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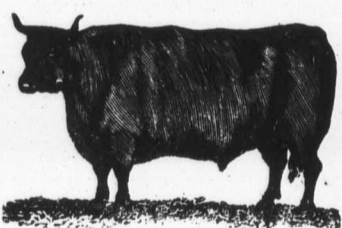
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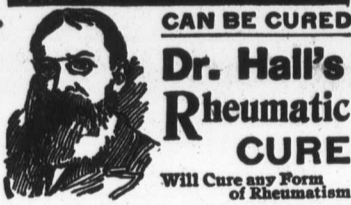
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WEDDING BELLS.

M'COUBRIE—COLE.

At Athens, on the 27th December, 1899, by Rev. Rural Dean Wright, Mr. James McCoubrie of Kitley, and Miss Addie Victoria Cole, of the same place.

BEVENS—BRESEE.

Mr. Edwards Bevens of Lansdowne and Miss Bertha Breesee of Elizabethtown were married in Athens, on the evening of the 20th of December, by the Rev. E. W. Crane.

EATON—PIERCE.

On Wednesday last, at his home in Brockville, Rev. L. A. Betts, performed the ceremony that united for life Mr. John Eaton and Miss Julia Pierce, both of Athens. The happy couple returned to Athens on Tuesday evening.

KILBORN—BERNEY.

At Brockville on Thursday evening last, Rev. L. A. Betts united in matrimonial bonds Mr. H. M. Kilborn and Miss Maggie Berney, two popular young people of Plum Hollow. Wallace Berney, jr., was best man and Miss M. B. Morris of Athens assisted the bride.

BYRYSON—DERBYSHIRE.

At the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday last, Mr. Geo. Bryson of Lyn and Miss Maggie Derbyshire, eldest daughter of Mr. Isaac Derbyshire, Chantry, were united in marriage. They are enjoying a wedding trip to Montreal.

MULVENA—STAFFORD.

At Brockville, on Wednesday last, Mr. Archibald Mulvena of Charleston and Miss Lydia Stafford of Soperton were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Miss Sadie Stafford of Oak Leaf assisted the bride, while Mr. J. W. Green of Athens performed a like service for the groom.

LONDON—HANNA.

On Wednesday last, at the residence of the bride's father, Elizabethtown, near Lyn, Miss Susie Hanna, daughter of Mr. Richard Hanna, was married to Mr. Herbert London, one of the most progressive young farmers in that township. The bride was supported by Miss London, sister of the groom, and Mr. Byron Haskins performed a like duty for the groom.

MILLS—HALLADAY.

At the home of the bride's parents, Elgin, on Wednesday last, Miss Edith Halladay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Halladay, and Mr. John H. Mills, late principal of Athens high school, now filling a like position at Waterford, Ont., were united in marriage by the Rev. Wm. Philp, B.A., B.D. Only the members of the family witnessed the ceremony. The bride was handsomely gowned in white silk organdy trimmed with chiffon and white ribbon. After a very tastily served wedding breakfast, the newly wedded pair left for Montreal. Both the contracting parties are well known and highly esteemed in Athens, and in wishing them long life and prosperity the Reporter expresses the sentiments of all their friends and acquaintances in this district.

THORNHILL—HALLADAY.

On Wednesday the 20th inst., at 8.30 o'clock, the residence of Mr. Byron Brown, Elbe Mills, was the scene of a quiet but very pretty function on the occasion of the marriage of his niece, Miss Maud Halladay, to Mr. Wm. Thornhill, one of the most progressive young farmers in this

township. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. W. Crane, pastor of the Methodist church, Athens, in the presence of only the members of the family.

The bride was attired in a traveling suit of royal blue, trimmed with white satin and pearls. After the ceremony, and when the young couple had received the congratulations of their friends, an elegant wedding breakfast was partaken of, after which they left for Gananoque, Lyndhurst, and other points.

ALGURE—BULLIS.

On Wednesday, 27th of December, at the home of Mr. Edward Barlow of Delta, Mr. Albert Burton Algure of Athens and Miss Sadie Bullis of Delta were united in wedlock by the Rev. E. W. Crane of Athens.

The bride was accompanied by Miss Laura Bullis of Athens and the groom by Mr. Burton Rhodes of Sweet's Corners. The bride and her maid were similarly attired, and both looked very charming indeed.

The happy couple received not only the hearty congratulations of their friends, but many valuable and useful gifts as well. After an excellent wedding supper and a short inter-course with their guests, the happy couple, in the midst of a storm of rice, started for Brockville and Kingston.

LANSDOWNE.

MONDAY, Jan. 1.—Mr. Mitchell has been engaged to teach the senior department of our school for another year. Miss Franklin, who has been here in charge of the junior department for the past two years, has gone to Ottawa to attend the normal, and her place is being taken by a Miss Fleming of Brockville.

Mrs. George Ellis and daughter of Iroquois are spending the New Year with her mother, Mrs. B. B. Warren.

Miss A. Shipman of Oakville is the guest of her mother, Mrs. David Shipman.

Mrs. Robert Godkin, from near Phillipsville, and her brother, Robert Corbet, wife and daughter, of Ingersoll, were here visiting their aunt, Mrs. J. Webster, last week.

Miss Annie Fredenburg of Elginburg and her niece, Miss Fern Fredenburg, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fredenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moxley and baby of Kingston are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Redmond.

Mr. and Mrs. George Redmond and son spent Xmas in Toronto, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mac. Redmond.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Warren and son spent Xmas with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Webster of Malakoff.

The W. C. T. U. meet at the home of Mrs. McFadden, Railroad St. on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Gilbert of Brockville is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Moore.

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THE END OF THE CENTURY.

M. CAMILLE FLAMMARION TELLS WHEN AND WHERE THE NEW CENTURY WILL BEGIN.

An authoritative answer to the all absorbing question when the new century begins has just been given by M. Camille Flammarion, the distinguished astronomer and author. An authoritative answer his statement may well be styled, since this is a subject on which he is peculiarly fitted to speak with authority. Chronology and astronomy are closely allied, and being an adept astronomer, M. Flammarion is necessarily also specially well qualified to grapple with any problem, the solution of which depends on a right understanding of chronology.

From his statement, which covers the ground thoroughly, the following passages are taken: "If we look back at the past, we will find documents of the year 1799, 1699 and 1599 in which this subject was discussed, and a century hence, in 1999, our descendants will be discussing the same old subject. A century ago the discussions were unusually lively, and extended even to the theatre. In 1800 a play appeared with the title, 'Dear God, in What Century Are We Living?' This very question we of to-day are again asking."

Francisque Sarey, the distinguished critic, says the year 1900 will be the dawn of the twentieth century. He is mistaken. The dawn of the twentieth century will not come in 1900, even though we constantly hear that the Exposition of 1900 will commemorate the birth of the new century. The year 1900, it will commemorate the end of a century, the year 1900 will be the evening before the new century, and the dawn will not begin until after midnight.

The seemingly difficult problem is really very easy of solution. A dozen consists of twelve units. The number 12 is a part of the dozen. One hundred consists of one hundred units, and the number 100 is a part thereof. Now, it is clear that there never was a year 0 in Christian chronology. The first year was No. 1, the tenth year was No. 10 and the hundredth year of the first century was the year 100. What has led many persons astray has probably been the change in the first two figures of the year, as we see in the case of 1799-1800 or 1899-1900. A similar change, however, is made when 9 becomes 10, or when 99 becomes 100. If any one gives me one hundred cents I have a dollar, but the hundredth cent is just as necessary to my first dollar as the first cent is the beginning of my second dollar. The hundredth is, in fact, a necessary portion of the dollar.

In like manner the hundredth year belongs to the century which is dying. Exactly, therefore, at midnight of December 31st, 1900, will the hour glass of the nineteenth century run out and at the next moment the twentieth century will start on its career."

M. Flammarion then touches on another interesting question. "We know now when, but do we know where, the new century will begin?" he asks. "Will it begin exactly at midnight in Paris, London, New York, or Jerusalem? Exactly at midnight in every country, is the answer. Yes, but when it is midnight in Paris it is one a. m. in Vienna, and the Americans then begin the century before the French? Certainly they will. And this brings up a timely question. What country will be the first to greet the new century? The answer is: "When the clocks in New York indicate that it is midnight on December 31st, 1900, it is already five o'clock in the morning of January 1st, 1901, in Paris, seven o'clock at the Suez Canal, eight o'clock in Tananarivo, and 12 o'clock, noon, of January 1st, 1901, on the island of St. Paul, in the Indian Ocean."

"If, instead of going east, we go with lightning speed westward from New York, we shall find it eleven o'clock in the evening in Chicago, nine o'clock in San Francisco, six o'clock in Honolulu, half-past three o'clock in the Philippines, and noon of December 31st, 1900, on the island of St. Paul. This island, as anyone can see by looking at a map, is exactly opposite New York, or, in other words, its distance from the South Pole is precisely the same as that of New York from the North Pole.

"When it is midnight with us it is noon there, but the question is, is this the noon of the next day or of the preceding one? To settle this is a matter of some importance, as our captains have to decide whether they gain or lose a day's wages when they arrive at this point.

A FORTUNATE ISLAND. "Those who will greet the honor of according the first greeting to the new century, for the reason that it will actually begin there before it begins elsewhere are the Russians in Kamchatka, the Japanese in Tokyo and on the island of Yezo, the inhabitants of the Philippines, of New Guinea Island, of the Solomon Islands and of the New Hebrides, the French in New Caledonia and the inhabitants of New Zealand and of the little island of Chatham, in the Pacific Ocean.

"The people on this island will be able to greet the new century before any one else, but it is not probable that a similar privilege will ever again be theirs, for the reason that there is not likely to be a living soul on the island a century hence. A hundred years ago there were 2,000 men there, and in 1830 there were 1,500.

Five years later, however, a number of Moros visited the island and ruthlessly began to destroy the inhabitants. In 1870 there were only 200 persons on the island, and at present there are hardly more than 50. "Let every one, however, remember distinctly that the twentieth century will begin in every country at midnight of Dec. 31st, 1900. The Asiatics will begin to enjoy it before Europeans, and Europeans before Americans. No one, not even the richest man in New York, can obtain the privilege of being the very first to greet it—that is unless he is willing to travel to the distant island of Chatham and join the handful of inhabitants in singing a psalm of welcome to the new cycle.

M. Flammarion concludes by expressing the hope that during the coming era a satisfactory plan will be discovered of putting an end to all international wars. It is earnestly to be hoped also, he says, that civilized nations will unite in efforts to further the cause of humanity.

Some of the most noted statisticians and chronologists of the day have maintained during the last few months that the present century will not end until the end of next year, and the Herald has pointed out how many cogent arguments there are in favor of this view. M. Flammarion, as we see, is of the same way of thinking, and there is no doubt that his lucid exposition of the subject will have much weight with those who know how well qualified he is to give a decisive answer in matters of this kind.—New York Herald.

BIRDS OF WAR.

Carrier Pigeons in Modern Military Service.

The pigeon post established at Ladysmith and Durban for carrying war messages has been such a success that the special appropriations for increasing the service will be recommended by the War Office. A good deal of the success of the pigeon service is due to the skill and energy of Col. Hassard, of the Royal Engineers, who has spent years in pigeon culture for the purpose of increasing the number of birds for war purposes. Col. Hassard, who was stationed at the Cape before the war, had systematically trained his pigeons for carrying messages across the rough, mountainous land and his various pigeon posts were of the greatest value in keeping the home office apprised of the exact condition of the army.

Nearly every civilized government now has carrier pigeons connected with both their war and navy departments. France has entered into pigeon culture more extensively than any other European power, and it is roughly estimated that there are 2,000,000 pigeons in that country trained for war emergencies. The main pigeon loft or training station is at Chalon, where several thousand birds are kept all the time. Every frontier post and fortress has smaller lofts and three times a week regular communication is kept up between these posts by means of the pigeons. This pigeon post in constant practice, in times of peace would be of immediate service in times of war. The Austrians then begin the century before the French? Certainly they will. And this brings up a timely question. What country will be the first to greet the new century? The answer is: "When the clocks in New York indicate that it is midnight on December 31st, 1900, it is already five o'clock in the morning of January 1st, 1901, in Paris, seven o'clock at the Suez Canal, eight o'clock in Tananarivo, and 12 o'clock, noon, of January 1st, 1901, on the island of St. Paul, in the Indian Ocean."

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DEFENCE OF PRETORIA. AS MR. DOOLEY SEES IT.

Formidable Circle of Forts Mines and Entrenchments

READY FOR A LONG SIEGE

The despatch of a siege train from England to South Africa is an indication that the British Government anticipates the possibility of a Boer capital before the war is brought to a conclusion, says the New York Sun. Considerable interest, therefore, attaches to a description of the defences of Pretoria, which, according to reports, are of the most modern description, and are formidable in their completeness.

"They consist of five powerful forts and five lines of mines and enormous entrenchments. The Boers are the only people who are to be feared in the approaches to the principal points of the defence. The centre of the system of forts lies about 1,500 yards to the westward of the northern end of the railway, and has a radius of some 1,000 yards. The centre of the city itself is only about 3,800 yards, nearly due south, from the Signal Hill, which is about 400 feet above sea level on the west side of the railway to Johannesburg, and about 1,000 yards from the fort on the hill to the east of the railway, and the Ample River running to the north, between this fort and the river are the fountains that furnish the water supply of Pretoria. The distance between the forts on either side of the railway is 2,700 yards. The railway station where the lines from Johannesburg to the south, Delagoa bay on the east, and Petersburg in the north form their junction, is immediately outside the city on the south side. The railway to Petersburg, after winding some distance to the westward, passes out of the plain on which Pretoria is situated, through the Daaspoort of the range of hills behind the city, and a little to the eastward of the river runs, the railway and river running together across the plain through the Winderboom Port, under the guns of a large fort, 7,100 yards, and a little to the eastward of north, from the centre of Pretoria.

The westernmost fort is on the range of hills behind Pretoria, and lies at a distance of 10,300 yards northwest of the centre of the city. The powerful redoubt, on the west of Pretoria, 3,800 yards from the centre of the city, on the range of hills through which the transport road to Johannesburg passes, completes the circle of defence, and is the Boer capital. Behind this redoubt are the principal magazines, one excavated out of the solid rock with a bomb proof roof, and the other built into the side of a bomb proof. Communication between the redoubt and the last mentioned magazine, is by means of a covered way. Roads connect all these forts with the capital, and they have pipes laid for water, as well as electric cables for the search lights.

The number of guns mounted on the forts and redoubts is said to be 120 of large calibre and of various different kinds. It is stated that only one of the guns are of twenty-three centimetres calibre, but this is doubtful. It is known, however, that there are quite a number of 13-centimetre guns of French make from the Creuzot works and of long range, as has been shown by their performances at Ladysmith. Among the others there are Krupp Maximas and other machine and quick-firing guns.

The forts are open to the rear toward Pretoria, and are of masonry, heavily faced with earth toward the open country. On the east side of the circle of defence there was no regular fort in existence when hostilities began, but it is probable that since then the ridge to the eastward of the city, by which the railway to Delagoa Bay runs, has been fortified.

The siege train just shipped from England for South Africa, presumably for Pretoria, is the second sent out during the last few years. The last occasion was when sixty-five guns and mortars were sent from Woolwich for the siege of Sebastopol, where, with fifty ship guns, they took part in the bombardment of that city in conjunction with the French siege train. The Russian defence, however, developed so rapidly under the inspiration of Tollen, that before the final assault which placed it in the hands of the allies, the number of guns in position in the besieging batteries had been raised to 806. The train now on its way out from England comprises 30 howitzers, 13 of 8-inch calibre, 8 of 5-inch, and 8 of 4-inch. The number is not formidable in itself under the old conditions in regard to explosives, but if they are, as may be inferred, intended to throw lydite shells, it is an exceedingly formidable armament, and, unless the Boers are in possession of projectiles, charged with melinite or some similar high explosive with which to respond to the British fire, the siege of Pretoria should not be of very long duration.

It is calculated that the investment will require fully 45,000 British troops, leaving the remainder of the army to guard the communications, occupy certain strategic points and operate against that part of the Boer army not required for the defence of Pretoria. This part of the Boer army is expected to fall back into the Zoutpansberg Mountains which the Boers are reported to intend to make their stronghold, and where they expect to carry on the war against England indefinitely.

The Hudson Bay Company has shipped a carload of Canadian horses to the New Zealand Government. The remains of 151 dead sailors, victims of the Maine, arrived at Washington at 8 o'clock this morning over the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, on a special train of six cars.

It Doesn't Pay to Underestimate an Enemy.

RUMINATE ON BOERS WAR.

"What d'ye think iv th' war?" Mr. Hennessy asked. "I think I want to go out an' apologise to snaffer," said Mr. Dooley. "I'm like ivrybody else, he hives, I thought war was like shootin' glass balls. I niver thought iv th' glass balls th'ralin's dynamite gun on me. 'Tis a thralt iv us Anglo-Saxons that we think iv an' inimy as a target. If ye hit him ye got three, good seegars. We're like people that dhrain iv lights. In me dhrreams I niver lost one fight. A man I niver saw before comes up an' says something to me, that I can't remember, an' I climb into him, an' 'tis all over in a malyit. He never hits me or 'if he does I don't feel it. I put him on his back an' bats him to death. An' th'n I help meself to his watch an' chain an' me friends come ar-round an' say, 'Martin, ye haven't a scratch,' an' con-gratulate me an' I wanther ar-roun' th' streets with a chip on me shoulder. But I look down an' see that I haven't a stitch on me but a short skirt. An' th'n I wake up. Th' list iv knock-outs to me credit in dhrreams wud make Fitzsimmons feel poor. But ne'er a wa't iv them was printed in th' pa-pers."

"'Tis so with me friends, th' hands across th' sea. They want to sleep an' had a dhrream. An' says they: 'We will send down to South Africa th'm gallant throops that have won so many hard fought reviews, they says, 'captained,' they says, 'be th' flower iv our aristocracy,' they says. 'An' what th' Boers come out ar-dy on the south side. The railway to Petersburg, after winding some distance to the westward, passes out of the plain on which Pretoria is situated, through the Daaspoort of the range of hills behind the city, and a little to the eastward of the river runs, the railway and river running together across the plain through the Winderboom Port, under the guns of a large fort, 7,100 yards, and a little to the eastward of north, from the centre of Pretoria."

The westernmost fort is on the range of hills behind Pretoria, and lies at a distance of 10,300 yards northwest of the centre of the city. The powerful redoubt, on the west of Pretoria, 3,800 yards from the centre of the city, on the range of hills through which the transport road to Johannesburg passes, completes the circle of defence, and is the Boer capital. Behind this redoubt are the principal magazines, one excavated out of the solid rock with a bomb proof roof, and the other built into the side of a bomb proof. Communication between the redoubt and the last mentioned magazine, is by means of a covered way. Roads connect all these forts with the capital, and they have pipes laid for water, as well as electric cables for the search lights.

The number of guns mounted on the forts and redoubts is said to be 120 of large calibre and of various different kinds. It is stated that only one of the guns are of twenty-three centimetres calibre, but this is doubtful. It is known, however, that there are quite a number of 13-centimetre guns of French make from the Creuzot works and of long range, as has been shown by their performances at Ladysmith. Among the others there are Krupp Maximas and other machine and quick-firing guns.

The forts are open to the rear toward Pretoria, and are of masonry, heavily faced with earth toward the open country. On the east side of the circle of defence there was no regular fort in existence when hostilities began, but it is probable that since then the ridge to the eastward of the city, by which the railway to Delagoa Bay runs, has been fortified.

The siege train just shipped from England for South Africa, presumably for Pretoria, is the second sent out during the last few years. The last occasion was when sixty-five guns and mortars were sent from Woolwich for the siege of Sebastopol, where, with fifty ship guns, they took part in the bombardment of that city in conjunction with the French siege train. The Russian defence, however, developed so rapidly under the inspiration of Tollen, that before the final assault which placed it in the hands of the allies, the number of guns in position in the besieging batteries had been raised to 806. The train now on its way out from England comprises 30 howitzers, 13 of 8-inch calibre, 8 of 5-inch, and 8 of 4-inch. The number is not formidable in itself under the old conditions in regard to explosives, but if they are, as may be inferred, intended to throw lydite shells, it is an exceedingly formidable armament, and, unless the Boers are in possession of projectiles, charged with melinite or some similar high explosive with which to respond to the British fire, the siege of Pretoria should not be of very long duration.

It is calculated that the investment will require fully 45,000 British troops, leaving the remainder of the army to guard the communications, occupy certain strategic points and operate against that part of the Boer army not required for the defence of Pretoria. This part of the Boer army is expected to fall back into the Zoutpansberg Mountains which the Boers are reported to intend to make their stronghold, and where they expect to carry on the war against England indefinitely.

The Hudson Bay Company has shipped a carload of Canadian horses to the New Zealand Government. The remains of 151 dead sailors, victims of the Maine, arrived at Washington at 8 o'clock this morning over the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, on a special train of six cars.

BUREAU OF MINES REPORT.

Deals With the Mineral Deposits of the Province.

The Bureau of Mines has issued the second part of its annual report, which deals largely with the copper regions of the upper lakes, the Algoma boundary, Goulais River to Dulton; corundum in Ontario, Michigan, Larry Sound district copper, gold in the Lower Selkies, and a lot of other information concerning the mineral wealth of the Province.

A table is given showing that for the first nine months of this year 50,219 ounces of gold was taken out, being valued at \$318,212, as against 7,154 ounces in 1896. The total value of metallic products in 1893 was \$602,862, and in 1896 \$963,288. For the nine months of the present year it has been \$1,637,100, and if the same rate of production be maintained to the end of the year, it will reach \$2,000,000. The total value of the metals produced in the Province for the twelve months of last year was \$1,655,935, made up of \$290,319 gold, \$51,960 silver, \$514,220 nickel, \$268,680 copper and \$530,789 pig iron. The revenue from sales and leases of mineral lands has been \$147,666 for the nine months of the present year, as compared with \$97,762 for the whole of 1898, \$40,588 for 1-96, and \$26,159 for 1897.

Silver to the amount of 98,000 ounces was taken out this year, valued at \$38,400. Nickel and copper brought \$566,635, as against \$487,660 for the whole of 1896.

Prof. A. P. Coleman reports on his trip to the north channel of the northeast shore of Lake Huron, and the northeast shore of Lake Superior. He says a few properties are likely to develop into valuable copper mines, but that a large majority do not look particularly promising. Mr. A. J. Bow reports on the Lower Selkies gold mines, where the average value of 170 samples of ore was \$10.31 gold quartz. Several properties and their possibilities are described.

PREVENTION OF GUN ACCIDENTS

Some Simple Rules by Which Hunters May Avoid Untimely Death.

Gunning accidents have become so frequent that it might be well to formulate a few rules for the guidance of those who go forth to slay. How would these do?

1. When you hand a loaded gun to your companion always keep the muzzle pointing your way. This may save the fool killer a job.
2. Never go hunting with a man who looks like a deer. Don't look like a deer yourself. A man in Pennsylvania was shot by a particular friend because the tuft of hair on his head resembled a partridge. When you go hunting have your head shaved.
3. Don't use a gun that will carry three or four miles. You may drop an innocent cow in the next county. Be forewarned that granddad's shotgun with the warped barrel. The children in a Wisconsin country school got a holiday on account of one of these long distance guns. Bullet crossed over two townships and hit the schoolmaster in the limb.
4. If you have any doubt that the deer you are going to shoot at may be your hunting companion don't yell, get that you, fete" before you fire. It might alarm the deer—it is a deer.
5. If you really want to insure perfect safety against hunting accidents have your eyes, your nerves and your firearms thoroughly tested before you start out—and then stay at home.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Charley's Girl.

She called into the telegraph office rapped on the counter. The clerk remembered that she had been there about 10 minutes before as he came forward to meet her. He wondered what she wanted this time.

"Oh," she said, "let me have that telegram I wrote just now. I forgot something very important. I wanted to underscore the words 'perfectly lovely' in acknowledging the receipt of that bracelet. Will it cost anything extra?"

"No, ma'am," said the clerk, as he handed her the message.

The young lady drew two heavy lines beneath the words, and said: "It's awfully good of you to let me do that. It will please Charley so much."

"Don't mention it," said the clerk. "If you would like it I will drop a few drops of nice violet extract on the telegram at the same rate."

"Oh, thank you, sir. You don't know how much I would appreciate it. I'm going to send all my telegrams through this office, you are so obliging."

And the smile she gave him would have done anyone good, with the possible exception of Charley—Collier's Weekly.

An Obliging Artist.

Lady (sitting for portrait) — And make my mouth small, will you, ever so small? I know it is quite large, really, but make it quite tiny, will you?"

Art (politely) — Certainly, madam. If you prefer it I will leave it together.

According to the cultural college at there is a great deal of support for the new movement.

"I'm a n' columns an' find, Hinnessy, not required for the defence of Pretoria. This part of the Boer army is expected to fall back into the Zoutpansberg Mountains which the Boers are reported to intend to make their stronghold, and where they expect to carry on the war against England indefinitely."

"We did that."

"We were in a dhrream, an' on'y thing is th' other fer, was in a thrance. We woke up an' an' how'er I'm goin' to apologise to snaffer. He may be th' medals fr' standin' up in rags an' th' guns, but, he hives, he never dhrave his buckboard into a river occupied by th' formerly snaffer Castle."

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MCINTOSH MILLS.

MONDAY, JAN. 1.—Messrs. O'Brien and Leeder are putting in a new feed mill and building a new store.

Mrs. M. Anglin and Master Fred Anglin were visiting friends in Toledo last week.

Abraham the Jew intends starting a store in the Carr block after New Year's.

The Armstrong family met in a happy reunion at their old home on Christmas Day.

Miss Nellie Kincaid has been engaged to teach our school for the coming year.

Mr. Ed Bolger has completed a ditch through the marsh, which appears to give good satisfaction.

Just a Cough

Not worth paying attention to, you say. Perhaps you have had it for weeks. It's annoying because you have a constant desire to cough. It annoys you also because you remember that weak lungs is a family failing. At first it is a slight cough. At last it is a hemorrhage. At first it is easy to cure. At last, extremely difficult.

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Local Notes

Select Oysters, Sugar-cured Ham and Bacon—E. D. Wilson & Son. 2m
Miss Kate Bolin called on friends in Athens this week while en route to Lyn.

Apparently, Athenians are not to enjoy the luxury of a skating rink this winter.

Miss Wickwire of Morrisburg is this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. N. L. Massey.

The village clerk reports the following registrations for the year 1899: Marriages, 14; deaths, 14; births, 9.

Miss Cassie Stinson, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Brockville for a few days, has returned to her home in Athens.

Miss Hattie Wight gave a dancing party on Christmas night at the Lilacs, which was very much enjoyed by her young friends.

The regular meeting of the W.M.S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Boyce on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4th, at 3 o'clock.

On Thursday evening last Miss Maud Brown, Henry street, entertained a number of her young friends very pleasantly.

Mrs. M. A. Everts and son, Allan, returned home on Tuesday evening after spending the holiday season with friends at Smith's Falls.

The first meeting of the council of the municipality of Rear Young and Escott will be held on Monday next, Jan. 8th, at 11 a. m.

Miss Giles' many friends will be pleased to learn that she has so far recovered from her recent accident as to return to Brockville this week.

Mr. Robert Connell, an aged and respected resident of Greenbush, departed this life on Tuesday last, after a long illness from a cancerous affection.

Mr. Collins Mullen has taken over the express and freight business recently purchased from Mr. Alex Taylor by Mr. Stephen Niblock. He is now doing a rushing business.

Batterymen Fowler, late of Kingston, son of Mr. S. Fowler of the Times, says he probably will be the only representative from Athens to accompany the Canadian contingent to South Africa.

A number of young people met at the home of Mrs. Maud Addison, on Monday evening, Jan. 1st, to celebrate the opening of the 20th century. Everyone reported a highly enjoyable time.

Last week the remains of the late Mrs. Philo Hicock were brought from Parry Sound to Delta for interment. She had for many years resided with her daughter, Mrs. David Beatty. She was in the 88th year of her age.

After 19 years absence from this village, Mr. Thomas A. Thorne writes the Reporter from Otsego, Allegan Co., Mich., asking about old friends and inquiring about the value of lands. He would be pleased to correspond with any person having a good farm to rent.

The man, Fred Withyman, with whose operations last summer in the Chantry neighborhood our readers are familiar, was last week convicted of larceny and obtaining a horse under false pretences. He was sentenced by Judge McDonald to five years in Kingston penitentiary.

The Oak Leaf concert, like all other Oak Leaf concerts, was a decided success. T. Hart from Kingston, Seely's Bay and Athens were present, and Soperton was also well represented on the stage. In the hall, all the villages for miles around were represented. Mr. A. W. Johnson acted as chairman, and when he announced the national anthem all heartily joined.

A meeting of the Reform electors of the riding of South Leeds will be held at Delta on Thursday, Jan. 23rd, for election of officers, transaction of general business, and, possibly, the selection of a candidate for the House of Commons. Reform electors in the various municipalities will meet on the evening of the 16th inst. to appoint delegates.

The anniversary services of Rock-spring Methodist church will be held on Sunday next, the seventh inst., when Rev. R. Stillwell will conduct the services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Collections at each service. On Monday evening at 6 o'clock, 8th inst., an oyster supper will be held, in connection with which there will be an entertaining programme. Rev. Dr. Ryckman and Rev. Messrs. Bell and Stillwell are expected to address the meeting. Tickets, 40c; per couple, 75c; and children, 15c.

Mr. Hiram Lagroix of Martintown has been visiting his brother, Mr. Edgar Lagroix, Wellington street.

On Sabbath last the addresses of Rev. G. H. Raley of Kitamaat, B. C., made very interesting the missionary services in the Methodist church. On Monday evening he gave a most interesting and instructive description of the native tribes of the north-west coast and his experience as a missionary among them.

At the Lett Kelly farm, near Washburn's Corners, on Jan. 15th, Mr. Joseph Pallah will offer for sale by auction all his farm stock and implements, including 10 milch cows, 3 horses, implements, vehicles, harness, hay, oats, corn, straw, potatoes etc. Sale at 12 noon. D. Dowsley, auctioneer.

Mr. W. Johnson started his mail-carrying contract between Athens and Brockville, on Monday last, with an extra fine outfit, but on Tuesday the team ran away at the Brockville station and made a total wreck of the conveyance. The day before, in a tussle with the same horse, Mr. Johnson had two ribs fractured; but he has risen superior to these rather serious drawbacks and is this week serving Her Majesty promptly and efficiently.

Death of Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Mrs. G. W. Brown departed this life at her home, Athens on Monday evening, aged 53 years, after being ill about one year. Early last summer her complaint was diagnosed by a Montreal physician and pronounced to be cancer, and since that time little or no hope was entertained of her recovery. During her long illness she had the constant care of her husband and daughter, who is a trained nurse, and they and her only son, Delbert, now in Wisconsin, in their deep grief, have the comforting thought that everything possible was done to alleviate her sufferings. The funeral is taking place to-day, service being conducted in the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Crane.

GREENBUSH.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2.—Mr. Gifford of Plum Hollow, is moving to the Keeler farm.

At the annual school meeting Mr. W. W. Miller was elected trustee for the year 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Olds are spending their holidays with relatives in Schenectady.

An event of unusual interest took place last evening at the residence of W. G. Olds, it being the marriage of his daughter, Florence Eiza, to Mr. F. Billings of Brockville. A very pleasant time was spent by the near relatives of the contracting parties. The esteem in which the bride was held was shown by the large number of useful presents that were given to her on the occasion. The Rev. Mr. Shortt of Addison performed the marriage ceremony. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Billings wish them a pleasant trip through the journey of life.

Farm to Rent.

The Chas. P. Wiltse farm, situated just outside the village limits on the Delta road, consisting of 75 acres. Good location for party wishing to supply milk to village customers. Apply to
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