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Violet's Lover

The night was beautiful; the wind was soft and fragrant, the sky calm and clear, the moon shining brightly. He smiled as he asked himself why he should be unhappy. What was there to make him so? Why need he feel depressed? ... Violet's Lover

CHAPTER VII. "I am very sorry—I think it unjust that it is quite impossible to say how it is," said George Malcolm, the lawyer.

THE AVERAGE BABY. The average baby is a good baby—cheerful, smiling and bright. When he is crying and fretful it is because he is unwell and he is taking the only means he has to let everybody know he does not feel right.

"I would not take it unless I thought it were really mine," he refused to touch it; but I cannot do that, for I am sure my old friend left it to me for the children. I must be just to them. Great Heaven! I have kept a blameless name in my life only to meet with this fate— to see my old friends point to me as a man who would cheat his client!

He had placed the whole matter in the hands of a London firm, and the trial will come on about the end of September. You must prepare your defence and look up your witnesses.

"If my whole life does not witness for me," said Darcy Lonsdale, with quiet dignity, "the words of no man can benefit me."

He dreaded going home for the first time in his life he disliked passing through the streets of his native town, for the first time he shrunk from the glance and words of his old comrades.

"Heaven help Kate!" he said to himself. "How can I tell her? But Kate knew already—such news travels fast. It was no weeping, hysterical wail that clung to him, but a half-smile which was a bright, tender face peering into his sweet, warm, white hands clasped his loving lips kissed him, a brave, bright voice cheered him with the words of home words.

"I have heard all about it, Darcy," said his wife. "You are innocent, honest, and honorable. Never mind what any one says—Heaven knows the truth, and I love you all the more that you bear this blame so well."

Darcy Lonsdale was relieved to find his wife so cheerful, and they sat down to discuss their difficulty. "Give me the money back again, Darcy," said his wife. "If I were in your case I should not touch one shilling of it."

name which he valued above all other things, were disappointed. He listened to the cruel words, which fell like molten lead on his heart and home, he could have cried aloud that it was all false. He had lived in a story book, he said, and man, and all his old friends knew that he was incapable of doing any creature a wrong or an injury.

He called few witnesses. He might have believed this of him, he trusted so entirely to the notion that his own innocence must be patent to all men. The verdict was against him—unjustly so, some said, for the judge had summed up unfavorably for him—and Darcy Lonsdale went home crushed and heart-broken.

Those were dreary days in Vale House. "I shall never hold up my head again," said Darcy Lonsdale, with a deep sob, "I shall never look my fellow-men in the face."

"That his old friends should have shrunk from his glance and words from which it was feared he would never recover. It was a dreary time. The business fell away; the newspaper editor, each with a grave shake of the head, that they could not trust a man of whom such things had been said—that they could not leave their interests as before, in his hands. One after another the old names disappeared from his books.

That evening Felix came home late from his office; he was tired, owing to the hard work and ill-fortune of the day. He fought nobly with his nerves, but he could not resist. His kind face brightened when he saw a letter for him. It must be from Violet, who would write to him except Violet? And despite all his sorrows his heart glowed as he thought of her beautiful face. Oh, to escape, if only for one hour, and see himself in the light of her presence! He saw her so from now. He was hard at work during the day, and the nights were too cold for walks and rambles. He occasionally went over to The Limes, but the welcome that he received there was not the same. He could not see Violet alone.

He took up the letter with a smile and read it. It was not from Violet, but from her father, Francis Hays, saying that the marriage must be deferred for at least a year, as he was quite sure that under the circumstances Felix could not hamper himself with a wife.

(To be Continued.) MURDER STATISTICS. Homicides in London and Chicago—Efficiency of Police Protection. In the Metropolitan police district of London, which covers an area of 688 square miles, and contains a population of 6,500,000, there were committed last year just twenty murders. In four cases the murderers committed suicide. In all the others arrests were made by the police. There was no undiscovered crime—to use the British expression—during the year.

About Radium.

The story of the discovery of radium is full of interest, and my readers may pardon me even if it is again told, for it forms the last chapter in a volume of which many have still to be written. M. Henri Becquerel, prompted by a hint from the celebrated mathematician, M. Poincare, discovered that the compound of uranium, a somewhat rare metal, as well as the metal itself, were capable of impressing a photographic plate wrapped up in black paper, or otherwise protected from light. It was also found that such salts, placed near a charged electroscope, discharged it, the gold leaves falling together. An electro-plate may be explained as a metal box with glass sides; through a hole in the lid a wire passes, the stopper which closes the hole and supports the wire being made of eulipour, or sealing-wax, or some other material which does not conduct electricity. From the end of the wire are suspended two pieces of gold leaf, hanging down so as to be visible through the glass sides of the box.

If a piece of sealing-wax is rubbed, so as to excite it electrically, and if the projecting end of the wire is touched with the rubbed sealing-wax, a small charge of electricity is given to the wire, and through it to the gold leaves, so that they repel each other, and fly apart, making a figure like an inverted V. If the wire be touched with the finger the electric charge is conducted away through the body, and the leaves swing back into their original position. This effect of discharging was found to be produced when a salt or mineral containing uranium was placed inside the box. Mme. Curie, a Polish lady living in Paris, noticed that the rate at which the gold leaves fell together was more rapid with certain uranium minerals (specimens of pitch-blende than could be accounted for by the uranium oxide in the mineral); she therefore separated the mineral into its groups of constituents—uranium, iron, lead, bismuth, etc. (for the minerals contain all these and many other elements), and tested each group as to its power of discharge. At first she thought she had traced the discharging power to the bismuth group, and attributed it to an element which she named "polonium," after her native country.

This discovery has not been disclosed; but it appears that the amount of polonium obtainable is exceedingly small and difficult to separate from bismuth. Subsequently Mme. Curie discovered another element of the barium group, possessing enormous powers of discharge, and to this element, which she gave the name "radium," it is an undoubted element in the sense in which that term is generally used; its salts resemble closely those of barium, and its spectrum has been observed by Mr. W. Crookes, by Prof. Runge and by Sir William Crookes. Its atomic weight has been determined by Mme. Curie at 226, the atomic weight of uranium is the highest known—240; and there is some evidence from its spectrum that radium may have even a higher atomic weight—over 250—and that the sample analyzed by Mme. Curie may not have been quite free from barium, of which the atomic weight is only 137.

While these researches were in progress M. Curie and Dr. Schmidt discovered simultaneously that another element, thorium, of which the atomic weight is 232, also possesses the power of discharging an electroscope, and, moreover, that if air be led -er salts of thorium, the air requires and attains for a short time discharging power. The subject was taken up by Prof. Rutherford, of Montreal, and by Mr. Frederick Soddy, who then worked in his laboratory, and they found that if the "active" air were cooled with liquid air, it lost its "activity," the active portion remaining in the cold tube. On warming the tube the active portion was carried forward, and it is the discharging power. They also found that a similar "emanation," or gas, was evolved from salts of radium, possessing a much more permanent discharging power. While the "emanation" from thorium salts "decayed" in a few minutes, that from radium salts lasted a month. It, too, was condensable when cooled in the same manner, and imparted temporary luminosity in objects which it touched ("excited activity").

The fact that a radium salt is also nocturnal than its surroundings, discovered by the Curies, implies that radium is continually losing energy, and if the radium salt be dissolved in water some of this energy is expended in decomposing a portion of the water into oxygen and hydrogen gases. Prof. Rutherford and H. T. Barnes have recently shown that more than two-thirds of the heating effect is not due to the radium at all, but to the radio-active emanation which it produces from itself. In November, 1902, Messrs. Rutherford and Soddy concluded from their experiments on the emanations from radium and thorium that they are "inert gases, analogous in nature, to the members of the argon family"; and also they threw out the surmise, "whether the presence of helium in minerals and its invisible association with uranium and thorium may not be connected with the radio-activity."

Now, I had the good fortune to discover helium in 1895. It is one of the argon gases, and is thirty times as heavy as air, and is in the end the most profitable. W. A. Clemens, Publication Clerk. Another Man Man Exposed. "Now," said the lawyer for the cross-petitioner, as he took the fair witness in hand, "I want you to tell the court just when you first began to think your husband was treating you cruelly?" "It was on Christmas, two years ago."

Noxious Weeds.

The Chief Weeds Found in Clover and Timothy. Department of Agriculture, Commissioner's Branch. The spread of noxious weeds can be attributed to no single cause. They seem to be naturally adapted to rapid spreading, and besides there are various natural and artificial agencies which aid in their dissemination. Not the least important among these agencies is the seed grain trade. Almost every farmer purchases yearly seed of grain or grasses and clovers, with little thought of introducing weeds seeds in this way. As a matter of fact, however, he seldom gets seed perfectly free from weed seeds of some kind occasionally these are not particularly injurious, but more frequently they are most undesirable, and being introduced unconsciously, gain a strong foothold before their presence is suspected. In this connection some particulars of the analysis of seeds from the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa should be of interest, as they show to what extent these conditions are prevalent.

Of over two hundred samples of timothy analyzed during 1903, only four had no weed seeds in them; in the others over thirty different kinds of weeds equally as common as those of the clover group, were present. Of these weeds, Sheep Sorrel, Ribgrass, False Flax, Lamb's Quarters, Canada Thistle and White Cockle were most commonly present, often at the rate of several thousand per pound. In Red Clover and Alsike, of each of which there were several hundred samples analyzed, there were upwards of forty species of weed seeds, the most common being Sheep Sorrel, Ribgrass, False Flax, White Cockle, Sheep Sorrel, Cinquefoil and Black Medick were prevalent.

The primary cause for this prevalence of weeds is, no doubt, the growth of weeds with the crop for seed, and the tendency of farmers to buy improperly cleaned seeds because they are cheaper than, and to possess the power of discharging as desirer grades. It is usually safe to regard clean seed as of inferior quality, and on this account to avoid buying it.

Dodder was present in twelve samples of red clover at an average of 418 seeds per pound; this is considerably more than was the case a year ago, and was no doubt due to more seed being imported from the south where this parasite thrives much better than here. The analysis of several samples obtained from C. L. Hill, show that dodder is a very common impurity in seed from that country; the sample having upwards of 700 seed per pound, and others somewhat less. There is no probability of Canada ever having to import seed from C. L. Hill, but as both countries have a common market for their surplus supply, the presence of this impurity in the Canadian seed should afford the Canadian producer a considerable advantage. Were it not for this circumstance the white red clover seed would prove a dangerous competitor, as it is well colored, plump, and of high vitality, and with few other objectionable impurities.

Several samples of exported Canadian alsike and red clover were obtained from English seed merchants. All these showed a uniform quality, none of them free from weed seeds, but had apparently been well cleaned; as there was a notable absence of such impurities as light seed, curled or wood seeds either larger or smaller than the bulk of the sample. Small numbers of cockle, black medick, and false flax still remained in the alsike, and of foxtail and ribgrass in the red clover. The germination was uniformly over ninety per cent. The average quality was therefore considerably better than that of the seeds retailed in our own markets. It should always be remembered, however, by buyers, that while the average quality of our seeds may be low, the highest grades are always offered for sale, and this quality is in the end the most profitable. W. A. Clemens, Publication Clerk.

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From Neighboring Firesides.

Newsy Budgets by the Reporter's able staff of Correspondents

NEWBORO

Mr. J. L. Monahan of Kelley's Ladies' Minstrels Company spent Xmas at his home here. Miss Mary Tett who has been attending Ladies' College at Toronto arrived home on Tuesday. Mr. Morton of the public school staff spent Xmas at his home in London. Mr. Wm. Pearson of Arnprior spent Xmas the guest of his parents here. Mr. Preston Shaw who has been working for the R. and O. Navigation Company of Toronto arrived home on Saturday evening. Miss Jessie Moriarty of Westport was the guest of Miss M. Moriarty. Mr. J. Carty of the Narrows Look spent Xmas the guest of Miss Mary McKian of this city. Mr. Hartley Pearson of Belleville arrived home on Monday evening. Mr. N. Laudon of Lansdowne is the guest of his father Mr. F. Laudon at present. Mrs. (Dr.) Singleton and son Harold of Westport spent Xmas in town the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Singleton. Mr. T. McLaRoy of Arnprior is the guest of Mr. Wm. Pearson. Mr. Joseph Noonan of Hamilton is visiting at his sister's Mrs. Jas. Ryan. The Independent Order of Foresters will hold their election of officers this evening and will afterwards hold the annual oyster supper at Mr. Geo. Preston's new hotel. The Newboro Hockey Team accompanied by a very large number of "rooters" journeyed to Westport on Saturday to play the first match of the season in the Leed's County Hockey League. The Newboro boys showed their superiority at all stages of the game and the score of 4 to 1 in favor of Newboro by no means shows the standing of the two teams. Mr. G. A. Bagshaw acted as referee and proved satisfactory to both teams. The teams lined up as follows: Westport—goal, E. Clark; point, J. Forrester; cover-point, J. McCullough; forwards, A. Niblock, E. Adams, A. Dier and D. E. Johnson. Newboro—goal, J. Moriarty; point, G. Preston; cover-point, H. Pearson; forwards, A. Tett, W. Pearson, J. Stanton and B. Tett. Umpires, C. Chamberlain, Westport and H. Shaw, Newboro.

GREENBUSH

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers, of Smith's Falls spent Christmas with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Olds are visiting in Schenectady, N. Y. Howard Blanchard of New York City has arrived to attend the funeral of his father. Lawrence Smith of Rochester is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary Smith. Mr. and Mrs. G. Cannon of Croby are spending this week with relatives in Greenbush. Master Roy Kerr of the A. H. S. is spending the holidays with his parents. We are pleased to report that Mrs. Paul, who has been prostrated by a severe attack of pleurisy, is recovering nicely. Mr. Paul arrived yesterday and is spending Christmas here. Mr. E. Olds and Mrs. G. V. Olds of Brockville are visiting here. The Rev. Mr. Ferguson of Kingston is assisting the Rev. Mr. Burnett in the revival services in our church, which are the means of doing much good. Mr. German Tinkess has purchased the farm formerly owned by Harmon Kerr. Mr. Tinkess is a Greenbush boy who went to Ottawa and has been very successful in business. B. W. Loverin is busy erecting a new house. Since the good sleighing came the surrounding farmers are busy hauling logs and grain to the different mills. Mr. Root is putting a new grinder in his mill. On Sabbath last the nomination and election of officers and teachers for the Sabbath school took place. The secretary's report showed that the interest and attendance of both teachers and scholars had been excellent during the past year, under the able superintendence of Mr. William Connell. For the year 1904 a lady has been elected superintendent in the person of Mrs. Jackson, who may rest assured that she will have the hearty co-operation of the officers and scholars. The grim monster death has again entered our neighborhood and taken the oldest and one of the most respected of our number in the person Mr. John Blanchard. He had reached the good old age of nearly 89 years, and was always remarkably healthy until a few weeks ago. Mr. Blanchard had lived all his life-time in this

neighborhood, with exception of a few years that he lived near Smith's Falls. He was twice married, his first wife being Anna Olds and his second wife, Sarah Steacy, who survives him. He is also survived by three sons and four daughters, viz.: A. W. Blanchard, Athens, John C. of Greenbush, and Howard of New York City; Mrs. (Rev.) A. L. Peterson of Belleville, Mrs. John Loverin of Brockville, Mrs. W. H. Tackaberry of Greenbush, and Mrs. George Cannon of Croby. While Mr. Blanchard was friendly to all Protestant churches, he was always a liberal supporter of the Methodist church. In politics, he was a supporter of the Reform party. His funeral took place today (26th), the religious services being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Burnett of Addison. The pallbearers were, Willoughby Miller, Joseph Miller, C. H. Miller, Wellington Miller, E. M. Smith, James Hewitt.

ADDISON

Mr. R. H. Field and family spent Xmas in Brockville, guests of Mr. A. A. Davis. H. C. Pritchard, from Toronto Dental College is spending a few days with friends in this place. Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. Cole were guests of Mr. E. S. Wilton on Xmas. Mr. Jno. Wilton spent a few days in Brockville last week, but has again taken up the duties of foreman on the Model Farm. Quite a number of our boys and girls attended the Toledo concert on Xmas night, and report it a grand success. The English Church entertainment, held here on 23rd inst., was a great success in every respect. Mr. F. Tooker of Brockville, rendered some amusing songs and recitations, giving all who attended a lasting treat. Mrs. G. S. Booth held a birthday gathering on 26th, and was presented with a beautiful rocking-chair, a token of the high esteem of her relatives. Mr. Albert McVeigh has received much sympathy on account of the loss of his valuable horse, but that will not purchase another horse. We would advise all wishing to preserve tobacco, to immerse it in the chilly waters of the St. Lawrence. A Xmas gathering of James Brown's family was held at Mr. John Best's on Xmas night, at which there were thirty-six children and grand children of Mr. James W. Brown. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. O. Bishop of Owego, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Booth of Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Earl of Smith's Falls, Rev. B. B. Brown of Montreal South, and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brown of Athens. The house was decorated with holly from England and other evergreens, making a very pleasant evening for all. After a sociable time spent in the parlor all sat down to a well spread table. When full justice had been done to the repast the tree was unloaded and about 150 useful and valuable gifts were distributed among the numerous friends and relatives.

DATEOWN

The weather is very cold to-day, Dec. 26th. Mr. John Herbert Wood, of Rome, New York, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Wood and sister, Maria. Mr. Thomas Colliester is spending his holidays with friends in Daytown. Misses Maud and Ella Huffman were calling on Miss Maria Wood on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. George Weir are talking about leaving this neighborhood. We wish them success. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eaton and daughter Violet were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Wood, last Sunday.

CHARLESTON LAKE

Mrs. Delbert Woods, very ill is convalescent. Mrs. K. Foster, ill for a few days, is better. Masters John and Frank Laffan, Prescott, are spending their Christmas holidays with their cousin, Bonnie Slack. Mr. William Foster, Clayton N. Y. is spending the Christmas holidays at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. William Amell and children, Cardinal, are visiting Mrs. Amell's father and other relatives. Our school closed on Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. The teacher Miss Jennie Eyre erected a Christmas tree on which were hung candy, popcorn, apples and books for the pupils and at the close God Save the King was sung and the pupils presented the teacher with a very handsome book-case. The pupils were very sorry to part with their teacher who taught the school very successfully for the past two years.

LANSDOWNE

Mrs. George Ellis and daughter of Iroquois are spending the Xmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. B. B. Warren, and other friends. The Xmas entertainment given by the Sunday School pupils Xmas night in the Methodist church was a decided success. Much credit is due Miss Etta Warren, Mrs. D. O. McClary, Messrs. D. F. Warren and W. N. Bowen for their pains in drilling the pupils. The remains of the late Captain Richard Cook were brought here this morning from Brockville and placed in the vault. Mr. and Mrs. Algernon McKay were called to Kempsville, recently to attend the funeral of Mrs. McKay's father. Mr. J. Dean of Palmyra spent Xmas here with his wife and children, who are spending the winter with her father, Mr. Stephen Finlay. Miss Amy Robinson of Bermuda, who is attending the Belleville College, is spending her Xmas holidays at the Methodist parsonage, the guest of Miss Alma Stillwell, who is also attending the college. Mr. and Mrs. Tate of Ottawa spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. David McFadden.

WHICH?

I laid my boy in the coffin, I closed his sweet blue eyes, I folded the hands as snowy As the flower that in them lies; With a heart that was almost broken, I gazed on that little face; Farewell! On a brighter to-morrow I shall meet him, by God's grace. But what of that other mother, Whose boy is strong and tall? She has seen him grow to manhood— He was her joy, her all! To-night, as she prays by her bedside, He reveals with comrades fine; When he staggers home drunk in the morning, Whose heart will ache most, her's or mine? Away in the graveyard yonder, In a cold and narrow bed, They had laid my little daughter, The birds sing o'er her head. Ah! the day they took her from me, And laid her 'neath the snow!— But I'll clasp her to my bosom In the home where I mean to go. And to-night there's another mother, With a girl so bright and fair; She has grown to be a woman, 'Neath a mother's love and prayer. She's the belle of balls and parties, The brightest of all to shine; If mother sees her go, "Not ready," Whose heart will ache most, her's or mine? O ye who bend over small coffins, And treasure bright curls of fair hair, Think not that your hearts are the saddest, Or your crosses the hardest to bear! For in the bright fields of fair Eden, Your flowers are blooming above, Go, pray for the drunkard and outcast, Who once shared a dear mother's love.

Written for the Reporter

A LONG MODEL TERM

The education department has about decided to reduce the number of model schools in Ontario from fifty-four, as at present, to twenty, and to make the term seven or nine months. This will have its advantages. One is that the teacher of the model school will have a further opportunity for development and service, and can put a larger measure of energy and spirit into his work. As a matter of fact it does not pay any school board to conduct a model school under present circumstances. It necessitates accommodation which can hardly be spared in the schools, and it demands the supervision of a teacher whose work for part of the year is of a more or less unprofitable nature. By the change the model school will continue in session during most of the school year, and its revenue from the government will be proportionately larger. The tendency will be to increase the efficiency of the graduating teachers by giving them what they want, namely, better and more practical instruction in training. The department does not expect to see a lesser number of graduates in training, but it is too definite in this regard. Lengthening of the normal school period has had a marked effect upon the attendance, and the lengthening of the model school term must have a similar effect. Teachers for the rural schools are scarce enough now. They will be scarcer still in the immediate future, though the increase in salaries which must ensue may in time bring about a revival in the teaching profession.—Ex. Sore and swollen joints, sharp, shooting pains, torturing muscles, no rest, no sleep—that means rheumatism. It is a stubborn disease to fight, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm has conquered it thousands of times. One application gives relief. Try it. J. P. Lamb & Son sells it.

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An Attack of Pneumonia Warded Off

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail," says James Prendergast, merchant, Annato Bay, Jamaica, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly warded off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

Eyes Tested Free

At Gamble House Hotel Parlors by Prof. J. H. DeSilberg, the celebrated eye specialist and optician from Germany. He is meeting with great success all over the country. The Professor will be here from Thursday, Jan. 7th until Friday afternoon, Jan. 8th. He will supply you with suitable glasses, guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Gained Forty Pounds in Thirty Days

For several months our younger brother had been troubled with indigestion. He tried several remedies but got no benefit from them. We purchased some of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and he commenced taking them. Inside of thirty days he gained forty pounds in flesh. He is now fully recovered. We have a good trade on the Tablets.—HOLLEY BROS., Merchants, Long Branch, Mo. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

This is the Time

For paying the printer. All subscribers to the Reporter are requested to see that the figures '04 are put on their address labels this month. —Strength and vigor come of good food, fully digested. "Force," a ready-to-serve wheat and barley food, adds no burden, but sustains, nourishes, invigorates.

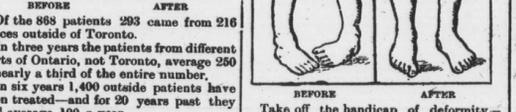
THE GREAT CHARITY

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, TORONTO. It Takes Care of Every Sick Child in Ontario Who Cannot Afford to Pay For Treatment.

The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, is not a local institution—it is Provincial. The sick child from any part of Ontario whose parents cannot afford to pay for treatment has the same claim to the same privileges as the Toronto child born within sight of its walls. This is the reason that the Trustees appeal to the fathers and mothers of Ontario—for as their money goes out to help the Hospital so the Hospital's mercy can go out to help the children. This is the 25th year of the Hospital's life. The story of the years is a wonderful one—for in that period 10,000 children have been treated, and over 5,000 cured and 3,000 improved. Last year there were 885 boys and girls in its beds and coats, most of these 493 were cured and 247 improved. Look at these pictures of club feet—before and after.



Of the 885 patients 293 came from 216 places outside of Toronto. In three years the patients from different parts of Ontario, not Toronto, average 290—nearly a third of the entire number. In six years 1,400 outside patients have been treated—and for 20 years past they will average 100 a year. The average stay of every patient was 35 days, the cost per patient per day 84c. A dollar or two means a small lot of money out of your pocket, but it takes a big deal of misery out of some little life. The X-ray department gives wonderful results. A girl came in with a double thumb on one hand. She left with one thumb—a perfect hand. See what the hand of the Surgeon does for the crippled children of Ontario.



Take off the handicap of deformity—give all children a fair start in the race of life. Twenty-three children who came in with club-feet were sent home perfect cures last year. There are as many more in the Hospital to-day awaiting treatment.



If you know of a sick child—the club foot boy or girl—send his parent's name to the Hospital. Please send your contributions to J. Ross Robertson, Chairman, or to Douglas Davidson, Sec. Treas. of the Hospital for Sick Children, College Street, Toronto. Money kept from the Hospital is money kept from the children.

Charleston Honor Roll

Following is the honor roll for November and December: IV. Class.—Florence Heffernan, Maggie Finley, George Heffernan, Edith Curtis, Bonnie Slack. III. Class.—Leroy Heffernan, Lawrence Beauford, Lucy Latimer. Sr. II. Class.—Flossie Heffernan, Edith Covey, Howard Latimer. Jr. II. Class.—Blaine Chesman, Bennie Heffernan, Percy Finley, Pearl Kelsey. Sr. Part II.—May Latimer, Florence Wood, Toke Kelsey. Jr. Part II.—Lindsay Slack, Gerald Botsford. First Class.—Welle Heffernan, Gerald Covey. M. J. A. EYRE, Teacher

LOCAL COURTS

During the year 1904, sessions of the Division Court will be held in this section as follows:— Jan. May Sept. Nov. Delts. 20 11 28 9 Frankville... 22 13 30 11 Newboro.... 19 10 27 8 Athens..... 31 12 29 10

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Ayer's

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RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

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METHODIST ANNIVERSARY

The first anniversary of the new Methodist church in Athens was fittingly celebrated on Sunday last. The preacher of the day was the Rev. C. O. Johnston of Toronto, one of the most able and eloquent ministers of the church. His sermons at all three services fully sustained his reputation. His simple, forcible presentation of divine truth impressed all with the clearness of his religious views and his earnestness as an ambassador of Christ.

He was assisted in the services by the pastor of the church and the Rev. Burton Brown of Montreal South.

The choir rendered an exceptionally fine song service, Mr. Manhard's trombone, making a welcome addition to its harmony and volume.

The weather was very unfavorable, but there was nevertheless a good attendance at all the services. No urgent appeal was made for money, but liberal collections were given, amounting to a pleasing sum.

On Monday evening Rev. Mr. Johnston lectured on the subject of "Englishmen, Irishmen, Scotchmen," and delighted a large audience. Seldom, indeed, has a lecture in Athens received such general praise. His delineation of national characteristics was so true, not only to tradition but to personal experience, that it appealed to all. Mr. Johnston has gained a place in the opinion of all who heard him, in the pulpit or on the platform, that will ensure him a hearty welcome when next he comes to Athens.

The total receipts from all the services amount to about \$170. It is intended at this time to raise the total amount of the indebtedness, viz: \$1,500, and payment of many of the amounts subscribed is contingent upon this being done. There yet remains about \$450 to be provided for, and it is fully expected that this amount will be obtained.

Methodist S. S. Entertainment

Christmas, the great home day of the year, was observed very quietly here, only a few driving parties making any stir on the streets. In the evening quite a large number attended the entertainment given in the Methodist church by the children of the Sunday-school. It was "children's night," and the little ones, as well as their elders, thoroughly enjoyed the varied programme. The children in all their numbers did very well indeed, reflecting credit upon those who had devoted so much time to their training. The veteran superintendent, Mr. D. Fisher, presided over the gathering with his usual tact and ability. An address by Mr. Bishop was well calculated to impress upon all the great importance of S. S. work. The choir rendered a very fine song service.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Alguine, showed that the S. S. was ending the year with a small balance on the wrong side of the ledger, but as this was more than balanced by the receipts of that evening the finances of the school may be considered as being in a healthy condition. The secretary, Mr. H. Jones, presented a most interesting report which incidentally bore strong testimony to the loyalty of the children to the school; for in 1902, when the teachers and children were huddled together in the vestry, the average attendance was only ten less than in 1903.

The whole entertainment was very pleasing and the receipts of over \$40 quite satisfactory.

For Sick Children

During the last week of school an appeal for the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, was made to the children of Athens Model School. The prompt and willing manner in which the children responded was very commendable. The subscriptions from the several rooms were as follows:—
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By special arrangement with the publishers of the Weekly Montreal Herald, we are enabled to offer it and our own paper at the extraordinarily low price of \$1.15 for the year 1904. This special rate has been made possible only by the determination of the publishers of each paper to gain a great increase of circulation in the shortest possible space of time. It will probably never be made after this year.

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JANUARY NUMBER

NEW IDEA WOMAN'S MAGAZINE
Teeming with good things adapted to women of various tastes, the January number of the New Idea Woman's Magazine presents a most attractive appearance. Prominent among its utilitarian articles is one on "Laundering," the fourth in a series upon "Profitable Industries for Women," from the pen of Sarah Slater. Frances Wilson has retold the pathetic story of Charlotte Temple in a charming way, and Grace Porter Hopkins writes delightfully of "Prominent Washington Hostesses." There are stories of exceptional merit and examples of verse that are instinct with originality and merit, and the fashion set forth represent the newest of new ideas in the world of costume.

A PRIZE CONTEST

In addition to the effort to awaken interest in Toronto, in the celebration of the Centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, it is proposed by the Committee to offer 100 prizes for competition among the pupils of the public schools outside of Toronto, for the best essays on the Bible Society—its History, Work and Claims. All school children attending public schools outside of Toronto may compete in this contest.

The essays must not exceed one thousand words, and must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. A. B. Chambers, D.D., 5 Oak Street, Toronto, on or before February 1st, 1904. The name, age and school of each competitor must be attached to the essay. The prizes will be Bibles, authorized version, Centenary edition, well bound. The names of the winners will be announced at the Young Peoples' Mass Meeting, in Massey Hall, Toronto, March 7th, 1904, and prizes will be forwarded to winners as soon as possible thereafter. The Committee claims the right to publish any of these essays as they may choose. It is hoped that the interest in this contest will be great and widespread.

Remarkable Tombstone Discovered

A tombstone of a remarkable character was recently discovered in the southern transept of the old Abbey church of St. Mary's, New Ross. The discovery was made by the versatile sexton and Archaeologist (Wm. Condell) whilst the latter was opening up a grave alongside what was the old burying place of the Nevill family. The unearthed tombstone, the existence of which appears to be unknown, discloses the fact that the stone-cutting and sculptural art in New Ross was in a highly developed state just three hundred years ago. The stone in question consists of a fine kind of granite and sets forth in a Latin border inscription the fact that it was laid to the memory of John Nevill, sovereign of Ross, who died in the year 1687. At one end of the stone are shown the Arms of Nevill and Ruthe families—John Nevill being married to one Mary Ruthe of New Ross, and at the other end is beautifully chiselled a garlanded Latin Cross. Along the centre face of the stone appears the various emblems of the Passion, the scourges and other instruments of torture, the dice, the thirty pieces of silver, the thieves, &c. The representations are in a wonderfully well preserved state and Mr. Condell has taken some fine photos of the stone. The John Nevill in question is believed to be about the great grandfather of Mr. Edward Nevill, D. C., of New Ross "Wexford People."

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REFERENDUM

A vote of the duly qualified freeholders of the village of Athens will be taken on Monday, Jan. 4th, 1904, at the same place and by the same deputy returning officers as for the election of the Green lot, on the corner of Main and Eight streets, or the Karley lot, on the corner of Henry and Wellington streets, as the site for the new town hall.
A separate ballot will be prepared and given to those entitled to vote on this question at the same time as for the vote and councillors, and the mode of procedure in taking the vote and announcing the result shall be the same as for the vote and councillors.
B. LOVERIN,
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"You've read about these capable women who can get up a four-course dinner for ten people at half an hour's notice when there's nothing in the house but a few cold boiled potatoes and three slices of Graham bread?" said Mr. Jenkins. "Well, I've got a wife that is just one of that capable kind." "Pleasant for you," said the bachelor to whom he was talking, with great heartiness and a vision of indignations to dine. "Well, I guess it is," said Mr. Jenkins. "She's full of resources, that woman is, sir. Why, a few nights ago I took her two business friends unexpecting, and it proved that there was a part of bread in the house, and not a bit of flour. We had expected to go away for over Sunday, and the flour barrel was just

empty. Well, sir, some women would have said, 'You can get along without bread,' but not my wife."

"She didn't say that," the bachelor still merrily. "Well, how did she manage?" "She slipped out at the back door and over to the bakery and bought a dozen rolls," said Mr. Jenkins carelessly, "just as she'd done a great many times before."

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The Device of a Nevada Miner Why Couldn't Get Lumber.

Toponah, Nev., aside from being famed on account of its vast mineral resources, also occupies the unique distinction of numbering among its inhabitants a man who is able to live in a glass house and throw unlimited quantities of stones at the same time without suffering any of the serious inconvenience popularly supposed to surround such an association.

Not a tree grows within sixty miles of the great mining camp, and very naturally building material and fuel are the commonest kind of lumber selling for \$66 per 1,000 feet, while inferior grades of scrub cedar command \$22 a cord. Consequently, the miners resort to the architectural make-up of Toponah. There are houses made of straw, of burlap sacks trimmed with blue jeans overalls, of tin cans, wire-cranker box lumber, of mud, stone, tents, cloth—in fact, almost everything of contrivance is resorted to as a makeshift for a place of habitation, but it was remained for William F. Peck, a miner, to devise a house in a class by itself.

He has constructed of empty beer bottles a house 10x20 feet in the clear, with ceilings eight feet high, and containing two rooms. It was built in October of last year by Mr. Peck, entirely unaided at such odd moments as he could spare from his regular duties at the mine. Ten thousand empty beer bottles were incorporated in the structure. The inside walls are plastered with mortar, which is spread to a depth sufficient to cover the protruding bottle necks, thus making a smooth surface. Mr. Peck lived all last winter in his peculiar abode with his wife and two children, a girl of 7 and a boy of 3 years, and says, while the temperature in many residences of Toponah reached the freezing point quite often, his family found their glass house exceedingly comfortable at all times.

Why He Hesitated.

Cleveland Phila Delver. "I wish you'd show your father this little item from a Chicago paper, it's about a millionaire who called his son-in-law a lobster and had to pay damages for it in court." "Did papa call a lobster?" "No, he never did, but I just want to show him that sons-in-law have certain rights that rich fathers-in-law must respect. He called me a barnacle once." "Why don't you sue him for damages?" "I would, but I don't know what a barnacle is."

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His own Sobel gives the results of his Jacob's experience with the paroxysms of whooping cough treated by pulling the lower jaw downward and forward. Pulling the lower jaw downward and forward controls the paroxysms of whooping cough in two instances and most of the time. The method is usually more successful in older children than in younger ones and infants. In cases without a whoop, the expiratory spasm with its apyphylax cough usually overcome, and in those with a whoop the latter is prevented. It is as successful as any single drug, or even more so. Mothers should be instructed in its use, if that is arrested. The manipulation is harmless and painless. Its only contra-indication is the presence of food in the mouth or oropharynx. Patients thus treated are less likely to suffer from complications and sequelae than those treated only medicinally. It is advisable to try this method in other spasmodic coughs and laryngeal spasms.—New York Medical Record.

Yellow News.

"What is news?" Some editors seem to fancy that anything that has news in news. Others go to the positive extreme and deal wholly in fiction or in essays. Others think it is the proceedings of public bodies of various kinds, reported fully and in routine fashion. Others hold that it is only what their backers think the people ought to know. Others that it is whatever has a salacious flavor. From the standpoint of the journalist known as "yellow," news is whatever is of concern to the masses of the people in their daily life. Is there a murder? If it is a common affair among commonplace people, it is not "news." If it has some element of appeal to the imagination or to the universal human feelings then it is "news." And the extent to which these elements enter in determines whether it shall be given a column or two pages.—Frank Lane Carter, in Everybody's Magazine.

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SHE IS A MERRY CHILD AGAIN

Godd's Kidney Pills Cured Little Edith Harris' Dropsy.

There was a Terrible Case—It Proves that the great Kidney Remedy is good for Old and Young alike and Cures all forms of Kidney Disease. (Wayburn, Assa, N. W. T., Dec. 21, 1903).—No more remarkable cure. Dropsy has ever been put on record than that of little Edith Harris, the two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris, of this place.

The little girl had dropsy in its worst form. She was swollen from her feet to her shoulders so badly that the doctor was afraid one of her feet would burst. Her naturally growing bones were slightly inches, but when the disease was at its worst, she measured thirty-four inches. Two doctors attended her, but after three months' struggle with the disease the child was gradually growing worse and the parents had about given up all hope of saving the life of their child.

The Horrible Example.

Philadelphia Record. "How is it business has so much improved in the side show?" asked the man from the main tent. "I started the 'living skeleton' to smoking cigarettes," replied the bustling manager. "I don't see why that should draw people." "Yes; every mother takes her boy in and points out the horrible example."

Pain Over the Eyes Headache and Catarrh Relieved in 10 Minutes.

That dull, wretched pain in the head just over the eyes is one of the surest signs that the seeds of catarrh have been sown, and your warning to administer the quickest and safest treatment to prevent the setting of this dreaded malady. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will stop all pain in ten minutes, and cure.

A Letter Carrier's Record.

King Edward has decorated James Heretock, a postman, who in forty-two years has walked 25,000 miles and delivered 9,000,000 letters.

A Scheible Mayor.

The Mayor is down on signs, and believes that all advertising should be done in the newspapers. This is one more proof of Mr. Urquhart's good judgment.

HE USED BIG WORDS.

A few months ago the son of a railway director was, through his father's influence, given a position of some importance on a large railway. He was fresh from Cambridge, and in the orders which his father made up, time was made use of the longest, most unneeded words. This habit led to some expensive blunders, and the matter came before the general manager, who wrote the young official the following letter:

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations and in articulating your superfluous and unpalatable and unimpeachable platitudes and psychical observations, beware of patitudinarian affections. Let your extemporaneous communication possess a compactness, a conciseness, a contented conciseness, and a concentrated cogency. Eschew all conglomeration of flatusulent garrulity, jejune babblement, and incoherent declamation. Let your unpretentious expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity without rhodomontade or thronical bombast. Scrupulously avoid all polyphonic, fundulity pompous profanity, patastocous vacuity, ventiloquial verbosity and vaniloquent vapidity. Shun double entendre, prurient jocosity and portentious pomposity, and, in appearance, in other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, purely and truthfully. Don't put on airs; a young man in a man's what the young official took the title, but had changed his style.—The Gentleman's Magazine.

Most people think too lightly of a cough. It is a serious matter and needs prompt attention.

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The Lung Tonic when the first sign of a cough or cold appears. It will cure you easily and quickly then—later it will be harder to cure. Prices 25c., 50c. and \$1.00. S. C. WELLS & CO. Toronto, Can. LeRoy, N.Y.

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CUNNING OF THE POSSUM.

How it Fools the Dogs That Are Pursuing His Trail.

He will usually go home by a tree-trunk road. Through the open country on the boundaries of his range he trots along without minding his steps. The dogs may have all the fun here with his trails that they can. He intends only that they shall not find his home tree, nor even the vicinity of it. So, as he enters his own neighborhood, his movements change. The dogs may be hard after him or not; they are not close behind he knows by long experience that they may be expected and never so far forgets his precious skin as to go straight to his nest-tree.

Instead the trots along a boundary fence or in the stream, leaping the crossing logs and coming out, likely, on the bank opposite one of the trees. Here he pumps the stream, runs half towards a big gum and from a dozen feet away takes a flying leap, catching the rough trunk up just out of reach of the keen-nosed dogs. He begins to worry. They circle and finally pick up the scent beyond the first gap, only to run instantly into a greater blank, one that the widest circling does not cross. For the possum has taken to another tree, out on the limbs of this tree still another, and on like a squirrel, from tree to tree to perhaps a hundred yards on, it may be, to his own dry hollow.

Messrs. C. C. Richards & Co., Yorkmouth, N. S.

Genlemen,—In January last Frank Leclair, one of the men employed by me, working in the lumber woods, had a tree fall on him, crushing him fearfully. He was when found, placed on a sled and taken home, where grave fears were entertained for his recovery, his hips being badly bruised, and his body turned black from his ribs to his feet. We used MINARD'S LINIMENT on him to soothe the pain, and with the use of three bottles he was completely cured and able to return to his work.

SAUVEUR DUVAL.

Elgin Road, L'Espey Co., Que. May 26th, 1893.

Training German Girls.

The same methods which have been applied with such remarkable success to the training of boys at preprieties in the industrial and commercial schools of the empire are now to be adopted for the education and training of girls who may seek to better their condition in life. They will then swell the ranks of that trained army of experts which has accomplished more than any other one factor in the German commercial and industrial world that they are to-day.

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Something Worse.

Exohange. Joplin—My, but wasn't that a sharp flash? Aren't you afraid of lightning? Berker—Why should I be? Lightning never strikes twice in the same place. You know. Quite harmless in comparison with my friend Jones; he strikes me every time he sees me.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

Definition of Greatness.

Washington Star. "Don't you sometimes think you would be a greater man if you were to cultivate the art of oratory?" "I don't know," answered Senator Sorghum. "A great man, as you know, is one who gets mentioned in the school books after he is dead instead of the financial columns of the newspapers while he is living."

Lever's V-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant

Socp Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

Worm Turns.

"You're forever trying to give the impression that you're a martyr," snapped Mrs. Henpeck. "I suppose you want everybody to think that you suffer in silence." "No," replied Mr. Henpeck, "I suffer in the perpetual absence of silence. A little silence would be a positive pleasure to me."

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American vs. German Corsets.

In his annual report, dated Oct. 12, 1903, United States Consul Hugh Muench, Plauen, Germany, says: "Large quantities of corsets are manufactured at Oelsnitz, in the Plauen district, but no part of the product is exported to the United States; nor is it surprising, since German corsets cannot compare in style, durability or price with those of American make. On the contrary, there is every reason to believe that this country presents an inviting as Cy Buncumb is."—Exchange.

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She—Mercy! Just see how her skirt hangs!

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ANNEXING NEWFOUNDLAND AND GREENLAND.

What Canada Offered and What Newfoundland Wanted.

An Ottawa despatch says: In regard to the annexing of Newfoundland and Greenland to the Dominion it may be stated that in 1895 Canada offered to Newfoundland to assume its debts \$10,350,000, which was equal to 850 per head of her population at that time. As a yearly allowance Canada was to pay...

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baltimore, Md.—The Union Trust Company, which went into the hands of a receiver on Oct. 10, opened its doors today and resumed business.
Manila.—The agreement for the sale of the Friar lands has been signed, to take effect in six months, the time allowed for surveys and examination of titles.

GERMAN TRADE FIGHT.

Workers to Aid Striking Saxony Textile Artisans.
Berlin, Dec. 28.—Twenty-three workmen's meetings were held in Berlin to-night to raise money and express sympathy for the 5,000 textile workers at Grimnitzsch, Saxony, who for eighteen weeks have been fighting for a ten-hour day and an increase of the rate for piece work. The strike has outgrown the proportions of local disputes, and how threatens the peace of the entire German textile industry, the second largest trade in the country.

MELVILLE OF SCOTLAND YARD, THE ANARCHIST'S ARCH ENEMY AND THE SYSTEM HE HAS BUILT UP.

With the going out of this month organized anarchy the world over, not the anarchy that spouts and froths, but that which has made it the most dangerous of all enemies, Supt. Melville then retired from the direction of the Special Branch of the British Criminal Investigation Department and passed out of Scotland Yard into private life.
He has been a keen anarchist hunter that England or any other country has had. He knows the dangerous political criminals of Europe, their haunts and their doings, as no other man is believed to know them. He has spent the greater part of his life in acquiring that knowledge. He has been fearless and keen and ever ready. He has matched his shrewdness against their cunning and has generally won.

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Glasgow Herald's Tribute to Our Nationality.
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London, Dec. 28.—The News, referring to the Australian elections, says it has produced the boss. Probably the majority of the new House are moderate protectionists, and certainly anti-imperialist, with not the smallest prospect of endorsing a preference.
The Chronicle's Melbourne correspondent writes that the tariff is not likely to be amended, and that preferential trade will probably be postponed indefinitely, as the free traders number 40 and protectionists a 35. The Standard says that a result rests on the main "Australian" for the Australians. The control has passed to that section associated as a whole with most rigid protectionism. Australian workmen are willing to accept the advantages of our free innovator's offer, but there is no whisper of a return. Much the same is suggested by the undignified reluctance of Canada to accept the offer to refrain from imposing the rigor of the regulations giving the Canadian manufacturer a monopoly of the colonial market.

MATRIMONY OR DEATH.

Members of Secret Society Swore to Strange Compact.
Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 28.—This town is wrought up over the discovery that a secret society of young people exists under the rules of which death or matrimony is the alternative.
Jester Williams revealed the secret. He says the society has existed for a year. Frequent meetings were held and straws were drawn. The person drawing the shortest straw was sworn to choose matrimony or death within a week. There have been a dozen marriages, but no suicide.

ROYAL BETROTHAL.

Frederick Francis I. fiance for Princess Alexandra.
GAMES, Dec. 28.—The good news from Gumburg, the betrothal of the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and the Princess Alexandra of Denmark, has been a heartily rejoiced at the Wil. Wood. The betrothal of the young Grand Duke, who is overjoyed at the happy event.

FOUGHT FOR THE BOERS.

The Romance of a Hungarian Nobleman Comes to a Light.
Vienna, Dec. 28.—A curious echo of the recent war in southern Africa has just been heard, making known a very remarkable story.
Five years ago Baron Azele, a young Hungarian nobleman, quarrelled very seriously with his father, and in consequence departed from Budapest, leaving no one as to his whereabouts or his intentions. Shortly after his disappearance his father died, and having reported of his anger towards his son, left him no inheritance.
The widow caused extensive enquiries to be made as to the whereabouts of her son, and at last, after years of research, she discovered that a young man answering his description had fought on the side of the Boers during the Transvaal War. Thereupon the Baroness sent two detectives to South Africa, where they spent many months in an apparently fruitless search. Finally, however, just as they were about to give up, they were told by a young man that they had heard of a Baron who was in the Transvaal in a

IN A LOUD VOICE.

The Kaiser Gives a Toast to the Memory of Bismarck.
Hanover, Germany, Dec. 28.—The one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the former German Empire was celebrated yesterday of a considerable celebration. Emperor William received the regiments and several thousand veterans of the old Hanoverian army. His Majesty commanded that a jubilee medal be struck in commemoration of the event. It will be made from the bronze of captured Prussian guns and will bear a representation of the Waterloo column in Hanover.
At a banquet given in honor of the Emperor's 60th birthday, the Kaiser gave a toast to the memory of Bismarck.
"With hearty thank I raise my glass and I hope will follow the example of the Kaiser," the German Emperor said.

SCHOOLBOY'S POINT OF VIEW.

An Original Essay on the Subject of Soap.
In view of the recent soap controversy, started by the London Lancet, the following epistle on the subject, contributed by "A Schoolboy" to the Bolognese Times, is of some interest.
It is the greatest nuisance possible to boys; it gets into their eyes and noses, and interferes with their enjoyment of life. The instinct against the use of soap is shown at the earliest age. You just watch a baby being washed and see what faces it makes. Later on when you are eight or nine years of age, and have been having larks, and got hot, and come home happy, your mother, when she sees you, instead of hugging you and being glad you have enjoyed yourself, says: "Oh you dirty boy, go and wash your face." That wouldn't happen if there was no soap.
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ALL THE NEWS OF THE TOWN

The Events of the Week
Chronicles for Reporter
Readers

Oysters—The great Nelson & Son's Try Thompson's for a pound of soft, for 33c.

Wedding bells will ring in Athens this evening.

Miss Nellie Johnston, of Ottawa, is home for Christmas holidays.

Miss Bessie Wright, of Ottawa, spent Christmas at the Rectory.

Mr. J. Walsh, of Ottawa, spent Sunday with friends in Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McKenna, of Ottawa, have returned to Athens.

Miss Katie Cavanaugh, of Ottawa, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slack.

Rev. Wm. Stewart will conduct service in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath.

Dunlop, Conservative, was elected in North Renfrew by a majority of about 600.

Mr. S. E. Barnes has been very ill for the last two weeks and is still confined to his bed.

Miss Lena Fair is this week visiting friends at Chantry, where she is the guest of Miss Ines Gibson.

—You can buy at Thompson's for 33c as good a pound of coffee as you can procure in any other store for 40c.

Mr. Frank Stevens, of Montreal, is visiting friends in Athens, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Connerty.

Mrs. Norman Ferguson (nee Miss Stella Bullis) and child of Drayton, N. D., are visiting old friends in Athens.

Miss Paulina Moore of Smith's Falls has been spending a few days in Athens, a guest of the Misses Wilton, Church street.

Mr. Wal. Steacy of Buffalo Dental College and Miss Victoria Steacy of Warburton spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. E. Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston and son Eddie, of Byland, Minn., arrived in Athens this week and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McClary.

Mrs. Wm. F. Kerr of Toronto spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. H. Elliott, Athens, and with friends at Smith's Falls.

Mr. James S. Tackaberry, a highly esteemed resident of Lansdowne, died on Sunday evening, aged 35 years. The funeral yesterday was very largely attended.

Employees of the Athens Lumber Yard and Grain Warehouse each received a Christmas present of a turkey from the proprietor, Mr. W. G. Parish, and assure us that they are becoming grateful for the kind remembrance.

Mr. Anson Wilton, of Dakota, is here on a visit to his grandson, Mr. Mort Wilton and other old friends. He was here about four years ago, when the remarkably close resemblance he bore to his twin brother, the late Arta Wilton, excited much comment.

For over a year Miss Pearl Fair has been very ill, and many times her condition has been critical. First an attack of inflammatory rheumatism shattered her system, leaving her heart very weak, and later a dropsical condition developed. Through it all, her physician, Dr. Harte, has been unremitting in his attention and devotion to her case, and with such success that on Christmas Day Pearl was able to come down stairs and join the family at dinner. That further improvement may follow this favorable condition, until complete restoration to health is attained, is the fervent wish of her fellow students of the A. H. S., and of her many friends throughout the village.

At the home of the bride's mother, Mill street, Athens, on Christmas Day, Miss Addie Whitmore and Mr. Thomas Hill of Brewers' Mills were united in marriage by the Rev. John Day. The bride is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in Athens and in her former home, Plum Hollow, and Mr. and Mrs. Hill have the best wishes of all for a long and happy wedded life.

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At the home of Mr. Wm. Langdon, Lyn, on Wednesday last, Miss Emma Covey of Ivy Lea and Mr. Charles Powers of Morristown, N. Y., were united in marriage by the Rev. R. Stillwell. The bride is a graduate of the A.H.S. and will be pleasantly remembered by many in Athens.

On Wednesday evening last, at the home of Mr. William Moulton, his daughter, Miss Elva, was united in marriage with Mr. Stephen Stevens of Delta the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Rural Dean Wright in the presence of a number of guests. Mr. Stevens has purchased a cheese factory in Ontario county, and together he will take his young bride in a few days. They have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends for a long and happy wedded life.

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Miss SMITH—These Roses you sent me, Mr. Jones, from HAY'S GREENHOUSES are truly beautiful.

Mr. JONES—Yes, their flowers give satisfaction; the quality they sell is of the best and they box and pack them so carefully that it is a pleasure to open a box of their flowers. I have already telephoned my orders for XMAS GIFTS.

SARGENT-CRAWFORD

At Calgary, Alberta, on Dec. 16, the marriage occurred at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Crawford of their sister, Miss Maude Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford, formerly of Athens, to Mr. F. A. Sargent, a former resident of Brookville. The bride wore a suit of dark blue sibiline striped with broadcloth, and pale blue silk blouse with hat of pale blue velvet and white felt. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Sargent drove to "Bradley," the residence which the groom had just finished in anticipation of the happy event, and where a number of friends and relatives, including the bride's parents, had gathered to tender a reception and house-warming to the happy couple, who are beginning their married life under most favorable conditions. As Mrs. Sargent is well known to Athenians, her friends here as well as elsewhere will join with the Reporter in wishing both herself and husband a long and happy married life.

Students—comfortable room, without board, for two lady students. Apply at the Reporter office.

Mr. Walter Landers of Toronto is visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. S. Stone, Elms street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanna of Ottawa are this week the guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Post.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Coleman of Chicago and Mr. Ed. C. Wright of Ottawa are visiting at the home of George P. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson of Brookville spent Christmas here and attended the anniversary services on Sunday, guests of Mrs. Patterson, Reid street.

—Marden Kemp, specialist in piano treatment, was unable to finish his orders in town before Xmas and will return the first of the year. In the meantime, those with whom he has not made engagement will oblige by leaving order at Mr. Lamb's drug store. Those in the country will kindly make arrangement for his going and returning. Mr. Kemp comes twice yearly and is one of the best trained and successful men travelling. He has not canvassed a person in 8 years and buys all the year, neither is he controlled by any agent, or firm, and all places given to his charge receive his best attention.

Ottawa Citizen: Rev. R. H. Steacy, of Bell's Corners, has made a warm place for himself in the hearts of his people since his appointment as rector last summer. This was shown on Thursday night when at a pleasant dinner party at the home of Mr. J. J. Hodgins, the congregation of St. Paul's, Hazeldean, presented him with a handsome cutter. The presentation was made in a graceful speech by Dr. Richardson, who expressed the good will of the congregation and their appreciation of Mr. Steacy's labors. Rev. Mr. Gorman, of Grace church, Ottawa, was present as a guest and added his felicitation, and Mr. Steacy's acknowledgment of the kindness of the congregation was in happy vein, Dec. 12.

HYMENEAL

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, Miss Angie Jones and Mr. W. J. Poole of Poole's Resort were united in matrimonial bonds by the Rev. G. N. Simmons. A large number of guests attended the ceremony which was witnessed by Miss Alice Tennant of Caintown and Mr. Harry Poole of Poole's Resort. The bride is very highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance, and her many friends will join with the Reporter in extending congratulations and best wishes to the newly wedded pair.

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P. C. R.—G. W. Booth,
C. E.—John Tye,
V. C. R.—John Freeman,
Rec. Sec.—G. F. Donnelly,
Fin. Sec.—T. S. Kaudjick,
Chap.—Jan. Patterson,
Treas.—W. Wilson,
S. W.—Ogle Webster,
J. W.—Levi Wilson,
S. E.—S. Stinson,
J. B.—J. Morris,
Physicians—Dr. Harte and Dr. Fur.

Auditors—G. W. Booth and James Patterson.

C. C. F. Officers

At a regular meeting of Court Athens 783 C. C. F., held on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected:

G. R.—W. Jacob,
V. U. R.—A. H. Jones,
Rec. Sec.—E. S. Clow,
Fin. Sec. & Treas.—S. C. A. Lamb,
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S. W.—W. L. Steacy,
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Connoisseur Cluster Table Raisins and all kinds of fruit.

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Thanks to the public for our increased trade. We hope everybody was well pleased with our service.

We tried to serve well all who favored us with their patronage.

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We think you can save money by coming here, as the goods are all new, up-to-date and at rock bottom prices.

We will mention a few useful and seasonable items well worth your attention:

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Goat Robes
Horse Blankets
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Ladies' hemstitched hdkfs.
Children's picture hdkfs.
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Valenciennes laces

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Curtains
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" " neck ties
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Ladies' fine boots
Dress Goods will be offered very cheap.

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By purchasing your winter needs from us we believe you will save almost one-third of the regular prices you would pay elsewhere.

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