

THE EASTERN ERA.

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PROSPECTUS.

The rapid growth of the Eastern part of St. Thomas during the past decade has made it a city exceptional in its situation. Had wise counsels prevailed it could not now be said with truth that in this municipality there are two distinct classes of people whose interests are diametrically opposed to each other. It is unfortunate that it is so, for the prosperity of every municipality depends largely upon the unity of interests of its citizens. The residents of Eastern St. Thomas assert in positive terms that the present condition of affairs cannot be charged against them, and at last they have determined to submit to the inevitable and take concerted action to protect their own interests—a protection that has been repeatedly demanded and unwisely refused by the city authorities and by the residents of the older portion of the city.

At public meetings held recently, a strong citizens' committee was appointed and instructed to act on behalf of the people to establish an Eastern Market, to secure a free postal delivery for the city or another post office in the East, and to perform such other duties as might be regarded from time to time necessary. To add to the prosperity of the Eastern portion of the city. Already the committee has done all that has been possible to do to establish the Horton Market and secure an Eastern post office, and among other matters that have been favorably discussed, but upon which no action has yet been taken, has been the location of one or more first-class additional dry goods stores in

the East, the support of a paper that will freely and fearlessly voice the opinions of Eastern people, the giving of encouragement to capitalists to erect a good public hall, opera house and lodge rooms for the better accommodation of the numerous societies that are already in organization, and the redistribution of the wards of the city on a basis of population and assessment by means of which a fairer representation of the people's interests may be expected at the city council board.

Having completed this rehearsal we now make the personal announcement that the undersigned have entered into partnership as printers and publishers. We recognize the need of an organ that will fairly represent the ideas of the people in this part of the city, and we have confidence in their ability and willingness to support such a paper. Acting upon this belief we now announce the publication of *THE EASTERN ERA*, a small eight-page weekly whose publication will be continued until October 1st next, and as much longer as it receives the liberal support of the people. For the present the term during which it will be published is limited to five months, that being the time during which the Horton market is on trial. We have confidence in the effort now being made to support the market, and we believe the existence of the market will help our paper just as surely as our paper will aid in the maintenance of the market. If one is made a success, the other will also be a permanency.

THE ERA will not be a news paper. Its aim will be to voice the opinions of the people in its editorial

and correspondence columns, and a considerable portion of its space will be given to choice literary matter and advertisements. Neither will *THE ERA* be a sectional paper any further than circumstances may compel it to be; it will strive to strengthen every movement calculated to advance the interests of citizens everywhere, but it will specially aim to protect the interests of citizens residing in the eastern wards. If justice is done to the east and no misrepresentations are made with a view to prevent the natural growth of the business interests here, *THE ERA* will have nothing of which to complain. Its object will be to counsel harmony and promote peace between what has hitherto too frequently been styled the two factions of the city. If the continued existence of a western faction necessitates the existence of one in the east, and justice is denied to the people whose misfortune it has been in past years to reside in the eastern wards, then, and only then, will *THE ERA* have anything to say that may cause it to be designated as a sectional paper.

The subscription price is placed at the low rate of 25 cents for the five months to October 1st and every citizen who receives this number is requested to become a subscriber. The subscription will be due in June, when a collector will call to receive the 25 cents. Our object in naming so low a rate of subscription is to receive for *THE ERA* a place in every home in order that it may be regarded as the best advertising medium through which to reach the people.

It costs nothing to support the Horton market; it costs nothing to petition

for an eastern post office; it costs nothing to encourage the citizens committee to do a lot of work that will benefit all classes of citizens in the East; but it costs exactly 25 cents to get *THE ERA* for five months, and if everybody takes it believing that it is going to help them to accomplish a desirable object there can be nothing that will more plainly show that a union of interests has been thoroughly determined upon by the people of the East.

Respectfully, &c.,
WRIGHT & GRAYSON.

THE ERA DELIVERY.

It has been decided that the most satisfactory method of delivering *THE ERA* to its subscribers is through the stores at which subscribers regularly deal, or at which they may find it most convenient to call between Thursday afternoon and Saturday evening weekly. Every resident of the East End deals at one or more of the stores, and it is requested that every subscriber notify us at once at which place of business his paper shall be left next week and regularly thereafter during the period for which a subscription is promised. Those who have not yet subscribed are also asked to hand in a name and place of address at once, so that the next number may be left for them in the parcels made up on the day of publication for the several stores. If there are fifty different stores at which we are requested to leave *THE ERA*, there will be fifty parcels made up, whether the number in each parcel be one or a hundred. This plan is better than any other mode of delivery. If sent through the Post office some subscribers do not call for their papers. If delivered by carrier boy, it is next to impossible to keep a weekly delivery so perfect that complaints about irregularities are not of frequent occurrence. All with whom we have spoken—business men as well as subscribers—express their approval of this plan of delivery, which the publishers hope will result satisfactorily to all.

THE ERA CIRCULATION.

The number of copies of *THE ERA* printed and circulated this week is 1500. A copy is left in every house in wards four, five and six, whether an intention to subscribe has been intimated or not. No charge is made for this copy from those who do not wish to subscribe. Between 400 and 500 have already subscribed, and about twice this number should be enrolled within a week. The price is 25 cents to October 1st, payable in June. Let the names be handed in at once, or at least not later than on Monday next to avoid delay. Several hundred copies of *THE ERA* will be delivered to farmers on the market in addition to those published for subscribers.

The Era Advertisers.

The hurried manner in which *THE ERA* has been gotten up has rendered its publication in 12-page form impossible this week. The publishers have been unable to call on more than half of the business men of the East, but if possible all will be seen within a week. A story will be published hereafter in each number, and after the publishers have completed a contract to run the circus people out of town after their Queen's Birthday celebration a little more time may be given to editorial matter. Whatever is lacking in make-up or in matter this week must be scored against our circus friends and others who said they must have their job work done whether *THE ERA* ever came out or not. Next week it will appear without fail in 12-page form, and some new and interesting features will be introduced, all of which we are assured will merit the appreciation of *THE ERA* readers and advertisers.

Remember the auction sale of elegantly framed Oil Paintings and Steel Engravings on Saturday evening in Tarrant's old stand, cor. Talbot and Flora streets. A splendid piano will also be sold.

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AT THE POPULAR

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Choice Fresh Meat, Sausage, &c.,

Delivered in any part of the city.

W. A. MINER & CO.,

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AND CHINA HALL,

Opposite M. C. R. Station, . . St. Thomas.

Crockery Very Low!

Colored Toilet Sets of nine pieces for only \$3.

Groceries as Cheap as the Cheapest.

GIVE US A CALL.

Farmers' Produce taken in Exchange.

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Are showing a large lot of

**Mens', Youths',
Boys' and Girls'**

Straw and Felt Hats

Latest Styles and Lowest Prices.

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Regular prices in other stores, \$1.25.

White Check Muslins 5c. per yard.
Print Muslins 5c. per yard. They can not be duplicated for the money in the city. Parasols from 25c. up.

MITCHELL & CO.,

East End, Smith's Old Stand.

If twice eleven are twenty-two, how can twice ten be twenty too?

Countryman (to hotel clerk)—I reckon you'll have to give me another room, mister.

Clerk—What's the matter with the one you have?

Countryman—The sign says, "Don't blow out the gas," an' b' jove, I can't sleep with all that light in the room.

"Did you hear about the catastrophe at Smith's last night?" "No, what happened?" "Why, Mrs. Smith gave the baby a bottle to play with, and while she was in the kitchen it fell out of the cradle and broke its neck." "What, the baby?" "No, the bottle."

Little girl—"Mamma, I want you to do me a favor." Mother—"What is it, Fanny?"

"I want you to make me a Christmas present of a nice new little baby brother, but papa isn't to know anything about it until he sees it."

"I hate to have you leave us," said a father to his daughter, who was about to be married.

"Why, father?"

"Because I cannot help having some apprehensions about your future."

"But you know there is rarely a wedding without a Miss-giving."

"And then her old father parted from her without a murnur."

A rector was writing out his sermon for Sunday when his little girl came into his study. Taking her on his knee for a moment she looked at his manuscript curiously, and turning to him said: "Pa, does God tell you what to write?" "Certainly, my child." "Then what makes you scratch so much of it out?" queried the little one.

"Ticket," said the conductor, holding out his hand. "Hain't got none," said the tramp. "How far are you going? To Chicago." "Sixty cents." "Hain't got no sixty cents." "Then I will put you off, and the conductor roached for the bell cord. "Hold on, conductor, dont you believe in old adages?" "What have old adages to do with it?" "Why, don't one of them say you should never put off till tomorrow—" But at this interesting juncture the tramp's coat collar began to hurry toward the door, and the tramp with it.

East End Meat Market.

JOHN YATES,

DEALER IN

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Chemical Hall

THE PLACE FOR

Pure Drugs,

Dye Stuffs,

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AND ALL POPULAR

Patent Medicines.

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Choice Japan at 25c. per lb.

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Ladies' Kid Button, - - \$1.00 up.

Mens' Extra Fine, - - 1.99

Childs' Wigwams, - - 49

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Other Goods Just as Cheap.

We Sell for Cash Only.

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585 Talbot St.

Successors to Pocock Bros., East End.

The Front Gate.

An old and crippled gate am I—And twenty years have passed—Since I was swung up high and dry—Betwixt these posts so fast;—But now I've grown so powerful weak—Despised by man and beast—I'm scarcely strong enough to squeak—Although I'm never greased.

'Twas twenty years ago, I say—When Mr. Enos White—Came kind of hanging 'round my way—Most every other night—He hung upon my starboard side—And she upon the other,—Till Susan Smith became his bride—And in due time a mother.

I groaned intently when I heard—Despite I am no churl—My doom breathed in a single word—The baby was a girl!—And as she grew and grew and grew—I loud bemoaned my fate;—For she was very fair to view,—And I—I was the gate!

Then in due time a lover came—Betokening my ruin,—A dapper fellow, Brown by name,—The grown up baby wool!—They sprang upon me in the gloom—An' talked of moon and star;—They are married now and live at home—Along with pa and ma.

My lot was happy for a year,—No courting night or day—I had no thought, I had no fear,—Bad luck would come my way,—But oh! this morning, save the mark!—There came a wild surprise,—A shadow flitted grim and dark—Across my sunny skies.

A doctor with a knowing smile,—A nurse with face serene.—A bustle in the house the while,—Great Scott! what can it mean?—My hinges ache; the lock is weak,—My pickets in a whirl—I hear that awful doctor speak;—It is another girl!

If twice eleven is twenty-two how can twice ten be twenty too.

When was beef the highest? When the cow jumped over the moon.

A little kiss, a little bliss, a little ring; it's ended. A little jaw, a little law, and lo! the bonds are rounded.

Do the subjects of Dahomey keep the Sunday? was asked of a missionary. Yes and everything else they can lay their hand on.

A camel will work eight or nine days without drinking. In this he is unlike some men who drink eight or nine days without working.

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Ready Mixed Paints!

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And other goods in proportion

At 577 Talbot Street,

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HOME-MADE BREAD

Cakes and Ice Cream.

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&c.,

TRY YORKE & CO.,

—AT THE—

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Agent for the "Little Blossom" Cigar.

Best Value for Five Cents in the City.

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THAT ADVERTISE THEMSELVES.

Their quality is unexcelled.

The assortment is ample.

And prices are always right.

GIVE HIM A CALL.

A BIG BLUNDER,

AND WHO MADE IT.

In the history of St. Thomas no greater mistake has been made by its civic authorities than the error of years ago when the proposition to purchase the plot of land directly east of the post office to be used for market purposes and as a site upon which to erect a city hall that would be a credit to the city rather than a disgrace. The proposed site covered a block and a-half of ground between Mary and Hiawatha streets, embracing the entire block lying between Talbot and Curtis streets and the half block adjoining this and lying on the north side of Curtis street. Through the exertions of Dr. Corlis, who was then chairman of the market committee of the city council, this valuable property, situated in the very heart of the city, was bought for the very low sum of \$22,000, and what was probably the largest petition ever presented to any council of this city was signed by citizens praying the council to submit a by-law authorizing the purchase of this site for market purposes.

Had the representatives of the people in the western wards possessed the wisdom that a glance into the future would have given they would not have acted so madly as they did; but governed then as they always have been in matters of this kind by purely selfish motives, the rash action was taken. Fearing that the location of the market on any site east of the post office would militate against the business of western merchants, and being unwilling that any site west of the post office should be chosen in preference to the present site, a plan was agreed upon whereby instead of granting the prayer of the citizens to submit a by-law for the purchase of the site described above, a by-law should be submitted for a site on the south west corner of Talbot and Elgin streets—a site adjoining the railway and in no way so suitable as the one petitioned for—a site, moreover, that could not be purchased upon terms nearly so advantageous to the city.

Two distinct propositions were thus before the council, viz.—to submit a by-law to purchase the easterly site or the westerly site. The former proposition was supported by all the repre-

sentatives of the eastern wards, and the latter by all the representatives of the western wards. The situation was critical. Upon the action to be taken depended very largely the future prosperity of the city. If the by-law to purchase the easterly site had been submitted, that site would have been chosen and the bone of contention between the west and east end people would have been forever removed. The expressed wishes of the people in the petition presented to the council should have convinced the western aldermen that a by-law to purchase any other site than the one named would be rejected, but this was doubtless just what was desired by the western mayor who voted with his western colleagues to submit a by-law to purchase the westerly site, which of course was defeated.

There is no sane resident of St. Thomas to-day who will not condemn the action taken by the council, for had the wiser course been taken the cause of discord between eastern and western people would not only have been removed, but by the location of the market on the two half blocks north and south of Curtis street and between Mary and Hiawatha streets, a site excelled by no other in the city would have been secured, while the half block facing Talbot street could have been sold in lots upon which the best business stands in the city would have been erected—two or more of these sites being reserved, of course, for the erection of a suitable city hall. By the sale of these valuable lots the entire amount paid for the site could have been secured, and the site of the old city hall and St. Andrew's market could have been realized upon to create a fund to erect a city hall and market buildings on the new site.

What stupidity must have possessed those men whose action in the council prevented the submission of the by-law petitioned for, which would have resulted in the building up of the central portion of the city where now are scores of eligible business sites uncalled for and unoccupied, a burden to their possessors rather than a source to them of handsome incomes! What a theme of pleasure it must be to those erring aldermen and that wayward mayor to contemplate the building up of a second distinct

business portion of the city far removed from the first! And what delight must be experienced by these residents of western wards who encouraged their representatives in the council to scourge the city as was done by the perverse act above narrated—may who urged their aldermen and mayor to do the deed or stand aside at the next election. Faithful servants of a happy people, what thank ye of yourselves to-day?

History repeats itself. The motives which governed the actions of representatives of the western wards ten years ago were the motives that actuated the same people two years ago, when once more a grievous mistake was made in the rejection of a proposition to establish a central market on what is known as the Moore site. Once again the council was evenly divided, the six western aldermen voting solidly against the proposition of the six eastern alderman, viz.—that a by-law be submitted to the people authorizing the purchase of the Moore site for a sum of \$10,000. The proposition was a fair one, and it was supported by a large number of citizens who petitioned for the submission of the by-law. It was not the duty of the council to balk the will of the people. It is customary for councils to test public opinion when any considerable number of rate-payers ask that such should be done; therefore it would have been wrong if a majority of the council had opposed the submission of this by-law. But a majority of the council did not so oppose it. By the casting vote of the mayor, a resident of the East End, the council was willing to submit the by-law.

But the will of even a majority of the council was thwarted by a minority of the members of that body, who vacated their seats at the council board at several successive meetings and left the council without a quorum either to pass the required by-law or to transact the business of the city. A spirit of outlawry was steadfastly maintained during the entire summer by those who had sworn to act impartially in the matter of making and enforcing laws on behalf of the people. The dishonest course pursued by the western aldermen was approved by the people whom they represented, for vacancies resulting from resignations of western alder-

men were filled either by the re-election of the one who resigned or by the election of another man as firmly pledged to oppose the will of the majority as his predecessor had been. Thus the matter stood until a partial compromise was made to the detriment of those who urged that the will of the people in the matter under discussion should be ascertained in order that the unholy strife between the two classes of citizens might cease.

During these troublesome times the city press was found on the side of the western disputants, and on one occasion the *Journal* in a rabid editorial reviewing the situation designated the representatives from the Eastern wards as "cut-throats." Calumniated as they were, however, the action of the East End alderman was fair and just to all citizens. Their action was that of honest legislators, and it has always been approved by those whom they represented in the council. It is approved to-day by the entire population of the eastern wards, not one of whom believes he is deserving of the appellation of "cut throat," or that the *Journal* editorial was other than cowardly and malicious and untrue. The stubborn resistance of the west end people resulted as it had done on the previous occasion in the defeat of the will of a majority of the citizens, and for a time again the market question was allowed to remain in abeyance.

The latest move made by the long suffering residents of the east is the one undertaken in March last when a public meeting was called to consider the advisability of opening the Horton market. It is unnecessary to review the history of this market, which but for the plan adopted by the west end schemers of summer following the site of this market in the fall of the year would years ago have proved an established success. It was determined to reopen this market, and the re-opening day on Saturday last witnessed a large gathering of both sellers and buyers. It was a pronounced success, and almost an unqualified one; the only qualification being that although there was brought to this market a much larger quantity of produce than the average amount taken heretofore to the St. Andrew's market, there was still not sufficient

to supply all who were desirous of purchasing but er and eggs. Fortunately the grocers were supplied, however, and all who could not purchase on the market found no difficulty in buying from grocers at the regular market prices.

The supply of produce on the western market was also good, but in order to dispose of their produce quickly, many of the sellers found it necessary to hurry down to the Horton market where the buyers made everybody feel happy by speedily converting their produce into cash. The fact was that without the usual number of east end purchasers, the St. Andrew's market felt lonesome, and even the auctioneers failed to draw around them an appreciative crowd, the result being that a modern Hegira was witnessed and the auctioneer's goods were hurriedly transferred to the eastern market where everything was soon sold.

Yesterday's market was also good, it being pronounced the best Wednesday's market that has been held for many months in St. Thomas. Its success removed the last doubt that existed about the permanency of the Horton Market. True, the *Journal* once more got in its contemptible work of misrepresentation in its report of last evening, but the day has gone by when such tactics can result unfavorably to those whom it is calculated to affect. The residents of the eastern wards can—and do—congratulate themselves heartily on the success of the movement so lately undertaken by them to remove the necessity that has so long existed for their wives and sisters, mothers and daughters to go to the St. Andrew's market and bear a heavy burden of produce, &c., so great a distance to their homes. *THE ERA* also presents its compliments and congratulations to them—one and all.

Another word ere we conclude this sketch of market history. There are, doubtless, some so highly elated over the success of the Horton market opening that a little harmless banter has been indulged in by them. Let those who boast, however, that the St. Andrew's market is "all broken up already" be governed by wise counsel and understand that it is not the desire of any fair thinking citizens to see

such a result follow the action so recently taken on behalf of Eastern people. If the old market was sustained by Eastern people, and cannot be maintained without them, the injustice done for so long a time has manifestly been great. Surely, though, this is not the real situation. While the Eastern people have undertaken to provide for themselves a market convenient to their homes, the residents of the west are doubtless able to keep up a good market at St. Andrews. There are few who do not desire that this should be so. The present movement has been one of defence—not of offence; one of protection—not of aggression; one indeed, that cannot do otherwise than favorably affect every resident of the East End, be he tradesman or householder; and one of which no man in the west dare assume to say that by it an injustice is done to the people of the west, be their avocation or occupation what it may. It is simply a movement to balance the scales and allow trade to assume its natural course and to enable every business man to enjoy his just share of its benefits, while an equal privilege is given to every citizen to enjoy the benefit of a good market.

The Still Bonus.

To the Editor of The Era.

DEAR SIR:—Since your paper, (as I am given to understand) is published specially in the interest of East End citizens, there is one thing of particular interest to the said citizens of paramount importance for us, as citizens, to take into our earnest consideration, viz:—the proposed Still Bonus.

I see that by the action of the city council, assisted by the board of trade and advised by our two dailies, we are about to have submitted to us a by-law to vote away \$8,000 and interest, or an equivalent to \$7,700.00, to a firm to come from Tilbury Centre to St. Thomas to establish a manufactory which has been tried here before and which proved to be a failure.

When the question was before the council Ald. Cockram asked that the affair should first be submitted to the people at a public meeting; and if the public meeting was in favor of the by-law, then submit the question to the public

vote. Our council men said, "No! We are placed here by the public to do their business and we are going to do it," and a correspondent of the *Journal* who signs himself a Satisfied Citizen, is satisfied.

The last time this question of bonusing was before the public was in connection with the Essex affair, and I then thought the council understood the feelings of the people in regard thereto. It was voted on and defeated, and afterwards the two dailies set up a cry that the citizens wanted it but that it was not advertised in their papers, and the council allowed themselves to be bulldozed into submitting it again to the people. Then, after having paid the said dailies something like \$149 for advertising the affair, it was defeated worse than before. That alone, I think, should have told the city council what the ideas of the people were in regard to the bonus system. Immediately afterwards we had the said council in their wisdom asking the people to petition the people's parliament to take away from councils the power of granting bonuses, to which the people responded in a manner most positive; and now the council turns round and asks us to vote for just one more bonus, and this one, as Bohemian puts it, like the baby that came before it was wanted, is only a little one, so "please vote for it, it won't make any difference, the rate will be one-and-a-half cents on the dollar just the same whether it passes or not."

Now, Mr. Editor, let us look this thing fair in the face before we proceed any further. The city fathers in council assembled, on the recommendation of the board of trade, favorably received this application for a bonus of \$8,000 to Mr. Still to remove his establishment from Tilbury Centre to St. Thomas. A motion was passed to send a special committee to Tilbury Centre to investigate into the merits of the establishment. This committee went accompanied by a *Journal* reporter; and perhaps here it would be interesting to the public at large and the ratepayers in particular to know who asked this *Journal* reporter to accompany this committee and who pays his expenses; also what position did he hold in regard to the committee? If he went at his own expense then it is none of our busi-

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ness, but if he went at our expense, then we have a right to enquire why he was there and if there is any connection between his visit to Tilbury Centre and the extraordinary puff the affair is receiving from the *Journal* every evening. This committee returned and, as always occurs, every member who, like Bohemian, was opposed to bonuses before is in favor of this one. And why? The principal reason I can find is, Mr. Still's home is in St. Thomas and we must needs give him \$7,700.00 to come home. Now, Mr. Editor, there is something really pathetic about this, and something that a discerning public ought to take into their serious consideration. Here is a man who has taken Horace Greely's sage advice and gone west. He has grown up with the country and is now rich, and now he wants to come home and we are asked to vote \$7,700.00 to assist in moving his furniture, and I suppose the "Satisfied Citizen" is still satisfied. But, Mr. Editor, the times of bonusing any one is past. We have paid a considerable sum in obtaining railway facilities for manufactories, and if men think proper to settle in our midst, well and good, but if they will not come without a bonus why let them stay away. If a majority of our citizens believe as I do they also will stay away from the polls on polling

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Your hair is thinner than when we last met said a man to an acquaintance.

Yes, some of it came out. How do you account for it?

Thought. What! you don't mean to say that thinking caused it to come out?

Yes. That goes to prove that baldness is often caused by mental work. I have for some time been thinking of preparing an article on the subject and I would like you to give me your experience.

Well I can do so in a few words. A few weeks ago I was engaged in a dispute over a debt with a man named Jackson, and directly after thinking my hair began to fall out.

I don't understand it. I do. I said what I thought and—he reached after me.

What did Adam first plant in the garden of Eden? His foot.

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"Mr. Snuggs, what is a stag party?" asked Mrs. Snuggs of her husband. "Paradoxical as it may seem," replied Snuggs, "a stag party is one to which the dears are not admitted."

"You are very handsome," said a gentleman to a lady. "Pooh!" said the lady, "so you would say if you did not think so." "And so you would think," answered he, "though I should not say so."

Pretty Servant Girl—You don't give full weight. Grocer (sighing)—I know it, but you alone are to blame for that.

Servant G.—How's that? Grocer (beaming on her)—I want to make your burden as light as possible, my dear.

"Just throw me half a dozen of the biggest of those trout," said a citizen to the fish dealer.

"Throw them?" queried the dealer.

"Yes, and then I'll go home and tell my wife that I caught 'em. I may be a poor fisherman, but I'm no liar."

Little Nell—The gentlemen was real polite to me in the street car. One real nice one gave me a seat.

Mamma—"Indeed?"

"Yes on his knee."

"Oh!"

"Yes, mamma, an' some big girls standing up looked real mad 'cause no one was polite to them."

"Julius Caesar," said the colored man's wife, "you was out with de boys las' night." "I was," said Julius humbly. "And how do you find yo' head dis mawnin'?" "About de same as you want yo' goods when you go shoppin'."

"How am dat?" "All wool an' a ya'd wide."

At Graceful the other day one of the boys, who uses three lines and a half to register his name, wanted to find out the name of a new waitress who had been employed at the house since he was there before. She came to the table to get his order, and leaning over, he said:—

"What shall I call you?" "Pearl, sir," was the modest reply.

"Are you a pearl of great price?" he ventured.

"No, sir," was the reply, "I am one of the pearls cast before swine."

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She—Do humorists get paid, Charley. He—Oh, no, they write for fun.

She—"Does your parrot talk, Mr. Marks?" Mr. Marks (not intellectual) "Not much, except what I've taught him." She—"Only whistles and swears a little, I suppose."

A little girl once said she would be very glad to go to heaven, because they have preserves there. On being cross-examined, she took down her catechism, and triumphantly read, "Why ought the saints to love God?" Answer: "Because He makes, preserves, and keeps them."

He (just introduced)—What a very homely man that gentleman near the piano is, Mrs. Hobson.

Mrs. Hobson—Isn't he! That is Mr. Hobson.

He (equal to the occasion)—Oh, indeed! How true it is, Mrs. Hobson, that the homely men always get the prettiest wives.

"Charlie," she said softly, "I often think what a noble thing it is to have a sphere and fill it as you ought." "Have you?" returned Charlie. "Yes. And I have often wondered what my particular work in life is." "Indeed!" replied Charlie after some hesitation. "Charley, tell me, do you think I am fitted to make a home happy?" "I dunno," said he absently, "can you cook?"

Young Wife—My dear, you ought not to have purchased such an elegant suit of clothes. It is entirely too costly for your income and you certainly ought to know it.

Young Husband—I got them on credit.

"Still worse."

"But I had to have them."

"What for?"

"To keep up my credit."

Ethel and Egbert were bidding each other a proper good-bye the other evening when the draft from the open front door blew the hall light out and left the young people in sudden darkness.

"Weren't you awfully afraid," asked Ethel's dearest friend next day when Ethel was telling the story, "to be left alone in the dark like that?"

"Yes, dear; I was," confessed Ethel frankly. "Egbert is so bashful, you know, and I was afraid he wouldn't see how perfectly helpless I was."

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After months of preparation the enterprising manager and active business agent of **Howe's New Colossal Railroad Shows and Mexican and Wild West Exposition** has completed all arrangements, and today started their advertising car for Glenora and other points west. This amalgamation travels entirely by rail on twelve of its own cars, and although the performers, animals, &c., have been gathered and selected from all points of the compass and at an expenditure of many hundred thousand dollars, the entire fitting out has been done in St. Thomas. The proprietor and his assistants are thorough adepts in their several stations, and all alike are gentlemanly business men. A thoroughly drilled staff of workmen are now busily engaged in the performance of their multifarious duties, and the performers are arriving daily from every direction. As a Canadian enterprise this exhibition will assuredly receive a very liberal patronage. The equipments are now complete and ready for the road, and the pictorial advertisements have already been placed on the bill boards announcing the first exhibition in St. Thomas on the afternoon and evening of the Queen's Birthday. Admission to each performance, only 25 cents.

To Mr. Johns, the general press agent, formerly a member of the Ottawa *Free Press* staff, we return our thanks for courtesies and favors extended to this office, and the business men of St. Thomas have a like word of praise to give to Messrs. Bayliss & Griffin, managers, and to Messrs. Mann and Boyle and the several heads of departments with whom they have transacted business.

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Readers of THE ERA have noticed that for a considerable time past the attention of the people has been frequently attracted by Howe's New Colossal Railroad Shows and Mexican and Wild West Exposition. The observances of the past were merely a warning of what was about to come, and now the time has come. This new enterprise has required several months' confined attention and the expenditure of nearly \$50,000 to bring it to a state of perfection and in that state it now exists, and on the 24th inst. the opening shot will be fired by an elegant street parade to be followed by an exhibition of such wonders of the nineteenth century as will startle all whose pleasure it will be to witness them. From Mexico will be found the historical mustang; from the wild west the cowboys and the Indians will appear in the costumes of their tribes, and the famous and treacherous bronchos will be ridden by the daring riders from Texas gates who in turn will be jolting, tossed, and perhaps thrown, regardless of their efforts to remain in the saddle. The slack wire will be mounted by the most skillful wire walkers that the world has known. The trapeze will be swung high in the air by beautiful lady and gentleman performers. Pigs will play all kinds of tricks and goats and dogs will startle the spectators with their wonderful and almost human performances. In the concert tent there will be found wonders in the musical world and the fairies of the Arabian Nights will break into the silence and charm the heart with grandeur. The clown in all his glory will give amusement to and make laugh the most gloomy, while the beautiful and unbroken steeds will capsize and create admiration in all. This unique, complete and unusually well formed show opens here on the 24th inst.—Her Majesty's birthday—and should be patronized by all. This is the only chance that the people of St. Thomas will have of seeing an amalgamation of the world's best athletes, aerial performers, performing goats, pigs, dogs, Indians, cowboys and Mexicans of the west for years. Therefore while you have a chance make it good. The admission is to be only 25 cents to all.