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50 Dozen of Men's Ties...

MUST GO...

To-Night and Monday

We are clearing out our Men's Goods and we place on sale To-night and Monday our entire stock of Men's Ties, over 50 dozen in all, at Half and Quarter off regular prices. The lot includes 10 Dozen New Ties just in before Christmas, and 21 Dozen just opened at direct from London, Eng. Newest shapes, newest colors, regular prices 25c. and 50c. each. On sale To-night and Monday

Two for 25cts.

30 Doz. Men's Collars

FOUR FOR 25 CENTS.

30 Doz. Men's Linen Collars in various shapes, all good W. G. & R. makes, sizes 14 1/2 to 17 1/2 inclusive, all perfect goods, some slightly soiled, reg. prices 15c. and 20c each, on sale To-night and Monday at 4 for 25c.

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Boys' and men's shirts made of medium color striped flannelette, sizes 12-14, 14-16, 16-18, 18-20, on sale To-night and Monday at each

Men's fine shaker flannel shirts, in very good stripes, medium colors, all sizes, regular prices 50c. and 75c each, on sale To-night and Monday at

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Men's colored print shirts, detachable cuffs in good medium stripes, fast colors, sizes 15, 16, and 18-20, regular price \$1.00 each, on sale To-night and Monday at

Men's soft front print shirts in good pink and blue stripes, sizes 14-16, 16-18, and 18-20, regular prices 75c. and 50c, on sale To-night and Monday at

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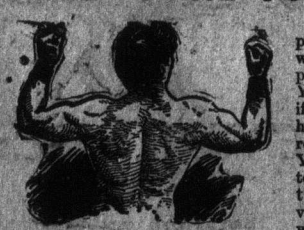
THOSE CHEAP COFFEE POTS
WENT OFF IN A RUSH....

Bargains This Week.

Triangular Stew Kettles, 35c.
Granite—3 in 1—save gas bills. Cook three things and over one gas jet.
Granite Pie Plates, heavy and large, 10c.
White Enamelled Wash Dish, 20c.
White Soap Dishes, 15c.
Wire is up. No. 9 Hard, Plain, \$2.50 spot cash.
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FREE TRIAL FOR NINETY DAYS



Not a penny down, simply drop me a postal with your name, and I will forward you at once, one of my latest Improved High Grade Electric Belt Free. You can use it three months, then pay me if cured, and the price will be only one half what others ask. If not cured, you return the Belt to me at my expense and Your Word Will Decide. I am willing to trust you entirely, knowing that I have the best and most perfect Belt ever invented, and nine men in ten always pay when cured.

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DR. J. M. MACDONALD, 2362 St. Catherine St., Montreal, Que.

HOT FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR

Japanese and Russia Torpedo Flotillas Engaged—Each Lost One Vessel

Part of Russia Crew Drowned and Part Made Prisoners—Another Bombardment

London, Saturday, March 12.—Although there is some confusion of dates in the official messages from the far East regarding recent attack on Port Arthur and other engagements, it would appear that no fresh action took place on Friday. A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Seoul describes these Japanese attacks on Port Arthur as "successful preparatory bombardments," thereby undoubtedly indicating that a greater attempt to reduce Port Arthur is imminent.

TRIBUTE TO JAPS' SUCCESS.

The official announcement from Mukden that the Russian army corps, which has arrived at Harbin, will be held there because of the landing of Japanese troops at different points and the various reports of the intentions of Japanese commanders, is an unintentional tribute from Viceroy Alexieff to Japanese extraordinary success in concealing her plan of campaign and mystifying the enemy as to her movements.

JAP DISEMBARKATION.

A Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Mail says Japanese disembarkation is proceeding at Chemulpo and points to the northward with marvelous rapidity. The correspondent calculates that up to the present 70,000 Japanese have been landed in Northern Corea.

TERRIBLY POWERFUL.

As an example of the terrible power of Japanese "Shimon" powder, a correspondent of the Standard at Tokio relates that a Russian sailor who was hurt in the naval fight off Chemulpo, has been brought to Matsuyama, Japan. The man has 100 wounds.

A CHINESE PROPOSAL.

The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Standard reports that influential Chinese living in the United States have telegraphed the Chinese Foreign Board urging that the Emperor be made head of an army and that China join Japan against Russia. The Chinese man in question offers to raise the funds necessary for this.

MORE LANDINGS.

Refugees from New Chwang, this correspondent continues, report that the Japanese are landing at a small bay on the Liao-Tung peninsula. No further news has been received of reported Japanese movements at Feng-Wang-Cheng, but a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who is now at Chemulpo, intimates that the most striking developments will occur on the Liao-Tung peninsula.

A MEMORABLE DAY.

A special despatch received here from Port Arthur says: "Port Arthur was invested by sea on this day, March 10, and the day must undoubtedly be regarded as most memorable. The Japanese displayed an especially noteworthy determination in keeping up the bombardment of our fortress from Japsa, until 1 p. m. The town suffered very little damage. The enemy's ships, in great force, formed into three divisions, among which were distributed nine armored ships. Each division was accompanied by a flotilla of torpedo boats. Long intervals elapsed between the firing of the Russian batteries, which indicated that the shells would reach the targets. The Russians did not fire one-fifth as many shells as did the Japanese. There was no panic or excitement among the civilians at Port Arthur, and troops kept cool."

HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES.

The Paris Matin this morning publishes a despatch from St. Petersburg which says that during a concert at Court last evening, organized by the Empress, a rumor was current that the Russians had lost heavily during the last Japanese attack on Port Arthur. Continuing the correspondent says the fact that the imperial box in the concert hall remained empty, whereas, the Empress and the Dowager Empress and other members of the Imperial family had been expected to be present at this strictly official fete, seems to give confirmation to the rumors.

A HOT SEA FIGHT.

St. Petersburg, March 11, 7.10 p. m.—The Russian torpedo boat flotilla left Port Arthur at broad daylight this morning and attacked the Japanese fleet. One Japanese torpedo boat was sunk, and one Russian torpedo boat destroyed, the Baposhchadn, was sunk. The fate of the latter's crew is not known.

LOSS ON EACH SIDE.

7.25 p. m.—Admiral Makaroff inaugurated his assumption of the command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by a complete change of tactics. As soon as he appeared he ordered the removal of the battleship Retvizan, which was stranded at the mouth of the harbor and barred the channel at certain stages of the tide.

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BRIGHT YOUNG BANK CLERK SUICIDES AT WALLACEBURG

Shot Himself in the Right Temple on the Steps of the School—Accounts All Right and No Reasons For Terrible Deed.

John Nightingale, junior in the Bank of Toronto, Wallaceburg, shot himself some time last night.

This morning he was missed and, on search being made, the body was found in a sitting posture on the stone steps of the school.

A bullet hole in the head gave evidence as to the cause of death, and a revolver still clutched in the lifeless hand, told how the deed had been done.

The deceased lad was only 17 years of age. He had been with the bank about two years and was always a bright, smart, energetic lad. He was well liked in the bank and a general favorite with the business men of Wallaceburg.

No reason can be assigned for the lad's rash act. His accounts are all right at the bank. It was rumored that he had left a letter at the bank explaining the reason for his rash act. The bank officials were called up this afternoon and they said that there was no truth in the report. Everyone is at a loss to understand the motive for the young man taking his own life.

Coroner Dr. Mitchell, is investigating.

J. W. Plowes, principal of the Central school, knew John Nightingale well. The boy was a former pupil of his and he gave him a letter of recommendation when he applied for the position in the bank. Mr. Plowes says that John Nightingale was one of the best pupils he ever had.

He was bright, clever and energetic. He was also industrious, and paid the expenses of his education by selling papers. Both his father and mother are dead. The father was a noted Odd-fellow and was at one time shipping clerk at the glass works.

READY TO WAR WITH BRITAIN

Russia Prepared to March Against India—Suspicious of England

Germany and Russia Against an Anglo-Franco-Italian Coalition, the Latest Talk

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The

Novoye Vremya says, apropos of the declaration of friendliness to Russians made in Guild Hall of London, by a former Lord Mayor, Sir Joseph Dimsdale, whose great-grandfather was surgeon to Catherine the Great:—

"We can scarcely attempt such an idea in view of English expectations to Tibet, and destruction that England is sending the largest type of improved cannon and rifles to her Indian frontier and of her having subsidized steamers of Canadian Pacific line and armed and warned them to be ready for immediate service."

News from a reliable source is also to hand of armaments on the frontier of Turkestan. These reports are so extraordinary that under ordinary circumstances they would be passed over as mere inventions, but it is stated on authority that cannot be questioned that Russia is fully prepared to march against India, but that it is not decided whether the advance will be made through Persia or through Pamirs.

It is further stated that if Germany and Russia stand together they have nothing to fear from any Franco-Anglo-Italian coalition.

WAS KILLED

Geo. Collins, Formerly of Chatham, Crushed to Death at Toronto.

Toronto, March 12.—George Collins, an employee of the G. T. R. was killed in the yards at the foot of Bathurst street. He was shoveling snow from the tracks and did not notice a yard engine, which was shunting, until it was too close for him to get out of its way. The unfortunate man was killed almost instantly.

Collins was about 30 years of age, and unmarried. He lived with his brother-in-law at 15 Wallace avenue.

G. Burrows, of Burrows Bros. Financial secretary of Court McGregor, I. O. F., received a telegram to-day which reads as follows:

Brother George D. Collins, killed here on eleventh inst.

F. A. COWAN.

Deceased was a member of Court McGregor, Independent Order of Foresters, having joined while working here last summer for the Dominion Paving Co. He was well liked by all who knew him.

TARTE FOR TORONTO

Toronto, March 11.—A Montreal despatch to-day quoted Le Canada as saying: "Mr. Tarte is considering an offer to run in Toronto East." Local Conservatives when this report was brought to their attention to-night were surprised. W. F. McLean, M. P., had not heard of the report. "Would Mr. Tarte be supported by the local Conservatives?" "I can't say," "Would you support him?" "I can't say as to that, I will see you later."

ROSS RETINUE MUCH MIXED

Are at Sixes and Sevens on the Licence Question—Likely to Resign Shortly

Premier Wedded to his "Banish the Bar" Scheme Despite the Liberal Caucus

Toronto, March 11.—It is stated in some quarters that Premier Ross is determined to push his proposed radical temperance measure for the closing of the bars, despite the fact that the Liberal caucus pronounced against him, and notwithstanding that the other two propositions for the extension of the local option principle, or the stiffening of the License Act are each supported by a strong contingent of the party.

A strong temperance man who is said to be rather close to the Government, said this morning that he was convinced that Mr. Ross would stick to his guns, despite all the pressure laid on him. He was of the opinion that the party was at sixes and sevens in regard to the matter. A small number of the members were warmly in favor of the Premier's "banish the bar" measure, and he had an idea that the majority of the Ministers were with their chief. But there was a strong Liberal contingent which was not ready to obey the party line, and the members forming this contingent were determined to prevent the submission of such a drastic bill to the House.

There are many members who are quite satisfied with present conditions. It was perfectly certain that some of the proposition under consideration had been definitely dropped, as yet, nor was there any likelihood that a compromise would be effected. The Premier would certainly not recede from the position he had assumed, although it was possible that the opposition of the Liberals might prevent the submission of any measure to the House.

Another gentleman who is well acquainted with the discussion in the party, said that in his opinion there would be no bill presented to the House, as it would mean the defeat of the Government, but he felt sure that immediately after the session the Premier would resign, thus precipitating a crisis and go to the country on a bar-banking platform.

The statements of these gentlemen were confirmed in a measure by Mr. Dickie, counsel for the Licensed Victuallers' Association, who said this morning that he had heard that none of the propositions made to the caucus had yet been dropped by Mr. Ross.

The Liberal members and the Ministers preserve a sphinx-like silence on the whole question.

THE AUTO FACTORY

Wm. Gray & Sons have an order for five automobiles of the latest design for local men. The machinery for their auto factory has been greatly delayed by the blockades on the railroads, but the firm expects to be in pretty good shape for running about April 15. At present there are 300 men on Gray & Sons' pay roll, and when the new department gets going there will be another hundred hands added.

The city streets, with their fine pavements, beautiful store fronts, and the splendid parks, will look more up-to-date with autos flying hither and thither.

Look up Page Six of this issue and get it on the ground floor of the new big serial story.

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That means going to this man for ladies' styles, to another for men's, still another for children's. Some makers know their business well enough to excel in all three. It makes little difference who they are, so long as qualities and money's worth are the best obtainable.

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The Shoe Man

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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, March 12.—11 a. m.—Fair and continued good to-day and on Sunday.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Frank Shaw, of Wallaceburg, is a visitor in the city to-day.

F. R. Gregory, of Leamington, was a Maple City guest yesterday.

W. R. Hickey, of Bothwell, was in the city yesterday on legal business. County Commissioner James Ross, of Tilbury, is spending the day in town.

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S. B. Arnold has a house and three acres of land for sale in this city, at a bargain.

John Lee, M. P. P., and T. L. Pardo, M. P. P., were visitors in the city to-day.

County Auditors McCully and Cryderman were in the city to-day finishing their duties.

Robert Porterfield, of Hamilton, well-known in the city, is spending the day with his Chatham friends.

The Planet's new serial story commences to-day on page six. It's well worth reading.

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Probate of the will of the late Albert John Wicks, Dresden, has been granted to Margaret Wicks.

Charles Oliver, of Jackson, Mich., a former Chatham man, is spending a couple of days with his old-time acquaintances.

Harry Benoit is charged with using insulting language to Octave Tanquay. The case will be tried Monday in the County Court.

A meeting of the executive of the Chatham Sunday School Association will be held in Park St. Methodist Church S. S. Hall on Tuesday next, at 4.30 p. m. All pastors and Sunday school superintendents of the city are members of the executive board, and are requested to attend. The business is to consider plans for the house-to-house visitation campaign.

Re drainage suit of Bradley vs. Township of Raleigh, a motion was made by the respondent Township for leave to amend objections and also the defense. Drainage Referee J. B. Rankin to-day made a motion allowing the amendment with liberty to the claimants to amend their statement of claim or reply as same might be advised, the Township to pay costs of the motion. O. L. Lewis for plaintiffs, W. E. Gundy contra.

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...SOCIETY...

Miss Helen Atkinson, one of the foremost society leaders this season gave a very delightful little dance to about 20 of her many friends on Wednesday evening. This is the second season that Miss Atkinson has entertained at her charming home and both of them may be classed with the most enjoyable social events of the year. Miss Atkinson makes an ideal hostess and those who have attended her evenings are enthusiastic in their expressions of delight. The guests Wednesday evening included several of this year's debutantes who are certainly keeping the season lively and interesting and thoroughly enjoying themselves in this their "coming out" year.

Miss Atkinson was assisted in entertaining by Miss Amy Boles and Meta Wilson.

Mrs. John Cooper and Miss Lillian Pratt entertained at a delightful impromptu musicale on Wednesday evening, when a very pleasant series of instrumental and vocal musical contributions were enjoyed. Among those who assisted in the program were Misses Somerville, Stephenson, McKellar, Richards and Mrs. McKellar, and W. J. Wilson, Duncan Robertson, H. Davis, C. H. Gunn and others. Miss Flossie Hogart was the talented pianist.

A delightful thimble party was given last Saturday afternoon by Mrs. James E. Oldershaw, Harry St. There were quite a number present and everybody enjoyed themselves.

Miss Hattie Northwood entertained a few friends on Wednesday evening from eight till eleven o'clock, in honor of Miss Margaret Houston, of Harwich. Cards furnished the amusement.

Tuesday night, Misses Nan and Edith Tackaberry gave a high tea in honor of Miss Margaret Houston, of Harwich, who was visiting in the city.

Mrs. S. Glenn entertained very pleasantly last Thursday evening to a high tea, in honor of Miss Hamilton, of Roxeter, who is a society guest in the city. The guests were composed chiefly of girls who came out this season. Covers were laid for fifteen. They were—Misses Edith Holmes, Mary McKeough, Fanny Campbell, Alice Greening, Margaret Bell, Meta Wilson, Aggie Phillimore, Edith Ball, Nan Battisby, Edna Martin, Ina Rankin, Susie Taylor, Marion Gennell and Miss Hamilton.

Mrs. Will Hadley entertained a few of her friends to a six-hand euchre on Monday evening.

Miss Susie Taylor has returned from visiting her sisters in Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodland celebrated the 19th anniversary of their wedding last evening, at their home, Victoria Ave. About thirty guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Matilda Wilkins, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to chapter 129, R. S. O., 1907, that all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said deceased, who died on or about the 21st of February, 1904, are required to send by post prepaid, or deliver to B. B. Arnold, Barrister, Chatham, on or before the 12th day of April, 1904, their names and addresses with full particulars of their claims and the nature of the security, if any, held by them duly verified.

Notice is further given that after the said 12th day of April, 1904, the executors of the said estate will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and the said executors will not be liable for said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons to whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

S. B. ARNOLD,
Solicitor for Executors.
Dated at Chatham this 12th day of March, 1904.

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CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, March 12, 1904—

Wheat	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May (old)	95 1/2	96 1/4	95 3/4	96 1/4
July (new)	90	91 1/4	89 3/4	91 1/4
Sept. (new)	84 1/2	85 1/4	84 3/4	85 1/4

Corn	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	52 1/2	54 1/4	52 3/4	54 1/4
July	50 1/2	51 1/4	50 3/4	51 1/4
Sept.	50	50 1/4	49 3/4	50 1/4

Oats	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	41	41 1/4	40 3/4	41 1/4
July	39	39 1/4	38 3/4	39 1/4
Sept.	38 1/2	39 1/4	38 3/4	39 1/4

Pork	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	1397	1423	1397	1423
July	1425	1450	1420	1447

Lard	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	735	737	732	737
July	747	755	747	752

Ribs	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	730	735	725	735
July	737	747	737	747

WANTED	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
GIRL WANTED—At once, at the Rink House, 10				
WANTED—House to rent by the year, Apply J. L. Campbell, Boston Shoe Store, 10				

A YOUNG MAN with ambition looking for an agency, with a chance of establishing himself in a retail business, apply to J. L. Campbell, Boston Shoe Store, 10

GIRL WANTED—Good girl, wanted for general housework, Apply Mrs. W. S. Marshall, Lacroix St., 10

WANTED—A steady man for general work in my stable, garden and house, Good wages by the year, March 3, 1904, Chas. R. Atkinson.

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FOR SALE—A house and three acres of land, in this city, for sale at a bargain. Apply to S. B. Arnold, Barrister, Fifth Street, Chatham, 1W

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TO LEASE—For a term of years—100 acres, Chatham Township, N. W. 1-2 Lot 2, Con. 15, (Baldwin P. O.) Apply at once to W. E. McKeeough, Barrister, Chatham, Ont.

FOR RENT—House on Raleigh street, ten rooms, modern conveniences, immediate possession. Apply to John Piggott & Sons, lumbermen, King street, 10

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These demure and modest fabrics will astonish their thousands of friends this spring. Instead of the sombre effects that have always been known by the name, you will find this season that some of the brightest and prettiest dress stuffs on our counters are these same serviceable inexpensive attractive mohairs and sicilians. The weave, so far as the body of the fabric is concerned, is just the same old substantial quality, but running through it are fine stripes of white or other contrasting color that are most effective.

42 inch Black Lustre,	per yard	200
42 inch Black Lustre,	per yard	250
44 inch Black Lustre,	per yard	400
46 inch Black Sicilian,	per yard	500
44 inch Black Lustre,	per yard	750
48 inch Black Lustre,	per yard	\$1.00
50 inch Black Lustre,	per yard	\$1.25
56 inch Black and White Mohair,	per yard	\$1.00
56 inch Blue and White Mohair,	per yard	\$1.00

Colored lustrous in navy, blue, pink, grey, fawn, brown and white, navy blue and black with white spot, also white with black and navy spot, prices from 25c to 6-c.yd.

China Silk Waists

Two distinct classes—each admirable of its kind. The simple, almost severe tailored waists, loose, blousy, with squared shoulders and no ornaments save plaits, singly, in clusters, stitched or box effect.

This One at \$3.50

Of China Silk, white, pale, blue or black, trimmed down the front or back with fine cluster tucking and hemstitching, wide tucked sleeves gathered into tucked band cuff. Then the more dressy waists that are masses of lace insertion, interspersed with fine plaits.

Here's One, for instance, at \$5.00

Of white China Silk with a rich pattern of valenciennes insertion forming large bow knot design, sleeves and back are trimmed with rows of tucking and insertion.

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For Saturday night shoppers we are going to sell you a 75c corset for 50c. Style is straight front, dip hip, low bust, made of fine conit lace trimmed.

Special No. 2.

We are having a clean up of different lines of hose which are broken in sizes. They comprise fleece lined hose, ribb cashmere and worsted hose, at 25c a pair.

Special values in Laces, Neckwear, Embroideries and Belts

Saturday in Austin's Clothing Dept.

We have opened up during the past week many lines of spring goods direct from the centres of fashion, and will have displayed in our east King St. window.

First Showing of Spring Toppers

A very swell range of top coats in the very popular 30 inch length, from that up to 34 inch, full box back, concave shoulder, neat narrow lapel, in new olive mixtures with pretty stripe and plain black Vicunas, prices range at \$10, \$12 to \$13.

First Showing of Spring Raincoats

A handsome line of the most useful coat in the market, can do double duty, as a spring overcoat, at the same time a waterproof, made of handsome cloths, thoroughly waterproofed, nobby pattern tweeds and plain grey and olive shadings, full range of sizes, special values \$7.50, \$10 to \$14.00.

The New Block in Young Men's Spring Suits

The popular cut coat for young men for spring is the three button double breasted coat with extra long roll lapel, in nobby pattern tweeds and chalk lines, handsome coloring effects, sizes 33 to 38 chest measure, prices \$29.00 to \$35.00.

Boys' Corduroy Knickers, all sizes, Sat. 69c.

We have just opened up another shipment of boys' English corduroy knickers, dark box shade, all sizes, special Saturday at 69c a pair.

Men's Cashmere Sox, extra special value 25c.

We were fortunate enough in placing big orders for this very popular line of cashmere sox before the many advances. It is easily worth to-day 40c if we had to buy it, we have fully 50 dozen, all sizes, at the old price very special 25c.

COMFORT HALF HOSE

C. Austin & Company.

War is cruel, war is earnest;
War is fraught with woe and pain.
When this cruel war is over
Flour will settle down again—Ex

But what about the
next three or four
months? We can offer
you a rather special price
just now. Would it not
pay you to have a barrel
or a hundred pounds on
hand?

\$2.75 a Hundred
Those Eastern Potatoes
are well worth the money
we ask for them—

\$1.40 a Bag.
They are perfectly good;
no waste, cook dry, and
have fine flavor. May we
send you a bag?

H. Malcolmson

Horse Clippers..

Nothing better for a
horse than to clip him.
Makes the hair come in
better and starts him well
on the way for the summer
work. If you have
more than one you should
have one of our power
clippers, the finest in the
land; not expensive either.
Better let us show it to
you. Hand clippers also,
several kinds,

75c. to \$3.00.

J.C. WANLESS

4 Doors East of Market,
King Street, Chatham...

X-RAYS

Are not needed to see the benefits
you derive by leaving
your order with us

Farmer's Lard, 11c. per Pound
Maple Syrup, 25c. per Quart.
Ginger Snap, fresh and crisp,
6c. per pound
Pure Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c.
per Pound.
Smoked Shoulders 12 1/2c. per
Pound.
Sunlight Baking Powder, 1 lb.
can 10c.
Granulated Sugar 5c. per Pound,
best brand.
7 Pound Pails of Jam, 50c.
2 Dozen Navel Oranges for 25c.

Cookery
A lot of Pretty Dinner, Tea and Cham-
ber Sets, Fine China Lamps and Glass-
ware. Well, many of you know our
prices are the lowest in the city, that is
the reason they go so fast. Call and see
them.

John McConnell,
Phone 190, Park Street.

THE NORTH-WESTERN LANE RUS-
SIA-JAPAN ATLAS.

Send ten cents in stamps for Rus-
sian-Japanese War Atlas issued by The
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fine colored maps, each 14 x 20; bound
in convenient form for reference.
The Eastern situation shown in de-
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19-Spring-04

Our importations for the coming
Spring and Summer Seasons
are now to hand and ready for
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DR. A. W. THORNTON
DENTIST.

Has Removed to his New Office
Corner King and Fifth Streets,
over A. L. McCall's Drug Store.
Telephone Office 704.
Residence 245.

TO-NIGHT.

Jerry from Kerry, Grand Opera
House, at 8.15.
Macaulay Club, Auditorium, Public
Library, at 8.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Mrs. Cartier left to-day for Bal-
fago.

Mrs. Langmore, Sr., Raleigh, is
quite ill.

J. L. Scott went to Toronto this
morning.

Thomas O'Rourke was a little bet-
ter to-day.

A. W. G. of Kingsville, was a Chatham
visitor yesterday.

New shoes at cut prices, at Camp-
bell's shoe sale, at 11.

W. C. Church, of Essex, was in
town yesterday.

The best in the world—Richards'
Butter Scotch, 20c. per lb.

John Baguall, of Jeannette's Creek,
is in town to-day.

F. A. Ogilvie, of Dresden, spent
yesterday in town.

Fresh Oysters, 40 and 50 cents a
quart, at Richards'.

D. A. Gordon, of Wallaceburg, is
Chatham guest to-day.

Wesley Roseburgh, of Park Bros.,
was taken ill yesterday.

"Old Hagar's Secret"—Can you solve
it? See Page Six of this issue.

Trunks, Bages and Valises, at cut
prices, at Campbell's Shoe Store, 11.

H. F. Campbell, of Ridgetown, was in
town yesterday.

Richard Humphrey, Wellington
street, is in Toronto on business.

Campbell's Shoe Sale means bargains
for you.

Judge Geo. B. Douglas is spending
this day in Leamington.

Mrs. Glover, St. Patrick street, has
entered St. Joseph's Hospital for
surgical treatment.

One of the best of The Planet's serial
stories commences to-day on page
six. Be sure to read it.

Harry Taylor, who is seriously ill,
is a little better to-day after spend-
ing a bad day and night.

Kent County products are the best
and Crystal Granulated sugar is no
exception.

Mrs. John P. Mann, Creek Road,
Dover, is recovering from her recent
serious illness.

Burgain—Farms to Rent—Two first
class farms, good buildings on each,
See S. Burfoot's advt. in another col-
umn.

E. Z. Baum, of Tilbury, is doing
well after a critical operation in
St. Joseph's Hospital.

G. McIntyre, of the Montreal
House, Dover, is recovering after a
long and serious illness.

Mr. Gore, who has been confined in
St. Joseph's Hospital for some time,
is seriously ill, returns home to-day.

Lost, this afternoon, between Aber-
deen Hotel and Bloude's office, a pair
of gold rimmed glasses. Finder will
be rewarded by leaving at this of-
fice.

Councilor Bowyer, of Dover, was
in town to-day. He is suffering from
an injured eye.

H. N. Brown, Milwaukee, who has
been the guest of Mrs. R. J. Brown,
West street, left last night for Mis-
sissauga.

Wanted—About the end of March,
board for two in private family, with
one or two good rooms, furnished or
unfurnished. Address "M," care of
Planet.

First class piano box buggy for
sale. Nearly new. Only been used a
few times. Also a democrat wagon
in first class order. Will be sold
cheap. Address "M. D.," P. O. Box
1020, Chatham, Ont.

The sale of homemade cooking,
handkerchiefs and aprons, which was
to have been held by the Ladies Aid
of the First Presbyterian Church on
March 31st, has been changed to
March 29th and 30th.

Owing to the illness of Mr. T. C.
O'Rourke, the business of The North-
American Life has been handed over
to Messrs. Smith & Smith to look af-
ter until such time as Mr. O'Rourke
recovers. Policyholders will please
accept notice.

Mr. Cameron, humorist, Mr. J.
Boyd, baritone singer, Miss Hill, so-
prano, Miss Nellie Rhody, pianiste,
the Opera House Orchestra,
Roger Phillips, trombone soloist, at
the St. Joseph's church St. Patrick
Concert Thursday next. Admission,
25 cents.

To rent—Four nice rooms, over
Mrs. Weldon's store. Apply to Mrs.
Weldon, King street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frankfort,
of Detroit, are the guests of Mrs.
Luke Wheeler, Baxter street.

Bruce Redick is slightly better.
He has been ill all week with ap-
pendicitis.

Mrs. Wickham (nee Miss Maime
Tilgh), has returned home from Mc-
Leod to be under the care of her
physician, Dr. J. P. Rutherford.

The plan for the St. Joseph's
church St. Patrick's Concert, March
31st, opens Monday at Tashner's
Music Store.

Mrs. Rousey, William street, who
has been confined in St. Joseph's Hos-
pital for some time, left the hospital
yesterday fully recovered.

Lost, on Friday, March 11th, be-
tween Gammage's grocery and J. G.
Kerr's office, a roll of bills. The
finder will be rewarded by returning
to this office.

The Hawthorne Musical Club of
Boston, at the Grand, Monday night.
Two solid hours of refined comedy
and the only organization of its kind
in Canada.

George Wands has purchased the
Hicks property on Harvey street,
and will erect thereon a fine new
residence for himself. The cost of
the building will be about \$1,600.

Note—G. C. I. Star and People's Po-
pular Course, subscribers, should not
fail to secure their seats in advance
for Monday night's splendid enter-
tainment. Do it when down town to-
night.

James Lydiatt, superintendent of
agencies of the Dominion of Canada
Guarantee and Accident Company, is
in the city calling on the two local
agencies.

James Marshall, Jeffrey street, was
taken with an attack of heart-
failure yesterday afternoon and it
was feared that he would die. He is
somewhat better to-day. His sons
have been telegraphed for.

Prof. A. J. Bill, Ph. D., Toronto
University, will lecture in the Park
St. Methodist S. S. Hall, Friday even-
ing, March 25th, on Shakespeare's
Julius Caesar, under the auspices of
the Reading Circle. Admission 15
cents.

J. W. White, who has been in
business in London, St. Marys and
Kirkton for two days, returned this
morning. Had a twenty mile cutter
drive and found snow nearly to tops
of fences in some places.

Miss Lillian Pratt wishes it gen-
erally known that although one of
her reasons for resigning her posi-
tion as organist of the Park street
Methodist church was on account of
ill health, she also intends to have
some time to spend on her pupils.
Miss Pratt has a large class of
excellent pupils and her whole
time will be spent with them.

The cheapest lots in the city to-day
for sale, actual value considered, are
those still left in the Athletic
Grounds survey. They are the most
convenient to churches, market, sta-
tions, and are by long odds the best
value in the city. One still left on
last year's portion of William St.
pavement and five on the new por-
tion, with a number still left on
Queen and College Sts. Terms easy.
For particulars apply to D. McLaugh-
lin, William St.

The lights were out on the King
street west front, last night, and
the North Chatham lights were out
for a little while. Chief Holmes says
that these lights being out is just
what the police, as they cannot see
any distance. It is also dangerous to
the safety of the valuable of-
fices of Maple City merchants and something
should be done before a serious ac-
cident takes place.

Permanently Cure
BOILS
ERYSIPELAS
SCROFULA
ECZEMA
and all diseases which arise
from impure blood by using
Weaver's Syrup

SHOES FOR ALL THE FEET IN TOWN

MENDING
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Just drop us a card, or call us up on the 'phone
and ask us to send your way for some repairing—
don't bother to look up a cobbler. We take anything,
turn out a neat job, and return it, while you are ex-
plaining to an ordinary workman.

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KING STREET : : : PHONE 122

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LIVER
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FOR HEADACHE.
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FOR SALLOW SKIN.
FOR THE COMPLEXION.

CONFIDENCE INDUCED BY SIGNATURE
OF THE PROPRIETOR, Wm. Carter

CURE SICK HEADACHE.

Stephen Anquetil returned last
night from Pontiac, Mich.

"Old Hagar's Secret"—Can you solve
it? See Page Six of this issue.

W. C. Newman and J. A. Elliott,
of Ridgetown, were visitors in the
yesterday.

C. Aiken and E. H. Dever, of Dres-
den, spent yesterday with the Chatham
friends.

One of the best of The Planet's serial
stories commences to-day on page
six. Be sure to read it.

Mrs. Bonnet, of E. H. Court, is im-
proving after receiving surgical
treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The Christ Church choir will re-
hearse to-night. Easter music will
be taken up and a full attendance
is requested.

The Planet's new serial story
commences to-day on page six. It's
well worth reading.

Miss Lizzie McMeekin, of High-
gate, is the guest of her cousin, Miss
Bessie Stone, Raleigh street.

Miss Anna Shaw, of Wallaceburg,
is visiting relatives in the city. Miss
Shaw has been studying instrumental
music in Detroit, but returned home
on account of ill-health.

The many friends of Mrs. W.
William Gentry, who has been in the
Public General Hospital for some
time, will be pleased to hear that
she has sufficiently recovered as to
be able to visit her sister in Wind-
sor.

The entrance class pupils of the
Central school were treated to a
splendid talk on telegraphy by Prin-
ciple Glover yesterday. Mr. Irwin
presided over the class during the
talk. The instruments for illustra-
tion were kindly loaned by W. E.
Rispa.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

After the usual meeting next Mon-
day night a smoking concert and re-
ception will be held in honor of the
new candidates, initiated during the
March quarter.

REVIVAL CLOSURE

The revival meetings, which have
been going on in the Victoria Ave.
Methodist Church, came to a close
last evening, after a successful series.
Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Merlin,
has been adding the pastor, Rev. F.
E. Malott, for the past two nights,
and is a splendid speaker.

All are well pleased with the result
and good work of the meetings. A
great deal of good has been done and
the pastor deserves great credit for
the way he has worked and made the
meetings instructive and profitable
to many.

WE WELCOME SPRING The Gordon Store

Will be glad to post you in the latest fashionable exhibits for Easter or Early Spring wear in dress goods,
silks, waistings, coats, suits, costumes, millinery, hosiery, veilings, gloves, laces, neckwear, etc., etc.

THE NEWEST WEAVES IN PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS

Special Flocked Voiles, spring shades in fawn,
blue, brown, cream, grey, reseda, per yard 50c.

French Silk Rollesse, blue, navy, reseda, cream,
chambray, black, at \$1.35 and \$1.00.

Fine Fancy Flaked Voiles, all the choice spring
shades, very attractive goods at 75c.

English Tweed Suitings, all shades, all wool,
plaid and fancy, 44 inch.

Flaked Tweed Suitings, the leading colors, all
wool, 44 inch wide.

Spring Canvas Suitings, 60 inches wide, pure
wool, dark blue, brown and green, \$1.00.

New Spring Waistings, the latest French wool,
weaves and stripes.

Fancy Wool Printed Cashmeres and Challies
Waistings, soon wrapped up, 50c goods at 25c.

New Persian Braid Trimmings, in all the latest
shades.

Appliques and Cluny Trimmings and Clumps.

NEWEST WEAVES IN WASH GOODS, GING- HAMS AND PRINTS

Our first shipment of gingham is on hand in
snowflakes, linens, chambrays, galeases, etc., all the
new stripes and shadings. See our window.

Prints are splendid values at 5c, 6 1/2c, 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c.

CURTAININGS AND LACE CURTAINS

We open the season with the best assortment of
the newest and most choice window drapery we have
ever imported. We shall be pleased to show them
and are sure to sell them. Frilled curtain nets and
mullins in great variety at 12c, 15c, 20c, 25c to
38c per yard.

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

Heavy Cluny and Torchon Insertions and Laces,
in cream, white and colors, the largest and finest
stock in the city. Embroidery and insertion stock
complete in all the widths.

DRESS MAKING AND MILLINERY

Miss Symes has already opened the season in the
dress making department and will guarantee satis-
faction. Miss Kahan will be found in her bright mil-
linery section. We shall announce our opening later.

Wise women start their spring shopping and dress making early and
avoid disappointments.

Get March and April
Standard Designers, roc.

WILLIAM GORDON

Standard Fashion Sheets free
and catalogs to dressmakers

SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE

The County and City are talking
of getting a drive on the street.

Yes, Anxious Inquirer, L'Original is
shown on the map. It is pronounced
Lornel.

"Judge not lest ye be not judged"
is being pondered up by John White
these days.

Perhaps the profits from the Wat-
ers Coms. business could be utilized
to build the new market.

Speaking of Judgeships, a little
disappointment now and then comes
to the very best of men.

Ald. Westman's latest production is
entitled "Bearding the Lions in their
Den." It is hide-bound and not yet
on sale.

If the Finance Committee don't
hurry up and tell me what the de-
ficit was last year, I'll go and find out
for myself.

The Banner man now has to write
and explain what he meant to say in
his grab-bag, called by courtesy an
editorial column.

Ald. Westman to Ald. Edmondson,
"Come to the Water Coms. with me."
Ald. Edmondson to Ald. Westman,
"Not for mine."

I hope Ald. Westman will take up
the matter of building a new mar-
ket. He's one of the strongest and
most energetic men who have ever
been in the City Council.

W. B. Wells in a red coat and can
be enough to scare all the
ducks from Point Pelee to the Sky,
and then Col. Sam Holmes couldn't go
hunting at the Joy Club.

As a distinguishing feature, Mr.
Taylor might require hunters to wear,
when hunting, that "pained expres-
sion" which they have when they re-
turn home with an empty game bag.

Col. Sam Holmes says that the Joy
Club is painted red and he had al-
ways thought of getting a red coat
to match the club. He has never ex-
perienced any difficulty in painting
the Joy Club red.

I saw a man trading on this ice
this morning on the city pavement.
He evidently realized his position for
he tumbled. When he got down he
mere uttered one word of three
letters beginning with "D" and end-
ing with "M."

Mr. Taylor has introduced a bill
into the legislature requiring hun-
ters to wear red caps, red coats and
other distinguishing features. There
is no need for an act to require hun-
ters to wear red noses. Most of them
wear them anyway.

The Blenheim hotel-keepers say
that they are going to lock the doors
of their houses of entertainment
when the local option by-law is en-
forced. That will be all right if they
only lock them the way the local ho-
tel-keepers used to do their bar-
rooms before the appointment of W.
A. Mills.

Says Ald. Westman to the Water
Commissioners, "Will you give the
city that pipe line?"

Says the Water Coms. to Ald. West-
man, "Thank you, but we think we
will leave it line where it is."

Says Ald. Westman to the Water
Coms, "The city needs it to build a
market."

Says the Water Coms. to Ald.
Westman, "Get the city mairned for
us and we'll build the market."

Speaking of Victoria avenue, it

looks as if the asphalt people were
going to block the street.

The weighmaster bought a cord
of wood for the city and now he
certainly has a string on it.

If wives are given a vote (as the
W. C. T. U. ask, then some women
I know will have control of two
votes.

Ald. Piggoit (Special to The Plan-
et)—The oyster beds were about the
only things saved in the recent fire
in this city (Baltimore).

The lady who wanted the City En-
gineer to thaw out the waterworks
pipe with dynamite, probably had no
further use for the pipes.

Perhaps the C. C. I. Board could
get the County Council to buy the
High School, too, and then they would
own the whole business.

"How could you pass us by?" is a
chorus which a number of ex-
ecutive candidates in this city can
sing with much feeling.

The Satellite would like to have a
few opinions from Maple City maid-
ens on the possibilities of Leap Year.
All names considered sacred.

Apparently L'Original design of the
Government was to appoint Judge
Douglas to Prescott, but there may
be a change.

A change may be as good as a
nest. Most of us, however, are look-
ing for change. Judge Douglas in
L'Original will get both.

Choo-Choo (Special to The Planet)
—It is rumored here that the Japs
have taken Won-Kow and are using
it as the Commissariat Dept.

Your correspondent,
DAM LI.

No, Dear Anxious One, Ald. Pig-
gott has not gone to Baltimore to
bring home a wife. You needn't
worry.

Col. Sam Holmes has some fairy
tale about getting the best of "E. An-
ton," a horse, trade. He can tell the story
to somebody else; any old time any-
body gets ahead of David Harum
Holmes on a horse deal.

It has been reported to the Sate-

lite that they are fishing in Lake St.
Clair and that no licenses have been
issued. I don't know anything about
it myself.

It takes two days to get into
L'Original and two days to get out.
"Mac" Gardiner says that when you
live in that village a matter of two
days is of no consequence.

Author of "For a Woman's Sake," "Love's Triumph,"
"Purified by Suffering," "A Grass Widow,"
"Woman Against Woman," Etc.

From these the neighbors learned that Madam Conway had in London a married daughter, Mrs. Miller; that old Hagar Warren, the strange-look-

"There'll be big doings when my lady comes," said Hagar one day to

Aye, Hagar Warren, much need, much need!

And Hagar was right, for Hester's sands were nearer run than those of Mrs. Miller. The utmost care might not, perhaps, have saved her, but the latter was not tested, and when the long clock at the head of the

Old Hagar had forgotten the words "Lead us not into temptation;" and when the tempter answered "It need not be," she only

— Their toilet was completed at last
— their cradle beds exchanged, and
then with a strange, undefined feeling,
old Hagar stood back and looked
ed to see how the little usurper
came her new position. She became
it well, and to Hagar's partial eyes
it seemed more meet that she should
lie there beneath the silken covering

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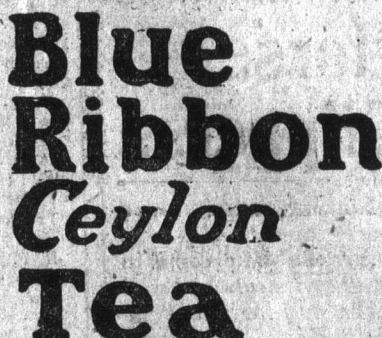
But Madam Conway saw no fault in the fine cambric wrapper, and taking the infant in her arms, she walked away, while Hagar followed steadily. Very lovingly the mother folded to her bosom the babe, calling it her fatherless one, and wetting its face with her tears, while through

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 s and irritation of the throat.

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 s and irritation of the throat.

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WM. FOREMAN & CO.,
IMPORTERS.

Saturday New Goods

Spend a few hours in this store Saturday among the new dress goods, new wash stuffs, new prints, gingham, chambrays, etc. The stocks were never more complete with handsome goods than they are this season at this store.

EXTRA OFFERINGS IN

Bleached Tabings

Have you profited by the extra good values in linen offered by this store? Better have a cloth length or two of this beautiful bleached linens. It will be many a day before you'll be able to buy such good linen for such little prices.

72 in bleached tabling, all linen in two beautiful designs, extra value per yard 85c, March linen sale price **75c**
84 in bleached satin damask tabling in beautiful new pattern, warranted all pure linen, per yard \$1.25, March linen sale price **90c**

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At Gray's China Hall.

Nothing but the best for the least money. You can get suited here in dinnerware, as the assortment is all you could desire, and our many stock patterns are sure to please you. A new line of pretty China just to hand. See it.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL, King Street,
Opp. Merchants Bank.

HED-RITE

We are introducing the most excellent Headache
Tablet. It comes well recommended from larger cities.

Central Drug Store,
C. H. Gunn & Co.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

Just ask your doctor all about it. He will tell you "It is the best blood medicine you can possibly buy."

DISTRICT DOINGS.

TILBURY

March 11.—Geo. Carey is recovering from an attack of appendicitis. The handle factory is running overtime.

F. Giguere and family left this week for Fisherville, Mass.

Bishop Baldwin will hold confirmation services in St. Andrew's Episcopal church on Friday evening, 18th inst., at eight o'clock.

Robert Adams leaves to-day for Alberta.

A public meeting of the creamery note defenders is advertised to be held in Valcarte town hall on Monday evening, 21st inst.

John Bono is recovering from a serious illness.

A concert under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will be given on Tuesday evening, April 19th, in Anderson Hall. The talent engaged for the occasion include Colin McDonald, of Windsor; Miss Deming, soprano in the Presbyterian church, Windsor; and Miss Bond, Windsor's talented pianist, assisted by local talent.

A largely signed petition is being circulated in the village asking that the Malott drain be devoted to the King and White. The late flooding of the village was the direct cause of the petition.

Mrs. N. F. Gardner, of Valcarte, after selling the estate, will either sell or rent the farm and move to Chatham.

DRESDEN

Mar. 11.—The degree team of the Diamond Rebekah Lodge visited the lodge at Thamesville on Tuesday night and initiated several new members. Some of the local Oddfellows accompanied the Rebekahs.

The many friends of Mrs. Bolton, Holden St., will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness.

THAMESVILLE

March 11.—Mr. S. West, of London, spent yesterday in town.

Miss Alice Thompson, of Detroit, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson.

Miss May Smith, of St. Thomas College, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Olin's.

Mrs. Henry Julien left this morning for Ingersoll, where she will join Mr. Julien, who has accepted a position there.

Mr. Bert Thompson, of Croton, has purchased Wm. Beckett's butcher business and will take possession next week.

Mrs. Wm. Ashwin, who has been spending the past month with her daughter-in-law in Bolton, has returned to her home in Holland, Mich.

The degree team of the Diamond Rebekah Lodge, of Dresden, visited the Thamesville Lodge Tuesday evening in a most exemplary manner. The work was done in a splendid manner and was highly appreciated by the home lodge. After several interesting speeches a dainty luncheon was served, to which all did ample justice.

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It is very doubtful whether the legistures of the different States which took on the Great Lakes can be brought to see what is for the general welfare. Fishermen in Ohio and Michigan, for instance, say the white fish keep to the New York end of the lake all the season except when the water is very low, and they are not allowed to take them then. The New York State fishermen get them all, and that they can't be expected to protect the fish for the other fellows, even if the non-protection does lead to extermination.

And so it goes, and Mr. Batsto is likely to have a hard time inducing them to protect the fish in the spawning season for their own and our benefit.

Some of the States bordering on the lakes were not represented at the meeting lately held at Detroit, plainly showing that they do not intend to fall into line. This being the case, would it not be best for the Ontario government to do what is for the best interests of the people of Ontario?

It has been stated that if the States interested do not join us and pass laws protecting the fish in the spawning season, then it is the intention of our government to abolish the close season on this side of the lakes and allow the fish to be exterminated.

This is not good policy and would lead to a few Canadian fishermen to take out the licenses and work for their ordinary wages. The fish are all shipped to New York and the other large cities of the States. Would it not be far more beneficial to the people of the fish in Ontario, for the use of our own people? There is a large and increasing demand for fish at good prices; a demand which cannot be supplied, as the fish are all shipped out of the country.

By prohibiting the exportation of fish our people would be assured of a regular supply, our fishermen would not be injured in their occupation but assured of it, as under adequate protection fish would increase, and the fish would be protected in the spawning season.

It has been stated that it is of very little use our protecting the fish unless the Americans do also, they cross the lake from side to side, at one time being on the American side and again on the Canadian side. This may be true to a certain extent, but it was found in Lake Superior that while fish which once abandoned on the American side were very scarce, whereas on the Canadian side they were quite plentiful. In fact so noticeable was the difference that the Commissioner of Fish and Game, of that State, held at Detroit a few days ago that he thought the fish which were Canadian and which American waters. Self preservation is the first law of nature—animals, birds, and fish possess the instinct, and it is safe to say fish, although not as much of them as of birds and animals—know enough to keep away from waters where rats of all kinds swarm, when they have as good waters where they are safe.

The fishing in Lake St. Clair and adjoining waters, including the River Thames is of more direct interest to the people of this vicinity. Anglers have been much disgusted at the method of catching the fish in Lake St. Clair. They blame the innumerable hoop nets that have been allowed to infest all the best bass waters. It is true that the law does not allow hoop nets to be taken or sold but of course they do go into the trap hoop nets. They are supposed to be put back into the water by the fishermen. If they are anglers, are at a loss to know where to get to, as black bass, particularly of the small mouth variety, locally known as the green bass, are practically a thing of the past in the waters about Mitchell's Bay and the mouth of the Thames, where they were only a few years ago in large numbers, and where they afforded profit, pleasure and recreation to large numbers of the people from all sections and of all conditions of life.

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Those who are fond of recreation on the water, and they number thousands, don't see why all the fish of these waters should be monopolized by a few so-called fishermen, and the thousands deprived of their bright light. The people of this section are not allowed even the privilege of being able to buy their own fish; they are all contracted for at high prices and are shipped to New York.

Mr. Batsto under instruction from the Hon. Mr. Latchford, has done much towards improving and stocking the inland lakes in Northern Ontario with bass. It is not necessary that the fish be so knocked about by being crowded in a small space with coarse fish that they die.

So the total sweeping out of the nets is the only thing to be done. They also say that Lake St. Clair being a small, shallow lake, should not be classed with the larger lakes and that all commercial fishing in it and its tributaries should be done away with, and the waters kept for the use and recreation of the growing population of the people adjoining these waters.

CANADIAN.

BRANCHES OUT

Thibodeau & Jacques Add a Dressmaking Department to Their Popular Store

There is no surer sign of the prosperity of any place than to see the merchants of that place branching out in their business. Chatham has always been known as a prosperous and busy city and the merchants here are as wide awake and enterprising as they are anywhere.

Thibodeau & Jacques, the well-known dry goods firm, have given their customers and patrons another sample of their enterprise and prosperity. Four years ago they found that their business had grown to such proportions that it was necessary to enlarge their store. This they did and their trade has since become so enormous that they are forced to enlarge still further.

About seven weeks ago they arranged to occupy all of the second floor above their present store, and since then great improvements have been made. The renovations are not yet completed, but it is expected they will be next week.

The improvements are very extensive and have made a change in the idea of enlarging their dress goods department and installing a dressmaking department. The floor at the rear of the store in the former millinery room has been lowered to make a large comfortable room for the staple goods. About seven feet above this is another floor on which is the millinery department, reached by a broad stairway from the centre of the rear floor. This room is very light and airy and makes an ideal millinery room. It will be fitted up with silent salesman and special show cases. A large handsome mirror extends across the room on the back wall. The office is situated in one corner of this room and looking down on the store proper.

From the millinery room are steps on either side leading to the millinery work room, the fitting and reception room and the dress making room. It is one of the neatest arranged stores in town. The reception room is very elaborate with a large wall opening, giving a view of the ground floor of the store. Both the millinery room and the reception room are lighted by art glass skylights.

All of the new improvements are fitted up with polished oak paneling, and floor rugs, etc. They will be complete for their opening, which promises to be exceedingly elaborate this year.

The millinery work rooms will accommodate 15 girls, while the dressmaking department started up last Monday with a staff of twelve dressmakers, presided over by Madame West. They have already orders enough to keep them busy a few weeks ahead.

This firm has a very extensive trade in dry goods, and there many well wishers have every confidence that they will succeed in their new venture.

The contractors who were engaged to do the work of remodeling were Bloude Bros. & Co., and the Hazard Store Service Company, of Toronto.

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WALLACEBURG

March 12.—Mr. H. W. Burgess has returned from a business trip to London.

Mr. and Mrs. Paschby, who reside over the Bank of Toronto, of which Mr. Paschby is manager, were started on Thursday night last by what was thought to be a burglar. After investigating, however, they found that a pigeon had become fastened to the screen on the window, and upon trying to release itself in shaking the screen and flapping its wings, etc., had awakened them. The pigeon is now a captive at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes have the sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their child, Katherine, aged one year, eight months and eleven days, who died at their home March 11 Friday.

Some of the air cells in the human lungs are no bigger than 1-150 of an inch. When you have a cold, you are clogged with mucus. Allen's Lung Balm clears the tiny air passages and heals the inflammation in the bronchial tubes.

BLENDHEIM

March 12.—Mrs. T. P. Warner has rented Mrs. Newton's house and will move there very soon.

Patten and Perry played in the Opera House on Tuesday night to a large audience. Everyone was well pleased with the show and their band.

Joshua Meade, who has been working on the Lake Erie Railway at Port Stanley, is home on a short visit with his family.

The 5th number of the Lyceum Course will be given on Thursday, March 17th, by the Hawthorne Musical Club, which gave such a pleasing concert here last year.

Gilbert Blakely, who has been at Liskeard, New Ontario, since last fall, is home on a short visit to his parents. He speaks favorably of that section of New Ontario.

B. Pegley, of E. G. Thompson's staff, is confined to the house with an attack of la grippe.

Mrs. A. N. Shotwell, of Mt. Clemens, is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Chas. W. Ryan.

Abbot D. Giffin has bought Ford's property on Sheldrick St. Mr. Ford has bought from James Heniker, the late E. Coburn's residence on Hall St., and yesterday moved into it.

Mrs. Erna Putnam, Detroit, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Pearson.

Miss Nora Clark has a position in Mrs. Ward's millinery store.

A meeting will be held in W. E. Hall's office on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a baseball team. All interested are invited to attend.

The subject for the sermon in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening will be "Blenheim's Opportunity," Rev. G. B. Brown being the preacher.

Mrs. W. Brown is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. B. Brown.

A number of farm sales are to be held during the next two weeks.

The weekly shoot of the Blenheim Gun Club, on Tuesday, was well attended. The shoots are unusually well attended this year. The following are the scores:

F. Gilbert 18
E. Gilbert 12
McIntyre 12
S. Burk 21
Fleming 8
J. Wetherald 8
T. Taylor 13
W. Hartford 17
Sid Burk 9
P. Bannon 11
P. Slater 11
C. Wetherald 8
F. Saitor 8
McMackon 20
Miss Sampson 9
W. Samson 9
E. Ramsden 12
Vester 12
Z. Ramsden 10
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S. Garrod 16
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Mont. Burk 14
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Logging as a Pastime

Fred W. Tobey an Old Chatham Boy Now Living in the N. W. T. Tells The Planet of His Unique Experiences in the Far West.

Monta, Feb. 27, '04.
Dear Planet.—My friends and enemies who read The Planet will by now conclude that F. W. Tobey has got lost on the prairie. But such is not the case, nor have I been frozen solid, and am just thawing out. The fact is I have been leading too strenuous a life to find time to write. However, as I have a notion this evening and a leisure hour, I will attempt to write another especially interesting letter, etc., so forth in the afternoon. My subject is a strange one, "Logging as a Pastime," and difficult to make interesting, but, as it was a source of pleasure and mirth to me, possibly if I can but relate my experiences it will be of interest to some of my friends or enemies.

It was during the latter weeks of January that I decided to wade into the stray poplar trees on my property, C. B. property but my own. Having resolved, I proceeded to gather up some tools and to resurrect my logging chain, which had long lain idle. Knowing that it would be long summer time when I returned I had Mrs. Tobey prepare me a very tempting lunch without which I should have surely died. Knowing also here and there on the prairie it was cold, I put paper and kindling into a bag and matched into my pocket. Thus equipped, I applied the whip gently and was soon skimming over the prairie trail.

I was alone. The Indian has his clay pipe and squaw, the half breed his dog; but I (poor me) had nothing but nature to keep me company. However, as the poet says, "There is a pleasure in the pathless woods," etc., I found pleasure on the roadless prairie. The prairie—its open spaces, vast fields of snow, which in the sunlight seemed more like powdered diamonds. The bluffs, above of their summer beauty, but clothed again by nature's dressmaker, Jack Frost, in effeminate vestments of white hoar frost, sparkled like twinkling stars. The rabbit runs, the wolf tracks, the badger holes, the tiny foot prints of the mice and occasional broken trail of the prairie hen all had their little story to tell. Not infrequently one would see a wolf trailing along with an unfortunate rabbit or prairie hen in its mouth, or a snow white owl leisurely eating a hapless mouse on the top of a wind-shattered tree or sometimes on a knoll. All these formed food for reflection and thus the going and coming, the most tedious part of logging, are made much better and less dragging.

Arrived at the battle field, you quickly unhitch the horses and allow them to munch at the hay thrown on the temporary platform which I use to convey me hither and thither in half-civilized comfort. This done, you empty your bag, where you have kicked the snow away. It takes by a moment to cut some dry wood, and soon you have a blazing fire. This adds to the comfort of the horses and helps to make your lunch a meal. After cutting a few logs you throw on a few more faggots, make a crude fork out of a stick and, after thawing about sixteen degrees of frost out of your sandwich, you eat it in peace. After dinner you skid these out, cut enough more to make a load, skid them and then load. Your load on, you throw on your temporary platform, horse blankets, fuel bag, lunch basket, gun and axe, and start for home.

By this time the sun has got fairly well down. Its rays are not so warm and the air is much colder. The trees have lost much of their beauty, and you now try to plan how you can keep your feet and fingers warm. While you are thus engrossed, Jack nips your nose and leaves a pretty white mark. In a day or so this undergoes a color metamorphosis and becomes a brown scale. This, in due season, having fulfilled its mission, drops off and leaves Mr. Nose more liable to be nipped than before.

"Every cloud has a silver lining." Nature is kind even when she appears to be severe. Frost bites are not so bad after all for they remove that stinging, tingling sensation, which precedes the nip and on a cold day continues until the freezing act is accomplished. She unintentionally gives you pain, but attempts successfully to compensate by deadening feeling for a few days.

Arrived home at last, I am greeted with what I parted with, a tender—Mrs. Tobey objects to me putting in that word so I will have to leave out the abstract noun. However, if you try hard you can guess.

I will now have to drift still more from my subject and introduce a new character into this unconnected narrative.

Hard by my homestead there dwells in single bliss, a decrepit bachelor. His legs are diamond shaped and he occasionally slips a cog when he walks. His hands are somewhat distorted from severe rheumatism in his ruddy complexion, open jolly look and silvery locks all are becoming. No doubt he has seen better days, as it were, for he is well versed in matters general, has evidently travelled a great deal through the States and Canada, has at one time possessed a deep rich bass voice and enjoyed all

the comforts of well furnished house. But, as they say, fortune is fickle; and now his equalled fourteen foot bed, saw, axe, sawhorse, home made table, chair, bed and 1872 stove represent his all. For all that, as proud as a prince is he.

Rev. Samson had often tried to induce our hero to attend church but he always excused himself by saying he had no fit clothes. Hearing this and not wishing to see an anxious saint kept from the pearly gates, if I could prevent it, I took it upon myself to fit him out. Having once been a trusted employee of the 2 T's, I was well stocked with pants, furnishings and thought it my duty to offer him the use of one suit for Sundays. Here is where I missed it for, as I said, he was proud. This seeming act of charity touched his pride to the quick, for he said, "Until I can buy a suit I will go with-out. I would work for suit but not wear one that was not mine."

Now I had plenty of suits but few fence rails. Consequently I proposed that he should help me get out some rails and I would give him suit, if he was willing to put up with the accommodation we could give him in our cabin. "When will we start?" "Oh, I'll be over next Monday and we'll get some out," answered I.

Monday was a cold day and the wind was blowing at the rate of seventy miles an hour. However, not wishing to disappoint Charlie, I ventured out and after much plunging through the snow drifts, arrived safely at Poplar Bluff Mans. Opening the door I was greeted with "Good lord, you're not going to cut rails a day like this are you?" "Well," said I, "I had a notion that way."

After warming up and partaking of the many rare delicacies of a bachelor's menu we sallied forth. Now, as I remarked, Charlie was at peace with mankind generally, but always felt that nature's forces were leagued against him. If it was too hot it was too cold, if neither it was too nice a day to work, etc. He would put nature to a severe test. Try as she might she could not please Charlie. Then again he did not see why a fellow had to cut down the entire poplar bluff to get one dry pole. Consequently he would just cut down half the bluff, and, as a result, the other half would be in the way of the axe. I agreed with him there, but having had some experience before, I resigned myself to the inevitable and cleared a little space about each dry tree to cut down. Charlie did not. Thus it came to pass that very often during the day Charlie's axe struck a poplar tree in the unwhim half of bluff. It, feeling that it had done nothing to deserve such a cruel blow, would spring back and give the offender a crack in the eye or elsewhere. Then you would have Charlie deliver one of those word or phrase sermons; sometimes he would go into particulars and make it a sentence sermon, delivering the goods in very strong language.

Now, after the cutting act was completed, there came the time for pulling those small trees or rails out into the open, an operation which is a better test of patience than cutting and trimming them. If not trimmed very closely the projecting ends of branches catch on weasell twigs, holding tenaciously to same. Now Charlie would make it out that branches and trees were possessed of devils and these were tormenting. He would even go so far as to make human monsters of innocent, harmless little twigs that would get in his way. He would declare they were stubborn and talk like this, "You stubborn little —, you'll hold that pole till you drive me mad, but if my life depended on your strength you would break off at once." Had he but turned his pole a little it would have come along quite nicely; but he would deliver a sermon, give it a stubborn pull, and the twig, contrary to Charlie's theory, would break, and so suddenly that he would land on his overalls. At this juncture of the farce I would attempt to say something witty to cheer him up, but, as Shakespeare says, "Mirth cannot move a soul in agony." Likewise I suppose it is as ineffectual when one is suffering from concession of the pistol pocket.

Possibly by now some of my friends or enemies will be wondering what Fred did under such trying circumstances. Well, to speak plainly I avoided most of the annoyances by cutting down the entire bluff, as Charlie says. However, there was a time when a pole caught on a very elastic willow tree or shrub. While doing the turning act it slipped from its socket and sweetened me across the nose and eyes so that the blood came. Being womanish, I did not swear, but allowed the big tears to come to my spectacles and trickle down my cheeks. But with great presence of mind I reflected on the price of salt, made a grand stand play and caught the drops before they reached mother earth. These I allowed to freeze, then stowed them away in my pocket and carried them home and had them evaporated for the salt they contained.

In due season we reached home where I was greeted in the usual way, a sight which brought tears to Charlie's eyes when he realized what might have been. Having but one bed and no room for another at present, if we had it, I was obliged to make a bed on top of our two trunks. After a sociable chat and a game or two Charlie retired. Mrs. Tobey

and I sat reading the Great Home Journal for some time, when suddenly the stillness of the cabin was broken by notes more sonorous than sonorous. Happily it was but for a few minutes for soon he breathed as low and regular as an infant, dreaming no doubt of logging as a pastime. Yours in F. L. & T. F. W. TOBEY.

The Days of Auld Lang Syne

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

From Feb. 1, 1858, to Feb. 28, 1858.

The present population of the city of Washington, is estimated at 61,104.

Washington Irving is now engaged on the fifth volume of the Life of Washington.

A bill preventing the marriage of first cousins was passed in the Kentucky Legislature.

A billiard table has just been completed for his Majesty Kamehameha IV, king of the Sandwich Islands.

The first railroad built in Venezuela was opened from Puerto Cabello to the interior on the 20th of February, 1858.

A daily newspaper called the 'Daily News' has been started at Hong Kong by Dr. G. M. Rider. This is the first daily paper that has been published there.

in the Red River country. We have already noticed the fact that a public meeting has demanded annexation to Canada as the means of saving the country. The immediate occasion of this last outbreak was the imprisonment of a trader by the Company, who were forced to release him.

GREAT PISTOL MATCH.

Mr. John Travis has just concluded the terms of a novel pistol match with S. Snyder, of New York, which are as follows:

Travis bets Snyder one thousand dollars that he will find a boy who will stand at the distance of ten paces and place an orange, not to exceed two and a half inches in diameter in each hand, and one upon his head, which Travis will shoot from their respective locations, no object to intervene between the boy and the oranges. If Travis fails to find the boy who will stand or fails to hit the oranges in the three shots or any shot touches the boy he loses the bet. The match



Chinchilla is used for the design shown above and the hat is of silk pressed beaver trimmed with the fur and a majestic white plume.

The steamboat Islander, Capt. Jas. W. Steinhoff, will run between Detroit and Chatham, the ensuing season commencing at the opening of navigation.

Gregory McDougall, a young man 25 years of age, from Wallaceburg, was lynched in Indiana for counterfeiting. He left a young wife and a child.

The bachelors of the city wind up the social season with a ball in the Masonic Hall. H. V. McCrae acted as floor manager. The music was given by the Detroit Light Guard Band.

Dumas receives twenty cents a line for his romances. One of his constant readers estimates that he has received 25,000 francs for the single line. "A cool perspiration stood upon the forehead of the countess," which occurs in most of his stories.

A man named John Sullivan, of the township of Raleigh, was killed on the 8th inst. by a tree which he had chopped, falling upon him. An inquest was held by Coroner Donnelly, and the occurrence appearing purely accidental, the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

The following appeared in the proceedings of the county council: Moved by Dr. Cross, seconded by Mr. McMichael, that the petition for taking the toll off the Kent Bridge be not granted. And the said motion was carried.

Married—On the 28th ult., by Rev. A. Campbell, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, of Romney, to Miss Elizabeth Sampson, Tilbury East.

On the 4th inst., by the same, Mr. Thomas Pickering, of the village of Blenheim, merchant, to Miss Lois Young, of the township of Harwich.

On the same day, by the same, at Mr. Larke's hotel, Mr. Eli Marsakas to Miss Hanna Smith, both of the Howard.

to be shot in Louisville, June 15, 1858.

The following was a description of Chatham in 1858.

Acres 499,418; assessed value in 1856 \$4,769,292; debentures outstanding, \$27,275; county debt exclusive of debentures, none. Judge of County court, chairman quarter sessions, W. B. Wells.

Sheriff—John Mercer. Warden—James Smith, Camden. Treasurer—C. G. Charteris. Clerk—W. Causgrave. Registrar—A. Knapp. Clerk of Peace—G. Duck. Clerk of the County Court and District Clerk of Crown—T. A. Ireland. Judge Surrogate—Geo. Williams. Crown Lands Agent—Jno. E. Brooke.

Inspector of Weights and Measures—Donald McColl. Population about 6,000; Mayor, Dr. C. J. S. Askin; Reeve, Dr. Thomas Cross; Deputy Reeve, Richard Monck; Clerk, Duncan McColl; assessed annual value, \$94,704; debentures now outstanding \$107,600; corporation debt exclusive of debentures, none.

At a public meeting held February 22nd, the law of imprisonment was asked to be repealed. The following is part of the report of the meeting: Moved by J. W. Rose, seconded by A. D. McColl, that the law for imprisonment for debt as it at present stands, is imperfect and that a petition be sent to the Legislature praying that such an alteration may be made in the law as will protect any person from being imprisoned for debt except for cases of fraud, supported by the sworn evidence of two disinterested parties.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Rufus Stephenson and Alexander Knapp—that the law now in force which authorizes imprisonment for debt is barbarous, impolitic and unjust, because it often prevents the honest man from paying his debts by depriving him of his regular business and lessening his means, and further, because it treats him as a criminal, although he is innocent of all crime, and therefore

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A Poet Great-Grandmother

Mrs. Burk, Mother of Mrs. N. H. Stevens, Writes Poetry at the Age of 83 that Ranks High in Realms of Literature.

Writing poetry at 83 is certainly a remarkable achievement, but one not impossible, as Mrs. Erastus Burk, mother of Mrs. N. H. Stevens, can prove. Mrs. Burk formerly lived at Blenheim and Morpeth in this County but about thirty-five years ago she and her husband moved to California, where they lived. Mr. Burk fell from his wheel some years ago when 81 years of age and sustained injuries from which he died. Mrs. Burk remained in California till last fall, when she came to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. N. H. Stevens, in this city.

Mrs. Burk is a bright little lady, for her years and a pleasant conversationalist. She has a retentive memory and it is indeed refreshing to spend an hour in her company. Writing verses has always been a favorite pastime with her and she has many proofs of really wonderful ability in the art of versification. Probably her best poem is an ode to Santa Barbara, written on February 15, 1899. Mrs. Burk was staying at the time with her son, Frederick Burk, president of the State Normal School at San Francisco. When it is considered that the aged lady was 79 years of age when she wrote it, this poem probably stands without a peer. On its own merits it stands as a poetic gem, but considering the years of the author it is simply marvellous. This is Mrs. Burk's masterpiece. Read it twice. You won't be able to appreciate "To Santa Barbara" if you only read it once:

TO SANTA BARBARA.

Fair city so favored with Nature's free gifts,
With verdure unstinted and picturesque cliffs!
With canyons and nooks through the hills to the crest
Of the tall rugged mountains that stretch to the west!

They stand as a guardian o'er valley and sea,
And shelter thy haven, Saint Barbara, for thee,
Where are loud roaring breakers and murmuring wave
As each follows other the pebbles to lave.

Less abrupt rise the 'Meas' and less rugged, too,
Than her neighbors across for her rocks are but few,
Her green grassy awards with rare trees from all climes,
From the date of the tropics to the Norwegian pines.

See the isles in the distance with tree and with glade!
How came they, and when was the upheaval made?
Beneath them they tell us are caves unexplored,
And who knows but Dame Nature has treasures there stored?

Each isle named from Saints who their Guardians have been,
But have long bade adieu to this beautiful scene;
And the bones of Saint Rosa, Saint Cruz and Miguel
Repose in the mission on yonder gray hill.

Full a century has passed, yet the Franciscan Friar
Has sacredly kept the old mission entire,
And through modern changes we daily unfold,
With what interest we view this quaint relic of old.

—Matilda Burk.
Santa Barbara, Feb. 15, 1899.

Mrs. Burk was born in Devonshire, England, in 1821, and came to Canada in 1842. She married Erastus Burk and they lived near Bowmanville till 1854, when he decided to make a change. They sold their farm and started for the State of Kansas.

Mrs. Burk was and has always been a staunch Britisher and a true patriot. She disliked leaving the land of the Union Jack, but never said a word till St. Louis was reached. They stayed at an hotel over night and in the morning Mrs. Burk said that she had decided to return to British ground.

Mr. Burk agreed and they decided to keep travelling till they should both decide to stop. When they reached Chatham they made up their minds to see the place and stopped at Lark's Hotel, now the Park House, corner of Colborne and William streets. Mr. Burk went out to look at the country and purchased a farm near Morpeth. Gilman King, a brother of Hooper King, had a store at Morpeth and later Mr. Burk purchased the store and moved to Morpeth. Later he moved to Blenheim, erected a store about the year 1860, and remained there about 13 or 14 years. At this time, the Sheldon House and McGregor's hotel were the chief houses of entertainment in the village. Mr. Houston owned the mill and John Morris conducted the post office. In 1870, they moved to California and resided at Mountain View about 38 miles from San Francisco. California is very much like a work to itself is Mrs. Burk's opinion of the

sunny state.

Mrs. Burk's ability to write poetry is a natural gift and she has found this art the means of passing many a pleasant hour. She has nearly all her poems preserved and many of them are very interesting and clever. The first poem recorded was written in 1848 and describes the wreck of the schooner William of Whitby, owned by William Burk, a relative of the aged poet's husband. The opening stanza gives some idea of the story and the narrative is interesting.

"One night in November, a stormy one, too,
The William of Whitby was out with her crew.
Her Captain was Foster, the noble and brave,
Whose efforts were arduous in trying to save.
Her cable chain broke and her anchor was gone,
And soon o'er the deck the mast lay upon."

The "ode to my temper" gives us a little insight into the loving, kindly nature of the poet grandmother.

"Oh, my temper, wretched thou,
Often thou hast made me mourn.
Why should trifles so annoy?
Why such bubbles peace destroy?
Cess thee, make no more display,
Show thy strength some other way."

At the time of the Fenian Raid, a number of young men from Blenheim volunteered. On their return from the front, the ladies of the town on the hill collected money and presented a flag to the patriotic young men. Mrs. N. H. Stevens made the presentation and Mrs. Burk perpetuated the event with the following poem:

Lines on presenting the 'Union Jack' to the Blenheim Volunteers:
The ladies of Blenheim with pleasure present
This flag to our brave volunteers,
And hope 'neath its colors you'll often give vent
To the hearty old English, "Three Cheers."

This mode of expression we take to convey
The thanks which we feel are your due,
For the prompt willing way you of late did obey
The call of our country on you.

We do not pretend all alone to defend
Our land from the invading foe,
Yet appreciate much all those who for such
The comforts of home will forego.

What though hordes of Fenians our country menace,
Why need it awaken our fears,
If we judge from the past, we can coincide place
In Canada's brave volunteers.

The Scotch, Irish, English, all rallied around
Britain's standard, her cause to expose,
And our foes quickly found that on Canada's ground
'Tis dangerous the Lion to arouse.

We know that no boon could such pleasure impart
To those who are loyal and true
As this symbolic mark. Even a thrill fills the heart
At the sight of the "Red White and Blue."

Unfurl then your banner and proud let it wave
A terror to foe and a shield to the brave,
And may God save our Queen. In her crown may we be
A gem whose bright lustre all nations may see.

The dear and dainty old lady still writes when fancy dictates, but her later poems are all to her grand children. Near is the favorite and his many qualities are named in as many verses. She doesn't think that there is anything wonderful in her ability to write and doesn't realize at all that she is the most remarkable lady of her age in Ontario.

REVENGE.

I.—Last Winter,
Said the plumber to the coal man:
"Say, I want a ton of coal."
Said the coal man to the plumber:
"Do you really? Why, how droll!"
Said the plumber to the coal man:
"Well, perhaps an eighth will do."
Said the coal man to the plumber:
"There are scores ahead of you."

II.—This Winter,
Said the coal man to the plumber:
"Are you busy, then, to-day?"
Said the plumber to the coal man:
"Am I busy? I should say!"
Said the coal man to the plumber:
"All my water pipes are froze,
Will you kindly come and clear them?"
And the plumber thumbed his nose!

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SIZING UP JOHN

The Ridgeway Dominion comments:—

Mr. John Lee, M. P. P., threatens great things if the Ontario Government does not recoup the farmers who had their orchards destroyed in the wild and foolish attempt to combat the San Jose scale. Mr. Lee's hysterics will deceive nobody. His bluster is only a good piece of acting. He will do anything but vote against the government whether it indemnifies the farmers or not.

WAR NEWS UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

This far eastern war will have at least one good effect in the eyes of the military staff responsible for the conduct of the field operations, comments the Toronto World. It will accustom people everywhere to a substantial restriction of the copious telegrams and special letters with which in all recent campaigns they have been literally deluged. With the unprecedented means of inter-communication which now exist throughout the great round world there is no possibility now of confining information to any one country. Whatever becomes known to one is immediately flashed to the ends of the earth, possibly with disastrous results to the plans of the strategists, one of whose chief weapons is silence and secrecy. It is well known that Lord Kitchener and many other officers of the newer school are profoundly dissatisfied with the facilities and freedom hitherto accorded to war correspondents, particularly British and American. English-speaking citizens who must have their daily papers spiced every morning and afternoon with something which will flavor their jaded appetite for the sensational and the startling have been, partly at least, responsible for the extraordinary license with which special commissioners at the front have hitherto been accorded. The demand ensured the supply, and the supply in turn changed a moderate desire into a ravenous hunger for novelty and magnitude. Every skirmish became a desperate battle and every trifling reverse a disastrous defeat. And so the game went merrily on till the sense of proportion was lost, and with it all intelligent following of the progress of the campaign.

In default of any really authentic information regarding the Japanese plan of operations by land and sea, the waiting multitudes have been treated to about the most extraordinary farrago of bulletins that war ever elicited. Identical ships have been reported as damaged or destroyed in about every way possible to man or the elements, and have turned up at the end apparently as capable of doing damage to the enemy or to their friends as ever they were. Troops have been despatched hither and thither, hundreds of thousands of men have been reduced in a single night to thousands or hundreds, if not to a corporal and two privates. Frozen-up fleets have appeared next day, icebound harbors have been miraculously opened, fortresses have been abandoned, captured, become second Ladyships, been stocked with ample supplies and reduced to a month's rations all within twenty-four hours. Well, indeed, may the average citizen abandon the attempt to make head or tail of these conflicting rumors and resign himself to a patient waiting upon the lifting of the veil. After all, may not this enforced attitude of suspense, this knowledge that at any moment the darkness may be dispelled and the situation illumined by the flash of the guns of the little yellow men be as titivating as a dose of real or imaginary horrors every morning. Anyway it is a novel experience, and when the blow is struck which, unless all precedents and presages lie, is now in the shaping, the public may realize the wisdom which has prompted the conspiracy of silence and its necessity under the conditions of twentieth-century war.

ANOTHER LIBERAL KICK

The candor of some of the Liberal press has become quite refreshing and they are saying things that ought to be remembered when voting time comes again, for they are arguments of a kind that ought to influence every voter. The editor of the Mitchell Recorder is one of those who, like Mr. M. Y. McLean, M. P. P., and Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, have experienced party ingratitude, and he does not intend to be quiet about it. He had been mentioned in connection with the directorship of Farmers' Institutes, and his highly efficient services in connection with them, his skill as a

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speaker and his keen interest in and knowledge of subjects bearing on horticulture and agriculture warrant the belief that he would make an excellent director of that department. But, like other men of worth and merit, he has been passed over. Using the protest of a Liberal deputation in Toronto against Premier Ross' methods of administering patronage, the Mitchell Recorder goes on to "speak out in meetin'" in the most emphatic language, which bears out much of the Conservative criticism of the two Liberal Governments. It says:

"If the ultra loyal Liberals of Toronto are complaining on that score what may be expected from the outlying constituencies? All recent appointments have been made on the family circle or family compact system. If you are not one of the household, or of some wife's relations, it does not count. It would appear as if all those were to be looked after before the final act, and the man or long service may toil on for the reward that cometh at the cemetery gate. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, I have promised and deceived thee many times, but it is a long road that has no turn; only continue faithful; serve on and thy turn will come sure—at the cemetery gate.' That is about the language of the present Ross, Gibson, Dryden combination. That was the language recently addressed to the Editor of the Seaford Expositor. That was the language addressed still more recently to the editor of this paper. It was even more trite and chilling than that—'too old.' Long service, valuable experiences, executive qualifications, all acknowledged; but too old; too long in the service."

"We have come in contact with many Farmers' Institute workers within the past few weeks and not one of them can find a justification for the recent appointment to the superintendency of that work. The appointee has had no experience out in the field—in the outer circle of the work. He has had no knowledge of the office end of the work, and his executive qualities have yet to be discovered. Besides that he has not the genial qualities to bring him into close touch and sympathy with the farming community. Lastly, all his family traditions are on the other side of the political fence."

"If the Toronto Liberals have any stronger case than this to kick about we are not surprised at their outspoken resolution. To be within the family circle, or to have rendered services of the Jackson quality in South Oxford is the only qualification that counts for recognition in politics to-day."

Says the Hamilton Spectator: The Dresden, Ont., Beet Sugar factory is to be removed to Joneville, Wisconsin. Cannot Mr. Ross "guarantee" the concern and keep it in this growing province?

"This must be a day-after-to-morrow town," remarked Judge Bell yesterday morning at ten o'clock, when he called off the entire Division Court docket, and every case found either the plaintiff or defendant absent—or both.—Toronto Times.

The Chatham News of February 10th, in an endeavor to become facetious, succeeds in becoming ghouliah. An article which the News dubs "A little bit of unwritten history," states that the late Hugh McKinnon was arrested on an occasion in Windsor, The News man was at that time in Windsor, and is supposed to have put the police "on" to the offence for which an arrest was made, and ought to have known that the man arrested by mistake was not Hugh McKinnon, but Duncan C. Ross. McKinnon was known and liked by every man on the Windsor force and could not be the victim of a mistaken identity.

The thousands of people who write to me, saying that

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We would advise the News man to try and be funny at the expense of those living and not libel those who are dead.—Windsor Standard.

ROSS THE UNREADY.

Montreal Star.

Premier Ross is not quite ready with his prohibition-local option-high license Government saloon-temperance bill. His Double X, Larry Wilson, has not yet given his assent.

BRITISH OFFICERS STUDYING JAPANESE.

London Daily Mail.

A small industrious body of British officers are at Tokio, engaged in the "study of the Japanese language." Arrangements for their despatch and reception had been concluded before the war broke out. Obviously, with Japan for our ally, it was necessary that British officers should be cognizant of her language, since at any time they might be called upon to serve side by side with their new allies in the field. They are now taking advantage of their presence to watch and to gather ideas from the Japanese arrangements for mobilization and transportation of troops. The officers will remain two years.

SNUFFY SCOTSWOMAN'S WILL.

St. James' Gazette.

One of the strangest wills preserved is that of a Mrs. Margaret Thompson, who, "in the name of God, amen," directed that in her coffin should be buried all her handkerchiefs and sufficient of the best Scotch snuff to cover her body. This she preferred to flowers, as "nothing could be more fragrant and so refreshing to me as that precious powder." Further, the six greatest snuff takers in the parish of St. James, Westminster, were to be her bearers. Six old maids, each bearing in her hand a box filled with the best Scotch snuff to take for their refreshment as they walked, were to carry the pall. Before the corpse the minister was to walk, carrying and partaking of a pound of snuff. At every twenty yard a large handful of snuff was to be delivered to the bystanders, while at the door of the testator's house were to be placed for gratuitous distribution to the household of the same quality of snuff. Several legacies depended upon the fulfilment of the conditions of the will, and all concerned were bidden to regard the powder as the grand cardinal of Nature.

DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

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it ought to be abolished except in cases of clearly established fraud.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. C. R. Atkinson and A. S. Holmes—That a bankrupt law is necessary in this province; that by such a law the honest but unfortunate debtor would be fully protected.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Knapp and Rufus Stephenson that Messrs. McLean, McCrae and Holmes and Knapp be a committee on behalf of this meeting to draw out a petition in favor of the present law of imprisonment for debt except in cases of fraud, a copy of which petition to be forwarded to the three branches of legislature as soon as possible.—Carried.

THE CHATHAM BRIDGE QUESTION

For two council nights in succession the councillors of Northwood ward, Dr. Cross taking the lead—have pressed for the passage of a resolution allowing the residents of North Chatham to purchase provisions, etc., at the market and convey the same to their homes without being obliged to pay toll on crossing the bridge, in fact placing those in North Chatham in a similar position to that enjoyed by parties living on the south side of the river. On the first evening it was brought up it was refused a reading. On the second night it was lost by a majority of two. However, notwithstanding all that has been said, we cannot see why the North Chathamites were first taxed to help erect a market; then compelled to buy their provisions at that market; and afterwards forced to pay ten cents more upon everything they buy than do the more lucky residents on the south side of the river. According to the present plan a resident of Chatham North is taxed when buying at the market while residents of other parts of the town get off scot free at the same time enjoying equal benefits from the market. If this hardship can be avoided in no other way, in time it would be money saved to North Chatham to build a bridge for itself. As it is even now the yearly amount of tolls paid must be large.

When a woman seeks an introduction to a man she carefully conceals the motive therefor.

Many men like to show familiarity with the weak side of great personages.

Life-buoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as safeguard against infectious diseases.

You don't need charity to look on the best side of a woman; she will keep it turned toward you.

The aged single woman talks of the past as if it were only yesterday.



Louis XI. of France

The Legend of St. Michel

In the year 1469 the great King Louis XI. lay sick. At the zenith of his power the first of France's great reconstructive monarchs was dying.

Remedies poured in from every side, but none were effective. At last one day the Count St. Michel sent in a bottle of his famous old wine from his vineyard near Bordeaux, with word of some of the cures it had performed. His Majesty tasted the wine—liked it—partook of it regularly for a few days and began to mend. This wonderful wine and a careful diet brought the king back from the verge of the grave, and restored him to health. Even before this the wine had been known among the peasants of Bordeaux as "The Miracle Wine." The King created the Order of St. Michel in gratitude for his recovery, so runs the legend of St. Michel, and all through the centuries since that time this wine has been called "Vin St. Michel."

This famous Vin St. Michel is the same to-day as it was in the days of King Louis XI., and is still doing its wonderful work among the sick and suffering. Any one who is not feeling well should try a wine glass full of Vin St. Michel three times a day—ask your grocer for it.

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GIVES BRIDE TO FATHER

Greater love than that of a son for his father there is not in this whole world, in the estimation of Louis Kosler, of 893 Houston Avenue, South Chicago. Louis lives there with his father, and has just attained his majority. For two years he had loved pretty Lillian Lattack, a village belle in Galicia, Austria, and was under promise to send for her to lead her to the altar.

Lillian arrived at the Houston Avenue home two weeks ago, and there was a joyful welcome accorded her. Louis planned for the prospective wedding, and expressed a desire to bring their long courtship to an end by an early ceremony. But he little knew the sacrifice his father was going to call upon him to make.

"Lillian is fair," said the father after a two weeks' scrutiny of the betrothed girl. "She is in need of the love of a man, not of a youth. I'm 45, my son, and it is I who should marry Lillian, not you."

It is recorded by South Chicago gossip that the son gulped and struggled hard against the love within him that prompted him to die with his sweetheart and thwart his father. But he acquiesced in the change of program. Lillian transferred her affections without much ado from the son to the father, and plans are now under way for a ceremony next Saturday which will give Louis, besides a broken heart, a step-mother instead of a wife.—Chicago Post.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL PHENOMENA

Spiritual Phenomena Has Its Facts As Has the Material World—Gospel Telepathy a Subtle, Mysterious Influence, Which Should Induce All Good Men and Women to Think None But Good Thoughts.

Entered according to Act of Parliament of Canada, in the year 1894, by William Bailey, of Toronto, at the Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Los Angeles Cal., March 6.—In this sermon the preacher discusses the psychological phenomena of mind influencing mind and shows how the soul may be elevated and energized by divine influence. The text is Acts x., 11, "And he saw heaven opened and a certain vessel descending."

Theory is often little more than the fine art of guessing. It is sometimes the way of concealing the fact that you do not know a thing, by using scientific language.

What is specific gravity? "That is the physical law," you answer, "which Isaac Newton discovered. Sitting one day under an overhanging tree branch in his orchard, he felt a puff of wind upon his cheek. The overhanging branch swayed, and a fall pippin, like a lump of gold, dropped into his lap. Then the English sage began to wonder why that apple came down to earth instead of flying away, as though it had the wings of a bird, toward the stars. As a result of these ponderings Newton generalized all the causes of cohesion and gravitation which bind this earth into a compact mass and called them "specific gravity." But, my friend, with your learned answer you have not explained to me anything. In reference to the laws of physical cohesion you have only given me two big words to express what I did not know before and what I do not know now.

As in the material world, so in the mental and spiritual world there are facts and phenomena which we know to be certainly true, though we cannot tell the "why" and the "wherefore" nor the causes which produced these results. For instance, we are nearly all ready to grant the power of human telepathy, or the influence of one human mind upon another human mind even at a distance. Sitting in a public meeting some night you exercise the power of will upon a person, and soon he will turn round and look at you, although that person could give no rational reason why he turned and looked. Indeed, so powerful sometimes is this influence of one human mind over another that many students of criminology have come to the belief that some murderers who wield the dagger or aim the pistol may be merely the helpless and pliant instruments of unknown criminals who have impelled them to commit their murderous deeds. Mesmerism, hypnotism, bewitchery, enchantment, are merely human names defining this mysterious power, which almost everywhere in the intellectual world is beginning to be recognized, and men are asking whether it may not sometimes de throne the supremacy of the individual will.

As one human mind has an influence over another human mind, we also know that there is a spiritual telepathy, a subtle, mysterious influence which the other world exerts upon our own. Visional messages as direct and unmistakable as that which came to Peter upon the housetop of Simon's house in Joppa may also come to us. We may be unable to explain how the divine manifestations come to the human mind. God will speak to us now if we will only let him, as surely as he spoke in many cases to his servants of old. If we look to God continually for guidance, to us, too, shall the promise be fulfilled, "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, This is the way, walk ye in it." The purpose of this sermon is not to analyze the causes of divine telepathy so much as to suggest ways in which God may be speaking to his children in these days.

"Gospel telepathy, in the first place, comes to God's children as it did to Peter upon Simon's house-top, in broad daylight. By that I do not mean that it necessarily comes to us as it did to Peter at the sixth hour or when the sun is highest in the meridian, but I do mean this: When God speaks to man he speaks to him when he is rational, when he is wide awake, when his senses are on the alert, not when he is cooped up in some dark, deceitful retreat of a spiritualistic medium or when he is tossing about on his couch at midnight in uneasy slumber as the result of his digestive organs having been overloaded. There is a vision of the spirit and a vision of the flesh. There is a vision which comes from God and one that is, like the nightmare, the product of our own brain under the disturbance of physical or mental conditions. There must be careful discrimination lest we accept foolish fancies and mischievous impulses as the voice of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.

I speak very emphatically on this subject. As Charles Dickens had his "Bleak House," with its Ghost's walk, and Nathaniel Hawthorne his "House of the Seven Gables," peopled with the evil spirits of past generations, unless we beware we may have the temples of our minds filled with the weirdest fantasies, created entirely by our own unregulated imagination or by evil associations and not by the vision of God. What right has any man to apply to himself the Ninety-first Psalm of David, as did a man some time ago in one of our eastern cities? He pondered over these verses day in and

day out: "For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." Then, in order to demonstrate his belief in this saying, that man jumped from the top of a four storey building and broke nearly every bone in his body. Do you suppose a vision like that came from God or from the devil? What right has a man when in doubt about any matter to go to a fortune teller or to a sorcerer or a professor of divination and to regard the voice of a professional charlatan as the voice of God?

There is a vision sent by God. There is also a Satanic telepathy. Christ, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, was tempted by the visions of sin as well as we. In the fourth chapter of Luke we read that the Satan took Jesus up to a high mountain and in vision showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world and said: "All this power will I give thee and the glory of them, for that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will, I will give it. If thou, therefore, wilt worship me all shall be thine." Then Satan took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple and asked him to cast himself down from thence, to prove that he was the Son of God. But Jesus, instead of obeying the Satanic vision, turned unto the devil and answered, "It is written, thou shalt not tempt the Lord, thy God." If being so pure and holy as our Lord was approached by temptation and assailed by a tempter who based his wicked suggestions on passages of Scripture, how careful should we be when a vision comes to us, as it came to Peter on the house-top, to make sure that the vision is heaven sent for our guidance and not a temptation from the enemy sent to our own destruction.

How to explain this manifestation I know not. I would give you the simple facts and let you judge for yourself. We were en route from Beirut to Athens by way of Smyrna. It was about 3 o'clock in the morning. I was awakened by my companion sobbing in his berth. "What is the matter, Trou?" I asked. "Oh," he answered, "something has happened at my sister's home. I had a strange vision about it. I was not asleep, but this vision has come upon me as an overwhelming reality. 'You sense, man?' I answered. 'You are not a fanatic, are you? You were asleep and had a bad dream; that is all.' I did not believe in God's visions then as I do now. My friend said nothing, but that vision made such an impression upon him that he took note of the time and the latitude and the longitude we were then in. From Athens we went directly home. So overpowering was his conviction of the reality of that vision that instead of going at once to his Philadelphia

home he stopped first at a friend's residence not far from where he lived. "How are the folks?" said he. The friend answered: "What! Did you not receive any message lately? Why, your sister lost both her twin boys in one day. They both died of diphtheria within an hour of each other." My friend asked the time. They died about the same time the wonderful vision came to him in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. I ask you not to give a tenuous interpretation of the message. You cannot. I cannot. From a human standpoint was not that vision very strange? Can you interpret it from any supernatural causation?

But why be surprised at the incident I have related? You have heard of many similar occurrences. You had a divine vision in your own life when the undertaker rudely broke into your home. When the doctor said she was dead, at first you were almost broken hearted. You were like a madman. You paced up and down the room saying: "Oh, God, how can I get along without her! Oh, my God, my God! What shall I do?" Hardly had you uttered that agonizing prayer when a strange peace came into your soul. She seemed to come back to you. She seemed to put her arms about your neck and to say with her old terms of endearment: "Husband, papa, sweetheart, son, I am all right. Christ has surely taken me away for a little while. I cannot come to you, but you shall come to me." Was it a dream? Was that message merely a Satanic mockery or was it a divine vision coming to you as one came to Peter on Simon's house-top? When you saw her joy and happiness was it not the same kind of a divine vision as that which came to St. John when he cried out in Apocalypse: "Who are these which are arrayed in white robes, and whence came they? These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

The divine telepathy often comes as a direct command for practical gospel work. As Peter on Simon's house top by his vision knew that Christ was sending him forth to carry the gospel to all the world, whether Jew or Gentile, so by a divine vision we know that God wants us to go forth to spiritually save that man and do this or that work. We know it just the same as we know what our earthly employer wants us to do when he gives us a bundle of checks and tells us to go and deposit them in the bank. By divine telepathy we knew what God wants us to do. God is bidding you to go forth to spiritually save that man and that man, to do this gospel work and that gospel work. Within you to-day you may hear the call. With your wide open eyes in broad daylight you may see the divine vision.

This gospel call for practical work is the more impressive and imminent because God's promises are never haphazard; they are never purposeless or meaningless dreams. They always have a very practical interpretation. When Peter looked off from Simon's house top he saw a great sheet let down from the heavens, filled with "all manner of four footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air." That vision was a symbol of the fact that Jesus died to save the Gentile as well as the Jew, the despised barbarian as well as the Jewish high priest, the uncircumcised as well as the circumcised. Hardly had the vision ended when Peter heard a loud rapping at the lower gate. "Who is there? Who is there?" was asked. "I am a messenger from Cornelius," is the answer. "I am not a Jew, but a Gentile, sent by a holy angel to thee. Will thou come and tell him about Jesus Christ?" The vision and the knock at the door were one summons. Then it was that Peter knew his vision was divine and that he was called to a duty which he might have shrunk from if he had not seen the preparatory vision. No longer was the offer of salvation to be made to the Jews only; no longer were the messengers of Christ to regard the Gentiles as common or unclean. So much the vision had taught him, and so Peter went with the men and preached Christ to the Gentile centurion, and he found that the gospel was the power of God unto salvation to the Gentile as well as to the Jew.

God's plans are never haphazard incongruities. When the good Ananias one day in the city of Damascus had the command in a vision that he should place the hands of holy ordination upon the bitterest enemy of the Christian disciples he at first doubted the divine authenticity of the vision. Ananias looked up at first into the heavens and in surprise said: "Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to the saints at Jerusalem. Not him! Not Saul! I cannot ordain Saul of Tarsus." But hardly had the good Ananias entered the house to which God had directed him when he brought him a staggering, stumbling blind man. It was Saul! It was the arch enemy Saul! Then Ananias knew that his vision was divine. So, O man and woman, the divine vision comes to you for practical gospel work. You feel it. You know it. Why? Because while I speak there arises before your mind some one man, some one woman, some one child, you can save. You are like Peter standing upon the house top. You are listening to the messenger of Cornelius calling you to carry the news of salvation to some waiting soul.

But there is still another fact about God's visions which it would be well for us to dwell upon. The divine telepathy comes to the despised man's home as frequently as it does to the ruler's palace. Who was Peter's host at the house where he had this divine vision? He was Simon the tanner. He was in all probability the most despised man in all the coast capital at that time. Among the Jews the tanner was a social outcast. The harlot, the

murderer, the insurrectionist, were more respected than he. The condemned criminal might be pardoned of his crimes even though he was the thief who waylaid the poor man on the road to Jericho, but the tanner's calling was never forgiven. As men shrink from contact with the leper, whose touch might communicate his loathsome disease to the healthy person, so the Jew shrank from contact with the tanner, whose presence in a home brought ceremonial contamination. The door of hospitality was always slammed shut in the face of the tanner.

By the old Jewish law, if a husband died without any children, his brother was compelled to marry the widow. But a widow was not compelled to marry that brother if he was a tanner. Not even the Jewish law would compel a woman to suffer such an ignominy. If a man married a woman without telling her he was a tanner, she could have the matrimonial bonds instantly annulled, as soon as the deception was found out. Of course, there had to be tanners among the Jews, as there must be hangmen for this present generation; yet, so bitterly were the tanners despised in ancient times that by the eastern law no tanner was allowed to build his tannery nearer to the outskirts of a town than fifty cubits. It was to this despised home that the heavenly vision came, opening the gate of the Christian church to the Gentile nations. Your home, O man, O woman, may be humble; it may be located in what the aristocratic people call the slums; it may even have been associated with the vicious pollution of society; but even there the voice from the heavenly mansions may be heard. "I came not," said the compassionate Saviour, "to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." You may be a social outcast, as much shunned as Simon the tanner, but in your house, too, you may hear a voice saying, "Come, now, and let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

One more thought is suggested by Peter's experience. This vision of the sheet coming down from the heavens filled with all manner of four footed beasts and creeping things and fowls of the air came to Peter when he was comparatively a young man. It came to him not only as a message of salvation, but also as a command, especially for young men and women, to go to work. He was then a young man in the thirties. My young friends, note the importance of this fact. It means that God is appealing to the young and the physically stalwart to consecrate our energy and vigor to his service. "I never hear my pastor preach," said a young girl, "but I am always filled with the desire to say, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?'" So I never read an account of the Joppa vision, but I always feel this a message especially for me and for the young people to whom I speak to do something. Oh, young men and young women, will you not be roused, as Peter was aroused, with the thought that you may become gospel messengers to a sinful world? Will you not catch an inspiration for glorious Christian work by standing upon the house top of Simon the tanner?

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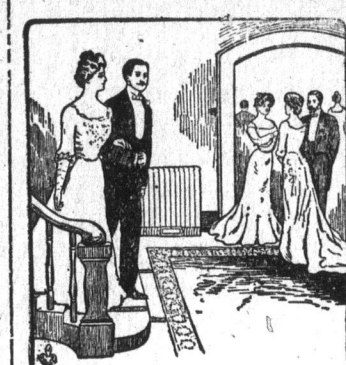
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