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THE MODELITES BANQUET

The model class of 1903 celebrated the close of what they had good reason to feel had been a successful term by holding a banquet at the Gamble House on Tuesday evening last. In this way they also demonstrated, inci-dentally, the happy relations that exist between the teaching staff and trustee board, for they had them as guests, and all spent a most delightful evening. and all spent a most delightful evening.

Among those present, outside the charmed circle of the teaching profession, were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Earl, Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, Miss Jessie Taplin, and the Reporter editor. After an hour or so of pleasant social converse in the parlors, adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where a superb supper awaited. The dining room had been decorated for the occasion by the decorated for the occasion by the nodel students, the school colors-red and khaki—prevailing everywhere.
The mural embelishments consisted of flags and patriotic mottos. Occupying prominent place in the hall was a beautiful crest in colors, excuted by Mr. B. M. Stewart, designed after the fasion of the vin worn by the modelites. It occasioned much favorable comment.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the rustee board, presided at the bacquet, and when the covers were removed, after full justice had been done to the elaborate repast, he opened the even-

ing's programme with a neat speech. response to an invitation, Mr Donnelley spoke briefly along educa-tional lines, and then Principal McIntosh was given a pleasant surprise. Miss Grace Wing read and presented to him an address, in which the model ites expressed in feeling terms their gratitude for the instruction he had imparted and regret at the severance of the ties that had so closely united them as teacher and pupils. This was accompaied with the presentation of a beautiful gentleman's dressing-case by Mr. S. F. Tackaberry in behalf of the model class. Before Mr. McIntorh

ould respond, the banqueters arose and sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. McIntosh then expressed in appropriate terms his appreciation of short but forceful address relative to the teaching profession, delineating and emphasizing the high ideal that should inspire all who engaged in such

The chairman's formal address followed. His subject was "Education" way, showing that the word "educated" admitted of a much wider application than was generally accorded it.

Mr. Ross followed in a humorous

exposition of the importance of his subject-"Home Training." Mr. Earl was assigned the subject of

Manual Labor," and his brief, pithy speech was full of g od points. Probably a finer banquet was never prepared in Athens, and the short ad-

dress recognizing its excellence, delivered by Mr. B. M. Stewart, was heartily endorsed by all. The banqueters then repaired to the parlors where all very much enjoyed a musical programme, which consisted of instrumental music by Miss Jessie

Taplin and vecal numbers by Miss Beall and Mr. James Ross. Though diligent students, the model class of 1903 found time to add to the sodial sunshine of the village, and long be pleasantly remembered

CARD OF THANKS

Editor of Athens Reporter

Allow me through your valuable paper to express my deep gratitude to the officers and members of Lodge No. 177 A. O. U. W. for their many kind acts in promply obtaining for me the check of two thousand dollars, being the amount of certificate held by my hushend, the late Geo. Liwson. remembrance of their kindnesses shall always be with me, and point me to the brotherhood of the A. O U. W. May the lodge ever have a full measure of success.

Mrs. GEO LAWSON Athens, Dec. 19, 1903

A little blind girl was writing a composition on rabbit, and never hav-ing seen one, inquired of her teacher whether the rabbit had a tail. "Yes muan't talk about it!"

OUR CUBAN LETTER

Editor Athens Reporter :

Dear Sir.—I will in this letter try to draw your attention and that of the and the climate of Cuba.

From what I have heard said, I have reasons to believe that some people of the North (and a good many, too) think that the Cubans are a sort of a barbarous people, and that they are very dark in color. But kindly allow me to say that they are on the island has been exhibited by the Americans. I. myself, can say that I have only seen one person in a state of intoxication.

Seventy three per cent of the people in Pinar del Rio Province are white and twenty seven per cent colored.

While the average Cubans here go dressed a little more roughly around their homes than the Americans, yet when they do dress to attend a ball or any state function, why, they are entitled to the front seat, if the flashy color and the perfect fitting of their garments count much.

Speaking of balls, the "darkies here bave their dance on Sabado (Saturday) night, and the "whites" have their dance on Domingo (Sunday) night. On one occasion I did see both colors in the same room, which had been partitioned across the centre. The coons were in one end and the whites in the other. All young ladies (Senoritas) here must be chaperoned (Senoritas) here must be chaperoned, no matter where they go. And just imagine, de auld ledy in one corner of de room, and probably smoking her cigarette, if you please. It is cust mary also for a joven hombre, if he wishes to take his senorita to a show or any other public doings, to ask all of the family to go too. And some-times they accept the invitation! But the pocket purse!

Some of the customs here are exactly the opposite to what they are in the North. For instance, a person is not supposed to wait to be made acquainted under any circumstances.

Just walk into any house you like, shake hands, and make yourself at home; that is if you can talk Spanish, which is said to be a nicer and softer sounding language than the Ingles

The Climate:—Probably no place on earth has a finer climate than the rtion of Cuba. And beauty of it is that there is so small a change from the summer to the winter months. The atmosphere is seldom misty and does not lose its transparency with the departure of day. A glorious and beautiful sunset daily. The winter months here are delightful, in fact, ideal, while the summer months are said to be more endurable than most parts of the United States. The evenings here are always cool and the heat does not interfere with sleeping as much as in the North, even in the summer months. The mean annual temperature is 77°. The range of temperature between the mean of the hottest month and that of the coldest is from 82° to 71° or only 11°. The highest temperature ture on record in Havana is 100.6° and the lowest 49.6°. I have seen the temperature here as low as 52° and as high as 85°.

The mean annual rainfall at Havana, derived from observation of many years, is 52 inches. The record shows in different years a rainfall ranging from 49 to 71 inches. The rainy season is from May to October, and the dry from November to April.

The prevailing winds throughout the island are north east trade winds, which blow with great persistence but seldom with violence

Frosts and sunstrokes here, are unknown,

Mr. Abbott, a surveyor living in Havana, who has been in Africa, India, and other oriental countries in connection with the British army, and who has been in Canada and U.S. as well, was asked which place he would prefer making his home. He very readily replied, Cuba. Will now bid you adios, for this

Candelaria Provincia Pinar del Rio. Cuba, West Indies. Dec. 7, 1903. A. G. LEE.

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Review.—Read Psalm 103; 1-2.

Introduction.—The lessons this quarter mark the time between the bringing in of the ark to Jerusalam under David, and the dedication of the temple. In the history of David and his sons we see the great truth emplasized that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." During the quarter God's love and mercy have been extolled and we have seen the joy; that comes through forgiveness.

Summary,—Lesson I. Topic: Bringing the ark to Jerusalem. The ark was a small chest; the lid was called the mercy seat. It was a sign of the divine presence; for seventy years it had lain in neglect. David now de-cides to bring it into Jerusalem; proper reverence is not shown; Uzzah dies for touching it; David is dis-pleased; the ark is left at the house pleased; the ark is left at the house of Obed-edom; three months later David takes the ark and brings it in-to Jerusalem: the priests and Le-vites and chief men are called together; a great procession is formed; sacrifices are frequently offered; trere is music and singing. It was the greatest day of David's life.

II. Topic. God's promises to David. David desires to build a house for David desires to build a house for the Lord. The ark was on Mt. Zion, and David was living comfortably in his own house of cedar: David spoke to Nathan the prophet about his de-sire, and Nathan at once encouraged him to proposed with the building of him to proceed with the building. God spoke to Nathan, informing that David's desire could not be granted; he had been a man of war. and there was still much to do in es tablishing the kindgom, He could prepare the material, but his son should build the house. The Lord said hat He would establish David's

III Topic. David praying for forgiveness. When David was about fifty years of age he committed two great sins. About a year afterwards the Lord sent Nathan, the prophet, to him to show him his great wicked-ness; the king's heart was tender; he saw his sin and mourned exceeding-ly. This pealm shows the depth of his repentance. He pleads for forgive-ness, and that his transgressions may be blotted out, and that he may be washed and cleansed. David has great confidence in God, and prays earnestly that the Lord would

to the forgiveness that was grant- Then again how wonderful it was ed David, after he had committed that Solemon, the son of Bath Sheba, for merev :

holy course are now being seen; David's sons were wicked; Absalom David's sons were wicked; Absalom was a wicked, proud young man; he was renowned for his beauty; he laid a plot to overthrow the government and seize the kingdom; he stole the hearts of the people by his subtlety; he then lied to his father and went to Hebron and set up a government of his own; he soon started with an army towards Jerusalem. David fled from the city and crossed over Jordan and estab-lished headquarters at Mahanalm. Topic. Putting down the re-

bellion. When David fled from Jerusalem he refused to take the ark
with him; Absalom and his army
marching from Hebron entered
Jerusalem the same day; Absalom
at first intended to follow David
Immediately and evertake his father white he was weary, but he fin-ally decided to take more time and An easily made, yet effective de-

VII. Topic: Praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness. This is one of the psalms supposed to have been written by David during the latter part of his life. It contains two figures: 1. The Shepherd and his sheep. 2. The Host and his guest. Christ is the good Shepherd; His people are the sheep; the divine S spherd gives soul rest, soul satisfaction and soul liberty. David satisfaction and soul liberty. David is abound a tly supplied so that his cup runneth over. thover.

VIII T. pic: The woes of intemperance. The wise man writes of the curse of strong drink, This lesson refers to the personal experiences of the drunkard as well as to the influence of strong drink in general. Strong drink causes poverty; it mocks people; destroys happiness; brings sorrow, contention, wounds, reduces of eyes; by it many are deceived; it rains character and destroys the prospects of eternal life. We she all scarge to generate greater from We she uids operate ourselves from wineb bbors; should not be found among rioters or gluttons; the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; the man who is "drowsy"

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The Solomon's duties outcomes to regs.

IN. The Solomon's duties outlined. After David's victory over Absel in 'e returned to Jerasalem,' he was now growing old, and a new king, must be selected: David's choice was his son Solomon; the princes of Israel were assembled and David commissioned his son to perform the great work of building a house for the Lord; David had many sons, but among them all Solomon had been chosen for the throne; David charges, Silomon to know God and

charges S lomen to k ow God and serve Him perfectly.

X T we Sol mon's request and X Tub Solumn's request and God's reply. Soon after Solomon became king a assembled the people at Gibeen; the Lord appeared to Solomon and asked in what he desired most; become replied that because he was ying and inexperienced and the kined or was great, he most of

in order that he might guide the aftaps five nato arghe. The Lord was pleased with this request, and not oly give him wisdom, but also gave him robos and himor in abundance. dedication of the temple. As soon as Solomon was made king he began to prepare for the building of the temple; the material was nearly at ready; the temple was to be a large building surrounced with several courts, and was to contain many articles of furniture. When it was finally built the ark was brought in and the house was dedicated; Solomon offered the dedicatory prayer; Golice pt dith hue and filed the temple with a cloud.

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XII Topic. Wise men seeking Jesus, When Christ was born in Bethelhem of Judea, in the days of Herod, wise men came from the east seeking him; they knew of the coming Messiah, and were directed to Bethehem by a star; they went to Herod and asked him about Christ; Herod secretly decded to kill Jesus; he asked the wise men to inform him concerning Christ in order that he booming to and worship Him, but the Lord warned these men and they returned another way, thus defeating Herod. eating Herod.

The key word in the lessons this quarter is the word "mercy," which is also the leading word in the text for to dee for to-day.

Davided needed the mercy of God

Davided needed the mercy of God during his entire life. In our first lesson we see how he rashly undertook to bring up the ark into Jerusa'em without showing proper reverence for the law. God spoke in indgment, and yet in the midst of the severe affliction which came upon them by the death of Uzzali, we see the mercy of God in checking David and the people before they further transgressed the law. But the greatness of God's mercy is seen when in the midst of his terrible sins David was told by Nathan, the prophet, that there was a chance for forgiveness. The fifty-first psalm shows how deeply he repented, while shows how deeply he repented, while the thirty-second is equally clear with regard to his forgiveness. We should be encouraged with the should be encouraged with the thought that all who come to Christ in deer humility and with faith may receive the same forgiveness as

In the history of Absalom's rebel-In the bistory of Absalom's rebellion and death we are also obliged to note the mercy of God to his people Israel. Suppose Absalom had succeeded in his plot to overthrow the government, and suppose he had been permitted to kill his father David and reign in his stead, what would have been the result? Instead of God's people being established, and instead of the temple being built, Israel would have been led into gross idolatry and into sins of the gross idolatry and into sins of the deepest dye, and possibly the nation would have become extinct; but God kept his promises to Abraham, and there could be but one issue to this terrible war. The rebellion must prays carnestly that the Lord would and there could be but one issue to still uphold him with His free Spirit. He resolves to employ his life from this time fully in God's service.

IV. Topic: God's mercy and iove.

This is one of the seven so-called penetential psalms; it has reference to the forgiveness that was granted David, after he had committed the Solement the cond Part States.

great sin. In psalm fifty-one should be exalted to the kingship see the repenting and pleading as David's successor. David's other merey; with the opening sensors were all passed by, and Soloce of this psalm we near him mor in his youth was placed on the "Elessed is his whose trans throne. There were two reasons for this: 1, Solomon had the qualifications." ay, "Blessed is no whose trans-throne, There were two reasons for gression is forgiven, whose sin is this: 1, Solomon had the qualification covered;" his speaks here also of this confidence in God. God was to be his inable sins of the time. Nathan mighty deliverer, had taught him from his infancy and Topic. Absalom's rebellion. The refruits of David's own uncourse are now being seen; dis sons were wicked; Absalom had taught him from his infancy and he was morally and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; dis sons were wicked; Absalom had taught him from his infancy and he was morally and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; down to direct the affairs of his kingancy and had taught him from his infancy and he was morally and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; down to direct the affairs of his kingancy and had taught him from his infancy and he was morally and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; down to direct the affairs of his kingancy and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; down to direct the affairs of his kingancy and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; down to direct the affairs of his kingancy and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; down to direct the affairs of his kingancy and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; down to direct the affairs of his kingancy and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; down to direct the affairs of his kingancy and he was morally and intellectually dualified for his great work. The course are now being seen; down to direct the affairs of his kingancy and he was morally and intellectually dualified for his great work. dom; for although Solomon made his request as an act of his volition, yet we must recognize the fact that God was moving upon his heart and mind.
Probably the greatest work accom-

plished by any of the kings of Israel or Judah was the erect on of the temor Judah was the crection of the temple. It was the great mercy of God that finally manifested itself in the completion of this great work. The climax was reached when, at the time of the dedication the young king was solemnly addressing the people and offering the dedicatory prayer, God took possession of the house and filled the place with His glory. glory.

For the Christmas Tree.

raise a large army. Absalom was king in Jerusalem about three coration for the Christmas tree is months; he then went out to bat-tle with David's warriors; Absa-lom's army was defeated and he was slain. David mourned over the death of his soc. VII. Topic: Praise and thanksgiving should be cut in brown paper. Place



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CHRISTMAS DINNER DISHES.

There is always a demand about this time for hints and recipes by the aid of which housewives may endeavor to make the Christmas dinner or supper table attractive in appearance and enticing in its seasonable dishes, both substantial and dainty. Here are a few:

young folks at a Christmas party cupper.

Cranberry Jelly.

If you want a cranberry jelly for your turkey you will find the following directions excellent. Put a quart of cranberries in a saucepan with just enough cold water to keep them

Roast Turkey. Roast Turkey.

Stuff a turkey with sausage meat in which you have mixed the liver of the bird, which has been cooked and chopped. Cover the breast with buttered paper or a piece of bacon; either should be taken off half an hour before it is finished. It will probably take from one and a half to two hours to roast. Baste it well. Serve with good brown gravy and bread sauce. Garnish round the dish with small rolls of bacon and fried sausages cut into neat rounds about sausages cut into neat rounds about a quarter of an inch thick.

Boiled Turkey.

Boiled turkey should be fixed ex-actly like roast turkey, except that after being dressed it is bound in a white cloth and boiled continuously a white cloth and bolled constants to for from one hour and a quarter to one and a half, according as its weight varies from six pounds to ten pounds. It is usually dished with oys-ter sazce. To make oyster sauce save all the juice in opening the oysters; cut off the beards, and put them to boil in the liquor, with a bit of mace and lemon peal; put the oysters into sold water and drain them; strain the liquor; add to it the oysters just drained from the cold water; with a lump of butter rubbed in a little flour and enough milk to make the amount of sauce required. Put on the fire and let it boll a few mo-ments, stirring constantly. Serve at once. A little squeeze of lemon is an improvement.

Turkey a La Milan. The bird must be trussed as for boiling. Wrapped round with four slices of ham and bacon, sufficing to cover the breast and back, four slices of lemon and two laurel leaves. slices of lemon and two laurel leaves. It is then lightly buttered all over and sewn tightly in a white cloth. It is afterwards put in a stewpan sufficiently deep to hold it in, with one onlon, one carrot, half a head of celery (waste pieces will do), the rind of a lemon, and salt to taste, with one tumblerful of any white wine. The stewpan is then filled with sufficient warm water to cover the turkey, which is stewed very slowly, allowing twenty minutes to each pound. When it is done it is each pound. each pound. When it is done it is taken out and left in the cloth until quite cold, when the latter is carefully removed, the slices of ham and lemon taken away and the bird placed on a dish and garnished with parsley.

Christmas Puddings.

For a good recipe for the Christmas pudding, we can hardly do better than follow Mrs. Humphrey's method, as described in "Madge's Book of Cookery": Chop two pounds of suct very fine; stone carefully two pounds very fine; stone carefully two pounds of rateins, pick over the same quantity of sultanas, and wash, pick and carefully dry two pounds of currants. Prepare two pounds of bread crumbs, and weigh out two pounds of sugar. Cut up one pound of candied peel, blanch and dry one-half pound of almonds, beat well five eggs and sift one-half pound of flour. Weight two ounces of mixed spice; peel, core and one-hall pound of flour, Weigh two ounces of mixed spice; peel, core and cut small one pound of apples. Mix

all these ingredients well together, adding half a pint of old ale and a glass of good rum. Boil it in a cloth for six hours.

Sauce for the above—One table— Sauce for the above—One table-spoonful of corn flour, three ounces of butter, one tablespoonful of moist sugar, three-quarters of a pint of boiling water, one wineglassful of brandy. Work the flour and butter together with a wooden spoon, then stir in the boiling water and sugar; boil all for ten minutes, stirring oc-casionally. Then add the brandy; give the sauce a good stir, and serve it.

Another Recipe. One pound of suet, one pound of currants, one pound of raisins, one pound of sultanas, half a pound of peel, one pound of breadcrumbs, half a pound of flour, three ounces of almonds (bitter), one nutneg, two ounces of outter, six or eight eggs, quarter of a pint of milk, quarter of a pint of brandy or homemade wine. Chop the suet very finely, mixing it with the flour ac you chop it, Make the bread-crumbs. Clean and stalk the currants and sultanas, stone and chop raising chop peel and almonds after the lat ter are shelted. Put all these ingredients into a basin with the sugar, ther add the grated rind of a lemon, the nutmeg, a pinch of salt, and mix well well beat the eggs then add to the Well beat the eggs then add to the milk and brandy; now pour them into the mixture and stir well. Melt the butter, then add it. When the mixture is really mixed thoroughly it can be put into well-greased basins or molds, or into pudding cloths which have been first scalded and then floured. Don't forget to make a pleat in the cloth across the top of your bashn, so as to allow the pudding room to swell. Place in fast-boiling water, and boil them for eight hours or and boil them for eight hours or more—the longer the better. They can then be hung up until wanted, when they will only require to be boiled about two hours,

Croquant of Oranges. Take the rind and white pith from four large (weet oranges, then re-move the pips without breaking the skins. Divide into sections and put them into syrup made by boiling half a pint of lump sugar and half a pint of water together until reduced to half the quantity. Drain the fruit, have a shallow mold ready oiled, and arrange the pieces round it, then fill up with half a pint of cream (pre-viously whipped and mixed with one an ounce of dissolved gelatine). If half the cream is colored the dish

is prettier. Take one molded sponge cake, a few days old if possible, a sufficiency of sherry or raisin wine, four table spoonfuls of brandy, two ounces of sweet almonds blanched, one packet of custard powder, two ounces of white sugar, a quarter of a pint of cream and three-quarters of a pint with rose; another, of chocolate, and so on, each being different in color and liavor, such a dish will meet with the entire approbation of the Tipsy Cake.

Cranberry Jelly.

If you want a cranberry jelly for your turkey you will find the following directions excellent. Put a quart of cranberries in a saucepan with just enough cold water to keep them from sticking to the bottom. Cover the saucepan and stand it over a slow fire and let the berries simmer until all the skins have burst, and then press them through a colander. Return the juice and pulp to the saucepan, put it over the fire, and when it reaches the boiling point stir about five heaping tablespoonfuls of sugar in the fruit juice. Let it boil gently, skimming it clear as the scum rises to the top. When it begins to drop as thick as jelly from the spoon, turn it into a jelly mould and stand it in a cool place.—
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of new milk. To make the cake stand firm in the glass dish, cut the bottom level. Make a small hole in the top and pour into it and over it sufficient wine, mixed with the brandy, to soak it nicely. Let it soak for two hours, and then stick all over with the blanched almonds cut in strips. Make the custard with the sugar, and milk, in the usual manner, and pour, when a little cool, into the dich round the cake.

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Sir Thomas Brassey, M. P., and his eldest son, the Hon. T. A. Brassey, are well known throughout the British Empire. The former owns a large estate in England, was Governor of Victoria, Australia, from 1895 to 1900, and was President of the British Boards of Trade Con gress, which met last summer in Montreal. He also owns large tracts of farm lands in our own Northwest. Both father and son are enthusiastic admirers of Canada, and are well able to speak authoritatively and intelligently as to Canadian products.

thoritatively and intelligently to Canadian products. The Hon, T. A. Brassey, who late-ly spent some months in Canada, has paid a just tribute to Massey-Harris Implements as per the following

Implements as per the cablegram;
"London, Nov. 28.—Hon. T. A. Brassey, speaking at Rye yesterday, said farmers need not be anxious that Mr. Chamberlain's policy would raise the cost of machinery. The host agricultural machinery in the best agricultural machinery. The world is made by the Massey-Harris Co., of Toronto, and by other companies in Ontario, and there would be no duty upon it."

A La Carte.

N. Y. Sun. The prodigal son had just returned.
"Hooray!" cried the father, "we
will kill the fatted calf!" "Not much!" replied the wander er, "if I can't have the turkey I'l

go back. Gracefully yielding, the old man gave the necessary orders.

Manly Strength and Womanly Beauty depend on purity of the blood, and much of that purity depends on perfect kidney filtering. If these organs are diseasand will not perform their functions, man will seek in vain for strength and woman for beauty. South American Kidney Cure drives out all impurities through the body's "filterers"—repairs weak spots,—46.

The Picture Card Craze

Dr. Hembo, a German "cartophile," has been getting up statistics concerning illustrated postal cards. He asserts that not less than 900,000,000 were exchanged last year, of which 400,000,000 were used in Germany. 400,000,000 were used in Germany. With postage this means that Germany spends about \$50,000 a day for this luxury. France comes second in the list, but very far, behind, being credited with only 88,000,000.

YOU CANNOT CURE A COLD with oplum-inden "medicines." Allen's Lung Balsam, in which there is no oplum, cures sore throat and lungs by allaying the inflammation, and rids you of the mucus that stops up the air Dassanges.

Song of the Shenherds. By Edwin Markham.

By Edwin Markham.

Haste. O people; all are bidden—

Haste from places high or hidden;

In Mary's child the kingdom comes,
the heaven in beauty bends;

He has made all life completer;

He has made the Plain Way sweeter,
For the stall is his first shelter,
and the cattle his first friends.

As the shadow of a cedar To a traveller in gray Kedar,
Will the kingdom of his love, the
kingdom without end
Tongues and ages may disclaim him,
Yet the heaven of heavens will name

him
Lord of peoples, Light of nations
elder Brother, tender friend.

Black and White.

Magpie combinations are good. Black Chantilly over white

Black Chantilly over white is lovely.

Striped velvet makes smart piping.
Black soutache on white cloth is effective.

Broad black tabs on a black and white stripe trim green or brown, well.

Heavy white stitchings are always smart on black.

smart on black. A touch of white in black embroidery is good.
Chenille in black over white may

Chenille in black over white may look common, but chenille adorned lace or horeshair will be rich.

Black lace insets are still a rich feature of black crepe de chine robes which are worn over white or other

The Markets.

Londing Wient Markets Following are the closing quota-tions at important wheat centres to-day:

. Cash May 80 7-8 Toronto Farmers' Markets Offerings of grain were light to

Toronto Farmer's Markets
Offerings of grain were light today. There was no white or red
winter, while a load of spring sold
at 77c, and 300 bushels of goose at
72 to 73c, Rarley is unchanged, with
sales of 400 bushels at 43 to 47c.
Oats are firmer, with sales of 500
bushels at 21½ to 32c.
Hay is firmer, with sales of 500
bushels at 21½ to 32c.
Hay is firmer, with sales of 25
loads at \$9 to \$11 a tou for timothly, and at \$6 to \$8 for mixed.
Straw is easier, two loads seiling
at \$9.75 to \$10.50 a ton.
Dressed hegs are again higher,
with sales of heavy at \$6.75, and
of light at \$7.25.
Wusat, white, bushel 78 1-2c; goose,
72 to 73c; red 78 1-2c; spring, 77c;
peas, 65c; oats, 31 1-2 to 32c; barley,
48 to 47c; hay, timothy, ton, \$9 to
\$11; do. glover, \$3 to \$6; straw, ton,
\$9.75 to \$10.50; seeds—Alsike, bushel,
\$4.50 to \$5.75; red clover, \$5.2, to
\$6; timothy, 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$3;
apples, bushel \$1 to \$2; dressed hogs,
\$6.75 to \$7.25; eggs, new laid, dozen,
40 to 45c; butter, dairy, 20 to 22c;
creamery, 22 to 25c; chilekens, lb., 9
to 11c; ducks, lb., 10 to 12c; geese,
lb., 10c; turkeys, lb., 14 to 17c; potatoes, bag, 83 to 90c; cabbage, dozen,
40 to 60c; cauliflower, dozen, \$1;
celery, dozen, 35 to 45c; beef, hindquarters, \$6 to \$8; fore-unarters, \$4to \$6; medium, carcase, \$5.50 to \$6;
choice, carcase, \$6.50 to \$7; nutton, cwt.,
\$5.50 to \$6.50; veal, cwt., \$7 to \$9.

The Cheese Markets. Woodstock, Dec. 19.—At the regu-lar weekly meeting of the Cheese Board here to-day, there were of ered 2,200 boxes white and 4,230 boxes celored cheese; 81-1 to 81-2c b d, but n

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THE FINISHING

TOUCHES

Do you present your Christmas presents just as you get them from presents just as you get them from the shops, or do you make them doubly attractive by doing them up in some pretty fashion? The latter way is much to be preferred, and the expense is trilling. Satin bebe ribbon can be bought as low as ten cents a place, and a plece is ample for the average giver. Plain white paper is a place, and a place is ample for the average giver. Plain white paper is pretty, but costs a cent a sheet, so a much more effective and cheaper substitute will be found in ordinary, everdyay wall paper. Choose a delicate tint, with a small floral design, and set your ribbon to harmonize and get your ribbon to harmonize with or match its background. When your packages are neatly done up and fastened around with the ribbon finished with a bow the result will inhaned with a bow the result will far exceed your expectations. Try it! Very pretty wall paper can be bought for from five to fifteen cents a piece—enough for a wagonload almost. A tiny sprig of holly tucked under the ribbon bow of each parcel further enhances its effect.

Papering a Room With Leaves. Papering a Room With Leaves. "Bapering" a room with autumn leaves is a great deal easier than it seems. You begin at the top of the room and paper down, always tacking the little leaves at the top with "gimp" tacks, are isting the brancaes spread out in graceful fashion, with the stems low down. It takes a Gay and a half to paper a room with autumn leaves, but when you have finished you find yourself living in a bower. The leaves which just touch the ceiling are spread out

just touch the ceiling are spread out upon the walls, suggesting a creeper from a prosy creation into a little "den" of lovely hue.

CHE THE THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF THE STA THE BLIND GIRL'S CHRISTMAS DAY.

By Margaret Vandegrift.

It was the day whereon a Virgin
Mother mild
In Bethlehem bore
Unto this sinful world a little helpless child.

He shivered sore. For only on some straw spread upon the cold earth
The Blest One lay,

as the angels who had hailed His Holy birth Sped swift away.

To tell the joyful news to shep-herds, who thereon Came to the place— Women and men—in eager haste to gaze upon That wondrous face

But one of them, the mother of a poor blind child, Was last to go, that her little suffering daughter, weeping wild. Implored her so.

Why wilt thou, mother dear, that I stay here alone
Among the sheep?
Whilst thou are cherishing that holy

Thy child will weep." "Soul of my soul," the mother said,
"thy piteous tears
Melt all my heart; Melt all my heart; if thou with with patience quieting thy fears,

"To-morrow, when the pleasant twilight cometh, we Shall meet again,
And I will tell thee all that I shall

hear and see-Glad thou 't be then! Willingly would I take thee, dearest. If but so Thou 'dst see His face, Although the way is long and cold and hard to go
To that blest place."

know that to the grave alone through darkness drear My way must be, , lovely goiden face! Oh, Godlike Babe most dear

I may not see!

But ere over nested to believe and to adore, otill const toach the fixte hand if nothing more, Margae I but to !"

Down at the mother's knoss she prayed and wept until The mother's heart Was cloven, and she answered, "Have. thou then thy will!

My life thou net!"

And when they to the manger came,

and the child knelt. With love and awa.

As on her thrilling heart ills little hand che felt. Her Lord the saw !

Cuz Chris'mes Time is Nonn I'm goin' to be a better bay than I hev been before, An' not cut up or say bad words to

any ma any more:
I'm going to run on crrands like a handy little man,
An' keep the woodbox full an' help in ev'ry way I can.
I hain't been licked in ckule, by jinks! fer purty nigh a week.

fer purty nigh a week,
'Cuz now f stop an' pick my words
an' think before I speak;
Pa says I've been a better boy this
month than all the year,
But then, you see, I'd orter be, 'cuz
Christmas time is near.

wash my han's an' face, an' comb my hair now ev'ry day,
An' brush my clo'es off nice an' clean
when I come in from play;
An' when pa asts the blessin' at the table, now, instead
Of makin' up a face at sis, I humbly

bow my head: ow my noad;
I always say, "Yes, ma'am," to ma,
an" "Thank you," fer, you see,
It pays to be polite an nice—especially for me;
I guess ma 'preciates it, for she calls me "Tommy, dear,"
But pa, he cays I am so good 'cuz Chris'mas time is near.

When I go downtown to the stores an' see the slews of toys That Santy Caus has sent ahead fer all the girls an' boys,

An' when I wonder what nice things
he's goin' to bring to me,
I go away an' think how good an'
thankful I should be.

It's orful hard to keep reel still while
I am 'round the house,

But grange sure I'm site to great an' I am 'round the house, But gran ma says I'm jist as good an'

quiet as a mouse;
An' then my pa he'll laugh an' say to her, "It's very clear
To me that Tommy is so good cus
Chris'mas time is near."

But then, my gran'ma says that when my pa was small as me, Bout Chris'mas time he allers acted good as he could be; She said he'd run his legs clean off an' never kick a bit an' never kick a bit—
You bet he knew it paid to have a And so he needn't la needn't laugh at me be-

cuz I am so good. For that's the way he did, an' course it's jist the way I should;
Fer gran'ma says boys are alike an'
that I needn't fear it's list the I'm any diff-runt than pa was when Chris'mas time was near.

BRIGHT BERRIES OF THE HOLLY

There is no berry to which many poems have been written a holly.

Its berries bright and red cited many a winter poet t forth his verse, and its prickly g een on the upper side and g derneath have somehow bear derneath, have somehow brough the very rhyme out of the rhymester. It is a pity that holly cannot blossom all the year around.

om all the year around.
Or maybe it is better so, for now it comes when there are no ries to be had, and when only the pale little whitish mistletoe is here to do it rivalry. And there is a certain rivalry be-

tween the holly and the mistletoe. A rivalry in which both win out. The ly is the more common. It is the ry of the people, while the mistle-is the berry of the few. There is something about holly

that always suggests good health, and it certainly suggests good cheer. The colors of the plant are particularly in its favor, and if an artist had sought the shades which would go best together he could hardly have made a happier hit than with the holly plant,

The selecting of the holly as the berry of Christmas was not wholly a sentimental one, for it blossoms of its own accord at Christmas rather than at other seasons. It does not have to be forced, like the Easter lily. In Sweden holly "ripens" only the very week before Christmas, and in the cold parts of Wales, where it grows in such luxury, it is hardly ready on Christmas day. Parties of holy seekers are sent out on Christmas afternoon to bring it in so that it may be clustered around the valo it may be clustered around the yule. the may be clustered around the yule. Holy when cut and in the house will stand a great deal of heat. It merely dries up and breaks, but is does not discolor, as would many another berry, nor does it rot.

The mistletoe is the berry of Christmas for quite another reason.

Christmas for quite another reason. There is a sentimental attachment to it. It is called the kissing berry and legends surround it very pleasantly with this prettiest of all civilized customs.

Holly, on the other hand, rugged, prickly, bristly, and ever picturesque, is more as a decoration a sign, a standard-bearer of Christmas. In church history holly is quite famous, and where the mistelect is left out in the cold holly is brought in and wreathed around the sacred altars, You can use holly with pro-

altars.; You can use holly with propricty anywhere, and really it is seen in every possible position, from that of cake decoration to the trimming of the bowl in which the Christmus infant receives his drop of water in the statement. in baptism'

"There is no doubt," said the estimable citizen, "that intoxication injures the system."
"My dear s'r," answered Col Stillwe", o' Keniucky. "jut think o' the h ru wat h con t cu n niat byonill.



familiar ballads," she replied. "What

you age these:
"'Name the day, the wedding-day,

"Name the day, the wedding-day, And I will buy the ring."
Now, sweet Violet, that is just what I want you to do—tell me when that happy day will dawn for me. Do not let the summer sunshine and the flowers all die before you are my wife."
She turned her startled face to his.

his.
"You are cruel, Felix," she said.

"You always spoil these lovely sunny days by talking about mar-

everything, Felix."
"Have I not the right to do so in this case?" he asked, laughing

half sadly at her.
"I did not quite promise, you know, Felix."

ls no hurry."
"You forget," he interrupted,
"how dearly I love you,
Violet, and how! I long for
thought you did not love me, Violet,
I would not urge my request—I would

go far away, and occupy my life as well as I could—nay, I would rather die than make you unhappy. If you do not love me I will not hold you pledged to me, Violet."

"But I do love you," she said. look—

ing up at him with sweet, perplexed eyes; "still, Felix, it seems so sudden..."

"Hardly sudden, darling," he inter rupted, "when I have loved you since you were seven years old. You will

be just as happy when you are my wife as you are now—will you not?" "I cannot tell," she replied.

If the had spoken the real truth she would have told him that she was unwilling to lay down her sovereignty; that the homage and admira-

tion the received were very precious to her; that she enjoyed them: that

superintended their households, nursed their children, directed their servants. It seemed dreary work to her—a life that held little. She had hoped

thoughts plainly written on her face, Felix was looking earnestly at

F. "Felix, I have heard good news— we are favored in fortune and in ve. Is it all true?"
"Yes"—he told her it was all true;

If the had spok

He went in compliance with her wish. What request of hers could he have refused? And Violet Haye stood alone in the home that her lover sought to make hers. She stood there, dainty and bewitching; she looked round. The rooms were very pretty:

The rooms were very pretty: round. The rooms were very pretty she tried to imagine herself mis tress there; she tried to picture her-self living there, going in and out waiting for Felix, giving orders. She tried to realize what life would She tried to realize what life would be like when she was married and lived there. There would be no future to look forward to, no sweet, bright possibilities. "I should know all my life then," she thought; "it would hold nothing brighter than this;" and the dainty little foot tapped the floor. "Here it would all begin and end; there would be no more dreaming"—and she had

begin and end; there would be no more dreaming"—and she had dreamed wildly of a different life from this. Still she loved Felix. "I wonder," said the dainty young beauty to herself, "in what I differ from other girls. I know not one, but many, who would gladly change their fate for mine, who would marry Felix Lousdale and be happy in his love, who would think this pretty house a palace and would find the contentment and true happiness of a life-time within its walls; why cannot I do the same? What is it cannot I do the same? What is i that I am always looking for, hop-ing for, expecting? What more do ing for, expecting? What more de I want? I cannot understand mysell and I am sure no one else can under-

stand ma."
The violet eyes glanced wistfully round the pretty rooms; why was

she not content?
"I love Felix," she told herself;
"and it seems to me that if I made
an effort I could be happy and contented here. What is the effort that
I have to make? I love Felix; nothing on earth can make me alter that

Yet she did not feel quite at ease. There was a vague, thatowy feeling of something wanting that she had

not yet found.

Fills amused her with his raptures when he returned. It was so novel, so delightful to see her there; and the day was neved forgotten by him because she had been gracious to him

CHAPTER V.

The inhabitants of Lilford were pleased at Darcy Lonsdale's good fortune. He deserved it, they said; his honest, honorable, industrious life had been spent among them; they had known him as boy and man; they had been interested in his marriages, in his children, in his business; he was one of them selves; they had been interested in his joys and sorrows and in his welfare, and now they were pleas-ed at his good fortune. With this sudden and unexpected

gleam of prosperity came other gleams; his business increased—and to her; that she enjoyed them; that she liked to know she was the queen of the country-side. All that, of course, would end when she was married. The married ladies she knew led dull lives—or dull they seemed to her —spent in the routine of duty. They considerate that however the latest that however the seemed to her the course of the seemed to her the course of the seemed to her that he have shedden was determined. He removed with his household to Vale House: and Felix began to think that he might induce Violet to marry him before the end of the year. He did not even speak to her of their marriage, for it was a difficult task; she would evade the question in a hundred different the question in a mindred afterent ways; she would laugh, yet look charming—do anything, in fact, but reply to his inquiry as to when they should be united.

He went to The Limes one levely for more than this; her brilliant beauty ought to bring her a brighter face than that which these plain-faced matrons had met.

While she sat musing with these

He went to The Limes one lovely summer evening quite resolved upon not coming away withut a definite answer. Violet was looking even more charming than usual; she wore a white dress with blush roses and her fair, girlish face was like a sweet flower. He persuaded her to come out with him, begulling her on to the lawn under the pretext of showing her the gorgeous west-

not care for sunsets. Felly." the said "I cannot go into raptures over them. I see the sun set in some laghion or other every evening." But he was so determined that she thought it less trouble to accele to his wish. The sight of the glorious sky made her thoughtful; then, when she was in a 'frame of mind proper for listening, he turned to her. How

A SENSIBLE MOTHER.

When little ones are ill the sensible mother no longer doses them with nause ungroup pigatives to pits them to sheep with the so-called "soothing" preparations, which al-ways contain armful opiates Baby's own Tablets have been used by thousands of motters who cheer utily that they are gentle in their action, absolutely safe, and make little ones sleep soundly and naturally, because they remove the trouble that made baby irritable and wakeful, on this point Mrs. T watson, Sarsfield, Ont. says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets and find them a very valuable medicine for young children. When baby is cross or firstful I give her a Tablet, and it soon puts her right."

These Tablets cure all the minor aliments of little ones. They are good for children Iron, brith oneward. Soid by medicine dealers or sent by small at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams' Mediline Co., Breekville, Ont. Own Tablets have been used by thou-

interested in it all. He said to himself that it was strange what perfect rest he found with her—a something which he could not describe, a sense of deep tranquility and re-

pose. "I think, Evelyn," he said, as he stood at the hall door of Outlands, "that no man was ever so blessed. I have the truest and fairest of loves, and the truest and warmest of friends."

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THE SECOND CONTROL OF SECTION

The moon was shining brightly, and Eve stood in silence for a few minutes watching him.

"You will need a friend," she thought—"and when you do, you shall not fail to find one."

"CHAPTER VI CHAPTER VI.

"That roung man ought to be satisfied with his lot in life," said
Jane Lester, as her niece told her
of Felix Lonsdale's success.

"He is quite satisfied, auntie," Eve-

"He is quite satisfied, auntie," Evelyn returned, gently.

"The worst thing that any man can do is to marry a girl with a pretty face," said the aunt. "Pretty, girls are a mistake—they think themselves too good for anything. Felix Lonsdale has acted foolishly—violet Haye will never make him a good wife."

"She is young, and she loves him very dearly," remarked Evelyn.

"Youth and love—would any wise man build his house on such foundations? said her aunt. "Itell you Evelyn, it is a mistake, and Lonsdale will find it so. I read a character quickly, and I have read Violet Haye's."

"She loves him," repeated Evelyn, who could imagine nothing more unanswerable.

"Love—we know what a lasting sentiment that is," sneered Miss Leeter. "If he married a sonsible woman with a nice little fortune. I should

sentiment that is," sneered Miss Lee-ter. "If he married a sensible woman with a nice little fortune, I should have some hope: but the is it?"
"You know 'My Pretty Jane,' " he said. "The lines I want to quote to ave some hope; but the very cur of that girl's hair shows what she

Evelyn laughed as she thought the glorious golden hair that had al-ways been Violet's glory. "There is no other hair in Lilford like it, nuntie," she replied.

like it, auntie," she reclied.

"It is a very good thing," was the retort, "I am no friend of nonsense."

No unfriendly criticisms reached Felix Lonsdale's ears — none could have hurt him. He had now the one great prize of his life; he was happy beyond all power of word to tell. It pleased him, too, that all his friends and neighbors took such kindly interest in him; it was pleasant to meet with congratulations and good wishes — to see life lying so fair and clear before him — to feel his youth and his strength wunny days by talking about marriage."

"My heart is full of it," he replied—at least it is full of you. I do not wish to startle you, Violet, but give me one kind word to dream about now. I am always wondering, 'When will our marriage take place? When will my darling consent? When will the end come to all my uncertainties, doubts and fears? When shall I be able to say to myself: On such a diny I will bring home my wife?'"

She answered, half impatiently: "You make so terribly sure of everything, Felix."

lying so fair and clear before him—to feel his youth and his strength—to feel his happiness thrilling every vein. He felt that he had nothing left in life to wish for; heaven had been good to him and had granted him his heart's desire. He would have felt a little happier, perhaps, had Violet been less coy. But that very coyness had a charri of its own; it suited her; he could not imagine her other than coy; and, as for doubt or fear, or mistrust, such shadows never darkened his mind. The heaven of his love was clear and cloudven of his love was clear and cloudless. Violet would ro wless coy in time; it was better for her to

be shy and reserved as she was than lay herself out for admira He had settled in his own mind He had settled in his own mind that he would persuade her to become his wife before the chill October killed the flowers and stripped the trees. So he thought and hoped and dreamed, while a cloud was rising in the distance no larger than a man's hand.

One day Darcy Lonsdale returned with a perplexed look on his face to his new house. His wife, wondering at it, asked him:

"What is the matter, Darcy?"

After thinking for a few minutes.

know, Felix."

"Perhaps not in so many words,
Violet, but in honor you are bound
to be my wife."

"I am willing to be your wife,
Felix; but let me enjoy my youth
a little longer, I am only 19—there
is no hurry."

"You forst" he laterward.

After thinking for a few, min

After thinking for a few minutes, he answered:
"Nothing; my brain seems to be full of foolish fancies."
The next time he returned home it was evening, and the pleasant teatable, the happy circle of bright faces, might have gladdened any man's heart; but Darcy Lonsdale looked dull. Again his wife asked what was wrong, and he laughed unwhat was wrong, and he laughed un

easily, she thought.

"The very air seems thick with fancies," he answered. "I saw three of my best friends this morning standing in a group in Castle street, and when I joined them I knew by the embarrassed expression on each man's face that they had been talknig about me." "What could they have to say chout you?" asked Kate. "It was all fancy, Darcy."

"No; I am sure they were speaking of me. I went to the bank this morn-"No; I am sure they were speaking of me, I went to the bank this morning, and as I was entering the door I distinctly heard the manager say, 'Mistaken in Lonsdale.' I heard the words as plainly as you hear them now. He was talking to one of the partners,, and they were both cool, I thought, in their manner."

Kate threw her arms round his neck and kissed his anxious face.
"Why should any one talk about you or be cool to you, dear? You have done no wrong."
"No; but there is something. I am quite sure there is something, Kate—in the minds of people about me. I can not imagine what it is."

Kate tried to cheer him; she

face, Felix was looking earnestly at her.

"Let me say September, Violet," he pleaded; "that is a glorious month and the house will be quite ready. My darling, gladden my heart with one word!"

1 But he was never quite sure whe ther she had spoken that word or not; her eyes were dim with tears, and she murmured something to the effect that she loved him—had always loved him—while something of remorse seemed to tinge her manner. Her fingers thrilled him with their soft touch; her lovely lips uqivered as she talked to him; but he could never tell whether she had whispered the word he wanted.

That evening, when he reached home Kate tried to cheer him; she laughed at the notion. What could there be? She knew that there was no one like him. No one could That evening, when he reached home, Evelyn Lester was there, and a sense of rest came over him the first glance at her sweet face. She went up to him with the gentle grace and dignity that characterized her.

pened before. The baker had sent in his bill, and the butcher wanted ready money; the uphoisterers who had furnished Vale House pressed for a settlement in consequence of unlooked for losses. Kate snowed the bills to her husband.

"What does it mean?" she asked, wonderingly.

"What does it mean?" she asked, wonderingly.
"It means, my dear, that there is some subtle agency at work against us—I can not tell what. It means also that the tradespeople must be taken been wise had we waited till the work of the most progressive go-prative associations. In the cell-brated Huron apple district. Mr A. E. Sherring fon, we came here."

"But it is certain," said Kate, a little auxiously.

"As certain as fate," he replied; and then they talked a little more sheerfully about what they would do when the money was at their command.

That same evening Felix came

when the money was at their command.

That same evening Felix came home looking slightly preoccupied. He had seen one of their oldest clients go into George Malcolm's office, and the vicar of the parish, the Rev. Daniel Hunter, had passed him with the coldest of bows. He also had an impression that there was something wrong. He could tell neither what it was nor why the was.

Felix thought that there would be time to waik over to The Limes. He had a very beautiful book that he had bought for violet, and he wanted to give it to her.

It struck him, when he entered the drawing-room at The Limes, that the three assembled there had been speaking of him, their greeting was so awkward, so constrained, so unlkothe genial, kindly reception that had always been given to him hitherto. Mrs. Haye held out her hand to him, but her eyes fell, and her husband's half-murmured words were inaudible; violet looked embarrassed; and for the first time under that hospitable roof the young lover felt ill at ease. When he laid the volume on the table, Mr. Haye took it up.

"This must have cost something," he said, "for it is very handsome. It would be better to save money than to spend it—we none of us know when the evil day may come."

"I do not fear evil days," remarekd Fellx, with all the sanguine hope of a young man.

"The wisest among us may expect them" said Mr. Haye hriefly.

young man.

"The wisest among us may expect them," said Mr. Haye, briefly.
Then the conversation languished, and Falix grew so unsomfortable that he decided upon returning home. He had no misgiving —he thought he had called at an ainauspicious moment—he had perhaps interrupted some domestic conference. He cared only to

see Violet. If she would go to the gate with him, so that he would have time for a few words, all would be well. But when he had said good-night

But when he had said good-night to the two seniors, and asked Violet if she would walk to the gate with him, Mrs. Haye interposed. "It is too cold," she said. "Violet has been complaining of headache all day; she must not go out."

And the tone was so decided, so stern, that Felix could not oppose Mrs. Haye. He held Violet's hand one minute in his; he tried to look into the depths of her beautiful eyes, but they dropped from his, and he could they dropped from his, and he could not see them. He left her with a few whispered words. feeling more un-

FRUIT GROWING.

The Benefits of Co-operation Among Fruit Growers.

Department of Agriculture, Commissioner's Branch,

The principle of co-operation among rult growers, which has been strongly advocated during the last two years by W. A. MacKinnon, of the Fruit Division, Ottawa, received enthusiastic endorsation at the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association at Leamington. The address of the President, the re-port of he Secretary, and all the most interesting and instructive pa-pers dealt with the question of co-

operation.

A typical example of the practical A typical example of the practical working out of the co-operative plan was described by Mr. W. H. Owen, Catawba Island, Ohlo, who is one of the recognized leaders in the movement across the line. The growers all live within seven and a half miles of the large central packing depot, where the grading is done under the managers' supervision. The growers do their own picking, and bring in from three to five thousand bushels of peacnes dairy. The fruit begins to of peaches dairy. The fruit begins to arrive at the central depot by two o'clock p. m., and packing operations frequently continue all night. Each grower is duly credited with the amount of fruit of each grade which he contributes to the total amount, and he is paid in accordance, as soon as sales are made. Under the business-like system adopted it is possible to make most of the sales direct from the warehouse. Free use of the telugraph, telephone and mall service is made in collecting and disseminating information as to the quantity of each variety and grade available. In this way the fruit is disposed of practically as soon as produced. There is no refrigerator service at the packing house, but refrigerator cars are supplied by the railways, and the fruit is put into them as soon as possible. arrive at the central depot by two supplied by the railways, and the fruit is put into them as soon as possible. The cost of carrying on the business is about seventeen to nineteen cents per bushel of peaches, including cost of packages and transportation, as well as administrative expenses of

well as administrative expenses of the association.

Among the advantages of the plan which have become apparent during the twelve years that the associa-tion has been in existence are; I. It ensures better prices for the fruit. 2. It leaves the grower free to devote his undivided attention to the improvement of production? was no one like him. No one could accuse him of a mean action; his life had always been fair, open, loyal, and transparent. It was absurd. He must be out of health; he should go away and rest him self for a time. People cool to him indeed! She would like to see any one treat him with less respect and honor than he deserved. The kind, tender face flushed, the kind eyes filled with tears. She would have done battle for him with the whole world. There was nothing in what he said, she felt sure, but falling health.

Yet she waited anxiously for him the next day. She was somewhat surprised, for there had been a perfect deluge of tradesmen's bills an occurrence that had never happened before. The baker had sent in his bill, and the butter wanted.

ence to the co-operative system of handling the Texas tomato crop. This is handled by one man stationed at St. Louis, and the system is so thorough that market deno. inzation is absolutely avoided. The gradien is so reprote that a market again. grading is so perfect that a man grading is so perfect that a man can order a car of Texas tomatoes by grade and fee perfectly sure of getting just what he ordered. Something has already been done along these lines in Ontario, and we

year the association made its first trial in the co-operative work by forwarding to Manchester, Eng., two cars of Duchess apples, which year the association made its first tainl in the co-operative work by forwarding to Manchester, Eng. two tars of Duchess apples, which arrived in good condition. In addition to these three cars of winter apples were packed and sold. This year the association had prospered beyond all expectations. There are now about lifty-five members, with an average of four acres of apples each. Fifteen care of apples have this year been shipped on the co-operative plan. Not only have the prices been better, but more fruit has been sold than would have been possible under the old system. Even the early varieties of apples were put upon the market in good condition, Just as soon as the Duchess, for instance, were ripe, all co-operators were notified to begin picking at the same time. In this way a car would be started with the fruit within two days of the time the apples were takes from the trees.

Yours very truly, W. A. Clemon's, Publication Clerk.

**************** THE CHURCH DEBT MORE THAN PAID.

A mortgage of \$3,000 upon the First Baptist Church, says a despatch from Macon, Mo., was publicly burned at a jubilee service last week. The lion's share of the glory for paying off this debt goes to the women of the church.

When they proceed the work they started to collect, not cash, but ideas. They reasoned that if they provided ideas, the money would come of itself. So premiums were offered for ideas. Every idea that seemed promising had a fair trial.

cessful was an elaboration of a plan originated at Quincy, Ill. In that town the church issued a book of quotations. Every person who contributed ten cents could have his name priated prominently over his favorite quotation from

the classics.
The Macon idea embraced a wider field. There were those who didn't care to borrow their literature. It was, therefore, provided that every real, or fancied poet or prose writer could have his production handsomely printed, just as written, at ten cents a line. Besides offering a change for fame. as written, at ten cents a line. He-sides offering a chance for fame, the plan furnished good experience for young writers, because it taught them to economize space. One poetic artist put up 40 cents to get this tender seatlment in:

This world that we're living in is mighty hard to beat, A thorn comes with every rose; But ain't the roses sweet?

The most unpopular man in town paid ten cents to get his name along this quotation from Holy Writ:

Writ:
Wee unto you when all men shall speak well of you.—Luke, vi. 26.
Among the quotations from the poets the following lices distanced all others as a favorite:

Honor and shame from no condltion rise;
Act well your part—there all the honor lies. —Pope

The book was a dazzling success. Everybody in town took a copy, and some of the amateur authors bought several copies to send to

One Girls Opinion. Someone spoke of a chaperon as the oarders were seated around the ma-

"Chaperon!" exclaimed the young man from Missouri, "What's a chaperon?"

'A chaperon," exclaimed the a necktie counter etween meals, "is a female of more or less uncertain years who is afraid to go out alone, so she attaches her-self to a party of young folks for the purpose of getting herself cared for. See?"—Chicago News.

Another Ghastly Six-Day Grind.

New York Tribune. New York Tribune.

A six-day b'cycle tournament is added to the afflictions of this vexed metropolis. Why must New Yorkers suffer from such a besetment? The old, unhappy, far-off things which Wordsworth wept over were bad enough, but in this era of enlightenment Gotham ought not to be distressed and tormented with a renewal of the outworn nulsance of the wan and haggard tramps in the ranks of the professional wheelmen.

sued states that in 1896 at the public abattors 21,430 horses, asses and weel states that in 1896 at the public abattors 21,430 horses, asses and supplied to the French capital. In 1897 the Fren

pected gallery in the ceiling, whence from artfully designed peep holes in the moulding he can survey the whole establishment, is the most successful foil to the shoplifter. But there are only a few shops so structurally designed that surveillance of this kind is possible. Some of the jewelers' treasure palaces are guarded in this manner, and to make essurance doubly sure, no attendant is without his satellite, who keeps a wary eye on the cases of gems exposed to the customers' inspection, standing at the salesman's elbow while he is showing 'hem. At all periods a careful watch is kept on those dress establishments that are pervaded by women, but more especially at sale times, for it is then that covetousness overwhelms morality most easily, and the crowded state of the shops favors the picker-up of unconsidered trifles. A manager of one of the largest establishments in the metropolis says it is in those departments few shops so structurally designed that considered trilles. A manager of one of the largest establishments in the metro-polis says it is in those departments that are most spacious that pilfering principally goes on, and that in them detective supervision is always most

acute.

Every shop walker and counter attendent is in effect a detective, but there are some professionals who assume the guise to hide their real position. It is the duty of each attendant when he is auspicous of a customer to call the attention of the detective to her, not blatantly, but by prearranged sign. The detective then keeps the suspect under ler immediate eye. In the large emporiums where women chiefly congregate acute. iums where women chiefly congregate the most efficient, because least con-spicuous, detectives are women, either spicuous, detectives are women, either comployed as shop walkers or as cus-

When an attendant misses or thinks

When an attendant misses or thinks he misses something, or notices disturbing signs of thievery, he speaks to the detective, who, as an elegantly-garbed customer, seats herself in a position commanding a good view of the suspects and makes her purchases like any other woman, all the while gathering data upon which to proceed. The disquise assumed by the shop detective differs day by day.

If there be one result less desired by the shop proprietor than another it is to convict a kleptomaniae. Prosecutions do not forward business. The proprietor's policy is to prevent pilfering ty every conceivable means. Hence a blind eye is turned to what is a theft in embryo, and the wretched shoplifter caught in the act of purloining a blouse under cover of her waterproof is asked whether the article may not be sent under cover of her waterproof is asked whether the article may not be sent home for her. To the bulging umbrella or the gaping hand-bag the detectives allude with an apology, fearing that madam has inadvertently incommoded lerself with something that fell from the counter.

the counter. First offenders are often First offenders are often cured by rarraow escapes such as this from full-ing into the abyss that leads to the ing into the abyss that leads to the dock, and gladly pay for the experience in coin of the realm, as if they had all the while meant to purchase instead of purloin the goods. Should leniency of such a kind fail to lead the trespasser tack into the paths of rectitude, the tranager's office is made the scene of more serious negotiations, on which it is well to draw the veil. But as a rule, it does not. Considering the immense population of London and the ease with which beautiful objects can apparently be taken in the great shops, the detecbe taken in the great shops, the detectives and their talents called but seldon into play, probably because their system of surveillance is so capitally organied and carried out.—London Mail.

A taste for horseflesh is steadily on the increase in Paris. A veter-inary and sanitary report just is-sued states that in 1896 at the

Brain Controls Every Muscle

the improvement of production. 3.
It enables enables buyers to purchase at a central point large quantities of a uniform grade. Thus they can select precisely the sort of fruit

DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD

nerves.

The restorative action of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, 6 boxes for \$2.50, at all dealthroughout the entire system, because it restores the vigor and vitalty of the nerves—fills them with new nerve force, the vital power of the body; weakness, nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness and low spiral every box.

Every muscle of the body controlled by the will is connected with the brain, and every muscular action is originated by nervous force, generated in the brain and transmitted along the nerves to the muscles.

When the nerves are injured or diseased, when there is a deficiency in the supply of nervous energy, paralysis, locomotor ataxia or some form of helphassness results because the brain no longer has control of the muscles.

It may be weak heart action. inability to digest food, failure of the lungs to purify the blood or impaired action of any of the vital organs, but the chuse of trouble is with the nerves.

The restorative action of Dr. lists disappear and new, energy and strength take their place.

(Mrs C. Corkey, 32 Maine street, (St. John, N. B., states; "I had been in very poor health; and, in fact, when I began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I had just got up from a bed of sickness, my nerves were in a bad state. I was weak and could not sleep. Now I am getting up in years, and, of course, could not look for immediate results, but must say that I have been delighted with the use of this preparation, as it has done me a great deal of good. I am now able to sleep very much better, my nerves are steadler and my strength is gradually increasing."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents

FRANKVILLE

Reve Mackie lost a valuable horse some time ago; got its leg troken in

Welding bells are to ring shortly We understand Mrs S. Morrison

getting along as well as could Miss Alice Oliver, a trained nurse

is at the home of her father. R.v. Mr. Oliver, for the holiday season.

The Methodists are very busy pre-paring for their usual Xmas Eve entertainment. No pains are being spared to make it a success. Admis 15 and 20 cents, A man drove here from Delta one

day last week, and his horse tell and received such injuries that they shot it yesterday. He yalued it \$150. We understand Mr. and

Lyman Brown are to spend holidays in Brockville. Mr. Wm. Ennis has exchanged his farm with Mr. Neddo for the store and house occupied by W. S. Stratton

CHARLESTON LAKE

DEATH OF JAMES STEVENS On Tuesday Dec. 8, when it became known that James Stevens had passed away, tears were to be seen in every eye, for "Jimmie." as he was commonly known, was a general favorite with point, G Prestor; cover-point, everybody. His death was wholly Taylor; Forwards, A. Tett, Bagsh mexpected to his friends. Some weeks ago, he went to Omer Kelsey's, near Lyndhurst, where he died. He was an enterprising oarsman. Year after year, he rowed the same parties and was an expert fisherman. The funeral took place from the residence of Omer Kelsey to the Methodist church Athens on Thursday afternoon. The carsmen attended in a body. The sorrowing friends have the sympathy of the

Mrs. D. Woods is very ill. Mrs. R. Foster, ill for a few days,

Mrs. Henrietta Plunkett, of Bois sevain, Manitoba, arrived on Saturday on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Slack. Mrs Plunkett has lived in Manitoba for fourteen years and speak very highly of the country.

Mrs. C J. Slack spent a few days in Brockville last week, the guest of Mrs.

Mrs D Beach is enjoying a visit from her sister of Central City, Neh. whom she has not seen before for 22

vears.

DELTA

W. J Birch, the enterprising groce is going to build a handsome building for the Merchants Bank of Canada the first thing in the spring.

The Oddfellows of this place held their regular At Home in their room on Tuesday, 15th inst when somewhere about 75 members with wives and sweethearts spent a very enjoyable evening. The first part of the evening was taken up with games, and music and singing, and then followed a brautiful spread all kinds of fowls, ect., which had been prepared by the from before the season ends. good ladies. After this had been done Mr. H. Foster, our tax justice to, a great many of the older ones took their departure and left a number of the younger ones tripping the light fantastic.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. R. Hanna, the popular teacher, has been engaged to teach school for the coming year. His services have given very good satisfaction to the parents of the scholars.

The township council assembled at the town hall on 15th inst to wind up this year's affairs.

Thomas Conners will resign as the mail carrier from the post office to the station on 1st January next. Deb Jackson, the liveryman, has been appointed as mail carrier for next four

Miss Addie Wilson of Athen visited her friends here last week. The farmers of this vicinity are

taking advantage of the fine weather and good roads to bring their wood to the village.

GLEN BUELL

Last Thursday evening a sad fatality occured at the home of Mr. Gilroy While attending to Mr. Gilroy's stock Abram Charlton was attacked and gored to death by a bull. He was found a short time afterward but was already beyond medical aid, death having been almost instantaneous. The last sad rites were conducted on Saturday morning by the Rev. Messrs. Ferguson, Burnett and Burke, and afterwards placed in the Athens vault. . Mr. Charlton was well known and

highly respected by all who knew him, and his sudden death was a terrible shock to his relatives and friends of this neighborhood.

Mr. John Yates is spending his Christmas vacation with his daughter,

Mrs. G. A. Gilrov of this neighbor

Death removed from our respected residents of this neighbor hood last Tuesday (Dec 15), in the perron of Mrs. Ed Davis. The deceased had been a great course. hood last Tuesday (Dec 10), in the perron of Mrs. Ed Davis. The d-ceased had been a great sufferer for over a year, and death proved a wel-come release from her sufferings. She is survived by her husband and family of six children, all married. The funeral was conducted Thursday morning at her brother in law's, Mr. Char les Burgess, where she resided, and afterwards placed in the family buryng ground at New Dublin

Mrs S. Trickey of New Dublin is the guest of her for a few days. sister, Mrs. Dack,

NEWBORO

Miss Lottie Sturgeon, who has been on the sick list for some time, is

Miss Beatrice Gallagher, who has een teaching in the North West for ome time, returned home last week.

The Newboro senior and junior hockey teams played an exhibition game on the rink on Saturday, which resulted in a score of 6 to 4 in favor of the seniors. The teams and officals were : Seniors -goal, S. MaVety ; Taylor; Forwards, A. Tett, Bagshaw, J. Stanton, and D. McCaskill. Juniors—goal, J. Moriarty; point, B. Lyons; cover-point, S. Harrison; forwards, C. Wiltse, R. Grothier, Morden, and J. V. Moriarty. Referee, Dr King.

Miss B. Lewis, who has been attending Dr. Strachan's Ladies' School at oronto, is spending her vacation at her home bere.

Mesars A. H. Singleton and M. McGonigal of Queen's University arrived home on Friday evening.

Mr. F. Green, who has been in the North-West for the past season arrived home on Thursday evening. Mesars B. Tett of the Kingsto School of Mines, W. P. Richards, J. A. Moriarty and Miss E. Gallagher of the Athens Model School, and L. Shaw, E. Davison, F. Lyons, J. Cartv Misses E Pierce, I. Donahue, H.

Leggett and L. Pierson of Athens High School are spending their vaca-tion at their homes here. The last meeting of the municipal council was held in the court house on Monday last, and all business for

the year 1903 w s settled. The Newboro Senior Hockey team will play their first match in Westport on Dec. 26th. The juniors will also play a game with the Westport young. ters on the same date.

Mr. Roy Grothier has been engage to teach at Ruskview, Ont., for the coming year.

Wedding bells will ring for two marriages in the near future.

The Newboro Hockey Club have ngaged Mr. Wm. Adrain to manage the rink for this season A large open air rink, 172x68, has been con structed, and the boys will be

has collected all the taxes for this year. Miss Beatrice Gallagher, who has een teaching in the North-West for some time, returned home on Saturday evening.

Miss Leone and Mr. Charles Chamberlain of Westport are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.

Miss M. Hannah and Mr. B. J. Lyons attended the drams in Delta on Saturday, presented by the Athens Model School Theatrical Company. The cheese factories in this vicinity

re still running. Messrs. Geo. Foster and A. H. Tett vere in Westport on Friday.

Mr. J. T. Gallagher's new house on Carleton street is nearly completed. Mrs. A. McFadden of Ashton when

dressing a turkey a few days ago found in the stomach of the bird a cold chisel six inches in length and over half an inch in diameter.

An Attack of Pneumonia Warded

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

ATHENS MODEL SCHOOL

PORM IV.

Senior—Maus: Derbyshire, Florence Gainford, Edna Fair, Roy McLaugh-lin, Steve Stinson, Wallace Johnston, Willie McLean.

Junior—Alan Evertts, Jean Karley, Ralph Spencer, Winnie Wiltse, Esther Owen, Glenn Earl, Roy Parish, Caro-line Lay Rose, (Bessie McLaughlin, Gertrade Cross, Muriel Fair, Harold Wiltse.

Aggregate attendance, 395. Average attendance, 18.8 Percentage, 99.
Kathlene Oliver, Teacher

FORM III.

Senior—Beaumont Cornell, Kenneth Blancher, Kenneth McClary, Eulalia Wiltse, Carrie Covey, Ola Derbyshire, Esther Kiucaid, Blake Cross.

Junior—Errett Pierce, Rae Kio-caid, Mable Jacob, Martha King. Keitha Purcell, Ada Brown, Nellie Earl, Austin Tribute.

Aggregate, 702. Average, 33. Percentage, 93. Minnabel Morris, Teacher

FORM II. Senior—Kenneth Rappell, Lloyd Earl, Gladys Spencer, Russell Bushop

Junior-Mins Donnelley, Kathle Massey, Allan Bisnop, Roy Mullen Jossie Pollard. Aggregate, 625 Average, 81.

tage, 85. M. V. Watson, Teacher FORM L.

Sr. Pt. II .- Gladys Gainford, Carl Wiltse, John Kelly, Winona Massey. Jr. Pt. II.—Fern Cross, Gertrude Shaw Birdie Derbyshire, Pearl Haw-

Sr. I. - Hazel Holmes, Archie Kin caid, Myrtle Conlin, Geraldiue Eyre. Inter. I.—May McMullen, Opal Purcell, Clare Lillie, Bessie Lumbeard. Jr. I.-George Cowan, Charlie Mc Connell, Alice Patterson Aggregate, 1078.

Average, 50.7. Percentage, 90. Ada Lillie, Teache

RECAPITULATION Total aggregate, 2,800.

Total average, 124. entage, 92. C. Ross McIntosh,

SPORTING NOTES

Merrickville hockey team has organ zed for the season.

Wonder if there is a hundred dollars n Westport this year ? The Baseball Club realized a hand

ome thing from the concert at Delta. Mr. Ardie Parish, of Toronto, returned home last Saturday evening and will probably be in the game at Portland on Saturday next,

The Lyn Junior Hockey Team will journey to Athens next Tuesday to play a game with the Athens Juniors. The match will probably be played in the afternoon.

The Westport Mirror says "it might be remarked that the Athens team will turn a few fits when they see the team Westport will put on the ice this this year." Oh, yes! fits of laughter.

With a pair of good stout goal nets to tell the tale correctly, Westport will not profit by picking out men gifted with poor eye-sight (and no cons as goal umpires when they visit Ather this year.

The Athens seniors will turn out in full uniform on Friday evening, weather permitting. They have had no practice together so far this year, and the line-up for the game at Portland on Saturday and the result there of are as vet "doubtful possibilities."

An order is now in the hands of R. & W. Kerr, Montreal, for seven com plete uniforms for the Athens seniors pair of goal tender's pads, sticks, etc. and the goods will probably arrive Friday evening. The sweaters, socks and caps are scarlet and silver-grey, the stripes being three inches in width. and the pants are white. There will be no dressier team in the league this

The goal nets are a much-needed acquirement and it is hoped that all the other clubs in the league will secure them, as they insure a fairness m matches which is not always pre-second beautiful and the second beau port lan goar when a pair if goal-umpires with poor ey sight is and the score from 5-2 to 3 2 and a partisan referee made it a tie. Nothing like winning the game—somehow or other

How Are Your Nerves?

If they are weak and you feel nerv ous and easily "flustrated," can's sleep and rise- in the morning unrefreshed your blood is poor. Strong nerves depend upon rich, nourishing blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla maks the strong by enriching and vitalizing the blood. It gives sweet, refreshing eleep and completely cures nervous troubles. Begin taking it to day.

Nausea, indigeation are cured by Hood's Pills.

UNION VALLEY'S ANNUAL

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the patrons of Union Valley choose factory (Mr. W. W. Robinson, maker and proprietor) held the most enthusiastic and satis-

held the most enthusiastic and satis-factory milk meeting they ever had. There were preliminaries—business, callying, gossiping—some tried to be witty and succeeded; others tried to be witty and failed, then the laugh, like-ty and succeeded to the laugh likean Australlian boomerang, struck backwards. In all this hurly burly af good nature, the Big Man made expense of others, more times at his own expense. Everybody seemed pleased with the returns of the season, pleased with the returns of the season, the high reputation of the factory, and the bright prospects in view for another

A number of ladies were present and had a general free and easy visit. There were fine cakes displayed. Some of which would have adorned the table of an extravagant pionic—cakes and pies in great variety and abundance. No notice was taken of these— all were bent on indulging in oysters to their utmost capacity. It is wonderful what an amazing capacity they bring with them. This may be the reason why supper was not over until after 12 o'cleck.

Mr. Oliver Hayes was renominated salesman treasurer He was voted into the same position last seaon; he refused to act and was urged until he did act. At this meeting, although urged on all sides to act one more year, he refused, saving, 'I have to build and also repair buildings; as a rule, more attention is required during hay ing and harvesting than at other times. I have served as salesman trassurer for 23 years; I wish someone would take

Mr John Fortune, one of the largest patrons of this factory, was the next

Mr. Fortune, in responding to his appointment, said he had been sending milk 29 years, that he nad during that time, tried all the factories in reach, and that be had received the best return from this factory; that he best return from this factory; that he liked its management better from several points of view. He finished by paying Mr. Oliver Hayes a fine compliment for his long, creditable work as a salesman and treasurer, which was endorsed by all present,

Mrs. D. P. Shea was re appointe secretary. She is clever—she may be equaled but not surp used in any other actory in the county.

QUALIFIED AT A. M. S.

Athens, Dec. 18, 1903. Editor of the Athens Reporter: Dear Sir,-Would you kindly

mit me, through the columns of your valuable paper, to make a requested explanation to the public. My attention has been rep drawn to the fact that, at the recent Demorest Medal Contest, held in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, both the

chairman and the president of the W. C. T. U. forgot to mention to the audience the school at which Miss Jessie Brown, the winner of the medal for the highest number of marks in Physiology, received her training.
My assistants and myself, therefore take this opportunity of removing any confusion that may have been caused

thereby. We find that Jessie was pron from form 1. in Dec., 1896. She remained in form II. till June, 1898. The next two years were spent in form III. In the fall term of 1900, she entered form IV, and was an enrolled pupil of the model school until last

exam. Not only did she stand first in Phy iology by taking 88 per cent, but she was also successful in winning a freehand certificate at the Provincial Art School exam., held a month or so

before. Through the kindness of Dr. Kinney, the examiner of the Physiology paper, I have been given the authority o state that the two pupils who stood next highest were also from A. M. S. -each having over 80 per cent.

Thanking you for your kindne Mr. Editor, I remain Yours sincerely

CAMERON R. McIntosh Principal
On behalf of the students and teach rs of the A. M. S.

Chamberlain's Remedies.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Price 25 cents; large size 50c.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For Bowel Complaints. Price 35 ce

Chamberlain's Pain Balm. An antiseptic liniment especially valuable for Cuts, Bruises, Sprains and Rheumstian. Price 25 cents; large size 50 cents.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Por Disorders of the Stone ad Bowels. Price 25 cents.

Every one of these preparations is gueranteed and if not fully saiinfactory to the purchaser the Money will be seineded.

CHRISTMAS PASTORAL

ers of the Church of Engnd, in the Diccese of Outario :-

Dear Brethren,—Once again the joy ous festival of Christmas is drawing oue festival of Christmas is drawing near; and I would remind you therefore of your privilege and your duty, at this season, towards your clergyman. I appealed to you last year on the ground of the bountiful harvest which God had given, to give literally out of your abundance. The same ground for appeal exists this year. God has again wonderfully blessed our land. See, then, that you devise liberal things on Christmas day for your clergyman and that his home is gladdened by your generous gifts. Let your offering be a large hearted expression of your love to God and of your appreciation of his goodness and the services of His Church.

The Christmas offertory means much

The Christ The Christmas offertory means much to the majority of the clergy. Do not miss attendance at church, and let your family reunions be preceded and sanctified by a loving and thankful approach to the Lord's table, that the benediction of the Son of the Highest may rest upon you and the peace of Gcd fill your hearts.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas, and praying that God may have you in His holy keeping and fill you with joy and peace in believing. I remain your faithful friend and bishop, W. L. ONTARIO. Bishop's Court, Kingston, Dec. 11th

Eyes Tested Free

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

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The council met at Lamb's hall on the 15th inst. at one o'clock. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed by the reeve and clork.

By-law to provide Polling Places and appoint Deputy Returning Officers, and time and place for nomination was

Orders were given on the Treaurer as follows: Reeve and councillors, as salary, each, \$16.00; G. F. Donnelley, printing, \$36.00; Miss Newmarch, work on voters list, \$300; John Wiltse, bonus for building 57 rods wire tence along the highway, \$11.40; Mc. Cowan, inspecting road in Div. 4, \$100; H. C. Phillips, due as caretaker of hall, \$11.00; J. K. Redmond, selecting in the company of the of hall, \$11.00; J. K. Redmond, selecting jury, \$3.00; James Ferguson for building 27½ rods of wire fence along highway, \$5.50, and M.s. Mills for 19 rods, \$8.80; H Joynt grant to town line road between Kitley and Yonge, \$45.00, and commission laying out grant, \$10.00; Wm. T. Hayes fo. repairing Kincaid bridge, \$6.00; M. Bresee, work on bridge in Div. 20, \$3.50; W. C. Hayes, taking out rock in Div. 2, \$39.10; Mr. Rowsom, trip \$3.00, repairing Kincaid bridge, \$3.10; R. E. Cornell, salary and expenses, \$89.64; Joseph Moulton, salary as collector, \$40.00; Irwin Wiltse, salary

and expenses, \$32.98.

Council adjourned to meet after nomination on the 28th inst. R. E. CORNELL, Clerk.

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An Explatation

Editor Reporter. Dear Sir,-The modelites wish to make an explanation of the use of the ands derived from their recent concert

in Athens.

The students intended to give the roceeds of the concert in Athens to the baseball club, and also to hold another concert in Delta to secure funds to further the interests of the chool, and accordingly the matter was advertised in that way, but the base ball people, expecting a larger audience in Delta, and the expenses there being lower, naturally preferred to receive the proceeds of the concert at that place, and as the modelites are lovers of true sport they did not hesitate to make this small sacrifice and grant the request. The sum realized from the Delta concert exceeded the expec tations, and the baseballers are per fectly satisfied.

Hoping that this is a sufficient answer to the enquiries of some of the people of the village, and thanking you for this space in your paper, I remain Yours very truly,

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This is the Time

ing the printer. All sul

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Seymour of cledo visited friends here this week. Miss Cora Wiltse has resigned her position on the teaching staff of the Westport public school. Will meet on Tuesday evening next, instead of Friday evening.

The People's Rink opened for the first this season on Tuesday evening. First-class ice has been formed,

The display of perfamery at the store of J. P. Lamb & Son is being much admired. Read their adv's, On Sunday next there will be no service in St. Paul's on account of the anniver-ary services in the Methodist

Their triends learn with regret that Messra. Morton and James Tackaberry are very sick at home on the Pine Hill road.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Mrs. A. Chamberlain of Waddington M. Y., and Mrs. Shipman, of Almonte, were in Athens last week, guests of Mrs. Sherman Coon and Mrs. G. F. Donnelley.

These are busy days for the Athe merchants. Customers come long distances to take advantage of the large assortment and splendid values

Mr. Robert Towriss of the bank in Erin, Ont., and his wife, Mrs. Laura Mansel Towriss, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Towriss, Glen Buell, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mansel, of Dep eyster, N. Y. (his cheese factory is located on Hickory Lake), will visit his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Manel, on Christmas,

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The very best of sleighing now prevails here. About three inches of soft snow, followed by a little vain, fell on the icy roads; then the weather turned cold and formed the very best of roads everywhere. Wood has been coming in freely this week. In the case of dry wood, the capacity of the sleighs was the only limit to the load.

About the latter part of October, Mrs. Eli Mansel and Mrs. Milon Mangiving a pleasant surprise to friends along the route. Every day was novel —the scenery of the north to them delightful—the fine October days pleasant. They will ever retain a leasant memory of this trip.

The first anniversary of the Methodist church will be celebrated on Sunday next. Rev. C. O. Johnston of Toronto will conduct the morning and evening be held in the afternoon at 2.30. Special choral music will be rendered at the services. All collections for the building fund. On Monday evening a lecture will be delivered by Mr. Johnston—subject, "Englishmen, Irish men, Scotchmen."

The annual Christmas entertainme of the Baptist Sabbath school was held on Wednesday evening last when an interesting programme of recitations. dialogues, etc., was presented to a fair sized audience. The principal feature of the evening was a cantata, entitled 'Around the World with Santa Claus" in a Christmas ship. Instead of the usual Christmas tree a small sailing yach was placed on the platform and covered with presents and good things, which made an interesting and pleasing variation.

Christ Church Sunday school, on Thursday evening last, gave their annual Christmas entertainment in the basement of the church before a large audience. A long programme of recitations, dialogues, drills etc., was rend-ered, after which the well-laden tree was unloaded. The crowd was badly scared in the early part of the evening by the breaking of a kerosene lamp, which burned fiercely until extinguished. No damage was done, however, and the programme proceeded without furtuer interuption A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a Bible and address to Mr J. H. Walker, church warden, who is removing to Kingston, on behalf of the congregation, by Rev. Mr. Wright.

Heifer Astray

Model School Graduates Following is a list of the successful adidates at the model school exams

Dec. 9, 10, 14, 15 and 16, 1903:—
Genanoque—Mary Cochrane, Helen
Leeder, Minnie Mitchell, Lottie
McCalpin, Nellie Scanlan, Edith
Wales, Teresa Whelan
Athena—W. C. Johnson, W. R.
Leadbeater, J. A. Moriarty, W. P.
Richards, B. M. Stewart, T. R.
Whaley, S. F. Tackaberry, Estella M.
Beale, C. G. Berry, A. L. Breen, M.
Cadwell, M. Carpenter, N. Crummy,
Jennie Davison, Annie Doolan, K.
Ducolon, E. Gallagher, L. Hudson, N.
McCrea, M. Robeson, E. Rabb, L. M.
Rourke, R. Ross, A. Thorpe, M.
Webster, Grace Wing.

Parish of Lansdowne Rear

Divine Service will be held in the several Churches of this Parish on Christmas Day as follows:

Christ Church Athens, at 9 o'clock, a.m., Holy Eucharist, and at 7 o'clock, a.m. m. Expansions of the charge of the

p.m., Evensong and sermon.

Holy Trinity Church, Lansdowne
Rear, at 11 o'clock, a.m., Holy
Eucharist and Sermon.

St. Paul's Church, Delta, at 3

o'clock, p.m., Evensong and Sermon. Wm. WRIGHT Rector.

Dixon-Sheffield

A quiet wedding took place this morning at seven o'clock at the residence of Mr. Geo. Sheffield of Lyndhurst, when his only daughter, Helena, was united in marriage to Mr. Charles Dixon of Washburn's Corners. The young couple took the train at Soperton for Toronto where they will spend the honeymoon. When they return they will take up their residence at Washburn's. Both the contracting parties are much esteemed, and all join in wishing them a long and happy life.

A Real New Year's Gift

With a vi w to developing the people's ability to properly estimate the make, style and value of furniture, Mr. Geo. E. Judson has decided to offer a handsome upholstered easy chair to the person guessing the near-est to its exact weight. One guess each week will be a allowed, without payment or condition of any kind, to all adults who call during this month.

NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL

Dear Sir.-In the last week's Reporter you gave a statement of the proceedings of the council for 1902 and 1903 in reference to our town hall, so that the voters now have the facts

before them.

What a change in the town hall by-iaw vote of his year and last!
In 1902 the vote was 102 for the hall and 11 against; this year the by-law to raise \$3,000 more for the hall was defeated by 56 to 28. What brought about this change with the voters in so short a time? They want a hall and are willing to pay for it, but a selfish move so disgusted the people selfish move so disgusted the people H. C. Phillips, D.R.O.

11 interest in the hall vanished.

12 interest in the hall vanished. When men look more to their own interest than the interest of the public, things will take a turn in spite of

Why not drop this spirit of self interest and get a council next year that will work for the interest of our village at large and lay a foundation above self interest? The people will stand by such a council. They are willing to pay for a good hall, if the business is rightly managed, but they will not stand having their money squandered as has been done in the

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REFERENDUM

A vote of the duly qualified freeholders of the village of Athens will be taken on Monday, Jan, ath, 1994, at the same places and by the same deputy returning officers as for reeve and councillors, on the question of whether they prefer the Green lot, on the corner of Main and Elgin streets, or the Karley lot, on the corner of Henry and Wellington streets, as the site for the new town hall.

A separate ballot will be prepared and given to those entitled to vote on this question at the same time as for reeve and councillors, and the mode of procedure in taking the vote and announcing the result shall be the same as for reeve and councillors.

B. LOVERIN.

B. LOVERIN, Clerk and Returning 21st, 1903.

The Best Remedy for Croup rom the Atcheon, Kan., Daily Giobe

This is the wason when the woman who knows the best remedies for croup is in demand in every neighborhood. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened in the middle of the night by a whop from one of the children. The croup remedies are almost as sure to be lost, in case of croup, as a revolver is sure to be lest. almost as sure to be lost, in case of croup, as a revolver is sure to be lost in case of burglars. There used to be an old-fashioned remedy for croup, known as hive strup, but some modern mothers say that Chamber lain's Cough Remedy is better, and does not cost so much. It causes the patient to "throw up the phlegm" quicker, and gives relief in a shorter time. Give this remedy as soon as the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take, For saleby J. P. Lamb & Son.

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A meeting of the municipal electors of the Twanship of Rear Yonge and Eccott will be beld en Monday Dec. 28, 1993, at 1 p.m., in the town hall, Athens, for the purpose of nominating a reeve and four counciliors for 1994, and in case a poll be required the votes of the qualified electors will be taken on Monday Jan. 4, 1904, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the following places:

places:—
P.S.D. No. 1—at Elbe school-house; Ransom M. Brown, D.R.O.
P.S.D. No. 2—at the Fortune school-house, Albert Morris. D.R.O.
P.S.D. No. 3—at James Sheldon's residence; James Sheldon's residence; , D.R.O. R. E. CORNELL, Clerk,

Nomination Meeting

A meeting of the municipal electors of the Village of Athens will be held in the town hall at 7 30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 28th, 1968, for the purpose of nominating a reeve, four coun-cillors and three public school trustees for 1904, and it and three public school trustees for 1904,

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A good gondola has three charac-A good gondola has three characteristics, it draws little water, turns readily, and obeys the poling of one gondolier. At the prow is the graceful ferro with its six teeth, standing high as the roof of the cabin, and serving as guide to the goldoller in passing under a low bridge, as a cat's whiskers are said to give her warning of a tight conversed by tats whiskers are said to give her warning of a tight squeeze of her body in an unfaminar hole. A good steel ferro costs \$20; it requires irequent and thorough polishing, twice a day, at least, in damp weather, and a good gondoller may be known by the gleam on his ferro.

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by the gleam on his ferro.

Astern is the branched prop for the sculling-pole, by which the gondoier sends his boat's black nose prying into every corner of the water city.

The snug little cabin, called the fe.ze, holding two or four passengers, is covered with black el-th, tufted and fringed with black and is provided. fringed with black, and is provided generously with soft, black leather cushions—all very hearse-like in apcusinons—an very nearse-like in appearance, save for the brass seaf-horses and dolphins sporting among the straps and tasses. It is carpeted and curtained, and usually the poture of a saint hangs above the cushtone. The feize, with all its belong-ions. The feize, with all its belong-ings, costs \$100; and the gondon-complete in all its equipments has a

value of about \$250.

The general blackness dates from the 16th century, when the repub-lic of Venice issued an order that all gondolas, save those of foreign embassadors, should be black-this as a check upon the great extravagance in decoration which had become the fashion. With woodwork heavily gilded end carved, ornaments of siver and gold, pale blue and rose-colored sik curtains and cushions richly embroidered, the gondolas of that time must have been heautiful indeed. been beautiful indeed.

Quiet on the soft cushions under the black drapery, you seem to be sliding gently and comfortably over the green water in your own over the green was

"Stall!" is the gondolier's musical warning cry—"To the right!" "Preme!"—"To the left!" of two gondolas come into collision, the cries are less musical, but more picturesque. "Blood of Diana! Why didn't you call "Stall?" shrieks the gondolier whose craft has been bumped. "I did, figure of a pig!" "You didn't!" "What sort of ass "Pretty well. Come in and see me to-morrow. I must run along now." "Oh, so sorry, Mr. Barncy! I'm sure." can't hear a fellow call?" "What sort of a croak was it came out of your gin-soaked throat? Body of Bacchus!" "Your worm-eaten hulk couldn't stand another scratch, eh'?" Thus the tongue lashing goes on long after the winding of the canal has hidden the disputants from each other's angry gaze.

As you disembark, a shabby old man hobbles forward and holds your gondola steady with the hook at the end of his stick, for which grateful but unnecassary service you pay one cent. The man's hook, called a ganzo, may be worth examining. These old fellows seend

you pay one cent. The man's hook, called a ganzo, may be worth examining. These old fellows spend much of their time in ornamenting their hooked sticks with stray bits of copper and brass, and small coins fastened on with copper tacks. Here and there you may possibly find an oscla imbedded in some old fellow's ganzo—this is a small silver coin with an interesting history.

As long ago as 1275 the doge of Venice was required once a year to send five wild ducks, fat and lean, turn about, to every nobleman in the city. The custom grew tiresome after a while, and in 1521 the doge was allowed to have a silver coin, struck with a bird upon it, called osela, which was sent to the nobles instead of the ducks. In time these coins began to be regularly circulated as Venetian money, and so continued till 1796. They are now very rare, and among curiosity collectors command a good price. Sometimes as old ganged to the seed, a series of Cut Glass.

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THE STORY TELLER'S PERSISTENT ASSISTANT.

A good story has been said to contain the accumulated wisdom of the race, and the man who makes it may be only putting together the labor of thousands who was the contained and some state of the same of the same are the same as the same are the same ar be only putting together the labor of thousands who went before him, says Youth's Companion but in telling a story one voice is better than several. Most persons have had, at one time og another, the sort of experience which this dialogue embodies: "We were down town last Monday," began the husband, "and—" "Parlon me, dear, it was Tuesday." "Yes—er—yes, last Tuesday we were down on High street."

"It was Cannon street, dear." "Thank you, Carling, yes, I thought it was cold, and put on my overcoat—"

"But it wasn't very cold, Henry, at least not so cold a you said it would be,"
"It was pratty cold, anyhow. We had just pabssed Moran & Piper's store."

"It isn't Moran & Piper's any more you know. It is Moran & Co. now."
"Yes, of course, since the failure,"
"They didn't fail. Piper sold out. But go on with your story, dear; I know Mr. Barney wants to hear it." "Well, I had my pookets full of things that Margaret had bought

"Why, Henry, I didn't buy many "Why, Heary, I didn't buy many things. You know we had just paid the rent, and I didn't have my Monday sho;ping allowance at all. That's why I waited till Tuesday."

Henry is silent for a few seconds, with a weak concave expression on his face. Margaret waits in smiling expectation, then says:

expectation, then says: "Go on, dear."
"Ah-h, on! Wasn't it at the corne

and, on! Wasn't it at the corner that we met Timkins? That is, it was at the corner that we met Timkins—and—we met Timkins at the corner. As there were no objections, thenry regains the courage of the declarative sentence

"You didn't!" "What sort of ass ears wag on your head that you can't hear a fellow call!" "What sort of a croak was it came out of your gin-soaked throat? Body of John the sort," "What have let you finish your story," stil Margaret, when Barney had gone.

Punishing a Cranky Bride.

Atchison, Kan., Globe, A wedding occurred last night that the Globe has concluded not to menmention. A reporter was sent to the bride yesterday alternoon to inquire the particulars, but she acted like a crazy person. So we have concluded not to make any reference to the wedding; the bride may shoot the editor or set fire to the office. We never saw a woman act as she did. If she wants her wedding notice printed let her get out a bareful. tice pr

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About ax hundred agriculturists some of whom came from a considerable distance, witnessed the interesting competition, which was a complete victory for the Massey-Harris Binder.

> Uses of the Sermon. Philadelphia Ledger.

Teddy and Mary had been taken to church for the first time, and on the way home they discussed what they had heard and seen. "Well, now," said Teddy, with a sermon was for, anyhow." sermon was for, anyhow."

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And So He Did Not Say it. Philadelphia Ledger.

Mr. Elder-There is something I want to say to you, Bessie-er-that is, Miss Kuteley.
Miss Kuteley—Call me Bessie i fyo

Mr. Elder—Oh, may I?
Miss Kuteley—Of course; all old gentlemen call me Bessie.

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Our Forefathers. Buffalo Expres Arguing on the subjet that man is desended from the monkey, the Boston GI be cries out to know what the monkey was descended from, and thinks maybe plact I fe' is the an-ewer. Well, then, what was plant life descended from I Mig the well have this question of ancestar seciled. ... WEDDED IN MODERN STYLE.

Foreign Lord Were Linked.

There was a wedding yesterday in Graceless Church.
Lord Baidknob, of Kiltsbire, Eng., married Mas Saille Panhandle, of East Pitteburg.
The bridal party, including the attorneys for both sides, formed in the alove promptly at 11.30.
At 11.45 the real estate in the bride's name was transferred to his lordship. At 11.50 a million dollars in legal

At 11.50 a million dollars in legal tender changed hands.
At high noon all the railroad first mortgage bonds known to be the bride's possessions were handed over.
A vote of thanks was then passed to his lordship for leaving the bride's father enough to live on comfortably until the next rise in Wall street, which is predicted for next spring.
At 12.15 two bishops, four elergymen, two real estate lawyers and a barrister, representing the plaintiff, pronounced the benediction.

The groom will pass the next three weeks with his bride at his estates in England, after the roof has been repaired.

After this, it is understood, they will separate, and enter society.— New York Life.

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Odd Litigation Over Body .

A case came up before the Supreme Court of New York the other day for which no parallel exists. A rich man, who all his I fe had been a Protestant married a Catholic woman, Last week he died, and his wife had the body sent to a Catholic receiving vault with the purpose of subsequently having it interred in a Catholic cemetery. The dead man's son appeared and demanded that his father's remains be buried with those of the deceased members of his family. The case went to court, and the decision is foreshadowed in a remark made from the bench by Justice Scott, who said; "When a man provides himself with a graveyard it seems to me he has a right to be huried there."

Chicago Record-Herald.

"What are you going to give your wife for Christmas this year?"

"I dumo. She locked it away in a closet before I had a chance to see it."

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Richest of Beggars. In the Austrian journals is recorded the death of one Simon Oppasich, who was, it appears, the richest pro-

who was, it appears, the richest pro-fessional beggar in the entire world. He was born without arms or legs, and for more than half a century he exploited this terrible infirmity for the purpose of making money. First he begged in Vienna, where he was born in 1832, and afterward he piled his calling in all the cities and most of the towns and villages in the Austro-Hungarlan Empire, with the result that in a few years he acquired a considerable fortune.

a considerable fortune.

After his death the authorities found among his papers account books very well kept, in which he had entered each evening his profits for the day, including the result of his stock exchange transactions, much of his money having been invisited in this way since 1880. Up to that time he had received as alms from charitable souls in the streets of Vienna, Budapest and other places \$115,000, and of this sum he had invested \$60,000 in foreign securities. The exact amount of the old man's wealth at the time of his death is unknown, but that he was very rich is certain. very rich is certain.

THE LORD MAYOR'S FRILLS

He Doesn't Take the Dust of Any Man in England, Not Even the King.

As matters now stand the Lord As matters now stand the Lord Mayor takes precedence not only of all peers but of the reigning sovereign within the precincts of the city. He has the right of private audience with the monarch and, as a Privy Councillor, is summoned on the death of England's ruler. To become Lord Mayor he must have precome Lord Mayor he must have pre-viously served as an Alderman. If on election he refuses the civic chair he has to pay a fine of £1,000. No one is chosen who has any blot on his private character, and in case of bankruptey or composition of bankruptcy or compounding with creditors an Alderman is passed over until he has paid twenty shillings in the pound to his creditors.

The election of Mayor is subject to the approval of the Crown, and if any public fast is ordered by the sovereign, the Mayor and Corporation attend St. Paul's Cathedral in biack robes. The Lord Mayor has the badges of royalty attached to his office in the sceptre, the swords of justice and mercy an dthe mace.
The gold chain which he wears is one of the most ancient honorary distinctions and can be traced to

distinctions and can be traced to Eastern origin and manner of conferring dignity, instances of which we find in the O.d Testament.

Formerly the Mayors during their term of office used to reside in their own private houses which in past days were always in the city itself, and therefore within easy access of and therefore within easy access of the Guildhall. Now the Mansion House is set apart for the Lord Mayor's residence for the year. The first stone of the Mansion House was laid in 1730, the house and the fur-niture costing £70,985 13s. 2d. The annual expenses connected

with the office amount to about £25,-000, of which about £10.000 is the sum allowed by the Corporation, the remainder coming out of the Mayor's private purse.—St. James Gazette. . 18,283...

Defficient in Sense of Value.

V. V Sno Mrs. Knocker, So your husband has no ides o the value of money? Mrs. Bocker-None whatever. He absolutely doesn't real ze what a lovely bonner \$.0 will buy.

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Atchison, Kan., Globe

An Aichison bride had printed on her calling cards, "At home Wednes-day afternoons." After six months' marriage she has had added; "And-every day in the week and can't get the work done then."

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Below the Age Limit.

Chicago Tribune. Dickey and his younger sister had "Til go to heaven when I die, and you won't!" she said, making a face

you won't? she have you can go any-lat him.

! "That's cause you can go any-lwhere you want to, 'thout havin' lto pay any fare," he retorted, con-

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Queen Alexandra has just celebrated her fifty-ninth birthday. This is another one of the unpleasant bits of publicity that is in the list of penalties for being a queen. Birthday juggling is impossible.

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Quite a Boom for the Poor.

Kansas City Star. It may comfort the consumers of meat and butter and eggs and coal to learn that a German scientist claims to have discovered a process by which the price of radium may be reduced several thousand dollars

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> Speaks for liself. Batlimore News.

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A Correction.

Philadelphia Press. Papa-Tommy, you must go to bed this instant. Tommy—(aged 5(—No! Papa—What? Don't you say "No" to me!
Tommy (determinedly) —Excuse me.

Twitchy Muscles and Sieepless-ness—The hopeless heart sickness that settles on a man or woman whose nerves are shattered by disease can best be pictured in contrast with a patient who has been in the "depths" and has been dragged from the "depths" and has been dragged from them by South American Nervine. George Webster, of Forest, Ont., says: "I owe my ife to it. Everything else failed to cure."—44.

Dolls Made of Steet There is a big factory in the United States now-in New Jersey-according "What are they going to do when they get through tearing up the streets?"

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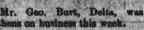


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ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Seymour of oledo visited friends here this week. Miss Cora Wiltse has resigned her position on the teaching staff of the Westport public school.

The People's Rink opened for the first this season on Tuesday evening. First-class ice has been formed.

The display of perfamery at the store of J. P. Lamb & Son is being much admired. Read their adv's,

On Sunday next there will be no service in St. Paul's on account of the anniver-ary services in the Methodist

Their friends learn with regret that Messrs. Morton and James Tackaberry are very sick at their home on the Pine Hill road.

Mrs. A. Chamberlain of Waddington N. Y., and Mrs. Shipman, of Almonte, were in Athens last week, guests of Mrs. Sherman Coon and Mrs. G. F.

These are busy days for the Ather merchants. Customers come long distances to take advantage of the large assortment and splendid values offered in all lines.

Mr. Robert Towriss of the bank in Erin, Ont., and his wife, Mrs. Laur. Mansel Towriss, will visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Towriss, Glen Buell, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mansel, of Dep eyster, N. Y. (his cheese factory is located on Hickory Lake), will visit his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Manel, on Christmas.

—Strength and vigor come of good food, duly digested. "Force," a ready-to-serve wheat and barley food, adds no burden, but sustains, nourishes, in-

-Money spent on a business education s money well spent if a reliable school is selected. The results show that the Brockville Collage is among the first in the Province, and a young man or woman will make no mistake in going Soperton for Toronto where they will be a sunited in marriage to Mr. Charles Dixon of Washourn's Corners. The young couple took the train at Soperton for Toronto where they will

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The very best of sleighing now prevails here. About three inches of soft snow, followed by a little vain, fell on the icy roads; then the weather turned cold and formed the very best of roads everywhere. Wood has been coming in freely this week. In the case of dry wood, the capacity of the sleighs was the only limit to the load

About the latter part of October, Mrs. Eli Mansel and Mrs. Milon Mansei took an eight-day drive from Temperance Lake by Delta, Westport and Clarendon Station on to Shanbot Lake, giving a pleasant surprise to friends along the route. Every day was novel the scenery of the north to them delightful—the fine October days pleasant. They will ever retain a pleasant memory of this trip.

The first anniversary of the Methodist church will be celebrated on Sunday next. Rev. C. O. Johnston of Toronto will conduct the morning and evening services and take part in the service to be held in the afternoon at 2.30. Special choral music will be rendered at the services. All collections for the building fund. On Monday evening a lecture will be delivered by Mr. Johnston—subject, "Englishmen, Irish men, Scotchmen."

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Baptist Sabbath school was held on Wednesday evening last when an interesting programme of recitations. dialogues, etc., was presented to a fair sized audience. The principal feature ot the evening was a cantata, entitled "Around the World with Santa Claus" in a Christmas ship. Instead of the usual Christmas tree a small sailing yacht was placed on the platform and covered with presents and good things, which made an interesting and pleasing variation.

Christ Church Sunday school, on Thursday evening last, gave their annual Christmas entertainment in the essement of the church before a large audieuce. A long programme of reci-tations, dialogues, drills etc., was rend-ered, after which the well-laden tree was unloaded. The crowd was badly scared in the early part of the evening by the breaking of a kerosene lamp, which burned fiercely until exting-uished. No damage was done, however, and the programme proceeded without further interuption. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a Bible and address to Mr J. H. Walker, church warden, who is removing to Kingston, on behalf of the congregation, by Rev. Mr. Wright.

Heifer Astray

Strayed from the premises of the undershed about Oct. 5th, a two-year-old Holstein helfer. Color, coal black with white under neck and belly; has short tail. A suitable reward will be paid for its recovery. MRS, ABRAM CHARLTON, Glen Buell

This is the Time

For paying the printer. All subscrib-ers to the Reporter are requested to see that the figures '04 are put on their address labels this month.

The Foresters Will meet on Tuesday evening next, instead of Friday evening.

Model School Graduates

Following is a list of the successful addidates at the model school exams held in Gananoque and Athens on Dec. 9, 10, 14, 15 and 16, 1903:—

Genanoque—Mary Cochrane, Helen Leeder, Minnie Mitchell, Lottie McCalpin, Nellie Scanlan, Edith Wales, Teresa Whelan Athente, W. C. Johnson, W. R. Leedheater, J. Morioste, W. P.

Atheris—W. C. Johnson, W. R. Leadbeater, J. A. Moriarte, W. P. Richards, B. M. Stewark, T. R. Whaley, S. F. Tackaberry, Estella M. Beale, C. G. Berry, A. L. Breen, M. Cadwell, M. Carpenter, N. Crummy, Jennie Davison, Annie Doolau, K. Ducolon, E. Gallagher, L. Hudson, N. McCrea, M. Robeson, E. Rabb, L. M. Rourke, R. Ross, A. Thorpe, M. Webster, Grace Wing.

Parish of Lansdowne Rear

Divine Service will be held in the several Churches of this Parish on Christmas Day as follows:

Christ Church Avhens, at 9 o'clock, a.m., Holy Eucharist, and at 7 o'clock, n.m. Evensong and several

a.m., Holy Eucharist, and at / o'clock, p.m., Evensong and sermon.

Holy Trinity Church, Lansdowne Rear, at 11 o'clock, a.m., Holy Eucharist and Sermon.

St. Paul's Church, Delta, at 3

o'clock, p.m., Evensong and Sermon. Wm. WRIGHT Rector.

Dixon-Sheffield

A quiet wedding took place this morning at seven o'clock at the residence of Mr. Geo. Sheffield of Lyndhurst, when his only daughter, spend the honeymoon. When they return they will take up their residence at Washburn's. Both the contracting parties are much esteemed, and all join in wishing them a long and happy life.

A Real New Year's Gift

With a vi w to developing the scoples ability to properly estimate the make, style and value of furniture, Mr. Geo. E. Judson has decided to offer a handsome upholatered easy chair to the person guessing the nearest to its exact weight. One guess each week will be a allowed, without payment or condition of any kind, to all adults who call during this month.

NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL

Editor Athens Reporter :-Dear Sir.-In the last

Reporter you gave a statement of the proceedings of the council for 1902 and 1903 in reference to our town hall, so that the voters now have the facts before them.

What a change in the town hall by-iaw vote of this year and last! In 1902 the vote was 102 for the hall and 11 against; this year the by-law to raise \$3,000 more for the hall was defeated by 56 to 28. What brought about this change with the voters in so short a time? They want a hall and are willing to pay for it, but a selfish move so disgusted the people that all interest in the hall vanished. When men look more to their own interest than the interest of the public, things will take a turn in spite of their zeal.

Why not drop this spirit of self interest and get a council next year that will work for the interest of our village at large and lay a foundation above self interest? The people will stand by such a council. They are willing to pay for a good hall, if the business is rightly managed, but they will not stand having their money squandered as has been done in the

Don't think the people are fools they know when they get good value fer their money.

GEORGE NASH.

WOOD FOR SALE

Orders will be taken at our Music Store, Athens. for any quantity of good quality soft wood. 51 tf Ross & Earl, Athens.

REXALL HOUSE DYES

These Dyes will dye Wool, Cotton, Silk, Jute or Mixed Goods in one bath—they are the latest and most improved dye in the world, Try a package. All colors at J. P. LAMB & Son's Drug Store.

REFERENDUM

A vote of the duly qualified freeholders of the village of Athens will be taken on Monday, Jan. 4th. 1904, at the same places and by the same deputy returning officers as for reeve and councillors, on the question of whether they prefer the Green lot, on the corner of Main and Eigin streets, or the Karley lot, on the corner of the theory and Wellington streets, as the site for the new town hall.

A separate ballot will be prepared and given to those eatitled to vote on this question at the same time as for reeve and councillors, and the mode of procedure in taking the vote and announcing the result shall be the same as for reeve and councillors.

B. LOVERIN,

Clerk and Returning C Athens, Dec. 21st, 1903.

The Best Remedy for Croup From the Atchison, Kan, Daily Globe

This is the season when the woman who knows the best remedies to croup is in demand in every neighborhood. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened in the middle of the night by a whop from one of the children. The croup remedies are almost as sure to be lost, in case of arong all a recolver is sure to be lost. croup, as a revolver is sure to be dost in case of burglars. There used to be an old-fashioned remedy for croup, known as hive strup, but some modern mothers say that Chamber lain's Cough Remedy is better, and does not cost so much. It causes the patient to "throw up the phlegm" quicker, and gives relief in a shorter time. Give this remedy as soon as the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. For saleby J. P. Lamb & Son.

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est cash price will be paid for LOGS AND HEADING TIMBER delivered at the Saunders Mill. Water-sim logs especially desired. Logs must be sound and free from knots and shakes. 80-3 S. Y. BULLIS, Athens.

Nomination Meeting

A meeting of the municipal electors of the Township of Rear Yonge and Escott will be held en Monday Dec. 28, 1919, at 1 p.m., in the town hall, Athens, for the purpose of nominating a reeve and four councillors for 1904, and in case a poll be required the votes of the qualified electors will be taken on Monday Jan. 4, 1904, from 3 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the following places:

places:—
P.S.D. No. 1—at Elbe school-house; Ranson M. Brown, D.R.O.
P.S.D. No. 2—at the Fortune school-house Albert Morris. D.R.O.
P.S.D. No. 3—at James Sheldon's residence laber Chem. at James Sheldon's residence; in, D.R.O. R. E. CORNELL, Clerk,

Nomination Meeting

A meeting of the municipal electors of the Village of Athens will be held in the town hall at 730 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 28th, 1993, for the purpose of nominating a reeve, four councillors and three public school trustees for 1904 and in case a poll be required the votage of the and in case a poil be required the voces of the qualified electors will be taken on Monday, Jan. 4, 1904, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the follow-ing piscos:—
P.S.D. No. 1—at Mary Livingston's house; H. C. Phillips, D.R.O. P.S.D. No. 2—at Alex. Compo's restaurant; James Ross, D.R.O.

R. LOVERIN. Clerk. B. LOVERIN, Clerk.

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and Dec. 30, 31st, '03 and Jan 1-t, '04 good to return until Jan- 5, '04 Special fares to points in MARITIME PROVINCES

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Court House Avenue. GEO. E. McGLADE, Agent

Senator Dandurand Tells of Visit to London.

Montreal report: Senator Dandui and, who went to London with Mr Clergue in connection with the Lake Superior Company's affairs, speaking to-day of the present position of the company, said :

"The arrangement made with the English syndicate was that if the Re Organization Committee of Consoli dated Lake Superior could take care of the Speyer loan it would be willing to advance sufficient capital to put the companies on a sound basis.

Mr. Clergue and myself were assured during our stay in England that the committee would be succassful, and that was the reason we wired to make such arrangement. As soon as

the Speyer claim is paid off, the Eng-lish syndicate will be heard from."

Mr Clergue has submitted a report
to this effect to the Reorganization committee: "I have been in ormed by wire that the sale by the Speyers will not affect the plans of the company.

New York, Dec. 16,-Counsel for the Reorganization Committee of the company stated that Speyer & Com-pany were notified that if a further spany were nothed that if a further extension of three weeks had been granted the Speyer loan would prob-ably have been paid off, and made public a letter addressed to Speyer & Company this morning asking for

such extension.

The statement closed as follows:
"Notwithstanding the sale, counsel do not propose to abandon their efforts to bring about a successful relorganization."

SLAVERY IN ABYSSINIA.

All Children of Present Slaves to be

Toronto, Dec. . .- There have been ho new developments in the Consolidated Lake Superior tangle during the past twenty-inur hours. Speyer & int en days. Upon his arrival therement is made that they would be the will proceed direct to Washington and will specific the will proceed direct to Washington.

Mr. Francis H. Clergue arrived in Fonto yesterday and together with Ir. Cornelius Shields, Mr. H. C. Hamilton and Mr. James Conmee, M. P. P., waited upon the Government. Promier Ross and his colleagues were urged to take such steps as would protect the Canadian creditors. To do this

the Canadian creditors. To do this the Government would be called upon to withhold the concessions granted to the company. This would have the effect of incommoding Speyer & Co. In the works on a paying basis. As matters now stand byerything is shaping for a big legal battle, in which the rights of Speyer & Co. To possession on the property will be hottly contested. The entituation is rather difficult to define. Whatever equity he holds in the property must have long since vanished, He falled in his mission to England largely because the capitatists there were not satisfied with the position in which the company was issts there were not satisfied with the speyer loan out of the way they would have been disposed to put their noney in the venture. It is even stated that should the committee suctants of the entities of the explained that he was abolishing slavery gradually. He said: "I cannot do as Lincoln did; it would upost things to much, but I know decreed that while those at present slaves, shall remain such, their children shall be free. Thus will slavery disappear."

What above all impressed Menelik factive of the Americans. They did not seek territory in Abyssinia. On their fathens, saying, 'Father, you are going to make a will and leave us something?' He added that America, and wanted none. She only wanted?'berty of trade.

Mr. Ellis was emphatic in declaring that there is nothing suggesting that the father is a something." uld the committee sucthe Britishers stand prepared to come and a felt hat of American shape, in and Iurnish the working capital. The Emperor and court ladies were is has been the plan on which Mr.

This has been the plan of which Mr. Clergue has been proceeding.

Speyer & Co., on the other hand, showe a reorganization plan and will shortly submit a proposal to the Government, the Canadian creditors, and the many bloom Theory absolutely recommend. the snareh lders, They absolutely reand to treat further with Mr. Clergue or tie members of the Reorganization Committee, on whose representations the sale of this mortgage was postponed from time to time.

MURDER STORY DENIED.

Patients Declare Canadian Was Not Robbed or Mattreated.

New York, Dec. 21 .- That Adolphus New York, Dec. 21.—That Adolphus Drucker, a Canadian and former member of the British Parliament, and once wealthy, who died in the prism ward o Believue Hopital of the morning of Dec. 9, was murdered and robbed by the hospital attack. John Dineen, enticed him from the hospital attack. the morning of Dec. 9, was murdered and robbed by the hospital attendants, as stated by James Mur-phy, another patient in the ward, the hospital authorities and other patients deny and the police disbe-lieve.

Inspector McClusky and the Dis-Attorney are making a thorcoroner Jackson, will hold an inquest next Fieldy, when Murphy and all other witnesses in the aftair will be summoned.

Dr. William V. V. Maben, superintendent of Relevance said vector.

tendent of Believuee, said yester-day that investigation had convinced him that no crime had been committed or malicious crucky in-

who witnessed Mr. Drucker's treatment and his death, were in-terviewed by a reporter yesterday, and all empirationally denied that there had been any unnecessary orully or any tobbery. Two of these patients were Joseph Brandt and Damet McConnell, toth elderly men, who have been in the ward with who have been in the ward with fractured bones for several weeks.

Mr. Brandt said: "It is true that bru k e's co.di on was disrassing.

He was delirious and very voient.
"He constantly talked in English, butch and Gerage and said. Dutch and German, and said much about an insurance policy on his life for \$ 00,000 that had been stolfrom him I say him when the tracker to Langdon, twenty miles icers sen ched him and know from here. Several men have been the was not robbed. It is true sent out to assist in following the strapped to his cot, escaped prisoner up.

necessary."
William H. Otto, a harness maker, of 243 East 110th street, who was a patient in the prison ward at the time, alone corroborates Murphy's statement of the cruelty and robbery.

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"All thist Murphy has said is true," he said last night, "and I will tell more when I am called to speak under oath, I am a Hollander, and Mr. Drucker kept talking to me in Dutch!"

When Mr. Drucker's effects were examined at the hospital yesterday a dozen pawn tickets were found showing where he had pledged small articles of jewelry in New York and Montreal during November and December. In strange contrast with these were letters and documents which told of large financial transactions in this country and Europe.

Mr. Drucker was arrested near th Grand Central Station on Dec. 9th and taken to Flower Hospital, and from there transferred to Bellevue The hospital physicians and Dr Schultze, Coroner's physician, diag nosed his case as extreme alcohol ism and heart failure.

WILL LOSE SOUTH AFRICA.

Dutch Population is Increasing Whil the British is Not.

New York, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Armstrong Association to-day Andrew Carnegie surprised his hearers by asserting that he believed Great Britain would surely some day lose South Africa, bec use the Du ch population is increating, while the British are not. Mr. Carnegie added: "What would Great Britain give for nine million negroes as placable and lovable as those in the United States? They give us 11,000,000 bales of cottom a year, and this I comtend makes the United States. the most powerful nation in the world." He said in case of war all this country would have to do would be to stop exporting cotton and the war would be done.
"My knowledge of the question leads me to the opinion that no political measure can ever save or benefit the negro." said Mr. Car-New York, Dec. 21.-At a meetin

litical measure can ever save of benefit the negro," said Mr. Car

The Armstrong Association work in behalf of the colored man in the United States.

London, Dec. 21.-William N. Ellis quite willing to reopen negotiations and deliver to the Department of with the Re-ganizaton Committee. State n letter from Emperor Mene-Those back of the proposed rehabil-itation of the works still have hopes that the end desired will yet be reached.

Mr. Francis H. Clargue arrived for Ellis' narrative concerning American anfairs, especially the development of the colored race from slaves to the status of the whites. Upon hearing of President Lincoln's liberation of the slaves tears came into his eyes, and he insisted that the story be told to him a second time, exclaiming "What a great man." He explained that he

European clothes dressed in Paris models. The palace

GIRL KIDNAPS BOY.

Will be Prosecuted for Abduction by Lad's Father.

Sioux City, Dec. 21.—Recause eighteen-year-old Jessie Line, of Hymer, Neb., accepted the offer of if year-old Albert Dinsen, of Yankton South Dakota, to elope with him she has been charged with kidnaphyer, the box, Reing of age, she is

She was given the alternative toshe was given the alternative to-day of being prosecuted for kidnep-pag, of which she might be proven technically guilty, or giving up the young man. She said that what-ever happened she would stick close to Albert and never leave him until he should be her husband.

Police Believe t .e Murderer is Hiding in Calg. Py.

Calgary, N.W.T., Dec. 21.-There is absolutely no trace of Cashel. The other patients in the prison police believe him to be in the city, but cannot find him. They disbelieve the report that he was seen in Mon-tana. The rolling force here have been married, and that his first wife was tana. The police force here have been reinforced by ten men from Regina. It was reported to the police to-day

ORDERED U. S. CRUISER AWAY. | and at the inquest it came out that he had told his brother that he had been informed by spirite that the body of Armstrong would be discovered near water. Later Hart was seen near the spot walking away with something in his hand, which proved to be a skull. This he threw nearly, but it was eventually discovered, and it was found that the jaw was broken.

east from Yaviza. The commander of the Atlanta cent ashore an officer. who conversed with the Colombians' commander. The latter protested energetically against the presence of American warsh ps in Colombian wa-American warsh ps in Colombian wa-ters, insomuch as war between Co-lombia and the United States had not been declared, and politely requested the Atlanta to leave the Gulf, because it belonged to Colombia. Commander Turner, of the Atlanta, ignored the request, and the Atlanta returned to Colom to report to Rear admiral Cogulan. The Colombians are clearly busy with protective and strength in ling measures. Although they treated ing measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously, they de-clared they resented the press ce of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed partly of the men landed recently at the Atriato River by the Colombian cruixers Cartagena and General Physics. Early in the morning of December 15th, the Atlanta sighted a small schooner in the centre of the Gulf of Darien and followed her to the western shore where the cheener u-tempted to Edde behind an islet. Licut. Perrill, of the Atlanta. was ordered to board her, he thereupon

took another boat and pulled to-ward the schooner. Through the courtesy of the naval officer, the correspondent of the Associated Press, accompanied the party in the vhaleboat. It was found that the schooner lad on board a hundred armed Col-ombian soldiers, commanded by Gen. Rafael Novo, who said General

PHILLY.

Swiss President Elected

Bernes, Switzerland, Dec 21.—M.
Comtese, a member from the Canton de Vand, were to-day elected respectively
President and Vice-President of Switzerland for 1904.

"One stern tyrannic thought that made

All other thoughts its slave;
Stronger and stronger every pulse
Did that temptation crave—
Still urging me to go and see
The dead map in his grave."

The prisoner gave evidence, declaring he were effectively

Burglar Shot cad.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—In a run-Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—In a run-ning fight between two policemen and five burglars, who had broken into an office in East Boston early to-day, one of the burglars was shot dead. The others escaped. The keatity of the dead burglar is not known. Although all five of the bunted men used their revolvers free-ly on the pursuing police, neither of this latter was shit. of the latter was hit.

Three Burned to Death. Thee Burned to Death.
Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Harry
L. Smith and her two children, Harry, aged 3 years, and Albert, aged
8 mouths, were burned to death early to-day by a fire which occurred in their home at Oak Lane, a suburb. They were asleep when the fire started. Mrs. Elizabeth Shelmire was badly burned while endeavoring to awaken them. The Daniel Ortiz, commander in chief of deavoring to awaken them. The the Colombian forces of the Atlantic cause of the fire is unknown.

BRITISH FORTIFYING.

They are Strengthening the Defence at the Esquimait Naval Station.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 21.—Esquimalt, British Columbia, where an important English naval station is located, is being heavily defended, according to a report to the State Department from Abr ham E. Smith. United States Consul at Victoria.

Consul Smith says that while the strength of the British fleet at Estength of the British fleet at Estength of the British fleet at Estength of the strength of the strength of the station has been reduced to three craisers and two esteam launches the strength of the station has really been increased. Large 9.2 guns, weighing, with their equipment 30 tons each, were piced in position at the top of Signal H.I., which commands the whole harbor. These guns are said to throw a 380-pound projectile five miles, and with an elevation of fifteen feet they have a range exceeding seven miles.

Cleveland, O., Dac. 21.—The great were received by the prisoner."

The prisoner—I have been good to the enemies of that party.

You have never struck me," an swered the enemies of that party.

"You have never struck me," an one with a combination of the two man, "but you have never told me the truth from the day of our wedding."

The prisoner—I had to conceal it. The Telephone and Phonograph.

The recorder said the prisoner had to me the truth from the day of our wedding."

The recorder said the prisoner had to conceal it. The Telephone and Phonograph.

The Electograph is a Combination of two the telephone and Phonograph.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily amil a nonable with a singularly cruel crime, and would be a recording telephone, which is the invention of Edicon at Mendo Park New Jersey.

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The clean an according t A battery of quick firing funs in the navy yard covers the entrance to Esquimalt harbor, where exten-sive mines have been laid. It is re-

ported that the work of constructing a fort on the high bluff over-looking the approach to the harboris soon to be begun. The dry dock is to be enlarged.

Near Nanaimo, B. C.

Tiene -ot-Leave Man.

CASHEL STILL AT LARGE.

till living.

This resulted in his being tried at the Old Baley on Tuesday on the It was reported to the police to-day that Cashel was making his way in an easterly direction, and one theory by is that he got out of the city by crossing Bow River on the lee, some miles west. After getting across he made his way to tlouston's ranch, at Nose Creek, where he had dinner yes terday. He was on foot. He walked on to Sheppand, eleven miles from the calgary, and up to noon to-day fee had been traced by an expert Indian tracker to Langdon, twenty miles from here. Several men have been sent out to assist in following the escaped prisoner up.

The decided beaches he second wife, in the charge of bigamy.

Miss Pope, the second wife, in the charge of bigamy.

Miss Pope, the second wife, in the history of the hi

Eaton is John D. Rockefeller's pas-

"It was in London," he went on, SEAGULL ON BUOY.

Why H. M.S. Flora Went Ashreo

Name Name of the state of the stat

Near Nanamo, B. C.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 21.—Investigation seems to show that a seaguil caused the wreck of the British lectond class cruiser Flora, which was hauled off Village Point reef near Nanamo, Friday. When the accident happened both Capt. Baker and the struggle for more. The people are

The steamships Williamette, Dan-CRUELTY IN GERMAN ARMY Kaiser Adopts Means to Put a Stop to

ube and other vessels have been lost in that neighborhood. the Practice AN UNFORTUNATE MARRIAGE.

Berlin. Dec. 21 .- It is stated that the constantly increasing instances of crue ty in the army have in-duced Emperor William to order Daughter of British Officer Duped by that the officers of the Guard Corps London, Dec. 21 .- On the strength shall periodically make a thorough inspection of the men naked to find of the scatement that he was a war correspondent, with an income of 2000 (\$0,000) a year, and a me insurance policy of 2000 (\$2,000), a certain Autorey Newton won the hand wounds or bruises. If injuries are found the officers must ascertain how they were caused, and they must report cases of ill-treatment. of a daughter of the late Leut-col. Pope, formerly commander of the Connaught nangers, and mar-ried her last year in a church at Eventualy, the order will be evtended to the whole army. A corpore has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Rendsburg, Unfortunately, not only did Newhe having been charged with having ton make a interest regarding hansel, but also omitted to mention such important facts of his previous career as that he had been sentenced to penal servitude for committed 1600 incredible brutali-ties upon men inferior to him in

LIKE EUGENE ARAM.

Imit tor of English Murderer Daily

Vi ited Victim's Bo ty.

Berlin, Dec. 21.-Emperor William and Chancedor von Buckow's renewed overtures to Germany's 600.000
anti-Socialist workingmen to join
nateds with the monarchy in uplifting the laboring classes causes no
consternation in the Social Democonsternation in the Social Demo-cratic c mp. Vorwaarts, the Social-ist organ, to-day defiantly advises the workers if they think they can better their condition by approach-ing the sovereign with bent backs and cap in hand forthwith to join the "belly crawlers," and await re-suits. "Might can only be overcome by might," is the Socialist reply to the Gover ment's compromes offers. Bebel's packy has required nineteen

the Gover ment's compromes offers.
Bebel's party has required nineteen years to increase from 600,000 to 3, 000 000, so 4t is not disposed to view with alarm official coddling of the new work namen's party, which was characterized by Count von Buelow on Sunday as a welcome manifestation. The Chancellor has now repeated thrice the assertion that the Government will pursue a beneficent social rolley, regardless of either "Had you any fortune, Miss Pope?"
to which she replied: "No; but I peated thrice the assertion that the had a reversionary interest in my mother's income, and this I sold for £225 (\$1,125), to pay the debts incurred by the prisoner,"

The prisoner—I have been good to the enemies of that party.

where they were received by the phonograph, without audible sound, by direct electrical effect on a vi-brating dispiram. When the phonoproblem before this country to-day is the increase of drunkenness aboug the women of the land," declared Ray. Chas. A. Eaton, at the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church last evening. "It is as ominous a thing as we have before us to-day."

Estor, it John D. Betsfol organs, and distinctly. Mr. Craven declares messages were reproduced audibly and distinctly. Mr. Craven dec ares that his invention will be the greatest addition to the conveniences of business since the invention of the telephone a generation ago, as the electograph leaves a permanent record of conversation.

Nanaimo, Friday. When the accue.

Struggle 10.

Sensualism It is b d enough for men sensualism It is b d enough for men oven women step over the line and so towards the king of death there is truck a blow at the race as deadly as has ever been dealt it.

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Great Britain, who was a passenger on the Umbria. He is now on his way to Mexico, where he hopes to engage in agricultural interests, for the people of his native land are unable to recover from the effects of the war which devasted their lands.

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the General. "I believe the British government is making an honest effort to restore the Transvani and the Orange Free State to their former prosperity, but it is handcapped to a large extent by the fact that many of the men assigned to the task many of the task many of

many of the men assigned to the task are not fitted for the work."

The Boers are trying to make the best of the situation, but in many cases their efforts to be friendly are repulsed. On my voyage from the Cape to England I met several British officers who and everything they could to show their contempt and disks for mildon care for such things on my own account, but I things on my own account, but I Press Comment on Speech think the English should do all in London, Dec. 17.—The Standard, re-

nation. become lost, There was a plan to settle many of them in Chihuahua, Mexico, where a concession of 85.00) go to Mexico soon to look after a tract of two million acres in the same State which has been offered on more favorable conditions, and probably a large colony of Boers will settle there. I shall make my home there.'

Scottdale, Pa.—Contrary to expecta-tion, the depression in the coke trade last week was more pronounced than at any time during the last three months. Instead of the expected improvement, nearly 1,000 were thrown out, and production fell off over 10,000 tons. posting of the new wage scale is looked upon as indicating a resumption of work the near future

BEING FORMED

An Important Announcement by Mr. Chamberlain.

Canada to be Represented on a Trade Enquiry.

Commission to Form a Tariff for Discussion.

London, Dec. 21.—In the course of a speech at Leeds, Mr. Joseph Cham-beriain announced that under the auspices of the Tariff Reform League auspices of the Tariff Reform League a commission was being formed to consider the condition of British trade and the remedies applicable thereto. He said it would be an unofficial and non-political commission, representing every principal industry. It would comprise representatives of India, the Crown colonies, and the autonomous colonies. It would invite witnesses from every trade, and would endeavor, after hearing all interests, to Irame a model tariff He added; "Whenever the country so ready to give us the model tarter He added; "Whenever the country pready to give us the date we ask and there is a Government in power prepared to accept our principles, we will have ready all or most of the information that it will desire, and it will have before it a tariff which has been presented by the country, and man which ed to the country, and apon which the people have had every opportun-ity for expressing their opinion." There is no example to which Mr. Chamberian oftener appeals in clinching his fiscal arguments than that of the United States. On this occasion, he said, "we, like the Unit-ed States, have community of race, community of interests, common patriotism, and common sentiment, vet the United States has got some thing we lack. She has got a com-mon constitution, a common system of defence, and a common commer-cial bond. Why should not we have these too? It is our business to try

Talked of Preference Mr. Chamberlain stigmatized the objection raised by his opponents, that the colonies never asked a preference, a monstrous misrepresentae, a monstrous misrepresenta-He asked if they had forgottion. He asked if they had forgot-ten the Ottawa conference, and the The Electograph is a Combination of two London conferences, where every premier urged consideration of London, Dec. 21.—The Dally amil me as Ambassador to the colonies. sald the speaker, "with full powers, and I am perfectly willing to stake my reputation on that I shall be able not merely to satisfy the colonies that we have something to give them worth acceptance, but also to

secure an equal measure in return. Mr. Chamberlain then read a letance Minister of Canada, "for whom," he said, "we feel the greatest respect as one of the new race of colonial statesmen who will be second to none in the councils of the empire." Mr. Fielding had been asked if the Canadian Ministers intended refrain-ing from replying to some of the press statements as to what was the position taken by the Canadian Min-isters at the colonial conference last

He said; "It was in favor of Imperial preferential trade, which is cordially endorsed by both of the great political parties. Some difficulties might arise as to the details of so large a scheme, but it is sure-iy not too much to believe that if the principle is approved, the intelligence of British and colonial pub-

many of the men assigned to the task country was now at the parting of are not fitted for the work."

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the power to reconcile a conquered ferring to Mr. Chamberl la's ferring to Mr. Chamberl la's re-established in their homes, and quadre is have wandered off and have ecome lost. There was a plan to ettle many of them in Cities and inquest of a nation. A idea: if he cannot convince the Mexico, where a concession of 85,000 acres had been given. There are now four families down there. The Mexican go, erament promised to furnish transportation to fifty, but it has not done so and has constantly posting to Mexico soon to look after a tract of two miliou acres in the same State which has been offered same State which has been offered same fattists. showing distruct of the Huse of Commons, the Board of Trade and the Chemcelor of the Exchequer.

The Chronicle says it is aming.
The commission will be on the lines of the Montreal courses.

of the Montreal congress, except that the m mbers are b and to a pre-conceived conclusion.

The Post says it shows the tre-mendous force behind the Imperial-

Paris.—The imports of France for the past eleven months increased \$51,-503.260, and the exports decreased \$6,524,200.

ist movement.



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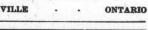
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H: M. METCALFE,

McLean left on Tuesday to spend the 'Xmas vacation with friends in King--G. A. McClary reports a big sale of are surprisingly low.

Children of the public school were engaged, during the last few days of school, in raising a fund for the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

ALL THE NEWS

OF THE TOWN

Miss Oliver will teach the Frankville

Miss Dora Lillie returned to Atheust week from Brockville.

—Dates, figs, nuts—everything for the Christmas fest val—at McClary's.

Mr. A. J. Slack was in Mo

Mr. W. A. Lewis of Brockyille

Miss Hattie Patterson has as guest

Miss Morris and Miss Watson have

een re-engaged as teachers in the A.

-Choice Christmas confectionery a

McClary's-Newport chocolates, mix

the Holmess Movement church on Sun-

Miss Jennette Kelly returned home

Nominations next Monday-for the township at 1 p.m. and for the village at 7.30 p.m.

—G. E. Judson has a very large stock of reckers—desirable goods at attrac-

out board, for two lady students.

Miss Laura Bullis has returned

--G. A. McClary has high quality confectionery—neatly boxed—ready for

Miss Gladys Spencer and Miss Luli

Apply at the Reporter office.

Conservatory of music,

-comfortable room, with

tive prices.

presentation.

Mr. Harry Hillis of Toledo

Mr. Frank Kirst, who has several months been employed at Fisher's Carriage Works, removed

his family to Elgin this week. The Methodist S. S. Christma entertainment is to be held, as usual, on Christmas night. The children are preparing an excellent programme for

Miss Oliver, of Frankville, who taught in the A. M. S. during the model term, gained high favor with the pupils of the fourth form and was presented by them with an address and book of poems

furnished by our Glen Buell cor-respondent, was a member of Court Athens I.O.F. and held a certificate for \$1,000.

Mrs. (Rev.) Simmons left Ather this week for Toronto and Mr. Simmous, expects to go this week They will not go to their new bome at Fonthill until after the holidays.

On Wednesday last ladies of the W. C. T. DU. called upon Mrs. (Rev.) Simmons and presented her with an address expressing the esteem in which she was held by the Union and regre at her departure from Athens.



MISS SMITH—These Roses you sent me, Mr. Jones, from Hay's Greenhouses are truly beautiful.

MR. JONES-Yes, their flowers give satisfaction; the quality they sell is of the best and they box and pack them so carefully that it is a pleasure to open a box of their flowers. I have already tele-phoned my orders for 'XMAS Gifts.

Boxes Choice Assort ed Flowers

Carefully expressed, CHARGES TELEPHONE 249

The Hay Floral and Seed Co-BROCKVILLE, ONT.

Westport ice races are to be held on an. 12, 13 and 14. Oysters-40c qt. at Wilson & Son's Brockville now has nearly falles of granolithic walks.

Mr. Cameron B. MeIntosh is spend og Christmas vacation with friends a Dornoch, Out.

Mr. Leadbeater, a popular '0' tudent of the A. M. S., has been agged to teach the Ellisville school Mr. Thomas Whaley will teach Oak eaf school during 1904. Miss Grace Wing and Miss Roberta

Ross were members of the A. M. S. teaching staff on Monday and Tuesday. Rev. Eber Crummy of Kingeton has been extended a call to the pastorate of the Eastern Methodist church,

Rev. Burton Brown, of Montreal South, is spending a week's vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brown, Messrs. J. F. and Philo Yates have

Miss Kathleen Morton, who was in Athens recently, is reported to have had fine success in her series of revival services in Belleville.

The 30th annual entertainment of the Frankville Methodist Sabbath School is to be beld on Christmas eve Rev. S. Hollingsworth preached in and a fine programme is being pre

We are informed that the refere dum ballot for Jan. 4 is to be of the usual form, the voter indicating his choice of the two town hall sites by last week from a visit with friends in making a cross. Unly freeholders are qualified to vote.

Principal and Mrs. Massey are spending Christmas vacation with friends at Morrisburg, and were to attend the M. C. I. commencement on

James Haler, a Toronto barrister, who is a candidate for re-election as public school trustee, is a native of Crosby, Leeds county. He has served six years on the board. home from attendance at the Toronto

The secretaries of several of the fraternal societies have received a circu lar from the Sunday Alliance, requesting them to bring the question of discountenancing society church pardiscountenancing society ades on the Sabbath day.

A number of citizens last week responded cheerfully to an invitation to subscribe to a fund to provide the hockey club with necessary appurtenhis art china and glassware. Many beautiful articles still left. The prices now indicates a highly successful

Mr. C. M. Quinn has just placed a piano in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mansel. It is a Newcomb instrument, one of the best and most lovely that old and popular house turns out. May its delightful melody herald in many a joyful Christmas and enrich their pleasure along life's journey and elevate and rafine that of their children.

Down in Morrisburg they publish the names of those who apply for a position on the teaching staff of their collegiate institute, together with the salaries asked. Their photographs with a statement of the color of their hair, an enumeration of any physical blemishes that may exist, and a brief account of their previous condition of servitude may be expected to follow.

party of students—a dozen or more—from their various colleges and universities. Among thos, who will spend Xmas vacation under the parental roof-tree are Miss Hattie Patterson, Miss L. Reynolds, Miss Ethel Arnold, Messrs. Geo. Holmes, Kenneth Borney, Byron and Milton Reynolds, Arthur Parish, C. C. Nash, Howard Geddes, Wm. Johnston, Ben Wright, S. Manhardt.

Not for a long time has such great nterest been taken in Athens' munici pal affairs as is now manifest. The record of the council of last year and this in connection with the town hall project, as published in the Reporter last week, is being carefully considered This week the financial statement will he placed before the ra'epayers, comecessary for citizens to reach sound conclusions. It now seems probable not only that there will be an election but that the ballot paper will be the largest ever placed before the village voters. From such a list of aspirants for houors, a good council should be

An Ancient Foe

To health and happiness is Scrofula-It causes bunches in the neck, disfigures the skin, inflames the mucous membrane, wastes the muscles, weakens the bones, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity for recovery, and develops into con-

"Two of my children had scrofula so which kept growing deeper and kept them from going to school for three months. Ointments and medicines did no good until I began giving them Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine caused the sores to heal, and the children have shown no signs of scrot-ula since." J. W. MoGhin, Woodstock, Ont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla will rid you of it, radically and peras it has rid thousand

A place where good groceres are kept is a good place to

That sounds reasonable and asy to believe, doesn't it?

So it is

We think we can fill your orders and give you every thing you ask for.

Connoisseur Cluster Table Raisins and all kinds of fruit. Don't fail to come and see

what we have to offer you. Jos. Thompson

Christmas -

Goods

You will find our stock well assorted with all kinds, of Fancy Goods, Fancy China, Games, Dolis, Blocks and Toys of all kinds.

Bibles, Hymn Books, Albums, Books of Prose and Poems by some of the best array of Pietrons Books.

variety of Picture Books.

What makes a nicer gift than a nice piece of Table Linen? See our range of Doilies, Tray Cloths, Five O'clock Tea Covers, Napkins, Etc. Our assortment of Silk, Linen, and

Muslin, Plain or Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs never was as good. A new lot of Ladies' and Gent's Ties and Collars just arrived.

Fancy Slippers for Ladies, Gents, or Children. Will be pleased to have or Children. you come in and inspect our stock which is well opened for inspection.

T. S. Kendrick

A Merry Xmas

The approach of Christmas finds our store full to overflowing with seasonable goods. No use of trying to particularize—we simply could not enumerate in our space half the many articles we have specially suited for the holiday trade.

Our general groceries always receive first consideration with us, and they will be found to contain every requisite for the culinary department and all the special articles required at

The late Abram Charlton, an brought home to Athens a merry large, varied and beautiful, containing handsome Edgeware, China and gold trimmed Glassware. These must be seen to be appreciated.

Before you invest a dime in Xmas goods, come and see this really elegant display.

G. A. McClary

R U Hungry

Having leased Mr. T. Berney's store I have opened up

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Confectionery, Bread. Cakes,

I handle Smith's Falls and Lyn flour. Soliciting a share of your patronage, Yours truly,

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All kinds of raw Hides, Calf-skins, raw fur-ce. for which we pay the following prices:te us before selling elsewhere. W. H. BRIGHTMAN & Co., Brockville

Suggestions for 'Xmas

Gentlemen's Vest Chains—The kind that look well after years of wear, give a positive guarantee with each chain and money back if not satistory. Our 5-year quality in assorted styles, we sell for \$2.00 each.

Fearl Set Brooches—Crescent and heart shapes, 14k solid gold and with real pearls, the very highest class of goods. Prices range from 50 up.

set with real pearls, the very highest class of goods. Prices range from \$3.50 up.

Out Links—You can buy here a pair of links for age or you can make your selection from a large assortment that offer ample range of price. A solid gold pair, heavy weight, engraved with monogram at \$3.75.

Watches for Boys—Genuine American make and guaranteed satisfactory. Prices, \$1.00, 2.50, 4.00, 6.00, and better ones if you desire them.

Leather Goods—Purses, Card Cases, Chatelaine and Wrist Bags for Ladies; Bill Books, Letter Cases, Cigar Cases, etc., for Gentlemen. We ornament them with silver mounts or initials.

Perfume—See our stock of imported German Perfume put up in fancy cases, cut glass bottles, etc. The smallest package costs 25c. Other exceptionally good values.

Case Goods—From our best case, made in padded leather and filled with toilet articles with solid silver backs and handles, to the very modest workcase and trinket box at 25c, will be ample choice for most.

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Your Favorite Perfume Is here, just waiting for you to take it home. How do we know? Well, because—a woman's reason—all the popular cdors of all the leading American and Foreign perfumers are here in our stock, fresh and full of strength.

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Ladies' natural wool yests
Ladies' hemstitched hdkfs.

Dress shields China silk in plain colors Veilings Men's and boys' serge suits
" " Ragiann coats
" " cloth and fur caps
" " knitted shirts

neck ties boots and rubbers Ladies' fine boots

Dress Goods will be offered very Children's picture hdkfs. Hamburg embroidery

Granulated Sugar Groceries 100 lb Bags Headlight Coal Oil By purchasing your 'Xmas needs from us we believe you will save nost one-third of the regular 'Xmas prices you would pay elsewhere. Ladies' Skirts and Boys' Overcoat sold at a big discount before 'Xmas.

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