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 Fruit Bowls, 75c, 50c, 45c, 25c, 20c.
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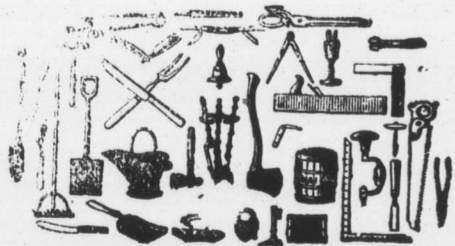
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TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The Council of Rear Yonge and Escott met on Tuesday, 15th. Members all present, except Mr Holmes. Minutes of last two meetings were read and adopted.

A by-law to appoint deputy returning officers, poll clerks, and time and place for holding nomination for municipal election, was passed.

Taxes of A. LaFont and Mr Hallett were remitted.

Bonus on wire fences was paid to the following: E. J. Rowan \$14.20, E. Robeson \$5.00, Geo. P. Wight \$2, L. Bates \$6, J. Layng \$2.80, H. Darling \$14, J. Clow \$2.60, F. Scovil \$10.60, J. W. Wiltsie \$1.60.

Orders on treasurer were given to R. Allingham, balance due on crushing stone, \$6.05; John Shea, repairing culverts, \$6; Thos. Dixie, statute labor tax div. 2, \$7; M. Heffernan, work in div. 7 per order of Reeve, \$5; Wm. Hillis, balance due on account, \$18.75; S. A. Coon, opening side road per order of Reeve, \$2; Dr Moore, for services to indigent persons, \$10; G. E. Judson, burial expenses of John Matthews, \$16; G. F. Donnelley, printing and election supplies, \$44.27; Officers' salaries and expenses—Irwin Wiltsie, \$95.85; R. E. Cornell, \$98.89; Jas K. Redmond, \$5; John H. Mulvena, \$26; W. C. Brown, \$23; Jas. Cughan, \$20; E. J. Shea, \$20; S. S. Holmes, \$23.

Council adjourned until 29th, after Nomination.

R. E. Cornell, Clerk.

CASE DISMISSED

G. W. Brown summoned (not under arrest) before Magistrate Boddy and committed to stand trial, came before his honor Judge McDonald for trial on Thursday last. In the course of the evidence it was made plain that, at the preliminary investigation, the prosecution had manifested a disposition to settle the matter for a monetary consideration, and in consequence the case was at once dismissed. Mr M. M. Brown acted for the prosecution and Mr W. A. Lewis for the defence.

SAID TO BE FINE

Few people here know that you can cure that dread American disease, Rheumatism, with just common, every day drugs found in any drug store. The prescription is so simple that any one can prepare it at home at small cost. It is made up as follows: Get from any good prescription pharmacy Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in a bottle and take a teaspoonful dose after each meal and at bedtime. These are all simple ingredients, making an absolutely harmless home remedy at little cost.

Rheumatism, as every one knows, is a symptom of deranged kidneys. It is a condition produced by the failure of the kidneys to properly filter and strain from the blood the uric acid and other matter, which, if not eradicated, either in urine or through the skin pores, remains in the blood, decomposes and forms about the joints and muscles, causing the untold suffering and deformity of Rheumatism.

This prescription is said to be a splendid healing, cleansing and invigorating tonic to the kidneys, and gives almost immediate relief in all forms of bladder and urinary troubles and backache.

GREENBUSH

We are pleased to see Mrs S. N. Olds home again after visiting friends at a distance.

Our school will close Thursday for the holidays.

Roy D. Kerr, who is attending the Dental College in Toronto, has arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents.

W. Justus is doing a rushing trade in buying and selling cows this winter. He is also owner of the best carriage colt in this section.

German Tinkens is preparing to move to South Indian where he has procured a lucrative position. We are sorry to have him leave.

Miss Winnie Olds has arrived home to visit her relatives during Xmas.

The statement under this heading in last week's Reporter to the effect that L. B. Kerr had shut down his mill was misleading. The mill is doing business as usual.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT

Athenian and Plum Hollow friends of Mr S. Y. Bullis of Watson, Sask., are extending to him a warm welcome these days. His stay is to be brief as he leaves shortly for Ireland as an agent of the Department of the Interior, immigration branch. In speaking of his appointment to this work, the Recorder says:—

Since his removal to the West about two and a half years ago Mr Bullis has become closely identified with the growth of that great granary of the world as to become a recognized force in its advancement, and this recognition has recently taken shape in his appointment by the Department of the Interior at Ottawa to be a farmer delegate representing one of the Dominion constituencies of Saskatchewan to visit Great Britain in the interests of immigration to the Province of Saskatchewan. There are eleven Dominion constituencies in Saskatchewan and Mr Bullis has been selected to represent the constituency in which he now makes his home.

Not only in Leeds County but also throughout a large portion of Eastern Ontario Mr Bullis has for many years been well known and held in the highest respect by all who knew him and therefore his appointment on this mission will be viewed with distinct approval and favor by his Ontario friends. He is exceptionally well qualified to present the actual condition of affairs and business in Canada to intending settlers and, not being addicted to exaggeration, his representation should result in mutual benefit to immigrants and to Canada.

BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES

Miss E. Symons and Frank Laffan have graduated.

One of last spring's students is in line for a good office position, in a large departmental store in Toronto.

We wish Clare Sturgeon every success in his latest business venture.

Chicago, Dec. 7th, 1908.

W. T. Rogers, Esq., Brockville, Ont. Dear Sir,—I now write to let you know that I have recently changed my position. I am now with the Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R. in the accounting department of the general office. My work is all figuring and auditing, but thanks to your training, they cannot catch me very badly on figures.

Before being accepted here I had to undergo a physical exam., as well as an exam. in mathematics.

I occasionally hear from my different classmates, and am pleased to know that so many of them are doing so well.

Wishing all connected with the Brockville Business College the seasons greetings, I am,

Yours Truly,
 Harvey R. Wilson.

7437 Harvard Ave.
 New Year term opens on Monday, January 4th, 1909.

Baptist Anniversary

The anniversary services of the Athens Baptist church, held on the 18th and 14th, were in every respect highly successful. On Sabbath Rev. Dr Stobo conducted the services. In the evening every available inch of room was occupied, and his able discourse on the "Forgiveness of Sins" was followed with the closest attention. A feature of the services was the exceptionally fine music rendered by the choir.

On Monday evening there was a great gathering at the supper and lecture. There was an abundance of choice refreshments, followed by an excellent programme, which included brief addresses by Rev. F. A. Read, (chairman), Rev. R. B. Patterson, Rev. I. N. Beckett, Rev. Rondeau, lecture by Dr Stobo, solo by Miss Vera Greenham, male quartette, duet by Mr and Miss Dunham, song by Rev. Rondeau, and choral music.

The doctor was heard with delight in his witty, entertaining discourse, which contained many true characterizations and a wealth of amusing stories.

SALE REGISTER

A free notice under this heading is given all sales for which the Reporter office does the printing.
 On Wednesday, Dec. 30, Mrs Geo. Whaley will sell at her farm, Hard Island, 3 cows, 3 two-year old heifers, bull calf, 2 pigs, 2 stacks hay, quantity of hay in barn, etc. Frank Eaton, Auctioneer.

What Shall I Give Him for Christmas?

This is the same difficult problem that presents itself at every recurrence of the season.

We come to your rescue and say: "Come here with all your troubles and let us show you."

We are in holiday attire and have the things a man buys for himself and appreciate most. We can also fill the boy's stockings as satisfactorily as the man's.

A Few Suggestions

Fur Coats	Shirts	Shoes
Overcoats	Neckwear	Collars and Cuffs
Raincoats	Gloves	Mufflers
Suits	Hosiery	Caps
Trousers	Underwear	Shirt Protector
Fancy Vests	Suspenders	Sweaters
Smoking Jackets	Umbrellas.	Etc., Etc., Etc.

We will lay away your selection until Christmas and will make any exchanges desired after Christmas.

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We always have a number of young people during the winter who need 2nd, 3rd and 4th book public school work. This is certainly the school for the backward pupil.

Send for Catalogue.

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W. T. ROGERS—PRINCIPAL

T H I S O R I G I N A L D O C U M E N T I S I N V E R Y P O O R C O N D I T I O N

TRAFFIC TO PACIFIC.

PRESIDENT HAYS OF THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC SAYS HE WILL DO IT WITH HIS LOW GRADES

The Engine Over Rockies—Expects to Have Line Open to Prince Rupert in Autumn of 1911—Short Way to the Orient.

(Special to the New York Times.) In an interview at Montreal C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which is financed by Messrs. Rothschild in London and Speyer Brothers in New York, gives an account of his observations during a tour of inspection which took him to Prince Rupert, the western terminal of the new Canadian line.

In answer to questions Mr. Hays said: "We are doing very well, indeed. The various contractors are in good spirits and well abreast of their dates. Indeed, the financial disaster in New York a year ago was for us a blessing in disguise. Large numbers of men have come north seeking work and abundance and is more productive, at lower wages. Already our trains are running regularly over the whole section 600 miles west of Winnipeg into Alberta. The newly arrived settlers have harvested a great wheat crop—great both in quantity and in quality, greater still for the price it is bringing. At our Pacific terminal, Prince Rupert, from which I returned this week, good progress is being made with the grading of the first hundred miles east, and I see no reason to doubt that by the autumn of 1911 our first train will break through to tide-water, passing from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

HIGH COST AND LOW GRADES. Asked about alleged "generous expenditures" on the road, Mr. Hays replied: "A number of amiable and glib gentlemen hunting seats in the Dominion Parliament have been talking about the matter on the stump. The Canadian voter has replied to them. The Dominion Government is, as you know, our partner in the enterprise, and to denounce Ministers for reckless extravagance is all right and proper from the viewpoint of an opposition. But our expenditures have not been excessive nor beyond the measure of our obligations to the Government and the community.

"Bear in mind, please, that railroads are not now built as the earlier transcontinental roads were built, up hill, down dale, on an unbalanced roadbed of mud. Such uneconomic methods were permissible when there were a mere handful of ranchmen and trappers to serve, and when the promoters' objective was first of all to earn the land grant on which they issued their bonds. What we require to-day and what the travelling public want is a more economical roadbed with such low gradients and wide curvatures that our trains can be run at very high speeds with perfect safety.

"We carry our road from Winnipeg over the Rockies to Prince Rupert with a maximum gradient of 21 feet to the mile going west and 28 to the mile going east. The immense economy in hauling freights with gradients so remarkable, every railway man must recognize. We shall be able to put two thousand tons of freight into Prince Rupert from Winnipeg behind a single engine.

"We expect that our easy gradients, which are due not only or chiefly to our 'generous expenditures,' but to our possession of the Yellow Head Pass through the Rockies, will in a few years trail around a great portion of the wheat export trade of the Northwest, and with the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914 send wheat to Europe (let alone to Asia) by way of the Pacific."

Mr. Hays proceeded: "At present the wheat crop is either hurried to the ports on the great lakes, Duluth, Fort William and Chicago, during the few weeks between threshing and the closing of lake navigation in November, or it is held up for six months in elevators at a considerable cost, or again, if it is carried through to the eastern seaboard in winter, when the St. Lawrence route is closed by ice, the long haul through heavy snows makes the operation difficult, costly and a loss to the farmer. West-bound from Saskatchewan and Alberta to Prince Rupert, the grades are easy; there is very little snow in winter, so that when the Panama Canal opens in six years I look for Prince Rupert one of the very great grain ports of the world. I have more than once ventured the prediction that in my lifetime we shall haul to the Pacific as much grain as we shall haul to the Atlantic."

"I have declared that this diversion of traffic would not seriously diminish the earnings of the eastern division of the Grand Trunk.

"When Prince Rupert has been connected with Sydney across the Pacific by a good line of steamships—and that will come soon—the connection will have been completed of the two very finest harbors in the British Empire. So at least a friend of mine assures me, who has recently been to Prince Rupert. Our route cuts off to the far east—say Yokohama—1,500 miles from New York, compared with the San Francisco route, and 500 miles over the Vancouver route, and the saving of one or three days will in itself decide the choice. The climate of the place is neither hot in summer nor cold in winter; the mercury rarely, if ever, goes to zero. We shall sell the town site of Prince Rupert to the public next spring, probably in May. We have three-quarters and the Government own British Columbia one-quarter."

The Well of St. Piegmund. A service was held at the quaint church of St. Piegmund, near Chester, yesterday, for the dedication of the well of St. Piegmund, friend and tutor of Alfred the Great. The spring is remarkable for the fact that its water has been used in baptism at St. Piegmund Church for fully eleven centuries. The Archbishop of Chester, who conducted the service, reminded the congregation that while living there as a hermit, Piegmund acquired such a reputation for learning that King Alfred in 890 appointed him Archbishop of Canterbury.—London Standard.

NOTES OF THE RAIL.

The Illinois State Railway was bought 200,000 tons of American coal, to be delivered at Chicago at 40¢ per ton, and to coal owners, it is said, about 50¢.

Among the most urgent needs of Greece is the linking up of its railway system with the rest of Europe. Some progress toward this end has been accomplished during 1908.

An Hungarian narrow-gauge railroad is of fifteen different gauges, from 18 inches to 39 1/2 inches. The Government has now decreed that henceforth such railroads may be built of only two gauges, 2 1/2 inches and 30 inches.

The first track set for the new central office of the Prussian State railroads is a thorough examination of the rules and regulations for the different branches of the service, with a view to such a revision as will secure greater clearness and uniformity.

An electric tramway service will probably be started in Shanghai this month. A native paper has been urging the Chinese to organize a boycott of the tram, and it declares that the dangers from the speed of the tram and five levees must cause innumerable fatal accidents.

An experimental railroad for testing signaling devices, materials used in track construction and different types of motor cars for railroad use has been built by the Railway Department of the German Government. The road is double-tracked, and is oval-shaped, having a length of 5,760 feet. The straight stretch is about 800 feet long.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc. Astonishing Feat.

The solemnity of the meeting was somewhat disturbed when the eloquent young theologian pictured in glowing words the selfishness of men who spend their evenings at the club, leaving their wives in loneliness at home.

"Think, my hearers," said he, "of a poor, neglected wife, all alone in the great dreary house, rocking the cradle of her sleeping babe with one foot and wiping away her tears with the other!"

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days of money refunded.

The Ginkgo Tree. "Lovers of nature should see a manifestation of the beautiful in foliage at the corner of Elmwood avenue and Assembly street," said William P. Houseal.

"The ginkgo trees there, to the number of nine, have donned their glorious golden dress of autumn and for uniformity and splendor of color I have never seen their equal.

"The ginkgo tree, it should be remembered, is the oldest species of tree on the American continent, and away in the dim past it flourished as far north as Montana. Great pride is taken in the ginkgo on account of its resemblance to the pine and maple—the trunk of one and the foliage of the other. I am also reminded of the fact that it is not generally known even in the city of Columbia that we have such rare specimens of trees in our midst, for a teacher not long since told her pupils that the only ginkgo tree south of Washington city was in the private grounds of a resident of that town."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. A Westchester Legend.

There is a curious story of mingled quaintness and superstition told about the building of the mill dam across the Pocantico, near to Philippe Castle, at Pottstown. Lord Philippe postponed the erection of the church of the Hollow in order to complete the dam, but the dam burst each time he tried to build it.

In his distress he was approached by Harry, his old slave. Harry told his master that in a dream the Lord of Heaven had been revealed to him when the Lord said the church must be built first if the dam was to remain firm when constructed. Philippe followed old Harry's advice.—From the Westchester County Magazine.

The Stern Parent. Father—Well, sir, what can I do for you? Suitor—Why, er I called, sir, to see if—er—you would give assent to my marriage to your daughter.

Father (angrily)—Not a cent, sir. Not a cent! Good day.—Tit-Bits. Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper. Rare Deer Killed in Maine.

Hanging in front of a store at Deerport Centre this week was a rare specimen of the deer family. It was spotted in a manner which old hunters say they never before saw the like of.

It seems to be across between an albino deer and the common North American deer. Besides its peculiar marking it is a good sized animal, weighing probably 200 pounds. Albert H. Small, the court stenographer, shot this deer during his recent hunting trip in the Rangeley region, the game being secured at Middle Dam. Natives of that section who have been hunting all their lives declared it was the first deer of the sort they ever saw.—Kennebec Journal.

It doesn't take a strong man to break a promise.

DYSPEPTIC

DOES YOU NO GOOD

Half the time you're afraid to eat; your tongue is coated, mouth tastes bad, stomach is bloated. If you want to get well, stop using dyspepsia tablets, and go to the source of the trouble before it is too late. Strengthen your stomach, cast out the bile, regulate the bowels—do this and dyspepsia will be no more.

For your condition the best prescription is Dr. Hamilton's Pills, which are made specially for the stomach, kidneys and liver, no better remedy will be devised, for Dr. Hamilton's Pills are perfect.

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"No one could realize my sufferings from stomach trouble and indigestion. For five years I have not been well. My food did me no good, because I couldn't digest or assimilate. My doctor said constipation was at the root of my trouble, so I got Dr. Hamilton's Pills. My appetite improved, pain after eating ceased, and my food digested quickly. I am delighted with the thorough cure I derived from Dr. Hamilton's Pills. (Signed) MARTIN E. WALKER."

Quick results attend the use of Dr. Hamilton's Pills; this medicine cures all trouble in the stomach and digestive organs by removing the cause.

Geology and Coal. An European geologist calls attention to the practical bearing of recent geological studies of the construction of the Karpathian Mountains.

It has hitherto been assumed that the coal-basin adjoining these mountains terminates at a fault along their edge, but Professor Winkler shows that the coal must continue under the mountains, and that the proper points to sound for it may be determined simply by the character of the superposed layers. Instead of sounding through the Lower Cretaceous formation, as has been attempted, he points out that the places where the older Tertiary layer shows itself are those where the coal must lie nearest the surface. Recent soundings indicate the correctness of his conclusions.

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited: Gentlemen—Last winter I received great benefit from the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT in a severe attack of La Grippe, and I have frequently proved it to be very effective in cases of inflammation.

Yours, W. A. HUTCHINSON. Talleyrand's Way. Talleyrand at his dinner parties in serving graduated his manners to his guests' rank this way.

To a prince of royal blood: "May I have the honor of offering your royal highness a little beef?" To a duke: "Monseigneur, permit me to offer you some beef?" To a marquis: "Marquis, may I out you a little beef?" To a viscount: "Viscount, have some beef?" To a baron: "Baron, some beef?" To an untitled gentleman: "Some beef?" To his secretary: "Beef!"

When there was present a person even inferior to the secretary, to him Talleyrand did not say so much as a word. He simply looked at the man, and pointed the carving knife at the beef interrogatively.—T. P.'s Weekly.

TOBACCO HABIT

Dr. McTaggart's tobacco remedy removes all desire for the weed in a few days. A vegetable medicine, and only requires touching the tongue with it occasionally. Price, 25¢.

LIQUOR HABIT

Marvelous results from taking his remedy for the liquor habit. Safe and inexpensive home treatment; no hypodermic injections, no publicity, no loss of time from business, and a cure certain.

Address or consult Dr. McTaggart, 25 Yonge street, Toronto, Canada.

A Definition. "Now, Johnnie, you may define the word taxidermist," said Miss Rodd. "A taxidermist is a fellow that runs a taxicab," said Johnnie. "No, dear," said Miss Rodd. "A taxidermist is a man who stuffs birds. Have you never seen one?" "Yessum," said Willie. "Our doctor came to dinner last night, and the way he stuffed turkey showed that he must be a taxidermist!"—Pittsburg Post.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in cows. Errors of History.

Nero explained. "I was fiddling, all right, when Rome was burning," he said, "but I was doing it from a good motive. I wanted to arouse the inmates of the palace and drive them safely out of doors without their suspecting that anything worse than the music was going on."

But the historians of the day, who had it in for Nero, anyhow, refused to correct the mistaken impression that had gone abroad.

No Great Rush. A number of weeks after an old man was appointed postmaster of a small village the villagers and their friends began to complain about the mails.

An inspector investigating the matter found out that the postmaster had sent out no mail since his entrance into office, and pointing to a hundred or more dusty letters that the postmaster had kept by him, said, sternly: "Why on earth didn't you let these go?"

"I was waiting till I got the bag full," said the old man, with a gentle smile.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Worth Knowing.

Wash mirrors with warm suds, dust with rubbing in a muslin bag, and polish with champagne skin.

For paint which has been spattered on glass, try kerosene. If, then, rubbing over it with a new silver dollar.

Silver spoons and forks may be kept bright by leaving them for several hours in strong borax water. Have the water boiling hot when the silver is put in.

Put a little kerosene on a piece of newspaper when cleaning lamp chimneys, and rub them with it until they shine.

Hot alum water is one of the best insect destroyers. Apply with a brush to cracks, bedsteads or wherever insects are found.

In frying pork chops or roast pork I always dust it with light brown sugar, as well as pepper and salt. It leaves no sweetness in the meat, but it adds a delicious flavor and helps to make the gravy rich and brownier. I use a trifle of sugar also in the roasting or frying of veal.

Put a tablespoonful of pure white lard in the starch when you boil it, and you will have no trouble whatever from the starch sticking to the irons.

Yellow soap and water mixed to a thick paste with a little water will stop a leak as effectually as will solder.

For small holes in plastering take one part plaster of paris, three parts of fine sand and mix with cold water.

To stop doors from creaking put a little oil on the hinges.

Japanned ware should not be washed with very hot water, as it will cause it to crack.

Never hang a mirror where the sun's rays will strike upon it. It acts on the mercury and clouds the glass.

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The Order of Fools.

April 1 is not the only Fools' Day in the year. On November 12, 1381, the Order of Fools was instituted by Adolphus, Count of Cleves.

Members were not by any means idiots, however, for the word had a different meaning then. They were the prototypes of our modern Order of Foresters or Odd Fellows, doing a similarly benevolent work. Their insignia consisted of a mantle, upon the left shoulder of which was embroidered a jester, or fool, in cap and bells, yellow hose and silver vest. So these fools were a bright and happy outlook upon life and met together to dispense the earnest of their healthful existence at stated intervals, the chief day of which was November 12.—From the London Chronicle.

PILES CURED AT HOME BY NEW ABSORPTION METHOD

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P. 8, Windsor, Ont.

Every-day Helps.

A Labor-Saving Table—A small table on ball-bearing castors is a great convenience in a maidless house. Hot dishes may be placed on it and rolled to the side of the hostess, while dishes to be removed may be piled thereon and taken out at once, thus saving many steps.

Probably many housewives do not add salt until the last, when boiling vegetables, and probably many do. I did not know until I was told by a domestic science teacher. Salt dissolves and draws out the nitrogenous, flesh-forming substances from vegetables and meats. Therefore, if it is added too early in boiling, it draws out the most valuable parts of the vegetable. It also toughens fibres, and for these two reasons should be added a few minutes before serving.

A New Way to Use Dye—A velvet Brussels carpet, little worn but faded, was dyed a rich green with dyes applied with a stiff broom. Two packages gave splendid results, and were used on some portieres to match the carpet. A very thin dye made by dropping red ink into a rinsing water freshened a pink gingham on wash day. A pale blue dye turned a faded blue lined hand embroidered dress into a pretty blue gown with blue embroidery that is much admired.

To Freshen Old Matting—Cleanse the matting well with warm, soapy water and, when thoroughly dry, apply a thin coating of varnish. This will convert the dingiest matting into one like new.

To Stop Nose Bleed—Take a small piece of cotton; saturate it with vinegar and insert in the nostril that is bleeding. Let it stay for a few minutes, when the bleeding will cease entirely.

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They find it has been kindled to guide them by some herdsmen, whose ear, used to the silence of the mountains, has caught the noise of their footsteps in the distance. He had no idea who they were. Most likely he thought the wanderers plying their trade between France and Spain.

In close by his tent the camp is set up. In one corner soup there is an olla podrida of meat and barley. From another corner the fragrance of tea, a skin of red wine, delicacies as smoked sausage and poached fowl or even pate de foie gras. The air and appetite born of the day's tramp make everything taste its best.

At the morning the party splits up for a day's exploring. The cook and his aid start for some farm or village to buy provender. If there is water near the fishermen get the boat into commission, small as it is 't is a staunch craft with a belt of Kapok or Java-rope fibre about her which makes her practically unsinkable. This is essential, for the water in the mountain lakes—howls in the hollows of the hills—so cold that even the best swimmer could keep afloat unaided only for a few minutes.

The young Frenchmen who are going out this year say they want to make the most of their discovery before it gets noised abroad, and that the joys of roasting in the Pyrenees are once revealed the region will be swarmed by Englishmen and Americans until it becomes as commonplace as the Alps.

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A story is told of a west country bishop who rebuked the sporting parson for his hunting proclivities. "I hear you go fox hunting a good deal," he observed one day. "You ought not to do this; there is plenty of work to be accomplished in the parish."

"But," protested the vicar, "fox hunting is merely healthy exercise; besides, I hear you were at a ball the other night." "In a sense that is so," replied the bishop. "Had a sense that is so," replied the vicar: "but, truly speaking, I was three or four rooms away from the ballroom."

The vicar smiled and then retorted, "I am always three or four fields behind the fox, so what's the difference?"—From Tit-Bits.

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Some horses even insist upon stopping to rest. How few drivers think to leave horses in the shade! On a recent burning day a man led his horses for half an hour on the sunny side of the street, when there was good shade ten feet away.

The average driver of even a very heavy wagon carelessly allows his wheels to get in a bad rut, and then expects to beat his team until, by plunging about, they are at last extricated.

The average human simply looks on, apparently considering the disgraceful scene in the light of an economical entertainment. It makes one blush to be of the same species.

If some respecter of decency lends a hand others are usually discovered who are willing to fall in line. Three or four can lift a wheel out of a place from which it is practically impossible for a horse to pull it.

This passive watching of suffering had a human illustration some time ago, when a girl's clothes burned while the trolley went by. "The passengers were so surprised that they could not act." Surprise is a very natural state of mind, but in some instances it doesn't look well in company with prostration.—Philadelphia Record.

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Pale, weak and nervous people need a tonic that will build them up and make them well and strong. Coley King is the tonic that will do these things. Large package 25 cents, at dealers or by mail. S. C. Wells & Co., Toronto.

SKYSCRAPER LIMITS.

Have We Reached the Height to Which We May Build.

This question is asked, in a leading editorial, by the Municipal Journal and Engineer, when, after ringing the changes upon it, apparently leaves it for the future to answer. Says this paper: "About a decade ago the American Surety building, at 100 Broadway, New York city, twenty stories high, eclipsed anything in the way of high buildings which had yet been erected, and it was popularly believed that it would not be surpassed for years, if ever. Since then many other buildings have cast this into the shade; the Singer building having forty-one stories and now the Metropolitan Life building is being rapidly raised to its designated height of forty-eight stories. Besides these there are two 26-story buildings, three 25-story buildings, two 23-story buildings, four 22-story buildings and nine 20-story buildings. Of buildings having between 10 and 20 stories there are now in the city 516.

Several questions suggest themselves with reference to this piling up of story upon story. Is there a limit to the height which such structures can be carried? What will be the effect upon health, light, noise and many other features of city life should all buildings be raised to a height of even 20 stories, thus making of every street a canyon?"

"Possibly even more important is the question as to fire risk involved in such construction. We are told by the advocates of these buildings that they are more nearly fireproof than any others in the city, and they are able to cite instances to back their claims. But should a fire gain any headway in the upper floors of such a building, how is it possible to reach it with any considerable volume of water, more than can be contained in small roof tanks located on the buildings themselves? And in a street lined with such buildings, in which fires are raging practically unrestricted in the top hundred feet or so, would not the falling glass and other debris make it impossible for firemen to remain in the street below to fight the flames, even in the lower stories? Continuous rows of 'skyscrapers' will present conditions which are absent while they are widely scattered."

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"When Brown came to this city ten years ago he didn't have a cent." "Well, well. How did he make out?" "Oh, he's still holding his own."—New York American.

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MRS. RUBBERINO ON XMAS

A NEIGHBOR EXPOSED—WAY TO TREAT HUSBANDS—A FRIEND WHO SENT A GIFT REBUKED.

"Some folks would just snivel up and blow away if they didn't put on luggs morning, noon and night," said Mrs. Rubberino to her neighbor. "You'd think, to hear her tell it and to see her act it, that that Githye woman, in the flat across the hall, belonged to some royal family or other."

"The very idea of my husband telling me that she reminded him of an empress! He saw her swishing through the hall the other evening, making a noise as if she had sandpaper hidden away all over her, and filling the place with the odor of some horrid musky perfume that she uses, and he said:

"That woman always makes me think of the Empress Messalina."

"When James says things like that to me about other women, I know that he's in for a good sitting down upon, and he got it then. I told him that my idea of empresses was that they were at least ladies, and that he was in a mighty shabby business maligning an empress who was no doubt a lady by comparing her with such a creature as the Githye woman."

"Well, you know that Githye woman's husband is only a clerk in a bucket shoppy kind of a broker's office that nobody ever heard of, and he's head over heels in debt to all the tradesmen in the neighborhood—don't I see them sticking their bills in the Githyes' letter box every time I pass through the vestibule?—but she calls him a broker, and wears the flashiest clothes you ever saw in your born days, and goes around swishing and swishing and giggling like a comic valentine on a Christmas tree."

"Oh, yes, it was about her Christmas shopping that I wanted to tell you. I met her down town in one of the big department stores the other afternoon, where I went to get some handkerchiefs for James' relatives. Always send them handkerchiefs, for Christmas, and they're mighty lucky to get even handkerchiefs, for they live in the country, and they never send us anything but some apples or a country cured ham or some ordinary, everyday, ugly thing of that sort!"

"Oh, but about Mrs. Githye! When I came upon her she was at the perfume counter and I caught her right in the act of looking at some of those ten cent vials of cheap perfume—she meant them for gifts for her relatives out West, of course—but when she saw that I saw what she was buying she pretended to be amused over the very idea of any perfume being sold for ten cents, and she stuck the bottles back into the rack and began talking about the most expensive perfumes to the salesgirl."

"She picked out about a dozen bottles of extracts at \$3 a bottle, and then she selected about a gallon of different kinds of expensive toilet waters—I was standing by and shaking with her just to see what she would do, and she said she would go with her airs—and then she snatched over the most expensive French soaps and ordered four or five boxes of them, and then she ordered the whole batch of things to be sent up to her flat C. O. D."

"Then she told me that she wanted me to help her pick out the things she wanted and I went with her to the lamp department solely for the purpose of seeing how long she would stick with the farce, and she picked out the loveliest dull silver and opal lamp, with beaded shade fringe, for \$135, and ordered it sent to her flat C. O. D., and would you believe it, the woman never cracked a smile!"

"You'd actually have supposed that she really fancied she was buying those things. Then I went with her and stood by while she bought a box of silk stockings, at \$4 a pair, for her dear little niece in Omaha," she told me in her flourishy way, and—oh, I couldn't begin to tell you the things that she ordered sent C. O. D."

"Well, it was such a joke, my dear, that I just hurried up and went to be here when the things should arrive. I just wanted to be on hand when those C. O. D. things got there."

"I watched out of the front window till I saw the department store wagon along toward the evening, and then the two men on the wagon came a-staggering up with their arms weighted down with bundles. Then I ran to my flat front door, that looks right upon Mrs. Githye's entrance door, and she came to the door with some men with the bundles rang the bell, and she said to the men as innocent as you please:

"What in the wide world are these things?"

"And they told her, and she told them that she hadn't ordered any such articles at all, and didn't deal at that department store, anyhow, and that somebody was imposing upon the firm or trying to play a foolish joke upon her, and that the men would have to take the things' back. The men went away grumbling with the bundles, and my dear, I simply couldn't resist it—I opened my door wide before Mrs. Githye had closed hers, and I said to her:

"Dearest, did you find that the lamp didn't suit under the evening light, and did they send you the wrong stockings, and I suppose, of course, the blundering salesgirl got the perfumes all mixed up and didn't send you the right ones?"

"And you should have seen the expression of hatred on the woman's face then. Dear me, James couldn't have said that she looked like the Empress Messalina if he could have seen her distorted features at that moment, for I dare say Messalina was too much of a lady ever to lose her temper like that."

"Wretched body!" she hissed, and she slammed the door with all her might, and gracious sakes alive! I had to lean up against the hat rack, I was laughing so hard."

"I told my husband about it when he came home, but when he'ven got any more sense of humor than porcupines, and he didn't see the fun of it at all and took that high and lofty tone of his about meddling in other people's affairs—'It's perfectly astounding, that's what it is, how little ideas men have of a joke!'"

"Talking about Christmas, it's disgusting the way some women try to gouge their husbands for expensive gifts. All of the women in this place begin to

CHRISTMAS CHIMES

Dear are the sounds of the Christmas chimes
In the land of the ivied towers,
And they welcome the dearest of festival times
In this Western world of ours!

Bright on the holly and mistletoe bough
The English firelight falls,
And bright are the wreathed evergreens now,
That gladden our own home walls.

They are ringing to-night through the Norway firs,
And across the Swedish fells,
And the Cuban palm-tree dreamily stirs
To the sound of those Christmas bells!

They ring where the Indian Ganges rolls
Its flood through the rice-fields wide;
They swell the far hymns of the Laps and Poles,
To the praise of the Crucified.

The years come not back that have circled away
With the past of the Eastern land,
When He plucked the corn on the Sabbath day
And healed the withered hand;

But the bells shall join in a joyous chime
For the One who walked the sea,
And ring again for the better time
Of the Christ that is to be!



Christmas Chronology.

Certain legends and stories linger about Christmas ceremonies and customs and the Christmas season is so involved in fable, that it is difficult to separate the facts from tradition, but it is interesting to read of the antiquity of most of our customs, writes Catherine Louise Smith, in the Pittsburg Gazette.

Christmas books, for instance, are so common we think we have always had them, yet not until 1846, and 1850 was the first Christmas book issued from a publishing house in London. Though New Year's cards are ancient, dating back to the time of the Romans, when poets wrote couplets and mottoes for New Year's bonbons, the first Christmas card was not issued until 1846, and 1,000 copies was considered a large circulation. On the other hand, the giving of Christmas presents dates back to antiquity, and is undoubtedly of pagan origin, though the priests instituted the custom of giving Christmas boxes, a ceremony from which Boxing Day in England takes its name.

Among the foods peculiar to Christmas is none so common as plum pudding. The date of the introduction of this favorite dish is relegated to the dim past, but it is probable it is not older than the eighteenth century, and it appears to have been "the dish of Hanover." Searchers for the symbolic that on account of the richness of the ingredients the plum pudding is typical of the gifts of the wise men, but at any rate, it is in England that the dish most flourishes. Even the French cannot excel the English here, and the story is that when Henry IV wished to entertain a distinguished ambassador, he obtained with much trouble the recipe for a plum pudding. The king gave minute directions to the cook, and only forgot one thing—the mince pie concoction, and the delicious soup, and the disgusted ambassador was obliged to partake of it with every indication of enjoyment, because the king ordered it.

Even the origin of the naughty mince pie is involved in fable. It is supposed to be of Eastern origin, but it was the custom to make mince as well as other pies oblong in shape, representing in that manner the manger in which the infant Jesus was found. Against this the Puritans made a vigorous outcry, but the attempt to prohibit it only made people more desirous to consume it. Good John Bunyan even went so far as to refuse it when he was starving, but in the struggle for supremacy, mince pie conquered, and the delicious dish has come down to us striped of any mystic meaning save that afforded by the acute attacks of indigestion following its use.

Christmas With the Kaiser

To see the Kaiser at Christmas, writes Wolf von Schierbrand, in Lippincott's (December), is to see a man who has shed all the pretensions of a demigod; one who has stepped down from his pedestal to become a good plain burgher, overflowing with the milk of human-kindness. "Every Christmas Eve, when early dusk gathers in a northern clime, wrapped in an ample cape mantle, wholly unattended and not easily recognizable, it is his custom to stroll through his park around the Neues Palais, where the boughs are laden with feathery snow, and then through Potsdam. His pockets are full of gold and silver pieces, and like another Santa Claus he distributes his bounty to the children and humbler folk he meets. Nobody is overlooked—the men at the sentry-boxes; the park laborers and the white-haired gardeners in Sans-Souci; the crippled veteran and the sturdy beggar—each and every one receives his dole. Often he pays at Christmas debts of courtesy incurred during the year. To Baron van Lyncker, his marshall of the household, he sent a magnificent present (worth about 10,000 dols.), a chest of solid silver plate, in recognition of the extra and rather vexatious labors that official had had to perform during the year 1900, the year when the Crown Prince attained his majority. To Dr. von Leuthold, his body physician, he handed a fine gold repeater, set in precious stones and bearing the motto 'Suaiviter in modo, fortiter in re.' This had reference to a past difference in opinion between the doctor and his imperial patient. In the royal household the Christmas festivities are conducted on an elaborate scale, and yet, we are told, in the same spirit which makes the day dear to the heart of all the German people."

An Encounter With Santa Claus.

Strange Ride of Simeon Hardack, a Bachelor Who Didn't Believe in Christmas.

By CHARLES BATELL LOOMIS

It wasn't that Simeon Hardack didn't believe in Santa Claus. I doubt if he had ever heard of him.

In his boyhood he had lived among very practical people who thought fairy stories a waste of time, if they were not downright immoral, and Santa Claus or no Santa Claus, on Christmas Day Simeon had been wont to work just as hard as on any other day of the year.

No. Simeon Hardack, bachelor of 45, knew nothing of Santa Claus, and it goes without saying that he did not care for children either.

He knew that all people had to be happy by being children. For his part he had got through the painful necessity as soon as possible, and at 13 was just as dull and commonplace as he was ten, or twenty, or thirty years later.

Behold Mr. Hardack preparing for sleep on Christmas Eve. He lived in an old house downtown that was blessed with old-fashioned fireplaces. That is, he lived in one room in the old house; it being given up to lodgers.

Mr. Hardack had worked late at the office and he intended to go back to work next morning because, this being a workaday world, the only thing to do was to work and amass money, for the night cometh when no man may work—unless he be a burglar.

Mr. Hardack had a well developed fear of burglars. He had never seen one, and you may wonder how he had imagination enough to conceive of what he had not seen; but he had often read the accounts of their doings, had known men who had suffered losses due to their depredations, and he was firmly convinced that his open fireplace would form an especially attractive entrance for them that he was always meaning to board it up.

But to do so would cost money, and Simeon was no spendthrift. Why, he did not even utilize the fireplace as a good spot for a hearth fire. A wood fire when he could keep just about as warm by wearing his overcoat until he had finished reading his evening paper? And then to bed with the overcoat taking the place of a blanket!

You do not know much of the habits of misers if you have not thought ere this that Mr. Hardack must have stores of gold laid away in unexpected places in his room. It was not all gold, for some of it was silver, and some was in bills; but there were at least four places in the room that held enough to have provided him with a warm and cheerful old age if he had been looking for any such foolish luxury.

And so this Christmas Eve Simeon Hardack read his paper, shivering in his greatcoat, and then putting out his tallow candle he undressed in the dark and went to bed.

He had hardly covered himself with his coat before the moon came out and silvered his room and made him wish that it could be minted, which was really quite an exercise of imagination on his part. He rather liked the moonlight because he got it for nothing, but he often wished that its rays were just a bit stronger so that he might save candles.

How many people whom Santa Claus visits really believe in him? I am afraid that they are so few in number that the old saint would feel depressed if he were told.

But happily for him he seldom comes into speaking contact with his beneficiaries, and so has come along year after year with his packs of good things and has fondly supposed that his coming is looked for by the whole earth.

I don't suppose he could have picked out a less likely place to visit than the room of Simeon Hardack. But no thought of anything save the bringing of happiness to all within the house came to Santa Claus; and he stopped his reindeer on the sloping roof, allowing the sleigh to rest on the southerly slant, while the eight little fellows stamped and fidgeted on the northern incline. That is the usual practice on slanting roofs, as otherwise in his absence the deer might run away with the sleigh.

There is no doubt but that Santa Claus has a marvellous property of accommodating himself to small chimneys, else his way would be barred in countless instances; but the house in which Simeon lived had an ample chimney, and as Santa stepped into it he said to his reindeer, quite as if they understood every word—and maybe they did: "Thought of anything save the bringing of happiness to all within the house came to Santa Claus; and he stopped his reindeer on the sloping roof, allowing the sleigh to rest on the southerly slant, while the eight little fellows stamped and fidgeted on the northern incline. That is the usual practice on slanting roofs, as otherwise in his absence the deer might run away with the sleigh.

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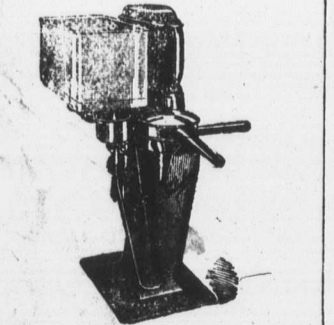
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Nomination Meeting

A meeting of the municipal electors of the Village of Athens will be held on Monday, Dec. 28, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of nominating reeve, councillors and school trustees for 1909.

BY-LAW NO.....

A By-Law to prohibit the sale of liquor in the Municipality of the Township of the Rear Yonge and Escott.

The Municipal Council of the Municipality of the Township of Rear Yonge and Escott hereby enacts as follows:

1.—That the sale by retail of spirituous, fermented, or other manufactured liquors is and shall be prohibited in every tavern, inn or other house or place of public entertainment in every shop or place other than a house of public entertainment in the said municipality.

2.—That the vote of the electors of the said Municipality of the Township of the Rear Yonge and Escott will be taken on the 17th day of December A.D. 1908.

3.—That on the 17th day of December A.D. 1908, at the township town hall, Athens, at the hour of eight o'clock in the afternoon the Reeve shall appoint in writing, signed by himself, two persons to attend at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of promoting the passing of this by-law.

4.—That the Clerk of the said Municipal Council of the Municipality of the Township of the Rear Yonge and Escott, shall attend at the Township Town Hall, Athens, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon on the fifth day of January A.D. 1909, to sum up the number of votes given for and against this By-Law.

5.—This By-Law shall come into operation, and be of full force and effect on and after the first day of May next after the final passing thereof.

Council Chamber 190 (L.S.) Clerk. Reeve.

NOTICE. Take Notice that the above is a true copy of a proposed By-Law which has been taken into consideration by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of the Rear Yonge and Escott and which will be finally passed by the Council in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained thereto.

As provided by the Liquor License Act after one month from the first publication thereof in the Athens Reporter the date of which the first publication was Wednesday the 9th day of December A.D. 1908, and at that hour, day and places therein fixed for taking the votes of the electors the polls will be held.

(L.S.) R. E. CORNELL, Clerk.

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To prohibit the sale of liquor in the Village of Athens.

The Municipal Council of the Village of Athens hereby enacts as follows:

1.—That the sale by retail of spirituous, fermented or other manufactured liquors is and shall be prohibited in every tavern, inn or other house or place of public entertainment in the said municipality, and the sale thereof, except by wholesale, is and shall be prohibited in every shop or place other than a house of public entertainment in the said municipality.

2.—That the vote of the electors of the Village of Athens will be taken on the By-Law by the Deputy returning officers hereinafter named on Monday the 17th day of December A.D. 1908, at the hour of eight o'clock in the morning, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon at the under-mentioned places:

At the Council Chamber Town Hall; H. C. Phillips, Deputy Returning Officer; G. A. Lamb, Poll Clerk.

P.S.D. No. 2.—At Wm. Conlin's Barber shop; Wm. Karley, Deputy Returning Officer; George Gainford, Poll Clerk.

3.—That on the 28th day of December A.D. 1908, at his office in the Village of Athens at the hour of 10 o'clock in the afternoon the Reeve shall appoint in writing, signed by himself, two persons to attend at the final summing up of the votes by the clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of promoting the passing of this By-Law, and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of opposing the passing of this By-Law.

4.—That the Clerk of the said Municipal Council of the Village of Athens shall attend at the Council Chamber at the hour of ten o'clock in the morning on the seventh day of January 1909 to sum up the number of votes given for and against this By-Law.

5.—This By-Law shall come into operation and be of full force and effect on and after the first day of May next after the final passing thereof.

Council Chamber 190 (L.S.) Clerk. Reeve.

NOTICE. Take Notice that the above is a true copy of a proposed By-Law which has been taken into consideration by the Municipal Council of the Village of Athens and which will be finally passed by the Council in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained thereto.

As provided by the Liquor License Act after one month from the first publication thereof in the Athens Reporter the date of which the first publication was Wednesday the 9th day of December A.D. 1908, and at that hour, day and places therein fixed for taking the votes of the electors the polls will be held.

(L.S.) G. F. DONNELLEY, Clerk.

WILLOUGHBY-GODKIN

The marriage of Mr Henry Nicholas Willoughby of Szeley's Bay and Miss Mary, only daughter of Mr Robert Godkin of Philipville, was quietly celebrated at the home of the bride's father on Wednesday morning, 16th inst. The bridal pair left on the early train for points in Western Ontario, amid the good wishes of many friends.

LEFT ON HER DOORSTEP FOR THIS MOTHER

Mrs. A. G. Tuson, of Livermore, Cal., writes: "I picked up from my doorstep one day a little boy in which I soon became very much interested. My little girl of five years of age had been troubled for a long time with loss of appetite, extreme nervousness and undue fatigue. She was all run-down and in a very delicate condition."

"This little boy was very comely and well written, and told of the new method of extracting the medicinal elements of the cod's liver from the oil, eliminating the obnoxious oil which is so hard for children to take."

"Just the thing," said I, "for my little daughter," and I immediately went for a bottle of Vinol. It helped her wonderfully. She has gained rapidly in flesh and strength, and she does not take cold half so easily."

"I am extremely grateful for the good it has done her, and I hope other mothers who have weak, delicate or ailing children will be benefited by my experience and just give Vinol a trial."

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Fur Coats in all the good lines. Fur Lined Coats of the best. Fur Linings and Shells of Broadcloth, of the choicest grades.

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F. J. Griffin. Manufacturing Furrier. KING ST. BROOKVILLE.

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Lowest One-Way First-Class Fare

Going Dates—Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24th and 25th.

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Going Dates—Also Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, 1909.

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Nelson Earl

MUST CURTAIL OUTPUT.

Lumber Conditions Necessitate Small or Cut This Winter.

Because of the conditions prevailing in the lumbering industry, operating in the Georgian Bay and Ottawa Valley districts will curtail their output in the bushes to a very appreciable extent during the coming winter.

The demand for lumber is not all good at present and has not been for some time. Following close upon the financial troubles of the fall of last year came the curtailment in building operations, leaving all the big dealers with a big stock on hand in their yards.

The following winter, 1909-00, will see the gangs in the bushes as usual, to replenish the supply of logs at the mills. The loss in wages to the bushmen will be a considerable hardship, as last year, during the seven months the men were in the camp, September to April, the 20 big companies put something close to \$5,000,000 into the bush. This year there will be a sharp cut in the bush.

The other losses to be considered are the loss to the merchants who supply the provisions for the camp, and the loss in revenue to the Government for lumber taken out, which is considerable. The talk of a bush fire changing the whole face of affairs is not taken seriously by lumber men, as they say the danger period for that has passed already.

Another factor that has had a part in the present drastic measures by the lumber kings is the American competition, which is very keen. There is no duty on the goods and the men from across the line dump it in at a price the Canadians cannot afford to sell at.

HIS NAME RUBBED OUT.

Longboat Was Never a Business Man and He Loses Cigar Store.

How are the mighty fallen! It was not enough for the once popular Indian, Tom Longboat, to fall so ingloriously in the Marathon run in London, but now his name has been erased from the cigar store in the Princess Theatre building, that was all his proud possession, and the only vestige of his former greatness consists of the picture of the race in which he beat Dray at Hanlan's Point in I.C.A.C. games.

Inside the store you can still buy a few pictures of Tom in his running gear at two for 25 cents, but they're not going fast even at that bargain price.

For the present, however, a memory of the runner remains in that the Longboat special cigar, as four for a quarter, is still on the shelves with a good representation of smiling Tom on the lid.

Tom was not in any sense a business man. When the store was purchased for him by the different business men around town, probably to silence the cry of professionalism in sport against him, emanating from across the line, he looked to be in clover. But people would go and try the door only to find it locked and Tom elsewhere. This sort of thing could not last long, and the transient purchasers drifted back to their old habits.

Then Tom secured a boy to look after it, but that was not a success either, and finally the store has drifted into the control of Charles Ross. There was practically no custom left, and the present occupants say they must leave the door open all day long to overcome the bad impression left by the Indian's business methods. People coming into the store wanted to know why the "Tom Longboat" was still on the window in big letters, and their removal three days later leaves out the bottom line, "Athletic Cigar Store."

British Columbia Fruit.

The Premier of British Columbia has drawn attention to the development of the fruit-growing industry in that province. He claims that the Department of Agriculture, by arranging for the appearance of British Columbian fruit at the great exhibitions of the Empire, in which it has carried off the noblest premiums and highest awards, has rendered great assistance to the industry. The exhibits, the Premier adds, when sold at public auction, have defrayed every penny of the expenditure incurred. The Provincial Government will spare no effort to encourage the farmers and fruit-growers to attain all possible success. It extends all the protection it can to growers by a close supervision of nursery work, and by a proper inspection of orchards. It is thought that Prof. Campbell's system of dry farming—that is, without irrigation—which has done so well in the semi-arid States of America, may prove eminently suitable also for the dry belt of British Columbia.

Wanted—A Job!

A well-known member of the Canadian Parliament had a hard time getting proper accommodation in Quebec during the festivities, in fact he claims that he hadn't a bed for his head or a square meal for the rest of him. He said to a reporter, whom he met:

"Have you a house, as they tell me?"

"Yes."

"Got enough to eat and a place to sleep?"

"Sure."

"Well, how would you like a nice respectable man like myself for butler? I can draw cards fine and have a number of good references?"

Wrong.

"Sir, I'd have you know that I possess a family tree."

"Then I'll bet it needs sprucing!"

Makes Broiling Easy

It is much more convenient to do your broiling by lifting this Key Plate, than to lift the cover or use the broiler door. You have more room and get the meat directly over the coals.

Notice the Low Warming Closet, a special feature of this year's "Peerless Peninsular" Ranges. Daylight Oven, Adjustable Damper, Removable Grate Bars, Thermometer in oven—are only a few of the conveniences you should ask about.

Step in at any time and go over the "Peerless Peninsular" Ranges. Glad to explain their improvements to you.

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Furs Are the Best Gifts

The Gift of quality—Furs. Lasting, beautiful, useful and eminently satisfactory.

There are scores of gift suggestions in this big stock of furs and a visit of inspection will help you decide.

We are manufacturers which enables us to help keep the prices down.

Buy of the makers.

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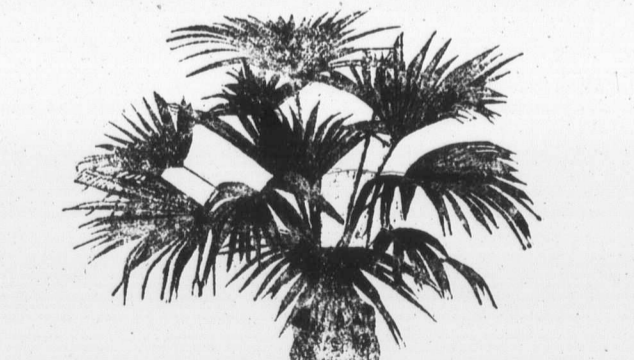
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Hay's Greenhouses

BROOKVILLE

There is no season of the year when the Florist's goods are more sought after than the Xmas time and there is no Florist whose reputation is more favorably known in Eastern Ontario for having the best in flowers than

The Hay Floral & Seed Co. of Brockville, Ont.



A PLEASING XMAS GIFT

We cannot begin to enumerate the many beautiful Gifts of Nature's Handiwork, both in Plants and Cut Flowers that we are offering

Gift Givers at Xmas.

But your order for a beautiful Plant or a box of Xmas Roses, or a more novel gift of an attractive bowl of Gold Fish will have careful attention by us and be expressed to reach your friend on Xmas morning.

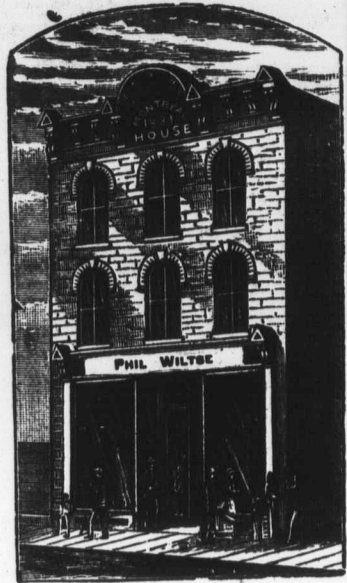
In Xmas decorations we will have our usual good supply of Holly, Mistletoe, Xmas Bells, Wreathing, Holly Wreaths, etc.

Information and prices cheerfully given. Write us. Your orders respectfully solicited.

The Hay Floral and Seed Co., Brockville, Ont.

30-DAY CLEARING SALE

Holiday Greeting WITH A Money-Saving OPPORTUNITY



The holiday season is here, and we have decided to hold a Great 30-day Sale, which will include all lines in our new and up-to-date stock. There will be no reservation. Every article will be sold at the 30-day cut-price sale rate.

We have a full stock of seasonable goods, and you will be able to supply all your needs here at a price that will mean a considerable saving to you.

Phil Wiltse

B.W. & N. W. RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

GOING WEST		
No. 1	No. 8	
Brockville (leave)	9:40 a.m.	3:40 p.m.
Lyn	10:10	3:55
Seeleys	*10:20	4:02
Forthton	*10:33	4:13
Elbe	*10:39	4:18
Athens	10:53	4:25
Soperton	*11:13	4:41
Lyndhurst	*11:20	4:47
Delta	11:28	4:58
Elgin	11:47	5:07
Forfar	*11:55	5:13
Crosby	*12:03	5:18
Newboro	12:12	5:28
Westport (arrive)	12:30 p.m.	5:40

GOING EAST		
No. 2	No. 4	
Westport (leave)	7:30 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Newboro	7:42	2:55
Crosby	*7:52	3:06
Forfar	*7:57	3:12
Elgin	8:08	3:22
Delta	8:17	3:41
Lyndhurst	*8:23	3:48
Soperton	*8:29	3:56
Athens	8:45	4:25
Elbe	*8:52	4:31
Forthton	*8:57	4:38
Seeleys	*9:08	4:49
Lyn	9:15	5:05
Brockville (arrive)	9:30	5:30

*Stop on signal
W. J. CURLE, Supt.

Nomination Meeting

A meeting of the municipal electors of the Township of Rear Yonge and Escott will be held in the Township Hall, Athens, on Monday, Dec. 28, at 1 p. m. for the purpose of nominating a reeve and four councillors for 1909, and in case a poll be required the votes of the qualified electors will be taken on Monday, Jan. 4, 1909, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the following places:

P.S.D. No. 1—At Glen Elbe school house. Morley Earl, D.R.O.; W. J. Taber, P.C.

P.S.D. No. 2—At John Fortune's house. Chas. E. Howard, D.R.O.; Ambrose Shea P.C.

P.S.D. No. 3—At Anne Derbyshire's residence. Andrew Henderson, D.R.O.; Fred S. Hayes, P.C.

R. E. CORNELL, Township Clerk



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Masonry, Concrete Pile Work, &c., at Kings Mountain Military College," will be received at this office until 4:00 p. m. on Thursday, January 7, 1909, for the construction of Block and Mass Concrete, Dry Masonry Walls, Removal of old foundation timbers of Pile Pier and widening of Pile Pier, in front of Royal Military College at Kingston, County of Frontenac, Ontario, according to a plan and specifications to be seen at the office of J. G. Sing, Esq., Resident Engineer, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, on application to the Postmaster at Kingston, Ont., and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

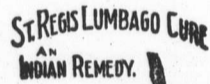
Tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00), must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the person tendering declines the contract or fails to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
NAPOLÉON TESSIER, Secretary
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 7, 1908.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the department.

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St. Regis Lumbago Cure
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Guaranteed to Cure Lame Back or money refunded!
An excellent remedy for Rheumatism, Lame Back, Etc., Etc.

Read the following testimonial from a man you all know:

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Gentlemen—Last summer I took Rheumatism in my neck so that I could scarcely walk. I commenced taking St. Regis Lumbago Cure and it helped me and I am well and my wife also had a bad pain in her back and she took St. Regis Lumbago Cure and it helped her. I cannot praise your medicine too highly for Rheumatism and Lumbago.

Yours Truly,
JOHN WALKER

If your dealer does not keep this medicine, kindly ask him to order same for you as any sized order will be filled promptly.
First order, freight prepaid!

Yours truly,
THE W. A. SINGLETON CO

About Clothes

A Tailor-made Suit is the cheapest, all things considered. Besides, when you buy from

The Old Reliable

—YOU GET—
Superior Fit
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Superior Workmanship
Superior Wearing Quality

In fact, you get superior value with the maker's guarantee of satisfaction.

NEW GOODS

The stock for this season includes the most fashionable weaves for Suits, Pants, Light Overcoats, Fancy Vests, etc., and you will find what you want here.

HATS AND CAPS

A stock of the very newest in Caps, and soft and stiff Hats.

See these goods—learn how well we can outfit you for this season.

A. M. Chassels

STUDENTS

Who contemplate taking a Business College course should communicate with the Reporter office. We can save you money.

FIGURE FOR YOURSELF

The following card made into a blotter, signed by a dozen grocery firms of Delaware, O., has been scattered by the thousands: "Anyone who drinks three glasses of whiskey a day for one year and pays ten cents a drink for it can have in exchange any of the firms whose names appear on this card:

Three barrels flour.
Twenty bushels of potatoes.
200 pounds granulated sugar.
One barrel of crackers.
One pound pepper.
Two pounds of tea.
Fifty pounds salt.
Twenty pounds rice.
Fifth pounds butter.
Ten pounds cheese.
Twenty five pounds coffee.
Ten pounds candy.
Three dozen cans tomatoes.
Ten dozen pickles.
Ten dozen oranges.
Ten dozen bananas.
Two dozen cans corn.
Eighteen boxes matches.
One-half bushel beans.
One hundred cakes soap.
Twelve packages of rolled oats.

For the same money, and get \$15.30 premium for making the change in his expenditures."

This looks like a very liberal offer, but take any price list, figure it out for yourself, and you'll find it can be done right here in Ontario.

District News

CHARLESTON

A meeting in the interest of Local Option was held in our school house on Tuesday evening. The chair was taken at 8 o'clock by Mr Henderson. Rev F. A. Read, Rev I. N. Bookstede, Rev Rev R. B. Patterson, Rev D. Anderson and Rev S. Hollingsworth were the speakers, who delivered eloquent addresses which were interspersed by appropriate songs and hymns.

GLOSSVILLE

Mr M. Church spent Friday and Saturday visiting friends at Newboro. Mr Robert Barlow spent a few days last week visiting friends at Brockville. Mr and Mrs Joel Church of Frankville were the guests of their brother, Mr Levi Church. Mrs A. Lee and little daughter Thelma have arrived home to her parents from Prairie Rose, Sask. Mr and Mrs M. Holmes were the guests of Mrs Geo. Booth.

ELOIDA

The death of Mr James Livingston occurred at his home here on Saturday last. He had been ill for some time and the end was not unexpected. Deceased was 72 years old. He leaves a wife, two brothers and three sons to mourn his loss. Mr Henderson closed his cheese factory for this season on Monday last. Mr S. S. Holmes spent the week end here with his family. The youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Kibborne is very ill at present. We hope for a speedy recovery. Our Sunday school closes on Sunday next.

JUNETOWN

The Presbyterian Anniversary Services of Sunday last and tea-meeting Monday evening, were well attended and all enjoyed the lecture, "Over the Sands of the Desert," by Rev McGill very of Cornwall.

Mrs Harry Franklin spent Saturday in Brockville.

The temperance lecture in behalf of the Local Option campaign held in Junetown school house on Friday evening was a success and Rev Folkes gave many interesting views regarding Local Option.

Miss Julia Washburne has returned to her home at Soperton and the community are glad to know that she is to remain another year as teacher in this section.

Mrs Burton Graham was the guest of her sister, Mrs H. Frankland on Thursday last.

On New Year's eve, the Carey Bros. well known entertainers, will give an entertainment in the Caintown Methodist church.

Mr Jacob Herbison disposed last week of his fine prize team of black horses.

Mrs Arnold Avery, who has been visiting her parents in Quabbin, has returned home.

Christmas and New Years Excursions

B. W. & N. W. Ry. Co. will issue return tickets at lowest one way fare, good going Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24th and 25th, return limit Monday, Dec. 28th; also Thursday and Friday Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, return limit Monday Jan 4th.

Fare & one-third for round trip good going Dec 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, also Dec. 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st and Jan. 1st, return limit Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 1909.

PROFESSORS OF PLAY.

How and Where the Pedagogues Take Their Summer Vacations.

There is a large class of men and women in Toronto who probably get more solid enjoyment out of their vacations than any other lot of people who get them. These are the school teachers and university professors, and they certainly do have a big time of it.

Of course they have longer holidays than the majority of us, but their work is of a kind which puts about as big a strain on them as can well be imagined, and they go in for their periods of relaxation with as much ardor as the youngest and silliest of their charges.

Up in Queen's Park the stately dons with their voluminous robes hail the coming of June with academic gasps of relief. A Varsity professor is popularly supposed to be a man who isn't overworked, but as a matter of fact most of them get through a good deal of it from October to May, and then comes the strain of examination time. It's strain on professor as well as on student, and the professor has the added affliction of having to wade through small mountains of examination papers after it's all over for the student. What that means you will have to get a professor to describe to you. To see his particular pet peck tortured out of all semblance to their original meaning, his favorite Greek tragedies translated into entirely new and inaccurate versions, his own darling mathematical problems demonstrated "absurdum"—all this is, to say the least of it, painful.

So, when it's all over he heaves a big sigh of relief, sends his marks down to the Registrar, shoves his hat on, and he has never been known to waste any time over there, either; he comes back with brand new ideas and brand new ways of expressing them.

A whole lot of them do this latter, and from all accounts have a fine time of it, too. One well-known professor goes to Europe nearly every summer, and he has never been known to waste any time over there, either; he comes back with brand new ideas and brand new ways of expressing them.

Up at Go Home Bay on the Georgian Bay there is quite a little colony composed of university professors. Cottage after cottage is tenanted by well-known figures around the college halls in Queen's Park, but these figures are changed once they get up there. No more cotton gowns or fuf-fuf hoods for them—it's the soft shirt and baggy trousers that put in an appearance about that time, and the wearers thereof relax accordingly.

"A book of verses underneath the bough,
A jug of wine, a loaf of bread, and thou,"
sang O'Mar in the days of old.

It wouldn't be exactly fair to say that the B.A.'s, M.A.'s, Ph.D.'s, and LL.D.'s indulge in the jug part of it, but it's the simple life from June to the end of September for a lot of them.

A few unlucky ones are, however, condemned to continue their labors during the hot weather as a result of the recent university policy of a summer series of lectures. These lectures are growing in popularity and usefulness every season, and the attention of more and more lecturers is being called to them.

The high school teachers have shorter holidays, but they manage to crowd in a lot of rest holiday spirit into them. Very few of them remain in the city during the period of hot weather, even though they do not travel so far field. Muskoka and the nearer summer resorts see them from year to year.

The marking of high school examination papers is a much more tedious affair than the examination of the university ones. They are a hundred times as numerous for one thing, and the system of correcting them is considerably more complex. The anxious student has to wait till well on in August for his results, and that means that somebody works till that time to prepare them for him. High school teachers are taken from all over Ontario for this work and are paid extra for it. The first Monday in September sees them, together with the Public school teachers, back at their desks, their blackboards, and their text books.

Public school teachers are, as a rule, even more restricted in their holiday field. They are, however, better off as regards the length of time at their disposal than are their brethren of the country schools. Since the establishment of the summer session at the university a goodly number of them attend it, and the number is steadily increasing. Toronto is particularly blessed in the number of small places suitable for summer resorts that lie close to the city, and even the poorest paid of our poorly paid teachers and professors can get the benefits of one or other of them.

Labor Conditions Better.

According to statistics gathered by the Ottawa Labor Department there was distinct improvement in industrial conditions in Canada during the month of June.

Of trade disputes there were 13, as compared with 16 in May, and 40 in June, 1907. Thirty firms and 508 employees were involved and loss of working days was 82,557 compared with 130,155 in May, 1907.

Industrial accidents occurred to 400 people in Canada during June. Of this number 137 ended fatally. Agriculture and railway service leads the list with 25 fatalities each.

Can Care For Himself.

Major Collins relates an incident that he witnessed at Quebec. Field Marshal Roberts had asked that a horse be sent him so that he might witness the rehearsal review. When it arrived, his keen eye noted that the bit was upside down. He wouldn't let anybody interfere, but with true soldierly instinct made things right and adjusted the stirrups to suit himself. Then, after all at Lady Grey's suggestion, he went off in an auto that happened to arrive.

Don't Miss The Ottawa Show

Jan. 19-20-21-22

Four days of high value to farmers who want to value better stock at a better profit. Come and bring the quality to hear lectures by experts and see demonstrations of practical feeding and its results.

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For the first time, the Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show awards 70 Cash prizes (value \$1,275) and FOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS for stallions, mares, and geldings; Clydesdales, Shires, Standard-breds, Thoroughbreds, Hackneys, and Heavy Draught Stock.

Over 200 prizes, \$2,500 in Cash, Medals, Cups, and other valuable awards for poultry of all kinds (including pigeons). This will be the poultry show of the year.

Special low rates on all roads. Come and see the Capital City at its best. Parliament meets January 20th. Many local attractions worth visiting.

Be an exhibitor if you can—there are prizes enough to give all a chance, and they are worth trying for. Poultry Entries close Jan. 4th; Live Stock, Jan. 9th. Send to-day for program that, program, entry blanks, and any detail you wish.

DON'T MISS THIS SHOW

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Thur., Jan. 14th

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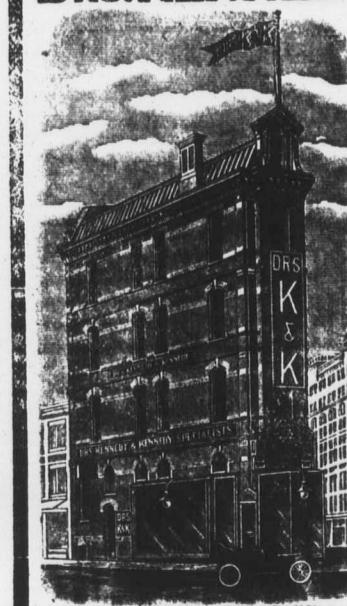
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ARCHIE MCGREGOR'S CHRISTMAS VISIT.

The snow lay curled in little drifts around the old farmhouse that nestled snugly at the foot of the hill, while the freshly fallen snow-flakes, resting tremulously on the evergreen, fell fluttering earthward, as the breeze stirred their branches, all indicating that the world was preparing comfortable winter quarters for the celebration of another Christmas Day.

joy. And your old father is as good as very happy." As Archie sat in his own old chair, leaning his feet on his old chair, his eyes were wandering wistfully at his wife and his mother talking together, his heart was filled with a wondrous joy and contentment.

That night, as the young husband and wife sat together in the little spare room, Archie asked humbly, "Did you think I had taken leave of my senses, Kate, when I hurried you off so quickly I could not help it, dear, an irresistible force compelled me to come."

"I am glad we came, Archie. I would not have missed seeing your father's joy and the light on your mother's face for anything. Mothers are queer, anyway. She was so delighted when she learned that I knew how to cook, and make the things you like. I invited her to visit us, and see for herself, how well I care for you, and she has promised to come in the spring."

He laughed happily, then said, earnestly, "This has been a very happy Christmas day to me." "And to me, too, Archie," she whispered. "I love your father and mother, and I feel that they love me."

"How could they help it?" he asked, wonderingly. "OLE BULL'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT." Christmas eve, as a tall, dignified looking gentleman was waiting alone in a parlor at a shop window in which were displayed various articles (some of them apparently second-hand) for sale.

"Two much by half," said the gentleman. "Show me something cheaper." "After being shown five or six other violins, which he rejected after mere glancing at them, the little boy's big blue eyes grew more and more wistful all the time, the shopkeeper handed out a dingy, antiquated-looking violin, with the remnants of an old fiddle that I got of a sailor. It needs fixing up a bit, but you can have it just as it is, or I can have it fixed up for you."

"What is the matter, Archie. Is there anything troubling you." He spoke in a low voice, yet his wife detected a quiver in it. "Why didn't you tell me sooner, and we could have gone to see them? You have never invited me to visit your old home, and I have often wished you would."

"I know that Kate. You have made these four months of our married life so happy that I have grown selfish. To-day one of the office boys asked permission to go home for Christmas. When I saw the joy on his face as I granted his request, a strange, inexplicable yearning came over me, bringing with it a mental picture of the old home, and father and mother. I feel that they want me to-night, and I wish them to know my wife," he said, with fond pride.

Sunday School.

LESSON XIII.—Dec. 27, 1908. Review—Read Prov. 4: 5-13.

Summary.—Lesson I. Topic: The true spirit of worship. Place: Bethel, eight or ten miles west of Jerusalem. The ark was a sign of the divine presence; for seventy years it had lain in neglect; David now decides to bring it unto Jerusalem; proper reverence is not shown; Uzziah dies for touching it; David is displeased; the ark is left at the house of Obed-edom; three months later David takes the ark and brings it into Jerusalem; the priests and Levites and chief men are called together; a great procession is formed; sacrifices are frequently offered; there is music and singing. It was the greatest day of David's life.

II. Topic: God's covenant with his people. Place: Jerusalem. David desires to build a house for the Lord; the ark was on Mt. Zion and David was living comfortably in his own house of cedar; David spoke to Nathan the prophet about his desire; Nathan, who once encouraged him to proceed with the building; God spoke to Nathan, informing him that David's desire could not be granted; he had been a man of war, and there was still much to do in establishing the kingdom; he could prepare the material, but his son should build the house. The Lord said he would establish David's throne forever.

III. Topic: Forgiving love—human and divine. Place: Jerusalem. David inquires whether there are any left of the house of Saul; he is told that there is a son of Jonathan living, who is lame; Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, is called; he appears before David and falls on his face; David promises to show him kindness for Jonathan's sake; Mephibosheth, orders the land tilled for him, and has him eat at his table.

IV. Topic: Conditions of spiritual joy. Place: Jerusalem. This is one of the seven so-called penitential psalms; it has reference to the forgiveness of sin; David repented after he had committed his great sin. In psalm fifty-one we see him repenting and pleading for mercy; with the opening sentence of this psalm we hear him say, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." He speaks of his confession of his sin, and of his confidence in God. God was to be his mighty deliverer.

V. Topic: Perilous temptations of youth. Place: Jerusalem, Hebron. The bitter fruits of David's own unholiness are now being seen; David's sons were wicked; Absalom was a wicked, proud young man; he was renowned for his beauty; he laid a plot to overthrow the government and seize the kingdom; he stole the hearts of the people by his courtesies; he invited his brothers and went to Hebron and set up a government of his own; he soon started with an army toward Jerusalem. David fled from the city and crossed over Jordan and established headquarters at Mahanaim.

VI. Topic: Lessons from the death of Absalom. Place: Mahanaim. David's temporary capital. When David fled from Jerusalem he refused to take the ark with him; Absalom and his army marching from Hebron entered Jerusalem the same day; Absalom at first intended to follow David immediately and overtake his father while he was weary, but he finally decided to take more time and raise a large army. Absalom was King of Jerusalem about three months; he then went out to battle with David's warriors; Absalom's army was defeated and he was slain. David mourned over the untimely death of his son.

VII. Topic: The believer's joyful vision of God. This is one of the psalms supposed to have been written by David in the latter part of his life. It contains two figures: 1. The Shepherd and his sheep. 2. The Host and his guest. Christ is the good Shepherd; His people are the sheep; the divine Shepherd gives soul rest, soul satisfaction and soul liberty. David is abundantly supplied so that his cup runneth over.

VIII. Topic: The secret of success. Place: Jerusalem. After David's victory over Absalom he returned to Jerusalem; he was now growing old and a new king must be selected; David's choice was his son Solomon; the princes of Israel were assembled and David commissioned his son to perform the great work of building a house for the Lord. David charged Solomon to know God and serve Him perfectly.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

Many truths may be found in the lessons of this quarter. We note a few. The name and perfection of Jehovah are the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our ARK. Through him we have the forgiveness of sins; by him we have access to the Father; in him we are heirs to a throne. We should always reverence his name and conduct our services in the power of the spirit according to the word of God. We must not substitute human inventions for divine directions.

III. The mercy and love David showed Mephibosheth proved that he himself had experienced the divine mercy and love. The true, compassionate love of one's neighbor "does not (1) suffer the neighbor's need to come to it, but searches out and goes after the need; (2) does not suffer itself to be determined by selfish aims, but does its duty faithfully, impelled by God's mercy, for Christ's sake."

IV. The forgiveness of God is "blessed." It is, 1. A free forgiveness. We cannot buy it or earn it. It is God's gift in answer to the sacrifice of Jesus. 2. A complete forgiveness. It covers all the past, all the present, all the future. 3. A willing forgiveness. God so loved that he gave. He is not willing that any should perish.

V. The sins of unholiness as revealed in the lesson are, 1. Disobedience. 2. Deception. 3. Dishonesty. 4. Disloyalty. Unholy desire for high position and forbidden good is found all along the ages. It was one of Satan's temptations to Eve in Eden, to which she yielded (Gen. 3: 5).

VI. David drew the cup of sorrow. The words "A foolish son is a grief to his father" (Prov. 17: 25), are illustrated in the case of Absalom. It was the lack of a true family life that made possible such faulty sonship as that practiced by Absalom toward David. A day of polygamy was not favorable to real filial love. Our age equally has its foes to healthy family life and discipline.

VII. If we really trust God we shall never "want" for, 1. Peace. 2. Guidance. 3. Forgiveness. 4. Comfort. 5. Food. 6. The Holy Spirit. Heavens are open to all who are in his gracious influence upon the good and his stern justice to the wicked. "Among the last words of David were, 'He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.'"

X. Choice determines character. To see him to choose the call, "Choose" (Josh. 24: 15). To every one God says, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life" (Deut. 30: 19). A reward awaits those who esteem the reproach of Christ greater than the treasures of the world. They will choose wisely as God's chosen ones.

XI. To dedicate is to set apart for a holy use. Our homes should be dedicated to God, that they may be habitations of righteousness. Our churches should be dedicated to God, and held sacred to his worship only. Our bodies are "God's building" (1 Cor. 3: 9), and we are commanded to be "filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5: 18), and to "offer up spiritual sacrifices" (1 Pet. 2: 5).

A CHRISTMAS DREAM

(By Annie Metcalf in New York Bostonian American.)

John Galton, M. P., lit his pipe, and leaned back in his comfortable chair with a sigh of content. He had just concluded what he regarded as a very satisfactory interview with a junior colleague, who had lately shown signs of restiveness.

The two men had been discussing the question of old age pensions. Young Metcalf's eager plea for the introduction of some practical scheme had been skillfully demolished by the cool, logical reasoning of the level-headed Galton.

Presently they entered a quiet street, evidently inhabited by the respectable artisan class. Into one of the houses the two men noiselessly entered, and stood unobserved.

"An old man and his wife, with thin, care-lined faces, sat talking. 'It's almost too good to be true, Mary,' said the man, tremulously. 'But, thank God, it is true, Dan. 'Tis a fine day for a shillings weekly, but it will ease our burden forever. 'Ay, that it will. Oh, Dan, I could cry for joy. It was breaking my heart to see that no one would give you work because you were old; our bairns were dead, and our savings were slipping away; there seemed nothing for us but the House,' and both shuddered visibly. The stranger touched Galton's arm, and they silently withdrew, but only to enter another modest dwelling.

"Here, too, a husband and wife sat talking. The bridegroom was being dined for the one addicted to its use; but 'the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men' (Titus 2: 11), and for the captive to drink there is deliverance in Christ Jesus.

XII. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1: 15). Let us follow his example as a man, and reverently love him as God. If we "follow his steps" (1 Pet. 2: 21) we will go out after the lost.—A. C. M.

CHRISTMAS TREE. It is not the cost of the Christmas tree decorations that will give delight to the children. In fact, the work of their own hands and the hangings that they can make from the tree and cut will furnish more fun than all the fineries that are kept from year to year, and accumulated by a full pocketbook from the art treasures of the manufacturer.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING. Once on a time a woman at Christmas made up her mind to be sensible and give her friends only useful presents. She found it a solemn effort to decide what she had bought, and she thought of the children and tried to remember the one thing lacking that would make her happy. But by putting on her thinking cap and sitting up at night she had congratulated herself that she had succeeded. But lo! and behold! when her friends received the presents they were furious. "What shocking taste!" they exclaimed. "How little she appears to have thought of us!" How could she imagine we don't already possess the necessities of life! It was most insulting! We will never speak to her again!—

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HIS LORDSHIP'S ROMANCE

So the young girl grew up in the lonely old castle, cut off from all the pleasures and amusements of her age, without any companion except her mother; living only in the glories of the past and the hopes of the future, thinking of the present merely as a probation that must be endured. At the age of eighteen she was beautiful as an houri, and accomplished to an extraordinary degree. She spoke Italian, French and German with as much fluency as Spanish. She sang beautifully, and played with no mean skill. Well might her mother's heart glow with pride as she watched her, and her hopes rose higher day by day.

Madame Monteleone has begun to form her plans. She had purposely lived in a most economical manner, and so she managed to save a sum of money. With this she intended to go to Madrid, where her name was still known and honored, and there introduce her beautiful child to the notice of the Spanish queen. While maturing these plans, a circumstance happened which rendered them all useless and unavailing. Destiny had other things in store for Bianca Monteleone.

The northern front of the castellated high road that led to the ancient and celebrated city of Seville. One evening a man, coming on business to one of the servants, found in the middle of the road a young gentleman, who had apparently been thrown from his horse, and lay either stunned or dead on the bank, while the horse quietly grazed at some distance from him. In a few minutes the inhabitants of the castle were aroused, and by Madame Monteleone's command, the gentleman was carried into one of the bedrooms, and a doctor sent for with all speed. The extent of the injuries was discovered; and they were a violent concussion of the brain and a broken ankle. For many days the life of the young stranger trembled in the balance. During the time he never recovered his senses, but evidently imagined himself in England. They discovered that he was an English nobleman, for in a small pocketbook was written his name, "Stephen, Lord Lynne." They knew he must be wealthy, for he wore diamonds of great value, and a purse full of gold was found in his pockets. Inquiries were made at Seville, and then they discovered that he had been a stranger had been residing for some weeks in that city, and that only two days before his valet left him and returned to England. Some large boxes belonging to him were still at the hotel, and these were forwarded to Sorrento, at Madame Monteleone's desire.

Very slowly did Lord Lynne recover consciousness and strength. His feelings were boundless. He spoke French fluently, and as both ladies habitually conversed in that language, there was nothing to check their friendly intercourse. All that he had to tell was soon told. He, Stephen, Lord Lynne, had succeeded to his title two years ago, on the death of his father. His mother was still alive, and in compliance with her wish he was travelling for two years before he married and settled down. He had inherited in Spain, for he loved the country. While at Seville his valet left him and returned to England. He was going to visit a small town near when he was thrown from his horse, and lay almost dead at their castle gates. He was young and handsome—as were all the Lynnes—and gifted with an easy grace of manner that charmed and fascinated those proud, high-bred Spanish ladies.

When he was able to leave his room he spent many hours every day in the society of Madame Monteleone and her daughter. From the mother he learned the ancient glories of the family—how they once had been second to none save their royal masters; and the young English lord found with surprise that the plainly-dressed lady, who lived in what he considered a gloomy old ruin, belonged to one of the noblest families of Spain. He saw they were very poor; there was no attempt with more dignity than did Madame Monteleone her obscurity and poverty.

From the daughter he learned another lesson: the lovely face, the dark, almond eyes haunted him; and he loved her with a wild devotion rare in an Englishman. It was the old story. What else could happen, given an old castle, a wounded knight, and a beautiful girl? Bianca forgot her high vocation, and fell as deeply in love with the English lord as he had done with her. A few meetings among the myrtle and orange trees, and then Stephen, Lord Lynne, asked Bianca Monteleone to be his wife. He was rich and noble—there was no fear of refusal for him; but for many years Lord Lynne never forgot the look of distress, almost horror, upon Madame Monteleone's face, when he asked for her daughter's hand.

"My daughter!" she cried. "How blind, how foolish I have been! I never dreamed that you loved her! You must go away and forget her. She can never be your wife!" asked Lord Lynne, calmly. "What objection have you to me?" "None," replied Madame Monteleone, "as regards yourself; but my daughter must marry a Spanish noble. I would not give her to the wealthiest duke in England. Her destiny has long been settled."

"But she loves me, madame!" again urged Lord Lynne. "Impossible!" cried the lady. "My daughter knows her destiny, and will fulfill it. She must not see you again." The stern, ambitious mother adhered to her words, and Bianca was kept a prisoner in her own rooms until the departure of Lord Lynne. Mother and daughter said but little on the subject. The mother appealed to her child's love and sense of right, but she never had hopes

Lord Lynne left Sorrento and returned to Seville, determined at any cost to win the beautiful girl who loved him so well. Once more alone, Madame Monteleone began to prepare for her journey to Madrid. But another obstacle arose. Bianca, who made no opposition to her mother's wishes, who had submitted silently to the loss of her lover, fell ill, and faded visibly day by day. In vain did Madame Monteleone summon physicians, and pay them heavily for their advice. They all said the same thing: her daughter's disease was more mental than physical; and the distracted mother began to understand that her daughter was slowly but surely dying, her heart breaking for the loss of the fair-haired Englishman, who had brought such golden radiance into her gloomy life.

Lord Lynne persisted in calling every day. During Bianca's illness he was seldom allowed to exchange a word with the young lady; but one eventful day, instead of being dismissed with a few curt words, he was invited into Madame Monteleone's boudoir. There she told him frankly that her daughter's marriage with him would be the bitterest grief of her life, the downfall of her hopes, the last step completing the final ruin of her race. Still, Bianca's life must be sacrificed, and she withdrew her opposition.

Not another word did the stern lady utter, even when Bianca knelt at his feet to thank her. She would not assist in any preparations for the marriage, and the last of the Monteleones was led to the altar by her English lover in plain morning dress and without any ornament. Her mother never blessed her—never gave her consent to the marriage. She said but these few words: "I wish draw my opposition." So Stephen, Lord Lynne, married Bianca Monteleone, and immediately the ceremony was ended he took her to Italy.

For one year Lord and Lady Lynne were perfectly happy. Bianca sighed when she remembered her mother in the gloomy castle of Sorrento. She may be forgiven if her mind did not always dwell on that sad and cheerless picture. For she was out in the fair, bright world, mixing freely with her fellow-creatures, admired, loved, and praised by all. Her husband adored her; never was love so passionate or so devoted as that of Lord Lynne for his beautiful bride. Her lovely face and sweet, graceful manners, her child-like simplicity, won all hearts. In Rome, in Florence, and in sunny Naples, she who had never in her whole life heard one compliment, now found none lacking everywhere. It was impossible to be young and not enjoy the new and golden life opened to her. For the first time she wore magnificent jewels and costly dresses that enhanced her beauty and made her doubly fair. She liked the grandeur that surrounded her; it was pleasure to dwell in sumptuous rooms, to tread upon soft, thick carpets, to gaze upon rare pictures and statues, to have servants ready to obey her slightest word. It was pleasant to be young and idealized wife, whose every wish and whim were gratified.

In the first tumult of this new life, Bianca had forgotten the hopes she had wrecked, the ambition she had betrayed, the mother she suddenly clasped her arms round his neck and asked him to give up his English home, to bring his wealth over to Spain, and to call himself by her name of Monteleone; but he laughed long and loudly at the mere idea. "Wait, Bianca," he said, lightly, "until you have seen Lynnewoods. Why, my dear child, you could put Sir Serrano in an corner of it. You must become English; I can never be a Spaniard."

Whatever she may have thought, Lady Lynne never expressed that wish to her husband again. They had spent a year of unalloyed happiness. Day by day Lord Lynne loved more dearly and deeply the beautiful gentle girl who had touched his heart as no other woman ever could or did. To make her happy, to watch her beautiful girlish face brighten at his loving words, was the study and pleasure of his life. He divined her wishes, and executed them almost before they were uttered. They wandered about in those fair Italian cities, and life for them resembled the golden dreams of the lotus-eater.

"I wish I could understand, dear Bianca," said Lord Lynne to his wife one day, "why you wish to return to that gloomy old Sorrento." "I cannot tell," she replied. "I do not understand what it is that seems to call me home, but my mother's face is always before me; and oh, Stephen, I would give anything for my little child to be born in my old home!"

"You shall have your wish," replied Lord Lynne, looking fondly at her; "but I fear we shall not have a very warm reception from your mother." "She will be pleased to see us," said Lady Lynne; "and perhaps we might persuade her to leave Sorrento and go to England for a time." "Solely to please his beautiful young wife, to whom he could refuse nothing, Lord Lynne undertook the journey to Sorrento. It was a long and somewhat tedious one, for Bianca was delicate, and could not travel far without fatigue. Madame Monteleone received them more warmly and kindly than they had anticipated. Nor by one single word or act had she forwarded their marriage; but now that they were married, not one word of her bright hopes escaped her, and never once in her daughter's presence did she breathe a sigh. Even the expression of her face seemed changed. She had lived for one object, one hope alone, and now that she had achieved it, her words and actions were all different now, and she said to herself bitterly

ly that she had led a vain life. The resignation had taken the life from her face, and she looked old and weary.

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Before the sun set that evening over the Andalusian hills, Bianca, Lady Lynne, slept the last long sleep. No words can describe the despair of the young husband. The blow was so sudden, so unexpecting, that it almost deprived him of his reason. He could not realize the fact that his lovely and loving young wife had left him forever. Life lost all its charms. In the first bitterness of his sorrow, Lord Lynne had but one wish; it was to die, and so put an end to the anguish for which there seemed no remedy. He remained at Sorrento simply because all lenency was dead in him. At length he was roused from his grief by a letter from his mother, calling him home on urgent affairs.

CHAPTER XVII.

Two days before Lord Lynne left Sorrento, Madame Monteleone appeared before him in deep mourning-dress, holding the little babe in her arms. "My son," she said, addressing him for the first time by that title, "I am here to ask a favor of you. You took from me my daughter, my one love, hope, and object in life; make amends for the wrong you did. Give me this little babe in place of the child you took from me."

Lord Lynne hesitated for some minutes. It was his Bianca's child; and now that she had left him, he had nothing to love. But the pale, wistful face of the lady moved him. If he took a child so young to England, the chances were that it would die on the journey. And after all, it would be a perpetual reminder of his sorrow and his loss; still, he would not consent to give up all claim to this, his only child. So the matter was compromised and he agreed that Madam Monteleone should have charge of his daughter until the next twelve years. If she lived so long, but to this he would not even agree, unless the Spanish lady would allow him to contribute a certain sum annually toward the support and education of the little Inez. Madame Monteleone would have consented to almost any terms he chose to offer, so anxious was she to retain her daughter's child.

Lord Lynne left the country where he had loved and suffered so deeply. Sorrow had aged and altered him. His mother hardly recognized in the sad, thoughtful man the bright-faced boy who had been away from her so short a time. Lady Lynne had said that when her son wrote to tell her of his marriage with the beautiful daughter of a noble but impoverished race; but the disappointment had been as great as when she had seen the beautiful girl, who had been so dear to her, marry to marry some one with money, and she had selected in her own mind the lady whom she wished to see his wife. It was a quiet, gentle English girl, without any pretensions to beauty, but sole heiress to an enormous fortune. But this he had found a wife for himself, and she wisely abstained from saying anything either of her hope or disappointment. When Stephen wrote to say that after the birth of his child he hoped to bring his wife home to Lynnewoods, she made what preparations she could for them; but when she expected to hear something definite as to their arrival, there came the sad news of the death of the young and beautiful bride.

Lady Lynne realized how great her son's sorrow was when she saw his tired face. At first she felt some disappointment at not seeing the little Inez; but upon reflection she felt it better that she should return alone. For some months she felt the greatest anxiety about him; the spring of his life seemed gone. No smile ever came to his lips; never for one moment did his sorrow leave him. His mother began to fear that his heart was buried in the grave of his beautiful and beloved wife. He could not bear to dwell upon that one brief year when she had been with him. But as years rolled on the bitterness of his grief died away.

While he lived, Lord Lynne never really loved or cared for any other woman; but in time he yielded to his mother's wishes, and brought home to Lynnewoods as his wife the wealthy and gentle lady whom she had selected for him. During the first year of his second marriage, he was wretched beyond expression; he could not help it—he could not avoid comparing the passionate, beautiful Spaniard with his calm, quiet English wife; but when his daughter, the golden-haired Agatha, was born, he grew more reconciled to his fate. He was a rich man now, and held a high position in the country. It became a great deal more interesting in his duties; he became attached to his wife, in a quiet kind of way. He came to look upon that one year of perfect happiness more as a beautiful dream than as a reality. He tried to forget sunny Spain, her purple hills, her myrtles and olives—he tried to forget the lovely face that even in old age had smiled upon him; he tried to forget the past, and live only in the present, and in some degree he succeeded.

Regularly every quarter there came a letter from Madame Monteleone. The child, she said, had even more than her mother's beauty, with all the first spirit, all the pride and hauteur of her ancient race. Lord Lynne shrank with a certain dread from the thought of seeing her now, and she said to herself bitterly

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GRAND NEWS FOR WOMEN

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"For twenty-eight years," says Mrs. Richards, "I suffered from Rheumatism, Kidney Trouble and Neuralgia. It got so weak I could not do my housework. Sleep was out of the question except for a few minutes at a time. My back ached so I could not sleep. I tried all kinds of medicine and had come to the conclusion there was no cure for me, when reading advertisements led me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I now sleep peacefully and feel refreshed every morning. Dodd's Kidney Pills are all the medicine I want."

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At School. (Ethel M. Kelly in September St. Nicholas.) I like to sit in school and look At all the girls I know, When every lead above a book Is bending very low. For some are so much alike, you see, And yet so different, too— For some have eyes of brown like me And some have eyes of blue.

When we're admiring Marguerite Whose braids are long and fine, She says she thinks that curls are sweet. Like Josephine's or mine, But Josephine and I believe Straight hair is lovelier, And look at Marguerite and grieve We are not more like her. And some have shiny flaxen hair; And others brown or black; Some wear it short; and others wear Two pig-tails down the back. And some have bows of ribbon gay— Hair parted on the side, But every girl likes best the way Some other girl's hair is tied.

Just think, if all the little girls Could, wishing, change their state, Then all the pig-tails would be curls And all the curls be straight, And I should look like Marguerite, And Marguerite like me. And every day at school we'd meet— How funny it would be! Tommy—Pop, would an ostrich eat ticks? Tommy's Pop—So I have been told, my son. Tommy—Then if it would eat ticks do you suppose it would lay c

THE MAID AT SEVENTEEN

Winning, pensive and sweet, with delicate grace and charm in every movement, but that lovely color that once shone so rosily has gradually faded away. Her eyes are expressive but listless, that lightness of step and buoyancy of spirit which once were hers are gone.

For Madame Monteleone life seemed renewed. Even as she had lived, hopes, and planned for Bianca, so she now lived and hoped for Inez. The same ambition was renewed, the same ideas were instilled into her mind. She devoted herself to the child's education; she tried to make her all that her mother had been; but no two characters were ever more dissimilar than that of the young mother and her only child. Bianca was gentle and yielding, Inez was proud and unbending; as well try to move a rock as persuade her to change when her mind was once made up. Bianca had heard with reverence of the glories and honors of her race; Inez was proud of them, but frankly told her horrified grandmothers that in her opinion a little present comfort was worth all the past grandeur put together.

Madame Monteleone had managed her own daughter admirably; but Inez was beyond her abilities. She did not understand the child's passionate, ardent, artistic nature. She was half frightened when the rich musical voice sang of the hopes and wishes forming in the young heart; she did not understand her. She could not tell why Inez craved to hear something of her absent English father, and looked weary and melancholy when the poor lady spoke of the narrow restraint that ultimately helped Inez Lynne on to a life of woe and misery.

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LION VS. MAN.

THRILLING BATTLE OF CANADIAN WITH LIONESS.

Corporal Eagle Died From Terrible Wounds After Thirty Minutes' Conflict—Caught Lioness by Nostrils and Held On.

George F. Kneen, a former Montrealer, now superintendent of Transvaal police at Heidelberg, Transvaal, sends the Star a thrilling account of a fatal fight between Corporal Eagle and a lioness. Eagle was a Canadian half-breed from Regina or vicinity, who went to South Africa in March, 1901, and was one of the few Canadians left in the old South African constabulary.

Superintendent Kneen states in his letter that the fight was the talk of the Transvaal. Incidentally he states for the benefit of Canadians who have friends and relatives buried in South Africa that on All Saints' Day, the Loyal Humane Guild all over South Africa decorated the graves of comrades who fell during the war, adding: "In this little village of Heidelberg, I must testify to the splendid way in which these noble women have looked after the graves of the Canadians who are buried here."

With regard to Corporal Eagle's fight with a lioness it appears that Eagle and a companion, both on horseback, were travelling along the road over which some Dutchman had previously passed. The latter had shot a lion cub, and the infuriated parents were following up the spur with the object of exacting revenge.

Suddenly the lioness appeared in the roadway in front of Eagle and his companion, and gave evidence of her intentions by an angry roar. Eagle at once unslinging his carbine and fired at her, striking her in the shoulder, at the same time trying to get his horse to move. The poor animal, however, was terror-stricken, and stood like a stone; while the other horse, with a snort of terror, turned tail and bolted. The shot from the carbine had no apparent effect upon the lioness, for she came forward at full speed and sprang upon Trooper Eagle, seizing him by the leg and dragging him to the ground.

He fell upon his feet, and, quick as lightning, he made a leap for the brute, twisting round upon her so as to get upon her back. He threw his right arm round her neck and then reached over her head, thrust his first and second fingers up her nostrils, and pulled her head back with all the force at his command. The brute screamed with rage at this unexpected counter-attack, and immediately set to work to rid herself of her assailant.

Then commenced what must have been one of the most terrible combats in the history of creation. For over half an hour man and brute fought for mastery, he with bare hands and she with terrible claws. Sometimes he was underneath, kicking at her stomach with his heavy boots, while she tore huge lumps of flesh out of his thighs with her claws. Then he would straggle round again to her side and back and force her head back, not that he really hoped to break her neck, but more with the natural instinct of keeping those terrible jaws in such a position that they could not touch him.

Time after time the brute got her teeth into him, as well as her claws, and the marvel is that in such an unequal conflict the brave Canadian lasted so long. Bleeding from a score of wounds, with arms and legs almost torn to pieces, he was just on the point of collapse when, with encouraging shouts, of the Dutchmen who had previously robbed the lioness of her cub, rushed upon the scene.

They had heard the faint report of the trooper's carbine and, knowing by experience that the parents would follow them up after shooting the cub, they were quick to apprehend the true facts of the situation. They rushed back as fast as they could, but some time before they came in sight of the ghastly fight they knew what was happening by the agonizing shrieks of Trooper Eagle and the equally terrifying roars and screams of pain of the lioness.

Choice of Prayers. A mother told her child, a boy of five years, to say his morning prayer to her. Kneeling before her, the little fellow asked: "Mother, shall I say my prayer or nurse's prayer?" The mother, not being aware that the nurse ever said any morning prayer, became curious. "Say, nurse's, dear," she answered. "Whereupon the little fellow began solemnly: "Lord, O Lord, have I got to get up?"—Nashville American.

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whose nostrils were almost torn out by the despairing grip of the man, who never once let go of the tender earilage, though fainting and practically delirious from the pain and loss of blood.

The appearance of the Dutchmen and the discharge of a bullet frightened the lioness, who, with one big effort managed to free herself of the now exhausted man. Trooper Eagle dropped to the ground in an unconscious condition, and the lioness made off, but was quickly brought to the ground with bullets and killed outright.

The unfortunate trooper, whose clothing was practically torn from him, and whose body was lacerated in the most horrible manner, was tended with the utmost care. He was removed to the nearest hospital with all speed, and though he recovered consciousness and was able to recount what had happened, he was unable to recover from the blood poisoning which set in, and died.

He was a young man, slightly built, not at all the sort of individual, physically, likely to keep up a 30-minute hand-to-hand conflict with an infuriated lioness. His wonderful intrepidity and tenacity is almost the sole topic of conversation in the Zoutpansberg, and his comrades of the Transvaal police mourn the loss of one of the bravest men who ever donned the uniform.

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PHILIPPINE SUPERSTITIONS.

How to Make a Cat Stay at Home—To Find Your Way in the Woods.

In the Philippines, more perhaps than in any other country, says a correspondent of the Cebu Courier, the inhabitants believe in numerous superstitions. In many places the belief is so strong that with each everyday act and occurrence there is associated some superstitious belief.

To domesticate a cat, as soon as it is acquired, it is three times around the stove, then pull out one of its whiskers and bury it (the whisker, not the cat) in the ashes. The cat will never return to its former home. When a wild cow is bought or obtained the new owner must lead it three times around the barn or other place where he desires it to sleep. He must then take from the animal's nose the loop by which it was led and bury it in some spot where the cow has circled. This must be done in the twilight. In the future, the animal, without any guidance, will every evening promptly lie down in this very place when returning from the field.

When the cornfields are visited by the small worms which greatly damage the crops the farmers have a peculiar way of destroying them without trouble. Without letting any one know the farmer goes to the field, takes seven worms, strings them on a broken eyed needle and then buries them in the seventh hill of the seventh row of corn. The worms will die out in numbers and in a couple of days the field will be free from them. This must be done secretly in the twilight or the charm will be broken.

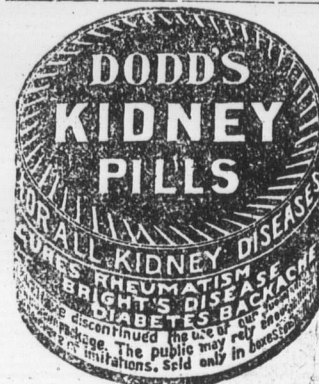
Often a whole piece of bamboo is found in which black ants have made their nest, there being, however, no visible entry. Fishermen always hunt for this peculiar bamboo to assure themselves of good fishing. They use it as one of the frames of their fishing corral, and the presence of this bamboo charms the fish of the corral, and consequently a rich haul will be made.

Once I heard a mother say that none of her children ever fell down stairs in spite of the fact that their steps were badly constructed and dangerous. She accounted for this very easily. She said that whenever a child became a year old she cut a lock of his hair, wrapped it in a piece of paper and put it in one of the cracks of the stairs. The children might come near falling, but never actually did so, for they would always find something to catch hold of.

It is almost a general custom in the Philippines that after a wedding the newly married couple remains at home. It is believed that should they go on a trip by sea a storm would arise or by land some mishap would overtake them. When the mountain people lose their way in the woods they have a simple and sure way of finding the right path. They take off their coat, turn it inside out, and when they put it on again in this manner they have no difficulty in reaching the place they desire to go to. Even to-day these superstitions are generally believed by the mountain people, and they consider as foolish the person who ridicules them, for they say they have been proved true by experience.

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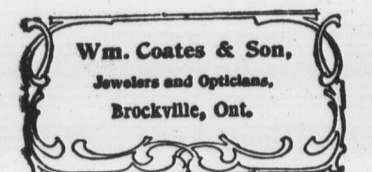
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Miss Wilhelmina Sly of Elgin spent the week end visiting friends in Athens. —When you want a toy of any kind, see what you can get at McClary's.

Messrs E. and J. McLean and Geo. Holmes, students at Queen's, are home for vacation. —G. A. McClary has a line of high grade confectionery in gift boxes that cannot be excelled.

Mr and Mrs A. Freeman of Gouverneur, N. Y., are visiting friends in Athens. —Toys to no end at McClary's. Bring the children—let them enjoy the sight.

Mr Eric Jones has been very ill for several days in Toronto, but, we are pleased to learn, is now improving. —The Japanese China goods at McClary's delight all who visit the store. Not high priced.

The regular meeting of the I. O. F. will be held on Saturday evening in stead of Friday, this week. —Mr J. Spicer of Newboro spent Tuesday the guest of his daughter, Mrs A. W. Parib.

—Presents in china ware, from 10c to 25c—a whole table full—at McClary's. —Mr Harry Hamilton, a former student at the A. H. S., is now in the Merchants Bank, Athens.

—The parlor lamps at McClary's combine more beauty and utility than any article for a present. Call and inspect. —Hockey meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in Pierce's sample room. A full attendance requested.

The great Local Option meeting of the campaign takes place this (Wednesday) evening in the town hall. —Mr and Mrs J. A. Whipple of Brockport, N. Y., are spending Xmas vacation in Athens, guests of Miss Maggie Kelly.

Mr J. H. Mulvena, Reeve of Rear Yonge and Escott, attended the tax sale at Brockville on Tuesday. The municipality obtained \$280 back taxes for the land in the Temperance Lake district.

The annual entertainment in connection with St. Luke's S. S., Lyndhurst, is to be held on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 29. The programme will include a Christmas tree, a concert and two dramatic performances. An evening of thorough enjoyment is assured to all.

A very satisfactory statement has just been issued by Mr R. Henderson for Farmersville cheese factory. During the past season the 70 patrons of the factory received a total of \$28172.59. Total butter made, 5325 lbs.; total cheese, 209567 lbs. Average price of milk per ton for cheese, \$19.58; average for butter and cheese, \$20.16.

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—Extra quality fine spices, flavoring extracts, etc., at McClary's. —The Shamrock Medicine Company are booked for the town hall, Athens, Jan. 14th, for one week.

Mrs B. J. Saunders of Edmonton, Alberta, is visiting friends in Brockville. —Mr I. C. Alguire attended the funeral of the late Mrs Betts in Brockville on Wednesday last.

—Call in and see my fancy Catters before they are all gone—D. Fisher. 49—50

The local branch of the Farmers Bank is presenting its patrons with a handsome calendar. —Mr H. W. Kincaid called on friends in Athens last week. We regret to note that he is not fully recovered from his recent illness.

Mr Frank Dier, a popular member of the Merchants Bank staff here, has been transferred to the Westport branch. —Nothing more beautiful, nothing more acceptable as a gift than a piece or set from the great Art China at McClary's.

A Withrow memorial service will be conducted in the Methodist church on Sunday next by the pastor, Rev F. A. Read. —A public meeting in the interests of Local Option will be held at Mort Topping's cheese factory, Union Valley, on the evening of Tuesday next, 29th.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Hudgins and children of Napanee are spending Christmas vacation at the home of Mr and Mrs T. G. Stevens. —Master Willie Freeman of Gouverneur, N. Y., is spending Xmas vacation at the home of his grandmother in Athens.

—The person that took, in mistake, a parcel from the counter of Phil Witte's store on Tuesday will please return it as soon as possible. —Mr Percy Witte, son of A. E. Witte of Pleasant, N. D. is visiting old friends in Athens. He left here when a little boy, ten years ago.

The Christmas Day services in the Anglican churches will be held at Trinity church, Oak Leaf, at 8.30 a.m. and at Christ church, here, at 11 a.m. on Friday. —Call at the woollen mill and see our special lot of Pure Wool Blankets, size 72x90, for holiday trade; also we have a large stock of Tweeds, Flannels and yarns of all kinds. 46-50

—The salad and fruit dishes at McClary's are unsurpassable in beauty, quality value. You are particularly invited to see these new and handsome goods. —All arrangements are completed for the Methodist S. S. entertainment Xmas night. There will be a Christmas tree and first class entertainment. Doors open at 6.45; programme at 7.30.

The rink has been as far advanced as the weather would allow, and if Jack Frost would stay with us for a few days a good sheet of ice would be formed. It will be open and free to all on Thursday evening. —After twenty seven years faithful and efficient service as cheesemaker, Mr Ormond Gibson of Caintown is retiring from the business, and on Wednesday last he was honored with a banquet at which he was presented with an address and pipe.

The Shamrock Concert Co., the big fun show, will open a weeks engagement in the town hall, Athens, commencing Thursday, Jan. 14th. Since their last visit here, two years ago, The Shamrock Concert Co. has played from the Atlantic to the Pacific, a veritable string of new discoveries. —The Shamrock Remedies—to phenomenal success, invariably having to turn people away nightly in even the big city theatres. The company is all new this season and the best show Mr Kelly has ever carried. There is a big weeks fun in store for the people of Athens and surrounding country, with many novel attractions, including the handsome baby contest, best looking lady and gentleman contest, big load contest, amateur contest, door vote for gold watch. Three hours of genuine fun every night. Admission free to every one. Don't miss the opening night, Thursday, Jan. 14.

The Rev Manly B. undage was heard with pleasure and profit by large congregations in the Methodist church on Sunday last. The special Xmas music by the choir was also greatly enjoyed.

After a brief illness, William Lang died at his home, Glen Elbe, on Sunday night. Deceased was a young man of thirty years and a native of England. He came to this country a few years ago and was a lessee of the the Richard Cornell farm which he was successfully working at the time illness manifested itself. He is survived by his wife and three small children, who have the hearty sympathy of the entire community.

The municipal pot is more than simmering just now. The Liberals and Conservatives of the township met in the township hall on Saturday evening to make amicable arrangements for nomination day. The political parties of the village, too are moving in the same direction. Of course, there may be an election in both municipalities, but it doesn't look that way just now.

The entertainment given by the school children of Washburne's school on Friday night last was a very good one. The little performers did credit to themselves as well as to their teacher, Miss Webster. Several dialogues were also well presented. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to the teacher of a handsome silver cake dish, Mrs Oscar Webster reading the address, and Mr Wm. Whaley making the presentation. Rev R. B. Paterson acted as chairman.

ANGLICAN S. S. CONCERT

The concert given by the S. S. of Christ Church on Monday night was voted a complete success. The chorus work of the children, under the leadership of Miss Paterson, in the cantata, as well as the various characterizations Autumn, Winter, Storm King, Jack Frost, Long Ago, St. Nicholas, etc.—were very effectively rendered by the persons concerned. The dialogue, "Punkin Ridge," was a good one and was cleverly done and elicited much applause from time to time. The parts were so uniformly taken that it is difficult to discriminate.

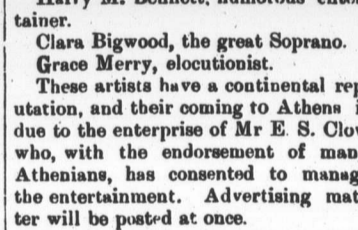
The Christmas tree well laden and distributed by St. Nicholas himself, was the closing event of interest for the children.

Model Graduates

In the list of successful students at Kingston Model School appear the names of the following students:— Elleda Byington, Athens. J. P. Fahey, Elgin. Mabel Forester, Westport. Oscar R. Harvey, Lyndhurst. Maggie McCann, Westport. Julia E. McCann, Westport. Anna U. Nolan, Athens. Irene Palmer, Westport. Grace E. Stewart, Lyn.

High Class Concert

Arrangements are being made for the appearance here on New Year's eve of the following high class artists at a concert to be held in the town hall:— Donald McGregor, the famous baritone. Harry M. Bennett, humorous entertainer. Clara Bigwood, the great Soprano. Grace Merry, elocutionist. These artists have a continental reputation, and their coming to Athens is due to the enterprise of Mr E. S. Clow who, with the endorsement of many Athenians, has consented to manage the entertainment. Advertising matter will be posted at once.



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