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Great Clearing Sale —OF— MILLINERY.

Trimmed and Untrimmed and Ready-to-Wear
Hats at Half-Price.

Men's Underwear at 1-2 Price.

13 dozen men's all wool union and fleece-lined shirts and drawers, regular price 50c, January sale price 25c.
Also a lot of odd shirts and drawers, some of the very finest quality at 1/2 price.

Men's Shirts

One dozen men's white dress shirts, reg. price \$1.25 and \$1.50, January sale price 75c & 1.00.
Also men's neckties, four-in-hand and make-up, reg. price 25c, sale price 15c.

Great Clearing-up Sale of Furs.

Space will not permit quoting prices. We ask you to come and see for yourself. You can buy furs very cheap.

175 Ladies' and Misses' Jackets

-ranging in price from \$2.75 to \$20.00, your choice while they last at 1/2 price, all this season's goods and elegant styles, better make your choice early.

Ladies' Belts

A fine range of elegant silk belts in the very newest designs, regular \$1.00 quality at 75c, regular 75c quality at 50c, regular 50c quality at 35c.

Ladies' Winter Underwear

Ladies' heavy all wool vests and drawers, regular price 75c, January sale price 50c.
Ladies' all wool vests, fine quality, regular price 50c, January sale price 35c.
Ladies' union vests, good quality and nicely finished, reg. price 25c, January sale price 15c.
Ladies' open drawers, extra heavy quality, very special, regular price 25c, January sale price 15c.
Children's union vests and drawers, in sizes 17, 23, 25 and 28, reg. 20c quality at 15c; reg. 30c quality at 25c; reg. 40c quality at 35c.
A large range of cambric embroideries at 1/2 price.
Yak insertions and lace for dress trimmings, blues, greys and browns at 1/2 price.
Ladies' Flannel Waists, regular price \$1.00, January sale price 50c.

THOS. STONE & SON.

Reduction in Gas Coke... FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

To introduce the use of Gas Coke in the home of every fuel user in Chatham, Gas Coke will be Reduced to 10c per Bushel for Natural Size, and 12 1/2c per Bushel for Crushed Size, for orders received in January.

A full cart load of 30 Bushel Natural Size or Crushed Size delivered for \$3.25 or \$3.75 respectively.

Unquestionably the cheapest fuel for Furnaces, Range, Grate or Stove. Try it.

Smaller quantities, from one bushel up, will be sold at the above prices at the Works.

THE CHATHAM GAS CO., Limited.

HOW LONG DOES YOUR GRANITEWARE AND TINWARE LAST YOU?

Are you getting value for your money? Do you get the cheapest grade and pay a medium price for it? Or do you get a medium grade and pay a high price? Come to us and get the best goods, from imported tea plates made up by hand, not by machines, made up for our own customers, whose interests are ours.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO

COUNCIL CAUCUS ON COMMITTEES MAKES PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Ald. McCoig Dodging the Board of Works—Ald. Marshall Re-appointed Chairman of Finance—The Complete Schedule.

The newly elected aldermen held a caucus last night and drafted their slate. It is said that the draft was pretty strong when Archie McCoig declined the chairmanship of the Board of Works. Ald. McCoig had the refusal of this position—and he certainly refused it. All the other heavyweights in the Council, including Mayor McKeough, Ald. Marshall and Ald. Mounter have accepted this position and have discharged the duties of this office with credit to themselves and to the city. Archie McCoig, however, was satisfied to continue as chairman of the Parks and Cemetery committee, which position is looked upon as one of the less important and arduous.

THEY ELOPED

Outwitted Angry Parent and Escaped to Canada and Bliss—An Over-the-Border Romance.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 8. — Undaunted by an angry, unsentimental father's threats, and heeding only the pleadings of an ardent lover, Florence Taylor, of Sherwood, Mich., yesterday eloped with the wings of romance and fled with her admirer, Clyde Wilcox, to Windsor, To-day, by the ecclesiastical aid of Rev. D. Hind, they were made one.

The elopement, as nearly as can be ascertained, was the result of the action of the father of the girl, Frank Taylor, forbidding the youthful Adam is the pleasures of his daughter's company. Deprived of this, the wain soon fashioned a plan of escape, and yesterday morning, while the day was still unborn, he called for his youthful love and together they stole away from the forbidding parent's home.

But as the youthful couple, happy in the fact that they had outwitted their unsentimental parents, sped merrily on toward Detroit, a message to Detroit and Windsor outran them. Even Chief Wilcox and his troop of Windsor police were scouting in an endeavor to intercept them when they arrived. The message from Frank Taylor, the girl's father, stated that his daughter was but 15 years of age and that her marriage with Wilcox, who is but 21, must be prevented at all hazards.

Unable to locate them, the police at once communicated with the local issuers of marriage licenses, and laid the matter before them, requesting that they notify the police department if the couple should appear in quest of the necessary matrimonial papers. At the same time, the run-aways were at the International Hotel, Windsor, where they put up for the night. This morning they appeared before James Oliver, the champion marriage broker, but instead of a 15-year-old girl he found one who appeared to be on the shady side of 21. The young gentleman did not hesitate in making an affidavit that the girl was of age, and on these grounds the sanction of the law was obtained.

"Indeed, I am of age," the little bride-to-be declared. "My father did not want me to get married, but I am my own boss and decided that matrimony was all right, especially as I had found the man I love. We will go right back to our home and show my father that he cannot domineer over us."

Chief Willis is quite indignant that the license was issued. "Why, we had orders to prevent the marriage," said he, "and should at least have been consulted in the matter."

"I am sure it is all bosh about the young lady being only 15," said Rev. D. Hind, at whose office the conjugal knot was tied. "Why, I am sure she is at least 20 years of age, or looks don't count for anything. If the fellow ran away with a 15-year-old child he certainly found another one on the way, for there is not the slightest possibility of the young lady whom I married being under age."

As soon as the two were wed they left for Detroit, announcing their intention of returning to Sherwood this evening. The Windsor police telegraphed the girl's father of the wedding.

NEW MEMBERS

Marks Bros. Co., who have been playing at the Grand the past week, and remain until January 16, have strengthened their company by the addition of three new members, Beaumont Claxton, Miss Agnes Archer, of Chicago, and Frank V. French, of New York. They have been engaged to play leading roles and will appear in "His Mother's Vindication," on Monday night, a strong domestic comedy drama. Prices will remain the same—10c, 15c, and 25c; seats on sale at Brisco's.

STRONG STUFF

Yankee Speaker Writes Some Language on Cheque to Book Agent who "Worked" Him

Washington, Jan. 8.—He said "damn!"

Who? Why, your "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, sage of Danville, Ill., pillar of the church and erstwhile "good thing" in the eyes and for the well-being of that oft-petitioned individual, the book agent. "Uncle Joe" said "damn" in plain, unvarnished, unmistakable, strenuous, unfaceable way. He wrote it with a big pen on the back of a check he split it D-A-M-N, and he underscored the word, showing that he meant it. It may not have been the first time Speaker Cannon used as strong language, but probably he was never more in earnest. Here is the story:

The Danville statesman has been an "easy mark" for the vendors of books and other publications. It was with little difficulty that they obtained subscriptions from him for anything from an eight-page pamphlet on fleas to a one-hundred-volume set of writings on psychology.

Not long ago one of these glib-tongued individuals approached "Uncle Joe" with a proposition to purchase a set of books of a historical work. The speaker gave careful attention, and ended the interview by giving the desired order. The books were delivered, and Mr. Cannon sat down in his library to feast his mind with the recital of the deeds of those who have been prominent in the world's history. He had not read long before he discovered that the books were not what he expected them to be. He drew his check for the amount of the contract, however, and upon the back of it wrote the following:

"This check is in full payment, both legal and moral, for sixty volumes of books called in the contract with the speaker. There appears the name of the publication. 'The books are not worth a damn,' and are high at that. 'We are never too old to learn,' but the way the gentlemanly agent came it over your 'Uncle Joe' is worth the check."

AOT OF DESPONDENCY

The inquest into the death of John Dewar, who was found dead in his house on the second concession of Chatham township, was held in Harrison Hill last night, but nothing was brought out more than is already known by the public through the press.

William Draper, Geo. Duff and Thomas J. Ford, gave evidence as to finding Dewar lying across his bed with a razor in his hand and his throat cut. Dr. J. P. Rutherford gave evidence as to the wounds inflicted.

In summing up the evidence Dr. Dr. Bray said: "There is no doubt that this is suicide. He had bladder trouble, his eyesight was bad and he was melancholy and had nothing to live for. He died quickly after the wound had been inflicted, as from the position in which he was found it is plainly evident that there were no death struggles."

The jury brought in the following verdict: "That John Dewar came to his death by his own hand, by cutting his throat with a razor, on or about the 6th of January, 1904, while living on the 2nd concession of Chatham township, while suffering from despondency owing to ill health."

AFTER A TIME

J. W. Aitken, of this city, is in Ottawa attending the convention of the agents of the Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Co. Mr. Aitken was yesterday presented by the company with a handsome gold watch for being the best all around agent in the company. Mr. Aitken is a popular young man and his many friends in the city are pleased to learn of the honor that has been conferred upon him.

NEWS LESS WARLIKE.

RUSSIA REPORTED TO HAVE MADE CONCESSIONS.

Naval Battle Story Not Credited in London—Japan Said to be Willing to Continue the Negotiations.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—The Tageblatt's Paris correspondent learns that the French Government has been informed that Russia's answer to Japan makes far-reaching concessions respecting Corea, and that these concessions are equivalent to permitting the occupation of Corea by Japan on lines somewhat similar to the position of Great Britain in Egypt, but that Russia rejects any right of Japan to mingle in affairs in Manchuria.

Rumored Naval Engagement

London, Jan. 9.—The correspondent of The Daily Express at Kobe sends a scare-rumor to the effect that a collision between the Russian and the Japanese fleets has taken place near the islands of Teshima, in the Strait of Corea (about midway between Corea and Kiushu). This rumor is not mentioned from any other source, and in



ADMIRAL SAITO.
The Nelson of Japan.

view of the fact that the Japanese Government is exercising a censorship over all news concerning naval matters it may safely be disregarded.

Will Continue Negotiations.

Tokio, Jan. 9.—The Japanese Government has practically determined to continue negotiations. It is dissatisfied with Russia's terms, but does not feel warranted in issuing an ultimatum or breaking off negotiations, and will make another effort to secure their modification before resorting to force. It is anticipated that the discussion will consume a few weeks, during



VICE-ADMIRAL TYRTOFF,
Russian Minister of Marine, under whose direction the Czar's fleets are steadily gathering in Eastern waters.

which interim a breach of the peace is very improbable.

Unfounded Reports.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Japanese Legation says the report that Japan has sent, or is about to send, troops to Corea are wholly unfounded, and that the Japanese Government continues to do its utmost for the maintenance of peace.

REVOLUTION IN URUGUAY.

Troops Mutiny and Join Revolutionists—One Government Victory.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 9.—Advices from Montevideo say that the Uruguayan troops in the Department of Artigas have mutinied and are marching on Melo, and that the nationalists in the Department of Treinta y Tres have declared in favor of the revolutionists. A detachment of Uruguayan troops routed a revolutionary force in the Department of Maldonado on January 4th.

Sir William Mulock, addressing the Toronto Reform Association, pointed out the benefits to Toronto of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. W. H. McWilliams says the Canada Elevator Company of Winnipeg will build one of the largest elevators in the world at Port Arthur.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of the Legislature will be moved by Mr. C. N. Smith, M.P.P., Sault Ste. Marie, and seconded by Dr. Currie, M.P.P., Prince Edward.

IT COSTS TO POKE FUN

Emperor William Resents any Freedom with Jest at his Expense

Chamberlain Revises the Schedule of Punishments—New Scheme to Raise Money

Berlin, January 8.—Because Herr Zietach, who edited a Socialist paper in Charlottenburg, said that Emperor William's only function was to get \$10,000 every time he signed a Government document, the editor has been sentenced to prison for three months.

By Wireless Photograph to The Chatham Planet:

Berlin, Saturday, Jan. 9.—The scale of prices for offenses against his August Majesty is gradually changing. It is reported here that his Majesty's Chamberlain is revising the old lists, and your correspondent has reason to believe the schedule will be approximately as follows:

Calling William a "shine" or veneer—2,000 marks.

Saying William doesn't earn his salary—six months in the local Ludlow.

Referring to William without the "Emperor" prefix—one reproof.

Referring to William in flippant way—one censure.

Unkind criticism of William's music—life imprisonment.

Adverse comment on William's literary ability—solitary confinement for three weeks.

Mentioning William as "among those present"—decapitation.

Mentioning William as "an also ran"—decapitation and quartering.

There is a rumor that as funds are needed by the Royal Treasury, several new offenses—each punishable at 5,000 marks—have been devised by the Chamberlain, who is determined that so long as funds cannot be obtained by levying taxes upon Canadian imports, Germany's prosperity shall be maintained by domestic industry.

The Chamberlain is an industrious person. With the exception of Herr Zietach, no editors were compelled to contribute to the collection box to-day, as the Press Censor had a bad cold and could not attend to business.

ON HONEYMOON

New York, Jan. 8.—Paul H. Denz, manager of the eastern branch of the White Sewing Machine Co. will sail from Boston on the steamship Rumania on Jan. 16, for an automobile tour of Europe. The trip is to be his honeymoon, as next week Mr. Denz is to marry Miss Helen Smith, a well-known society girl of Detroit.

Mr. Denz will use the car that he piloted through the recent endurance run. The boat will land the tourists at Genoa, Italy, and then will come through the principal countries of Europe. It is not likely that Mr. Denz will compete in any automobile races after his marriage.

NEEDED MONEY

Bay City, Michigan, Jan. 8.—Thirty persons were more or less injured early this morning on a sleigh ride party from here to Auburn, nine miles distant. They were thrown out and Mrs. C. Ryan's left arm was broken. Mrs. LeFay received an ugly cut over her eye. Mrs. F. P. Jones sustained injuries about her head and face. Miss Foss had her mouth lacerated. Vena Turmelie suffered two badly sprained ankles, and the rest of the party came out of the wreck with minor bruises and cuts. Two small children were in the sleigh and when the latter capsize they were in the human mass, piled into a ditch, but fortunately escaped injury.

A rural doctor was sent for to attend the injured at a near-by farm house, but he refused to come unless assured of his pay. No one was able to do this under the circumstances, and it was necessary to leave the injured without medical attention until doctors could be called from Bay City.

LADIES' AID

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's church, was held in the ladies' parlor last Monday afternoon, with a goodly number of the ladies present. The reports for the past year were read and were very satisfactory. The treasurer's report showed that \$717.57 had been collected during the year and quite a sum paid off the debt of the new organ.

The officers for 1904 were elected as follows:—

President—Mrs. Manson Campbell.

First Vice-President—Mrs. (Dr.) Duncan.

Second Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Samuel Trotter.

Secretary—Miss Battisby.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Crumb.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. A. Hadley.

Asst. Treas.—Mrs. (Dr.) Charteris.



JUST A WORD
ABOUT OUR

Stationery

Is there anything so annoying as to find bad materials when you start to write a letter. In order to write a letter with comfort and express your thoughts in a happy vein to your correspondent you should have good pens and good ink and good paper.

These are our specialties, and you might as well have a good supply on hand, as the cost is so small when purchased from us.

We have pens to suit every hand.

We have good ink of every color.

We have a variety of paper and envelopes second to none in Ontario.

We make special mention of "Dimity" paper and envelopes in all colors. There is nothing nicer for ladies.

"ASK FOR DIMITY."

15c per quire, or two quires 25c.

Envelopes to match, 15c package, two packages for 25c.

Sent by mail on receipt of price.

Sulman's Beehive

King and Sixth Streets,
Opp. Garner House.

LOCAL LEGAL

The case of Schmidt & O'Toole against The Kelly Manufacturing Co. of Cleveland and The Wallaceburg Sugar Co. is now being heard at Harrison Hall by Judge Bell.

It is an action to recover balance claimed for extras and to enforce a mechanic's lien against the building and plant of the Wallaceburg Sugar Company for whatever judgment may be recovered.

The defendants the Kelly Company, were the contractors with the Wallaceburg Sugar Co. for the whole of the buildings and machinery at about \$700,000. The plaintiffs are sub-contractors under the Kelly Company for the construction of the foundations and brick and cement portions of the factory, for \$102,500, and they claim for extras, including the construction of the main office, about \$27,000.

The Wallaceburg Sugar Co. is practically not interested in the result of the litigation, because it has retained out of the \$700,000 payable to the Kelly Company, on the completion of the work, sufficient to satisfy the plaintiffs' claim if they succeed in getting a judgment. The plaintiffs' claim is made up of a great many items, varying from \$20 to \$4,400 and over, probably thirty of these items there is a contest on. Besides this the Kelly company claim for reductions on account of variation from the specifications and plans permitted by the contract, and these deductions amounting to several thousand dollars, are contested by the plaintiffs so that the trial of this action is equivalent to the trial of several actions in one.

The trial commenced on Monday morning last and by Friday noon the examination in chief of the first witness had not been finished.

A peculiar feature of legal procedure is illustrated by this action. A county court judge in an action for an unliquidated account, or for breach of contract has jurisdiction to the extent of \$200.00 only. When, however, a mechanics' lien is claimed his jurisdiction is unlimited and before him an action for a million dollars can be tried. In either case, of course, there is the right of appeal.

Mr. Wilson, K. C., and J. G. Kerr appear for the plaintiffs. John S. Fraser and Ward Stanworth appear for the defendants.

The Wallaceburg Sugar Company is in no way responsible for this action as they are merely the owners of the property.

A COFFEE DEMONSTRATION.

An interesting demonstration of Eby-Blain's Gold Medal Coffee, as made in their celebrated Quick Coffee Pots, will be given at the store of Mr. John McCorvie, commencing on Monday, January 11th, and continuing throughout next week. The ladies of Chatham and vicinity are cordially invited to call and witness the operation of making coffee by this new and improved method and also to test the quality of this well-known brand.

CHURCH CHIMES

HOURS OF SERVICE.

Christ Church—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian—11 and 7.
Holy Trinity—11 and 7.
St. Andrew's—11 and 7.
St. Joseph's R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30.
Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 and 7.
Park St. Methodist—11 and 7.
Seventh Day Adventists—3 and 7.
Latter Day Saints—11 and 7.
Campbell A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.
First Baptist—11 and 7.30.
St. John's A. U. M. E.—11 and 7.
British Methodist—11 and 7.30.
Union A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.

Pastors and others who contribute news items to this department of Saturday's Planet will confer a favor by seeing to it that their "copy" reaches this office not later than Friday, at 4 p. m. Matter received later than that hour cannot be guaranteed insertion.

International Bible Lesson for Tomorrow—The preaching of John the Baptist—Matt. iii, 1-12.

Golden Text—"Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

John the Baptist, the King's herald, the last of Hebrew prophets, a priest and son of a priest, lived in the wild, and in his person, mission and surroundings was a clean break-away from Jerusalem and its formalism. The Desert of Judea and its Dead Sea was a fitting type of the then spiritual condition of the Temple and the Jewish hierarchy, yet here is where God designs a revival of religious life should begin, under the preaching of "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This voice, this cry heard in the barren wilderness of humanity was to prepare the way for the public advent of Jesus the Christ, who came not to reign outwardly and purge the nation from Roman rule, as they feared, but to purge man inwardly from the rule of sin and Satan; not to cleanse the body with water, but to cleanse the soul and life from sin by the blood of Calvary, and by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit. This formal Pharise and the worldly Sadducee in their religious pride as Abraham's elect seed, are roasted, John comparing them to trees ready for the axeman and the fire, without repentance and its fruits, and as chaff to be burned.

All this applies equally to us and our time. Men are looking outwardly to politics, the tariff, social unions and organizations, science and education, etc., etc., when the imperative need of the hour is repentance unto God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

And Peter said unto them, (R. V.), "Repent ye and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, unto remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of The Holy Ghost."

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Mr. McClintock, of this city, will occupy the pulpit in the First Presbyterian Church on both occasions to-morrow. Mr. Arthur, the new choir leader, will preside at the organ.

Park St. Methodist Church will hold their New Year's services to-morrow. The pulpit will be occupied by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Cobblehead, and the music will be appropriate to the occasion.

Christ Church—Rev. R. McCosh will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Battisby, will conduct both services in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow. The Masonic brethren will worship in St. Andrew's in the evening.

Rev. T. R. O'Meara, Dean of Wyckoff College, Toronto, will preach in Holy Trinity Church to-morrow both morning and evening.

In Victoria Ave. Methodist Church to-morrow Rev. Arthur Barker, S. J. L., of Wilkesport, will preach morning and evening.

Mr. Wm. Pearce, of McMaster University, will preach in the William St. Baptist Church on both occasions to-morrow.

Latter Day Saints' service will be held in their church to-morrow as follows:—Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Elder B. St. John, of Ridgeway District, missionary. S. S. at 2 p. m. Prayer and sacrament service at 3 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Raleigh society meets at 8 p. m. every Friday. All welcome.

Campbell A. M. E. Church—Rev. T. H. Henderson, B. A., pastor—Divine service at 11 a. m., the subject being "An Interest in God," 7.30 p. m. subject, "The Fear of Death."

Usual services will be held in St. John's A. U. M. E. Church to-morrow at the usual hours.

Sunday services as usual in the Union A. M. E. Church, Forest Street, North Chatham; Rev. R. L. Holden, pastor.

Salvation Army, Union Depot—Knee drill at 7 a. m., meeting for promotion of holiness at 11 a. m., Christian fellowship meeting at 3 p. m., soul winning service at 7.30 p. m. All services for citizens and soldiers.

First Baptist Church, King St. A. Jesse Henderson, pastor. Morning service at 11, S. S. at 12.30, evening service at 7. Services will be conducted both morning and evening by the pastor.

The Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society of Christ Church meets in the S. S. Hall every Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Prayer meeting will be held in the

Catarrh

Whether it is of the nose, throat, stomach, bowels, or more delicate organs, catarrh is always debilitating and should never fall of attention.

It is a discharge from the mucous membrane when kept in a state of inflammation by an impure, commonly-scorbutous, condition of the blood.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures all forms of catarrh, radically and permanently—it removes the cause and overcomes all the effects. Get Hood's.

William St. Baptist Church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Class meeting in connection with the A. U. M. E. Church is held every Tuesday evening.

Divine service is held every Wednesday evening in Christ Church at 3 o'clock.

Prayer meeting is held every Wednesday evening in the S. S. Hall of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church.

Sunday evening prayer meeting in the William St. Baptist Church is conducted by the B. I. P. U. at 6.30.

Christ Church Anglican Young People's Society meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The Literary Society of St. Andrew's Church will entertain on Friday evening at 8.

The Victoria Ave. Epworth League meets on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The B. I. P. U. meets in the lecture room of the Baptist Church every Friday evening at 8.

The regular weekly prayer service will be held in St. Andrew's Church at 8 o'clock.

The Campbell A. M. E. S. S. will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3.

Prayer meeting will be held in the British Methodist Church at Wednesday evening at 7.30.

There is great danger in catarrh.

If left to run its course unchecked, it often causes death.

Catarrh scatters its poisons throughout the entire system. The stomach and lungs are affected by the droppings that fall into the stomach and are swallowed during sneezing, coughing, or vomiting. The stomach, bronchitis and consumption are the results. The blood also becomes contaminated and carries the poisons to all parts of the system. Frequently in the more advanced stages, the bones of the spine become decayed and the air passages are a putrid mass and create a stench so foul and offensive as to be unbearable. The expression, "rotten with catarrh," is not overdrawn or exaggerated.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets strike at the root of this terrible, odious disease and eradicate it from the system. They are a constitutional remedy that cleanses the system thoroughly of all poisons and purifies the blood. Under their influence the head becomes clear, the discharges at the nose and droppings into the throat cease, the lost sense of smell is restored, the eye brightens, the foul breath becomes pure and sweet and the odious, disgusting disease is thoroughly expelled from the system.

A Cincinnati man says: "I suffered from catarrh for twelve years. My case became so aggravated that it seriously interfered with all my business relations. The disease became so offensive that I would not venture into any one's presence unless it were absolutely necessary. I tried every remedy that I could get hold of. Some helped me temporarily, but as soon as I ceased taking them, I would relapse into the old condition. Finally a friend told me of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and insisted that I try them. I had about despair of ever finding help, but bought a box anyway. I began to notice the improvement within twenty-four hours after I began taking them. Before the first box was gone I felt like another man. Finally a friend told me of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and insisted that I try them. I had about despair of ever finding help, but bought a box anyway. I began to notice the improvement within twenty-four hours after I began taking them. Before the first box was gone I felt like another man. Finally a friend told me of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and insisted that I try them. I had about despair of ever finding help, but bought a box anyway. I began to notice the improvement within twenty-four hours after I began taking them. Before the first box was gone I felt like another man."

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

Call on Gabe McIntyre at the Montreal House, corner Read and Sunday street.

Look on Thursday on King street, a ladies' right hand beaver gaiter. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office.

If a cold clings to you, you should know that even a stubborn and long-neglected cold is cured with Allen's Lung Balsam. Do not spend your life in coughing and worrying.

The Rev. Mr. McGilveray will preach his farewell sermon at Newmarket on Jan. 17th, and will be inducted in the First Presbyterian church on the 21st.

The Master Mechanic's Pure Tar Soap heals and softens the skin, while promptly cleansing it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Invaluable for machinists, farmers, sportsmen. Free sample on receipt of 2¢ for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Miram, Montreal, Qc.

A. F. Stevens yesterday inspected the Orangemen's room in the Public General Hospital. This room has been fitted up in first class condition by the Orangemen of the county.

Something New! We will give away to every customer good Canadian money. Of course you don't need it, but your neighbor may. Read our ad in this issue and tell him about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Snowballing is a dangerous pastime, and should be abolished both on the streets and in school yards. Two girls were badly hurt yesterday morning by boys attending McKeough school.

Jos. Lovegrove and Stewart Taylor spent New Year's in Chatham—Amherstburg Echo.

The express companies of Canada have ordered all their agents to refuse live stock and perishable goods for shipment to interior United States points. The Americans have a law which requires that the person to whom anything is consigned shall fill out a certified form and forward it to the collector of customs. The live stock or package is held at the port of entry until this affidavit is secured from the party or parties to whom the consignment is addressed. In the case of live stock or perishable goods the express companies used to put up a \$1,000 bond to obviate the necessity of holding them at the port of entry. The express companies now refuse to give such a bond. The United States Customs department have of late become more strict and have issued orders rigidly enforcing this restriction on international trade. Possibly all this is the result of Hon. John Charlton's speeches in the United States. It's up to the Hon. Member of parliament to clear himself.

The hotel barber shop has its little joke as well as any other part of the house.

In the tinsorial establishment of one of the downtown hostilities in Detroit, says the Free Press, a drummer who knew all the doctors, was being operated upon. Nearby a swell barber shop had been set up in business, with plate mirrors, mahogany furniture and the like, and was making a great splash for business.

"How's the new barber shop getting on next door?" asked the drummer of one of the barbers.

"Oh, so-so," was the reply. "However, we manage to keep at work."

"No, not that," said the drummer. "I mean to show that though there may be 'butters in it,' competition is the life of trade."

"I suppose you do get a few, still, who don't see the other place?" remarked the drummer.

"Yes, indeed," he said. "They wander in here occasionally—a few like yourself, you know—and I suppose after they get in, they don't have nerve enough to get out."

"Not at all," said the drummer. "I think it's the nerve that keeps them in."

And the laugh was on the house.

THE DRUMMER SCORED.

There was once a king whose name was Dyonisus. He was so unjust and cruel that he won for himself the name of Tyrant. He knew that all most everybody hated him, and so he was always in dread lest somebody should take his life.

But he was very rich, and he lived in a fine palace where there were many costly and beautiful things, and was waited on by a host of servants who were always ready to do his bidding. One day a friend of his, whose name was Damocles, said to him:

"How happy you must be! You have everything that man could wish."

"Perhaps you would like to change places with me," said the tyrant.

"No, not that," O King! said Damocles; "but I think that if I could only have your riches and your pleasures for one day I should not want any greater happiness."

"Very well," said the tyrant, "you shall have them."

And so on the next day Damocles was led into the palace, and all the servants were bidden to treat him as their master. He sat down at the table in the banquet hall, and rich food was placed before him. Nothing was wanting that could give him pleasure. There were costly wines, and beautiful flowers, and rare perfume, and delightful music. He rested himself among soft cushions and felt that he was the happiest man in all the world.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Croscott's lozenges, ten cents per box. All druggists.

A wise man can keep silent, but a fool cannot.

Many an opportunity is wasted on the wrong man.

The average girl changes her mind several times before she changes her name.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians.

A minute may read what an age cannot mend.

John McConnell, Phone 100, - Park St.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

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The thousands of people who write to me saying that

Shiloh's Consumption Cure

The Lung Tonic

cured them of chronic coughs cannot all be mistaken.

There must be truth in it. Try a bottle for that cough of yours.

Prices 25c., 50c. and \$1.00

S. C. WELLS & CO. Toronto, Can. L.R. Roy, N.Y.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

The installation of the officers of Pennamit Lodge No. 2, A. O. U. W. took place last evening when a fair turnout of the brethren were present.

Bro. Chas. Kelly, P. M. W., representing the Grand Master Workman, assisted by P. M. W. Bro. Wm. Robertson, representing the Grand Foreman; Bro. Warren Martin, representing the Grand Overseer; P. M. W. Bro. J. Ryan, representing the Grand Guide; P. M. W. Bro. Westland Gregg, representing the Past Grand Master Workman, installed the officers for 1904, which are as follows:—

P. M. W. Bro. A. E. Sauerman. M. W. Bro. G. H. Conibear. Foreman, Bro. A. C. Forsythe. Overseer, Bro. J. H. Barnes. Financier, Bro. Wm. Rennie. Recorder, Bro. W. G. Arnold. Treasurer, Bro. J. J. Couzens. Guide, Bro. Homer Turner. Inside Watchman, Bro. Geo. Mason. Outside Watchman, Bro. R. J. Dunlop.

Organist, Bro. A. Wemp. Representative to Grand Lodge, Bro. A. E. Sauerman; alternate, Bro. J. H. Barnes.

Trustees, Bro. T. Scullard, Bro. A. Wemp, and Bro. Wm. Robertson. Auditors, Bro. W. H. Benson, Bro. S. M. Smith.

After the installation ceremony took place, good speeches were given by several of the brethren, who refreshments were served. Sides were then chosen and carpet ball was indulged in.

HELP ONE ANOTHER.

AN INTERESTING CHAT WITH REV. R. HATCHETT.

He Asserts People Should Speak Plainly When Their Words Will Benefit Others.

From the Recorder, Brockville, Ont.

Rev. R. Hatchett, general agent of the African Methodist Church in Canada, spent several days in Brockville, recently in the interest of the church work.

He said he always liked to visit Brockville, because he found so many of its citizens in hearty sympathy with the church work he represents.

"And besides," said Mr. Hatchett, "I know some people object to speaking in public about medicines they use, but I think this is a narrow view to take."

"I know of no other drug," he said, "but I think this is a narrow view to take. I know of no other drug, but I think this is a narrow view to take."

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Still Greater Money's Worth for You.

The bold, liberal offerings of Our January Sale have created quite a stir—everybody seems to be talking about them. Yet it seems to us as if our fun was just commencing for we are now in splendid trim to bring up our reserve forces and make values bigger and better than ever.

Ladies' \$1.50 Waists at 98c.—Three dozen ladies' waists in fine canvas cloth, vestings, kimono flannels, and black satina, handsome styles, prettily trimmed, colors—plaid, navy, cream, black and fancy stripes, regular \$1.25 to \$1.75, each, clearing at each 98c.

Dress goods at half price—One piece navy pique suit, fine pure wool, 46 inches wide, warranted not to spot or shrink, regular \$1.00 a yard, clearing at 50c.

One piece each black and navy Amazon suit, 47 inches wide, good suiting weights, fine finish, sponged and shrunk, regular \$60c yard, clearing at 30c.

Five pieces heavy Panama suitings, 48 inches wide, in range of dark heather mixtures, a special 40c line, clearing at a yard 25c.

Kure wool French serges at 25c yard—Fine quality, firm, bright finish, 42 inches wide, colors cardinal, navy, black and myrtle, regular 35c yard, clearing at 25c.

Black mohair lustre waistings, fashionable goods, bright finish, best black dye, 42 inches wide, regular value 35c, special at 25c.

44 inches wide, rich silky finish, special a yard 50c.

46 and 48 inches wide, superior quality, brilliant finish, special at a yard 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Cream voile at 50c yard—Fine pure wool cream voile waistings, 40 inches wide, extraordinary value at a yard 50c.

200 yards Victoria lawn, fine quality, pure white, 42 inches wide, worth 15c a yard, special at 12 1-2c.

Ladies' \$1.00 gauntlets at 60c pair—Three dozen ladies' Astrachan curl gauntlets, black or grey, firm curl, kid palms, wool lined, full cuff, regular \$1.00 a pair, clearing at 60c.

Ladies' seal gauntlets at 98c pair—15 pair ladies' waterproof seal cloth gauntlets, fine rich quality, kid palms, wool lined, quilted cuff, regular \$1.50 a pair, clearing at 98c.

Children's 50c gauntlets at 33c pair—Three dozen girls' gauntlets, grey Astrachan curl, kid palms, wool lined, regular 50c a pair, clearing at 33c.

SEVEN STORES The NORTHWAY COMPANY, Limited TWO FACTORIES

Cut Price Sale

Is in full swing, and we challenge any reputable clothing house to duplicate our clothing and our prices at the same time.

We want to clean out all Winter Clothing and Furnishings. We want the room and we want the money, but we don't want the goods. You May Have All the Profits and Part of the Cost.

Cost is disregarded—prices have been cut deeper than ever before.

Boys' 3-piece suits up to \$125, for \$30.00.

Boys' 3-piece suits up to \$50.00 for \$35.00.

Boys' 3-piece suits up to \$65.00, for \$35.00.

Boys' Reefers, size, 33, \$37.50, and \$42.50, for \$34.00.

Bu-Ju RELIEVES AND CURES

**Constipation,
Urinary Troubles,
Swelling of Extremities,
Pain in Joints or Hips,
Chills, Backache**

These are symptoms of kidney derangement. They are cured when the kidneys are induced to work properly. The Kidney Pill, is made for disordered kidneys. It restores these organs to healthy action. A single trial will convince.

Bu-Ju is sold by all druggists; box of 50 pills, 50c.

Facts About Peat Fuel

How it is Made, How it is Used, What it Costs and What it is Worth—Some Interesting Statements Concerning Peat Coke.

The prime object of this paper is to offer briefly some facts and information relating to the production, cost, use and value of this valuable fuel, from my own personal experience and observation during a series of years—with other data from trustworthy authorities which may be of practical interest.

In our own country the deposits of peat are numerous, extensive and in quantity simply enormous. New England is full of it; the deposits in the Middle, Western and Northwestern States and in Canada are enormous. California and Mexico have a rich and extensive store of it.

Its superior value for domestic, steam and metallurgical purposes is established beyond question. It requires only to be manufactured and prepared in good shape to take its place as a standard commodity of traffic and use.

The various attempts to solidify and put it into merchantable form may all be classed under two heads—pressing and condensing. Of presses, a great variety have been built, some simple of construction, others of more elaborate power and perfection in every detail. The most notable success attained by this process has been in Canada, where, under pressure of two to twelve tons to the square inch, a handsome article has been produced in the shape of a fuel, which burns well and can be used for some purposes; but pressure has thus far failed to produce, and cannot by any possibility be made to produce, a perfect fuel. Water dissolves it, heat disintegrates it, handling and transportation tend to crumble it and it cannot be successfully coked. The cost of plant is large, the power required is enormous, and the product, though not without merit for some purposes, is seriously lacking in the qualities essential to a perfect fuel. Our consul at Toronto writes (October 31, 1902): "Fully \$400,000 has, in the course of seven or eight years, been practically wasted in Canada in futile attempts in this line."

Condensed peat fuel differs essentially from the pressed article. The methods of manufacture is exceedingly simple, rapid and successful. The plant required is comparatively inexpensive; the expense of manufacture is small, and the fuel produced is, in many respects, superior to that produced by any other process.

The crude material is excavated and brought from the bog in any convenient manner. The treatment is such that the original organization of the peat is destroyed; the air, of which a large amount is contained in its cells, is heated; its plastic and adhesive properties are developed, advantage is taken of some of the peculiar natural qualities of the material, and it is then in condition to be blocked or moulded into any form desired, which may be accomplished in a variety of simple ways. It is then exposed in the open air for drying, or artificial means may be used to expedite this.

The product is a solid, hard fuel, which burns freely with a light draught, producing steady, clear and intense heat, consumes entirely from surface to centre, leaving a residue of light ash, but no cinders or embers; does not disintegrate; is as impervious to water as brick or stone; emits very little smoke and no offensive gases; is readily carbonized, produces a coke of superior quality for domestic, steam and metallurgical purposes.

Condensed peat may be carbonized as we do wood and coal, and produces peat coke; and it is to this fuel and the proper production of it that I desire to call special attention, because of its superior excellence for all ordinary purposes, and for the more severe processes required in the arts.

Until recently I have never known of any peat coke being produced in this country, but during the last two years, peat coke of superior quality has been produced in perfect form, and has resulted in perfecting a simple, practical and eminently successful method of producing this much desired fuel at a cost and of quality which render it practicable to introduce it as a merchantable article, because of its superior excellence for all ordinary purposes, and for the more severe processes required in the arts.

Condensed and solidified by what is known as the Leavitt process, the coking or carbonizing is accomplished by the more recently discovered Rockwell process. The former is patented, and is therefore free to all. The coking process is covered by patents. The gases generated from the peat in the process of coking are used for heating the ovens, and are amply sufficient for that purpose.

The quantity of coke obtainable from a good quality of condensed peat may average about 40 per cent of its weight. The high heating power of peat and peat coke and its absolute freedom from sulphur and other properties deleterious to metals must be taken into account in its use. The peculiar interest to the smelter and those who follow after him, as manufacturers of the metals which he produces.

Practically the same range of by-products may be obtained as from the coking of coal, and, properly managed, the working expenses of producing the coke may be covered by the value of these.

The concurrent testimony of parties who have used peat fuel for heating, cooking and the usual variety of household purposes is that it is preferable to any other, and of peat coke that it is the "very best" fuel they have ever used. It is very easily kindled, burns freely and gives a quick and intense heat; is much cleaner than coal, more pleasant to handle and easily managed for all purposes. For the sick chamber there is no fuel which yields so mild and grateful a heat as peat. For persons with delicate lungs it is especially desirable, as it produces none of the irritating effects of wood smoke or coal gas.

The superior fitness and great value of this fuel for steam service in manufacturing establishments, locomotives, steamships, etc., has been repeatedly and abundantly demonstrated, but as yet the production of it has not been sufficient to insure a constant and steady supply. It saves half the time in getting up steam, affords a quick and intense heat, with large volume of flame, and is easily regulated. The absence of smoke and cinders, sparks and soot and the preservation of grates and fireboxes from the effects of sulphur are important advantages, while, on the score of comfort to travellers by rail, the annoyance and suffering occasioned by cinders, sparks and smoke are by the use of this fuel entirely obviated.

My own personal experience during six years while operating peat works at Lexington, Mass., was confirmatory of the statements here made. During four years I ran a 14-horsepower tubular boiler. The firebox, fitted for coal, was 32 x 42 inches, with grate bars three-quarters of an inch apart and eighteen inches below the boiler. It burned nothing but condensed peat of my own manufacture, and finding that the heat generated was far in excess of what was required, the area of the grate was gradually reduced by 1 ying firebricks at the sides and rear end, to 16 x 36 inches, less than one-half the original area. The fuel was never more than six inches deep on the grate—generally less. The gas generated produced a constant flame, which filled the entire space under the boiler. It burned with a very light draught, gave quick, steady and intense heat, and at the close of the fourth year, the grate bars were entirely uninjured and as good as when new.

At that time I had not learned to coke the fuel, but since doing so I have seen the peat coke used with results far in excess of what I have narrated above my own experience. The same general principles apply to locomotive service. The fuel area should be smaller and the exhaust considerably less powerful than for coal. It can be banked and quickly started again.

Concerning peat in the manufacture of iron and steel, a few quotations from correspondence and statements at hand must suffice to indicate the estimation in which this fuel is held by practical men, familiar with the requirements and use of fuel in the important iron and steel industries: "For smelting ores, welding and annealing, softening steel plates, etc., good peat is preferable to any fuel." "For giving toughness to the metal and uniformity of chill, qualities so essential to car wheels, peat fuel is unsurpassed." "Peat coke is of still greater value than the best charcoal, and in the manufacture of iron it stands unrivalled." These illustrations illustrate the character of a multitude of others of similar import.

From my own experience during six years, I consider that condensed peat can ordinarily be produced in good shape and marketable condition for less than \$2 a ton. It has been sold at prices all the way from \$3 to \$8 a ton. It is not too much to say that in any region where it is produced the demand will be likely to exceed the supply.

Most of the new enterprises of the age are understood to demand and require for their development and success very large preliminary outlays of money. Not so with peat; the outlay required is comparatively small, while the returns are quick, large and sure.

The men who have been, and still are, ready and eager to sink large sums in oil wells and gold mines at a distance are apparently slow to observe the wealth that lies plainly before them at home in the peat beds which multitudes pass every day. The next generation will probably wonder that this generation of enterprising men was so blind.

If, then, we have at our own doors, and in great abundance, an article of fuel at small cost, which is equal in value and superior in quality to that which we bring from a distance, it is not plainly apparent that it affords a tempting opportunity for the creation of an entirely new productive and profitable industry, employing capital and requiring labor on a large scale and utilizing resources now lying dormant, the importance of which is beyond estimate—New York Tribune.

CRADLE SONG.

Sweetheart, sleep; Night spreads her pall
Over the silent town,
And the far-off tide is musical
Where the little lines of breakers fall,
And the weary sun goes down,
Sleep, oh sleep! for the world reposes,
Drop your head like the tired roses;
Dream till the daffodil dawn uncloses
Over the sleepless sea.
While birds drift to their dizzy nest
Safe on the headland steep;
God's great rose is pale in the west,
My little rose must sink to rest,
And flower in the land of sleep.
Sleep, for the wind of night is blowing
Echoes faint of the cattle lowing,
Drowsy eases of the long day's mowing
Over the hills to me.
Now the moon like a silver ship
Steers through the starry sky;
And the lighthouse at the harbor's lip,
Where the clammy seaweeds cling and drip,
Winks with his fierce red eye.
Sleep, oh sleep! in the magic gloaming,
Glide to the land where the eaves are roaming;
Wake when the sun flames over the foaming
Splendid spray of the sea.

In this simple fact, that we cannot accurately foresee the future, lies a refuge from despair.

HOW HEALTH IS GAINED



The story of a great deal of the unhappiness of women is a story of lost health. Women wonder how it is that little by little the form loses plumpness, the cheeks grow hollow and sallow, and they feel tired and worn-out all the time. In a large proportion of cases when women are weak, run-down and falling off in flesh and color, the root of the trouble can be traced to womanly diseases which undermine the general health. The proof of this is that women who have been cured of painful womanly diseases by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription have recovered their general health, gained in flesh and in appearance.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures the womanly diseases which sap the general health. It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

"I suffered for three years with ovarian trouble," writes Mrs. Anna Quinn (Treasurer Woman's Athletic Club), of 622 Seymour St., Milwaukee, Wis. "The treatment I took did not do me a particle of good, until a good neighbor who had been using Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription advised me to give it a trial. The next day took my first dose, and in five weeks I was a different woman; my flesh which had been falling away, came back, my cheeks grew bright. It was simply an indication of the great change within from pain and suffering to health and happiness."

"Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong, sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine which works wonders for weak women. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets invigorate stomach, liver and bowels.

District Dashes

Mr. W. Colwell, for the past eight years publisher and proprietor of the Wallaceburg News, at one time publisher of a paper here, has sold his paper to his sons, Messrs. C.W. and G.S. Colwell, who will conduct it as a Conservative organ.

A quiet Christmas wedding was celebrated at the home of Samuel McColl, Dutton, when his niece, Miss E. McColl was married to Mr. Passmore, of Detroit.

E. E. Dodson, ex-principal of the Wallaceburg Public school, and Miss Mabel Power, teacher in the school, were married on Christmas eve.

Robert Fleming, of Kent Bridge, who has been laid up for the past three months with rheumatism, is we are pleased to state, improving.

The Dutton Board of Health is taking precautions to prevent the spread of scarlet fever which has broken out in that village.

Frank H. Warner, an old Merlin boy, has been appointed clerk of the Division Court, at Fort Frances, Rainy River District.

Sarnia Board of Health is requesting citizens of that town to observe every precaution, as small-pox exists in Port Huron and there is danger of its carrying across the river.

Bille River, the progressive French Canadian village in Essex county, wants a harbor and wants it badly. The matter was discussed at the nominations, and a movement set on foot to petition the government to build a harbor at the village on Lake St. Clair. The work is estimated to cost \$150,000 and the request is to be forwarded at once to the government through the member of the riding, R. F. Sutherland, K. C.

Miss Olive Mather gave a sleighing party to a number of her young friends on Monday evening, in honor of her guests Misses Hall and McDonald, of Chatham—Tilbury Times.

W. H. Hutcheson, of Scarff's bank has accepted a position in the Dominion Bank, at St. Thomas—Tilbury Times.

SNOWSHOE COSTUMES MADE NEW BY DIAMOND DYES.



If your blanket costume, sash, tunic and stockings worn last year are now faded, soiled or spotted, you can, at a cost of from 10 to 30 cents make them as good as new by using DIAMOND DYES. The work is easy and simple. Diamond Dyes are money savers.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

FLETCHER.

Peter Longworth spent Christmas with friends here.

The Fletcher orchestra with their fine music made a very successful program at St. Patrick's Hall, Raleigh.

We are sorry to hear of the sickness in James McKeon's family.

Frank Gilman and Miss Barry spent Sunday in Merila, at Miss Ward's.

S. Dale had a misfortune, of running his traction engine into the ditch on the fifth concession.

Wm. Kelly has joined the rifle club of Merila, and will take in the tournament at Detroit on the fifth of January.

John Murphy, Jr., and John McHardy, have dissolved partnership.

James Dillon, Jr., attended the ball in Blenheim, and reports a good time.

DOWN THE RIVER.

Mrs. Ethel Kier, of Detroit, has returned home, after spending her holidays with friends on the river.

We are pleased to hear nearly all the old councillors have been returned in Dover.

We are pleased to know that Jas. Fleming has moved into his new home, and we welcome him among us.

Herman Merritt has returned home, after a pleasant visit in Chatham township.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clements have returned home from Port Horne, where they spent their holidays.

The party at Robert Pirry's was largely attended, and an enjoyable time was spent by all.

Warren Crow, of Flint, Mich.; Melvin Crow, of Prairieiding, and Oscar Crow, of Detroit, visited their grandmother, Mrs. Wm. A. Crow, last week.

CHARING CROSS.

Miss Bany, of Hamilton, is visiting at the home of A. Walker for a few days.

D. McEachern is now engaged driving wood to Olham for E. Dodd's.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEachern, of Battle Creek, Mich., have returned home after spending their Christmas here.

School re-opened with a very large attendance in spite of the cold weather. Miss Hunter and Miss Garrett are the teachers for this year.

A. Jacobs, of this place, purchased a team of colts from Wm. Shaw, paying a handsome sum for them.

Albert Dibbier and family have moved to a farm which he has leased on the 6th concession, Raleigh.

Robert Denery, of Fargo, spent Sunday with friends here.

Quite a number from here attended the party at the home of John Knott on Monday night.

A. Meloche is visiting friends and relatives in Montreal.

Miss Birdie Jenner has returned to Detroit after spending two weeks with her mother here.

Charles Huff, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is we are pleased to report, recovering.

Charles Hawkins, of Fletcher, spent New Year's the guest of A. Robinson.

Wash greasy dishes, pots or pans with Lever's Dry Soap a powder. It will remove the grease with the greatest ease. 36

GUILDS.

Miss Carrie Maynard, of Chatham, was the guest of Miss Mamie Campbell last week.

Chas. R. Moorehouse brothers, of Shelburne, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Guilds over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodd, of Tilbury, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. Thomas, over Sunday.

Willie Dodd, of Charing Cross, was a village visitor this week.

Miss Lettie Bury, of Palmyra, visited her aunt, Mrs. R. Smith, for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Manser, of Lamlash, spent Christmas with Mr. A. J. Dodd.

Charles Guild is the newly elected school trustee.

Mrs. John McDonald is visiting friends in Merila.

Mr. Hale Guyatt, of Vassar, Mich., spent a few days this week with his wife, Mrs. E. H. Bentley.

Mrs. Wilson, of London, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. T. Guild.

Miss Myrtle Russell, of Mossley, called on her friends for a few days this week.

Some of the young men of this neighborhood are getting rather bold by going to a certain residence and taking a cutter that was standing by the door and carting it away.

In the presence of about forty guests a very pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday at four o'clock by the Rev. C. W. Bristol, at the residence of Mr. James Guild, when his step daughter, Miss Myrtle Langtry, was married to Mr. Neil Haggart. Mr. Joseph O. Laird, cousin of the groom, acted as best man, and Miss Carrie Gossnell, of Highgate, cousin of the bride, as bridesmaid. The wedding was followed by a bountiful supper, and the happy couple after a short drive to Blenheim and left on a wedding trip to Detroit. Their many friends extend their heartiest congratulations. A sleigh load of young people spent a most enjoyable evening at Mr. Cyrus Craig's on New Year's night. Miss Baker, of Ridgeland, was the guest of Miss Nellie Nevills last week.

GLENWOOD.

Mrs. P. J. McGee and Miss Edith returned on Monday from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Kintore and Woodstock.

Miss Lulu Palmer re-opened the school on Monday, with an average attendance.

Miss Alice Estabrook returned on Monday to resume her duties as teacher in the Trudell school, near Tilbury.

Our blacksmith, P. J. McGee, has

Wearing Work



—You cannot do justice to your work or to yourself if your stomach and nerves are upset, your whole system deranged by indigestion—constipation. But you can soon set matters right—get a box of

RONY-TONIC Tablets and follow the directions on the wrapper. The little Tablets will refresh and strengthen your stomach, wake up your liver, regulate your bowels, purify your blood.

Fifty Rony-Tonic Tablets, in an attractive aluminum pocket case, 25 cents at drug stores, or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price. The Rony-Tonic Remedy Co., Limited, Walker, Ont.

been doing a rushing shoeing business for the past three weeks. Horner was often in the shop by five o'clock a. m., and Mr. McGee turned large numbers of horses away daily.

Miss Mary Gordon, of Highgate, spent Friday and Saturday of last week at W. C. Estabrook's.

Married, on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, at the Romye Methodist parsonage, by the Rev. Mr. Millson, Robert

THE GREATEST FAMILY REMEDY

And one well known in most Canadian homes in Nerviline, a perfect panacea for all internal and external ailments. Mrs. M. E. Cartwright, of Morris, says:—I couldn't think of being without Nerviline. When I get toothache Nerviline stops it. If I get a sick headache, have a trouble with my stomach or bowels I can rely on Nerviline to cure me promptly.

To break up a cold or rub on for rheumatism or neuralgia Nerviline has no equal. It's priceless in any family. Nerviline is king over all pain and costs 25c.

SOUTH BUXTON.

The annual school meeting was held on the 30th ult., in the school house, Section No. 7. Wm. Randall in the chair, James Hancock, secretary. The trustees' report of an income of \$514.00, an expense of \$300.85, and a balance on hand of \$213.15 was adopted without discussion, showing that the ratepayers were satisfied with the report. Brock King was chosen people's auditor. Then came the election of a trustee, but the colored people objected on the ground that they represented only about one-third of the ratepayers and that they had one trustee and were satisfied, so the matter was dropped and Jas. Gilhula, the retiring trustee, was re-elected, this term making 20 years' service for him in that office, and only one year absent from that board. Mr. Gilhula is a Catholic.

Mrs. J. M. Garel has returned from a visit with relatives in Detroit, Pontiac and Flint, Mich., some of whom she has not seen for 20 years.

Mr. John Dowling, of the River, and son, Dr. Dowling, of Detroit, were visitors at Wm. Finlay's.

Prince Chase is preparing to put a cement foundation under his new barn. Thomas Prince is getting material on the ground for a new barn in the spring.

A SATISFACTORY PILE REMEDY

Will cure the conditions causing the piles. Try Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut; their frequent use prevents piles. No case ever known where the use of Dr. Hamilton's Pills failed. Price 25c.

OBTAINED THIS QUIP.

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, the humorist's wife, is a great traveler. She has in her California home a collection of beautiful bells from every quarter of the world, and she has in her memory a collection of odd incidents and sayings gathered in as many and diverse places as the bells were.

Mrs. Burdette says that, while touring in the Scottish Highlands one summer, she was taken to a cave in which Macbeth was said to have been born.

She examined the cave attentively. She listened attentively to the eloquent speech of her guide. At the end she said to the man: "Come, now, tell me truly, is this really the place where Macbeth was born?"

The guide smiled awkwardly. He shifted about a little.

"Well," he said, "it's one of the places."

Weaver's Syrup

Cures all humors of the blood permanently. No need to suffer with

ERYSIPHELAS
SALT RHEUM
BOILS
SCURVY

W. F. SMITH, Barrister.

FOR SALE—FARM AND CITY PROPERTY.

Brick house, two stories, 7 rooms, lot 40 feet front by 208 feet deep, \$1,100.00.

Frame house, 8 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 ft. by 208 ft., good stable, \$1,100.00.

House and lot, 9 rooms, \$1,050.00.

House and lot, 5 rooms, \$400.00.

Farm, in Township of Raleigh, 50 acres. All cleared. Good house and barn, \$3,100.00.

Farm, in Township of Harwich, 200 acres. Large house, barn and out-buildings, \$12,000.00.

Farm, in Township of Raleigh, 40 acres. Good house, new stable and granary, \$2,250.00.

Ten acres in suburbs of Chatham, \$1,500.00.

Valuable suburban residence, 11 rooms; with seven acres of land. Good stable, \$3,000.00.

Apply to W. F. SMITH, Barrister.

DENTAL.

A. H. HICKS, D. D. S.—Honor graduate of Philadelphia Dental College and Hospital of Oral Surgery, Philadelphia, Pa., also honor graduate of Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto. Office, over Turner's drug store, 28 Rutherford Block. tf

LODGES.

WILLINGTON Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., meets on the first Monday of every month, in the Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 7.30 p. m. Visiting brethren heartily welcomed.

ALEX. GREGORY, Sec'y.
GEORGE MASSEY, W. M.

LEGAL.

RANKIN & SOULLARD—Barristers and Solicitors, Victoria Block, Chatham. Ont. J. B. Rankin, K. C., Thos. Soullard.

W. F. SMITH—Barrister, Solicitor, etc. Office, King Street, west of the Market. Money to loan on Mortgages.

J. R. O'LYNN—Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Conveyancer, Notary Public. Office, King Street, opposite Merchants' Bank, Chatham, Ont.

SMITH & GOSNELL—Barristers, Solicitors, etc., Harrison Hall, Chatham. Herbert D. Smith, County Crown Attorney; R. L. Gosnell.

HOUSTON, STONE & SCANE—Barristers, Solicitors, Conveyancers, Notaries Public, etc. Private funds to loan at lowest current rates. Office, upstairs in Sheldrick Block, corner of E. Malcolmson's store. M. Houston, Fred Stone, W. W. Scane.

WILSON, PIKE & GUNDY—Barristers, Solicitors of the Supreme Court, Notaries Public, etc. Money to loan on Mortgages at lowest rates. Offices, Fifth Street. Matthew Wilson, K. C., W. E. Gundy, J. M. Pike.

MONEY TO LOAN

ON LAND MORTGAGES at lowest rate of interest. I also have a few farms for sale. I also sell buggies and carriages. Call and see me and get my prices, and you will save money by doing so. Henry Dagnan, Chatham. tf

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ON LAND MORTGAGES ON CHATTELMORTGAGES OR ON NOTE

To pay off mortgages. To buy property. Very lowest rates.

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CURA COUGH

Why keep that cough when we have this
valued preparation within reach of all?

PRICE 25 CENTS.

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Corner Sixth and King Street,
Over the Bee Hive,
Phone 347.

"ROBIN HOOD"

**Largest Practice of the Series
on Monday Evening, When
Colonel Rankin Will
Make Special An-
nouncement**

On Monday evening next all the members of the big Robin Hood company are earnestly requested to assemble at the Standard Bank auditorium at eight o'clock sharp. Considerable work and special arrangements in connection with the production will be gone over preparatory to the work of rehearsal.

Colonel J. B. Rankin will also be present and is billed to make an important announcement of special interest to everyone taking part. A very short time now remains before the presentation and several propositions are to be discussed with the young ladies and gentlemen who are so successfully devoting their time and talents to this magnificent opera.

The patrons and patronesses are cordially invited to the Monday night rehearsal.

TIME FOR ACTION

"It's a wonder to me," remarked Contractor Geo. Fielder to The Planet this afternoon, "that there isn't a long casualty list these days, with so many young boys and girls jumping on and off bob-sleighs and cutters. I suppose some boy or girl will have to be killed or badly injured before there is any action taken by the proper authorities. I think it is the duty of the police force to keep the children from this dangerous practice. It is not only exceedingly hazardous for the children, but is very annoying for people out driving who have to be so watchful at all times lest they run over the youngsters. Something should be done and done immediately."

ORDERS FROM JAPAN

Horses and Army Supplies to be Purchased in Canada.

Vancouver, Jan. 9.—Despite telegraphic assurances of expected peace Japan is undoubtedly energetically completing war preparations. Several heavy orders have this week been received by Victoria and Vancouver wholesalers for flour, canned meats and special army biscuits. The latter, arrived Empress of Japan had also as a passenger S. Okamura, whose mission is to collect and ship within sixty days from two to three thousand horses suitable for cavalry or artillery service, and seasoned to cold and exposure. Mr. Okamura is accompanied by several veterinarians, and goes to-morrow to Calgary, which he will make his Canadian collection base. Agents were despatched to-day to Montana and Oregon, with instructions to secure all suitable animals, the contractors of the White Pass winter stage line being especially appealed to. The theory that a Manchurian campaign is contemplated is largely strengthened by the class of horses demanded.

TWENTY MEN KILLED.

Result of Dynamite Explosion at Guadalajara.
Mexico, Jan. 9.—At the Los Laureles mines, west of Guadalajara, a large number of boxes of dynamite stored in a powder house exploded, killing twenty men and injuring forty others. The detonations were heard many miles away, and an American mine-owner working in his mine three miles away was killed by a falling rock that had been jarred by the concussion.

Pa, what's a leading woman? Any married woman, my son.

Chamois Vests

During this cold weather you can have solid comfort by wearing one of our Chamois Vests. Prices from **\$1.50 to \$3.00** each. **Chest Protectors**, from **25c to \$1.75** each.

A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd.,
Chatham and Dresden.
Druggists.

CONTRADICTORY REPORTS.

Stories of Russia's Attitude Regarding Korea.

London, Jan. 9.—The Times correspondent at Odessa says the statement that Russia is prepared to agree to a Japanese protectorate over Korea, Japan admitting the Russian protectorate over Manchuria, is semi-officially denied. Russia has not the slightest intention of brooking Japanese dictation regarding Manchuria, while the most she is willing to concede Japan in Korea is the elimination of a sphere of influence while maintaining Korea's sovereign rights.

London, Jan. 9.—The correspondent of The Times at Berlin says the St. Petersburg correspondent of The Cologne Gazette is assured that the answer of Russia to the Japanese note is expressed in the most categorical terms as regards Korea, but as regards Manchuria it continues to maintain the position which Russia all along adopted. Stress continues to be laid in Berlin upon the Russian view, as expounded by the German press, that the occupation of southern Korea by Japan would not be regarded by Russia as a casus belli. On the contrary, Russia course in northern Korea.

A WARNING NOTE.

C. P. R. Notice to the Lumber Combine.

Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—The announcement by Vice-President Whyte of the Canadian Pacific Railway that the railway company had under consideration the erection of big sawmills, provided the members of the alleged lumber combine did not reduce prices to fair profits, excited much comment here. In his interview Mr. Whyte said:—"Just now there are many dealers that own sawmills and retail dealers who are doing everything possible to keep up high prices for lumber and encompass a retail business with restrictions which cannot be bent to influence the market. There is a possibility that there is a combine among mill-owners, as is claimed, but it appears to me that there is an arrangement with the Retail Dealers' Association by which that association dictates as to the number of retail lumber yards and their location, the points to be thereby practically controlled the market and fixes the selling price at whatever they may wish. The points to be serious condition of affairs. Mr. Whyte continued, when we consider how it affects the lumber trade. The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. are the largest land-owners, and therefore the development of the country may, therefore, be easily understood. The company also own in their hand grants the British Columbia Southern, the Columbia & Kootenay and the Columbia & Western Railway. Large big sawmills are being established in the southern British Columbia, and by establishing their own sawmills and selling lumber through their retail agents, are in a position to put this necessary commodity on the market at a very low figure."

"It is simply a warning note," concluded Mr. Whyte.

HER FATHER AN ITALIAN.

New Discoveries Have Been Made Regarding Joan of Arc.

Rome, Jan. 9.—Documents have been found tending to prove that Joan of Arc was the daughter of an Italian, who was descended from the Ghislieri family. This family came from Constantinople in 1413 and settled in Bologna. After the estates of Ferrante Ghislieri had been usurped by Giovanni Bentivoglio, he emigrated to France in 1407, where he had three children, one of whom was Joan. The documents say that it is difficult to ascertain the truth because Ferrante Ghislieri, after his arrival in France, changed his name to d'Arc.

A LIVELY ELECTION.

Several Men Were Shot and the Ballots Burned.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 9.—The result of yesterday's city election is still in doubt. "Late developments show that the election was signalized by the most irregular and riotous scenes connected with any local political contest of recent years. In the Ninth Ward the ballot-box was stolen, the ballots burned, and two men were shot, one seriously. Gross irregularities are alleged in the Fourth and Fifth Wards and many shooting and cutting affrays are reported from all parts of the city."

THE TRADE OF BRITAIN.

Immense Increases During the Last Year.

London, Jan. 9.—The December statement of the Board of Trade shows increases of \$20,745,000 in imports and \$20,200,000 in exports. The total of trade for the year, adding exports and imports, reached the huge sum of \$4,516,768,205, or \$125,000,000 above the previous record. Taking exports alone, the total, \$1,802,235,000, is \$56,042,683 better than in 1902, the previous highest. Manufactures alone account for \$36,772,100 of the increase. In imports the heaviest increase is in food, amounting to \$40,510,000. Raw materials came next, with \$22,560,000, and then manufactured articles, \$20,895,000.

William Durell Killed.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—William Durell, a French-Canadian, eighty-three years old, was run down and killed yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock at the corner of Jarvis street and Wilton avenue by a horse and cutter, driven by the police say, Peter Milne of Don P.O., one of the best-known farmers in that district. The old man was on his way home after purchasing some meat, and was crossing over the street when Milne drove north. The shaft of the sleigh struck the old man on the side of the head, and he was thrown violently forward on his face. When picked up Durell was breathing his last. Policeman Baines communicated with Chief-Coroner A. J. Johnson, and the body was taken to the home of George Saunders, at 379 Ontario street. An inquest will be opened at noon to-day by Coroner J. M. Cotton.

A DESPERATE PRISONER.

He Failed to Escape and Killed Himself.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 8.—Charles Brooks, an inmate of the New Jersey State Prison, is dead, Keeper John Fitzgerald has a bullet in his hip and Wm. J. Harney, a deputy keeper, is suffering from scalp wounds as the result of Brooks' attempt to escape from the institution. Fitzgerald is expected to recover, and Harney's condition is not thought to be serious, although he was knocked unconscious by a blow on the head with an iron bar used by Brooks. Brooks was polishing his bars, when he turned on Harney and struck the keeper over the head several times. Harney was made unconscious, and Brooks, taking the deputy's revolver, started for the centre of the prison. Brooks shot Keeper Fitzgerald, and a number of shots were fired at Brooks by other keepers. He was finally overpowered, and on the way to his cell informed the keepers that he had been wounded. Later the principal keeper ordered that Brooks be taken to the prison hospital. When the cell door was opened Brooks was found hanging from a window bar by his suspenders, and was dead. He was serving a twenty-year sentence for burglary.

BLAME THE DIVES.

Licensed Victuallers of Montreal on the Drink Evil.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—The Licensed Victuallers' Association of Montreal, in answer to the recent appeal of Archbishop Bruchesi to the Police Committee for better enforcement of the laws relating to the liquor traffic, lay the blame for the many evils resulting therefrom on the illegal sale of liquors in cities and rural municipalities. It is claimed that licensed vendors do not sell more than one-eighth of the liquor consumed. Licensed vendors are doing their best to get the Government to enforce the law in that respect, but with indifferent success.

LOW-CUT GOWNS.

Pope Said to Have Expressed Indirect Disapproval of Them.

Rome, Jan. 9.—The members of the "Black Society," an organization composed of the faithful of the Holy See, are much disturbed over the announcement that the Pope has written to the Portuguese Ambassador expressing the desire that the ladies should not wear low cut gowns at receptions attended by Cardinals and other prelates.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Mr. W. H. Lindsay dropped dead at London while shovelling snow.

The re-count in the Cornwall Mayoralty leaves Mr. Lalonde's majority at one.

The Chinese Government complains that Chinamen are not fairly treated in the British colonies.

Lieut.-Col. Fred. M. Macdonald, one of the most prominent barristers of St. Catharines, is dead.

The funeral of Fire Chief Roe took place at London yesterday and was one of the largest ever seen in the city.

The new C. P. R. shops at Montreal will be named the Angus shops, as a compliment to Mr. R. B. Angus.

Winnipeg Liberals nominated Mr. D. W. Bole for the Commons, and East Grey Conservatives nominated Dr. Sproule, M.P.

G. T. R. Brakeman J. W. Johnston was found dying on top of a car at London. It is supposed he struck an overhead bridge.

January New Year's Number Four-Track News—An interesting Magazine. Only 5 cents, any Newsdealer.

Warden Thomas Robinson, of Coatsworth, is in the city on county business.

LEAD MADE ELASTIC BY LIQUID AIR.

While liquid air has not proven itself the wonderful power which it was claimed to be at the start, it has found other fields in which its usefulness cannot be questioned, and instead of driving machinery, it has come to be used in the treatment of certain diseases. It is still the subject of a great deal of experiment in the laboratory, and has recently been used in connection with that new wonder, radium, serving to prove new theories in regard to the latter. The lay mind, will, however, probably be more interested in the action of liquid air on two substances much more common than radium, namely, lead and rubber. When the latter is immersed in liquid air it loses its elasticity and becomes brittle, and if dropped to the floor breaks like glass. Drop a ball of lead into the liquid air and it acquires all the elasticity which the rubber has lost, and will bound on the floor like the rubber in its normal state.—Courier Journal.

Hon. C. H. Macintosh, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories, has received the Conservative nomination for the Commons in Kootenay.

Ernest Fromm was killed and his wife seriously injured by a dynamite explosion in his house Thursday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HOUSE WANTED—In good repair, having about six rooms, with modern conveniences preferred. Apply to J. Evans, Box 455, Chatham.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 22, D. C. C. I. Duties to commence February 1st, 1904. Applications, stating qualifications and salary, to be addressed to W. H. Babcock, Secretary-Treasurer, Dresden.

Clearing Sale

of Men's and Women's Fancy and Felt Slippers

We commence this week to clear out the following:

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 6-10, \$1.00 for 50c
Men's Fine Alligator, tan and black, sizes 6-10, \$1.00 for 50c
Boys' Fine Alligator, sizes 1-5, regular 75c, for 40c
Women's Fancy Felt, sizes 3-7, reg. \$1.50 for 1.00
Women's Fancy Felt, \$1 for 75c

Many others reduced accordingly.

TURRILL

The Shoe Man

Fish-Fresh-Fish.

What you can get from Young's that you cannot get from any other grocer in the city.

British Columbia Salmon, fresh. We can give you any quantity.

Manitoba White Fish, fresh. 1 lb. 10c. Very fine.

Lake Huron Trout, 1 lb. 10c. Almost equal to a salt water fish.

Fresh Mackerel, 1 lb. 10c. No other fish to equal them.

Smelts, 1 lb. 10c. Away ahead of oysters when fried.

See Herring, fresh. Buy and try.

Ciscoes, Bloaters, Finnan Haddys. Everything the best.

Geo. A. Young,
Our Grocer. Phone 151.

THE MARKETS

There was a very poor market this morning—one of the smallest markets Chatham has seen for some time. The dairy sheds were practically empty before the morning was over. There were a couple of dozen eggs offered at 25 cents a dozen, and they sold rapidly. A few geese were sold at from 75 to 90 cents each; and butter, which was the chief feature, sold at 19 and 20 cents a pound. Vegetables were in the usual small supply at unchanged prices.

Following is the price list:—

IN THE SEEDS.
Butter, per lb., 19c to 20c.
Eggs, per dozen, 25c.
Geese, each, 75c to 90c.

VEGETABLES.
Apples, per peck, 15c to 20c.
Potatoes, per peck, 20c to 25c.
Cabbages, each, 3c to 5c.
Squash, 3c to 5c.
Pumpkins, 10c.
Onions, 25c peck.
Savory, 5c bunch.
Celery, three bunches for 10c.

CHICAGO MARKETS
Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker Northwood Block, Chatham, Jan. 9, 1904.

Wheat—OPEN HIGH LOW CLOS

May..... 86-6 87 85-6 86

July..... 82-1 82-2 81-6 81-3

Corn—

May..... 47-1 47-3 46-6 46-7

July..... 46-4 46-5 46-1 46-2

Oats—

May..... 39-3 39-4 39-1 39-3

July..... 36-2 36-2 35-6 35-6

Pork

Jan..... 1250

May..... 1310 1312 1280 1280

Lard

Jan..... 657 657 657 657

May..... 680 680 680 680

Ribs

Jan..... 625 625 625 625

May..... 660 660 660 660

Up-to-date Millinery. **C. Austin & Co.** Fashionable Dressmaking.

Austin's January Glove Sale, \$1.25 = for 79 Cents.

In going through our glove stock we find we have too many mocha gloves and rather than take stock of them we are going to give you an opportunity to buy \$1.25 gloves for 79c. They are Trefonse make, some silk lined but the majority unlined. There are all sizes and just the correct glove for this time of the year.

Sale Starts Saturday Night.

WALKING SKIRTS.

Exactly the skirts needed to-day. The popular length that just stays off the ground; skirts that practical women wear every day. Good styles, perfect in every way. Grouped at the following prices for quick selling.

At \$3.00

Walking Skirts of Navy, Grey, Brown or Cadet Homespun, 7 gore, very pretty flare, nicely trimmed with braid.

At \$4.00

Of Black or Navy Broadcloth, 9 gore, alternate gores, trimmed with crossed straps and buttons.

At \$4.00

Of Tweed, Covert Cloth, Cheviot or Frieze, 7 and 9 gore styles, trimmed with strapping, buttons and stitching.

At \$5.00

Of Black and White or Blue and White, 9 gore, alternate gores trimmed with small stitched straps of plain cloth.

Bargains in Remnants

In going through our stock during stock-taking, we have picked out all our short ends of Dress Goods and placed them on our bargain table at greatly reduced prices.

Remnants of Black and Colored Lustres.
Remnants of Heavy Dress Goods.
Remnants of Black and Colored Dress Goods.
Remnants of Flake Goods.
Remnants of Serges.
Remnants of Venetians.
Remnants of Ladies' Cloth.

Clothing Dept.

Chatham's Greatest Overcoat Value—

....Giving Event

IS NOW IN PROGRESS.

Our great January pre-inventory overcoat sale is now in full swing. Many of the offerings are better than first announced. In going through our overcoat stock this week we've brought to light here and there odd lots of seasonable garments that will not be counted during stock-taking and for this reason prices have been reduced to the quick selling point.

Well Timed Economy for Men and Boys on Winter Overcoats

Perhaps the idea of getting a fine new stylish winter overcoat, and having \$3.00 to \$5.00 in the operation, may appeal to some men, for their sakes as well as ours.

\$15 to \$18 Overcoats, \$12.50.—Black and Oxford Cheviots and fancy stripe and novelty pattern coats, long full swagger garments, small groups of some of the best selling overcoats of the season, all sizes somewhere or another, \$12.50 each, reduced from \$15 to \$18.

\$12 to \$13.50 Overcoats, \$10.—Also a 50 of the season's most popular coats, the Austin's tailor-made garments, dark oxford mixtures, 46 to 50 inch length Raglanettes, stylish, full of comfort and wear, full range of sizes, 34 to 44.

\$10 to \$12 Overcoats, \$7.50.—Made from all wool cheviots and plain beavers, in the long full Raglanettes styles and three-quarter dress lengths, in plain blue oxford grey and black cheviots, the season's best sellers at a bargain.

\$8 to \$7.50 Overcoats, \$4.95.—An opportunity to buy a stylish overcoat at little cost, long full Raglanettes in dark Oxford cheviots and plain black beavers in the three-quarter lengths, \$5.00 to \$7.50 were their former prices, now \$4.95.

\$5.00 Boys' Raglanettes, \$3.95.—The stylish long coat for boys in plain blacks and Oxford greys and pattern tweeds, full range of sizes for ages 8 to 15 years, buy one for next season, a good investment.

SLICED HAM FOR FRYING

20c. A POUND

ENGLISH CURED BACON, sliced.
SLICED COOKED HAM, 30c. a pound.
SLICED JELLIED VEAL 25c. a pound.
SLICED JELLIED TONGUE, 30c. a pound.
SLICED DRIED BEEF in cans
BAKED BEANS, 3 cans for 25c
EXTRACTED HONEY, 12c. and 25c. a jar.
SELF-RISING BUCKWHEAT 15c. a Package.
QUEBEC MAPLE SYRUP, 30c. a quart.
NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES, 10c. a can.
SHREDDED CODFISH, 10c. a package.
BONED HADDIE, 10c. a pound.
OUR FINEST MOCHA and JAVA COFFEE, 40c.

H. Malcolmson

Any of the Several MAGI WATERS.

Bottled in their natural state, can from the

MANAGER, CALEDONIA SPRINGS, ONT

ESCAPE Winter Discomforts

Most of the annoyances of cold weather are easier avoided than they once were. For those who easily take cold there are

Chest Protectors.

For those who have taken cold there are remedies that cure in a day. For coughs there are harmless specifics that cure promptly and protect from danger. For chapped and roughened skin there are lotions that cure in a night. We have all these items.

Red Cross DRUG STORE.

W. W. TURNER.

28 King St., - Phone 221

Bright, entertaining and instructive—New Year's Number of the Four-Track News for January. Only 5 cents at nearest Newsdealers.

The instructor was trying to teach the class the lesson that brain work is no less important than the work of one's hands.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc

Dressy Chathamites.

The season is getting pretty well along and yet there are many social functions on the tapis. Chatham has had her share of these occasions, and evening dress was never more on call than this season. Morley & Co. claim a specialty in the making of these garments.

W. N. Morley & Co.

TO-NIGHT.

Marks Bros., Grand Opera House, at 8.15.
Macaulay Club, Auditorium, Public Library, at 8.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Jan. 9.—11 a. m.—Fair and colder; temperature quite low to night. Sunday, easterly winds, fair at first; local snowfalls by night.

The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:
Barometer 29.28.
Thermometer 21.
Highest yesterday 37.
Lowest yesterday 20.
Direction of wind, northwest.

THE LOCAL B JOGET

Shirt sale to-night at Stone The Hatter's.
Wanted—Pressman, immediately, at this office.

J. W. Tackaberry, Merlin, was in the city to-day.
Ex-Warden Frank Rankin was in the city to-day.

Mrs. Jean Blewett, of Toronto, was in the city yesterday.

A choice of \$1.00 to \$2.00 outing hats for 49c., at Thibodeau & Jacques.

Reg. Taylor, an employee of McKee & Trotter, is on the sick list.

Wanted—Three good bush men to go up in Northern Ontario. Apply at Western Bros.

Furnished rooms to rent with or without board—Apply to Mrs. S. Hicklin, over E. Jones' drug store.

(W. T. Walker, representing Fred. B. Stevens, Detroit, was in the city to-day.

The doors on Harrison Hall will be fitted so as to open outwards, and this will be done at once.

Rev. A. E. Jones, who has been visiting in the city, has returned to his pastorate, north of London.

The Blonde Co.'s factory is shut down so that some necessary repairs to the machinery can be made.

The Masonic fraternity of the city will attend divine service in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow.

The Ursuline Academy School opened on January 7th, and the classes in Theory of Music commenced this morning.

Mrs. S. C. Walker served tea to a number of young ladies Thursday evening. A pleasant time was spent in music and song.

The Board of Criminal Audit met this morning in the Crown Attorney's office. Mayor McKee, Judge Bell and County Clerk Gosnell were present.

Dog lost, a large New Foundland, answering to the name of "Nero." Any information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by Theo. Pickering, Blenheim.

The B. Y. P. U. of the William street Baptist church had a very instructive meeting last evening, the new president, Mr. McGuire, presiding. The young people's revival meetings will commence next week.

REDUCTION IN

SKATES

We have had by all means the best year for skates that we ever had. That leaves us with a rather slim stock. But the assortment is as complete as it is possible to be. We had the prices whittled down fine before. Now we name you 10 per cent. discount. Notice a few samples in our west window, 65 pairs, all kinds of style, regular prices 50c. to \$3.50 per pair, less 10 per cent. off each pair.

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For Thursday, Two Dozen Hats, worth from \$3 to sell for \$1.98.

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DR. A. W. THORNTON DENTIST.

Removed to his New Office, Corner King and Fifth Sts., over A. I. McAll's Drug at Telephone Office 104. Residence 85.

Macabees Minstrels, soon.

Shirt sale to-night at Stone The Hatter's.

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F. Mayhew, of Ridgeway, visited his Chatham friends yesterday.

W. J. Hickey and A. W. Finlin, of Merlin, were Chatham visitors yesterday.

George Pritchard, who was injured at Gray's factory this week, remains about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bowyer, of Ridgeway, were visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss Alma Gammage is visiting her sister Mrs. (R. V.) Osterhout, at Ruthford.

George Vickary, Selkirk street, is confined to the house with an attack of pneumonia.

Robert Craig, of Troy, well known in this city, is spending a couple of days in town.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Avenue Green Houses. Phone 181.

M. Hardy and M. Dewar, of Sarnia, were Chatham visitors yesterday.

Frank Ross was in London last night, witnessing the hockey game between Eater and St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Saint and daughter, of Wallaceburg, were guests in the city yesterday.

Reg. Richardson, law student in the offices of Houston, Stone & Scane, is confined to his home through illness.

We are giving away money. Read how to get \$1.00; our advt. in this issue tells about it. Geo. Stephens & Co., advt.

Samuel Orr, is shipping ten cars of export hay, purchased in this country, to Portland.

The new freight offices at the Grand Trunk station are being moved into to-day. The freight offices are in the freight building now.

F. M. Bedford, traveller for the Mason & Risch Piano Co., has returned from a "successful" trip to Essex County.

Park Bros. have received the contract for three large boilers from the Economical Gas and Construction Company, of Toronto.

Fire Chief Pritchard has returned from London, where he has been attending the funeral of the late Fire Chief Roe. The funeral was a very large one.

Every gentleman should take advantage of Stone The Hatter's big shirt sale. Beginning to-night we will sell 450 colored shirts at 79 cts. Those who come first get the best selections.

There will be a meeting of the non-commissioned officers of the Regiment Monday evening at eight o'clock. All non-coms are requested to be present.

The Misses Shaw, Head street, gave a very pleasant sleighride party to about twenty of their friends last evening. The party drove to the home of Mr. Worth, Kent Bridge, and after enjoying a very pleasant social time they returned home.

This morning at the police court a couple of travellers were fined \$3 and costs, \$5.25 in all, for indecent exposure. The offense occurred at six o'clock last night on Sixth street. The pair claimed they were under the influence of liquor and had no recollection of the occurrence.

The Blonde Co. will send a force of men to Thessville on Monday to put the seats and other furniture in the new Roman Catholic Church in that village.

A great musical treat is in store for the music loving people of Chatham. Mr. Martin, pianist, and Mr. Dwight Edwards, baritone, of London, will give one of their famous recitals in the auditorium on Thursday, January 21st.

McKee & Trotter are building a large waterwheel in their factory yard for the Forbes Drainage Works, Tilbury. The wheel is a large one and is all bolted together. It will have to be taken apart again for removal to the pump house in Tilbury township.

County Treasurer J. C. Fleming has prepared his statement of arrears of taxes collected by him during the last half of 1903 and due the municipalities named. The following is the statement: Township of Dover, \$8.23; Harwich, 64 cents; Township of Raleigh, \$9.16; Township of Romney, \$68.49; Village of Tilbury, \$17.54.

A Fine Magazine—Just out, the Four-Track News New Year's Number for January. Only 5 cents, any Newsdealer.

The ladies of the Hospital held a large and enthusiastic meeting at the home of Mrs. Taylor, Queen street, on Monday. The topic of discussion was the teaching of Domestic Science in our hospital. It was decided that such a course would be taken up during the coming year. The report for November showed that 54 patients had been admitted and 54 discharged.

The Macabees Minstrels are practicing every night and are fast developing into shape for the production which will be pulled off a week from Tuesday. The Bess say they have a winner in Shepard the producer. Scott Bros and Co. have the contract for a new Separate school in Tilbury East. The building will be a frame structure and will cost about \$800.

GATHERING 'EM IN

From a private source The Planet is informed that Robert Mercer, Governor of the popular Stone House across the creek, will have a couple of noted guests in a very few days. The gentlemen who held the "blow-out" in Walter Poile's place of business a short time ago are due to pay a visit. At least, as comes the news from official circles. The invitation, it is said, has already been issued and the address was most carefully inscribed, so that it is far from likely that it will go astray.

The gentlemen have paid similar visits before for various lengths of time.

They will be given a hearty reception into local circles and probable after remaining in the city for a few days they will continue their journey eastward to Toronto or to Kingston, as the case may be.

THE SPIRIT OF WINTER.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistering snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the various symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

Canon Sanson is Dead.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—Canon Sanson, the veteran rector of Trinity Church, King street east, passed away about 8 o'clock last night at the rectory. He had been ill for some time, and his death was not unexpected. Canon Sanson celebrated his 83rd birthday on Wednesday last, when he was reported much better, and was the recipient of many congratulations. For nearly 52 years he was rector of Trinity Church. He was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1833. Canon Sanson leaves one daughter, Mrs. Greene, wife of Canon Greene, Orillia, and three sons, John, at home, Norman, of Banff, and Dr. Robert of Calgary. With the exception of the last, all were at the bedside when the end came. He will be here in time for the funeral, arrangements for which will be made this morning.

NOTICE—Consumers of Gas and Electric Light are notified that Monday, 11th inst. will be the last day for discount on Gas and Electric Light bills. Positively no discounts later.

Any irregularity on the part of The Planet's carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning 53a. tf

Willard Found McKay at Last

That there is a long felt want for an up-to-date Cafe in Chatham, and has made many improvements in the

King St Confectionery.

A CAFE will be opened in connection with the confectionery on or about Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1904.

Lunches and Regular Meals of all Kinds will be served to Order

Oysters in any styles, also a fine line of Hot Sodas will be served. Following is a list of Hot Sodas always ready-served on a minutes' notice: Hot, Cream De Menthe Hot, Turkish Tea Hot, Cocoa Hot, Chocolate Hot, Beef Tea Hot, Tomato Baulion Hot, Lemonade Hot, etc. Served in up-to-date styles.

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STOCK-TAKING SALE CONTINUED, January at Gordon's

Not a freeze out, not a thaw out, but a sell out of Winter Stock. We prefer cash on hand to goods on hand to carry over. Our prices make table-talk throughout and county. We quote them—you note them. All purchasers well repaid and well satisfied.

Flannelette Sale

10 pieces of heavy checked Flannelette Shirting.....

6 1-4c

10 pieces heavy check Shirting, shilling values.....

8c

10 pieces Fancy Flaked Outing Flannel.....

8c

5 pieces Heavy Yard Wide Striped Shirting Shaker.....

10c

10 pieces Shaker Flannels.....

4 1/2c

11 pieces extra weight Wrapperette, 16c values.....

12 1/2c

4 pieces Grey Wool Flannel, twilled or plain, at.....

12 1-2c

2 pieces Cotton Elderdowns, 20c. value, sale at.....

15c

Men's Underwear.

25 per cent. Reduction on all Heavy Winter Woolen Vests and Drawers. MARK THIS REDUCTION.

20 Dozen Sanitary Wool Fleece Lined Underwear, 50c. value at.....

29c

15 Dozen Scotch Wool Heavy Vests and Drawers, ribbed skirts and cuffs at.....

39c

Winter Shirt Waists

Of French Flannels, Albatros Cloth, Black and White Lustrous and Mohair, ranging in January Sale Prices from

\$1.25 to \$2.25

Ladies' Coats

SEE OUR WINDOW.

10 CURLTWEED and BEAVER COATS, well lined and stylish, stock-taking Sale.....

\$3.75

9 \$6.50, \$6.75 and \$7, Latest Styles, fine Meier Linings, up-to-date, Sale Price

\$5.00

Ladies' Coats

8 Special \$3, \$10 and \$11 Ladies' Fine Coats, Sale Price.....

\$6.50

18 Coats, extra trimming, stitching and braiding, silk lined, \$10 and \$12 sale price

\$7.50

9 extra fine Ladies' Coats, silk and satin lined, \$16, \$18 and \$20, Sale Price

\$10.00

Dress Goods Cuts

Double Fold Ladies' Cloth—Black, Brown, Blue and Grey at.....

12 1/2c

Serge Coats Yard and Half Wide, in Black, Grey and Navy, Sale Price

25c

50c. All Wool Persian Tweeds in Three Colors, Sale Price

35c

Imported Tweed Snow Flakes, for stylish suits, all wool, former price \$1.20, now

75c

Zibeline, new flaked Suitings in Brown and Garnet only, former price \$1.75, Sale Price.....

\$1.25

\$2.00 Flaked Stripe imported fine Wool Suitings, sale.....

\$1.50

French Fannel Waistings at Half-Price

25c

Fancy Silk Waistings, cut from \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, now.....

50c

Ladies' Wrappers

Ladies' Fleece-Back Wrappers, nicely trimmed and flounced, all sizes, new patterns, best of values.....

1.00 and 1.25

Golf Jackets, Vests

A few left—Bargains—

95c and 75c

Winter Millinery

Any Ladies' Hat in our stock at Half the Marked Price to clear.

To purchase during this sale will benefit every customer.

Fur Cuts

1 White Tibet Bos, former price, \$12.50, now.....

\$9.00

1 Mink Stole, a beauty, former price \$34.50, now.....

\$28.00

E. Seal Capeline, former price \$18.00, now.....

12.50

1 Combination Grey Squirrel and Seal, man Otter Capeline, former price \$20, now.....

15.00

1 E. Seal Capeline, former price \$18.00, now.....

7.00

1 Astrachan and Seal Combination Capeline \$8.75, now.....

6.50

1 Astrachan Capeline, former price \$5.75, now.....

4.75

\$2.50 Coney Collars now.....

1.75

17.00 Sable Scarf now.....

13.50

\$24.50 Cub Bear (Bernhardt) now.....

17.50

14.00 Tibet Bos for.....

10.00

10.00 Japan Bear Bos.....

6.50

\$29.50 Stone-Martin Bos.....

25.00

\$40.00 Astrachan Coats.....

30.00

\$32.00 Astrachan Coats.....

25.00

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20.00

\$20.00 Astrachan Coats.....

14.00

\$50.00 Persian Lamb Coats.....

37.50

William Gordon.

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Now is Your Opportunity

We are prepared to offer you such bargains in seasonable Dry Goods that you will gladly part with money. You have all the month to do it, but don't wait too long, the best of it will be gone. DO YOU WANT BLANKETS?

Our \$3.00 Blankets for \$2.49,

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ABNER DANIEL...

By WILL N. HARBEN
Author of "Westerfeld"

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"Then send it off at once."

A few minutes after 5 o'clock Miller sauntered into the office. Wilson sat at his desk and looked up eagerly.

"Well?" he asked, almost under his breath.

The lawyer leaned on the top of the desk. "They are willing to grant you the two weeks' time provided you sign an agreement for your firm that you will purchase their property at the price named at the expiration of that time."

"With the provision," interpolated Wilson, "that a right of way is donated."

"Yes, with that provision," Miller nodded.

"Then sit down here and write out your paper."

Miller complied as nonchalantly as if he were drawing up a bill of sale for a worn-out horse.

"There you are," he said, pushing the paper to Wilson when he had finished.

Wilson read it critically. "It certainly is binding," he said. "You people may sleep during business hours, but you have your eyes open when you draw up papers. However, I don't care. I want the Bishops to feel secure. They must get to work to secure the right of way. It will be no easy job, I'll let you know. I've struck shrewd, obstinate people in my life, but those up there beat the world. Noah couldn't have driven them in the ark even after the flood set in."

"You know something about them, then?" said Miller, laughing to himself over the implied confession.

Wilson flushed and then admitted that he had been up that way several times looking the situation over.

"How about the charter?" asked Miller diffidently.

"That's fixed. I have already seen to that."

"Then it all depends on the right of way," remarked the lawyer as he drew a check from his pocket and handed it to Wilson. "Now get me that note," he said.

Wilson brought it from the safe.

"Turning this over, cuts my option down to two weeks," he said, "but we'll know at the meeting what can be done."

"Yes, we'll know then what they can do with you," said Miller significantly as he put the canceled note in his pocket and rose to go.

CHAPTER XXIX.

THE mass meeting at Springtown was a most important event. It was held in the courthouse in the center of the few straggling houses which made up the hamlet. The entire Bishop family, including the servants, attended.

Pole Baker brought his wife and all the children in a new spring wagon. Darley society was represented, as the Springfield Gazette afterward put it, by the fairest of the fair, Miss Polly Burdard, accompanied by her mother and father.

The courthouse yard was alive with groups of men, eagerly talking over the situation. Every individual whose land was to be touched by the proposed road was on hand to protect his rights.

Pole Baker was ubiquitous, trying to ascertain the drift of matters. He was, however, rather unsuccessful. He discovered that many of the groups ceased to talk when he entered them.

"Some'n's up," he told Alan and Miller in the big, bare looking courtroom.

"I don't know what it is, but I smell a rat, an' it ain't no little one nuther."

"Opposition," said Miller gloomily.

"I saw that as soon as I came. If they really were in favor of the road, they'd be here talking it over with us."

"I'm afraid that's it," said Alan.

"Joe Bartell is the most interested, and he seems to be a sort of ringleader. I don't like the way he looks. I saw him sneer at Wilson when he drove up just now. I wish Wilson hadn't put on so much style—kid gloves, plug hat and a negro driver."

"No, that won't go down with this crowd," agreed Miller. "It might in the slums of Boston, but not with these lords of the mountains. As for Bartell, I think I know what ails him. He's going to run for the legislature and thinks he can make votes by opposing us—convincing his constituency that we represent moneyed oppression. Well, he may down us, but it's tough on human progress."

At the hour appointed for the meeting to open a young man who held the office of bailiff in the county and seemed proud of his stentorian voice opened one of the windows and shouted:

"Come in to court! Come in to court!" and the motley loiterers below began to clatter up the broad stairs and fall into the seats. Joe Bartell, a short, thickest man in the neighborhood of fifty, with a florid face and a shock of reddish hair, led about twenty men up the aisle to the jury benches at the right of the stand. They were the landowners whose consent to grant the right of way was asked. Stern opposition was clearly written on the leader's brow and more or less distinct-

ly reflected on the varying faces of his followers.

"If we needed it, it'd be a different matter," Miller overheard him say in a sudden lull as the big room settled down into sudden quiet, "but we kin do without it. We've got along so far an' we kin fuder. All of us has got good teams."

Wilson in his crisp, brusque way made the opening speech. He and his capital were going to dispel darkness where it had reigned since the dawn of civilization. All that was needed, he finished, was the consent of the property owners appealed to, who, he felt confident, would not stand in their own light.

He had hardly taken his seat when Joe Bartell stood up. Alan and Miller exchanged ominous glances. They had at once recognized the inappropriateness of Wilson's speech and did not like the white, twitching sneer on Bartell's smooth shaven face. It was as if Bartell had been for a long time seeking just such an opportunity to make himself felt in the community, and there was no doubt that Wilson's almost dictatorial speech had made a fine opening for him.

"Fellow citizens an' ladies an' gentlemen," he began, "we are glad to welcome amongst us a sort of a second savior in our Sodom an' Gomorrah of crackerland. What the gentleman with the plug hat an' spike toe shoes ain't a-goin' to do fer us the Lord couldn't. He looks nice an' talks nice, an', to use his words, I don't believe he deceives appearances. I'll bet one thing, an' that is 'at he won't deceive us. Accordin' to him we need 'im every hour, as the Sunday school song puts it. Yes, he's a-goin' to he'p us powerful an' right off. An', fellow citizens, I'm heer to propose a vote o' thanks. He's from away up in Boston, whar, they tell me, a nigger sets an' eats at the same table with the whites. When his sort come this away durin' the war, with all their up to date impliments of slaughter, they laid waste to ev'rything they struck, shot us like rabbits in holes an' then went back an' said they'd had a good hunt. But they've been livin' high up there since the war, an' their timber is a-playin' out, an' they want some more now, an' they want it bad. So they send their representatives out to find it an' lay hold of it. How does he happen to come heer? As well as I kin make out, old Alf Bishop, a good man an' a southern soldier—a man that I hein't got nothin' agin, except maybe he holds his head too high—made up his mind awhile back that lumber would be in demand some day, an' he set to work buyin' all the timber land he could lay his hands on. Then, when he had more'n he could tote an' was about to go under, he give this gentleman a' option on it. Well, so far so good; but gentlemen, what have we got to do with this trade? Nothin' as I kin see. But we are expected to yell an' hoier an' deem 'em a free right of way through our property so they kin ship the timber straight through to the north an' turn it into cold Yankee coin. We don't count in this shufflin' gentlemen. We're our pay fer our land in bein' glad an' heerin' car bells an' steam whistles in the middle o' the night when we want to sleep. The engines will kill our hogs, cattle an' horses an' now an' then break the neck o' some chap that wasn't hit in the war, but we mustn't forget to be glad an' bend the knee o' gratitude. Of course we all know the law kin compel us to give the right of way, but it provides fer just and sufficient payment fer the property used; an', gentlemen, I'm agin donations. I'm agin 'em tooth an' nail."

There was thunderous and ominous applause when Bartell sat down. Wilson sat flushed and embarrassed, twirling his gloves in his hands. He had expected anything but this personal fusillade. He stared at Miller in surprise over that gentleman's easy, half amused smile as he stood up.

To Be Continued.

All reading notices of local announcements must be received at this office not later than noon of the day on which it is desired that they appear in The Planet.

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TURNERVILLE.

School opened on Monday morning January 4, with Miss Hall, of Chatham, as teacher for this year.

Mr. H. Morgan has the contract to supply the school with wood.

Mr. Samuel Shaw, of concession 7, was elected school trustee for 1904.

The Sunday school is closed for the winter months, but there will be a Bible Class held every Sunday.

Samuel Shaw is loading a car of wood at Ennet station.

Our blacksmith is kept busy these days.

Mrs. Thomas Buckingham has been very ill but is somewhat better.

Robert Long, of Farrell avenue, had a house moving bee last week.

It is our sad duty to announce the death of Mrs. Havelly, which took place on Friday, January 1, and was buried on Monday, Jan. 4th.

The Christmas tree and concert on Christmas eve was a grand success in every particular. The young people are to be congratulated upon their success. The proceeds of the evening amounted to more than \$20.

FLORENCE.

Dr. Rannie, Chatham, is in town this week, visiting relatives.

Miss Sadie Mills has resumed her school duties at the Blue school, after spending her holidays at her home in London.

Mrs. John Webster is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Krebs at Platts-ville.

Mrs. Johnson, of Euphemia, has purchased the McRobert property beside the Presbyterian Church. She moved in last week.

Mrs. Wright and little son are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Law.

At the residence of Richard Elliott, on Wednesday last, Miss Lett Elliott was united in marriage to Percy H. Cock, of Lorraine, O.

Messrs. E. Mills and Jas. Beattie were appointed school trustees at the School Board meeting held last week.

Mr. Harrison, of Kintyre, has been engaged as principal of our own school for the coming year, and Miss Johnson, Port Hope, as assistant.

They commenced their duties on Monday. Mr. Harrison and wife have moved into the rooms adjoining Miss Sanger's shop.

At the recent town meeting held in the Orange Hall, Florence was set aside as a Police Village, and Messrs. John Webster, David Wright and John Belton were elected by acclamation for police trustees for the town.

The week of prayer was started here on Sunday evening. Services have been held in the different churches during the week, the respective clergymen officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. T. Webster held a family re-union New Year's Day. Among those from a distance were their son, Dick, of Duluth; William, of Chicago, and Jas. and wife, of Chelsea, Mich.

A happy event took place on Wednesday the 30th, ult., at six p. m. at the home of Mr. Frank Daniels, Zone when his eldest daughter, Anna, was married to A. Noble Scarlett, River Road. The bride was attired in a navy blue suit with white waist and looked most charming. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Mr. Mulken, after which the party was served to a choice supper. The evening was pleasantly spent in amusements when the happy couple drove to their home, River Road.

A very pretty home wedding took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 30th ult., when Miss E. E. eldest daughter of Thomas Smart, and Geo. Boylan were married at the residence of her father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Dewar, Baptist pastor of Courtright, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The bride was dressed in white baptiste trimmed with insertion and frills, and was attended by her sister Miss Vera, who was similarly attired. The groom was assisted by Mr. D. H. H. Brown, M. L. The happy couple left for their home on Monday in Philadelphia, where Mr. Boylan has secured a lucrative position in the iron works.

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There is plenty of water on the Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea estates. Unsettled weather is extremely frequent—rain storms deluge the plants at the rate of a full inch an hour. The golden sun soon dries the drrenched vegetation when the storm passes—the tea plant grows its small delicate leaves in the cool, clear atmosphere. It's different in the low country. There the water is retained in unhealthy swamps and marshes. In this steamy, shimmering atmosphere the tea plant grows rankly and rapidly—great coarse leaves, fibrous and woody—full of tannin. Blue Ribbon Tea is made of leaves selected from the superior "hill grown" Ceylon tea—delicate top leaves and flow'ry tips. It makes a most delicious tasting and fragrant odorously tea.

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child of Mr. and Mrs. R. Vennin died. Services were conducted by Rev. McCormick and Uren on Friday evening. The remains were taken to Dorchester on Saturday for interment. Mr. and Mrs. Vennin have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Howe, of Barborton, Ohio, spent the holidays with relatives here.

W. Ouellette, G. T. R. agent at Welland, spent New Year's day with his parents here.

WABASH.

Mrs. Will Kelly, of Chatham, has returned home after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cutler.

Mr. Ed. Bassett and family have moved off of Archie Phillips' farm to the farm of Mr. Brown, at Thorncliffe.

Mrs. Archie Phillips entertained a number of her relatives on New Year's night.

Will Rosie and Charlie Liberty spent New Year's at Tyrconnal.

Miss Louie, our teacher, is boarding with Mrs. A. Bradale.

Mrs. Timothy Barwell entertained a few friends on Wednesday evening. Mack Blackley has an attack of muscular rheumatism.

Mrs. Charles Ross is still confined to her bed, but is progressing slowly.

Born to Mrs. Alf. Brown, a son, on Jan. 3rd.

Born to Mrs. Orval Meredith, a son.

Miss Hassen and Mr. Hassen, of Thionville, and Mrs. Shaw, of Kent Bridge, were the guests of Mrs. John Hawkins on New Year's.

S. S. NO. 8, CHATHAM TP.

The following is the report of the December promotion and review examination:

Class V.—E. Shaw 1,061, L. Clyde 877.

Class IV.—H. Shaw 784, Hazel Shaw 707, B. Stuart 674, R. Morgan 580, P. Hill 459.

Absent—Otis Purdie.

First in department—Harold Shaw.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

Heart Disease the Most Sudden and Dangerous of Ailments.

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Stealthy as a thief in the night, Heart Disease heralds its coming only by the distressing symptoms of Palpitation and Short Breath, Smothering Spells, Vertigo, etc. Nothing will remove their fatal grasp save Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. Totally unlike all other remedies, it acts on the nerves through the heart. It has saved thousands of lives—will save yours. A. Du Berger, Waterloo, Que., writes: "Alfred Coul-dry, who lives at Geo. Bell's, in West Shefford, has suffered from terrible heart trouble for the last four years. He has been completely cured after using eight bottles of Dr. Agnew's marvelous remedy."

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Class III. Sr.—F. Clark 640, G. P. Loring 602, H. Campbell 417.

Class III. Jr.—R. Turner 544, Irene Brown 509, P. Moir 437.

Absent—Olive Noltie.

First in department—Pearl Moir.

Class II.—E. Shaw 582, P. Turner 578, C. Shaw 536, L. Clark 512, L. Brown 446, B. Morgan 387, A. Morgan 334.

First in department—Pearl Turner.

Class II. Pt. Jr.—M. Brown 299, M. Clark 292, E. Morgan 287, R. Morgan 284, G. Clark 245, B. Tong 242, J. Tong 230, L. Buckenham 227, Nelson Buckenham 150.

First in department—Eva Morgan.

Class I. Sr.—V. Shaw 368, T. Shaw 268, R. Shaw 230, M. Moir 229.

Class I. Inter.—R. Shaw, G. McDonald.

Class I. Jr.—C. Shaw, M. Turner, R. Tong, D. Duddy, W. Shaw, E. Clark.

M. Wrightman. First in department—Verna Shaw. Average attendance, 35. Dora McKerrall, Teacher.

CON. 8, RALEIGH.

Rev. R. Thompson preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Ogden, of Sarnia, is visiting on the 8th.

The event of New Year's day on the 8th was the shooting match given at the home of Mr. Hilliard Alder. Our local nimrods bagged many a fine turkey and goose.

Mr. A. R. Mummery has moved over to his farm on the tenth. Mr. Mummery, who has lived here for several years, will be very much missed, as he always took great interest in the affairs of the neighborhood.

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For January.

This popular Illustrated Monthly for January is on sale at the Book Store.

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If you do you can save at least the price of the making if you take advantage of our extraordinary dress goods offerings. This is your chance to make money. We loose the profits and part of the costs in many instances. But there are important reasons for this. First, we would rather have less on our inventory sheet and more cash, and what is more important, we want the space for the new goods that begin to put in their appearance after the first of next month.

36 in. Zibeline in grey, reg. \$1.50, for per yard	1.25
45 in. Zibeline in green, cardinal and brown, reg. at per yd.	.75
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56 in. Cheviot in Black, reg. \$1.50 for	1.00
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A demonstration of coffee-making will be given at the store of Mr John McCorvie throughout NEXT WEEK, using

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Miss Hendershott, well-known as an expert in culinary art, will act as demonstrator.

The Ladies of Chatham and Vicinity are cordially invited to call during the week to witness the demonstration and to test by experience the quality of this well-known grade of coffee.

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand—
Marks Bros.—Jan. 4-16.
Hitche Co.—Jan. 25.
A Thoroughbred Tramp—Jan. 27.

Marks Bros. presented to a well filled house at the Grand last night the fun act melo-drama "Sin and its Sorrow." This is the first time this bill had ever been played in Chatham and evidently made a hit with the audience, as round after round of applause could be heard all through the play.

The specialties were of a high class order.
This afternoon a matinee will be put on at 2.30, playing "Hazel Kirk." To-night the bill is "A Woman in Black." There are three prizes given away to-day; at the matinee there are two prizes, a pair of skating shoes and a suit of clothes; to-night the prize is a ton of coal.

Marks Bros. continue their engagement here all next week and have reserved the strongest players in the repertoire for the occasion.

DISLOCATED HER SHOULDER.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Ferguson Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep, which she had not done for several days. For sale by all druggists.

Brown—What does your friend do for a living?
Black—Well, he follows the medical profession.
Brown—Oh! I wasn't aware that he was a doctor.
Black—He isn't. He's an undertaker.

Minard's Liniment for Sale Everywhere.

ELECTIONS IN FEBRUARY

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Important results attended the meeting of the cabinet yesterday. Unanimous assent to holding the elections this year was given though a difference of opinion regarding the best date will necessitate another cabinet meeting to-day to fix it definitely. The majority opinion favors a day in the last week of February, but that may be changed when the matter comes up.

MRS. A. LEGAULT Almost a Lost Woman from Nervous Prostration, Insomnia and Headache.

Mrs. A. Legault, Montreal, Que., says—"I would have been a lost woman had I continued much longer in suffering. My case was a bad one. Nervous prostration, insomnia, headache and loss of memory made up my troubles, and I feared they would lead to insanity. The doctors treated me with all their skill, but I did not get any better. Some of my friends advised me to try Paine's Celery Compound. The first bottle gave me little relief, but the second worked miraculously on my nerves. After the use of nine bottles I can positively say I am cured."

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All reading notices of local announcements must be received at this office not later than noon of the day on which it is desired that they appear in The Planet.

ATTACKED BY A BULL.

POLICE MAGISTRATE HORSEY NEARLY KILLED.

The Animal Finally Throws Him Through the Feed Slide Out of the Stable.

Bowmanville, Jan. 9.—Mr. William M. Horsey, Police Magistrate, was seriously injured last night by being attacked by a Jersey bull at his residence. After knocking him down and trampling on him the infuriated animal gave him a toss with his horns, clean out of the stable into the barn through the slide where the feed is usually passed in. But for this almost miraculous escape Mr. Horsey would in all probability have been killed. As it is he is considerably bruised, and his flesh so torn that Dr. Beith had to put a great number of stitches in his right leg.

BREEDERS' DEPUTATION.

Ask For an Increase in the Duty on Horses.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Representatives of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association waited upon the Government yesterday and urged that, in the interests of pure-bred stock, the customs duty on horses entering Canada from the United States be raised to \$30 on animals of the value of \$150 and under, and that a national record be kept, not only for horses, but all kinds of stock. They also suggested that some means be adopted to prevent inferior horses from being brought into Canada on the strength of spurious pedigrees. The statements made by the several speakers were to the effect that low-grade ponies and inferior horses were being sent into Canada in large numbers by rail in the west. In many instances horses were admitted free on the representation that they were pure-bred animals, although they were simply culls. The result of the constant importation of inferior animals is that the farmers are defrauded, and the strain of horses in Canada is threatened with serious deterioration. It was also asserted that in the west advantage was taken by dealers of the regulation with respect to settlers' effects, to bring in scrub ponies and horses and dispose of them in Canada. This was done by dividing the stock up among settlers, who passed them through the customs. Afterwards they were collected again and sold. The deputation were received by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Messrs. Fielding, Sifton and Fisher. Replies were made by Mr. Sifton and Mr. Fisher.

The Minister of the Interior said that the importation of pure-bred animals duty free was for the improvement of live stock in Canada. If the regulations as now administered did not accomplish that result and an amendment could be devised that would meet the case, they could depend upon the Government adopting it. The point as to the abuse of the regulation in regard to settlers' effects required to be carefully considered, and he would discuss the matter with his colleagues. As to the importation of scrub stock of no value, it concerned the east as well as the west, but the Government could express no opinion upon it off-hand. They might deal with the treatment of it if they did not create a greater evil than that sought to be cured. The proposition to raise the duties involved important principles, and the Government could say nothing about it until they had gone carefully into the matter.

MR. BERTRAM'S VIEWS.

Problems of Transportation to be Solved.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—Mr. John Bertram, Chairman of the transportation commission, interviewed here, said:—"The chief work of the transportation commission will be to facilitate the traffic of Canada along the easiest routes in the Dominion. The first problem that we will try to solve will likely be that of finding the shortest and cheapest route from Lake Superior to the markets of England. Then comes the problem of a port on Hudson Bay that will be the natural port of a large part of the northwest. What would solve one of the best solutions of the question of traffic from the west to England would be the establishment of a satisfactory through steamship service between Port William and Montreal."

Dundonald Promoted.

London, Jan. 8.—It is rumored that Lord Dundonald is returning to England to succeed Major-General Sir Alfred Turner as Inspector-General of the auxiliary forces.

HOCKEY.

YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

O. H. A. Senior.			
Cornwall	3	3	Prescott
O. H. A. Intermediate.			
Perth	4	2	Smith's Falls
Barrie	4	2	Collingwood
St. Georges	7	3	Hamilton
St. Mary's	4	2	Belleville
Belleville	8	2	Port Hope
Gait	5	4	Woodstock
Brimley	8	2	Cayuga
Bracebridge	8	3	Gravenhurst
Paris	5	3	Brantford
London	5	2	Eggleston
Georgetown	5	2	Orangeville

Leading Wheat Markets.

Closing previous day. To-day.			
	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.	May.
Chicago	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
New York	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Toledo	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
St. Louis	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Detroit	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Milwaukee	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Minneapolis	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Duluth	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2



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SATCHEL

OF THE

SATELLITE

Lay wide for the Big Show. It's going to cut a swath.

Dundonald and me will be at the operatic production, Robin Hood.

Come to think of it, those lady archers in Robin Hood do look arch.

What a popular job that civic chairmanship of the Board of Works is!

Walk on the shady side of the street and avoid so-called "cooling drinks."

T. L. Pardo said that the honorable Ross was in deep water. I thought that he was on the rocks.

I know now why they call it Robin Hood. It's because the members of the company are all birds.

Strikes me the dis-honorable Mr. Stratton would like the electors to "try to forget some things."

Financially Robin Hood should be all right. They've got a whole bank under them—and a Standard bank, too.

They call it Leap Year because it is during this 12 months that the old maids keep the bachelor men on the jump.

I don't know which will be the biggest attraction at the production of Robin Hood, Me, Dundonald or the opera.

This is the "steenth day before the Big Robin Hood Production. I'll tip you the date exact as soon as I hear from my friend Dundonald.

I'll bet—oh, no; I forgot. I'm saving all my money for the big show. I've got to take the whole family to Robin Hood on Dundonald Night.

A local undertaker has had a lot of coffins accidentally soaked with water and frozen. Watch for a bargain sale. Save a penny, make a penny.—Hamilton Spectator.

The Song of the Old Cross Beau is one of the looniest choruses in Robin Hood. Perhaps it is unnecessary to add that it is a male chorus and a corker.

Ladysmith Day—when Dundonald relieved the long South African siege—won't be a patch to Dundonald Night, when the heroic general comes to take in Robin Hood and his outlaw band.

I don't believe the yarn that my old Scotch friend, James Fleming, is coaxing Musical Director Wilson to get Friar Tuck to cook "porridge" in his famous soup kettle on Dundonald Night.

A life-long Grit writes the Satellite asking how it was that George Stephens forgot to tell the convention why he appointed Walt Thrasher to a good, fat job over the heads of people much more entitled to it.

That Paddy VIII. those Shakespearian fellows in the Macaulay Club are putting on must be a pretty good article after all. I hear they're borrowing the services of several of the Big Robin Hood company for that night.

The Chatham man who was invited to go to Chicago and take in the Zoo recently, said: "No, thank you, I'll stay at home. My oldest daughter does the kangaroo walk, my second daughter talks like a parrot, my son laughs like a hyena, my wife watches me like a hawk, my cook is as cross as a bear, and my mother-in-law says 'I'm an old gorilla. When I go anywhere I want a change.'—Blenheim Tribune.

A PROBLEM.

How many silk dresses will that Leap Year dance be responsible for the purchase of? Answers not to contain more than ten figures.

Oh, for the wings of a dove! sighed the poet with the unbarbed hair. Order what you like, rejected the promise person, but as for me, give me the breast of a chicken.

ARE NOT WELL TREATED.

COMPLAINTS MADE BY CHINESE LABORERS.

Ashburton Bye-election — Varied Views Expressed by the London Papers—The Trade Returns.

London, Jan. 9.—Secretary Chen of the Chinese Legation stated yesterday that his Government was extremely dissatisfied with the treatment of Chinamen in the British colonies. Agent-General Granger said if the British Government backed up the Chinese demands regarding Australia, a tremendous storm would follow. Britain was not the empire, and Australia would look after her own interests. An Australian mine-owner said the Australians would rather cut the painter than allow any Government to alter the Chinese restriction act. Prominent Canadians here say Canada is likely to make stronger anti-Chinese laws than those now existing.

President Jacobs of the General Council of Australian Chambers of Commerce, speaking of preferential trade, called the policy of Premier Seddon (of New Zealand) a Peckaniffian preference. Protection alone would make Australia great.

The Standard's Paris correspondent, referring to the Anglo-French negotiation, says that France is likely to abandon her rights and advantages in Newfoundland in return for compensation in Central Africa and the New Hebrides.

The News, referring to the Liberal victory in the Ashburton division of Mid Devon, says it is evidence that the agricultural laborer is dead against protection. The Morning Post says the result was influenced by the fact that the Liberal candidate is a large landowner in the division. The Standard says Premier Balfour is not beaten but the persons who are endeavoring to press forward a fiscal revolution and the country has no use for them.

Rev. Mr. Jephson, one of the Mosely commissioners, says that if Britain gives Canada a preference the President of the United States has only to sign his name to a document and all the Canadian whom will have to come through the half-frozen port of Halifax, instead of through Portland, Maine.

Rev. H. Napier, the curate of Barton-on-Humber, has written a fairy pantomime, in which the wicked hobgoblin joins the Bible class. Mr. Napier worked for two years as a farm laborer in Canada.

Mr. Wm. L. Olson held a reception for our Irishmen—yesterday afternoon and evening. Miss E. Ralph, of Wallaceburg, is the guest of Miss Ethel Burnie, Hughes street. Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Dawn Mills, conducted special prayer services in the Methodist church. E. E. Boulton was a Florence visitor yesterday.

Mr. Leitch, of Stratthroy, visited in town yesterday. Miss Kate Hughes, who has been visiting Miss May Cuthbert, returned home this week.

TRIED TO LYNCH PRISONER.

Street Railway Men Infuriated by Murder of a Colleague.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 9.—Conductor Thomas Brighton of the Consolidated Street Railway, who was yesterday shot by masked highwaymen, is dead. The police have arrested John Shookleigh in connection with the hold-up and murder. The street car-men of the city, infuriated by the deed, made an ineffectual attempt to storm the city jail and lynch Shookleigh.

MUST STOP GAMBLING.

New York's Chief of Police Makes a Good Start.

New York, Jan. 9.—Police Commissioner McAdoo is following up steps recently taken by him to prevent gambling in this city, and has notified the police inspectors that from a source unknown to them he had received information that gambling houses and poolrooms were being opened in Manhattan Borough. He allowed them 48 hours to close every gambling house and poolroom in the borough.

STEEL RAIL CONTRACT.

Canadian Northern Orders Twenty-five Thousand Tons.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—Further orders have been placed by MacKenzie & Mann for material for the Canadian Northern Railway. A contract for 25,000 tons of standard rails has been placed with the Illinois Steel Co. The price is believed to be \$26, delivered at Port Arthur. It is reported that the order for 6,000 tons of rails for the remodelling of the line placed with the Connells of Sheffield, was at \$22 a ton, delivered at Montreal. The Canadian Pacific Railway, which is in the market for a large quantity of steel rails, has not yet placed its order.

A Liberal Victory.

Lor'on, Jan. 9.—The bye-election in the Ashburton, or Middle, division of Devonshire yesterday to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of the Hon. C. Scoble-Hayne (Liberal), resulted in the return of the Liberal candidate, H. T. Eve, by a majority of 1,476 over the Unionist candidate, General Sir Richard Harrison. This was partially due to Mr. Eve's local popularity. Otherwise it was attributed to opposition to Hon. Joseph Chamberlain's tariff proposals.

Three Days, One Juror.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—The third day of the trial of Van Dine, Marx and Neidermeier, the car bandits, ended with but one juror selected as a result of the three days' examination of venire men. Four of the men accepted by the State, and not yet examined by the attorneys for the defence were held. The police searched all who entered for weapons, and confiscated those found on six men.

HOT AIR

Can take up a balloon a long way, but it can't keep it there. This is as true of stores as it is of balloons. Hot air in the way of advertising and inflated statements when selling goods, may sell a lot of goods for a while but it won't keep on selling them. The goods themselves have to be alright or the selling soon drops off.

The proof of our clothing shows in the wearing, and little "hot air" is required in the selling. This Arctic weather is selling more overcoats for us than any January we have known. Come in and make yourself comfortable in one of our warm, stylish overgarments, cold weather comfort will lengthen your days. All styles at all prices and all our own make.

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28 New Dinner Sets opened up since Christmas makes our assortment still complete. Prices from \$4.50 to \$16.

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Doctors rarely have hard colds. They keep this old cough remedy in the house. Coughs, colds, weak lungs.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

DRESDEN.

Jan. 9.—Dr. and Mrs. Kelly, of Florence, are the guests of the latter's brother, W. H. Wilson, Brown street. Miss Minnie Steers, of Detroit, is the guest of Miss Fricella Dixon. C. H. Gordon, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

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CROUP.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all druggists.

BLENHEIM

Jan. 9.—A ball will be held in the Opera House on Thursday, Jan. 14, by the young men of South Harwich, composed of the following committee—A. Nichol, M. McDougall, A. Palmer, O. Gable.

On Wednesday, Jan. 13, the third number of the Lyceum Course will be given at the Opera House by the Boston Ladies Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. E. M. Thompson has returned from Huron, Ohio, where she has been visiting her brother, Rev. R. J. Freeborn.

Mr. Silas Burk, Jr., of South Loraine, Ohio, who has been visiting relatives in this neighborhood, has returned to his home, accompanied by his niece, Miss Maude Misner. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Denholm have moved into the rooms above Crookshanks Bros. drug store.

The following officers for Point Aux Pins Encampment, No. 73, were duly installed to their respective offices on Tuesday, Jan. 5, by D. D. G. Patriarch Bro. J. V. Mills: O. P.—Bro. W. Henry.

S. W.—Bro. W. P. Greenwood. H. P.—Bro. E. J. Buzzard. Scribe—Bro. G. M. Baird. F. Scribe—Bro. D. Muckle. Treasurer—Bro. P. Bursae.

O. S.—Bro. John Wardle. J. S.—Bro. W. C. Basson. First Watch—Bro. O. Vansickle. Second Watch—Bro. W. J. Baird. Third Watch—Bro. L. F. Johnson. Fourth Watch—Bro. W. D. Nicholson.

First Guard of Tent—Bro. D. Eagles. Second Guard of Tent—Bro. A. Brethour.

After the installation the Patriarch adjourned to E. L. Wedge's oyster parlour for an oyster supper. Mr. Barker met with a painful accident to his thumb yesterday while helping to unload some heavy oak planks. The man at the other end lifted the plank, not knowing that his thumb was under it, was cut clean off at first joint. He is progressing favorably.

Mr. Copeland, organizer for the

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Life Under Kaiser Wilhelm

An Entertaining Letter to The Planet From a Maple City Lady who is Visiting in Germany—Some Views of Life There.

The following is the first of a series of interesting letters to be written for The Planet by Mrs. E. J. MacIntyre, of this city, now in Berlin, Germany. Mrs. MacIntyre, as will be seen, is an entertaining writer and her letters will deal with the domestic as well as the artistic life of the Germans.—Editor Planet.

"There was a sound of revelry by night!" and what a wealth of gratification it portended! Such exuberance of spirits! Such merry, gladness, sparkling glances from once long-closed eyes! Such light, airy, graceful tripping of eager feet as characterized those who represented the aristocracy at the annual fete, cannot be imagined. One must have the delightful experience in order to fully appreciate it.

He who has not been sentenced by Fate, or chosen by Fortune, to make for himself a home upon foreign shores, far remote from kith and kin, can have no conception of the endless light-hearted abandon to the pleasures of the hour, of those who for this evening at least, once more deported themselves upon national soil, and while whirling through the mazy dance exchanging happy greetings, forgot for the time being there was any other but the English tongue.

And how, do you ask, could this be, when this brilliant assemblage of which I speak formed a scene enacted in the very heart of the German capital? Why, do you not know that an ingenious foreigner can compete almost anything in this famous old town. This, then, being granted, is it then surprising that the united forces of England and America should allow no limit to restrict their evening's amusement. For the moment everything was English; everything was American; Germany was excluded.

The eleven superbly furnished pleasure rooms of the Kaiserhof, the favorite hotel for diplomats and traveling royalty, were thrown open to the friends of the Anglo-American club, under whose auspices this delightful society function was held. The guests, numbering between two and three hundred, were received by United States Consul General and wife, the Anglican clergyman and wife, Mr. Fry and his wife, and Mr. Mrs. Yander, the latter charming representatives of the far-off colony drama. I might here just mention the British Consul, His Excellency Sir Frank Lascelles, and the United States Ambassador, His Excellency, Mr. Charles M. Tower, Honorary Presidents, while the Mr. Fry is the acting President Club.

Brilliantly lighted hall, it marvel of beauty, was artistically decorated with foliage, plants, vases, the English and Americans being draped together in one unity over the mirrored walls. Just inside the entrance a little to the right was a large room upon which stood a life-size of the Emperor, guarded on side by a warrior in bronze, at the far end of the room a richly curtained alcove sat the finest orchestra this city can produce. The music of their classic instruments intertwined themselves with easy grace and spirit of the evening, and the milder strains of "Just one The Honeysuckle and The Sunflower and the Sun" her once well-known airs, now forgotten, renewed their of by-gone days.

What shall I say of the fairies of fashion, who appear at time of pleasure, whose charm-ages added so much to the daz-zen scene. Beauty of face, form and costly and elegant gowns, urbelows of rare old lace, mod-erns and glittering diamonds, the eye, and yet—ever and anon, gaze wandered back over inter-ests to similar gatherings in ear-ly old Maple City, where de-er a lesser display of wealth, one-ness to admit that the Goddess duty was very lavish in her gifts of fair maids of Canada.

I do not purpose taking up your attempting a minute descrip-tion of the elegant costumes worn by the ladies, but will only make-ation of the two which pleased me. One was a richly embroidered-ack net, the raised flowers being-arked in cream chenille and silver. The ornaments worn with this were-iamonds, and it was really the hand-somest and most effective toilet of the evening. The wearer was Mrs. Yan-ers, the Australian lady, as charming-ly she is beautiful. The other was very delicate shade of heliotrope-ape de chene, simply but artisti-ally made, but it so suited the mod-est, sweet face of the wearer, a dainty-ly Irish girl, that she soon became-centre of attraction. (Refresh-ments were served about midnight, in beautiful dining halls, and the-vice used was white, with delicate-tracings, each piece being sur-anted with the Prussian coat of-arms. The upholsterings of these-are in gold, crimson, and sage

green, in perfect accord with the rich Turkish rugs upon the tiled floors, the mottled marble wainscots and gilded panels of the metallic walls. The menu was superintended by a faultless chef and was most daintily served.

Altogether the ball was a brilliant success, and the Anglo-American colonies here are certainly justified in terming it the social event of the season in Berlin.

But as many of your readers are more musically inclined than socially, or are equally so, they will be wait-ing with longing impatience for me to divert their attention into musi-cal channels, therefore without fur-ther ado I will endeavor to promote the fulfillment of their desires.

Properly speaking, the concert and operatic season in Berlin commences about the first of September and continues until the end of May, though in reality a number of the best artists are not ready to take up the work of gratifying public pleasure until the middle or end of October. The season of 1902-03 was a particularly interesting one for us, especially was it so for Carmen, whose little heart is completely given over to the personal development of this divine art. She has been so for-tunate as to meet a number of the world-renowned musicians, some of whom have very graciously inscribed their autographs in the album she has dedicated to this purpose.

"And I am always pleased to have her meet with some of these famous artists as, by this means, she learns something of their personality and can the more readily partake of the same spirit which is responsible for each individual interpretation of a master. The last artist whom she has had the pleasure of meeting is little Frany Von Vecsey, a wonder-child—as he is called by the Ger-mans—at the tender age of ten years, who has completely astounded musical old Berlin with his wonder-ful genius. We have both found him a very interesting character, and I should like to tell you much about him particularly as he is now under contract for a period of two years, and will in all probability tour America as well as Europe during this time. And as Detroit is often favored with one appear-ance at least of noted artists, I should advise all who can avail themselves of the opportunity af-forded of hearing him, for he is cer-tainly entitled to the name the Ger-mans have given him. A Hungarian by birth, his general appearance is typical of his country. His com-plexion is very white and clear, his face beautifully outlined is lighted up by a pair of very dark soulful looking eyes. He is of rather slight figure, but not above the usual height of a normally developed child of his age. His study of the violin was begun with his father, who is himself a fine musician, and from whom his musical talent is inherited. Later, at the age of seven, little Frany was placed under Hubay, of Buda Pesth, with whom he studied three years before being sent to make his debut in the musical world. He remained in Berlin nearly two months, studying under Joachim, the king of violinists, while here, and giving one or two concerts each week. This venerable old master was much interested in the young lad, and eventually permitted the little musician to occupy the highly hono-ered place in musical ranks, which he himself had so long held. As a fur-ther mark of his esteem Joachim permitted Frany to be photographed with him, a privilege he has accorded but few.

The clever little fellow was also summoned to play before the Em-peror, and Empress, in the music room of the Kaiserhof, the hotel of which I have spoken above. Much pleased with his marvellous techni-cal ability and wonderful interpretation, their majesties invited him to spend several days with them at their castle in Potsdam. It is quite a custom in Germany, I believe, for all young children to give to friends or aunt when addressing those who are much older than themselves, and the young artist, seemingly not re-cognizing the fact that royalty was entitled to any higher distinction than ordinary mortals, addressed the Emperor as Uncle Kaiser. This so pleased his majesty, however, that he made Franz the recipient of a very handsome diamond pin, and a thou-sand marks in gold.

His concerts were given in the Kroll Opera House, and he played to a crowded house each night, even every available inch of standing room being taken up. The compositions of the most noted modern composers, as well as the old classics, are included in his repertoire, and his interpre-tation of Bach is really surprising for one so young, it being that of a ma-ture artist. The accompanist was Alfred Schmidt Badekow, who gave two piano solos each evening, during which time the natural childishness of youth asserted itself, and the lit-tle musician behind the scenes amu-sed himself with playthings quite like

an ordinary child. We had the pleas-ure of hearing him upon three dif-ferent occasions, and had not the price of seats been so expensive we should have attended every concert. It was our privilege to hear him ren-der the E Minor Mendelssohn Con-certo, Concert D Minor, by Wagnier-sky, Air by Bach, Witches' Dance, Variations, and Concert D Major, by Paganini, Ballade und Polonaise, and Reverie, by Vieuxtemps, Faust Fan-tasie and Carmen Fantasie, by Hu-bay, his instructor, Trille du Diable, by Tartini, Traumerel, by Schuman, Ave Marie, by Schubert (Wilhelm), as well as several other compositions. This last mentioned number, per-haps, was the one in which he dis-played the greatest musical feeling, it being so exquisitely rendered that his critics accredited him with hav-ing played it like an angel.

He returns to Berlin the latter part of this month, when he plays at a benefit concert for some great charitable work, and if it is possible to obtain seats without bankrupting ourselves we shall certainly hear him once more. His father and mother,

who are, indeed, very pleasant, agree-able people to meet, accompany him on his tour and attend all concerts with him, but the little artist is re-ally under the control of the Im-proviser, whose commands must be obeyed.

I should like to have given you some idea of German preparations for the world-wide festival soon to be celebrated, as "Deutschland" is the reputed home of Father Christmas, but the fear that I have already trespassed too much upon your space forbids me to say more than that the corners of our streets seem like ver-itable little pine forests, which, mushroom-like, have sprung up in a night, so crowded are they with standing first and pines awaiting some happy choice, for no family in Ger-many is too poor to dispense with a Christmas tree.

Wishing you and the many read-ers of The Planet a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I remain,

Sincerely yours,
L. A. MACINTYRE.
Berlin, Dec. 21, 1903.



FOR CARRIAGE OR AFTERNOON WEAR.

With handsome Russian embroidery on the yoke and sleeve, this pearl grey Wool-text wrap has many attractive features. The embroidered yoke is laid over white satin, a ripple cape edging this and falling over the shoulder. A broad, double box plait ap-pears in the centre of the back, and the fronts are decorated with a long ripple scarf of crepe de chine. The sleeve is of the bell variety, and the whole garment is attractively lined with primrose brocade.

...SOCIETY EVENTS...

Miss Belle Smith, Lacroix St., en-tertained on Monday afternoon at "Pit."

Mrs. J. S. Turner, Raleigh street, gave a tea on Thursday afternoon, in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. S. T. Martin, of Streetsville.

Dr. J. L. Bray entertained some of his gentlemen friends at cards on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Miss Edna Martin gave a "Studio Tea" on Saturday afternoon in hon-or of her cousins, Rev. S. T. and Mrs. Martin, of Streetsville.

Miss Susie Taylor leaves for Wood-stock this afternoon, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Hyde.

The society young ladies of this city are going to give a Leap Year dance in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium. This dance will be unique in several respects. The girls will ask the young men to escort them to the dance, and, at the dance, the girls will solicit their own partners. The

young ladies will have the manage-ment and incidentally the expense of the dance. A meeting was held on Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. C. C. Greening, when arrange-ments for the dance were made. This promises to be a unique social entertainment. Amongst the young ladies present were: Misses Green-ing, Miss Rose, Miss McKeough, Miss Holmes, Miss Bell, Misses Campbell, Misses Stephenson, Misses North-wood, Misses Ball, Miss Ermatinger and Miss Atkinson.

A meeting of the Farmers' Asso-ciation, of Harwich, was held in the Township Hall, Blenheim, on Tues-day afternoon. The hall was crowd-ed to the doors with interested farmers. The report of the commit-tee appointed to investigate the of-fer of Mr. Peter Haggart, to sell his bean warehouses, and business, was given, and after some discus-sions, it was decided to buy Mr. Hag-gart out, and the deal was accord-ingly closed. Mr. Haggart will still retain his office and seed store on Talbot street, but will in future buy no more beans. The new company will likely be called the Kent Farm-ers' Co-operative Produce Company. —Blenheim Tribune.

Britain's Queen and the Children

The Wife of Britain's Beloved Sovereign has a Warm Spot in Her Heart for the Younger Generation—Gives Royal Dinners and Entertainments.

It was a day of high festival at Sandringham, for Queen Alexandra had invited all the children to a tea party on Her Majesty's birthday.

It is not so long since society in town was pleasantly interested in the children's party given at Bucking-ham Palace, but whereas on that oc-casion it was the children of the rich who were bidden, it was now the children of the poor—those who live in cottage homes, and to whom a birthday tea and entertainment is a red-letter day—an event to be look-ed forward to and held in memory as a landmark in childhood's history when it is all over.

To make it the more memorable, the day was a general holiday for the youngsters, no attendance being the order at each of the village schools.

They are royal schools, by the way, coming under Government inspection as a matter of course; but it is the King and Queen who have been re-sponsible for their erection and main-tenance, and in the progress and well-being of the scholars their Majesties still manifest the utmost interest. These were the children who were invited to the birthday festivity, and great was the preparation in honor thereof. Much washing, starching and ironing were the preliminaries. All the youthful guests went to bed with visions of coming joys, and there must have been a very early awakening.

Now, although the King is the Lord of the Manor, which takes in several surrounding villages, yet there is a portion of Dersingham—the largest of the group—which does not belong to His Majesty.

BEYOND THE PALE.

Certain children of the place, there-fore, do not attend the royal schools, and consequently were not eligible for the birthday entertainment. On one such occasion a small group of these were lingering near the North-wich Gates—presumably with the hope that they might see something of what was going on.

The Queen and one of her daugh-ters presently emerged from the house, noticed the children, and stop-ped to speak to them, asking if they were going to the school room by and bye. The answer given was, "No," as their fathers did not work for the King. One or two were then asked what their fathers did, and various answers were returned. One informed the royal ladies that his "feythor went a-cockling," i. e., gat-hering cockles, etc., on the seashore. But the climax was reached when one of them naively said that his "feythor went a-poaching!"

Hearty laughter that could not be suppressed greeted this announce-ment, and orders were given for all the group to be admitted to the chil-dren's feast. That youngster must be deserving of pity if he took a ver-batim account of this interview home. The poaching would take place 'on the King's preserves.

The children set out for the place of entertainment in the early after-noon, for many of them have quite a distance to come, and the festivities are so arranged that they return in good time.

TOUCH OF COLOR.

All the scholars wear a distinctive dress, the scarlet cloaks of the girls making bright patches of color in the villages and lanes as they proceed on their way.

The large school room, where the tables are spread, is made gay with flowers and flags, each of them show-ing a tasteful blending of the British and Danish national colors.

When all are assembled, it is a large gathering, as it includes the children not only from the elementary but also from the technical schools. It may be mentioned that the very excellent technical schools on the Sandringham estate for both boys and girls, were inaugurated by Her Ma-jesty on the model of the schools with which she had made herself thor-oughly familiar in Copenhagen, the city of her birth.

Quantities of flowers are sent from the royal gardens to decorate the tables, and plenty of willing servitors from the house party are in attend-ance to minister to the children's wants. On former occasions, when the Queen entertained large parties of children at Sandringham it has been customary for Her Majesty to give generous assistance herself, replenish-ing cups and plates with an air of thorough enjoyment.

That the Queen has always made it a rule to be present at the tea parties of the youngsters has, of course, added much to their popularity. There are few of the children who are not well known to Her Majesty, although, naturally, she has not now the time and opportunity for visiting the cot-tages that she formerly had.

But so great has been her interest in the neighboring poor that she has been cognizant of the birth of every child in each of the parishes, has watched them grow up, and has often personally taken notice of their ad-vance in school work by visiting the

different buildings where their in-struction has been carried on.

THE QUEEN ENTERS.

A feature of the tea is, of course, the volley of hearty cheers accorded Her Majesty on her entrance and at the close of the feast.

Norfolk children have excellent lungs, and their hearty spirits in an enclosed building are rather deafen-ing, but the Queen and her daughters, to judge by their smiling faces, seem not only to mind, but to thoroughly enjoy it.

After the tables are cleared a few games and a little music, which in-cludes a part song practiced specially for the royal hostess, bring the pro-ceedings to a close, and the children are sent home happy and tired, and with hands full of sugar plums.

Last year Queen Alexandra's birth-day came on a Sunday, and the King, wishing to give Her Majesty a pleas-ant surprise, had "commanded" Squadron's Band, then performing in this country. So well was the secret kept that even the members of the band knew nothing beyond the fact that they were about to perform at a gen-tleman's country seat, the "actual" place not being disclosed until they were in the train bound for Sandring-ham. The Queen was delighted with the entertainment.

Her Majesty's birthday is loyally observed at King's Lynn, the near-est town. The famous ten-bell peal of St. Margaret's Church duly pro-claims the event in the early morn-ing, the public buildings and many of the leading business houses are de-corated. In the afternoon the Mayor and Mayoress give a reception at the Town Hall, which is attended by the leading inhabitants, and in the evening the local warrant-holders have their annual dinner.

From each of these gatherings con-gratulatory telegrams are always sent to Her Majesty, to which gra-ciously worded replies are at once re-turned.

IS EAGER TO GET IN ON IT

Shrewd Old Travelling Min-strel wants to Score in the Big Robin Hood Success.

Reckons He'd Score a Hit in "Oprys"—Musical Director. Wilson's Interesting Visitor.

J. Will Wilson, musical director of the opera "Robin Hood," which is being produced by local talent, tells this tale of a recent happening. It is not known yet whether the 24th Regi-ment orchestra will be ready to play for the production and Mr. Wilson has been negotiating with the Detroit Orchestra in case the Regimental or-chestra should not be ready.

The other day Mr. Wilson was dis-turbed while at work in his office by a heavy step on the stair. Soon the door opened and an elderly man walk-ed in carrying an old fiddle wrapped in an older piece of carpet.

"Where on earth did you come from," queried Mr. Wilson, "and what do you want?"

The visitor replied that he came from a place not so very far from Chatham, where they had an orchestra and he had heard that Mr. Wilson desired to secure such an organization.

"What did you do with the rest of your German Band?" asked the local director.

"Oh, I reckon they had to play at a wedding this afternoon," replied the man with the fiddle, "so I came over to see you about an engagement for our orchestra."

"Why aren't you with the rest of 'em?" Mr. Wilson asked.

"Well, to tell the truth," said he, "I ain't quite good enough to play at a wedding, but I'm all right for oprys and that sort."

THE SEA OF AZOV.

Some days ago a thrilling story came over the cables to the effect that the sea of Azov was mysteriously drying up, raising thriving towns in Russian dominions and scaring some Russian subjects so badly that they took a recess from killing Jews.

Now come a scientist, writing in the New York Sun, who explains that the sea of Azov carries millions of tons of mud, which it drops along the banks and on the shallow floor of the sea, narrowing the channel and producing the phenomenon in question.

Jerry Bilson's people must have suddenly got rich. Why so? He calls his school teacher a tutor.

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A CRISIS IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY

That there are some powerful influences at work to prevent an outbreak of hostilities between Japan and Russia is most likely. The civilized nations of Europe, to speak merely of their material interests, have reason to be alarmed at the fearful calamity to which a war in the Far East might be merely introductory. On the part of Russia the war would be fought with French money. The Russian debentures held by the French people sum up to a billion and a half in value; and the possibility of immense losses that would follow the impairment of these securities cannot be regarded otherwise than with apprehension by the French Government. Even if not moved thereto by humane considerations, the statesmen of France would be impelled to bring the heaviest pressure to bear on their Russian ally on political and economic grounds.

While it might not be impossible, nor even difficult, to localize a war between Russia and Japan, if neither of the belligerents should become otherwise involved, the latter eventuality is not so remote as to be negligible. Complications of a more or less serious character are certain to arise in the Near East at the close of this winter. The Macedonian question is sure to be reopened in some form, and if Bulgaria and other Balkan States should perceive in Russia's preoccupation elsewhere their opportunity to play high politics on their own account the long deferred Turkish problem would assume a critical aspect. The compromise between Russia and Austria, which regarded themselves as residuary legatees of the Sultan's Balkan estate, could scarcely bear the strain to which it would be put if the disruption of the Ottoman Empire in Europe should come in sight. A disagreement between these two powers would make the obligation of France to assist her ally fall due; Russia would be confronted simultaneously by two enemies, even though on entirely unrelated grounds of dispute. And if France should stand by Russia the Austrian Emperor could call upon the other members of the Triple Alliance.

The ultimate developments of a war in the Far East, moreover, cannot be foreseen. A Russian victory might inaugurate the partition of China; in fact, the suppression of the Chinese, as a nation would be as essential to the security of Russia's position as would be the defeat of Japan. On the other hand, if Japan should be successful the spectre of the "Yellow Peril" might called from the vasty deep in order to furnish a pretext for another such joint intervention as occurred after the peace of Shimonoseki. Either the partition of China or a joint intervention hostile to Japan would provoke an immeasurably greater quarrel than the one now impending. The portentous issues in the background are stirring every European cabinet to pacificatory action, and characterize the present as one of the momentous crises in human history. The disheartening feature of the situation is the difficulty of reconciling the entry of Russia into the domains of the yellow race with the Japanese policy of Asia for the Asiatics. If a settlement of the immediate grounds of difference should be effected in the eleventh hour the result would be merely a precarious truce. The fundamental causes of disagreement would remain.—Toronto World.

CALLAGHAN AVENGED

Says the Ottawa Citizen:—From private advices from North Renfrew since the election indicate that an unhappy state of mind afflicts the Ross government from a cause which has not hitherto been made prominently public. The truth is out. The Machine was not thrown down in North Renfrew. The Machine so long the faithful criminal tool of the Liberal party in Ontario, revolted and spoiled the Egyptians. We are not rehearsing any campaign rumors—these are the actual facts as they have leaked out in the past few days.

The Machine went into the riding with barrels of money, but as the campaign progressed the local managers of the party got suspicious. The long green did not seem to be going into circulation. A local deputation interviewed the Machine in the bridal suite and expostulated; but were told that the money had not yet arrived. The local funds were exhausted and the money stringency became acute. Then Ross' Wicked Partner in the cabinet arrived on the scene and the local de-

putation waited on him to expostulate. The Wicked Partner expressed astonishment. He assured the deputation that the Machine had been furnished with armfuls of the Stuff in all denominations. He forthwith proceeded to demand an explanation of the Machine and was suavely and confidentially informed that the Machine was metaphorically sitting on the treasury chest with a gun protecting the Stuff from the rapacious local managers so as to have it for use when it would do the most good, namely on the night before the election. This was apparently satisfactory, but the minister, in deference to the local managers, ordered the paymaster of the Machine to "loosen up." He obeyed orders and while the Minister was in the riding the Stuff circulated freely. As soon as the ministers made their famous departure from the riding and abandoned the work to the trusty instrument of corruption which had never yet failed them, the Machine bank suspended payment. It is charged by the local Grit managers that not another cent came out of the bridal suite except when the Machine hastily departed from the riding on the midnight train that fateful Saturday evening. The allegation is that of \$27,000 available for corruption, only \$7,000 was actually expended, and that \$20,000 went into the pockets of the Machine.

By a curious working of retributive justice the Callaghan case is said to have been responsible for the "spoiling of the Egyptians." The jailing of Callaghan was a piece of political tyranny which was intended to strike terror into the hearts of tools of the government who "squealed" on their employers. The Machine took it a good deal to heart, not because the Machine intended to "squel" but in the harsh fate meted out to Callaghan they realized that they worked for masters who would not hesitate to sacrifice them and make scapegoats of them the moment these masters felt they could safely improve their chances by doing so. The government was in a desperate plight, anyway, and perhaps this was the last chance the Machine might have to recoup itself before being thrown out on a cold, cold world, or mayhap, into jail like poor Callaghan. "When the devil was sick, the devil a monk would be"—possibly, and it was a paralyzing thought, the anti-bracket wing of the Grit party might gain control and do the 'ighly moral grand stand act, leaving the faithful Machine to the mercy of an unsympathetic world, with the alternative of a "stand aside" jury if they "squealed." In the face of that emergency the Machine turned Turk. And so it came about that the "martyred" Callaghan was avenged.

It is to laugh!

DEVONSHIRE AND ROSEBERY

Not of recent years has there been an announcement respecting British politics of greater interest and moment than that now made on the authority of The Pall Mall Gazette, points out the Toronto World. That by no means irresponsible journal categorically states that the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Rosebery have buried the hatchet, and that the Duke will resume his place in the ranks of the Liberal party.

Looking to recent developments in the readjustment of parties consequent on the fiscal agitation there is nothing inherently improbable in such a reconciliation, which is quite on the lines of the course pursued by the Duke of Devonshire. Indeed, his pace recently has been so much accelerated there is little wonder it has carried him outside the Ministerial orbit and restored him to the system of which he was for so long a prominent and influential member.

Since Mr. Chamberlain's first rude disturbance of the free trade waters and the Prime Minister's scarcely veiled sympathy and open intimation that the existing fiscal conditions must be altered, the Duke of Devonshire's action has testified to his unwillingness to disrupt the Unionist party, and much more to an intense attachment to orthodox free trade dogmas than even his admirers would have placed to his credit.

It will be remembered that after the Premier had prepared and circulated within the cabinet his famous memorandum embodying his retaliatory policy, the Duke continued a member of the government. Mr. Balfour's Sheffield speech, though the instrumental cause of the Duke's dramatic resignation really added nothing to the policy disclosed in the memorandum. But further consideration had convinced the Duke that the citadel of free trade was no longer sacred, and the Premier's open declaration to that effect provided the needed stimulus. Even then, however, he was most careful to explain that his resignation involved no lack of confidence in the government, with whose policy otherwise he declared himself to be in complete accord. Immediately afterwards, when accepting the presidency of the Free Food

King Edward and Newspapers

The Sovereign of the British Empire Keeps a Close Watch on the Writings of English Editors—Is Interested in Journalism.

A few newspapers are printed in the United Kingdom without containing references in one form or other to the doings of King Edward, whilst periodicals and magazines of all sorts, week by week and month by month, systematically print paragraphs and articles about him—one might imagine that it is the easiest thing in the world to write things about His Majesty which he will never see. But the truth is that if there is any real occasion, for any reason, to see them, the chances are heavily in favor of his doing so.

King Edward watches the British and continental press very closely, and glances through at least one daily paper, and very often more, every morning. Articles concerning himself attract his notice; and when he is abroad he has a huge batch of papers sent to him every day, and invariably reads "what they are saying about him at home."

Obviously, it is impossible, however, for His Majesty personally to discover all that is written concerning him, and he does not desire to do so. His secretaries, therefore, carefully watch the papers, and if anything is found which it is thought will interest him, or which it is considered necessary he should see, it is laid before him.

To facilitate this process being thoroughly carried out, His Majesty subscribes to two of the best press-cutting agencies, who forward every day every line of printed matter that appears in any paper concerning him, each paragraph being pasted on a separate slip of paper, with the name of the journal in which it appeared and the date of publication.

All these are carefully gone through, and the less important items weeded out. Then anything which His Majesty desires to preserve is pasted up in a cutting album. On special occasions, when the King particularly desires to keep a watch on any series of current events, as sometimes happens, he issues orders for a close scrutiny to be made—for all details concerning them which are printed—and for all the items

which are thus discovered to be brought to his notice. This happens frequently in connection with the various charitable objects with which His Majesty personally concerns himself.

Two instances will show how keen is His Majesty's scrutiny of the papers in this way. Shortly after his accession there appeared in one or two personal paragraphs of a kind which were not in the least offensive, but which the King did not consider, under the circumstances, in the best of taste, and which he did not like. Forthwith a command—sent as a "request"—was sent round to the offices to refrain in the future from the publication of such matters.

Again, quite recently, while he was on the continent, a portrait of one of His Majesty's friends was published in a sixpenny illustrated weekly, with the wrong name underneath. Immediately the King had a letter written by one of his secretaries and despatched to the editor in London, in which he expressed his surprise and regret that so usually accurate a journal should have permitted itself to fall into such an error. His interest in the press was most conspicuously displayed in this instance, inasmuch as the matter had no direct reference to himself in any way, and his name was not even mentioned.

Though the King does not encourage the publication of title-tattle paragraphs about his doings, he recognizes the importance and necessity of having them properly chronicled, when he is engaged on any State or Semi-State tour at home or abroad, and has expressed his desire that on such occasions all possible facilities should be afforded to the special correspondents who are told off by the more important newspapers to follow him.

Most of the articles written by these correspondents on such occasions, he reads or glances through; and when they please him by their accuracy and general excellence, he sometimes takes steps to acquaint the writers of his satisfaction.

DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

Yesterday, Constable Goodyear, of this town, captured Michael Kelly, one of the principals concerned in the murder of Deputy Sheriff Small, of Detroit, on the 4th inst. Kelly was discovered in a house a short distance above Louisville, and a hard tussle ensued before Mr. Goodyear finally overpowered him.

SHIP CANAL.

On Saturday last the County Council passed a by-law through its second reading, authorizing the taking of \$200,000 of stock in the St. Clair, Chatham and Rond Eau Ship Canal Company. The by-law, before receiving its final reading previous to becoming law, will have to be advertised in the county papers.

SAD ACCIDENT.

Yesterday afternoon a lad named Albert Dolsen, aged 15 years, while out shooting, met with an accident whereby both his hands were fearfully mutilated. As near as we can learn he was in the act of climbing over a fence, resting his hands upon the muzzle of the gun. While in this position the gun, by some unknown cause, exploded, driving the whole charge through both his hands, completely shattering the left and piercing through the right. It was feared that amputation would have to be resorted to, and Dr. Sivewright was called in accordingly.

A meeting of the municipal council of the Township of Harwich will be held at Mr. John Sheldon's Tavern, Blenheim, on Thursday, the 6th day of August at 11 o'clock.—S. I. Davis, Clerk of Harwich.

UTILITY OF HOOPS.

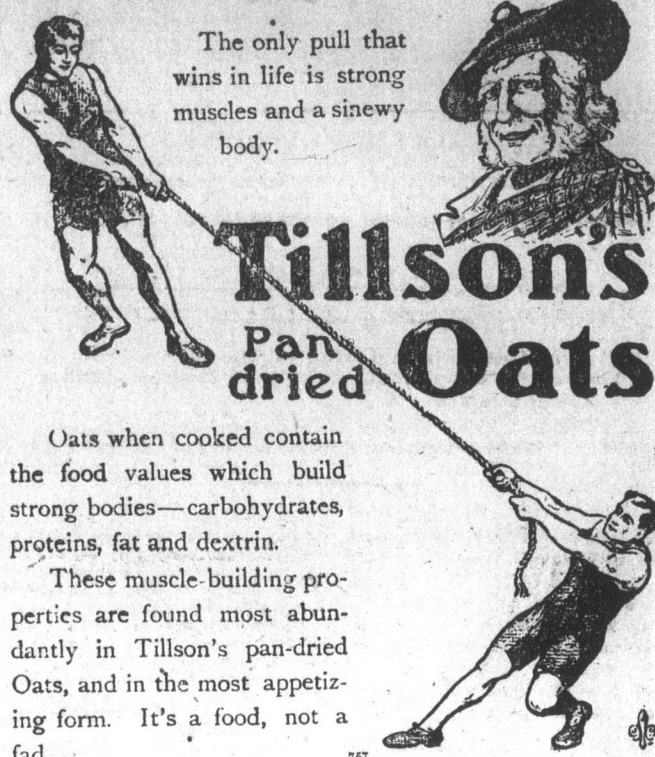
A lady residing at No. 99 Hudson St., New York, was attacked by a mad dog. The rabid animal found himself stopped by the lady's ample hoops, and after snapping out a mouthful of whalebone continued on his way and was speedily killed.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

To-day, at 10 o'clock a. m., the examination of the pupils attending the Central school of this town commences. We believe there are about

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200 pupils attending this institution, and we doubt not the examination will be fraught with much interest both to parents and teachers, all of whom are invited to attend.

QUICK TRIP.

The schooner New Brunswick, Hugh McTavish, Captain, recently made a trip from Chatham to Montreal with a full cargo of pipe staves in less than six days' sailing time. This includes upwards of a day occupied in passing through the Welland Canal.

At a meeting of the Town Council, held July 31st, 1887, Mr. Keating presented a petition from Thos. McCrae and others, praying for the construction of a new sidewalk on the east side of Third St.

The statement from the Treasurer of the corporation was read, showing a balance of cash on hand to the municipality to be \$270, 25c., 8d.

The Finance committee reported that \$26,025, 35c., 4d. would have to be raised to meet the expenditure of the year.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

"I cannot praise Baby's Own Tablets too highly," writes Mrs. James S. Beach, Campbell's Bay, Quebec. "From the time my baby was born he was troubled with pains in the stomach and bowels and a rash on his skin which made him restless day and night. I got nothing to help him until I gave him Baby's Own Tablets, and under their use the trouble soon disappeared, and all my friends are now praising my baby he looks so healthy and well. I give him an occasional Tablet, and they keep him well. I can heartily recommend the Tablets to any mother who has a young baby."

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A GOOD EXCUSE.

The minister was making calls. At one house the lady being engaged, her two small children undertook to entertain him. The older child dissatisfied with his brother's behaviour and said apologetically, "You must excuse him, 'cause he's never been baptised."

A pretty home wedding took place on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McGag, when their second daughter, Miss Cora, was married to Mr. L. D. Hubble, of Thamesville, by the Rev. R. J. Ross.—Dresden Standard.

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SOME TURKISH PROVERBS.

With patience sour grapes become sweet and the mulberry leaf satin. By the time the wise man gets married the fool has grown-up children. Give a swift horse to him who tells the truth, so that as soon as he has told it he may ride and escape. Be not so severe that you are blamed for it; nor so gentle that you are trampled upon for it. If you have to gather thorns, do it by the stranger's hand.

A very sad death took place in Dawn on Thursday last when Jas. Morley, the 18 months old son of Mr. Jas. Nurse, of Petrolia, died after an illness of only a few hours. The funeral took place to Dresden cemetery on Sunday, when the services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Osterhout.

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CHRISTIANS CALLED TO ARMS.

Gospel Activities, Especially Those That Lie Nearest at Hand, Should Be Increased and Strengthened—Various Fields in Which the Believer May Work For Humanity—"Feed My Lambs," "Feed My Sheep."

Entered according to Act of Parliament of Canada, in the year 1903, by William Bailey, of Toronto, at the Dep't of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 8.—In this sermon, preached here to-day to an audience representing many states of the Union, Pastor Talmage sounds a vigorous call for increased gospel activities in many fields during the New Year and especially among those that lie nearest at hand. The text is Matt. xx, 7, "Go ye also into the vineyard."

A prospective theme! It is especially appropriate for the first sermon of a new year. This is not a time to sound a requiem over the dead. It is a time when the gospel colors should be unfurled defiantly to the breeze and when an aggressive campaign should be planned for invading the strongholds of evil surrounded by satanic intrenchments. "Forward march!" should be the command all along the lines, not "Mark time!" not "Halt!" not "Fall back!" not "Be on guard for sentinel duty." We should have for the gospel ranks a grand charge and not a tattoo. There should be no willingness to sleep upon our arms in peace.

A negative policy will never capture this old world for Christ. It is well at times to preach the command, "Thou shalt not." The Christian is called to a life of positive, active service. On the first Sunday of a new year, when plans are being made for the next twelve months, I would remind you of that call. I would direct your attention to glorious opportunities for Christian usefulness within your reach, and I assure you that in availing yourselves of them you will not only benefit others, but will receive a blessing in your own soul. It is ever true that "they who water others shall themselves be watered."

There is work, unlimited work, tremendous, overpowering and vital work, to do among the Sunday schools of America. This gospel work is the more important because it must be done quickly or it will never be done at all. The verdant fields of childhood do not stay verdant long. Our own children seem to spring up under our very eye. It is but a short time since they were babies. Now they are boys and girls. Soon they will be grown men and women. We go back to visit the scenes of our childhood which we left only a few years ago, and we find that the companions of our youth are now grown up and married and have babies of their own. When Lord Lawrence, viceroy of India, was about to leave for Calcutta he burst into tears as he bid goodby to his youngest child. Turning aside from his family, he said to his wife: "I will never see my baby Bertie again. When I meet him once more he will have ceased to be a baby." Thus if you would work for Christ among the children you must hasten in your work.

Sunday school work offers an unlimited field for gospel effort. Many, many are the children among whom the earnest disciple can labor. The multitudes of pattering feet fairly fill the earth with music when these little throngs every morning start on their daily tramp to the public schools. In order to house them for educational purposes millions upon millions of dollars must be spent annually. No Christian disciple need be afraid of building upon another man's foundation when he goes to work for Christ among the little children.

"But," the church member says, "how am I to get a Sunday school class? How am I to work among the children? When I enter an ordinary Sunday school I find all the classes provided with teachers. Shall I try

to steal away the scholars from some other teacher?" Oh, no, my friend. No good is ever accomplished for Christ by theft. What you should do is to go out and get your own Sunday school class. There are scores and perhaps hundreds of little children living near you who may never have heard the name of Jesus uttered in prayer. Go after them whether they are dressed in rags or in silks. Go after them even though you must beg shoes for their feet and clothing for their backs. Go after them whether they may be in palace or in hut. Go after them and beg them to come. Go after them even if you have to bribe your way into their affections with candy and dolls and with social calls.

"But," you say again, "supposing I should do as you say. Supposing I should get my Sunday school class together; then what shall I teach? I am only a humble follower of Christ. I know practically nothing about the Bible." Well, my Christian friend, if you gather your children in Christ's name I have no fears about the spiritual results. The older I grow the more I believe that the most important requisite for effective work as a Sunday school teacher is a loving, consecrated heart. Intellectual ability is valuable in its place, and the better the teacher is equipped the better it is for the children. But the essential quality is love for Christ and for souls. Without that quality the most highly educated teacher is a cold, unimpressive personality. Icebergs may be very beautiful to look at, especially when reflecting the rays of the rising sun, but icebergs are cold shrines before which to bow and forbidding hearstones near which to build a family altar. Many intellectual brains are merely over-awing icebergs. They repel rather than attract; they frighten rather than soothe. The Sunday school teacher needs a warm, loving heart far more than he needs an intellectual brain. If as a consecrated gospel teacher you will week by week come to your classes glowing with Christian enthusiasm; if you will with that Christian enthusiasm study well over your Bible and your "Sunday School Lesson Helps," there will be no need of fearing about what you will say. You will not only lead your scholars to Christ, but in teaching them you will yourself come nearer and nearer to your Saviour.

Sunday school work is of the most vital importance. Among all the fields open for gospel labor I have purposely placed it first, because I believe it to be the most important of all. No one can fully estimate the future influence of the children who are now playing about our doors. We, in Christ's name, can place our hands upon the children. In Sunday school work we can say, "The children will be greater than all, because the children of to-day will be the men and the women of to-morrow." If you can save the cradles and the nurseries for Christ, you can save the world for Christ. I plead and beg of you, Christian disciples, to expend a great part of your gospel energies in working among the children.

Another gate stands wide open for practical gospel usefulness. This gate leads into a field aglow with ripened human grain, ready to be garnered. It is crowded with young people. But, though crowded with the young men and maidens, yet each passenger train moving into our large cities is emptying part of its load into this field as the freight trains daily disgorge their cattle and horses and sheep into the Chicago stock yards, and yet there is always room for more. Young men and maidens, like children, seem to be everywhere. Who will help save them? Church member, is not Christ calling you to go and labor among the stalwart pines of youth as well as to use the gospel ax among the gnarled and worm-eaten branches of sinful old age?

How is the Christian to go after the young people? Simply enough. He is to go after them with the same vigor as the agents of evil go after their prey. Here, for instance, is a young man who comes into a large city. He has no friends. Through an old acquaintance of his father he gets a position in your store. He has a small bedroom in a city boarding house. How is the Christian disciple to greet him? Is he to merely pass a "Good morning" or is he to go to that young man and open a conversation something like this: "Good morning! Are you a stranger in the city? Are you from a Christian home? Of course you

have no church connections as yet. Will you not come down to our church next Sunday morning? We have our Christian Endeavor social next Thursday night. I wish that I could introduce you to some of our young people. It is very easy to drift among bad associates in a large town like this. I want you to get among the good people. We have some fine young folks up at our church. I know that you will get a warm welcome. Perhaps you do not know the city well enough to find your way. Come with me to supper, and we will go together, or I will call at your room for you." How many young men, strangers in a large city, are there who would refuse an invitation to come among Christian people if thus accosted? The reason the young people do not come into church fellowship is because they are not personally invited to come. This invitation duty rests with the new convert as well as with the old.

"But," some aged church member says, "this invitation duty to the young folks may apply to others, but not to me. I am not fitted for work among the young. My hair is gray. My nerves are not steady. I have postponed coming to Christ until I have passed my two score and ten. It needs a young person to work for Christ among the young." No, my aged, gray haired friend; you are wrong. There is only one person more fitted to work among the young than a Christian young man or a young woman. That person is a Christian gray haired man or woman who is still blessed with a young heart. Aged Christian friend, great opportunities of gospel usefulness are open to you among the young folks if you will only go to them in the spirit of loving consecration. They are open if you will only go to the young folks in a plain, practical way in the name of Jesus Christ.

Another glorious field of Christian usefulness is to be found in missionary work. What do I mean by that? Christian labor among the cannibals of the south seas? Among the fur robed Eskimos, in their igloos, of the icy north? Among the tattooed Maoris of New Zealand and the half civilized natives of the Orient? Oh, yes, they are all included in that term, "missionary work." The divine command, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost," has a world-wide significance. One of the first duties of a Christian is to work for the foreign missionary society of his church.

But in reference to missionary work I had in mind also another interpretation. I mean Christian labor among those who are living in your back alleys, Christian labor among the poor and the social outcasts. Christian labor, as a lady sometime ago expressed it to me in a beautiful letter. She wrote asking me if I knew of any crippled child who had no friends. She wanted to adopt that child. She well knew that the able-bodied children might ultimately be able to take care of themselves, but the crippled child never. Therefore she wanted to adopt a crippled child and care for the boy while she lived and leave money enough in her will to care for the child after she was dead. Ah, that is the true missionary spirit! To care for the cripples and the helpless—the moral and physical cripples. You can find them in the slums. You can hear them knocking at your door.

How can the Christian work in the slums? By giving at least one evening of each week if possible to work in one of the city's rescue missions. You have a good voice. Go to those meetings and sing. They need you. You know or should know how to pray. Go there and lead in prayer. If you can do no more you can at least give out a hymn book and smile a welcome. Go there and do that. How can you do missionary work in the back alley? Go and visit the poor homes that are only a stone's throw from your door. You will find there people who are silently yet nobly struggling for life. It was well said by a great Christian leader, "The deserving poor are those whom you have to seek and not those who seek you." Go in Christ's name and hunt the deserving poor—the halt, the lame, the blind.

Another glorious field for Christian activity is found in hospital work. It is found where Christ spent most of his earthly ministry—namely, among the sick. It is found in going through the wards filled with white coats and leaving here a flower and there a word of encouragement and yonder a prayer. It is found in the children's wards, where many little ones are cursed with a futile struggle for physical existence, cursed from the moment they were born. It is found in the old people's homes, where the aged and the physically infirm, sometimes petulantly, sometimes lovingly and longingly, are waiting for the last summons to join the silent majority beyond.

But though the hospitals are filled to overflowing, how few of us ever think of going there to carry a Christ's message of good cheer! When we think of genuine Christian work we are apt to look for that work far beyond the seas. We do not appreciate the opportunities that are at our very doors.

But there is still one more field of Christian activity to which I would direct your attention. That is to the side rooms where the after-meetings should be held in every Christian church immediately following the benediction of the Sunday night services. That is the place where the gospel net is drawn. That is the room in which after a week of prayer the sinners are given a direct invitation to join the church. There they are brought face to face with Jesus Christ and are urged to make a decision in reference to their soul's eternal destiny. That is the one place above all others where the Christian should expect to see the direct results of his spiritual labors. It is the one place toward which all his scholars and young people should converge and concentrate and find its gospel climax.

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The busiest and most intense Christian worker should be found in the Sunday night after-meeting. No sinner should be there to whom a church member would be unwilling to extend a gospel invitation and with whom he would feel a diffidence in talking about his Saviour, Jesus Christ. But the great stumbling block in the way of most new church members is this—they think as new members that they should take a back seat. They feel that older Christians, and not the new converts, should move up and down among the people. The inevitable result is when a Christian is willing to remain silent in the beginning of his religious life he is very apt to remain dumb all through his earthly Christian career.

Oh, that our new converts in our sacred Sunday night after-meetings would immediately begin to testify for Jesus! Testify as Paul testified on the day after his conversion. No sooner did the good Ananias open his blinded eyes then he immediately began to talk about Jesus, and him crucified. He immediately began to work for the conversion of souls until he was at last driven over the Damascus wall, and he had to flee the town by night. Oh, that our new converts in the sacred after-meetings on Sunday night would testify for Christ as did James Tissot with his brush immediately after his conversion! This noted French artist was once the idol of Parisian society. He made his first fame as a portrait painter of society women. But one day while studying the French society woman in an attitude of prayer in a Parisian cathedral he gave his heart to Christ. Immediately to his old friends Tissot became a changed man. He not only turned his back upon his old life, but that he might the more ably portray the scenes in the life of Christ he lived for many years in the Far East. The famous series of Christ's life in art is the result of Tissot's testimony. Church member, plead at once for Jesus. Plead at once wherever you go. Especially plead for him and work for him in the sacred after-meeting held immediately following the benediction of the Sunday night preaching service.

Thus the call to the Christian life is a bugle blast for work. The church pew is not meant for a bed of roses, where indolence and sloth can lie down for perpetual slumber. Consecrated church membership is a sacred affinity for intense missionary activity as well as for "gospel rest." A famous musician once said, "If I stop practicing upon the piano one day I will feel my deterioration, if two days the musical critics will feel it, if three the world at large in my promiscuous audiences will feel it." If the consecrated church member stops working for Christ one day he himself will feel his own spiritual deterioration, if two days his Christian friends will realize it, if three days the world at large will be the sufferer because of it. Faith's wings are movable. They must be kept working all the time. Now comes the practical determination for the Christian to settle—where are you specially fitted to go to work for Christ? Choose your spiritual occupations. From among the many fields of gospel opportunities choose them now.

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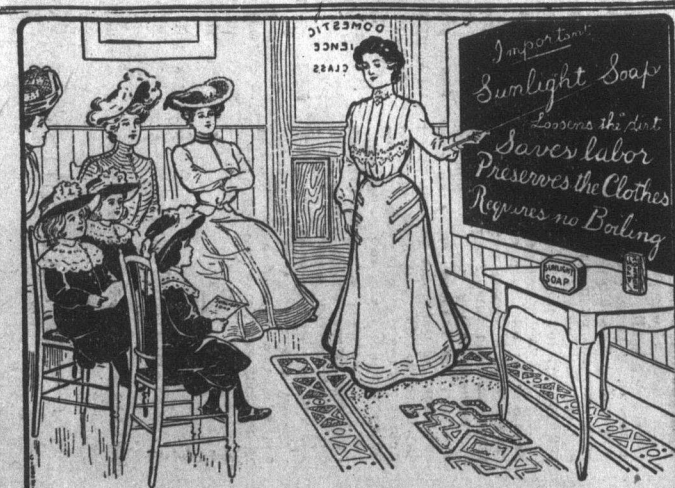
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.

THE JANUARY COMPETITION

Now that the New Year has commenced and the holidays are practically over, many energetic and industrious young readers of The Planet Junior will be again interesting themselves in the monthly essay competitions.

During the new year it will be the aim of the editor to make these increasingly interesting and popular. A variety of splendid subjects is being arranged and the essays written during 1904 will, as in the past, be capital ones.

Following the happy suggestion of a contemporary, the opening subject for the first month will be a "Study in Nature's School." Our young readers, doubtless, have varying ideas as to what is best in Nature's realm and the phase of nature study they are most fond of. For instance, some might choose the rainbow, the thunder storm, the sunset, leaves and flowers, scenery, the snow, birds and animals, river or stream, etc., etc., and take their own way of describing and telling of them.

The judges will be asked to allot twenty-five per cent. of the marks for the choice of subject, and the remaining percentage for the original developments of the subject and the style of composition.

All essays, as usual, must be written in ink, and on one side of the paper only, and reach The Planet Junior not later than Saturday, January 30th.

To the writer of the essay which the judges deem to be the best The Planet Junior will present a handsome prize.

PRESENT FOR SANTA

A dear little girl in the Maple City left three coppers by her stocking on Christmas Eve as "A little present for Santa Claus."

We are still unable to announce the result of the Christmas story competition as the judgment has not been made yet. The judges are still working on the essays and report that there are quite a number of fine stories and they will have much difficulty in making the final judgment. The work of judging the essays is far from easy, but it may be possible to announce the result in the next issue of The Planet Junior on Saturday next.

Forget the sorrows and anxieties of yesterday.

BABY STARS

The souls of little girls who die
God sets up shining in the sky.
But what becomes of little boys?
Ask of nurse, and she replies
That little boys are born without—
Just born to scuffle and to shout,
To play rough games, hit hard, and die.

I'm glad I'm not a little boy.
I think I'd like to be a star.
If God would set me not too far
away from Daddy—so that I
Might send him kisses from the sky,
And shine upon his bed at night
With such a lovely little light;
And if he felt too lonely there,
I'd unwind all my golden hair,
And make a little shining stair,
For him to shine and sit by me—
Oh, Dad, how lovely that would be!
And perhaps I'd ask God for you,
He'd change you to a star, dear, too.
—Richard La Gallienne in Harper's.

GOOD FOR TRIPPING UP

What has two eyes and can't see,
two ears and can't hear, four legs
and can't walk or run, and yet can
jump as high as Bunker Hill monument?

Answer—A dead cat.

But how can a dead cat jump as high as Bunker Hill monument?

Answer—How high can Bunker Hill monument jump?

Say in an offhand way to a friend,
"I'm sure you know this, so answer quickly, Who killed Cain?"

Nine times out of ten the answer will be "Abel."

A. I can make you say "No, I haven't."

B.—You just try it!

A.—Well, I was travelling in Wisconsin last July. It was very hot, and I was quite thirsty when I reached Eau Claire. I stepped into a restaurant, and asked the waiter to bring me the most refreshing beverage he had. He looked somewhat puzzled, but presently brought in a tray containing a glass of iced milk, a glass of iced tea and a cup of hot coffee. Now, tell me, what would you have chosen?"

B. (cautiously)—Coffee.

A. (in apparent consternation)—Oh, you've heard it before!

B. (indignantly)—No, I haven't!

A TELLING APPLICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXT.

After 4-year-old Harold had gone to bed on Christmas eve his mother went into the room to see if he had hung up his stocking. Much to her surprise she found that the little fellow had appropriated one of hers for the occasion, and had attached a slip of paper on which he had printed in a bold hand one of his Sunday school texts: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

All the money he makes he spends for clothes.

Yes, he's a bird, isn't he?

That's right! He's a regular tailor's goose.

THE VERY DOLL

It would seem as if Pharaoh, whose daughter found the infant Moses in the bulrushes of the Nile, was inspired by a wisdom more than human when he commanded his master of the household to have a court artisan construct fac-simile models which should illustrate the every-day life of his people and times. This special decree of Pharaoh was carried into execution and in a rock-hewn tomb have just been found the tremendously interesting little models buried beside the coffin of the royal prince, the master of Pharaoh's household, who conducted the affairs of the palace.

Of all the many ancient relics of these days perhaps the greatest interest centers about a curious little doll made of woven strings. As Pharaoh was of advanced age when he came to the throne and his daughters of mature years when she took up her residence in the great palace, it is argued by the Egyptologists that childish plaything must have been the toy of the infant Moses—the only child in the royal household.

While, to be sure, there may have been many children connected with the palace household, the finding of this one particular childish toy would indicate that it had a special significance; had been treasured with solemn pomp and sadness because it had been fondled by a child of noble distinction. The bible story tells us (Exodus, Chap. 2) that Pharaoh's daughter was devotedly attached to the little foundling, and she adopted him as her son. It is possible that it was by her own command that this treasured doll of her child was preserved and placed among the other objects in the tomb.—New York American.

ONLY ONE ISLAND

A native of Prince Edward Island had gone forth to see the world. When he reached Boston he engaged a room at a modest hotel, intending to remain there while he hunted for work.

"Will you register?" asked the clerk, handing him a pen.

"Register?" said the traveller. "What's that?"

"Write your name."

"What for?"

"We are required to keep a record of all our guests."

The man wrote his name, and was about to lay down the pen when the clerk added:

"Now the place, if you please."

"What place?"

"The place you come from. Where do you live?"

"I live on the island."

"Well, but what island?"

The other man looked at him in amazement. Then he said with an emphasis that left no doubt of his feelings. "Prince Edward Island, man, What other island is there?"

Some people regard their friends simply as something to blame things on.

EXTRAORDINARY TRIP

The resourcefulness that must be exercised by those who down to the sea in ships was shown lately by Capt. Vincent Nelson, who brought his craft safely into Gloucester, Mass. He was fishing on the eastern part of the Grand banks of Newfoundland when his rudder broke away and he was lost. He made a steering apparatus of the chicken pens used for holding the fish as the dories are unloaded.

The drag, when completed, was dropped astern and made fast by guys brought up over each quarter of the vessel, and two men assigned to operate it. The rudder towed hard and the wind was fickle, so that progress was slow. Day and night all hands were on deck. Fog enveloped them by day and darkness by night. But their labor and watchfulness were rewarded by their safely making the 1,400 miles to Gloucester. Seamen consider the feat an extraordinary one.—Boys' World.

MERRY GAME

There must be an old woman of the sky with her broom, and two of the players must each hold the end of a skipping rope; the other players must stand in line. The old woman says:

I want a helper to sweep the sky.
Who can jump high, who can jump high.

She looks down the line and points with her broom to one of the players, who comes forward and stands in front of the rope. Holding out the broom, the old woman says:

Take this, take this,
Be sure you don't miss.

The player takes the broom, holding it horizontally, with both hands, and the rope is held for him to jump. He has three trials, each time the rope is held a little higher. If he takes them all, he stands on one side; if he fails, the old woman beats him with the broom, and he is out of the game. When all the players have been tried, those who have been successful have a final trial, and the one who can take all the jumps is selected to help the old woman sweep the sky.

This game is specially adapted for out of doors, and the more players the merrier.

JUNIOR PERSONALS.

Miss Marjorie Waddell entertained a number of her young friends last night at her home, Water St.

The Misses Merritt, Third St., gave a tea on Saturday last.

And aren't you married yet?

No.

Well, well! I thought you were engaged to a certain young lady in Media.

No, I was engaged to an uncertain young lady in Media, and that's why I'm not yet married.

Short Stories

Something to Interest the Boys and Girls.

NOT FAR WRONG.

The New Year was being ushered in with a great clanging of bells, blowing of whistles and horns and ringing of chimes. Ruth slept peacefully through all the clamor, until a loud blast from the horn of some celebrator passing the house awakened the small maiden, and sitting up in her little white bed she cried in affright:

"Mother! Has the end of the world come? Is that the Angel Gabriel blowing his trumpet?"

THE LATEST STYLE.

Little Boy—What's all these women here for?

Little Girl—They've been upstairs to see the baby.

Little Boy—Babies is plenty 'nough.

Little Girl—Yes; but this is a new one, an' I expect they wants to see the latest fashion.

SUNK A YACHT.

Some years ago the New London sloop yacht Redhot, while cruising off Martha's Vineyard for swordfish, was struck by a wounded fish and so badly injured that she sank. The fish had pierced her bottom with his sword, and in his blind attack had butted his head so hard against her timbers that they were started.

Actually not one of the fifty or sixty vessels that cruise for swordfish has a record for complete immunity. One craft was struck and rammed by swordfish 20 times in one cruise. Luckily none of the attacks was delivered under such circumstances that the fish succeeded in piercing her hull entirely, but the vessel was injured so badly that she needed a thorough overhauling after she made port.

MADE THE OTHER NECESSARY.

Not long ago a lank, elderly man entered a shop where all sorts of drugs and patent medicines are sold.

"Three weeks ago you sold me a bottle of Henry's Harmless Hair Restorer," he said, leaning over the counter and addressing one of the clerks with a friendly air.

"Certainly, I think I remember you," said the clerk. "Want another bottle?" and he half turned toward the shelves.

"No," said the friendly man. "I just called in to tell you that if you continue to carry that hair restorer you'd better lay in a line of wigs. There'll be a great demand for 'em."

—Youth's Companion.

DAILY CHILD STORY.

Rev. S. P. Cadman, of Brooklyn, tells this story of a young matron of his congregation who is earnest in her endeavor to instill religious ideas into the childish mind of her daughter. As a prayer this little one was taught to lip a stanza of the hymn—Jesus, tender shepherd, hear me.

Bless thy little lamb to-night;
Through the darkness be thou near me,

Keep me safe till morning light.
And among the rhymes of the nurse—

ery was one about "a little man who had a little pig, which was neither very little, nor yet very big." When it came time for the evening devotions one night the small girl said, to her mother:

"Mamma, don't let's say that one about the little lamb to-night. Let's say the one about the little pig."—New York Times.

COULDN'T FORGET HIS PET THEME.

Down in Virginia, says Thomas Nelson Page, there was an old darkey preacher, who had preached about infant baptism morning and night until his congregation couldn't stand it any longer. They told him to preach something else or they would have to find someone who would. He promised, and the next Sunday announced his text, "Adam, where are thou?"

"Dis, brethern, can be divided into foah heads," began the domine. "First, every man is somewhar. Secondly, most men am where dey ain't got no bus'ness to be. Thirdly, you'd better look out or you'll be gittin' there youself. Fo'thly, infant baptism, brethern, I guess we might's well pass by the three fust heads, and come immed'tly to the fo'th, infant baptism."—New York Exchange.

A NEW YORK STREET INCIDENT.

One incident for the moralists: A tiny shop girl in a sleazy black dress in the forenoon when the wind nipped, came out of one of the fur shops near University Place and walked east toward Broadway. Around her neck was a sable boa, her ungloved hands were stuffed into a big muff. Under her arm she carried a seal coat. She made a queer little figure. Because she was a child in a land of imagination, the pride of possession entered her soul, her back stiffened, and there was a haughty lift to her head. She walked as became a grand dame under the eyes of the populace. Her errand of delivery took her into one of the big retail shops near by. In a few moments she emerged without her finery, wrapped her hands in her apron, and scudded back to her work. More than one person who saw and understood envied her the interlude.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE.

A kindly disposed old gentleman who lives in the vicinity of Fairmount Park, came out on his porch the other day, and, looking up at the cloud-laden sky, said to a party of boys who were playing on the sidewalk: "It's raining, boys." "No, sir," piped one of the smallest lads of the party; "it's raining water."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

HIS LUCK.

The luck of Warren Toole has changed.

Warren is the 10-year-old son of former Gov. Joseph K. Toole, of Montana, prominent for years in national politics. In the last four months the boy has been the victim of three accidents, each of which bore serious consequences for the little fellow.

The other night, when he knelt down at his bedside in the Auditorium hotel to say the evening prayer which his mother had taught him, he mumbled:

"I thank you, God, that you did not let me go to that theatre last Wednesday afternoon. You see, if you had not delayed my mamma when she went down town shopping that day, my little brother and I would have been in the fire. I thank you, God, for changing my luck."

Warren's mamma and papa heard the prayer. Before he had reached the "Amen" both had silently bowed their heads.

"Yes, Warren, your luck has changed," said the former governor, as he bent over his son to say "good-night."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

WEI-HAI-WET BABY

Perhaps the strangest incident of the Chinese-Japanese war was the appearance of the famous Wei-hai-wei baby. It is discussed to this day in every Japanese barracks, and the story is told to the tourist who foregathers with the soldiers.

During a lull in the land attack on one of the forts a Chinese woman suddenly made her appearance in the firing line of the Sixth division. She was hurriedly ordered to the rear and disappeared. A few minutes afterward a lusty baby boy was found on the ground beside a gun. Capt. Higuchi Seizaburo, who is a family man, picked up the baby.

The bugle rang out for the advance of a storming party on the fort. The captain tried to hand his tiny captive over to a Chinese prisoner, but the youngster yelled as if he would go into convulsions. He did not want to leave his friend the enemy.

The bugle rang out again, and, with the baby on one arm and his sword in the other hand, the captain led the charge and captured the fort. The baby nestled to his breast, untroubled by the roar of battle, and passed safely through the fight. After it was all over a home was found for him in a Chinese village.

THE REASON WHY

The trained nurse has to meet many curious conditions which arise among her poorer patients. One of these faithful women, who had a sick girl in charge in a miserable tenement house, noticed that the oranges which had been provided for the fever patient were not eaten. They were placed in an old, cracked blue bowl on a little table by the sick girl's bed, and there they remained untouched.

"Mary," said the nurse, one day, "don't you like oranges?"

"Oh, yes'm," answered the girl. "You haven't eaten any of these?"

The nurse suggested. "O, miss," she said, eagerly, "Mary, she et a half, an' me an' Jimmy, we et th' other half; an' Mary an' me, we says we won't eat any more 'cause it looks so nice an' wealthy t' have oranges settin' round."

FOR CHILDREN'S THROATS.

When children go out continually, and are subjected to all kinds of weather, they are susceptible to a sore throat. This, however, can be avoided by any mother who will follow out the directions given here.

The treatment consists in thoroughly swabbing the back of the mouth and throat with a wash made thus: Table salt, two drachms; black pepper, golden seal, nitrate of potash, alum, one drachm each. Mix and pulverize, put into a teacup half full of water, stir well, and then fill up with good vinegar. Use every half-hour, one, two and four hours, as recovery progresses. The child may swallow a little bit each time. Apply one ounce each of spirits of turpentine, sweet oil and aqua ammonia mixed every hour to the whole throat, and to the breast bone every four hours, keeping flannel to the part. In case of a severe cold it is better to administer the treatment over night, and in the morning the soreness will be found to have entirely disappeared.

A CLEAR DEFINITION.

To the question, "What is an island?" a primary teacher received the following answer from one of her "young hopefuls": "An island is the bottom of the river out in the water where there ain't any water."

THE BOY.

I wouldn't be a single thing on earth
Except a boy!
And yet it's just an accident of birth
That I'm a boy;
And goodness gracious! When I stop
And think
That I once trembled on the very
brink
Of making my appearance here a
girl
It fairly makes my ears and eyebrows
curl—
Yet I'm a boy.

Just think of all the jolly fun there
is
When you're a boy!

I tell you, you're just full of business
(When you're a boy!)
There's fires to build in all the vacant
lots,

Go swimmin', tie the fellers' clothes
in knots,
Tie tin cans on the tails of dogs—
—why, gee!

The days ain't half so long as they
should be
(When you're a boy!)

There's lots of foolish things that
make you tired
(When you're a boy!)

There's heaps of grouchy men that
can't be hired
To like a boy!

There's wood to chop at home and
coal to bring,
And "Here, do this—do that—the other
thing!"

And, worse than all, there's girls—O,
holy smoke,
Are they a crime, or are they just
a joke
Upon a boy?

And then there's always somebody to
jaw,
(When you're a boy!)

Somebody always laying down the
law
To every boy!

"Pick up your coat; see where you've
put your hat;
Don't stone the dog; don't tease the
poor old cat;
Don't race around the house"—why,
suff'rin' Moses!

The only time you have to practice
things like those is
(When you're a boy!)

And yet I don't believe I'd change a
thing
For any boy;

You've got to laugh, to work, to cry,
to sing,
To be a boy;

With all his thoughtless noise and
careless play,

With all his heartfelt trials day by
day,
With all his boyish hopes and all his
fears,

I'd like to live on earth a thousand
years
And be a boy.

—W. H. Pierce.

DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HIS WIFE WAS.

A friend of James Whitcomb Riley tells a story of an encounter the bachelor poet once had with a woman reporter. The energetic young woman, after strenuous effort, had finally caught Mr. Riley at the telephone. This is the conversation that followed:

"Is that Mr. Riley?"

"Yes. That is Miss —?"

"Miss Jones, of the Courier-Journal. I've been trying all day to get an interview with you, Mr. Riley."

"Ah, would it were now a view instead of an interview," said the poet gallantly.

"Oh, thanks. How long will you remain in Louisville, Mr. Riley?"

"Only a short time."

"Is your wife with you?"

"No, ma'am, she is not."

"Where is she may I ask?"

"You may ask, my dear Miss Jones, but I find it very difficult to answer. I am in absolute ignorance as to her whereabouts. For aught I know to the contrary, she may right now be at the other end of this telephone."

There was much laughter, and afterwards an effort to resume the interview. But in vain, Mr. Riley had escaped.