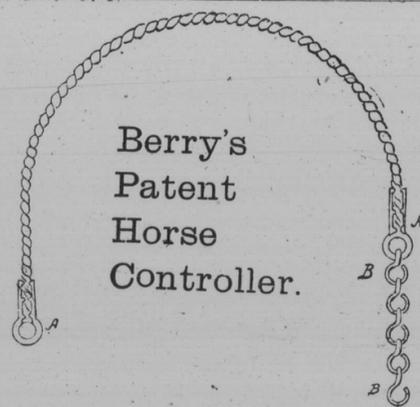
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Richard Berry Patentee

Mildmay, Ont.