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The Reliable Store Thomas Stone & Son The Reliable Store

## Our Third Floor Bargain Department

Is in fullswing,—opened this morning with a rush of customers—Business brisk—Bargains plentiful. Our advertising columns give only an inkling of what is to be had. The best way is to come and see.

- Cushion Tops at 19c.**  
The kind you always pay 25c each for. A good assortment of new designs; every one good.
- Laundry Bags at 19c**  
A good size, is made of a good, heavy, white cotton, with stamped design for embroidery; worth 35c.
- Bedroom Slippers 69c.**  
All sizes, in black and cardinal, the kind usually sold at \$1.00.
- Safety Pins, 2 Doz. for 5c.**  
A wonderful value; you would pay 5c. per doz. for them anywhere.
- Windsor Ties at 19c.**  
In black, navy and other shades, a clearing lot, some of them were 50c. each.
- Ice Wool, 7c Per Ball.**  
The regular price is 10 cents, but we are cleaning up the stock; colors, cardinal, black, white and pink.
- Shoe Laces, 3 Pairs for 5c.**  
A full line of the black shoe-lace in good quality. You pay 5c. per pair for them; we are selling three pairs for 5c.
- Ladies' Hose Supporters 19c.**  
Pad Hose Supporters, with belt, in black, white, yellow, pink and blue, double elastic and clasp, a very special bargain at 19c.
- Men's Shirts and Drawers 56c Each.**  
Heavy, ribbed garments, were in the regular way 75c. each; also a clearing lot of odd lines at special bargain prices.
- Bath towels at 15c**  
A very large size Terry bath towel, with fancy red stripe, would be considered good value at 20c; during the sale 15c each.
- Dress Goods at 25c.**  
A collection of lines selected from our 37-1-2 and 50 cent goods, but they must be cleared; sale price 25c.
- Black Ribbed Cashmere Hose at 35c.**  
We have sold the same hose all season at 50 cents. We've only a small lot and have marked them 35c. for a speedy clearance.

Fresh Lines will be added daily to Our Third Floor Bargain Department. Visit it often.

## THOMAS STONE & SON



Only While They Last

## Campbell's Removal Shoe Sale

75 Pair Men's Patent Colts in Button, Blucher and Bal Cuts, all sizes, regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes now on sale for \$2.98

Bring your feet with you and get fitted. This is a snap for high grade foot wear buyers.

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THE BOSTON SHOE STORE

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Chatham Branch Temporary Office Scane Block.

## DEATH CAME VERY SUDDENLY

Mr. James Brackin Passes Away After A Life Of Useful Effort

### SKETCH OF HIS CAREER

Death filled a Maple City home with sorrow last evening, in the sudden passing away of Mr. James Brackin, who breathed his last at eleven o'clock last night. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the bereaved family, who only a little over two years ago lost another loved member under much similar circumstances.

The late Mr. Brackin's illness was of very brief duration. On Monday last he was attending to his usual duties, and had a cheery greeting for his friends. On Tuesday he was taken suddenly ill, and it was found necessary to remove him to the General Hospital, where his trouble was diagnosed as acute appendicitis, from which disease, it seems, the deceased had been suffering to some extent for years. He had often complained of the symptoms, but no danger had been apprehended until his sudden prostration. On account of his strong constitution and his previous good health, it was thought that he would survive the necessary operation, but his physician held out little hope, as the malady had gotten such a start as to put him beyond human aid.

The late James Brackin was aged 58 years and ten months at the time of death. He was born in the County of York near the village of Elgin, on March 17, 1844, where he first entered into his profession as a school teacher. Twenty-seven years ago he came to Chatham, first teaching in the old Head Street school. He remained in this position till 1882, when the erection of the McKeough school was completed, and he was appointed to the principalship. To his energy and enthusiasm much of the early success of this educational institution is due, and he was considered as having few equals in his profession. In 1902 he resigned the principalship of McKeough school, and was appointed as local representative for the Karm Piano Company of Woodstock, with which firm he had since been continuously connected till last autumn, when he went into the piano business on an independent basis. Death interfered when to all appearances he was in the prime of his activity.

The deceased loved his home and its surroundings. He was always a kind husband and an indulgent father. His energy and ability made him many admirers. He was a member of Victoria Avenue Methodist church, but was connected with no secret societies.

To mourn his loss he leaves a widow and four children, who are: Robert L., Garnet, Mary and Bessie. He is survived by one brother and two sisters: Mrs. Wm. Findlay of Toronto; Mrs. Miller, of Hamilton, and Mr. Wm. Brackin, who lives at the old homestead in Elgin Mills.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon. A private service for the relatives and immediate friends will be held at the family residence on Third Street at two o'clock. From thence the remains will be conveyed to Victoria Avenue Methodist church, where services will be held at 2:45. Rev. F. E. Malott and Rev. Dr. J. R. Battisby will officiate at both services.

### REPORT COMPLETED

Alex. Bird, P. L. S., Leamington, was in the city to-day. He has completed his report on behalf of Raleigh for the contemplated improvement of Indian Creek to check the overflow, and he will make the presentation of his report at the next meeting of the council, together with the plans and specifications for the proposed work. This city, Harwich and Blenheim will be interested in this work if it is proceeded with, and if Mr. Bird has found a way that it will be possible for these municipalities to adopt without incurring too great an expense, one of the difficulties we have to contend with every spring will be removed. A committee of Raleigh council is in the city to-day to go over the report with Mr. Bird, and if approved of the other municipalities will be served with the usual notice.

## VISIT THE BALMORAL

Antiseptic Hair Dressing

AND Shaving Parlors.

Neat, clear up-to-date skilled Workmanship. Cosy Reading and Smoking Room provided in connection for the use of patrons

King St., Chatham, 2 Doors East of Market.

## NEW HORROR IS THREATENED

Situation At Kingston Jamaica, Grows More Alarming

### MAY SLIP INTO THE SEA

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 18.—Wire messages received at the station on Anastasia Island by Chief Electrician Elkins say that Kingston is sinking gradually; that holes and cracks 100 feet deep were formed by the earthquake and that grave fears are felt that the entire city will slip into the bay.

Accept the Warning.  
New York, Jan. 18.—Owing to the alarming news concerning a change in the bed of the ocean, near Kingston harbor, as a result of the earthquake, the Hamburg-American Line announced yesterday that they have decided to withdraw special sailing to Jamaica by the steamer Kron Prinsessen Oedle, and to despatch her instead from New York on Feb. 2, 17 and March 7, for Nassau, Havana, Puerto Rico, Bermuda and New York.

### THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS.

Governor of Jamaica's Cable to the British Colonial Office.

London, Jan. 18.—The Colonial Office has received a cablegram from Sir Alexander Swettenham, the Governor of Jamaica. It is without date, and runs:

"Continuing my previous telegram on the subject of the earthquake, the evil effects have been confined almost to three parishes of the island, namely, Kingston, Port Royal and St. Andrew. The fire at Kingston has practically ceased; only coal and rubbish are now burning. The district burned comprise a triangular area between the parade gardens, the sea, Duke street, and Princess street. The parish church forms the apex of this triangle, which comprises about one-thirtieth part of the town. The wharves burned are George and Brandy and Malabar, Haggart, Lyons, Solomons, Demerado, Henriques, and one, not both of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.'s wharves.

"The burned area is being cleared slowly owing to the indisposition of the population to labor at double the usual wages. There are a few bodies still covered with ruins. The burials to noon this day comprise 343. The persons admitted to hospital in Kingston total 400, excluding some 60 cases sent to Spanishtown from Kingston for treatment.

"The population generally is encamped on the parade grounds, the race course and the open spaces. It is reluctant to return to its ruined houses during the fine weather.

"The usual provision shops are in the burned area, and there is consequently difficulty in buying provisions. I am arranging for sales temporarily, and for the transfer of persons to other parishes. There was some pilfering last night from deserted shops. The population is wonderfully patient, but listless.

"Among the killed are Sir James Fergusson, J. W. Middleton, A. M. Nathan, E. de Cordova, J. R. Munro, J. A. Payne, Dr. R. C. Gibb, R. W. Bradley, B. Verley, W. George, H. Burrows, Charles Sherlock, E. Morris, Capt. Constantine and Miss Lockett.

"Great assistance has been given by Sir Alfred Jones, who converted the steamer Port Kingston into a temporary hospital and refuge, by doctors and firemen from Spanishtown, and by the commander of the troops, who supplied men to assist in keeping order and to patrol.

"The direct line cable is broken three miles off the coast. Both the telegraph offices are burned."

### Royalty Quick to Aid.

London, Jan. 18.—With characteristic promptitude, the royal family hastened to set an example to Great Britain of generous assistance to the afflicted city. The King and Queen have each contributed \$5,000 to the lord mayor's fund. The Prince and Princess of Wales have contributed \$25,000 each, and the big companies interested in the West Indies are following suit.

The corporation of London have subscribed \$5,000, and theatres will tender benefit performances.

### Government to Aid.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—It is probable that the Dominion Government will take action toward assisting in the relief of the stricken City of Kingston, Jamaica. W. F. Cockshutt, of Bradford brought up the question in the House yesterday afternoon.

The Premier, however, announced that the matter was engaging the attention of the Government, and a statement would be made shortly. It is said that the Governor-General will send a message to the House to-day recommending an appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of the Kingston sufferers.

### At Washington, Too.

Washington, Jan. 18.—An emergency bill for the relief of the sufferers on the Island of Jamaica, was passed by the House yesterday, authorizing the

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## LOSS FROM SPRING FLOODS

Mr. Sulman Asks Assistance for Dover to Build Embankment.

### HE MAY GET GOOD GRANT

George W. Sulman, Conservative nominee for the local House, has returned from a trip to Toronto. During the time he was there, he interviewed several of the Ministers of the Government in reference to several matters of importance to this riding, and it is expected the result of his efforts to interest the Government in certain matters which are of importance to Kent; will be welcomed with no uncertain spirit of gratification.

Among other things which Mr. Sulman advocated was a grant from the Government to assist the farmers of Dover in putting up an embankment along the river front, to save their lands from damage during the spring freshets. At several places down the river, the embankment on the Raleigh side of the river is high, but on the Dover side it is low, and the result is that when the water comes up in the spring, it flows over on to the lands in Dover, and the farmers are put to heavy losses, destroying both crops and land.

The people of Dover have put up a strong fight in trying to save their lands, but the undertaking is too great for them to carry through alone. The excessive overflows are caused of recent years through the extra drainage in places east, and the extra amount of water which has to come down, and it is not fair that the farmers of Dover should be the ones to suffer through this.

Mr. Sulman advocated a substantial grant to the residents of the Township to assist them in putting up embankments, and it is quite likely that an amount for this purpose will be included in the estimates. Mr. Sulman was assisted in his appeal by H. S. Clements, M. P.

## READY FOR POWER

Power Bylaw Cities Asked to Notify Commission and State Quantity.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—The executive of the Union of Western Ontario Municipalities decided at yesterday's meeting to ask the councils of the various municipalities which have passed power bylaws to notify the commission that they are now in a position to enter into a contract for the supply of power, and to state the amount they will require.

Representatives from every interested municipality will be invited to gather in Toronto in the last week in January, on a day subject to the convenience of Premier Whitney, who, with the Hydro-Electric Commission and the City Council, will be invited to attend a banquet in the evening.

## TO TURN TO ROME

Pope Does Not Wish Solution of the French Difficulty.

Paris, Jan. 18.—The French Episcopate has decided not to form cultural associations under the law of 1901, and to ask precise instructions from Rome.

Cardinal Coullie, Archbishop of Lyons, declared that the Pope did not wish a solution, but desired to compel the French Government to make a new convention.

"There will be no solution until the Government turns to Rome," he concluded.

## TAKEN IN WOODS

Cook of Lumber Camp Accused of a Murder in Maryland.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 18.—After working in the woods as a cook in a lumber camp for several months, Charles Carter, colored, was arrested late Wednesday for the alleged murder of Thomas M. Reinhart, a railroad contractor at Dorsey's Run, Md., April 7 last.

Carter denied the charge but does not want to return, as he says he will be lynched. There is \$1,000 reward.

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General Accident Insurance Co., of Canada

**W. A. Winterstein & Co.**  
Agents, Chatham, Ont.  
Call at our Office  
MONEY TO LOAN—No expense to borrowers.

## CITIES GETTING MAIL DELIVERY

Stratford And Guelph Will Land Conveniences From Dominion Government

### CHATHAM NEEDS IT TOO

Stratford, Jan. 17.—Mr. S. S. Fuller, postmaster at Stratford, has on account of delicate health resigned from the active duties of the Stratford post office, and Mr. A. M. Kay, the postmaster at Stratford station, has been placed in charge of both offices.

It was also learned from an authentic source that a free mail delivery service will be established here as soon as the street numbering, now under way, is completed. If the free delivery is granted the present station post office will be dispensed with, leaving only the central post office.

Mr. Kay, the new postmaster, has spent twenty-five years in the postal service, during nineteen of which he was deputy postmaster in the Stratford office.

Guelph, Jan. 17.—Regarding the establishment of the postal delivery in Guelph, Mr. Hugh Guthrie, M. P., to-day stated that provision for the same would be made in the estimates this session at Ottawa.

"I have endeavored to find out how much will be set aside for the purpose," he said, "but so far have been unable to secure the information." He declared, however, that it was positively certain that the system would be inaugurated at an early date.

Mr. Guthrie has already received a great many applications for positions as letter carriers, mostly from local men. He is of the opinion, however, that in order to get on, each carrier will have to pass a civil service examination.

Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy is the best bred in the company.

## Brisco Opera House.

MATINEE 2 P.M. NIGHT 8 P.M.  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.**  
MILKES Bros., of New York City, present the Only Motion Pictures Taken at the Ring Side in Los Angeles, Cal., last Thanksgiving, of the Great

### BURNS AND O'BRIEN CONTEST

Noah Brusso, of Galt, Ont., Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, Pa.

For the Heavy-weight Championship of the World.  
The most scientific, hardest fought battle in the history of Pugilism.

SEE the three greatest gladiators of modern times—James J. Jeffries, the retired, undefeated champion, acting as referee; Tommy Burns, the Canadian; and Jack O'Brien, the Yankee, contestants for the title.

From the training quarters to and including the entire 20 rounds of the fight a truing is omitted. The clearest, most life-like Motion Pictures ever taken.

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Ladies Attend in all Cities.  
Prices—Night, 25c, 35c, 50c; Matinee, 25c, 35c. Plan Opens Monday.

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EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

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GLASSES PROPERLY FITTED  
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The greatest sale of

## Tooth Brushes

Ever held in Chatham is taking place this week at

## Sulman's Beehive

Choice of forty kinds for

## 10c EACH

Usually sold at 20c and 25c, this is a snap.

Buy your years supply this week.

## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

King and Sixth Streets...

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## BRISCO OPERA HOUSE

### TO-NIGHT

## A DESPERATE CHANCE

## H. WILMOT YOUNG and MARJIE ADAMS

IN HIGH CLASS REPERTOIRE  
Without a doubt the best dressed and best equipped company travelling.

20-PEOPLE-20  
Specialties Between the Acts.  
Prices 10c, 20c, 30c  
Matinee Saturday, 10c and 20c.



## COWAN'S

School Shoes for girls and boys has become such a staple commodity that every mother in Chatham will tell you that she never has to shop around for her children's shoes. New comers in this city soon realize the economy of shoe buying at

**COWAN'S**



# The Daily Planet

S. STEPHENSON, PROPRIETOR.

Business Office 53. Editor's Room 102.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1907.

## THE TARIFF.

On Government days last week the tariff has been discussed but Mr. Fielding withholds his announcements of corrections until he has passed the unchanged items.

One of the curiosities of the tariff revision was revealed on Thursday when the Minister took power to impose a dumping duty on cream separators sent into this country at slaughter prices. These articles are on the free list and Mr. Fielding refuses to make them regularly dutiable, claiming that the farmers are opposed to paying duty on separators. He did not say how many farmers asked the privilege of paying the dumping tax, but seems to be of the opinion that a tax under that name is pleasanter to pay than a duty. The farmer who pays can therefore console himself with the thought that the articles on which he is taxed are still in the free list.

## BORDEN AND LABOR QUESTIONS.

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. Borden brought before the House of Commons the question of Labor Troubles. He moved a resolution setting forth that "More effective legislative provision should be made for the prevention and settlement of disputes between employers and workmen, to the end that strikes lockouts, sometimes resulting in loss of life, and always privation and suffering, may be prevented." Mr. Borden asked that a committee of nine be appointed to look into these matters and report what further laws are necessary.

In speaking to this motion the Opposition Leader reviewed the Canadian strikes of recent times, showing that in some years as high as 15,000 men were involved, and that the loss of time in 1904 amounted to 280,000 working days. In eleven strikes during the last few years the militia was called out at a cost of \$21,298 in one case and lesser sums in others. Sometimes there has been loss of life, more often serious injury, always great suffering, usually involving large communities and interests. For example, in the recent coal strikes in the West the whole prairie country endured great privation, suffering and loss. Mr. Borden considered that the public interest in these matters called for public action not only to provide for the settlement of strikes but to prevent their occurrence. He described the compulsory arbitration laws of New Zealand and other countries, and without asking the Canadian Parliament to go so far, proposed a full inquiry to be followed by such legislation as might be necessary. Mr. Borden argued that as a rule the laboring men were anxious not to lose time and the employers equally desirous of continuing operations. He was anxious that the Nation should give both parties assistance in putting an end to this costly and uncivilized way of settling disputes by strikes and lockouts.

The Opposition Leader did not get much encouragement from the Government side. Mr. Lemieux, Minister of Labor, declared that no more information was wanted, as everything could be found in the Labor Gazette issued by his Department. As for laws, the amendment he was making to the Conciliation Act would be all that was required. It was true that the basis of settlement which his act would provide would not be binding either on the strikers or their employers. It was true also that his act would only apply to labor disputes on works regarded as public utilities. But that was as far as Parliament should go. The Minister was followed by Ralph Smith, a labor Liberal, who commended the existing legislation, and declared that it had been successful in settling a great number of disputes.

While we in Ontario are wrestling with the question of the remuneration of teachers, Collier's takes up the same problem as it affects the United States. By that journal the following comparison of salaries or wages in different lines of effort is given:

Teacher.	Per annum.
Becks Co., Pa.	\$ 245
Chester, Pa.	380
New York (female)	693
New York (male)	900
Bricklayer	1,680
Mason	1,320
Carpenter	1,440
Hard-carrier	900
Tile-layer	1,000

The point is made that the man who fashions the walls of a house is paid better than he who mounds the mind of a child. This is held to be a scandal. "In every community," says

## When Children Cough

give them that old reliable remedy that never fails to cure

## BOLE'S PREPARATION OF Friar's Cough Balsam

It stops coughs—breaks up colds—and heals inflammation in throat and bronchial tubes. Absolutely pure and safe for children. 25c a bottle. At druggists or from

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## THE STAGE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Opera House—  
The Youngs—Jan. 14-19.

### PUGILISTS IN TRAINING.

A very novel and by no means the least interesting feature introduced in the forthcoming reproduction of the Burns and O'Brien championship contest at the Brisco Opera House next Tuesday, matinee and night, Jan. 22nd, is the respective training quarters of the two fighters. In this part of the evening's program the men are seen going through their many exercises necessary to put boxes of this class in condition for the terrific battles they engage in, and surely a most strenuous exercise it is. Both fighters engage the services of several expert boxers of different styles, this is done in order to prepare against any and all tactics the opponent may use, then there is what is called shadow fighting, when the fighter is seen jumping, rushing, dodging, punching, sidestepping, blocking, upcutting, getting away, in fact bringing into play every muscle, every trick of the game as he dances about the training ring battling an imaginary opponent, but what strikes the uninitiated spectator is the absolutely different style of the two men in their employment of practically the same methods and paraphernalia. Brusso shows his dogged aggressiveness even in this shadow fighting, while O'Brien is a marvel at defence and as lightning like in his movements, as his mythical opponent in practice. Our rising young athletes should learn several good points in the art of scientific exercise from this preliminary portion of the pictures, so don't be surprised if you see any young man hopping about his back yard like a chicken

### OFFICERS INSTALLED

Wm. H. Clements, D. C. R., as installing officer, assisted by Wm. H. Benson, P. D. C. R., as installing Woodward, installed the following officers in Court Hope, No. 6244, A. O. F., Wednesday evening, at which ceremony a good attendance of the brethren was present:—  
P. C. R.—Wm. H. Palmer  
Q. R.—John Head  
S. C. R.—A. Newkirk  
Secretary—Wm. H. Benson  
Treasurer—Edwin Cape  
Rec. Sec.—A. E. Lenfestey  
S. W.—Robt. McFaul  
J. W. John Conibear  
S. B.—James Dyer  
J. B.—Wm. Wood  
Organist—John Robertson.  
The District Court meeting takes place in Sarnia on Tuesday, Feb. 5, for which preparations are being made by the local brethren.

### PERFECTLY SAFE.

Here is an automobile that is guaranteed not to run over people. How can that be?  
It has some sort of a patent fender that tosses the pedestrians over the machine, thus preventing any undue jar to the occupants.

Seek the good that is in people and leave the bad to Him who made mankind and knows how to round off the corners.

## Gray's Syrup of Red Spruce Gum For Coughs and Colds.

"It's the Carbon in Coal that Burns."

## GENUINE GAS COKE Is Practically ALL Carbon.

IT CAN POSITIVELY BE PROVEN BY DOZENS OF USERS IN CHATHAM THAT FROM

25 to 30 Per Cent.

CAN BE SAVED BY USING

## GENUINE GAS COKE

INSTEAD OF ANTHRACITE COAL.

\$3.25 per load of 30 bushels, Natural Size, delivered.

\$3.75 per load of 30 bushels, Crushed Size, delivered.

Suitable Reduction will be made if Coke is taken at Works

## CHATHAM GAS CO., Ltd.

## Cut Sale in Cardigan Jackets

FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY, FROM JAN. 5 TO JAN. 19, 1907.

\$2.00 value in Black only at.....\$1.50 each  
\$1.75 value in Black only at.....\$1.25 each  
\$1.50 value in Black only at.....\$1.00 each  
\$1.25 value in Red and Black Mixture at.....\$0.90 each

SUITS to order, made in the latest styles, with a perfect fit, best trimmings and lowest prices.

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# THIS SALE GIVES YOU GOODS AT YOUR OWN KIND OF PRICES!

HERE'S the longed-for opportunity knocking at your door. Will you open the door? Yes!

"WOULD you like any bargains to-day, Madam?" says Opportunity. You say—"What bargains have you to-day?" Opportunity answers up—"Most everything you want at a wholesale price or less."

"WOULD you close the door in Opportunity's face?" "Not much!" "Well, don't do it now!" THIS SALE is your opportunity, and we are selling goods as you have often wished to buy them—at Wholesale Prices.

"NOW!—Will you, can you afford to let 'Opportunity' leave you?" HERE are a few of "Opportunities" knockers:—

Waists at About Half Price—Odd line, in all wool, fleeced and black Satin Waists sold regular up to 1.25 each, clearing at Sale Price 48c.

Dressing Sackies and Kimonos in sky, pink, cardinal and grey Eider, pretty styles, silk trimmed, regular up to 2.00 each, Sale Price 1.39. Regular up to 2.90 each, Sale Price 1.89.

Silk Waists—This lot arrived too late for Xmas trade, handsome styles in black or ivory, Sale Price 1.98, 2.48, 3.48, 4.38 and 4.89.

Ladies' Underwear, 6 dozen Penman's natural wool vests and drawers, all sizes, regular 1.25 each, Sale Price 98c.

Ladies' Lamb Wool Vests and Drawers fine quality, in white only, regular 1.25 Sale Price 93c.

3 doz Infants' Vests, fine union quality natural color, long sleeves, regular 12 1-2c each Sale Price 9c.

Ladies' Flannellette Petticoats 39c, fine Saxony finish, colors, sky and pink, regular 50c each Sale Price 39c.

100 Black Satin Underskirts 69c, not many in this lot, regular 1.00 each Sale Price 69c.

175 Green Underskirts 98c, fine quality cut, extra full, with deep flounces, ruffles, etc, colors navy, brown and green regular 1.75 Sale Price 98c.

Carpets Reduced Very Low.—7 pcs. English Tapestry Carpet, regular 50c and 60c yd., Sale Price 43c.

5 pcs. English Tapestry Carpet, regular 65c and 75c yd., Sale Price 48c.

2 pcs. English Brussels Carpet, regular 85c yd., Sale Price 58c.

5 pcs. English Brussels, heavy quality, regular \$1.00 yd., Sale Price 78c.

3 pcs. extra quality Brussels, regular \$1.25 yd., Sale Price 95c.

2 pcs. English Wilton Carpet, regular \$1.40 yd., Sale Price \$1.10.

2 Ends English Velvet Carpet, regular 1.25 yd., Sale Price 95c.

Mattings, 7 pcs. heavy Reversible Japanese Matting, regular 30c yd., Sale Price 23c.

9 pcs. fine quality Matting, choice reversible designs, regular 45c and 40c yd., Sale Price 33c.

Room Rugs in every size and quality at Carpet Ends.

Carpet Ends Samples—Lengths of about 1 1/2 yds. each, in Tapestry and Brussels, clearing at about HALF PRICE.

\$1.25 Blankets \$1.05 pr., full, double bed size, soft, fleecy finish, heavy weight, grey or white, regular \$1.25 pair, Sale Price \$1.05.

\$1.50 Blankets \$1.25 pair, extra large and extra heavy, fine, soft, velvet finish, grey or grey, regular \$1.50 a pair, Sale Price \$1.25.

\$3.25 Wool Blankets \$2.68 a pair, pure white unshrinkable wool blankets, full double bed size, regular \$3.25 pair, Sale Price \$2.68.

\$5.00 Blankets \$3.89, slightly soiled—extra fine, heavy, pure wool blankets, large size, regular \$5.00 pair, Sale Price \$3.89.

SILKS 39c. YARD. Plaids, Checks, plain colors, etc., regular up to 75c a yard; Sale Price 39c.

DRESS GOODS AT 33c. Tweeds, Mohairs, Serges, Lustres, Granites, etc.; regular up to 75c a yard; Sale Price 33c.

DRESS GOODS 39c. Light shades in silk and wool, crepe de chene, cashmere, voiles, etc.; regular up to 80c a yard; Sale Price 39c.

FRENCH FLANNELS 36c. YARD. Best grades, fine, pure wool French Flannel, Delaines, Challies and fancy waistings, good range colors; regular 50c and 60c yard; Sale Price 36c.

\$1.25 TWEEDS 68c. Fine, pure wool tweeds, home-spuns, French Cheviots and Novelty Suitings, 48 to 56 in. wide; regular 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard; Sale Price 68c.

MILLINERY. At Half Price and Less. Your pick of 32 Handsome Trim-

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## DISTRICT

### DRESDEN.

Dresden, Jan. 15.—Mr. Harmer has resigned his position with G. A. Sherrin, and the latter has secured the services of a druggist from Kincardine.

The annual meeting of the teachers and officers of the Presbyterian Sunday School was held on Wednesday night in the church.

The marriage took place on Wednesday, January 16th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wells, River Road, Camden, of their second daughter, Bessie E., to Mr. Fred Stepper, of Dresden. The bride wore a lovely gown of point d'esprit over taffeta and an embroidered veil.

The bride couple were unattended, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. Phillips. Miss Grace Laird played the wedding march. A large number of relatives and intimate friends were present. The happy couple left for Detroit on the evening train. The bride's going away gown was of dark blue cloth with hat to match. They will reside in Dresden, for some time, on their return.

Mr. J. O. Tassie and son Garth returned from Toronto on Wednesday evening.

H. G. McVean returned from Toronto on Saturday morning.

R. Strickland left for Cayuga on Thursday evening, after a brief visit with Dresden friends.

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### THE CHINESE FAMINE.

Thousands of the Refugees Now in Danger of Smallpox.

Shanghai, Jan. 17.—To the horrors of famine have been added an outbreak of smallpox among the refugees at Singkiang, necessitating the demolition of the mat sheds used to shelter thousands who have arrived there in search of food.

Capt. Kirtson, who was sent out by the relief committee to investigate the situation, reports that 300,000 destitute persons have been driven back towards their homes, and that terrible scenes are being enacted along the line of retreat.

He estimates that a quarter of a million persons are likely to be doomed at Singkiang alone, and 400,000 at Antung, where small relief works have been started. But official records are generally puerile and amateurish.

TYPHOON SWEEPS ISLANDS. A Hundred Lives Lost in One of the Philippines.

Manila, Jan. 17.—The Islands of Leyte and Samar were swept by a typhoon Jan. 10. One hundred lives were lost in Leyte.

The barracks and officers' quarters on the east coast of Samar were destroyed. No estimate of the damage to property has yet been made. No damage to shipping is reported.

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### RAILWAYS.

#### CANADIAN PACIFIC

17 a.m. for London, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and all Pacific Coast points.  
3:18 a.m. Fast Express for London, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Boston and all points East, also Winnipeg, Calgary and Pacific Coast Points.

1:03 a.m. for Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul and all points north, west and south.  
1:13 p.m. for Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul and all points north, west and south.  
9:59 p.m. Fast Express for London, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Boston and all points east, also Winnipeg, Calgary and Pacific Coast Points.

Daily except Sunday. \* Daily.

#### GRAND TRUNK

1:30 a.m. for Windsor, Detroit and intermediate stations, except Sunday.  
12:30 p.m. for Windsor and Detroit.  
4:18 p.m. for Windsor and Detroit.  
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4:18 for London, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and all points north, west and south.

9 p.m. for London and intermediate stations daily except Sunday. \* Daily.

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ELECTRIC SERVICE

Time Table No. 6. In effect Monday, Dec. 3rd, 1906.

CHATHAM ARRIVE WALLACEBURG ARRIVE

6:00 a.m. 7:05 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.

11:25 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 12:25 p.m.

1:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m.

4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 6:40 p.m.

8:45 p.m. 8:05 p.m. 8:05 p.m. 9:50 p.m.

11:00 p.m. 11:05 p.m. 11:05 p.m. 11:45 p.m.

Extra cars on Saturday leave Chatham 7:05 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Leave Wallaceburg 6:00 a.m., 2:10 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

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No. 1-6:25 a.m. No. 2-12:21 p.m.  
3-1:07 p.m. 4-11:19 p.m.  
5-1:45 p.m. 6-1:32 a.m.  
7-2:35 p.m. 8-2:49 p.m.  
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50c. each box—6 for \$2.50. Used with Mira Blood Tonic and Tablets means a quicker cure. At drug-stores—or from The Chemists' Co. of Canada, Limited, Hamilton—Toronto.

## He Disappeared.

Jerome K. Jerome once figured in what the reporters call a "mysterious disappearance." On a wager he agreed to vanish, and took himself off while his friends were still on the alert. He disappeared while they were reading a mysterious letter which he handed to one of the party. When last seen he was stepping aboard a houseboat on the Thames. Then for a month he seemed to have gone out of existence. His friends put the police on his track, calling for his arrest for stealing the boat. A month passed and then the houseboat and the boat appeared at the latter's old moorings. What he had done was simply to take the boat a little upstream, then during the night erase her name and substitute another and change the color of the paint here and there so as to render her as unlike her former self as possible. His scheme was a success in every particular.

## BRONCHITIS CAN BE CURED

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup Will Do It.

Bronchitis is generally the result of a cold caused by inclement weather or exposure to wet, and is a very dangerous inflammatory affection of the bronchial tubes.

The symptoms are tightness across the chest, sharp pains and difficulty in breathing, and a secretion of thick phlegm, at first white, but later of a greenish or yellowish color.

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Price 25 cents at all dealers.

## Drone Bees.

Drone bees have a reputation for weather wisdom among country folk who regard a flight of bees as a sign of fine weather. M. Fabre, a French naturalist wishing to ascertain if this supposition was correct, caged a number of bees. One fine evening when everything indicated equally fine weather for the following day not a bee flew about. In fact, during the night a storm broke out, and rain fell all next day. Another evening, when there were no signs of fine weather, the bees flew about in all directions. During the night the clouds vanished, and next day there was brilliant sunshine. According to M. Fabre, drone bees during three months are living barometers, more deserving of credence than physical instruments, their keen sensitiveness to the electric tension of the atmosphere being much greater than that of mercury. It has been demonstrated that drone bees are affected by atmospheric disturbances a long way off and that they sometimes grow restless when there is a storm more than sixty miles away.

## HEART TROUBLE CURED

In the rush, hurry and worry of modern times, we overwork the heart. It is any wonder then that there comes a breakdown of this wonderful little engine, when such a continued strain is placed upon it day after day. There are many forms of heart trouble and the slightest derangement of this important organ is extremely dangerous. To strengthen the weak heart it is necessary to use a remedy that will act upon the heart tissue, restore and revitalize it and at the same time tone up and invigorate the nervous system, we have such a combination in

## MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS

Mrs. Ella Dingman, Morganston, Ont., writes of her experience with them: "It is with the greatest pleasure that I recommend Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. I was troubled for a long time with my heart; I had weak and dizzy spells, could not rest at night, and I would have to sit up in bed the greater part of some nights, and it was absolutely impossible for me to lie on my left side. At last I got a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and they did me so much good I got another box and they effected a complete cure. I have not been troubled with my heart since."

Price 50 cents per box or 3 boxes for \$1.25 at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

The social climber naturally wants to go to heaven because that is where all the best people go.

## TRANSPORTATION.

Possibilities of Midland—Future of the Welland Canal—National Ports On the Atlantic.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The House devoted nearly four hours yesterday to discussing the general question of transportation.

Mr. Bennett fairly rivaled Proctor Knott in describing the future glory of Midland, the matchless city of the unsalted seas. He urged a large measure of government ownership with waterfront and terminal facilities for every railway and a truly national port.

Mr. German of Welland naturally saw the country's future clustering about the Welland Canal, while Mr. Turgeon, from New Brunswick, thought the great need of the nation was to build up twelve, or even eighteen, ports upon the Atlantic coast and to bring about commercial, or even political union with Newfoundland.

There was the usual grist of questions. Among other pieces of information handed out by the Government were the following:

The Ottawa post office is about rebuilt after nearly three years at a cost of \$208,000.

Maintaining the Government House, Ottawa City, since 1900, has cost the Government \$73,000.

The export of agricultural implements from Canada has increased from \$465,682 in 1894 to \$2,497,601 in 1906.

Immigration from France is almost a negligible quantity. In twelve years the total immigration has amounted to 9,140 persons, mainly from Normandy and Breton. They have settled in Quebec and the maritime provinces.

At 6 o'clock the House, under the new rule, automatically adjourned.

The summary of the report of the geological survey for the calendar year 1906 was tabled yesterday.

## Senator Ross Introduced.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The Senate met last evening. Two new Senators took their seats. They were Hon. John Costigan, who was introduced by Secretary of State Scott and Senator Coffey, and the Hon. G. W. Ross, who was introduced by Secretary of State Scott and Senator Jaffray.

## MANITOBA'S BUDGET.

Province's Finances Are Excellent As Corporations Swell Revenue.

Winnipeg, Jan. 17.—The feature of Hon. J. H. Agnew's budget speech, which was brought down last night, are figures showing a great increase by the present Government in railway and corporation taxation.

Mr. Agnew submitted figures showing that the taxation of railway companies operating in the province had increased from nothing in 1899 to \$34,150.48; and the corporation tax from nothing in 1899 to \$74,636.20.

Mr. Agnew estimated this year's railway tax at \$100,000, and corporation tax at \$90,000.

The budget was a most rosy one, by far the best ever presented in the history of the province, showing that the finances of Manitoba are in a most satisfactory condition.

The surplus is \$518,000, or \$50,000 more than last year.

## "FLYING ROLLERS" COLONIES.

Mrs. Mason is Buying Up Essex County Farm Lands.

Windsor, Jan. 17.—Mother Elinor Mason, supreme head of the Flying Rollers, has arranged for the transportation of 250 of the set living in and around Chicago to the Essex County farming districts. Eight farms are now in her possession or are being negotiated for.

Mrs. Mason has not yet closed the deal for the Stovell property, near Tecumseh, on Lake St. Clair, and unless other adjoining property can be secured, the deal will be called off.

Mrs. Mason does not intend to confine her operations to Essex County, but is looking over plans of land in nearby counties for colonization.

## D. J. O'Donoghue Dead.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—Daniel J. O'Donoghue, one of the best known of Canadian labor men, died yesterday at his home, 95 D'Arcy street, after a long illness. Mr. O'Donoghue was born near Killarney in 1844 and came to Canada when 8 years of age, his parents settling near Ottawa. At a bye-election in 1874, for the representation of Ottawa, in the Provincial Legislature, Mr. O'Donoghue was nominated as the Labor candidate, and was elected, as he was again on the same nomination in 1875, but met defeat in the election of 1879. In 1881 he removed to Toronto. In 1900 Mr. O'Donoghue was appointed fair wage officer for the Dominion Government, which office he held at the time of his death. He leaves a family of seven—four sons and three daughters. The eldest member of the family is the solicitor, J. G. O'Donoghue.

## Swedish Parliament Opened.

Stockholm, Jan. 17.—The Swedish Parliament was formally opened yesterday with a speech from the throne delivered by Crown Prince Gustav, the regent. After reference to the gratifying change for the better in the condition of his father, King Oscar, the good relations existing between Sweden and foreign powers is set forth.

## Mutiny On French Liner.

Port De France, Island of Martinique, Jan. 17.—The French cruiser D'Estrees left Port De France Tuesday afternoon for Trinidad conveying the French line steamer, Canada, which had been detained here by a mutinous outbreak among the emigrants on board that vessel.

## Winter Herring Catch.

Halifax, Jan. 17.—The total catch of winter herring, and its value for the years 1904, 1905 and so far this season, are: 1904, 105,455 barrels, \$188,897; 1905, 84,641 barrels, \$144,474; 1906 (to Dec. 25), 62,523 barrels, \$102,046.

## Aged Man Missing.

London, Jan. 17.—William Snellgrove, of 563 Dundas street, city, has been missing since Tuesday morning. He is 67 years of age.



## ULCERS FOR 60 YEARS!

Medical Science has reached its highest pinnacle in the discovery of Zam-Buk. The healing power of this herbal balm is absolutely unprecedented. A case has just been reported to the proprietors, in which Zam-Buk has closed and healed ulcers which for 60 years had defied every remedy known. 60 years ago, the leg in question was bitten on the leg by a dog and intervals the place broke out in bad ulcerated sores. Zam-Buk has ended the mischief once and for all. This case and that which follows, should convince all sufferers from skin disease or injuries that Zam-Buk is on an entirely different plane to ordinary remedies. Send one cent stamp for free sample box and test it at our expense.

Mrs. W. E. Rice, of London Junction, (Ont.) says:—"I cannot be thankful enough for the day Zam-Buk came to Canada. For nine years I had been a sufferer from running sores on my legs caused by blood-poisoning. I had tried every kind of salve and ointment, but none of them seemed equal to my case. Last winter I was worse than ever, and could not bear to stand on my feet for five minutes. The pain was so acute that I could not bear to have my slippers on."

"I heard of Zam-Buk and decided to give it a fair trial. From first commencing with it it did me good, and it has now cured me. Whereas before I could not stand on my feet for five minutes at a time, I can now not only stand but walk about without feeling any pain whatever. I feel like a new woman. I have waited to see if the cure was permanent before making any statement, and now I am very willing to give my testimony. I shall be pleased to answer any inquiries and if any one cares to come and see me, I shall be pleased to tell them what Zam-Buk has done for me."

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## RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

All Provinces of Canada Share in Sixty Million Dollar Development—Thousands of Miles of Steel.

The year 1906 will go on record as one of extraordinary expansion in railroad building. Without taking electric roads into account, it is estimated that 3,314 miles of new railway are under construction in Canada, at an approximate cost of \$2,200,000,000.

The actual construction of these lines will probably cost forty-four millions, the other eighteen millions being spent in equipment.

James J. Hill is building lines in British Columbia in connection with the Great Northern system, aggregating 419 miles, and as he is building in a mountainous country his operations are likely to cost a round ten millions.

The new lines of the Canadian Pacific, including a hundred miles of double tracking between Winnipeg and Port William, total 850 miles. The 750 miles of extensions will cost fifteen millions, and the increase in rolling stock will amount to eight millions.

The Canadian Northern is building 660 miles of new road at a cost this year of ten millions, and is spending five millions on equipment.

Another five millions for rolling stock will be spent by the Grand Trunk in Ontario. The Grand Trunk Pacific has 990 miles under construction in the west, the expenditure on the work this year totalling six millions. The eastern section of this transcontinental line, which the Dominion Government is building, will cost a million dollars this year, there being under construction 395 miles in two sections.

The expenditure on new track and rolling stock on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway this year will total up in the neighborhood of two millions.

These great railway strides are not confined to the more recently settled parts of Canada. Ontario has a generous share and the Eastern Provinces have not been forgotten. Half a century ago they were less than 60 miles of railway in British America.

## Canadian Artist Abroad.

One of the best known of Canadian artists is Mr. Henry Sandham, who, although he has lived for the past six years in England, and previous to that for some time in Boston, is still proud to call himself a son of Canada. Mr. Sandham was born at Montreal in 1842. From his earliest years he was fond of drawing, and did such excellent work in the studio of the late William Notman that he was given a partnership in the firm. His first artistic tuition was received from Mr. J. A. Fraser, who has since won distinction as an original painter. Vogt, Way and Jacob also gave personal instruction, and all joined in advising the young man to pursue his studies in Europe. He took their advice, and spent some time in study, returning to Canada in 1880, when he was chosen as one of the eight charter members of the Royal Canadian Academy. In Boston, where he settled, he quickly won a reputation as one of the foremost artists on the continent, became widely known as a magazine, illustrator. His sketches in The Century representing Canadian sport are still remembered.

Mr. Sandham's most famous work is the historical piece, "The Dawn of Liberty," or "The Battle of Lexington." This occupied his time for four years, and is a model of care and exactness in detail. In Canada Mr. Sandham's best known painting is the portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald, which hangs in the Senate Chamber at Ottawa, and which has been pronounced the best likeness existing of the famous statesman. But this versatile artist does not confine himself to historic pieces and portrait-painting. He is at home in almost any line, and has done excellent work in landscape painting, in oil and color, in etching, and in black and white illustration. At present he has paintings on exhibition at several of the leading centres in Britain.

If you are Contipated, dull, or bilious, or have a sallow, lifeless complexion, try Lax-ets just once to see what they will do for you. Lax-ets are little toothsome candy tablets—also to eat, nice in effect. No griping, no pain. Just a gentle laxative effect, that is pleasantly desirable. Handy for the vest pocket or purse. Lax-ets meet every demand. Lax-ets come to you in beautiful lithographed metal boxes at 5 cents and 25 cents.

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## EXPLOSION ON LOCOMOTIVE.

Fireman On First Run Seriously Injured—Brakeman Also Hurt.

St. Catharines, Jan. 17.—The fast stock train going east (engine No. 660) while passing Jordan at 7.20 yesterday morning exploded an arch in her boilerplate.

Fireman Currey of Point Edward was thrown out of the engine by the force of the explosion and landed on the bridge. He is badly scalded and had a narrow escape from going over the side of the bridge and dropping a distance of 65 feet to the ice below. Currey is unmarried. He was removed to the St. Catharines Hospital. This was his first run.

The brakeman of the same engine was also scalded and his clothing set on fire, but he escaped serious injury. The driver of the engine escaped uninjured.

## This One Killed Five.

Morrisstown, Pa., Jan. 17.—Five men were killed yesterday when a locomotive boiler exploded. The engineer of the train, J. D. Black, escaped. He was stunned by the explosion, but walked to Bridgeport station and boarded a train for Reading. The train had come from Allentown and was bound for Philadelphia. The explosion is thought to have been due to low water in the boiler. All the men killed were on the engine.

The rear portion of the boiler was hurled about 150 yards, while the wheels of the engine remained on the track. One man was torn to pieces. The others were shocked and scalded to death.

## They Stand Alone.

Standing out in bold relief, all alone, and as a conspicuous example of open, honest dealing with the public, and afflicted, are Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weak, over-worked, debilitated, nervous, "run down," pale, thin women, and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the famous remedy for weak stomach, indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, or biliousness, all ailments of the system, whether of stomach, bowels, kidneys, bladder, nasal passages, throat, bronchia, or other mucous passages, also as an effective remedy for all diseases arising from thin, watery or impure blood, as scrofulous and skin affections.

Each bottle of the above medicines bears upon its wrapper a badge of honesty in the full list of ingredients composing it—printed in plain English. This frank and open publicity places the true value of a dose at the patient's feet, and is the best guaranty of their merits. They cannot be classed as patent or secret medicines for they are neither.

Dr. Pierce feels that he can afford to take the afflicted into his full confidence and lay all the ingredients of his medicines freely before them because these ingredients are such as are endorsed and most strongly praised by scores of the most eminent medical writers as cures for all diseases of the system. These medicines are recommended. Therefore, the afflicted do not have to rely alone upon Dr. Pierce's recommendation as to the curative value of his medicines for certain easily recognized diseases.

A glance at the printed formula on each bottle will show that no alcohol and no harmful or habit-forming drugs enter into Dr. Pierce's medicines, they being wholly compounded of glyceric extracts of the roots of native American forest trees. These are the best and safest for the cure of most lingering, chronic diseases. Dr. R. V. Pierce can be consulted freely, by addressing him at Buffalo, N. Y., and all communications are regarded as sacredly confidential.

It is as easy to be well as ill—and much more comfortable. Constipation is the cause of many forms of illness. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They are tiny, sugar-coated granules. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, and is as harmless as a candy. All dealers in medicines sell them.

## Pronunciation.

Here is a curious couplet which illustrates in one sentence the various values of the combination "ough" and shows how strikingly inconsistent are the spelling and pronunciation of some English words. The lines may be supposed to be the words of an invalid who had a strong will and was determined to live in spite of his ailment: Though the tough cough and hicough ploughed me through, Yet o'er life's lough my course I will pursue.

## Hot and Cold.

Pete Persimmon—Yess, Ah reckon Ah am fated to be a bachelor. Ah lubed a gal once, but she threw cold water on mah suit. Henry Ham-Well, dat's bettah den gettin' mahliec en habbin' yo' wife throw hot water on yo' suit. Dat's what mite does ebery time I stay out after 10.

## The Cause of Trouble.

She-I can't understand why Lord Rusted wants a divorce. His wife had half a million when he married her. He-Yes, and she's got every penny of it still. That's the trouble.

## THE CURSE OF INDIA

CASTE, WHICH FIXES THE STATUS OF EVERY HINDOO.

No Man Can Rise From the Class He Was Born—Neither Wealth Nor Success Affects the Caste of Any One.

In the fixed scale of descent in India some classes are merely inferior, while some are "unclean" or "untouchable," but from whatever class a man be born in he has no escape but death. Children born in an "unclean" caste remain "unclean;" children born in an inferior caste remain as their fathers were. Nothing that they can do can in the slightest degree change their situation. They were born "unclean;" their ancestors were "unclean;" their descendants will be "unclean" till the end of the chapter.

To give a few illustrations from many, a weaver is less "unclean" than a carpenter, a carpenter is above a house cleaner, a house cleaner is above a street cleaner, and a street cleaner is above a pariah or no caste man. Every trade or occupation has its exact place, arbitrarily fixed, in the scale of degradation.

Above all the men that labor with their hands in whatsoever way are the tradesmen and shopkeepers, also with subdivisions into classes and now the tradesmen are the class; above the tradesmen is the Brahman or priestly class, and with these grand divisions the structure of the system is complete.

Wealth or material situation or success has nothing to do with the caste of any man. You may hire for your cook or valet a Brahman of the purest strain, serene, who for weeks before you engaged him may have been on the verge of starvation. The meager beggar to whom you toss alms in the road may be of a very high caste. The well fed groom, resplendent in gorgeous livery, flashing by on a carriage that covers the beggar with dust, is very likely of a caste a mile below the beggar. Time no more than effort can break down these walls of division. One of the wealthiest and most distinguished families in Calcutta, the famous Tagore family, lost caste about two centuries ago. Members of this family have received honor from the government, have conferred great benefits upon city and country and have been noted for their numerous charities and benefactions. One exerted himself all his life to further native education. Another helped to endow Calcutta university. All are enormously rich, and all bear enviable reputations for goodness, honesty and philanthropy. But the wall of caste has never fallen for them. They are still hated and avoided by their countrymen exactly as they were at the beginning of their exclusion. In the streets of Calcutta is many a ragged artisan that would not sit on the same bench with a Tagore or touch the end of his robe.

Pain, suffering, penury, even death itself, is nothing to the Hindoo compared with the loss of caste. Many a Hindoo that in the old days would yield nothing to the most fiendish tortures quickly surrendered his secrets when threatened with something that would contaminate him—a piece of cowskin, perhaps, or a glass of water that had been touched by a pariah. In I suppose, thousands of cases persons that have hopelessly lost their caste have abandoned their homes and wandered miserably along the roads until death overtook them. Thousands of others have thrown themselves into the Ganges or deliberately starved.

Three Brahman girls who had been degraded by a Mussulman went before a judge to demand vengeance and when the judge declined to interfere killed themselves in the courtroom.

At a town called Buj Buj a widow lost caste by falling in love with a man beneath her. As loss of caste by one member of the family degrades the others also, her eldest son immediately swallowed poison and died, and his remaining brethren fled the country.

A husband shares a wife's degradation. A wife goes down the steps with a husband. For more than 100 years a Brahman family of Santipur has been outcaste because one member fell in love with the daughter of a shoemaker. Charles Edward Russell in Cosmopolitan Magazine.

Men too often are influenced by the fear of being called cowards.

## DISTRICT

## FLORENCE.

Mrs. Davison, River Road, visited her daughters at Quirt last week. Rev. John Nelson, of Cape Croker, Ont., is spending a short time with relatives in town and Croton.

Miss Eva Blackburn, of Dresden, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Miller.

Mr. Carl Wray, of Rodney, was in the village Sunday and Monday. His many friends were glad to see him looking so well.

Miss Castelman, of Arkona, has been engaged to teach the Blue school. She commenced duties last Thursday.

Mrs. J. C. Wood is spending some weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Munroe, of Glenora, and Miss Grace Wood with (Rev.) Mrs. Cowan at Bridge End.

Miss Pitt has returned home after a lengthy visit with friends in London.



## SURPRISE A PURE HARD SOAP

## HOUSE WORK.

It is easy to keep a hard-wood floor as clean and shiny as a mirror by using "SURPRISE" Soap. You can make a suds in a twinkling with half a bucket of hot water and a little "SURPRISE" Soap. Then just go over the floor with a scrubbing-brush, lightly. Don't dig, or make your back and arms ache by rubbing. "SURPRISE" Soap will do the work quicker and easier and cheaper than you can. It gets between the dirt and the wood fibres and makes them separate. All you have to do is wash up the dirt with water. "SURPRISE" Soap is just as good for laundry as for house cleaning. It's a pure, hard soap of the highest grade, and costs no more than common kinds.

## McKAY'S CORNERS.

Mrs. C. M. Fluelen and Mrs. M. Campbell have returned from visiting friends in Thamesville.

Miss Annie Hutchinson, of Detroit, is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Campbell.

Lizzie Campbell is home for a short season from Bowling Green, Ohio, where she has been employed as milliner.

Mrs. A. C. McRitchie is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Steen, and is likely to spend the winter with her.

James McMillan and family are convalescing from an attack of diphtheria, and expect to be relieved from quarantine some time during the week.

Mrs. D. A. Hutchison, of the Maple City, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Parsons.

Miss A. Samson returns home to Benham on Wednesday after nursing two cases of typhoid fever successfully for Dr. McKitchie.

Mrs. Charlotte Campbell is visiting her father at Port Lampton, where he is seriously ill.

It is often the under dog that starts the fight.

Happier is the reward of being overpowered.

## DARRELL.

Cottage prayer meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holmes on Friday evening. Mrs. Duncan and Miss Nina Agar took charge of the meeting. A very pleasant time was spent and was well attended.

The sacred concert will be held in the Methodist church on Monday evening, Jan. 21. A first class program is being prepared. Rev. Mr. Ball, of Tilbury, will preach at both services on Sunday.

Miss Annie Ritchie is visiting her sister in Dresden.

Miss Shaw, our teacher, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Chatham.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Thomas Wicks, who underwent an operation in St. Joseph's Hospital last week, is recovering nicely.

Larry Brown is attending the Business College, Chatham.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Mackness, who has been seriously ill for the past month, is recovering.

Second thoughts may be best, if they are on time.

The girl who marries her ideal generally lives to regret that there is no such thing.

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12 dozen	Carbo Magnetic Razors	\$2.00	\$1.50
1	special finish Magnetic Razors	2.50	2.00
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### LOCAL

J. R. Palmer, of Tilbury, was a city visitor yesterday.

J. U. Stokes, of Regina, is in the city calling on friends.

W. A. Johnson, of Tilbury, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

The Baptist Cooking Sale for Saturday is postponed indefinitely.

Miss Harper will sing at Park street Bible Class Sunday afternoon.

J. N. Mowbray, of Thamesville, was in the city on business yesterday.

Miss G. Elmer, of Edmonton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Herman, Adelaide St.

Mrs. Alexander Easton, of Park Ave. East, is slowly improving from her recent illness.

The regular annual meeting of the Elk Club will be held in the club rooms this evening at eight o'clock.

The Planet has just received about 6,000 pounds of the best English Gledger paper. The paper was shipped direct from England.

Every single overcoat in Thornton & Douglas, Limited, shows big reduction, although some are just fresh arrivals from the factory.

Miss Regercraft will address the members of Park St. League at their meeting this evening. Miss Flossie Schweinler will favor with a vocal selection.

A social evening will be held in Victoria Ave. Sunday School rooms to-night, under the auspices of the Epworth League. Mr. Killop will entertain those present to lantern views, and a musical program will be run off.

The butchers in the market stalls are complaining about the delay in installing electric lights in the new building. The lights were to have been installed four weeks ago, but the butchers are still forced to use oil lamps for lighting purposes.

Harry Zimmer, the 13-year-old son of Mrs. Valentine Zimmer, of the third concession, Harwich, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital last night, suffering from an attack of acute appendicitis. He was operated upon immediately, and this morning he was reported to be on the mend.

Vaccination was commenced and successfully performed on a large number of children at the various city schools yesterday afternoon. When the fact was announced to them, a number of the children at the Central school fainted with fright, and one child is said to have fallen in a fit. Sixty pupils were vaccinated at McKenough school.

### THE PREVENTION OF SMALL POX

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## LIVELY TIMES AT OTTAWA

**Appointment Of Costigan And Gilmour To Senate Assailed**

**N. B. MEMBERS PROTEST**

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Mr. Gervais (Liberal, Montreal) yesterday introduced in the House a bill to amend the Supreme Court act, simplifying appeals to the Supreme Court of Canada from the Court of Review in the Province of Quebec. Now the amount involved must be 500 pounds, although appeals from the Court of King's Bench, a higher court, are allowed where the amount involved is only \$2,000. This amendment fixes a uniform amount at \$2,000.

The bill to increase the representation of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan in the House of Commons has been referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Turfitt, McCraney, McIntyre (Strathcona), Lake and McCarthy (Calgary). The House went promptly into committee upon Mr. Fisher's meat and canned goods inspection bill. The members insisted that the statute should be confined to interprovincial and export trade. Each province should look after its own markets.

**The Fisheries Question.**  
Mr. Maclean (Liberal, Nova Scotia) revived at the evening session the lasting and always irritating fisheries question. He urged the revision of the modus vivendi with the United States. He quoted from debates in the United States Senate showing that the fisheries treaty of 1888 had been rejected by the Senate on a party vote. There was no reason why the United States should enjoy, without consideration, the privileges accorded by that treaty as a matter of agreement. Mr. Maclean admitted that the people of Nova Scotia were not in accord upon this general question, but he laid it down as a fair proposition that the Americans should agree to the maximum, "Free fish for free fishing." He eulogized the example set by Newfoundland and urged the Government of Canada to follow her example.

**Attack on Senatorial Appointments.**

Mr. Crockett (Conservative, New Brunswick) made a terrific attack upon the recent appointments of Costigan and Gilmour as Senators from New Brunswick. Mr. Costigan for years had owned property and voted in the City of Ottawa. Mr. Gilmour for years had lived in Montreal, with an occasional glimpse at his summer cottage in New Brunswick. Was it fair, when the sea-girt provinces were being robbed of representation in the Commons, that they should be deprived of their constitutional equality in the Senate of the Dominion?

We are now, said Mr. Crockett, entitled to ten seats in the Senate, yet on the one day this Government has made two appointments to that body from New Brunswick and assign them to other provinces. They have taken away by these appointments one-fifth of the representation of the Province of New Brunswick in the Senate.

The Premier tried to sidestep the discussion by suggesting that the Senate might expel these peripatetic philosophers.

Mr. Daniels said it would seem almost as if there were no two gentlemen resident in New Brunswick qualified, in the opinion of the right hon. gentleman, to be called to the Senate. But what qualifications do these gentlemen have who have been appointed? They certainly have not the essential qualification, under the B. N. A. Act, of residence.

**Premier Defends.**

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the appointment in no wise reflected upon the Government. Nor did it reflect upon the newly appointed Senators. The objection, then, went to the technical qualification as to birth, wealth, etc., as for example, did the Senator live in the province? If he did not, then his seat was vacant. It was claimed that Mr. Costigan had owned property and voted in Ottawa. The Premier desired to say that Mr. Costigan had disposed of all his property in Ottawa. Mr. Gilmour, it is true, owned property in Montreal, but he also owned property in New Brunswick.

Dr. Stockton (Conservative, New Brunswick) said that neither Mr. Costigan nor Mr. Gilmour resided in New Brunswick. It was no defence for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to say that the Senate could expel these two Senators.

Mr. Emmerson insisted that Mr. Costigan had property in New Brunswick. He further said that he was certain that Mr. Gilmour owned property in New Brunswick, because Mr. Gilmour told him so.

**British Emigration.**

London, Jan. 18.—The emigration committee will recommend that the central unemployed body allocate 30,000 for emigration this year, and thinks it advisable for an organizing officer to proceed to Canada immediately to interview the Dominion and Provincial immigration officials as to placing them at work.

**To Central For Nine Months.**

London, Jan. 18.—Ernest Sylvester was sentenced to nine months in the Central prison on a charge of stealing money from a local furniture company for which he had been collecting accounts, while drunk. He surrendered himself to the Toronto police.

**Seize Succession Dues.**

Albany, Jan. 18.—State Comptroller Glynn yesterday received \$625,000, the amount due the state on the estate of Russell Sage, under the inheritance tax act. The value of the estate has been placed at \$60,000,000.

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### NEW HORROR THREATENED

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President to use and distribute among the sufferers and destitute people of the Island of Jamaica, such provisions, clothing, medicine and other necessary articles belonging to the subsistence and other stores of the naval establishment as may be necessary for the purpose of succoring the people who are in peril and threatened with starvation on the island. In consequence of the recent earthquake and attending conflagrations.

**Relief Ship Leaves To-Day.**  
New York, Jan. 18.—The first cargo of supplies to be sent from here in aid of the stricken people of Jamaica will be shipped to-day on the Hamburg-American steamer Allegheny.

**Death List of 1,000.**  
London, Jan. 18.—According to further despatches received here from Jamaica, dated Thursday, the total list of dead at Kingston is expected to approach 1,000.

Many bodies in a state of decomposition or charred beyond recognition had to be buried.

The American battleships Missouri and Indiana have arrived in the harbor.

Thirty-five out of a total of 55 employees in a tourist bureau were killed.

The Plum Point and Port Royal lighthouses are both at the bottom of the harbor. The navigation channel has been materially changed, and in some places the depth of the harbor has been altered by from 40 to 60 feet.

It is reported that the Hamburg-American steamer Prinz Waldemar, which reached Kingston from New York Jan. 3, is ashore at Plum Point.

**Homeless From Ohio Flood.**

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 18.—With the Ohio River in flood in a region of more than 400 miles, thousands of persons are suffering for necessities, and thousands more are homeless. All the indications point to this being the greatest flood since February, 1884.

The city authorities yesterday began to care for persons who have been made homeless, or are otherwise suffering.

### THAMESVILLE

Thamesville, Jan. 18.—The Art Culture Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Best to-morrow.

James A. Secord, of Harrow, visited friends in town the first of the week.

The annual meeting of the Thamesville Public Library will take place in the Town Hall on Monday evening, Jan. 21st. A full attendance of members is requested.

R. C. Russell, of the re-organized church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will preach in the Town Hall on Jan. 20th at three p. m.

Mr. John Goutts was a Chatham visitor to-day.

Miss Elva Fuller, of Arkona, was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Irwin.

Mrs. Conklin, of Bay City, is visiting Mrs. Carlyle.

Miss Sarah Ferguson is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, of Ridgetown.

The newly elected School Board held their first meeting on Wednesday night. Dr. S. Stewart was appointed chairman and Miss Mildred Albertson secretary-treasurer.

Miss Jennie Laurie, who for the past three weeks has been the guest of friends in Dresden, returned home yesterday.

The sermons to young men are of increasing interest in the Methodist church. Sunday night Mr. Irwin will preach on "A young man's glory." The choir will furnish appropriate music.

Rev. Hugh Watson, of Watford, has accepted an unanimous call to become pastor of the Baptist church, commencing next Sunday.

The many friends of Miss Ethel Secord will be pleased to learn that she is an honor graduate of the Model school. She has accepted a position in the Portlake school.

Mrs. Wm. Drader and Mrs. Gardiner, of Chatham, are the guests of Mrs. R. N. Fraser.

Master Willie Watts is on the sick list.



### Fun for the Boys

This is the time of the year when the boys and girls enjoy themselves. Provide them

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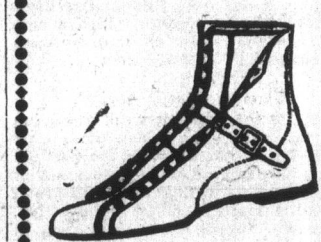
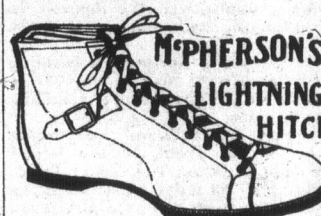
that they may enjoy the snow while it's here. We never had such a display as we are offering this year. Come and see them. Bring the boy with you.

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EASTERN TURNIPS, 15c a peck.  
GOOD POTATOES, 20c a peck.  
GOOD APPLES, 20c a peck  
VEGETABLE OYSTER, 5c a bunch.  
FRESH SAUSAGE, 2 lbs. for 25c.  
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3 cans Corn or Peas, 25c.  
Mixed Pickles, 10c. per bottle.  
1-lb. cans of Art Baking Powder, with white enamel ware, 45c. for Saturday only.  
50c. pails Apple Butter for 30c. Saturday only.  
22 lbs. Bright, Yellow Sugar, \$1.  
Cooking (Figs, 6c. per lb.  
Golden Syrup, best quality, 50c. per gal.  
7-lb. pails Jam, 55c.  
7 lbs. Rolled Wheat or Rolled Oats for 25c.

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**Births, Marriages and Deaths****DIED.**

**BRACKEN**—On January 17th, 1907,  
James Bracken, aged 58 years and  
10 months.  
A private funeral service will be  
held at his late residence, at 2 p.  
m. on Sunday, the 20th inst., for  
immediate friends of the family.  
A public service will be held at  
Victoria Ave. Methodist Church, at  
2.45. Interment at Maple Leaf  
Cemetery.

**TO-NIGHT**

The Youngs, Enrico Opera House,  
at 8.15.

Epworth League, Park St. S. S.  
Hall, at 8.

Victoria Ave. Epworth League, S.  
S. Hall at 8.

Y. P. S. C. E., First Presbyterian  
Church, at 8.

K. O. T. M., No. 8, in their rooms,  
I. O. O. F. Temple, at 8.

Penitentiary Lodge, No. 2, A. O. U.  
W., in their hall, opposite the Han-  
kin House.

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Boston Ferns, Jerusalem Cherries  
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Special 50c. tweed and wool serge-  
es at 25 cents, at Foreman's.

The Baptist Cooking Sale for Sat-  
urday has been postponed indefinitely.

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Robes wanted—One or two first  
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J. M. Pike has returned from a  
trip to Toronto.

All Wool Cashmeres and Serges,  
25 and 35 cents, for 19 cents, at  
Foreman's.

W. R. Ferguson, of Thamesville,  
was in the city on business yester-  
day.

Peter Robert has been confined to  
his residence since Friday last with  
la grippe.

Mrs. (Dr.) Jenner, of Leamington,  
is spending a fortnight with Mrs.  
T. Eaton, Lawther avenue, Toronto.

For sale, first class cutter, buggy  
and harness, slightly used, at a bar-  
gain. Apply P. O. Box 52.

Rev. Mr. Sroergill, of Strathroy,  
will occupy the pulpit in the William  
street Baptist church next Sunday.

McKeough School is closed to-day,  
out of respect to the late James  
Bracken, who was formerly its Prin-  
cipal.

Lost, on Thursday, in North Chat-  
ham, between Canada Flour Mills and  
the Wagon Works, a brown leather  
purse containing between \$25 and  
\$35, with a number of receipts from  
James Massey's grocery, also a Planet  
receipt. Finder will be rewarded by  
returning same to this office.

The Cedar Springs Branch of the  
W. K. Women's Institute was held  
at the home of the President on Jan.  
15th. A very interesting meeting was  
held. Many things of interest relat-  
ing to the home was discussed and  
several items of business transacted.  
One lady visitor joined for 1907. The  
next meeting will be held at the home  
of Mrs. Alex. McPherson, Tuesday,  
Feb. 3rd, at three o'clock p. m. All  
ladies are cordially invited.



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Ald. W. H. Westman has returned  
from a business trip to Detroit and  
Walkerville.

The Young People's Society of the  
First Presbyterian Church will re-  
sume their regular meetings this eve-  
ning. Mr. Geo. Oliver will occupy  
the chair.

Mr. J. W. Humphrey this morn-  
ing received a letter from Rev. T. T.  
George, stating that Mrs. George is  
very critically ill at the Elgin In-  
dustrial Institute at Muncey, Ont.  
Rev. Mr. George was formerly pas-  
tor of Victoria Avenue Methodist  
Church, and the many friends of  
Mrs. George in this city will be  
grieved to learn that the physicians  
hold out little hope for her recovery.

**THE YELLOW SIGN**

At this particular time each year  
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## DARREL OF THE BLESSED ISLES

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Two or three of the older men wore suits of black broadcloth, the stock and rolling collar—relics of "old decency" back in Vermont or Massachusetts or Connecticut. Most were in rough homespun over white shirts with no cuffs or collar. All gathered about Darrel, who sat smoking outside the door. He rose and greeted each one of the women with a bow and a compliment. The tinker was a man of unfailing courtesy, and one thing in him was extremely odd—even there in that land of pure democracy—he treated a scrub woman with the same politeness he would have accorded the finest lady. But he was in no sense a flatterer. None that saw him often were long in ignorance of that. His rebuke was even quicker than his compliment, at many had reason to know.

Half an hour before dark the yard was thronged with people. They listened, with smiles or a faint ripple of merry feeling, as he greeted each.

"Good evening, Mrs. Beach," he would say. "Ah, the snow is falling on thy head. An' the sunlight upon thine dear girl," he added, taking the hand of the woman's daughter.

"An' here's Mr. Tilly back from the far west," he continued. "How far ye, sor?"

"I'm well, but a little too fat," said Thurston Tilly.

"Well, sor, unless it make thy heart heavy, be content."

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"Ah, Mrs. Rood, may the mouse never leave thy meal bag with a tear in his eye."

"Not a gray hair in thy head, Miss Tower, nor even a gray thought."

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Tunk, who had been outside the door in his best clothes, but who, since he put them on, had looked as if he doubted the integrity of his suspenders and would not come in the house, began to laugh loudly.

"That man Tunk can see the comedy in all but himself," was Trove's thought as he returned with a smile of amusement.

Soon Trove and Polly came out and stood by the lilac bush at the gate.

"You worry me, Sidney Trove," said she, looking off at the moonlit fields.

Then came a silence full of secret things like the silence of their first meeting there by the same gate long ago. This one, however, had a vibration that seemed to sting them.

"I am sorry," said he with a sigh.

Another silence in which the heart of the girl was feeling for the secret in his.

"You are so sad, so different," she whispered.

Polly waited full half a minute for his answer. Then she touched her eyes with her handkerchief, turned impatiently and went halfway to the door.

Darrel caught her hand, drawing her near him.

"Give me thy hand, boy," said he to Trove, now on his way to the door.

He stood with his arms around the two.

"Every shadow hath the wings of light," he whispered. "Listen."

The house rang with laughter and the music of "Money Musk."

"Tis the golden bell of happiness," said he presently. "Go an' ring it. Nay—first a kiss."

He drew them close together, and they kissed each other's lips and with smiling faces went in to join the dance.

CHAPTER XXVI.

AGAIN the middle of September and the beginning of the fall term. Trove had gone to his old lodgings at Hillsborough.

And Polly was boarding in the village, for she, too, was now in the uphill road to higher learning. None save Darrel, who gave her the young man's money, knew his secret—that he was paying her board and tuition, unknown to her. The thought of it made him most happy, but now seeing her every day had given him a keener sense of that which had come between them.

He sat much in his room and had little heart for study. It was a cozy room now. His landlady had hung red pictures on the walls and given him a rag carpet. On the table were pieces of clear quartz and tourmaline and about each window frame odd nests of bird or insect, souvenirs of wood life and his travel with the dove. There, too, on the table were mementos of that first day of his teaching, the mirror spectacles with which he had seen at once every corner of the schoolroom, the slung shot and bar of iron he had taken from the woodsman Leblanc.

One evening of his first week at Hillsborough that term Darrel came to sit with him awhile.

"An' what are these?" said the tinker at length, his hand upon the shot and iron.

"I do not know."

"Dear boy," said Darrel, "they're from the kit of a burglar, an' how came they here?"

"I took them from Louis Leblanc," said the young man, who then told of his adventure that night.

"Louis Leblanc?" exclaimed Darrel. "The scamp an' his family have cleared out."

The tinker turned quickly, his hand upon the wrist of the young man.

"These things are not for thee to have," he whispered. "Had ye no thought o' the danger?"

Trove began to change color.

"I can prove how I came by them," he stammered.

"What is thy proof?" Darrel whispered again.

"There are Leblanc's wife and daughter."

"Ah, where are they? There be many would like to know."

The young man dropped a moment.

"Well, Tunk Hosely, there at Mrs. Vaughn's."

"Tunk Hosely?" exclaimed the tinker, with a look that seemed to say: "God save the mark! An' would they believe him, think?"

Trove began to look troubled as Darrel left him.

"I'll go and drop them in the river," said Trove to himself.

It was 11 o'clock and the street dark and deserted as he left his room.

"It is a cowardly thing to do," the young man thought as he walked slowly, but he could devise no better way to get rid of them.

In the middle of the big, open bridge he stopped to listen. Hearing only the sound of the falls below, Trove took the odd tools from under his coat and flung them over the rail. He turned then, walking slowly off the bridge and up the main street of Hillsborough.

At a corner he stopped to listen. His ear had caught the sound of steps far behind him. He could hear it no longer and went his way with a troubled feeling that robbed him of rest that night. In a day or two it wore off, and soon he was hold of the bit, as he was wont to say, and racing for the lead in his work. He often walked to school with Polly and went to church with her every Sunday night. There had been not a word of love between them, however, since they came to the village until one evening she said:

"I am very unhappy, and I wish I were home."

"Why?"

"She was not able to answer for a moment."

"I know I am unworthy of you," she whispered.

His lungs shook him with a deep and tremulous inspiration. For a little he could not answer.

"That is why you do not love me?" she whispered again.

"I do love you," he said, with a strong

effort to control himself, "but I am not worthy to touch the hem of your garment."

"Tell me why, Sidney."

"Some day—I do not know when—I will tell you all. And if you can love me after that, we shall both be happy."

"Tell me now," she urged.

"I cannot," said he. "But if you only trust me, Polly, you shall know. If you will not trust me."

He paused, looking at the snow path.

"Good night!" he added presently.

They kissed and parted, each going to the company of bitter tears.

As of old, Trove had many a friend—schoolfellows who came of an evening now and then for his help in some knotty problem. All saw a change in him. He had not the enthusiasm and good cheer of former days, and some ceased to visit him. Moreover, they were free to say that Trove was getting a big head. For one thing, he had become rather careless about his clothes, a new trait in him, for he had the gift of pride and the knack of neatness.

A new student sought his acquaintance the very first week of the term, that rather foppish young man who got off the cars at Hillsborough the day of the first coming. He was from Buffalo and, although twenty-two years of age, was preparing to enter college. His tales of the big city and his frank good fellowship made him a welcome guest. Soon he was known to all as Dick, his name being Richard Roberts. It was not long before Dick knew everybody and everybody knew Dick, including Polly, and thought him a fine fellow. Soon Trove came to know that when he was detained a little after school, Dick went home with Polly.

That gave him no concern, however, until Dick ceased to visit him and he saw a change in the girl.

One day two letters came for Trove. They were in girlish penmanship and bore no signature, but stung him to the quick.

"For heaven's sake get a new hat," said one.

"You are too handsome to neglect your clothes," said the other.

As he read them his cheeks were burning with his shame. He went for his hat and looked it over carefully. It was faded, and there was a little rent in the crown. His boots were tattered and mended, his trousers threadbare at the knee, and there were two patches on his coat.

"I hadn't thought of it," said he, with a sigh. Then he went for a talk with Darrel.

"Did you ever see a more shabby-looking creature?" he inquired as Darrel came to meet him. "I am so ashamed of myself I'd like to go lie in your wood box while I talk to you."

"What hempen homespun have we swagging here?" Darrel quoted in a rallying voice.

"I'll tell you," Trove began.

"Nay, first a roundel," said the tinker, as he began to shuffle his feet to the measure of an old fairy song.

"If one were on his way to the gallows, you would make him laugh," said Trove, smiling.

"An' I could, so would I," said the old man. "A smile, boy, hath in it 'some relish o' salvation.' Now, tell me, what is thy trouble?"

"I'm going to leave school," said Trove.

"An' wherefore?"

"I'm sick of this pinching poverty. Look at my clothes. I thought I could make them do, but I can't."

He put the two notes in Darrel's hand. The tinker wiped his spectacles and then read them both.

"Tut, tut, boy," said he presently, with a very grave look. "Have ye forgotten the tatters that were as a badge of honor an' success? Weeks ago I planned to find thee better garments; but, on my word, I had no heart for it. Nay, these old ones had become dear to me. I was proud of them. Aye, boy, proud of them. When I saw the first patch on thy coat, said I, 'It is the little ensign o' generosity.' Then came another, an' said I, 'That is for honor an' true love, an' these bare threads—there is no loom can weave the like o' them. Nay, boy,' Darrel added, lifting an arm of the young man and kissing one of the patches, "be not ashamed of these. They're beautiful, aye, beautiful. They stand for the dollars ye gave Polly."

Trove turned away, wiping his eyes. He looked down at his coat and trousers and began to wonder if he were, indeed, worthy to wear them.

"I'm not good enough for them," said he, "but you've put new heart into me, and I shall not give up. I'll wear them as long as I can make them do, and girls can say what they please."

"The magpies!" said Darrel. "When they have a thought for every word they utter, there'll be then a second Sabbath in the week!"

Next evening Trove went to see Polly.

As he was leaving she held his hand in both of hers and looked down, blushing deeply, as if there were something she would say had she the courage.

"What is it, Polly?" said he.

"Will you—will you let me buy you a new hat?" said she soberly and hesitating much between words.

He thought a moment, biting his lip, he, looking down at the faded hat. "I know it's shabby; but, after all, I'm fond o' the old thing. I love good clothes, but I can't afford them now."

"Then he bade her good night and came away."

CHAPTER XXVII.

IT was court week, and the grand jury was in session. There were many people in the streets of the shire town. They moved with a slow foot, some giving their attention to squints of curiosity and others of recognition, some to profanity and pluck tobacco. Squire Day and Colonel Ardson were to argue the famous maple

sugar case, and many causes of local celebrity were on the calendar.

The third day of that week—it was about the middle of the afternoon—a score of men gossiping in the lower hall of the court building were hushed suddenly. A young man came hurrying down the back stairs with a look of excitement.

"What's up?" said one.

"Sidney Trove is indicted," was the answer of the young man.

He ran out of doors and down the street. People began crowding out of the courtroom. Information, surprise and conjecture—a kind of flood-pouring out of a broken dam—rushed up and down the forty streets of the village. Soon, as of old, many were afloat and some few were drowning in it. For a little, busy hands fell limp and feet grew slow and tongues halted. A group of schoolgirls on their way home were suddenly overtaken by the rushing tide. They came close together and whispered. Then a little cry of despair, and one of them fell and was borne into a near house. A young man ran up the stairway at the Sign of the Dial and rapped loudly at Darrel's door. Trove and the tinker were inside.

"Old fellow," said the newcomer, his hand upon Trove's arm, "they've voted to indict you, and I've seen all the witnesses."

Trove had a book in his hand. He rose calmly and flung it on the table.

"It's an outrage," said he, with a sigh.

"Nay, an honor," said Darrel quickly. "Hold up thy head, boy. The laurel shall take the place of the crown."

He turned to the bearer of these evil tidings.

"Have ye more knowledge o' the matter?"

"Yes, all day I have been getting hold of their evidence," said the newcomer, a law student, who was now facing his friend Trove. "In the first place, it was a man of blue eyes and about your build who broke into the bank at Milldam. It is the sworn statement of the clerk, who has now recovered. He does not go so far as to say you are the man, but does say it was a man like you that assaulted him. It appears the robber had his face covered with a red bandanna handkerchief in which square holes were cut so he could see through. The clerk remembers it was covered with a little white figure, that of a log cabin. Such a handkerchief was sold years ago in the campaign of Harrison, but has gone out of use. Not a store in the county has had them since 1845. The clerk fired upon him with a pistol and thinks he wounded him in the left forearm. In their fight the robber struck him with a slung shot, and he fell and remembers nothing more until he came to in the dark alone. The skin was cut in little squares where the shot struck him, and that is one of the strong points against you."

"Against me?" said Trove.

"Yes—that and another. It seems the robber left behind him one end of a bar of iron. The other end of the same bar and a slung shot—the very one that probably felled the clerk—have been found."

The speaker rose and walked half across the room and back, looking down thoughtfully.

"I tell ye what, old fellow," said he, sitting down again. "You're mighty strange. If I didn't know you well, I'd think you guilty. Here comes a detective who says under oath that one night he saw you come out of your lodgings about 11 o'clock and walk to the middle of the bridge and throw something into the water. Next morning bar and shot were found. As nearly as he could make out, they lay directly under the place where you had halted."

Darrel sat looking thoughtfully at the speaker.

"A detective?" said Trove, rising erect, a stern look upon him.

"Yes, Dick Roberts."

"Roberts, a detective?" said Trove in a whisper. Then he turned to Darrel, adding, "I shall have to find the Frenchman."

"Louis Leblanc?" the young man asked.

"Louis Leblanc," Trove answered, with surprise.

"He has been found," said the other. "Then I shall be able to prove my point. He came to his home drunk one night and began to bully his family. I was boarding with the Misses Tower and went over and took the shot and iron from his hands and got him to bed. The woman begged me to bring them away."

"He declares that he never saw the shot or the iron."

Darrel rose and drew his chair a bit nearer.

"Very well, but there's the wife," said he quickly.

"She will swear, too, that she never saw them."

"And how about the daughter?" Trove inquired.

"Run away and nowhere to be found," was the answer of the other young man. "I've told you bad news enough, but there's more, and you ought to know it all. Louis Leblanc is in Quebec, and he says that a clock tinker lent him money with which to leave the States."

"It was I, an' God bring him to repentance, the poor beggar!" said Darrel. "He agreed to repay me within a fortnight an' was in sore distress, but he ran away, an' I got no word o' him."

"Well, the inference is that you, being a friend of the accused, were trying to help him."

"I'm caught in a web," said Trove, leaning forward, his head upon his hands, "and Leblanc's wife is the spider. How about the money? Have they been able to identify it?"

"In part, yes. There's one bill that puzzles them. It's that of an old bank in New York city that failed years ago and went out of business."

Then a moment of silence and that

sound of the clocks, like footsteps of a passing caravan, some slow and heavy, some quick, as if impatient to be gone.

"The speeding seconds!" said Darrel as he crossed to the bench. "Still thy noisy feet!"

Then he walked up and down, thinking.

The friend of Sidney Trove put on his hat and stood by the door.

"Don't forget," said he; "you have many friends or I should not be able to tell you these things. Keep them to yourself and go to work. Of course you will be able to prove your innocence."

"I thank you with all my heart," said Trove.

"Aye; 'twas friendly," the old man remarked, taking the boy's hand.

"I have to put my trust in Tunk, the poor liar!" said Trove when they were alone.

"No," Darrel answered quickly. "Were ye drowning ye might as well lay hold of a straw. Trust in thy fellow; it is enough."

"Let's go and see Polly," said the young man.

"Aye, she o' the sweet heart," said the tinker. "We'll go at once."







