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With over a score of Canadian buyers present, the fair here on the 12th should have secured for the sellers all that the market would warrant. We believe it did; but there are a number who think that the completion was not sufficiently keen and were dissatisfied with the results. The fair is so important to Athens that the business men of the village might well consider how best to promote its success next season. One big fair, controlled by the village, would probably meet the views of both buyers and sellers.

### AS OTHERS SEE US

(Ottawa Free Press)

Athens, Ontario, has the ambition to rival in fame Athens of old, the home of Demosthenes. Recently, the Ontario village had an address from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, an orator worthy of the village with the classic name.

Now, the Athenians of Ontario want to have Sir Wilfrid's chief political adversary, the leader of the Opposition. And Mr. R. L. Borden has risen to the occasion. He will go to Athens. The date for his appearance has not been definitely fixed, but the oration will be delivered some time near the end of January. Athens is making stride in education, and has a new model school almost ready for a great Journal opening. Mr. Borden will speak the dedication. Sir Wilfrid's visit was signalized by the opening of the new town hall, another evidence of the progress of the arts of peace in fair Athens.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary will likely also be present.

### FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Very interesting sessions of the Brockville District Farmers' Institute were held here on Friday last. The delegation was the strongest both in number and quality, that ever came to Athens. It was, in fact, the very cream of the Canadian dairy business, including D. Derbyshire, M. E. president of the E. O. D. A., R. G. Murphy, secretary of the E. O. D. A., Prof. Rudick, Prof. Publow, Mr. Warren of Acton, J. W. Mitchell, Superintendent of the Dairy School, Kingston, and Mr. Raynor of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The addresses on dairying and agriculture were exceedingly practical, and it is a matter for regret that a larger number of farmers were not present to hear them in the afternoon.

In the absence of President Row, Mr. Derbyshire presided over the sessions with his accustomed ability. At the afternoon session the members of the Institute were welcomed by Mr. M. B. Holmes in a neat speech, and in the evening Mr. A. E. Donovan performed a similar office in the course of an interesting address.

The hall was well filled at the evening session, and besides the addresses the following musical numbers were given: Mr. S. Manhard, trombone solo; quartette, Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb, Miss Maude Wiltse, Mr. B. S. McConnell, and Mr. E. S. Clow; vocal solo, Miss Culbert; vocal solo, Mr. McConnell. The singing was thoroughly enjoyed, and altogether the meetings were the best ever held in Athens.

Secretary Field reports an increased interest in the work of the Institute among the farmers, as evidenced by a large increase in the membership roll.

—Too many Rockers at Judson's furniture store, which means rare Xmas bargains.

### Additional Locals

—Have you seen Judson's large holiday stock of pictures?

Mr. George Robinson, who has been laid up with an attack of sciatica for a few weeks, is now improving.

The patrons of Mr. Thomas Spence's cheese factory greatly enjoyed an over supper and dance held at Beale's Mills on Tuesday evening. It was a very sociable gathering.

Belleville school board is supplying every school-room in the city with a flag, which is to be saluted by the pupils every morning after religious services.

The smart youth that blew out the gas in hallway during the progress of the Institute meeting on Friday evening tampered with a matter that might have got him into serious trouble. The plea that he "didn't know" would not save him from exemplary punishment.

The many Athenian friends of Miss Ethel Blanchard learn with pleasure of her approaching marriage to a prominent young business man of Westminster, B. C. The groom is Mr. Frederick K. E. Templecliff, and the ceremony takes place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Bolton, Vancouver, on Dec. 28th. The Reporter has pleasure in extending congratulations and best wishes.

The farmer who doesn't take the Farmer's Advocate (London, Ont.) misses one of the good things in agricultural life. For forty years the Advocate has been before the public and is today without a peer in Canada. It is published in magazine form, is profusely illustrated, and from cover to cover is brimful of agricultural articles. Its veterinary department is a great educator to the progressive farmer.

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# A CHRISTMAS FEE

It was 10 o'clock Christmas morning when John Campbell stood with his mother in the drawing-room of Mrs. Campbell's fashionable boarding-house on what had been but was ceasing to be, one of the most fashionable avenues in St. Louis.

About mother and son was the rumpled magnificence of furniture originally almost too fine for use, but, unrespected by irreverent boarders, now showing signs of wear and tear. Still, the room had an unmistakable air of what is called gentility about it.

The lace curtains at the window were dainty though darned, and the needle eye of an expert would have noted. The mirrors were bright, the pictures well hung, the rugs and waxed floors were alike immaculate and the whole room accurately reflected the dignified, careful, but faded state of its mistress, the impoverished, though spirited and refined widow of a famous judge.

The boarders were busy in their rooms conducting their annual "exchange" of Christmas gifts. Bluff and downright bankers and merchants were exhibiting unsuspected histrionic talents as they tried on impossible smoking jackets and slippers which might perhaps fit anybody, or hovered over boxes of cigars, while their wives examined with microscopic eyes new sealings, or held up to the light the yearly offering of jewels.

There was but one child in the house and soft pillows were being stuffed into his mouth lest he should get his hands on the toys which had come to him might rasp the ears of the bachelors of the house, who knew neither Christmas joys nor sorrows. It was a bright young Christian morning in a house where existed a number of a reputable class of human beings.

John Campbell had finished his morning coffee and was chatting with his mother, for those two were cronies—which is a beautiful and excellent thing as between a mother and a son, which was telling her that he was going to his office for the day, and at this the still graceful figure of the judge's widow dropped a little, and her face was, for the moment, sad.

"You will be home in time to carve for the Christmas dinner at 2 o'clock, John, will you not?"

"Mother," expostulated John, "old Creaser will certainly be here, and you will not be asked to carve what would be the dinner to him? It would be a pity to cheat him out of the duty, and, besides, he performs it well."

"But it's the sentiment of it, John. Think of eating my Christmas dinner with you absent from the other end of the table—and then I shall all the time be thinking of you there in your dear, stuffy office. I know how anxious you are, but surely business will never come upon a holiday. All the other officers will be closed."

"That's just why I may get a chance—some floating thing, you know. And I shall be 'stuffy'; you are mixing me up with the turkey; but neither mother nor son smiled at the poor attempt at a joke. John had the American habit—not a bad one—of appearing even trifling to conceal his feelings when they were not of the most satisfactory nature."

"I tell you, mother, I'll come home to tea," he said, "you find some corner under the stairs or somewhere. You haven't even a bedroom you can call your own, you know—and we'll have a little tea and a good time all by ourselves and that shall be our Christmas."

"Yes, dear," the mother assented eagerly, and, like children, the pair planned to hide away from such boarders as might remain in the house on Christmas evening. Each longed for an hour of

privacy and homelike seclusion in the big crowded place.

The situation was, as a matter of fact, somewhat pathetic. Mrs. Campbell had really no space she could call her own. She slept on a sort of lounge bed, camping about wherever there was a vacancy. John, a trifle more fortunate, had a little closet of a room in the attic to himself.

The story was not an unusual one. Upon Judge Campbell's death the widow, left without property other than her beautiful home—as the widows of noted jurists are—had transformed the stately mansion into a boarding house. She had no other recourse. By reason of the fashionable tone she was enabled to give it. No. 1640 became the recognized place of abode for such members of the smart people of the city as were homeless as a matter of choice.

Everything at Mrs. Campbell's was of a high grade, even her prices, but, not being to the manner of business born, the unaccustomed landlady did not flourish as to her fortunes. She lodged and fed her boarders luxuriously and managed to educate her son and see him graduated from college and admitted to the bar, but she could put no surplus money in her purse.

Yearly she found herself slipping a little backward on the uncertain ground of financial standing and this year debt had been added to the load the widow carried.

John Campbell had nothing to be ashamed of. As a lad of 15 he had taken his full share of the burden of getting a living. He had worked during his entire school and college life, minimizing the amount his mother spent upon him. In one thing only he had yielded to her, that he should follow the profession of his father. And to this his natural instincts and mental make-up inclined him and carried him out.

It was three months, or would be in a week, since John had rented his office and had his one window lettered with this legend:

JOHN CAMPBELL,  
Attorney-at-Law,  
212 Broadway.

John's new law books and his father's really fine library covered every inch of the wall space not taken up by the door and window—it was a small room. A cheap desk stood in its center and in a chair at his desk John had sat all these weeks looking occasionally at two empty chairs reserved for callers and wondering how a client would really look if occupying one of them. He was a plucky young man, but he got a little nervous sometimes. They talk about the "elasticity of youth," but its doubtful if youth can stand the weary dray of waiting as well as elders. Young hearts can ache.

Furthermore, in this case, John, being a fine fellow with a generous heart and brain, was in love. Across from his mother's aisle in the ivy-clad and fashionable church John saw weekly such a heavenly vision as fed his soul during the following six days as well as his mother fed her boarders. No matter what travail his heart went through on other days of the week on the seventh it rested as Ruth Gilmore came into its immediate neighborhood.

But—mark how plain a tale set forth John's situation—between Ruth and the aisle sat always adverse fate, fate in the person of a small man with white hair and side whiskers and pink face. It was "change" as Tobias K. Gilmore, known "on change" as Tobias K. Gilmore.

This prosperous man of middle age, prosaic as he looked, had intuitions. Perhaps that was why he had prospered on the Board of Trade. Through the canyon of other men's nerves, Tobias K. Gilmore knew, as well as he knew the price of corn, that John Campbell was in love with his daughter Ruth. And he did not like it.

John was all right so far as being a young man of good family could go, but John was poor. For him a struggle of eight or ten years was inevitable, and it was a question of how to struggle would end. "The law," said the wise old grain man, "is no what it used to be as a money maker."

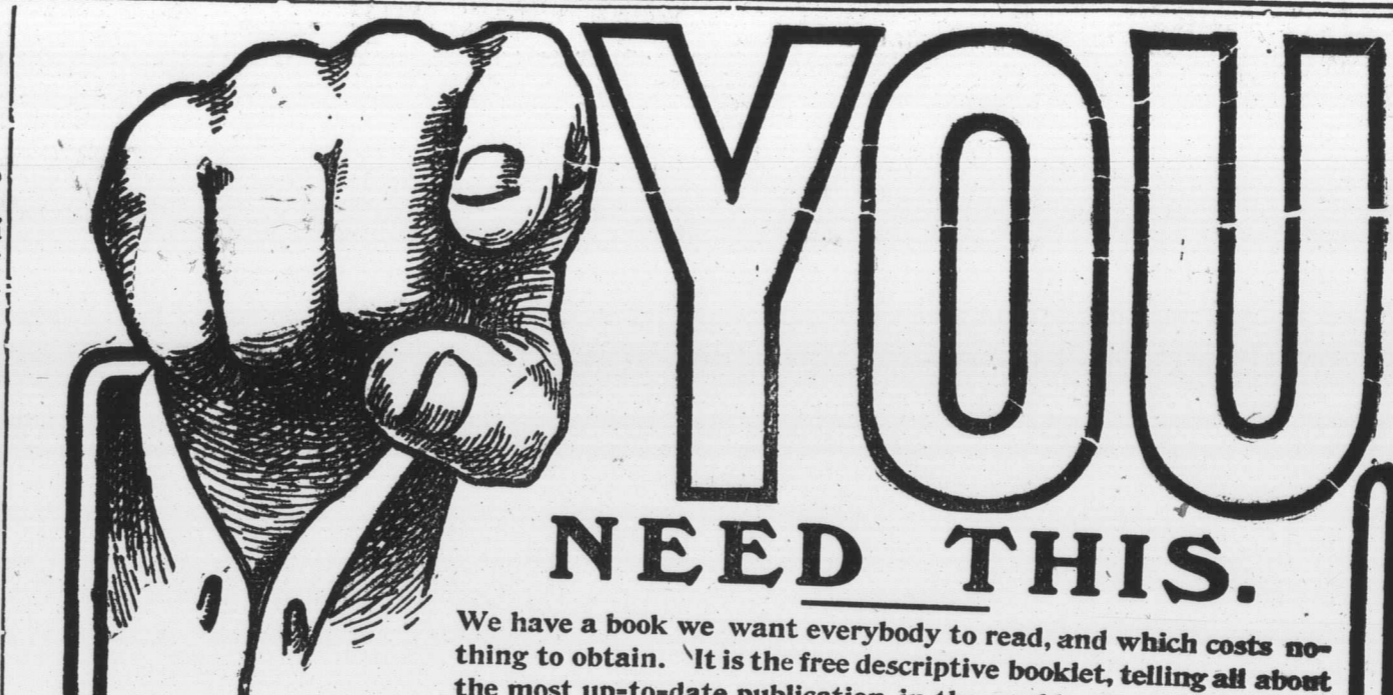
M. Gilmore was a man of strong likes, dislikes and opinions—and here comes in a directing circumstance—he had one pet aversion which kept them from being John Campbell. This detestable foe of the grain man was another grain man, and a brother varden of his church, known on this terrestrial ball as Ezekiel Middleshorts.

The man objection to Mr. Middleshorts was that he made money too easily and kept it with a grip of iron when he had made it. He was vain, however, and once in a while he threw his gold about in a manner which racked the nerves of his rival, Mr. Gilmore.

For example, this successful man had just caused to be made a set of bells of most appalling value and brazen music and had presented them to the church with much impressive ceremony. The gift had been received most gratefully by the church and on the very Christmas day on which this true tale opens was to be heard for the first time the pious clamor of the chimes. An earnest old Scotch bell ringer was to control the pealing and much was expected of those who had ears to hear.

John Campbell heard the joyous pealing and singing of the new bells as he sat, in his overcoat, by his desk at the time for morning service. The young man opened his window the better to hear, for the church was at some distance from the downtown district. To him the bells, oddly enough, seemed to say: "Gilmore, Gilmore, Gilmore," as they ran up and down in their cherry Christmas changes.

For two hours he sat by the desk reading a little or working on an imaginary case, and then came a quick step in his outer hall and his door was opened by an impatient hand. "Good boy," said Mr. Gilmore, coming in with outstretched hand. "At last I've found one lawler where he ought to be, in his office!" "Good morning, Mr. Gilmore," said the astonished John, "I wish you a merry Christmas."



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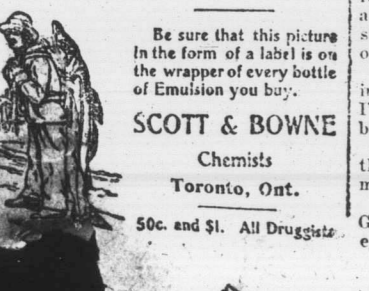
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"I want to Grundstone, but of course, he is away somewhere cavorting around like a fool, and I went to Stevens, my other attorney, and even he—young man thought he is—even he must be away on this day of all days, when the whole city is being ravaged—ravaged, sir, by those beastly bells. And, now, sir, I shall engage you as my attorney, and I do so now, and I want you to lose no time filing my protest, my petition, my everlasting denunciation of this outrage on a Christian people."

The old gentleman had turned from pink to purple, and now, out of breath, he sank down exhausted in one of the very chairs wherein John's imagination had so often conjured up his client.

"I will begin drawing up the papers at once," he said, taking up a pen and dipping it in the red ink, "but you know it is a holiday and the courts will not be open."

"Oh, of course not!" burst from life tortured Gilmore. "Of course the courts are not open and I know we must endure that infernal row again this evening, but, young man, the courts will open, and when they do you be there! Be there with the strong arm of the law to throttle and destroy those chimes of Middleshorts! And, see here, there's \$50, and your fee, if you succeed, shall be what you say. Lose no time! Be vigilant, be watchful, spare no pains! We'll have those yammering brass tormentors silenced in a jiffy—in a jiffy, or my name isn't Gilmore!"

"Rest assured that we will," said Pohn without any qualifying "ifs." He felt sure of it as he spoke. So did Mr. Gilmore.

"You're a fine fellow," he said. "After you've drawn up your what-do-you-call-it come over and bring your honored mother, sir. Come to tea and hear those bells! Then you can go home and sleep—if you can! My daughter will be proud to meet her deliverer from torment. The poor girl has a nervous headache now."

"I have an engagement this evening," he said. "I thank you for your invitation. I'll come to you when I've really done something for you."

"Well said," the pleased old gentleman declared, shaking John's hand heartily. "You are your father's own image. I know him well."

And so they parted for the time. John reached his home that evening rather early. He found the tea table set in a corner of the big dining-room. It was close to the grate fire, with screens about it and with its shaded lights and dainty appointments presenting a pretty picture.

When he met his mother tried to preserve his usual expression of face, but when she did a young man ever receive his mother in that respect?

"Something has happened, John! I know it," she declared. "Tell me all about it. Tell me quickly, dear."

And then the astonishingly pleasant truth came out.

One Mr. Dickens of lovable memory has described some wonderful Christmas dinners, but he never described one more wonderful than that of mother and son at the little tea table.

Of course, a Christmas story founded cheerfully upon a difference between church members may seem an incongruity, but the difference was only an amusing thing, while its results brought joy of the sort which was of the Christmas kind. In the two beaming faces was deep thankfulness expressed, as well as that means Christmas.

## The Husband's Christmas Present

"I want to buy a Christmas present for a gentleman—for my husband, in fact," said a lady, addressing one of the shopmen in a large fancy goods emporium.

"Certainly, madam. About what price, may I ask?"

"Well, about fifteen shillings, perhaps."

"Not for this particular kind of pipe, madam. But we have some fine pocket-books upstairs. Just excuse me for a moment."

The lady begins a tour of inspection round the shop.

"I see," she says, when the shopman returns with the pocket-books. "You have those new Parisian belts."

"Yes, madam, straight from Paris. Here is one just your size; and only seven and six."

"That's all? They are very cheap. One would go so well with my new costume. Yes, I'll take one. Oh, are those the pocket-books? They are very nice, but have you nothing cheaper—about ten shillings, perhaps?"

"Certainly. Here are some very nice ones at ten shillings. I suppose you have seen those new chatelaine bags for wearing with those belts? They are lovely goods and very cheap. Here are some birch-wood ones—a favorite pipe with gentlemen. Of course you will have seen the gloves made to match the belts and bags?"

"To be sure, madam. Here is one which looks like a real maceau."

"Thanks so much. How much will that be altogether?"

"Well, seven and six for the bag, five shillings for the gloves, and one shilling for the gentleman's walking stick—twenty-one shillings. But, seeing that this is our Christmas sale, I will put the stick in for nothing, so that will be twenty shillings."

"Oh, thanks, you are so kind. Good afternoon."

"Thank you very much, madam. Good afternoon!"

And he makes a mental resolve never to marry.—By Jeanie B. Yoni, Stirling, in New York Scottish American.

**Trouble in the Doll's House.**  
Oh, dear! I'm in such trouble I don't know what to say!

I heard somebody talking of a Christmas doll in for nothing, so that will be twenty shillings."

"Oh, thanks, you are so kind. Good afternoon!"

"Thank you very much, madam. Good afternoon!"

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Death of Mrs. D. V. Lucas

Mrs. Catharine Dec. 15.—Adelia Reynolds, wife of Rev. D. V. Lucas, died here Tuesday, after a long illness. She was married to Dr. Lucas over forty years ago. From its inception in this country she took a most active part in the work of the W. C. T. U. In 1857 she accompanied her husband on his temperance tour around the world. She was instrumental in founding many branches of the W. C. T. U. in Australia, and especially in Victoria. She was a helpful and inspiring speaker, and could always be counted on to aid any work that was for the betterment of mankind. For the past few years she has been an invalid. The body will be interred in Grin-by cemetery on Friday afternoon. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Dr. Lucas, and three sons—Clarence, musical composer, of London, England, Wilfrid, of New York, and Dr. M. F., of this city. Mrs. Lucas was well known and highly esteemed by many of the older residents of Athens and the news of her death caused sincere sorrow.

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DISTRICT NEWS

NEW DUBLIN

Mrs. L. Orr is visiting her parents at Soperton. Wedding bells are about to ring in this vicinity. Our cheese factory has closed, after a very successful season. Miss Vienna Kendrick has returned from a visit to friends in Toronto. Mrs. Mallory is seriously ill and little hope is entertained for her recovery. Mr. Taoberry, son and daughter, have moved to Athens for the winter.

GLEN BUELL

Dec. 11.—We are pleased to see the pleasant face of Wilfrid Sturgeon, who has been spending the fall in the Canadian North West, again in our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Towriss entertained a number of their friends in a pleasant manner last Tuesday evening. Our factory was closed on Dec. 1st after a most successful season. Our trustees have engaged Miss Kelly for another year to take charge of our school.

LAKE ELOIDA

Dec. 12.—A little more snow and would improve the sleighing. Miss Lena Brown, Athens, has been engaged as teacher for the ensuing year. Miss Jennie Percival, Plum Hollow was calling on her friends last week. Mr. C. Kilborn has purchased the Jno. Livingston farm. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scovill were called to the bedside of Mrs. Scovill's mother, Mrs. Laying, New Boyne. A little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fendling. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Simms have returned from the factory and are living in Mr. Jno Mackie's house. Charlie is helping Will Henderson in the factory.

We learn with pleasure that Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Craig purpose moving to our neighborhood in the near future. Mr. Link Chapin passed through here Monday in the interests of Derbyshire & Co., Brockville. Mrs. Jacob Hewitt, who has been very ill, is recovering very slowly. Our cheese has been contracted for the balance of season at 12c per lb.

NEWBORO

Dec. 11.—A large number from here attended the Harold Jarvis concert in Athens on Wednesday evening. Thirty-three tickets were sold at the station. Mr. E. Fleming of Chaffey's Locks was a visitor in town last week. A number of farmers from this section attended the Westport poultry fair on Tuesday, Dec. 5th. Geese sold for 8c per lb., hens 8c, chickens 9c, ducks 10c, and Turkeys 13c. Very few buyers were in attendance and they did not give everyone the best satisfaction. The regular meeting of the municipal council was held in the council chamber on Monday evening. Usual business was transacted. The business tax was discussed, but owing to a small attendance the matter was laid over until next meeting. Mr. E. Hutchings of Winnipeg, who was the guest of his father here, left for home on Friday. Mrs. H. Dier and sons of Stittsville, who were called to Westport on the death of her mother, were visiting friends here a few days before returning home. Jas. Ralph of Portland was visiting friends here on Friday. John Bulger, who has been spending some time at Mabery, Sask., returned home last week. The Model cheese factory closed for the season on Friday after a very successful season. Skating is the order of the day. Mr. Elisha Hutchings, sr., who has been visiting friends in Winnipeg and other western places, arrived home on Saturday evening. While away Mr. Hutchings met with an accident which nearly proved fatal, but his many friends will be pleased to learn that he is recovering. Messrs Geo. Spicer and E. Elliott left on Monday for Syracuse, N.Y. where they will be the guests of relatives for some time. Mrs. M. Breese was in Delta last week attending the funeral of her nephew. Mr. Thomas Cannon is seriously ill present. Slight hopes are held for his recovery. Mr. A. S. Morten and Miss A. Wright have been re-engaged to teach in our public school for the season of 1936.

PRESENTATION

On Monday afternoon, 18th inst. the teachers-in-training at the A.M.S. assembled in the Model room for the last time as a class. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation to the principal Mr. C. R. McIntosh, of two richly bound volumes of poems, one by Longfellow, the other by Milton. To Miss Eva Johnston was assigned the pleasant duty of presenting the books and reading the following address—

Mr. McIntosh,—It is with conflicting emotions of profound admiration and respect, that we, as a Model class, look back upon this term that has just ended and consider what has been to us the happiest four months of all our school life. In our slight, yet checked school life experiences, this term has been to us as is the oasis to the traveller on the dreary desert, affording us a means of inspiration and refreshment as well as an encouragement to overcome future difficulties. Our discussions of the deep and momentous problems of existence, as well as the elucidation of many of our gravest academic doubts, has been to us a source of untold pleasure. Now, in all this, you have been to us as a leader, in the highest sense of the word. As was said of the philosopher Pith, "You have sat on the brink of the well of Truth, and continue to draw for yourself and us." Indeed, you have always been very solicitous for our intellectual welfare, and truly, your close application to duty and ready sacrifice of your own pleasure for our benefit have engendered within us feelings which words cannot adequately express. By such acts, and by your unique skill and judgment, you have built up a Model School which, in the words of Inspector Tilley, has been "equalled by none." It is, then, in recognition of such services, and as a very slight token of our appreciation of them, that we present you with these books, with the hope that, in perusing them, your thoughts will sometimes revert to the Model class of 1935.

Signed in behalf of the whole class: Fred L. Leacock, Eric L. Jones, Eva Johnston, Mabel P. Mallory, Louise Conley, A. J. Flood.

Dated—Monday, Dec. 18, 1935. To this address, Mr. McIntosh made an excellent reply. After thanking the students for their strict application to duty during the term, and for their presents which testified to their appreciation of his services, the principal stated that he wished to say a few words as a fellow-student and fellow-traveller in life. To him, every letter in the word "Life" had a special significance. The letter "L" suggested the light and liberty that should characterize every properly directed life; the letter "I" the philosophical imagination of the mature mind; the letter "F" the fight or strife of the strenuous life of him who walks in the narrow path of duty; and the letter "E" the great question of eternity. Mr. McIntosh expressed the wish that success might crown every effort of each student in whatever vocation he or she may eventually choose, and concluded with a stirring appeal to every student to make the best of life.

FRANKVILLE

The social held at Mrs. Enos Soper's on Wednesday evening was a very pleasant affair. All seemed well pleased. Rev. Mr. Cassidy of Delta preached the Missionary sermons in the Methodist Church on Sunday last. Remember the entertainment in the Methodist Church on Friday evening. A good programme is being provided. Mr. Campbell Oliver started for his home in the West on Monday, having been here since before his father's death. There was a party in Johnstons Hall on Friday evening last. It was well attended. When Rheumatism is torturing the body the sufferer wants relief quick. He does not want to be told that he is suffering from uric acid poisoning in his blood when perhaps he knows all too well that Rheumatism has been in his family for generations, that he is predisposed to it, that he got wet through or chilled through the other day and that at once his old enemy began operations. He does not want to take a lot of medicine into his stomach to drive that awful pain out of his leg but he feels as if he wanted something to go right to the spot. This is where Tuck's Bone Oil comes in. It is a powerful, penetrating oil that goes right to the spot, goes quick and sure. It acts on the seat of pain and if used according to directions will cure Rheumatism. It has done it for hundreds of others, it will do it for you. For sale by all medicine dealers at 50c a bottle or sent prepaid by The Tuck Bone Oil Company, Limited, Smith's Falls, Ontario.

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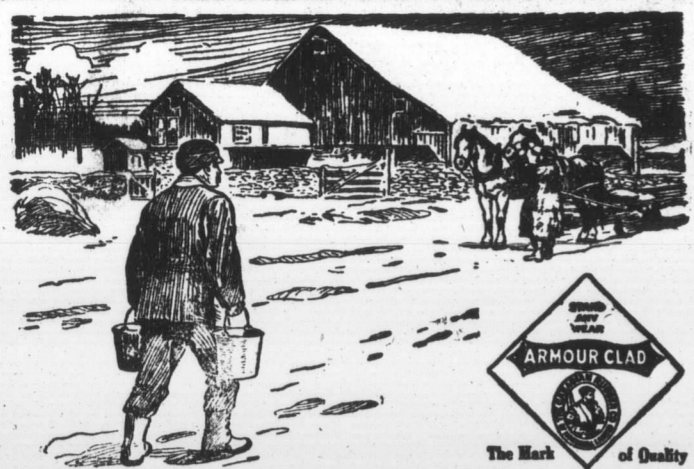
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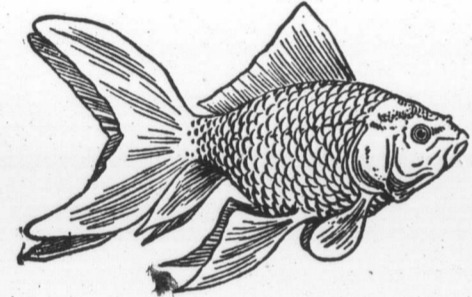
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Well, if some of you get into Paradise soon, you will find many groups with one hundred million boys and girls in each, and if you wanted an entertainment along the line of your studies it would require one thousand such as your beautiful hall in Athens to accommodate you.

Well, if you wish to visit King Edward, some of your parents will get more excited, make more sacrifice, than if you were going to Paradise to visit the King of Glory. You must be content in a court dress or not see King Edward, or be admitted into the royal circle of society.

To visit the King of Heaven you must have a lovely robe, too. Its color is made by a wonderfully rich blending of a thousand shades, hues and tints of light. The radiance of these vary in force and brilliancy with internal local emotions. This robe falls naturally in ample, graceful folds. Being woven from beams of light and love, its texture is of marvellous delicacy and falls over you on all sides in a delightfully bewildering drapery of the most exquisite beauty that angel fingers can devise.

You know, boys, that a million Israelites roamed across deserts, through the wilderness, around mountains, for forty years, and neither their shoes, hose nor clothes were worn or grew old.

When these heavenly robes are worn forty million years or cycles, they will appear brighter and prettier than the first year, because they possess vitality. These washed [by faith] their robes in the blood of the Lamb, whiter than snow, came into Paradise through trial, trouble, tribulation. The outside of the robe is in rhythmic vibrations of pure white. The touch of that blood gives vitality to the robe. This last is a work you must do yourself; your friends will tell you all about it.

You cannot stir a kaleidoscope but its fine colors and figures are changed. Just so this mystic robe. The graceful undulations of your form changes its beauty—even the raising of a hand or a foot attracts admiration and yields delight, because every movement you make is ever revealing and concealing those wonderful shades, hues and tints—an ever recurring surprise in all the years to come.

The gentle, sweet disposition you express in your entrancing countenance is the overflow of love—that love flows constantly from Christ, as light and heat flow from the sun. Jehovah has stamped infinity on your robe—you will never change it nor wish to—and yet you will never appear twice exactly the same—and so a thing of beauty is a joy forever. O, the depths of the riches of His love, power and wisdom as revealed in the minutest minutiae!

At the close of a million years your brow will be fairer, the delicate rose tints on your cheeks will be more lovely, the brilliancy of your eyes more charming, your countenance more dazzling in its beauty, and in that time you will have acquired many branches of celestial learning. Christ created all principles, properties, qualities, ratios and combinations, and therefore in Him are treasured up all judgement, understanding, knowledge, wisdom and learning in a hundred sciences and 'ologies. He created the universe and is sole proprietor of it. Therefore, if you are regenerated into union with Him, He declares it to be His will, if you are overcomers, to raise you to a degree of divinity that you may sit with Him on His throne. Paul declares, "In Him we have all things"—a joint proprietorship in worlds, in moons, in suns, in stars—all are ours in Him.

Therefore, to reign with Him, we must have a court dress, a robe of majesty. The swift and playful radiance of this robe is alive—as much so as a celestial flower. Christ created flowers. [I have seen by a powerful glass in the smallest flowers, fluted, conical columns, labyrinths and lofty domes]. To his robe was imparted vitality when it was washed in the blood of Jesus. It cost the Son of God more suffering, agony, than the 58 billion that have lived on the earth, since the first purple and crimson dawn till now, could have possibly endured.

Enveloped under the weight of the transgression of all these billions in Egyptian darkness, His Father's presence withdrawn, He descended lower in the abyss of wrath and gloom; He (ta-ted) endured death for every man until, in the terror of His agony, a pitiful expiring moan rises in the piercing words, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Your robe is a very costly one—its use, its purpose is eternal, and it becomes a part of your personality. But you also have a Crown of

Eternal Life promised. The Crown implies a Kingdom—the two are inseparable. His universe is boundless—large enough to give to each one of His true, tried, trusted, redeemed brothers a vast domain to take charge of and reign over in all the Ages. You will there be a Power in a Principality in the Heavens, in the realm of Love.

THE CROWN

Go gather all the diamonds, gems and rubies—go gather all the emeralds, sapphires, jaspers and rare opals—then search the caverns of the ocean for costly white pearls and the rich pink pearl—then bring all the crowns of Europe and all the diadems of Asia—let all the genius of our greatest artists unite in forming all in one crown—place it in the blazing splendor that scintillates from the Crown of Life. He has promised every one who is an overcomer. O, the ravishing beauty! The conflict is ended—all earthly crowns vanish in the presence of your crown.

The great storm of life is over—the great thunder clouds, rolling in blackness and turmoil, lashing the heavens in their fury, have been bowled away beyond the confines of the universe into that horrible "outer darkness" that Christ has often told us of—and O, the rest in this realm of Love! O, the sweet repose!

Little boy, little girl, you have the robe and the crown; now here is a jeweled harp for you. Tradition says that it has a thousand strings and includes all the chords for heavenly harmonies and melodies. You will be taught to play by the beautiful angels, and sometime you will play on it and sing "All hail the power of Jesus' name—Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of All." This will be in memory of what He did for you on earth.

Crowns are worn by those of noble birth. In the regeneration or re-creation, which is a second birth, we are all of noble birth, made brothers to our Lord—a statement not made of the highest angel.

As the angel of Christ places the robe on your person, the crown on your head, a harp in your hand, He, with his nail-pierced hand, will wipe the last tear away forever from your eye. He has promised to do it, when He calls you. Then you are overcome with a thrill of delight. You listen and hear ten thousand melodies, all in one—anthems of praise, hosannas of joy, halleluiah of victory—your harp seems automatic, it won't be silent; you join in the glad refrain. You are all moving towards an immense iridescent gate—it is the long promised Golden City—you enter the great gate made of one celestial pearl. As you enter, you are called by a new name (Christ says, "I will call you by a new name")—you hasten over the wonderful pavement, along the endless streets, in search of your own dear mansion. How may you know it? Why, over its grand portal your own new name, which was given, is there written. You look at the white stone or jewel on your bosom (the name there written, which no one can read except he whom it was given)—they are both the same. You pass in, possess your heavenly home—you feel that it is a holy, enchanted place. O, joy unutterable! O, glory ineffable! O, beauty inexpressible! You catch the grand chorus as it thunders and rolls on through the universe, and sing—"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, who will be—unto Him be glory, honor, wisdom and majesty—because He has redeemed us by His blood from every nation, kindred, people and tongue—the Lord God omnipotent reigns supreme.

The angels never before heard the

song of redeeming love, and they cannot sing it. The city is mainly built of rubies, gems, precious stones, and transparent gold (a celestial substance unknown on the earth), so the angel said.

The picturesque scenery transcends the most powerful imagination and brilliant fancy. You look away, far as your telescopic vision may scan, and see groups of ten thousand rural scenes—landscapes in seraphic repose, floating in a supernal rhythm. You see Alps on Andes, Himalayas on these—range on range of Rockies, back and above, ever receding, ever rising—their heaven-exalted tops lost in a vapor of amethyst and gold. Your ravished gaze is entranced—you drift, dream, drink in ecstasy. You see rejoicing reunion companies, composed of millions, and listen to their symphonies. St. John intimates that no one one can appreciate the number of those who play the harp in radiant groves and parks. All is only a little of the personal beauty reflected from Christ. And you will one day be like Him in the great and wonderful Paradise.

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Well, Christ has made you a promise. He says if you will love and obey your father and mother He will let you live to a good old age. If occasion required, St. Paul could in public speak fluently any language or dialect in the world. He was intensely anxious to see Paradise. Our Lord granted his request, and he was so surprised and overcome by what he saw and heard that for years after he could never decide if his body was with him or not. He was raised to the third degree of the heavens. The beauty, loveliness, joy and glory transported him so far beyond the power of his mental capacity, though his command of language was unequalled, that he declined to attempt to describe it. The views were so sublime they utterly defied human description or conception.

There is no doubt in my mind, when our Lord returns to reward every man according to his works—and it is said by some great divines that the prophetic periods indicate that great event as nearly due—that then St. Paul will be presented with the place of honor, at Christ's right hand. The church of all ages to this would say Amen!

W. S. HOUGH.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH NOV. 1905 To Mrs. John A. Rappel and Family

Dear Mrs. Rappel:—At this, the first meeting of the Official Board of Athens' Circuit since the death of our dear Brother Rappel—it was moved by T. S. Kendrick and seconded by Theodore Stevens and unanimously resolved:—That we the members of this Official Board desire to place on record our appreciation of the kind and useful life of our late Brother Rappel and our keen sense of loss in his removal by death. Brother Rappel was for several years a useful and honored member of this Board and he was ever ready to take his part in any good work. We also desire to extend to Sister Rappel and esteemed family our tender christian sympathy in their great loss and sorrow and most earnestly pray that they may be sustained, comforted, guided and kept by our unfailing friend, our allwise and loving God and Father.

Signed on behalf of the Official Board, S. J. HUGHES, Pastor. A. W. BLANCHARD, R.S.

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### Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. XIV  
DECEMBER 21, 1905

#### Review—Road Psalm 131.

**Summary.—Lesson I. Topic:** Divine judgment against sin. Place: Babylon. Belshazzar, sixteen or seventeen years old, was the ruling king in the city of Babylon. Secure within his defences, he felt confident of safety, and therefore engaged in revelry as a feast which he made to a thousand of his lords. In his drunken fall and weakness he called for the golden and silver vessels which had been taken from the temple at Jerusalem that he might drink from them as a token that his gods had given victory over the God of the Jews. During this profane revelry a hand appeared and wrote upon the wall. This filled the king with fears, and he declared that the wise man who should interpret the meaning should be clothed with scarlet and have a chain of gold and be third ruler in the kingdom. When all had failed, the queen, mother of Belshazzar, came in and persuaded her son to send for Daniel, to whom, when he came, the king repeated his promise made to the wise men.

**II. Topic:** Divine deliverance to the righteous. Place: Babylon. Daniel's enemies knew that he was accustomed to pray to his God, and they were assured that no decree and no danger could stop him, and by foul means they could secure his sentence to be thrown in the lions' den. His character was a constant reproach. They persuaded the king to make a decree that no one should ask a favor of God or of man except of the king himself for a month, on penalty of being cast among the lions. The laws were such among the Persians that when once passed, with the usual formalities, the king could not change them at his own will.

**III. Topic:** Gracious life providences. Places: Babylon and Jerusalem. When the Jews from Jerusalem were led captive by Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon was the world-kingdom. In the year B. C. 538 the Medo-Persian kingdom arose under Cyrus and conquered Babylonia. Things went better with the captives. But a change of government was not the only help, for the prophets warned and exhorted the people. Ezekiel, who was himself taken captive in the second siege against Jerusalem, preached to the people upon the need of a new heart and changed life. Daniel's example and influence helped to turn the hearts of his people to God. Isaiah's prophecies gave inspiration and hope. When the time came for their return from captivity the Jews were prepared to go.

**IV. Topic:** Building the house of God. Place: Jerusalem. After a long, hard march from Babylon, a distance of 500 to 700 miles, the exiles reached Jerusalem, where they found the city in ruins as it had lain since its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar. Their first step was to rebuild the altar of sacrifice. Joshua was the first high priest after the captivity, and Zerubbabel the Governor of Judah. Until the temple was completed, it is likely they had erected a tabernacle near the altar in which the sacred vessels and treasures were deposited and guarded.

**V. Topic:** A study of the Holy Spirit. Place: Jerusalem. Zerubbabel was building the second temple at Jerusalem amid difficulties and discouragements. At this time God gave the prophet Zechariah a series of visions, that he might encourage the people. He spoke to Zerubbabel of the golden candlestick and the olive trees. He assured him that he should finish the temple.

**VI. Topic:** Fidelity to duty. Place: Shushan. The history contained in the book of Esther belongs in the time between the dedication of the second temple and the coming of Ezra to Judaea. The great danger of the Jews, the opportunity Esther had to protect them, and the defeat of a wicked enemy all to make up a thrilling history showing God's great love and care of his children.

**VII. Topic:** Vital principles in life's journey. Places: Jerusalem and Babylonia. In this lesson we have Ezra's account of his mission to Jerusalem. He was a thorough student of the Bible, especially of the law of Moses, and God had filled his heart with a desire to teach the law to the people. Hence he proposed to go up to Jerusalem with a body of men to renew and reform the Jewish nation in the Holy Land. By prayer and fasting he secured the sanction of the king, and he set apart priests to be in charge of the valuable vessels and money. The journey was made under God's guidance.

**VIII. Topic:** A study of prayer. Place: Shushan. Nehemiah was a noble example of Christian patriotism. He was a man of profound piety, connecting everything great and small, with the will of God. His piety was equally unshaken, and there is better example of constant dependence on God united with practical fortitude. He was unselfish. His wealth was used for public ends, and there is not the slightest reference to self apart from the common good. On hearing of the affliction of his people he earnestly prayed that God would give him opportunity to help them.

**IX. Topic:** If sacrifice for the good of others. Place: Ephesus. The church in Corinth was founded in A. D. 53, by Paul, while on his second missionary journey. The church was a little band in a city of 400,000 inhabitants; a gem in a city of infidelity. The early training, the former habits, the surrounding influences of a city which, even in the gentile world, was famous for drunkenness, made it difficult to live a true Christian life.

**X. Topic:** Important principles in life's battle. Place: Jerusalem. Nehemiah had left his position of trust to go with the despised and persecuted Jews, who were struggling to protect their city by a secure wall. Scoffs and sneers and threats were only incentives to greater diligence and trust. Nehemiah arrayed everything in method. He gave counsel and encouragement. He established prayer among the laborers, and thus kept the work going regardless of opposition.

**XI. Topic:** How to study the Bible. Place: Jerusalem. When the city was enclosed by a wall, though it had been built under great difficulties, the people turned their attention to God's word. It would trouble had come to them, that much they were blest with holy

men as leaders, as were Nehemiah and Ezra, they endeavored to observe God's laws concerning them. Upon hearing the law they were filled with grief because they saw how far short they had come in obeying it. But they were taught to prove their repentance by quickly putting into practice all its requirements.

**XII. Topic:** The coming Messiah. Place: Jerusalem. The history of the Jewish nation shows how often they were alarmed into sin. Severe chastisements were sent upon them. They were re-duced as a nation. They were warned and exhorted by the prophets. There was no time when they might lapse into indifference and be safe. The prophet Isaiah gave them fervent appeals to be ready to meet God in judgment.

**XIII. Topic:** Vision of Christ the Messiah. Place: Jerusalem. The people of Judah were at this time under a two-fold darkness. 1. The darkness of outward trouble. 2. The darkness of moral darkness. Ahaz had led the people into the most abominable practices in honor of the heathen divinites whose worship he had established in his kingdom. But the prophet saw into the future when Christ should come and his gospel should be preached to all nations blest.

**PRACTICAL APPLICATION.**

**Golden Text:** "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness" (Psa. 65, 11). "Thou"—the Lord, in various manifestations of his power, is the prominent thought running through the lessons of this quarter. We use it as the keynote of the review.

**I.** The Lord is against the wicked. "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil" (Psa. 34, 16). He who profanes God's holy day, who takes his name in vain, who reviles God's messengers or scoffs at Christianity is guilty of Belshazzar's sin and in danger of Belshazzar's punishment.

**II.** The Lord protects and delivers. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them" (Psa. 34, 7).

**III.** The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad" (Psa. 125, 3). The return from Babylonian captivity is a figure of emancipation from sin.

**IV.** The Lord dwells in us. "The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Cor. 3, 17). "If any man defile the temple of God him shall God destroy" (1 Cor. 3, 17). Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you... and ye are therefore not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body (1 Cor. 6, 19-20).

**V.** The Lord—The Holy Spirit, our Power. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord" (Zech. 4, 6). The Spirit's power can never be supplanted by human agencies. Man's machinery may even hinder the work of God.

**VI.** "The Lord preserveth all them that love him" (Psa. 145, 20).

**VII.** The Lord is good to them that trust in him. "The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him" (Ezra 8, 22).

**VIII.** The Lord answers prayer. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5, 16).

**IX.** The Lord holdeth us up. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10, 12).

**X.** The Lord keeps us as "watch and pray" (Matt. 26, 41). Let us watch as the sentinel watches for the foe, as the watchman watches for the thief, as the engineer watches the track.

**XI.** The Lord demands obedience. "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."

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### To Stuff the Christmas Birds

### A Christmas Story

(By Rhoebe Cary.)  
Across the German Ocean,  
In a country far from ours,  
Once a poor little boy named Gottleb,  
Lived with his mother alone.

They dwelt in the part of a village  
Where the houses were poor and small,  
But the home of the little Gottleb,  
Was the poorest one of all.

He was not large enough to work,  
And his mother could do no more,  
(Though she secretly lay her knitting down)  
Than keep the wolf from the door.

She had to take their threadbare clothes,  
And turn, and patch, and darn,  
For never any woman yet,  
Drew rich by knitting yarn.

And oft at night, beside her chair,  
Would Gottleb sit and plan,  
The wonderful things he would do for her,  
When winter grew so keen.

One night she sat and knitted,  
And Gottleb, who dreamed,  
When a happy fancy all at once  
Upon his vision beamed.

"Was only a week till Christmas,  
And Gottleb would be dressed,  
The Christ-child that was born that day,  
Sent down good gifts to men."

But he said, "He will never find us,  
Our home is so mean and small,  
And we, who have so little of them,  
Will get no gifts at all."

When all at once a happy light  
Came into his eyes so blue,  
He lit up his face with smiles,  
As he thought what he could do.

Next day when the postman's letters  
Came from all over the land,  
He found in the bundle pressed,  
"In a child's poor trembling hand."

You may think he was sorely puzzled,  
What in the world to do;  
So he went to the Burgo-master,  
As the wisest man he knew.

And when they opened the letter,  
They stood almost dismayed,  
That such a little child should dare  
To ask the Lord for aid.

Then the Burgo-master stammered,  
And scarce knew what to say,  
And hastily he brushed aside  
A drop, like a tear, from his cheek.

Then up he spoke right gruffly,  
And tried to speak in French,  
"This must be a very foolish boy,  
And a small one, too, no doubt."

But when six rosy children  
Lowered their eyes to see,  
Poor, trusting little Gottleb,  
Stood near him, with the rest.

And he heard his simple, touching prayer,  
Through all their noisy play,  
That he might have a very best to put  
The thought of his own way.

A wise and learned man he was,  
Men called him good and just;  
But his wisdom seemed like foolishness,  
By that weak child's simple trust.

### Walnut Stuffing.

To one quart of fresh bread crumbs add one cup of English walnut meats broken in pieces, one teaspoonful of salt and one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper. Melt two-thirds of a cup of butter in two-thirds of a cup of hot milk and combine with the crumbs. Mix thoroughly and fill at once into the turkey, allowing room for the stuffing to swell.

### Sweetbreads, Celery and Mushrooms.

A delicious stuffing: Blanch and boil one and one-half pounds of sweetbreads; drain and chop them very fine with one-half pound, each, of celery and mushrooms. (Use canned mushrooms). Add a tablespoonful of onion juice, a teaspoonful of finely minced parsley, one-fourth teaspoonful each of lemon juice, thyme and sweet basil. Incorporate the whole and add a teaspoonful of salt and a dusting of pepper. Stuff the turkey, truss and roast as usual. Serve on a large platter and garnish with parsley and lemon points.

### Turkish Stuffing.

One cup of rice, one dozen French chestnuts, one-fourth pound of well-washed currants, one-half cup of butter, two ounces of almonds, one-fourth teaspoonful each of salt, paprika and ground cinnamon.

Wash the rice and cook until half done in boiling salted water; drain and add the other ingredients, the chestnuts cooked and cut in small pieces, the almonds blanched and chopped. Use as any stuffing.

### Oyster Stuffing.

Fill the bowl with oysters dipped in cracker crumbs, then in melted butter, and again in crumbs. As long cooking detracts from the goodness of oysters, the bowl may be roasted without stuffing, and served with scalloped oysters or fried in a pan. The cracker crumbs should be salted in the proportion of one-fourth teaspoon of salt to one cup of crumbs. If preferred, add to highly seasoned bread stuffing an equal bulk of whole oysters.

### Chestnut Stuffing.

One quart of nuts after they are boiled and mashed, one teaspoon of chopped parsley, one-half teaspoon each of chopped onion, salt and pepper, and one tablespoonful of butter; bind with an egg. (Trize recipe.)

### Potato and Walnut Stuffing.

One of the toothsome fillings for the goose is this: Two cups of hot mashed potato, one teaspoon of onion juice or grated onion, one-half a cup of sliced walnut meats, one-fourth a teaspoon of paprika, one teaspoon of salt, four tablespoons of thick cream, one tablespoon of butter, yolks of two eggs. (One teaspoon of sweet herbs is desired.)

### Sweet Potato and Almond Croquettes.

Take sufficient sweet potatoes to make three pints of pulp. So soon as they are soft, break apart, remove the pulp and pass through a potato ricer. To each pint add a scant teaspoon of pulp, two tablespoonsful of butter, one beaten egg, three tablespoonsful of blanched almonds (chopped and pounded in a mortar), and hot milk or cream to make of a consistency to handle. Form into shape, egg and crumb and fry in deep fat. These may be prepared for cooking and set aside.

### TIPS FOR SANTA CLAUS.

(A Boy's Version.)  
Why Santa Claus comes early to people in flats—  
(But of course he's so far to go—  
With stuff to be stowed away for the rats I would very much like to know.  
Now Lou found a doll in the box last year.

A pretty queer place, I should think,  
For a sensible man like old Santa Claus  
That everyone says won't drink,  
Every sack of popcorn and candy and gum,  
(And I know half was meant for me),  
Was left on the cupboard's uppermost shelf,  
So that the rats had a jubilee.

Now what kind of a way is that for the man  
Folks say is a clever, to give?  
We'll never forget his leaving the rats  
That candy as long as we live.  
When Santa comes early to people in flats,  
Who've nowhere to stow things away,  
He should say, "Here, kids, you first, then  
the rats,"

And hand things right to us that day,  
Then father said Santa brought him a new dress  
And we searched for a month the whole place;  
We found it at last, a terrible mess—  
Our pup had chewed off all the neck,  
Now that's a nice trick for a man I declare!  
Who knows there's a pup in the flat,  
If he must leave things; it ought to be there.

There's never a pup nor a cat,  
But perhaps the poor man's half crazed  
And wouldn't know puppies from pearls,  
We've seen him go to forgive his mistake  
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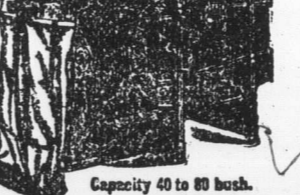
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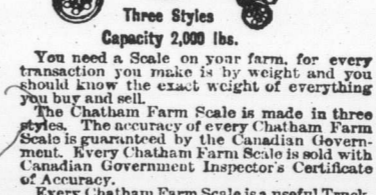
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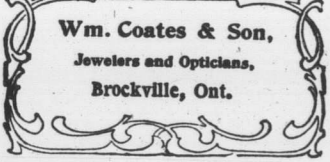


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A black and white Collie dog, strayed from the home of John Topping, Athens, Ontario, which would lead to the recovery of same will be gladly received and suitably rewarded.

**Boar for Service**

I have for service at my farm Lake Elzoida an improved thoroughbred Yorkshire Boar. Fee \$1.00 with privilege of returning. This animal is not akin to that kept by me last year.

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Farm of the late J. B. Bellamy consisting of 50 acres adjoining the village of North Augusta. Terms to suit purchaser. Apply to G. F. DONNELLY, Athens.

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I beg to offer my Property for SALE situated on Prince street, Athens, consisting of a fine Double Brick House, well furnished with all necessary conveniences. This property is a map. For full information apply to F. R. Heale, Athens, or at my Office Brockville.

**Yorkshire Boar**

The undersigned has for service a thoroughbred registered Yorkshire Boar, bred by D. M. Glazier. Fee \$1.00 with privilege of return.

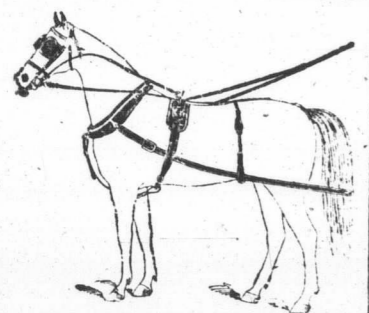
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**LOCAL ITEMS**

Mrs. (Rev.) J. Scanlon of Prescott is reported to be seriously ill.

A handsome flag has been purchased for Athens' new public school.

See the display of beautiful art china and glassware at McClary's.

Miss Winnie Purvis has returned to Athens for the holiday season.

The officers elect of Athens lodge I. O. O. F. will go to Delta for installation.

The largest variety of useful Xmas presents for gentlemen at LeClair's, Brockville.

Miss Lulu Langdon of Brockville is visiting at the home of Mrs. W. F. Earl.

Brockville Dailies and Toronto Mail and Globe on sale at Ross' Variety Store.

Gananogue is having an interesting municipal election campaign with local option as the chief issue.

See McClary's store and stock. The neat decorations show to advantage the fine stock of Christmas goods.

Miss Katie Kavanagh of Ottawa is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slack.

Rev. S. J. Hughes will conduct anniversary services at Winchester on Sunday next.

R. L. Sheffield of Lyndhurst, who injured his spine by a fall last September, died at Brockville General Hospital on Monday.

Choice line of raisins, currants, figs, etc., at McClary's. They were bought for the Christmas trade and are going rapidly.

Mrs. M. J. Wiltse, writing from Port Byron, N. Y., says: I like the Reporter very much; it is like a letter from home.

Lovely Xmas neckwear—scarfs, mufflers, gloves, initialed silk handkerchiefs, etc., etc.—at LeClair's, Brockville.

Next Thursday will be the shortest day of the year, and then there remains only about ten weeks of winter. Cheer up!

Illuminate, decorate, beautify your home with one of the handsome low-priced lamps being sold at McClary's. They are extra good value.

A meeting of the Conservative electors of Rear Yonge and Escott will be held in the township hall on Thursday, Dec. 21st, at 7:30 p.m. for the selection of municipal representatives.

The rink is to be conducted this season by Messrs. W. L. Steacy and N. Hagerman. Under their experienced management it should prove a financial success.

Rev. W. W. Jones of Victoria University, Toronto, will occupy the Methuist pulpit here on Sunday next at 10:30 a.m., Elbe at 2:30; and Athens at 7 p.m., preaching Education at sermons.

Mr. Blake Gillfillen, graduate of the Brockville Business College, has a situation as bookkeeper. The Brockville Business College is one of the best in Ontario. Telegraphy is now included in their work. New Term begins Jan. 2nd, 1906.

The growth of the Ottawa Business College since Mr. W. E. Gowling took charge 5 years ago, is phenomenal. Then the seating capacity was 87, while to-day it is 260. Then 7 typewriter were in use, to-day 31. Then 3 teachers were employed, while to-day 8 teachers give personal instruction to the students. The Winter term opens Tuesday Jan. 2. Write for catalogue.

**XMAS SPECIALTIES**  
Finest quality of new fruit in stock.  
4 lbs. select raisins, 25c.  
4 lbs. choice dates, 25c.  
Choice Xmas cakes, 5c per doz.  
20 lbs. granulated sugar, \$1.00.  
Judson's Cash Grocery.

Nominations next Friday.

—Handsome line of embossed calendars at Ross' Variety Store.

Mr. Claude Gordon, theological student at McGill, is home for the holidays.

For Sale—Harness, Cutters, Bobelights, Ice-tongs, etc. May be seen at residence of Mrs. Rappell, Elgin street.

—What is more suitable for a nice Xmas gift than the fine linens to be found at Kendrick's?

—G. A. McClary offers splendid value in holiday confectionery—the kind that Santa Claus uses, and also the high-grade chocolates and creams.

Just while we think of it—wouldn't your absent friend appreciate as an acceptable Xmas gift a copy of the Reporter for 1906?

—C. W. LeClair, Brockville, is offering from 10 to 50 per cent discount on all suits and overcoats for the balance of the month.

Miss Ethel Rhodes' many friends are pleased to learn that she is recovering from her serious attack of appendicitis.

For Sale—At Mrs. Lillie's residence, Elgin street, 2 bed room suite, springs and mattresses, 1 doz. dining room chairs—all in good condition.

Mr. Harry Berney, who has been travelling in the Western Provinces for a commercial house, is home for Christmas vacation.

The Liberals of Rear Yonge & Escott will meet in the township hall on Thursday evening, 21st, for selection of municipal representatives.

The programme at the Methodist S. S. entertainment in the town hall on Christmas night promises to be exceptionally enjoyable.

Miss Edith Hughes, a student at the Ontario Normal College, Hamilton, is spending Xmas vacation at her home here.

Several teachers wrote on the Model exam's here last week, bringing the total number of candidates up to 47. Yes, Athens is undoubtedly a great educational centre.

After Jan. 1st, whiskey in Brockville will cost 10c a glass at all hotels. This sad news should have been held back until after the holiday season. The attempt to buy before the rise may prove disastrous.

The order of services in the Anglican churches on Xmas Day are 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion and sermon at Trinity church Lansdowne. 11:00 a.m. Morning prayer and Holy Communion at Christ Church Athens.

On Friday last, with the school room, council chamber and auditorium all in use at the same time, the atmosphere in the town hall was not exactly tropical. A combination of that kind and zero weather don't drive well together.

Isaac Jackson, a respected farmer of Lyndhurst, died on Dec. 8 from a stroke of paralysis. He was about 55 years of age and lived for many years at Plum Hollow where he was born. He has no family, his wife being the sole survivor.

On Friday the members of the public school board inspected the new school building and accepted it from the builder as being fully completed. Contractor Speagle had done his work in a thorough, conscientious manner, and no exception could be taken to any detail of it.

As a hopeful sign of the times we note that when the Elizabethtown toll gates were leased on Friday last it was on the understanding that the lease was terminable at any time that the road ceased to be a toll-road. Thus, let us hope, a coming event casts its shadow before.

The Iroquois village council turned down a largely signed petition to have another vote on local option at the approaching elections. The temperance people were prepared to raise \$300 to offset the loss of revenue which would result from the cancellation of the licenses should local option carry.

The Telegraph department of the Ottawa Business College Ottawa, judging from the number of students taking this subject is certainly most popular. The teacher in charge is a practical railroad man and those who desire to learn railroading should arrange with this old school of 40 years standing.

The shortness of the time between the end of the financial year and nomination day has created a busy time for the municipal treasurers, and it is probable that the annual statements will be a little late. The councils are anxious to bring the receipts and disbursements as near completion as possible.

Local merchants are offering greater inducements to careful buyers this season than ever before heard of in Athens. The advts in this issue are worth reading and if you don't make use of the golden opportunity it's your own fault. Our merchants have secured the best stock in all classes and are offering you greater inducements for the Christmas trade than ever before—make your purchases now while the assortments are large.

A large wild-cat was killed a few days ago in the vicinity of Fairfield.

—Latest Songs in sheet music at Ross' Variety Store.

Miss Jennie Cugban will teach in the brick school, Alguire's Corners, during 1906.

The Reporter has pleasure in wishing all its readers a very merry Christmas.

—Christmas Novelties—choice line at Ross' Variety Store.

Miss Anna Barber of the A. M. S. will teach at North Augusta during 1906.

—Examine Kendrick's ad—it will help you in selecting your Xmas gift.

Cards of invitation have been issued for three weddings, to take place in the near future, at Greenbush, Plum Hollow and Addison.

Nearly all the 47 candidates that wrote on the A. M. S. exams have been engaged to teach during next year.

The Sunday service in the Presbyterian church will be held in the evening at the hour of seven o'clock. Special Christmas music. Subject of sermon: "The Childhood of Jesus."

Mr. Eli Mansel, that veteran, has made a little discovery by which he has renewed his youth. He looks younger, he acts younger, he is younger, and no doubt would impart the secret for a modest consideration.

At the statutory meeting of the village council on Friday last, a number of accounts were ordered paid, a record of which will be found in the financial statement to be issued this week.

Mrs. Brown, relict of the late James Brown, died at the home of her son, Munsell, Glen Elbe, on Monday last, aged 94 years. The funeral service is being conducted at her late residence to-day by the Rev. S. J. Hughes.

A surprise party, including a number of young people from Jun-town, Caintown and other places, was held one evening recently at the home of Mr. Thomas Earl, Temperance Lake. A very enjoyable time was spent.

A fair attendance greeted the exhibit of lime-light views on Saturday evening, but the show was hardly up to expectations. The financial benefit derived by the A. M. S. will form the nucleus of a fund to secure lecturers.

The excellent, instructive address of Mr. A. E. Donovan to the A.M.S. as published in the Reporter last week, would make a credit mark for the best speakers we know to-day. It will achieve good. It is well worthy of rehearsal by those to whom it was addressed.—W. S. H.

**Dyspepsia**

is an indication that the stomach and other digestive organs are weak, tired or debilitated. It causes no end of aches and pains and is most common where people bolt their meals and hurry and worry as they do in this country.

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**TIME YET**

There is time yet this month for Reporter subscribers to make the Editor happy by paying up to date. See that the figures on your label read '06. Please do it now.

**Christmas Perfumes**

All the favorite odors—the latest fads in perfumes—especially for Holiday Gifts.

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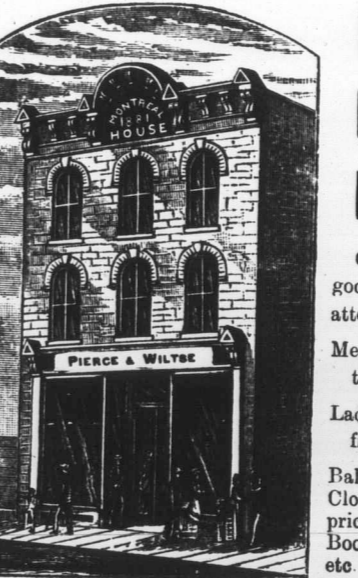
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Flavoring Extracts  
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Our line of staples—Teas, Coffees, Meals, Breakfast Foods, Canned Goods, etc.—is all new and fresh. There is an advantage in buying absolutely fresh groceries.

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**Santa Claus Headquarters**

While in Athens is at our store. Here you will find suitable gifts for both old and young.

Toys, games, picture books and dolls of all descriptions are to be found in our south window and front counter. See our beautiful dressed dolls at 25c, also the 24 inch doll for 25c.

Fancy chinaware, vases, jewel boxes, glove and handkerchief boxes, manicure sets, photo frames and albums too numerous to mention.

Have just placed in stock this morning 10 doz. fancy suspenders and several dozen new neckties and scarfs for gentlemen, all purchased with an idea of beauty for Xmas trade.

Fancy initial, embroidered and patriotic handkerchiefs in great variety, both in silk and muslin.

The souvenir china and aluminum goods of Athens, just placed in stock, make very pretty Xmas remembrances.

**T. S. Kendrick**

**FURNITURE**

**HOLIDAY TRADE**

We have a full line of all kinds of furniture, some of it specially suited for the holiday trade, and we cordially invite inspection any day or evening.

We have made the prices specially attractive for this season.

Any one of our easy chairs, rockers, tables, etc., would make a beautiful and acceptable present.

Make your selection early.

**T. G. Stevens**

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**HOLIDAY GOODS**

You are invited to see our choice line of holiday goods.

Beautiful art pieces in glass and china.  
The latest patterns and designs in Dinner and Tea Sets.  
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Everything that the holiday season demands for fittingly furnishing every meal of the day.

**Confectionery**  
You can "buy Santa Claus" here at very low prices, and we have also a complete line of high-grade candies, nuts, etc.

See our display of Toys, Games, etc.

**G. A. McCLARY**

**FURS FURS FURS**

Our stock of high-class fur goods is well worthy of your attention.

Men's Coon Coats at from \$40 to \$60.

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Balance of our stock of Ladies' Cloth Jackets going at sacrifice prices. Special bargains in Boots, Shoes, Rubber goods, etc.

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