

The Huron

DEVOTED TO COUNTY NEWS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

GODERICH, ONT., FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 1888.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

How the Valentine Business was Run in Wayback—The Various Kinds of Misives—Discussing the Question on its Merits—Specimen Letters.

Before the next fest of Tan Stival, Valentine's Day for the year of grace Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Eight will have gone to rest with its fathers, and ought will be left of it but the remembrance of the titled misives that spoke of love's young dream, or the hideous caricatures that stared out at us from the shop windows during the preceding week. And while I'm on this subject, who of us, looking back, does not sometimes feel the pangs of regret for the dead past. The years that have gone by had their pleasures as well as their pains, lights as well as shadows, enjoyments as well as setbacks, and hopes to counterbalance fears. In the long ago we took a heap of fun out of trivial things, for our wants were small, and our capacity for enjoyment large. Valentines, langyine, in the township of Wayback, were not of most artistic design, and sometimes the worst caricature made the best hit. We know what fun we had selecting, in the store at the four corners, the highly colored misrepresentation of the educationist of the section, with bleared eyes, red face, bald head, nose-and-chin-almost-touching, with dishevelled fringes of red hair, bushy eyebrows and a mouth like a deserted graveyard, and a new half-a-dozen of us had each bought a copy of the selfsame caricature, what delight we took in squandering our candy money by sending the apparition to our instructor, through the medium of Her Majesty's mail. And, as regularly as the day came around, the time-honored custom was kept up, until the master moved out, and his place was taken by a mistress. There was no malice in the matter, but a sacrifice had to be made at the shrine of St. Valentine, and caricaturists always having made vile representations of schoolmasters, the boys, boys, and sometimes the girls, were willing to spend their coppers to show that there was one day in the year in which the pupil had his or her inning, in so far as literature and "high art" were concerned. And when the mistress came, it didn't matter that she was a rosy-cheeked, sweet-voiced, quiet-looking and pleasant-faced young lady—though firm, vital—when the day of St. Valentine came around, the store counter was ransacked, and a representation of a red-faced, wild eyed yewer, with blue hair, green eyes, and a yelow dress with pink furberlows, with heavy masculine hands firmly grasping a blue-beech gad of extraordinary thickness and length, was selected to do her honor on the occasion. And once in a while one of the bigger boys would let up on the caricature business, get spongy on the pretty teacher, and would squander a month's savings in getting a higher-class valentine, with an imitation of lace bordering an Arcadian scene, where there was a pleasant glade, and a purling brook, and a tall oak, and loving kids in the distance, while a maiden fair and a swain held an afternoon session away from the busy haunts of men and gossiping women—or words to that effect. This emblem of fidelity and idleness he would address to the lady educationist, in a hand which he ineffectually endeavored to disguise; and if the address didn't give him dead away, the writing and spelling of the doggerel inside were sure to, for it generally ran as follows:

The rose is red
The violet blue
Honey is sweet
And so is you
And as I love you
That sent you this
Next time you meet
Will kiss a kiss
And it will be
A good one too.

The little girl-teacher never got off her dignity and made a fuss to show that she had received the misive, but she took the first opportunity, when the spelling class went up, to find which of the big boys sent violet r-i-l-e-t, sweet-s-e-t-s, meet-m-e-a-t, one-w-a-n, and have-h-a-v-e. And even when she found out who her admirer was, she never appeared half so stuck up as some young women I have since seen when they discovered they had a most ardent and self-sacrificing lover. Yes, the valentine was a great stimulant in the olden time, and caused fully as much merriment and mischief as it does today. We old heads

TORONTO LETTER.

The Agriculturist in Provincial Politics.

The New Minister—Mr. Evelyn's Message—The New Society Paper—A Novel Choir in a Baptist Church—The "Telegrams" Vagaries—The Two Death Sentences.

From our own Correspondent. TORONTO, Feb. 8. The Local Legislature, now in session, has not yet got down to the work of big debate. Some of the quidnuncs say that there will be a lively discussion on the Inter-Provincial Conference resolutions, and I fancy there will be, too. The big fight will be upon the question of unrestricted trade with the United States, and the farmers' interests will be championed by both sides. The farmer is the special object of legislative nurture in the Local Legislature just as the manufacturer is in the Dominion House.

By the way, there is much interest and enquiry manifested as to who will get the seventh portfolio, that of Minister of Agriculture. At present writing that appointment has not been made. There is a plethora of available men on the Government side, and the difficulty in selecting the best is great. Three names are freely mentioned as likely to get the position—Messrs. Drury, Dryden and Awey. Any of these men would make a good department head, and each has peculiar claims upon the position and the Administration. At present the chances of the three men named are said to be about equal.

George Eysel, the well-known stenographer, while going to his home recently, was struck on the back and stunned by some unknown person, and after being robbed, was left by his assailant in an unconscious condition with the mercury below zero. When Mr. Eysel was discovered his hands were frozen, and it is probable that one of his fingers, perhaps two, will be amputated. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Eysel, who is very popular amongst his acquaintances, who are many.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Our Play is a Jewel.
To the Editor of the Huron Signal.
SIR,—I have recently been fined by Mayor Seager for contravening the billiard-room by-law, and I think the public should know the circumstances, so that I will not stand in the light of a law-breaker before my fellow-citizens. Last year an arrangement was made by Mayor Seager with Mr. Stubbs, whereby the latter was to pay the billiard license in monthly instalments. Mr. Stubbs, when he left Goderich, asked me to run the business until he came back, and I have continued to act as agent for Mr. Stubbs, fulfilling the conditions that had been made between him and the mayor. About a month or six weeks ago Constable Yale came to me and said that a complaint had been lodged against me for running the billiard-room without a license. I immediately went to the mayor, and he told me to pay the money (on the instalment plan agreed with Mr. Stubbs) into the hands of Mr. Campbell, Constable Yale afterwards told me to pay the money to treasurer Horton, and I deposited \$25 in that gentleman's hands. On January 24th I was cited before his worship for running tables without a license, and on Wednesday of last week I was fined \$50. Now, sir, I have lived in this town for a number of years, and think, even if I was the proprietor of the billiard room, which I do not admit, I should at least receive the treatment that was accorded to Mr. Stubbs; and I take this opportunity of placing myself right in the eyes of those of my fellow townsmen whose good opinion I esteem more than I do that of mayor Seager.

Yours truly,
L. CUREY.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Tenders are asked for the erection of a commodious two-story parsonage in connection with Nile Methodist church.

A series of well attended revival services have been held in the Methodist church under the direction of Rev. Henry Irvine, the resident pastor. Rev. J. Kestle, Bonmiller, assisted last Thursday and Friday evening, and good work was done.

Miss Lindsey, Lucknow, and Miss Anderson, Duzganson, are visiting friends in this vicinity.

The trustees of the church offer \$50 reward for the conviction of the parties who cut the top of Mr. Windmills' buggy last fall.

On Saturday, Feb. 7.—Mr. Abram Farewell, ex-M.P.P. for South Ontario, passed quietly away this morning, at 5 o'clock, at his residence at Aramony.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Latest Political and General News from Ottawa.

The Fisheries Commission—Our Shipping Acts—Militia and Defence—Election Matters—A Hairbrained Project—A Big Strike—Miscellaneous.

From our own Correspondent. OTTAWA, Feb. 8, 1888.

The present attitude of the Executive may be described as awaiting the result of the Fisheries Commission. Many executive acts are pending the return of three important departmental heads, the appointment of a judge for Prescott and Russell and the awarding of the ocean mail contract being cases in point.

A few days ago there was a great cry that a treaty had been drafted which turned out to be false, but it drew from Sir John Macdonald the important statement that an agreement had been reached on several points and others were still under discussion—of course the unsettled matters are the main points. That the Alaska boundary line is being now discussed seems proved by the departure of Prof. G. M. Dawson, who is thoroughly posted on the subject. If this Commission selects the boundary between British Columbia and Alaska a dangerous snag will have been avoided, for, owing to the deposits of gold in that section, requests for patents from either one government or another are sure to be frequent. The Government should appoint the graduates of this college to permanent government positions. This is going a little too far. If we are at great expense to give these young men the benefit of a good college curriculum, combined with a discipline which should fit them for the world, and then keep them at the public expense the balance of their days, it is a sad lookout. Young men of their abilities, education and advantage ought surely to be able to carve out their future. Agents, most of the students are sons of rich men, and if they care for the country that reared them, will say-in-it without such inducements.

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THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

A Word or Two About New Publications That Have Come to Hand.

A HUNDRED FAMOUS AUTHORS.—To the exact, one hundred and two famous authors find place in the fifth volume of the "Cyclopaedia of Universal Literature." The list is headed by Mary Gowden Clarke of England, living, and closes with Corippus of Carthage, A. D. 200-238. Between these appear the names of not less than thirty two American authors (which shows the great importance of the work in this respect) including the names of S. L. Clemens (Mark Twain), Robert Collyer, J. F. Cooper, Henry Clay, Bishop Core, F. S. Ozczen (author of Sparrowgrass Papers), F. M. Crawford, and Geo. Wm. Carter, French literature is represented by Couvyn and Comte, Chinese by Confucius, Italian by Colonna—and thus the whole world is brought under tribute. The plan of the work is certainly original, and excellent judgment has been shown both in the choice of authors and of the subjects. When completed the student and general reader will have a complete Cyclopaedia of all that is valuable in the whole range of literature. The form in which it is issued is as superior as it is unique, the volumes are handy, the type all that can be desired, and the general reader will have a complete Cyclopaedia of all that is valuable in the whole range of literature. The form in which it is issued is as superior as it is unique, the volumes are handy, the type all that can be desired, and the general reader will have a complete Cyclopaedia of all that is valuable in the whole range of literature.

LETTER'S LIVING AGE.

The *Living Age* for January 23rd and February 6th, contains Pleasant Prospects in France, 1787-1887, and Rome and Malera, National; Maxiland; its Laws and Customs, Westminster; The Time it Takes to Think, Nineteenth Century; Mademoiselle Aise, and Right and Wrong; *Poetology*; Notes by a Naturalist, Corhill; Wm. Powell Frith, R. A. Temple Bar; The Story of the Assassination of Alexander II.; Gentleman's Pictures at Sea; *Macmillan's*; Philologists versus Critics, English Illustrated; Secret Chambers; Unvarnished Picture of Peking, The Explosion at Anoy, and The Power and Speed of Flight in Birds, St. James'; The Attractiveness of London, Spectator; Christmas Island, Nature; The Centenary of the Times; with illustrations of "Richard Cable," "Case," and "South Party as a Father," and poetry.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; and for \$18.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with the *Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston are the publishers.

THE LIBRARY MAGAZINE.

We have received the weekly number of the Library Magazine for Feb. 4, which contains six usual quots of interesting matter. The announcement is made that the publisher finds by experience that nearly nine-tenths of the subscribers prefer the monthly to the weekly issue, the majority being so great he concludes that he will better serve all, by issuing hereafter the monthly only. If any present subscribers to the weekly wish their subscriptions refunded on account of this decision, their money will be returned on request, otherwise they will receive next the issue for March.

QUEER THINGS IN BUSINESS.

One of the queer things in business is the propensity of people to seek the irregular medium of advertising. It is unaccountable—the price some pay for sticking their advertisements in irregular places. Especially is this to be noted when the willingness to pay for advertising in the regular channels. Advertisements put in the irregular and unbusiness-like places impress the general mind that the concern is of a similar character. But an advertisement in a general newspaper of first-class standing carries a strong impression that the advertiser has a standing in his own community which he is not afraid to show to his neighbors, and that he does not shrink from competition with the best of them. If any one is going to place a buy, whether he be a trader or dealer for his own use, and has to seek buyers through advertisements, where will he look for them? He looks to the most reputable paper in the place, and he thinks that advertising in those gives assurance of the good standing of the advertiser and his business enterprise, and of the sufficiency of his stock.

Mr. Henderson, Tory, was elected M.P. for Halton on Tuesday last.

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berland Straits. Of course it is difficult to keep up a regular mail service all winter by boat, but an official expression, we had better bring all the people of Prince Edward Island over to St. John and board them at a first-class hotel all winter than to attempt the construction of a subway or tunnel. It would be cheaper. Senator Horland has been here urging the tunnel scheme which he says can be constructed for \$3,000,000, if the Government will guarantee 4 per cent. on this sum for 50 years. This is the Senator's hobby.

IS MONTREAL IN LUCK?

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A GREAT STRIKE.

Little has been published of the fact that 1500 cotton operatives are idle at Corwall and two cotton mills are idle, one of them having 20,000 spindles. The managers say they are not paying any dividend and cut down the pay of the operatives, hence the trouble.

OF PERSONS AND THINGS.

It is said that ex-Lieutenant Governor Mason will be called to the Senate. Petitions for Scott Act repeal remain undecided from Gleanery, Stormont, Dundas and Stanstead. Respal votes will be taken in Kennew and Simcoe. The Government General is quite a proficient skater, and is frequently seen at the rink. He drove a party of friends to Aylmer the other day behind his pair of splendid bays. The papers are now explaining the trouble in the U. S. Senate over the extradition treaty which Etdold you of fully two weeks ago. The P. C. Dept. has 40 applications for a vacancy in the Kingston office. Mr. J. A. Archambault, Q. C., has been raised to the bench for the Montreal Superior Court judges. He is a young but successful lawyer. As a result of his action against the Government Wong Gung Boo, the Chinese journalist, who had come to Canada to lecture he was seized at Clifton, tagged and labelled like a chest of tea and stored in a warehouse. He had to pay the \$50 poll tax before he was released.

Autumn.

The Misses Washington, of Goderich, are visiting friends in this vicinity. A. Jackson, of Hullett, has bought out Geo. Tindall, butcher, for the sum of \$300. Wm. Downs & Son have moved into their new store. M. Lockhart, teacher, of this place, has also taken possession of his new premises. The entertainment held by Maitland Lodge, 304, I.O.G.T., last Friday evening was a decided success. Proceeds, \$16.50. C. Hoare, of Clinton, has been visiting at the old homestead during the week. Ed. Downs, of Clinton, is visiting here at present. He looks well. Following is the list of officers for the ensuing quarter for Maitland Lodge, No. 304, I.O.G.T.: W. C. Brothar, A. T. McDonald, W. Y. Sister, Jamie Habkirik; secretary, Bro. William Habkirik; marshal, Bro. Sam Marshall; fin. sec., Bro. Sam Lautenslayer; treas., Bro. John Murdoch; chaplain, Bro. John C. Clark; inside guard, Sister Lizzie Robertson; outside guard, Bro. John Erling.

Miss Blair, of Goderich township, has been the guest of her cousins, Miss Elizab and Miss Susan Blair, of this place.

Corn Sowing.

Is a process conducted by the agency of tight boots all the year around. Corn sowing is best conducted through the agency of Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, the only safe and sure-pop corn cure. Putnam's Extractor is now widely imitated. Beware of all poisonous and sore producing substitutes.

HELEN LAFONE: OR THE FOES OF A HOUSEHOLD. A TALE OF ENGLISH LIFE.

CHAPTER X—CONTINUED.

Helen appeared to consider. Her conversation with Alice, as well as her own feelings, moved her in favor of a short engagement, so she said, with some hesitation— "I should like it to be soon, too, Percival. Should you think three months a very short engagement?"

"Three!" he cried, "I had thought of one." "That is absurd," with a smile, "I could not have only a month's engagement." "Yes; but you forget we are not beginning now." "Everybody thinks we are. No, let it be three months."

So three months were settled, and Helen heard a sigh of relief as she thought that in three months her life at The Thwaite would be ended. After that they sat and talked of many things; they were not disturbed. Mrs Lafone was in her own room suffering from head-ache, and neither Mr Lafone nor Alice came near them.

Helen found the next week or two rather trying. She had to bear criticisms as well as congratulations. People were surprised, and did not seem to think it necessary to conceal their surprise. There was a general feeling that Percival ought to have chosen Alice. Mr Lafone had been right in saying that people had noticed how much they were together. No one had expected Helen to be married first, at any rate. Altogether the engagement created some little sensation in the neighborhood.

Mrs Lafone was glad. True, when it came to the point it was a little annoying that all the pomp and circumstance inseparable from a first wedding in the family should be for Helen, but her marriage would leave Mrs Lafone and Alice so much freedom and remove such an obstacle from their path that she forgave her stepdaughter the one crumpled leaf on her couch of roses, and, then, as she continually told her friends, it was such a comfort to feel she had done her duty.

Alice stood completely aloof, she seemed to consider that she had neither part nor lot in the engagement. All her passion had blazed itself out on the evening when she and Helen had had their explanation. She was as cold and distant as if she had been a stranger; never spoke to Helen, and scarcely ever addressed Percival. Probably people would have been very much surprised had they been told that she did not speak of the engagement because she dared not, fearing to betray herself by saying too much if she spoke at all. She looked a little paler than usual for a day or two, and then regained her natural color.

the thick bear-skin rug in front of the fire and let her thoughts wander where they would. The person who came persistently into her mind was Dr Hazlett, and she had almost forgotten everything else in recollections of her old friend, when she was surprised to hear a knock at the door, and her astonishment was no less lessened when Alice came in in answer to her permission to enter.

Though it was so late, and Helen knew that Alice had gone upstairs before herself, she was still in her white evening dress, even the bracelets she had worn in the evening flashed on her bare white arms. Helen herself was in her dressing gown, with her feet in small furred bedroom slippers, and her hair hanging in a long loose plait down her back. "What is it, Alice?" she asked as her sister came slowly and noiselessly forward.

"I wanted to speak to you. I did not suppose you would be in bed yet. I have been all this time making up my mind to come, but I thought that after all it would be only fair to give you due warning." Helen frowned. Alice's words seemed to point to some communication the reverse to tranquillizing, but she only said— "I was just going to bed. I can't afford to lose my beauty sleep, and I may as well look my best tomorrow."

She did her best to speak cordially, because she was so vexed with Alice for coming. "Your best will be very good. You are much better looking than you were a year ago. Sometimes when you are with Mr Moore you look quite beautiful. I suppose it is because you are in love. I can imagine that if all goes well and you are happy and prosperous, everyone will see you are beautiful by the time you are five-and-twenty. I do not like you any the better for it, but thank heaven, I never needed to run down another woman's beauty in order to bring my own into notice."

"Sit down if you have come to talk," said Helen, pushing a chair towards her. "We have not the least thing in common, either physically or mentally," she went on, not taking the chair, "and for that very reason I have a better chance of success."

"Success in what?" asked Helen, unwillingly. Alice did not speak for a moment. She hardly seemed to hear Helen's words, then she went on— "I have come to tell you that I have not forgotten all we said that evening. You were right. Mr Moore does love you. I have watched you very carefully, and should be a fool to deny it; and I want to know what right you have to so much love, when I am left out in the cold?"

some of the wedding guests were prolonging their stay a few days beyond the event for which they had come to The Thwaite, and occupation was found in entertaining them. One person at any rate was glad of this occupation. Alice had borne herself all through the trying hours of the wedding day with marvellous composure and self-control. She had been a little paler and her eyes a little brighter than usual, perhaps, but she had filled her post of chief bridesmaid with perfect grace and dignity. She had stood in her white dress beside Helen, and had held her gloves and bouquet without in the least betraying that her feelings on the subject of the wedding were in any way different from those with which it was supposed to inspire everyone else. She had played her part very well. Helen, with the recollection of the previous night still in her mind, had been rather surprised to see how well.

But when it was over, after the bride and bridegroom had gone away, and shortly before dinner, those who were left behind were allowed to go to their rooms and enjoy a little rest, the reaction came, and her breakdown was all the more complete in proportion to the perfect self-control she had displayed all day. She had dismissed her maid. With her own hands she had taken off her white silk gown, and but for the fact that she had to wear it again in the evening, when it must appear free from crease or crumple would have trampled it under foot in her rage and disappointment. Her bouquet—Percival's gift—had been visited with the fate which fell on her dress. She had pulled it in two, torn and rubbed the flowers to pieces and ended by tossing the whole into the fire. She was one of those who when they were angry, must have an object upon which to vent their wrath. Had the flowers not been at hand, she would probably have torn her lace pocket-handkerchief to shreds, and would have been better for it. The expression on her face as she dispatched the offending flowers was not pleasant.

But in time her rage exhausted itself, and was followed by a long and bitter fit of weeping. Tears of disappointment, humiliation, loneliness, weariness and weakness were all united as they chased one another down her cheeks, and for the time being she felt the most miserable and abandoned of women. But this mood also passed. She remembered that it was not yet night, when she could indulge her feelings for an unlimited time. She would soon have to go down stairs to dinner, and play her part. She dried her eyes, spent some time in removing all traces of tears from her cheeks, and rang for her maid. By the time she was ready to go down stairs she was quite herself again, the only sign of her trouble being a slight heaviness of her eyes which was easily explained as the result of a little headache.

Among the guests who stayed on was Sir Cuthbert Maitland—that is, he stayed on with his friend, who lived a little distance from The Thwaite. He spent the whole of the wedding day at the Lafone's, and on the following day called in the morning. Alice smiled as she saw him come into the room where she sat. She knew quite well why he had come. It was not a pleasant smile. In total ignorance of her feelings, he had chosen his time badly. She was not one of those women whose hearts are to be caught in the rebound. She had no idea of revenging herself by marriage; that would be no revenge at all. Percival would care nothing for it and it would be not at all what she desired. No, she was not going to marry Sir Cuthbert; as she had suffered and was suffering, so he might suffer too. It would do him no harm, rather be a useful lesson to him, from which he might draw profit for the future. So when Sir Cuthbert came into the drawing room, where she sat with the entertainment of half a dozen commonplace people upon her hands, she smiled.

"You are thrice welcome," she said, extending her hand with an almost regal graciousness peculiar to herself. No one knew how she managed that gesture, like a queen extending her hand to a subject, and at the same time like a greeting from friend to friend. "Here we are," she said, "prostrate with our adorers to pass the time and amuse one another. I think we must have exhausted all our wit last night, for there is not a spark in the whole party this morning."

"He must be dull indeed who does not find his wit in your presence." "What a pretty speech! I declare it is quite a pleasure to hear you. If you stay with us half an hour, you will have roused us all. Stay with us, and you shall say whatever you will, if only it is something worth listening to, and I know you never waste your breath in idle words." There was a tone of mockery in her voice. The proceedings of the day before were not to be thought of without bitterness, and so long as nothing happened to divert her thoughts she must think of them. Her last words, too, had

a special meaning. She knew what he had come to ask, and she knew what her answer would be; therefore his words were idle. She took a kind of cynical pleasure in the thought. "And if I do what you ask, what shall be my reward?" he asked, jestingly. "You are overbold, I think. What further regard you desire than the thought that you had entertained us for an hour? But today I am in a generous mood; I delight to give. You shall have a reward, and as my rewards are always substantial, you shall stay to lunch."

"What could I ask more than to be allowed to spend more time with you than I had ventured to hope?" In spite of himself he was influenced by her words, "I am in a generous mood, I delight to give." He did not reflect that there are people who say things at one moment for the mere pleasure of taking them back the next, and he did not know that Alice guessed why he had come, and to ease her own pain, was playing with him as a cat plays with a mouse. "Tell us," went on Alice, "how you think the bride looked yesterday?" "I fear I cannot tell you. I scarcely looked at the bride."

"Oh, fie! you did not do your duty. At a wedding, everyone looks at the bride, and the bride alone." He bowed, saying— "I will try to remember next time." "Next time! You say that significantly. When do you suppose next time will be?" "My own wedding, I hope." "Good gracious! you are on the eve of marriage, and you never told us. Pray repair your fault at once, and tell us all about her—her name and everything. Is it anyone I know? I cannot imagine, after a moment spent apparently in deep reflection, 'who it can possibly be.'"

"I cannot tell you the lady's name, because I have not yet obtained her consent." "You amaze me—upon my word, you amaze me. You are the boldest man I ever knew, to make sure of the lady's consent in advance." "I do not presume to make sure, but no man is forbidden to hope." "Oh, no, to be sure—hope is cheap enough. It is to be sure for the asking. Perhaps that is the reason," with another little laugh, "why it is so seldom of any use."

"I hope my hope is of some use." "Otherwise it would not be hope at all. Take my advice," she went on, not looking at him, but bending all her attention upon one of the feathers of her screen, which had become loose, "do not hope. It is a waste of time, and generally turns out disappointment. Make up your mind at once, without hopes and fears, and go straight to the point. If you are successful, well and good; if not, resign yourself, and hope for better luck next time."

"Can you give me no better advice than that?" "No better! Is it not very good? It is what I should do if I were a man." "And your next time? Would it be with the same woman or another?" "How can I tell," shrugging her shoulders. "It would depend so much upon the woman. On the whole I think I would prefer it to be with another." He was going to reply, when some one joined in the conversation, and soon afterwards the gong sounded for luncheon. After luncheon, Sir Cuthbert came to Alice as she stood in one of the drawing room windows, and said, "Do you feel inclined for a walk this fine afternoon, Miss Lafone?" "You have seriously taken upon yourself the task of entertaining us, I see," she said, smiling. "Yes, a walk would be a good thing; it would brace us up and give us an appetite for dinner. That is why people take walks, is it not? I never, for my part, could see any other advantage to be gained from plodding along dull country roads. Who is for a walk?" she went on, turning to the interior of the room.

Several people declared themselves for a walk, and though this was not exactly what Sir Cuthbert had intended when he suggested that way of spending the afternoon, he consoled himself with the thought that, perhaps, after all, he would find it as easy to be alone with Alice in that way as any other. The rest of the party would probably pair off among themselves, leaving them undisturbed. He would trust to fortune. In a little while those who were going were ready, and left the house together.

"Where shall we go?" asked Alice. "Where shall we go the high road?" "Sir Cuthbert, this is your expedition; you must decide." "I don't know where I shall go," he said, hesitatingly. "There was rather a bewildering choice of beautiful walks at Omithery." "Suddenly a thought struck him. "You promise to abide by my decision?" he asked, speaking pointedly to Alice. "Oh, yes," she replied lightly, "since I know it will be wise and good."

"Well then, I choose the shore road." "The shore road," as it was called; was in some ways the least attractive in the neighborhood. It led out of the village in an easterly direction, and for some distance ran parallel with the bay. On that side there was one lack of beauty; the water came leaping up almost to one's feet at high tide, and at low water it was easy to overstep the low stone wall and to continue one's walk along the sands. On the other side the country was flat. The hill seemed to sink down, leaving a wide, open space of some extent, divided into uninteresting potato and turnip fields. In addition to this, the road was a badly kept one, stony and rough; highly unfitted for ladies who were more accustomed to driving than walking.

"The shore road!" echoed those who knew it, in dismay. "What a horrid road to choose; we shall all come home lame." "You are under no necessity to come," he replied, ironically. "So far as I remember it was only Miss Lafone who promised to abide by my choice." "And she has no intention of breaking her promise," said Alice, laughing. She had seen Sir Cuthbert's intention from the first, and had done her best to defeat it. The little fraud which he had practiced upon her to gain his own ends tickled her fancy, and she laughed merrily at it. She felt inclined to reward him for his skill. "Go your ways, good people," she said, laughing and waving her hand to themselves as she moved away. "Bound by no oaths, you can wander where you will. I am forced to follow a tyrant."

They walked away, leaving the others to their own devices, and for a little time they did not speak. They went along the road leading from The Thwaite to the village, and through the village itself, in silence. It was only when they had left the last house some distance behind them, and exchanged the high for the shore road, which stretched before them in all its monotony, that their tongues were loosened.

By this time Alice had begun rather to repent her temerity in thus giving Sir Cuthbert the opportunity he had been seeking. Her readiness to be alone with him might give him erroneous ideas as to the nature of her answer. However, it was done now; the only thing was to be firm, and not allow herself to be moved from her original decision by any prayers and entreaties. She began to talk, therefore, about such things as first came into her head. The tide was out, and she suggested they should exchange the rough road they were treading for the sands, which just here, at any rate, were sufficiently hard and dry for walking with comfort, though a little further on they resumed their old character of treacherous quickness. Sir Cuthbert did not approve of the suggestion. "I should be imperilling your safety," he said, "and how could I satisfy my conscience and your parents for such foolhardiness?" She shrugged her shoulders and laughed, saying, "If there is danger it is all the more romantic; come let us go. You might be able to rescue me from some fearful peril, and then you would be a hero in my eyes forever afterwards. Would not that be worth something?" He smiled and said— "Just now I am poor-spirited enough to prefer conversation to heroic deeds. Do you remember what we were speaking of before lunch?" She knitted her delicately-marked eyebrows in apparent perplexity.

"What is not of this walk? Ah, no, that was after lunch. No, you tax my memory too heavily. I have no idea." "Is your memory so bad?" "Oh, dreadfully. I remember nothing, especially nothing disagreeable." "I hope I am not going to recall anything very disagreeable. Do you remember last summer my asking you to be my wife?" She would have given a great deal could she have answered easily— "No, did you really? How odd! I had forgotten all about it."

But she was rather influenced by the humors of others, and as Sir Cuthbert spoke with perfect seriousness, she answered involuntarily in the same tone. "Certainly, I remember that perfectly well." "Do you also remember why you refused me?" "That too. It was because I did not care for you enough."

"Yes, but you said nothing of preferring any one else. So I concluded, reasonably or not, that your heart was free, and I determined if it was to be done, to win a different answer from you some time. From then till now I have never seen you. I have purposely avoided places where I thought I might meet you. I was resolved, while waiting, to put my love to the test, to make surer than sure of it. It was not to be overthrown; I find I cannot live without you. With you for my wife, I should be the happiest of men; without you, the most miserable. When I came here I had made up my mind what to do, and I ask you again, will you be my wife?"

"Then," she said with the air of one who has made a discovery, "it was of me you were speaking before lunch, when you hoped your own wedding would be the next to which you would go, and said all those other things. I should hardly have expected that from you, Sir Cuthbert."

Her manner showed plainly that she was annoyed. Sir Cuthbert made haste to answer. "You are not angry, Miss Lafone. I implore you not to be angry. I did not, I could not say anything to wound you. I reverence you too much ever to dream of saying one word with which you could find fault, I beg of you not to be annoyed."

"I think I have every reason to be," she said, seizing this pretext for finding fault with him. "You spoke before a whole roomful of people in such a way that they were amused. I suppose you do not imagine I allow myself to be ridiculed in that way." "Miss Lafone, I beg of you to consider what you say. How could you suppose I should speak of you in such a way as you describe. I am convinced that no one but yourself heard what I said, and even had they done so, no one could have found fault with it. I feel it, I know it. It is impossible that I should ever speak of you save with respect, and in such a way as to command respect."

She was silent, and after a short pause he went on. "All this time you have not answered my question. I have hoped for a long time, and—"

"If I remember rightly," she interrupted, "when we were talking before lunch I told you that hope was a very foolish feeling in which to indulge." He bit his lip, and his face went a shade paler. "What am I to conclude from that?" he asked at length. "I should think you might draw your own conclusions."

"You force me to pronounce my own condemnation," he said, with some constraint. "Do you mean that you refuse me again?" "Yes. I will not marry you." The words were hard and spoken in a hard tone. She seemed, indeed, unconscious of the pain she was inflicting. She shed no tears; she made no pretty feminine speeches about the pain it gave her to refuse so true a love; and while she spoke she was twirling her muff in her hands.

Sir Cuthbert said nothing. He had hoped. Hope had stolen in at first almost in spite of himself, but latterly he had taken pleasure in making room for it in his heart. Alice was young, he knew she liked him, and she loved no one else. Surely he could prevail. It was a very hard blow when she answered in that short, decided way.

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It is Absurd! For people to expect a cure for Indigestion, unless they refrain from eating what is unwholesome; but if anything will sharpen the appetite and give tone to the digestive organs, it is Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Thousands all over the land testify to the merits of this medicine. Mrs. Sarah Burroughs, of 243 Eighth Street, South Boston, writes: 'My husband has taken Ayer's Sarsaparilla, for Dyspepsia and torpid liver, and has been greatly benefited.' A Confirmed Dyspeptic. C. Canterbury, of 151 Franklin St., Boston, Mass., writes, 'I have suffered for years from Indigestion; he was at last induced to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and, by its use, was entirely cured. I had tried many other remedies, but all failed. I was resolved, while waiting, to put my love to the test, to make surer than sure of it. It was not to be overthrown; I find I cannot live without you. With you for my wife, I should be the happiest of men; without you, the most miserable. When I came here I had made up my mind what to do, and I ask you again, will you be my wife?'

Vanities in Furniture

Mahogany is the popular wood for this season. Fourteenth century chairs are returning to favor.

A carved footstool has its sides in embossed brass. Cabinets and toilet tables of papier mache are once more in use.

Factor suites of six pieces, no two alike, are in fashion and in favor. Deaks for offices and rooms are made to contain a concealed washstand.

Furniture carvers should be careful not to make their cutting too deep. A hat rack is provided with protruding erect oval of nickel-plated wire for silk hats.

Decorative book cases, elaborately carved and gilded, are to be seen in the most fashionable houses. Table beds are now. They are converted from one to the other readily, and may be used as either.

A dressing table has a double top, the upper divided in the middle and opening to right and left on hinges. Brass or cabinet are quite pretty and quite stylish; pillars have fluted caps and panels of antique design, etc.

Furniture may be painted the most effectively by rubbing down each coat, as is the case in carriage painting. Fauteuils of the toniest quality are made from loust wood and upholstered in pink and blue, with golden fringe.

Jewel caskets of tortoise shell, with four drawers, are most and expensive. They make excellent Christmas presents. Drawing-room tables of antique appearance are made from coarse fresh stalks of light greenish yellow and bound with withes of red.

Household Hints

The high four-posted beds of a century ago are again popular. Decayed vegetables should not be left in the cellar, and collars should be white-washed to be kept sweet and clean.

The best hairbrushes have a natural wood floor, or are covered with oilcloth or something of that kind of material. Half a teaspoonful of common salt dissolved in a little cold water and drunk will instantly relieve heartburn.

No matter whatever fancy soap may be on the washstand, a piece of old brown Windsor or white Castile should find a place on it also. A good substitute for buttermilk is a thin batter made of flour and tepid water, and allowed to remain long enough to sour.

Many very fine frocks will not use baking powder, soda, or cream of tartar in cake making, while others think it impossible to do without it. When laid away for any length of time, linen should be washed, rough dried without bluing, and laid in loose folds without much weight on it.

Bathtubsoles in children's garments are apt to tear out, especially in waists and drawer bands. If you will stitch a strong cord immediately in front of the bathtubsole you will have no more trouble of this kind. For a burn or scald, make a paste of common soda and water, apply at once and cover with a linen cloth.

When skin is broken apply the white of an egg with a feather; this gives instant relief, as it keeps the air from the flesh. The three E's brought Regret, Reproach and Renorse to a great political party in 1884. The three P's, when suggesting Dr. Pierce's Favorite Pills, bring Peace to the mind, Preservation and Perfection of health to the body.

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I have used Haggard's Pastoral Balm in my family for years and have found it ahead of any preparation of the kind in curing colds, etc. I can especially recommend it for children. Alex. Moffat, Millbrook, Ont.

Domestic Characters

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The Lebanon, famous for having supplied the cedars used in building the temple of Solomon, was formerly covered to have been covered with glaciers during the glacial period of the post-tertiary system of geology. But a lake traveller in those regions, named Diment, reports that the moraines of Mount Hermon are no real moraines at all, but remain left after the denudation of beds of rocks. Even the hills of the Kadishah valley, where alone cedar groves are found at present, Diment says, are probably not of glacial origin, as there are no distinct traces of polished rocks with grooves to be found on them. The highest point of the Lebanon chain rises hardly a hundred feet above the present line of perpetual snow.

My little son, three years of age, was terribly afflicted with scrofula. His head was entirely covered with scrofulous sores, and his body showed many signs of the disease. A few bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured him. "Do I stay here, or do I go into the yard to die?"

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THE RAILWAY QUESTION. The Dominion House will meet presently, and it is time our citizens' railway committee was up and doing in the interests of Goderich.

Other places are moving on this line, and it behooves Goderich to bestir itself. Kincardine has a standing offer of \$30,000 for the infringing of a line, Dunlop and Port Albert are in harness and ready for a strong pull.

A LONDON, ENG., barber, while asleep, is reported to have shaved a customer, and now the shop in which he works is besieged with customers who want to be shaved by the oblivious barber.

A GREAT deal has been said and written about the want of a Reform policy at Ottawa, but up to the time of going to press neither Mr. Meredith nor any of his supporters have been able to formulate a plank upon which to construct a Tory policy for Ontario.

LONDON the Bug has recently been pleased to copy the tactics of Toronto. The committee which had in hand the proposed reception of O'Brien in the capital of the British Empire, has been forced to abandon the scheme, owing to the fact that a suitable hall could not be obtained for love or money in which to hold the reception.

ONE day last week the Toronto Empire saw the handwriting on the wall, so far as the Mowat Government was concerned, because Dundas county elected Tory Mr. Whitney over Reform Dr. Chamberlain. The next day reform Mr. Clarke buried Tory Dr. Willoughby under an adverse majority, and the handwriting on the wall business got a set-back.

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A COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE. At the last meeting of the Board of High School Trustees the question of the establishment of a Collegiate Institute came up for discussion, and was looked at from every standpoint by the members present, but no definite action was taken.

There are some of our readers who are imbued with the idea that, because smaller towns in the county, viz., Sesthorpe and Clinton, have seen fit to incur the expense and annual taxation necessary to cause their High Schools to bloom forth as Collegiate Institutes, therefore Goderich, the county town, should at once inaugurate a similar educational scheme.

The advantages consist of: 1. The prestige, which is without a fixed commercial value, and, as an asset on the credit side, cannot be definitely ascertained. 2. A fourth specialist in connection with the staff, and five teachers in all, which would allow of a closer attention to the various departments. 3. There is a chance of getting a special grant of \$300, but the amount is uncertain, and the regulations may at any time be changed.

The disadvantages are: The increased outlay consequent on the establishment of a gymnasium, and the cost of additional apparatus, books of reference, and improvements, which would cost at least \$1,000. 2. The salary of a fourth specialist, which could not be placed at less than \$700, and which would be an additional annual tax upon the ratepayers.

GENERAL MIDDLETON, in his latest report, recommends that the Canadian militia spend a longer period in camp each year; that an increase be made in the permanent force; and that new and improved rifles be provided for the militia. He also urges the importance of paying attention to rifle practice.

OUR cherished ideas are getting knocked out all along the line. From our infatuation we were led to believe that a "bee-line" was an undervaluing as a "straightedge," and now the New Orleans Picayune demolishes the delusion we had huddled to our bosom by saying: "Everybody knows what a bee line is. It runs in a circle 'round clover patches, and finally makes its way to a hollow tree, where the honey is deposited."

A NEW prohibitory league has been started. It seems the Milwaukee brewers employ non-union workmen, and compel them to work seven days each week, without the enjoyment of Sunday. The Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor have joined in a boycott against the brewers, and have issued a manifesto that none of their members shall patronize Milwaukee beer.

MAYOR CLARKE, of Toronto, bids fair to follow in the footsteps of ex-Mayor Howland. At the recent Y. M. C. A. convention in that city he was present during a portion of the proceedings, and made an address of welcome to the visiting brethren that had power and snap in it. The good people of Toronto who thought the city had put back the hands of the municipal clock at the last election will discover one of these days that they have been entertaining an angel unaware, in the shape of their present civic ruler.

WEDNESDAY night and Thursday morning were the coldest of the season. The mercury dropped to 12° below zero Thursday morning. Heaven help the people of Clinton and other hyperborean points, where the mercury is liable to crawl down out of the bottom of the thermometer.

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springtime and lay it to rest in the family plot with those who have gone before. His death makes the twelfth in a family of fourteen children.

CONCERT AND LECTURE.—Tuesday evening a lecture and concert was held in the Grand Opera House, under the auspices of St. Peter's (R. C.) church, which was well attended.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.—The regular monthly meeting of the School Board was held on Monday evening, Mr. S. Malcomson in the chair. The following trustees were present: Messrs H. W. Ball, C. Crab, M. Nicholson, R. Price and Geo. Swanson.

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The Poet's Corner.

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The first—how well I remember—
The Halmar was he light;
Young Henry Noreland war—whoop
No more in death of night.

Fashion's Fancies.

The muffs brought out this winter are certainly very much smaller than those introduced last year.

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The Greatest Luxury Obtainable for Impaired or Diseased Vision is a Pair of

The Celebrated Axis Cut Pebbles!

Love, the most "fruits of the Spirit an early blossom in Little Philip fell and injured his face a long time he could not open his lips no complaint of his mother, he smile: "T'm pretty glad sister!"

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Fun and Fave

A newspaper writer as yet never wears high boots, nor an exaggerated largest bustle in town. "I get out in the street," he is quiet.

"No lady can tell enough from restlessness to get her hand over it," is the opinion of a Jersey City man who has been a witness of it.

A chief of division in New York, falling from Indian go, posted the following pious piece in his office: "I don't want none of you to walk about the corduroy house."

Omaha Wife—What are you doing? Husband—This string around my neck, why, I did not ask you to be a husband—No, this string that I have nothing today.

National Pills purify the Stomach, Liver and Blood, and are the best of all medicines for the cure of all ailments arising from a disordered system.

To Make Success
A scientific paper on the use of household may be valuable by dipping them into a solution of soda, one ounce of water. The will not be affected by the process, starched dresses in them in the solution good dry starch add of soda, and use in the

Mr. Good, druggist agent, but has the honor of John's "Don't forget the name Bitters 50c, and at every drug store, Albion agent.

Among the most corations—and much to the room—are the leopard and wolf mounted alone. Sometimes a straggling by having the feet on wood, from the wood leaping into the wall. A kitten stands on a first holding between an iron ring for umbrellas or staves even nearer the floor, not a umbrella or the hat simply ready for your possible in which he profits.

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Fun and Fancy.

A newspaper writes "The quiet never wears high colors on the feet, nor an exaggerated being, nor the biggest bustle in town." Correct. The quiet girl is dead. That is the reason she is quiet.

"No lady can tell one of my pink squares from real ashkin without rubbing her hand over it," is the advertisement of a Jersey City merchant, and yet the ladies of that city talk to each other from a distance of six feet.

A chief of division in the pension office, falling from a ladder, several days ago, posted the following notice in a conspicuous place in his office: "Hereafter I don't want none of my hands to walk about the corridors during office hours."

Omaha Wife—What under the sun are you doing this season—trying to tie this string around my finger. Wife—Why, I did not ask you to do any errand. Husband—No. This string is to remind me that I have nothing to remember today.

National Pills purify the blood, regulate Stomach, Liver and Bowels. 1m. A young lady in Philadelphia received a special delivery letter. The messenger handed her the book to sign for it. She took the book, and instead of writing her signature she wrote: "Dear John: I had to hear from you. Come up Sunday night." She answered the letter!

Destroy the Worms or they may destroy the children. Use Freeman's Worm Powders, they expel all kinds of worms. 1m. Young Mrs. Popinjay, at market for a first time—Are you sure this chicken is an old hen! It feels very tough.

Mr. S. can assure you, ma'am, that I feel very young. (Opening the door of his shop.) It hasn't a single hair. Mrs. Popinjay takes the hen.

The best regulator for the stomach and bowels, the best cure for biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, and all affections arising from a disordered liver, are without exception Johnson's Tonic Liver Pills. Small in size, sugar coated, mild, yet effective. 25 cts. per bottle sole by Good's, druggist, Albion block, Goderich, sole agent.

To Make Dresses Fit Properly. A scientific paper says: "At the cost of fifty cents, the dresses of the whole household may be rendered inconspicuous by dipping them in a solution of tannate of soda, one pound in two gallons of water. The most delicate color will not be affected by it, and the ironing will not interfere with the effectiveness of the process. In the case of starched dresses, instead of dipping them in the solution, to three parts of good dry starch add one part of tannate of soda, and use in the ordinary way."

Use a Book Agent. Mr. Good's, druggist, is not a book agent, but has the agency in Goderich for Johnson's Tonic Bitters, which he can heartily recommend for any complaint to which a tonic medicine is applicable. This valuable medicine has been with most astonishing good results in cases of general debility, weakness, irregularities peculiar to females, extreme paleness, impoerimentment of the blood, stomach and liver troubles, loss of appetite, and for that general worn out feeling that nearly every one is troubled with at some part of the year. Don't forget the name Johnson's Tonic Bitters 50c. and \$1 per bottle at Good's drug store, Albion block, Goderich, sole agent.

True Love. Love, the most precious among the "fruits of the Spirit," is the product of an early blossom in some souls. Little Philip fell down stairs one day, and injured his face so seriously that for a long time he could not speak. When he did open his lips, however, it was not to complain of pain. Looking up at his mother, he whispered, trying to smile: "I'm pretty glad 'twasn't my little sister!"

A Profitable Life. Few men have accomplished the same amount of work and good in this world as the celebrated Dr. Chase. Over 500,000 of his works have been sold in Canada alone. We want every person troubled with Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Headache, Kidney or Urinary Troubles, to buy a bottle of Dr. Chase's Liver Cure, it will cure you. Medicine and Receipt Book \$1. Sold by all druggists.

Wall decorations. Among the most fashionable wall decorations—and they really contribute much to the tasteful furnishing of a room—are the heads of the deer, bear, leopard and wolf. The deer antlers are mounted alone and are very artistic. Sometimes a striking effect is produced by having the front half of a deer mounted on wood, the fore-legs projecting from the wood as if the animal were leaping into the room through a hole in the wall. A knowing looking fox—between a silver and a red—is stuffed, and stands on a firm foundation of wood, holding between his outstretched paws an iron ring for the reception of your umbrella or stick. A stuffed raccoon gets even nearer to polite society than the fox, not asking for the dripping umbrella or the stick that may be heavy, but simply requesting in the polite way only possible to a coon, that you drop your card in the beautiful pearl shell which he professes to own.

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That is to say, your lungs. Also all your breathing machinery. Very wonderful machinery it is. Not only so, but it is the largest and most delicate of any of our larger air passages, but the thousands of little tubes and cavities leading from them.

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Call it cold, cough, croup, pneumonia, catarrh, consumption, or any of the family throat and chest ailments, and lung obstructions, all are bad. All ought to be got rid of. There is just one sure way to get rid of them. That is take Rosche's German Syrup, which any druggist will sell you at 75 cents a bottle. Even if everything else has failed you, you may depend upon this for certain.

"Sa., Frank, this is leap year, will you be my wife?" exclaimed a pretty, bright-eyed maiden to a young man on the East Side the other evening. "Of course I will. Certainly; marry both of you," was the response. Then the moderns were happy. They won't get the kid gloves, which would have been the penalty of a refusal. Frank was on.—Buffalo Courier.

Home Rule. In Great Britain the question of Home Rule is commanding attention. To the man with a cold in the head or chest the safest way to ensure Home Rule over cold is to have on hand a bottle of Dr. Harvey's Red Pine Gum. For sale at J. Wilson's Prescription drug store. If

To Cut Glass. A simple method of breaking glass to any required form is to make a small notch by means of a file on one edge of a piece of glass, then make the end of a rod of iron of about the size of the stem of a tobacco-pipe red-hot in the fire, apply the hot iron to the notch, and draw it slowly along the surface of the glass in any direction you please; a crack will follow the direction of the iron.

Dr. Low's Worm Syrup will remove worms and cause, quicker than any other medicine. 1m.

Pierce's Little Pearls for the Liver and Kidneys. BEWARE OF IMITATION. ALWAYS ASK FOR DR. PIERCE'S PEARLS, OR LITTLE SUGAR-COATED PEARLS.

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Unusual Agency from Catarrh. Prof. W. J. Sawyer, the famous mesmerist, of Haverhill, Mass., writes: "I was a great sufferer from chronic nasal catarrh for three years. At times I could barely breathe, and was constantly sneezing and spitting, and for the last six months could not breathe through the nostrils. I thought nothing could be done for me. Luckily, I was advised to try Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, and I am now a well man. I believe it to be the only remedy for catarrh now manufactured, and one that is truly a boon to all who are afflicted with this complaint."

Three Bottles Cured Catarrh. ELI ROBERTS, Rungon P. O., Columbia Co., Pa., says: "My daughter had catarrh when she was five years old, very badly. I saw Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy advertised, and procured a bottle for her, and now she is a well child. I had tried a third bottle, and she was cured. She is now nine years old and is a well child."

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"They have a larger sale in my district," says a well known druggist, "than any other pill on the market, and give the best satisfaction for sick headache, biliousness, indigestion, etc., and when combined with Johnson's Tonic Bitters, Johnson's Tonic Liver Pills will perform what no other medicine has done before for suffering humanity." Pills 25 cents per bottle. Bitters 50 cents and \$1 per bottle. Sold by Good's, Druggist, Albion block, Goderich, sole agent.

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THE REASON WHY.

A Letter to the Farmers of West Huron

President Kennihan, of the West Huron Farmers' Institute gives reasons why the Agricultural Society of the Constituency should join the Institute.

GENTLEMEN,—As many of you are aware, a Farmers' Institute for this riding was organized at Goderich on the 21st and 25th of last month.

Having been appointed president, I deem it a part of my duty to seek to awaken an interest in this association, and to do so in a better way than to address you in this manner to ask you for your sympathy and support.

These different societies as farmers, have no new amongst us as farmers, three different societies or associations, the Agricultural Society, the Grange, and the Farmers' Institute.

As his riding is so large it would not be fair to hold the meetings always in the same place, but they will be distributed over the riding so as to bring them in the reach of all.

In conclusion, I would seek to impress upon you as strongly as possible that it is your duty to be present.

I say, then, the object of the Grange was good, but it has, at least partially, failed in accomplishing it for two reasons, and the first of these reasons is, because it is a secret society.

The second reason I conceive to be that the Grange lost sight to a great extent of its primitive motive for existence and became a trading society.

Having said so much by way of comparison with existing societies, I shall now say a few words as to the Institute itself. Its constitution is very simple and inexpensive.

The Government grant to Farmers' Institute of \$25 per annum is payable subject to the following conditions and regulations.

1st. That one institute may be organized in each electoral district of the province, exclusive of...

But the institutes can hold meetings even though none of the professors are present, or they can invite other gentlemen who are known to possess the requisite information or abilities in place of the professors.

COUNTY CURRENCY.

Pencilings and Scissorings from Exchanges.

News from all over Huron County, called Clipped and Condensed—Fifth and Sixth. The Pick at the crisis from our Exchanges.

Ed Melsom, Brussels, had his face badly cut by a piece of metal flying from a lathe at which he was working.

The dog poisoner Gouriches in Brussels village. A large St Bernard belonging to J. Hargreaves, was the latest victim of his art.

Mr. Donald Lamont was unloading cedar logs at the saw mill, Ethel, he had the misfortune to get his arm between two logs, breaking it.

A little daughter of Mr. Wessman, blacksmith, Blaivale, fell down stairs about two weeks ago, and was so badly hurt that she died last Saturday morning.

Mr. Sherritt, known in this neighborhood as "the blind preacher," died very suddenly from paralysis in Michigan, a few days since, where he had gone on a visit.

The monthly horse fair at Brussels, on Thursday of this week was an immense success. There were 12 buyers in attendance and a large number of horses changed hands at good prices.

Mr. Samuel Scarlett, jr., after an absence of eight years, returned to the parental roof, Winthrop, last week from Calgary, Northwest Territory, where he has been located for a couple of years.

Mr. Jos McCluskey, of the 3rd con. Goderich township, has a piece of ribbon that is three inches wide and two nearly 250 yards.

Wednesday night, last week, some persons entered the blacksmith shop of S Plum, near the bridge, Brussels, and stole a full set of dies, taps and stocks, valued at \$15 or \$18.

Mr. Willis, some years ago a clerk in the post office, Seaford, who for the past eight years has resided in Manitoba, is in that town just now visiting friends.

There will be sold by public auction, on Saturday, 18th day of February, at 1:30 o'clock, p.m., the goods of Thomas...

JOHN KNOX, GENERAL AUCTIONEER. Having had considerable experience in the auctioning trade, he is in a position to discharge with thorough satisfaction all commissions entrusted to him.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

FOR SALE—A GOOD 6-YEAR OLD HORSE.

BOY WANTED—TO LEARN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC BUSINESS.

TAKE NOTICE THAT WHEREAS my wife Annie Hasty has left my bed and board.

TENDERS WANTED. For the erection of a solid brick two-story school-house in the township of Seaford.

IMMIGRATION TO MANITOBA. There are numerous and most desirable HOMESTEADS within the tract of the Montreal and Western Land Company.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. We, James Yates and John T. Acheson, formerly the members of the firm carrying on business as hardware merchants at the town of Goderich.

LOGS & HEADING WANTED. I am prepared to purchase any quantity of cut logs, hardwood, ash and pine, at my saw mill, near the O.T.R. station.

ANNUL MEETING OF THE HURON AND BRUCE LOAN AND INVESTMENT CO.

NOTICE. This is to certify that I have signed and affixed my hand and seal to the deed in relation to the land described in the accompanying schedule.

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MISS E. FRASER. I will give my piano to a limited number of pupils, terms reasonable, and made known on application.

ENVELOPES. JOHNSON'S ENVELOPES. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your order of 1000 envelopes.

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THE BEST STOCK OF CLOTHING.

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