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Christmas Flowers.
(A Star Legend.)
Now from the planet Venus,
Called the star of cheer—
An immortal gazed on Christmas Eve,
Upon the earthland drear.

She sighed to see the barren trees,
King Winter robbed of clothes,
And the bushes so unsightly,
That lately held the rose.

And fitting to the Ruler
Of the star-inspiring mirth;
She begged to deck with Christmas
flowers
The desolated earth.

King said, "Christmas morn-
ing
My journey to and fro
And scatter cheer confetti,
Christmas flowers of snow."

And all the bush and trees forlorn
King winter killed with blight,
She loaded down with blossoms
From the brightest star of night.
—Anna Graves Henry.

A Little Song of Santa Claus.

This is told of Santa Claus:
When he was just a boy
His home was Happy Hollyland
The mountain top of Joy;
And frosty, snowy, sparkly
Was the furried little peak
Where Santa Claus when he was
young
First learned to walk and speak.

His mother, Lady Mistletoe,
The fairies loved her well;
His father was the chieftain
Of the Tribe of Jinglebell;
They were the kindest people,
And once a year, they say,
They gave a winter party
For the fairies out their way.

They chose a tiny spruce tree,
And trimmed it all themselves
With fluff and glint and star dust
Lent by the forest elves.
They hung bright presents on it,
Wee bits of gems and gold
And tiny scraps of rabbit fur
For fairies who were cold.

Then little fellow Santa Claus
Would climb upon a stump
And call, "The party's ready,"
And flop down with a jump;
And all the wood would flutter
With a little eager tune—
The fairies coming running
By the light of wintry moon.

But after it was over
And all the sprites had flown,
And as he went to bed at night
All cosy and alone,
Little Santa Claus would whisper,
Looking down to valleys blue,
"O children, wait till I grow up,
I'll do great things for you!"
—Miriam Clark Potter, in Youth's
Companion.

To the Young Folk

Christmas is not a real Christmas
unless we make some one happy on
that day of days.
Is there a lonely old man or woman
in your community? Fix up a basket
of goodies (mother will help you) and
take it to him or her, bright and early
on Christmas morning. There must
be some one in your neighborhood
whom you can make happy by a little
gift, given with a lot of love. Do not
forget the birds and Shep, Dobbin and
Bossy. Have a Christmas feed for
the birds; see that Shep has an extra
bone, Dobbin a big hot mash and some
rosy apples, and Bossy some appetiz-
ing roots.
See that everyone at home is remem-
bered by a gift. Decorate the house
with Christmas greens and remember
that it is always "more blessed to give
than to receive."

The Birds' Christmas Tree.

This may be an evergreen or any
kind of a tree that has evergreen
branches tied on it. Warm suet and
stick it full of seeds and nuts. Hang
this suet from the branches. String
peanuts and festoon them around the
tree. Have little boxes on the tree,
and in these boxes place nut meats,
seeds, meat, celery, cabbage, lettuce
and apples. Tie pieces of bread and
crackers to the trunk of the tree.
Wherever you have this tree see that
the cats can not get to it. Many a
bird's Christmas tree has been un-
occupied because of strolling cats.
Cats and birds never mix—in an
agreeable way. There is no better
way to get acquainted with the winter
birds than by feeding them.



How Molly Cottontail Saw Santa Claus

BY THE NYCES.

It was the funniest thing! Though
little Molly Cottontail didn't think so;
indeed, she was pretty nigh scared out
of a year's growth. But there, we'd
better commence at the very begin-
ning.

It was the night before Christmas
and of course you know what that
means; mysterious whispers and
hiding of knobby bundles—and every-
thing. And Molly Cottontail and all
her folks, and Aupty and Uncle Hop-
over and all the little Hopovers—

fine supper and plenty of it when the
entertainment was over.

That touched Flattail's heart, for
next to taking his ease he loved no-
thing better than a good meal; so he
lost no time in getting the Hopovers;
and the Cottontails to the schoolhouse.
It was such a cunning little place, all
alight, and just buzzing with the
voices of bunny folks. And there was
a tree, festooned with strings of red
and white pop-corn and hung with
gingerbread men and candy canes.

grown-ups; then Daddy Tarfoot was
called on to dance a hoe-down; next
came games. Let's see—they played
"Blind Man's Buff" and "Puss in the
Corner," almost running down the
ladies who were placing the deli-
cious supper on the table. But no
one minded; the grown folks said they
couldn't scold the children on Christ-
mas Eve.

Flattail Beaver said he really en-
joyed the supper more than anything
else. And after everything had been
cleared away Eben Cornstassel disap-
peared—and Santa Claus appeared on
the platform, and distributed presents,
and stockings made of white tarleton,
filled with candy. Flattail Beaver re-

"I didn't know it was that late—if we
want to get home ahead of Santa
we'd better hurry."

Then the Hopover bunnies and the
Cottontail bunnies were bundled into
the sleigh; Flattail called, "Are you
ready?" and away he pelted.

Molly was in the back part and she
soon fell asleep and dreamed she was
playing blind man's buff. All at once
the sleigh lurched round a fence cor-
ner, and Molly gave a leap right into
a huge jimson weed, and there she
hung, by her warm wozy coat, to a
great prickly bur.

Poor little Molly! She wriggled and
she twisted and she squeaked. But no
one heard her and she couldn't lose

The Christ Child.

The snow was falling fast,
And the lights were dim and low,
When a small child wandered up and
down
And had nowhere to go.

He saw a house illumined
And children merry and gay,
But when He knocked and waited
He was told to go away.

To-night was Christmas Eve,
And most every one was gay.
People were hurrying to and fro
With gifts for Christmas Day.

So He wandered on,
A small and lonely child.
Then He looked in a window and saw
A mother and children, sweet and
mild.

He knocked at the door and waited
Until He heard the mother say:
"Children, some one is knocking;
Go see who it is, I pray."

The children came to the door
To let the poor child in.
He was very cold and chilly,
For his clothing was torn and thin.

This mother was reading her Bible
To her children bright and fair,
When she went to look for the boy,
Behold, He was not there.

The mother said: "My dears,
That boy so sweet and mild
Is not a little wanderer,
But the little Christ Child."

So if you are good and kind,
Live a good and noble life,
You will receive a grand reward
From our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
So when you pass from this world
ours,

If you have been good and true,
You will find in the Golden City
The gate standing open for you.
—Annie Wilson Podger.

"That sounds like some one in trou-
ble!" exclaimed Santa Claus; and he
pulled up close to the fence.

"If it isn't Molly Cottontail and
fastened to a big bur—why your poor
little thing; little more'n you'd be
frozen to death."

Molly was so thankful—and she
wasn't one bit afraid of Santa. No,
indeed; she told him exactly how it
happened. And Santa said: "Never
mind—I'll have you home in a jiffy;
but first I must stop at Sammy Slow's
house—it's right on my way."

"Oh!" exclaimed Molly, "we know
Slow and we love him dearly."

"Do you?" exclaimed Santa with a
twinkle. "Then you know a dear lit-
tle boy"—and the words were scarce
out of his mouth when they were on
the roof of Sammy's house and in a
moment down, down the chimney they
slid—Molly in the pocket of Santa's
big warm coat.

Of course Sammy Slow was in bed
—but Tabitha Tabbycat was not and
she was well acquainted with Molly
Cottontail, and brought her a cup of
nice warm milk, to take off the chill.

When they reached the home of the
Cottontails, they found everything
in confusion. Granny Wobblenose was
sure Molly had fallen asleep in the
schoolhouse and been left behind. Ma
Cottontail was almost indignant at
dear Granny, and she said: "Indeed
Molly was not left at the school-house
—I counted all my bunnies before I
left the building."

Anyway Granny tucked all the bun-
nies into their little beds, and Pa and
Ma had donned their warm wraps at
rubber boots, and were just about to
start in search of Molly when Santa
Claus pulled up at the door. They
could hardly believe their eyes when
he took her out of his pocket and set
her down beside them.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Ma. "Here's
Santa, and Molly not in bed." And
she rushed her inside and Pa ran to
the woodpile for a few sticks to warm
things up a bit. And when they re-
turned to thank Santa, they found him
gone—quite out of sight; but he had
tucked candies and all the presents
ning little present.

Then they heard
in the distance:
all, and to all



The Man of the Hour

dressed in their best—were going to
the Christmas entertainment, to be
held in the tiny red schoolhouse at
the extreme end of Bunny Hollow.

It was the snappiest kind of a cold
night and the snow was just right for
sleighb. So Uncle Hopover bundled
them into his sleigh—and a good big
one it was. The old-fashioned kind—
with bells that tinkled beautifully. It
held all the Hopover folks and all the
Cottontail folks; also dear old Granny
Wobblenose.

Uncle Hopover hired Flattail Beaver
to pull the sleigh, but he had an
awful time doing it, for Flattail was
very lazy. And he would make no
promise until Aunty Hopover and Ma
Cottontail told him he should have a

After they had all greeted one an-
other with "Merry Christmas," and
"Same to you," and said how beauti-
ful everything looked and what a
smart man teacher was to plan it all,
they sat on the tiny benches until the
schoolmaster (his name was Eben
Cornstassel) stepped to the platform
and announced that Molly Cottontail
and Johnny Hopover would give a
dialogue.

Johnny was very shy and scarce
talked above a whisper, while Molly
thought more of her new dress than
she did of her dialogue. The dress
was bright red and Granny Wobble-
nose had made it her very own self.

One after another the bunnies re-
cited their pieces to the pride of the
ceived two stockings—one for his wife
and one for himself. "I'm mighty glad
I came," he said.
"Well," exclaimed Ma Cottontail,
"I'll be glad to help. Not that I
didn't enjoy it; the entertainment was
lovely and a great credit to the teach-
er; but I've lots of things to do before
Santa comes to our house. Luckily
the bunnies hung their stockings be-
fore we left home," she laughed.
So she hunted up Uncle Hopover
and Pa Cottontail to tell them it was
time to make tracks for home. They
were sitting close to the fire talking
to Daddy Tarfoot and Daddy Long-
ears, about who raised the biggest
crops.
"Goodness me!" Uncle Hopover said,
help me!"

herself. And Ma and Pa and Aunty
Hopover and the sleigh—all disap-
peared and left her quite alone.

She wasn't left alone many minutes
though, for to her great joy another
sleigh came flying swiftly along, much
more swiftly than Flattail pulled them
all to the schoolhouse. It was drawn
by eight reindeer and driven by
whom do you think? Why, no other
than Santa himself. And he lurched
round the very same fence corner!

Dancer and Prancer were in the
lead and in their haste they pretty
nearly stumbled. So Santa had them
rest for a moment. "Squeak, squeak,
SQUEAK!" came from the jimson
weed. Meaning: "Oh, Santa, please
help me!"

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**Things Are Pretty Quiet
Has Nothing to Lament Over**
He was an assistant chemist in a
big laboratory—clever, and ambitious.
His mother needed his
help, there was a younger sister to
be put through school and there were
ambitions of his own linked with a
winsome girl he learned to love
while at college.
To long hours without proper rest,
indifference to his own health, and
the dust, the fumes, and the flying
particles of chemical matter, which
settled in his lungs, gradually broke
down his health. An attack of the
flu didn't help. He got an ear-ache,
and out and so weak a his work that
some serious trouble was suspected.
Well, it turned out to be T.B.,
and now he is taking the cure at the
Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives.
The doctors say he will get better,
but he cannot go back to his former
occupation. He smiles pluckily and
says he has nothing to lament over.
New plans will have to be made, but
the hospital is giving him back his
health, and that is the big thing.
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pital in its work may be sent to Hon.
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HIS NEIGHBOR
My neighbor, Richard Rinkum
Ray, has long lived next to me, and
finer people seldom grow than
Richard used to be. He was a mod-
est, quiet gent, in those dear by-
gone days; about his useful chores
he went, and made no grand stand
plays. And when he talked it was
of things that made a strong appeal;
he spoke of books and wedding rings
and art and linsed meal. I liked
to gossip with him then, and when
he went away I begged that he would
come again and talk for half a day.
He put some money in a ditch in Ok-
lahoma soil, and now he's with the
newly rich—his ditch produces oil.
And now that he has many bones
this Richard is a bore; he brags of
everything he owns, and makes his
neighbors sore. He walks the street
with kingly stride as though he
owned the earth; he's swollen with
unwholesome pride which stirs the
boys with mirth. He thinks men
envy and admire as up the street he
wends, but his loud actions only tire
the chaps who were his friend.
They think him, when he looms in
view, a dismal also-ran; "Gee whizz"
they sigh "what wealth can do to
spoil a decent man!"—Walt Mason.


SUING COUNTY FOR DAMAGES
J. O. Thompson, of Owen Sound,
operating a bus line between Owen
Sound and Wiarton has issued a
writ against the County of Bruce for
\$600 damages. The claim is that an
accident had occurred on the County
highway between Clavering and
Warton at the detour, where a small
bridge or culvert was being built,
and through impassable and danger-
ous conditions of the detour, the bus
had upset and been badly damaged,
and for the costs of repairs and loss
of use of the said bus, he claims \$600.
The suit is against the County, but
in fact really against the contractor,
A. A. McLaren, who built the bridge.
The municipal authorities protect
themselves against any damages
when awarding contracts for work
on the roads by placing responsibil-
ity on the contractor. The case
comes up before the County Judge
at Walkerton this week. C. S. Cam-
eron, of Owen Sound is acting for
Thompson, the plaintiff.

MOLTKE.
(Intended for last week)
Messrs. Adolph Weigel, Otto
Baetz, Peter Baetz, Wm. Baetz,
Reuben Kuhl and Fred Baetz attend-
ed the Fat Stock Show at Guelph
on Tuesday last.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baetz and
family Sundayed in Hanover.
Mrs. Sam Kreller and Nelda spent
several days with her parents.
Miss Irene Schaus returned to
her home in Hanover.
A number of folks around here
wondered who the wedding bells
were ringing for last week. It was
an error on the part of the Cor., as
he heard cowbells ringing and was
not aware of the fact.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steinhagen of
Carrick spent Sunday at Jno. Goe-
sel's.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weigel of
Neustadt Sundayed at Reeve Holm's.
Mr. John Russwurm is assisting
his son-in-law, Wm. Leudke, with
preparations for his barn.

**FALL LINGERS IN LAP
OF WINTER**
We notice in the dailies that in
places in Ontario roses and spiraea
are showing springlike appearances.
In our garden pansies and marigolds
are in bloom this week and the hox-
suckle and clematis peniculate are
showing foliage almost as green as
summer. This has been a remark-
ably mild fall and if the first two
weeks of December are any indica-
tion of winter, this will be another
green Christmas. Last winter the
first snowfall to amount to anything
came on the second day of January.
Most farmers completed their fall
ploughing in November but those
who got a late start are finding that
December ploughing is just as good
if not better than in early October
when the fields were too dry from
rain—Chasley Enterprise.

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**Santa and his wife are coming on Dec. 24th at 2 o'clock. Don't forget
the time and place.**

**Boy and Girls there is still time to write your letter for the contest.
We are receiving letters from all over, but you have a chance as well as
the rest.**

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others. Or get some of the inter-
esting Toronto Literature.

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HE'S ALL RIGHT
The small-town business man is a
long-suffering chap. He has to com-
pete with multimillionaire corpora-
tions. He is compelled to buy small-
er quantities, and consequently has
to pay more for his goods than the
big buyers do. He gives credit unto
his neighbors because he sympathizes
with them when they are hard-up.
His leg is pulled every day of his
life—every picnic, celebration, char-
ity organization, church society, or-
phans' home, old-folks' picnic, base-
ball club, half-holiday promotion or
sports day committee, looks upon
him as legitimate meat, and he
"digs down" for his dollar or two,
without murmur. Blessings on the
small-town business man.—Ex.

INTERESTING CASES
Five actions are on the docket for
the December Sessions which open-
ed on Tuesday afternoon before
Judge Klein. Perhaps a more inter-
esting array of cases has not been
heard here in many years. As a re-

sult the Court room is far from equal
to holding the crowd of witness-
es and spectators who crowd the
building and a solid block of cars
are parked the length of the Court
House grounds.
Colin Cameron K. C. of Owen
Sound is acting as Crown Prosecu-
tor, assisted by Crown Attorney Dix-
on. In all of the various actions,
Mr. Otto E. Klein is appearing for
the defence.
Leonard Bell, a young married
man of Kincardine, employed in a
furniture factory of that town, was
tried on a charge of stealing \$28
from George Swanson, a boarder in
the same house, on June 3rd. Swans-
on left his trousers hanging in the
bath-room on Sunday night and on
Monday afternoon discovered the
money to be missing. The prosecu-
tion brought in a good deal of cir-
cumstantial evidence which proved
of so vague a nature that it did not
impress the jury who dismissed the
charge without leaving their seats.
The famous Kinloss cattle case in
which Richard Fortice is charged
with stealing 19 head of cattle from
Malcolm Bros. came up for trial on
Wednesday morning. Over an hour
was taken to select the jurors, so
many jurors being called was ex-
hausted. This is said to be the first
time that this has happened in the
history of the County.
Over twenty witnesses have been
summoned in this case and the pros-
pects are that it will not be conclud-
ed until late Thursday.
The charge against Jos. Gamble of
Kinloss of uttering a forged cheque
for \$350; and the perjury charge
against William Joynt of Wiarton
are still to be heard.—Telescope.

WARDEN LOSES WIFE
Public sympathy will go out strong-
ly to Robert McVittie, Warden of
Bruce County, in the loss of his part-
ner in life on Sunday morning last
after a short illness from sleeping
sickness. Mr. McVittie was unable
to preside over the deliberations of
Bruce County Council at the Decem-
ber session owing to his wife's illness.
Mrs. McVittie was a native of Saugeen
Twp., and was 44 years old.
Besides her husband she leaves one
son. The funeral to Southampton
cemetery took place on Tuesday af-
ternoon. Deceased was a staunch
member of the Presbyterian church
and the funeral service was conduct-
ed by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Boyle.

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TRONAGE.

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Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous New Year**

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week does not mean that you cannot
have roses in your garden this year.
Nor do I wish to give the impression
thereby that it is always necessary
to resort to making the soil a year
ahead, for in many gardens the soil
is fairly well made up of ingredients
as described in the soil heap, but the
great difficulty is that the amateur
cannot tell by an examination of his
soil whether it is one thing or another
and so I shall try in a few brief sug-
gestions to bring him nearer the solu-
tion of his troubles. Surely you can
tell if the soil is sandy, loamy or clay-
ey, and you can readily find out if it
is shallow or deep. Above all it is
essential for roses to have a depth of
2 1/2 feet of soil. If your real soil is
not so deep, you must dig your rose
beds out to a depth of 2 1/2 feet, and
if the land is naturally undrained it
is better to dig out three feet of soil
and make the first 6 inches of drain-
age by placing stones in the bottom,
the larger ones first, real small stones
on top. If your soil is clayey, simply
add leaf mould, manure and sand to
it, mix it thoroughly and put a solid
layer of 6 inches of cow manure di-
rectly on the bottom, or if drainage
has been made, place it above the
stones. If your soil is loamy,
make it more solid by the addition of
clay, and of course add manure. If
your soil is sandy, throw it out al-

gether and use little of it by mixing
with clay, loam, manure and leaf
mould.
"But why the necessity of a soil
heap?" you say. I simply tried to
show you what a perfect soil for
roses should be like, and you can
realize how much better success you
could have with your roses if the
foundation of the rose beds were
right.
There is no doubt that even with
a clayey soil, by adding manure to it
one can raise beautiful roses, even
though the beds were not specially
prepared, but I find in growing plants
as in any other work we may take up
that if we want success, we must
have things thorough and perfect.
Now as to size of beds. Make
your beds not wider than three feet
and figure the length by multiply-
ing it by 1 1/2, and of course you want
to know the "whys" and the "where-
fores" of this suggestion.
You can see I have in mind that
you plant Hybrid Tea Roses only
and as these require 18 inches of
space, you can make your beds so
as not to waste an inch of space.
I suggest making three feet wide
beds allow

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Summary of Assets and Liabilities

31st October, 1923

ASSETS	
Gold, Dominion Notes, and Silver Coin	\$ 81,589,681.80
Deposit with Central Gold Reserve	17,000,000.00
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	14,259,744.89
Call and Short Loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	129,984,917.90
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	63,185,030.88
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	2,328,051.22
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	37,601,758.88
Notes and cheques of other Banks	44,911,059.10
United States and other foreign currencies	361,593.00
Loans and Discounts and other Assets	281,888,581.74
Bank Premises	9,800,000.00
Liabilities to customers under letters of credit (as per contra)	9,471,690.01
	\$692,382,109.42
LIABILITIES TO PUBLIC	
Notes in circulation	\$ 41,602,735.50
Deposits	583,391,196.23
Letters of credit outstanding	9,471,690.01
Other liabilities	1,384,628.14
	\$635,850,249.88
Excess of Assets over Liabilities to public	\$56,531,859.54

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TORONTO

Jos Kunkel Mildmay

NEW PLANT IN OPERATION

Production has started in the great new \$10,000,000 factory at Ford City, Ont., of the Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd., marking another step in the progress of Canada's largest Automobile Plant.

The first car or the temporarily constructed line was a new type Ford Coupe and left the line at 10:30 o'clock Monday Dec. 3rd.

Changing of the assembly line from the old building to the new plant was completed Saturday and Monday morning workmen took to their places and production started.

The new plant will soon house all the machinery of the old machine shop and additional new machine which are now being installed as rapidly as they arrive. When the new building is fully equipped production facilities will be double and the capacity output will be 50 completed cars and trucks a day compared with 250 at the present time. When all the machines have been cleared from the old river-front machine shop it will be converted into a body-building plant where the Ford Motor Company of Canada will build all its own bodies independent of other companies. The new addition covers 15 acres of floor space, is one story high and the roof, of the saw-tooth type of steel and zinc construction, permits a maximum of daylight and exceptional ventilating facilities.

Back in 1909 the first Ford car ever manufactured in Canada was completed in the then small factory of the Company. During that year 148 Fords were shipped to all parts of the British Empire.

During the first eleven months

A SAFE INVESTMENT

It is a peculiarity about readers of that wonderful farm and family journal, The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, that they do not look upon the \$2.90 subscription as an expense, but as a safe investment which yields them huge dividends each year. They will tell you, and we do not doubt it, that each issue contains money-saving and money-making ideas which would pay the subscription price over and over. Considering the value and the remarkable qualities of that great national journal, it should be a difficult matter to find a single home where it is not known and read regularly.

And now, heaped upon the phenomenal value already contained in the journal itself, the publishers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star are giving free to each new subscriber who renits in time, and to present subscribers who renew their subscription for another year, a most beautiful picture entitled, "The Wonderful Heroine". The reproduction of the original masterpiece in colors has been done to perfection. In size the picture is 18 x 24 inches, on rich, heavy paper.

The life story of the Wonderful Heroine has been printed in booklet form and a copy can be obtained cost free by any of our readers who send a postal card to the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal.

REPORT OF S. S. No. 1, CARRICK

Fall Term

Sr. IV—Carrie Schnurr 73, Evelyn Kuntz 66, Agnes Schnurr 65, Georgina Schmidt 58.

Jr. IV—Gertrude Schnurr 61, Edna Kuntz 57.

Jr. III—Leo Kunkel 69, Linus Schaefer 68, Clayton Schnurr 62.

Sr. II—Marie Bruder 74, Leonard Schmidt 74, Urban Kuntz 66, Marcelina Berberich 65, Leonard Berberich 63.

Jr. II—Leola Fischer 81, Alfred Bruder 81, Kathleen Fischer 80, Willie Schnurr 67, Georgina Fischer 66, George Schaefer 57.

Sr. I—John Fischer 85, Rita Fischer 85, Antonette Fischer 79, Oscar Schnurr 76, Marie Fischer 71, Helen Kuntz 66, Marie Berberich 56.

Jr. I—Clayton Meyer, Edward Berberich.

Primer—Melinda Fischer, Walter Schnurr, Irene Fischer, Gertrude Schaefer, Herbert Weber, Leo Schnurr (equal), Leonard Meyer, Rosetta Berberich.

M. A. Uhrich, Teacher

CURRIE GETS \$700

The case of Robert Currie, an Amabel Twp. farmer, against the Queen City Fire Insurance Co. of Toronto which was to have come up at the December Sessions, was settled by a decision of the court, the plaintiff receiving the sum of \$700 as payment in full of his claim. Currie carried a policy of \$1500 on some stock and implements which were partially destroyed by fire on March 23rd last. The defendant company maintained that Currie had misrepresented the facts regarding the ownership of the property, and also made other claim which if proven would have rendered the plaintiff ineligible to receive the insurance money. Otto E. Klein represented Currie and the Insurance Co's lawyers were Fisher, Robertson & Sedgewick of Toronto.—Telescope.

THE PATHETIC CASE

A big burly man called at the rectory, and when the door was opened asked to see the rector's wife, a woman well known for her charitable impulses.

"Madam," he addressed her in a broken voice, "I wish to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family in this district. The father is dead, the mother is blind to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be turned into the street unless someone pays their arrears in rent, which amounts to 10 or 12."

"How terrible!" exclaimed the lady.

"May I ask who you are?"

The sympathetic visitor applied his handkerchief to his eyes.

"I'm the landlord," he sobbed.

BOY LOSES AN EYE

Howard Quaid, a Colborne Township boy, who was attending Goderich Collegiate, had one of his eyes so badly injured a week ago that the optic had to be removed. He was home for the week-end and was amusing himself by striking small cartridges with an axe. As one of the shells exploded, the bullet or part of the shell, entered his eye.

He was taken to Stratford Hospital where the mutilated organ was removed. Exploding cartridges in this way is very dangerous, and many boys have had a hand or an eye seriously damaged in that way.

THIS ARTICLE REMOVED

Mr. William Little, division court clerk of Lucknow, is likely to have to defend a suit for \$10,000 damages. A farmer came into his store and paid him \$8.00, which he deposited in a drawer. Mr. Little had occasion to go out for a little while leaving the farmer in the office. After the farmer left Mr. Little searched for the \$8 and being unable to find it had the farmer searched but without result. Later on he found the money in the drawer and went to tender his apologies to the man he had suspected and searched but they were not accepted and an action for damages has been instituted.



The New Ford Coupe

An entirely new body design of remarkable beauty as well as practical utility, is the distinguishing feature of the new Ford Coupe. The body lines follow in one graceful sweep from the new high radiator to the "Turtle-back" curve of the rear deck, which has been enlarged to conveniently accommodate bulky grips and packages. Upholstering is luxuriously deep both in the seat and back, the covering being of rich brown broadcloth with mahogany stripe. A recess shelf is provided behind the seat, for parcels. Interior fittings include revolving window regulators, and door locks and handles finished in nickel. The large rear window is fitted with silk poplin shade in dull silvered mountings. The windshield is surmounted by a broad sun-visor, which protects the eyes from glare. As a handsome and practical all-weather car for town or country, the new Ford Coupe cannot be surpassed.

New Ford Prices

Coupe, \$665	Fordor Sedan, \$895
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COUNTIES CANNOT PAY

Grey County Council's petition that counties be relieved of expenditure on Provincial roads is supported by the Toronto Star which says:

"The present system of making Counties pay 20 per cent. towards the cost of Provincial Highways is one that cannot be perpetuated. In many instances only a small section of the county is materially benefited, though every part of it pays alike. The county has the work thrust on it whether it approves or not and has no degree of control over the actual expenditure of the money.

"No road should be classed as a Provincial Highway unless it is a trunk line carrying through traffic and of general rather than local use. As such, its entire cost should be borne by the province, except, possibly, where extra provision has to be made to take care of heavy local traffic. The cost of constructing such highways and their upkeep should come out of the revenue for motor licenses.

"Some of the counties are now staggering under the burden of the expense imposed on them, and Frontenac county council has passed the account over to next year's Council.

It is a hardship that one representative body should have one of its largest expenditures imposed upon it by the will of another representative body. The new administration at Queen's Park should be able to see that there is a good deal of merit in the proposal that the province shall pay for all the cost of the roads that it decides shall be treated as provincial highways."

CARRICK COUNCIL.

Dec. 15, 1923

Carrick Council met this date pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Finance Report

The following accounts were referred to the Finance Committee and recommended to be paid.

A L Oberle, grease for grader	1 15
D Reuber, work and gravel	9 50
H Kaufman, gravel	4 20
H Keelan, bal sal. as Treas.	40 00
Dr Carpenter, bal sal. clerk	155 00
Herman Weiss, 1/2 cost grad.	4 25
C Weiler, concrete sidewalk cement, & graveling, 1/2 share	126 43
S F Herringer bal sal as sanitary inspector, and plating for measles	13 50
Walter Renwick, work	4 50
Wm. Polfuss, work on Mildmay townline	165 50
Wm Polfuss, work done under his supervision	40 30
Simon Lambertus, work	37 40
Philip Weber, grading	13 00
Jos Kunkel, plow point and balls for grader	1 15
L Wetlauffer, gravel for culv	1 50
Hy Hossfeld, snow plaw	6 50
J A Johnston, war stamps, postage, telephone, etc.	33 66
Mildmay Gazette, printing	6 00
John Diebel, sal. caretaker	16 00
E Klages, grading, etc.	9 25
John Bickel, grading	6 12
John Kreuger, drawing grav and rep. road	7 00
Hy Wissemann, brush, swamp	7 00
P Altman, refund dog tax	2 00
L Dahms, 130 hrs work	32 50
Jos Haelzle, 16 hrs work	4 00
Wm Polfuss, bal sal overseer	253 00
Thos Jasper, sal as school attendance officer	6 50
Wm. Polfuss, bal overseer	5 00
P Lopsinger, welding irons for bridge, 1 plowshare	3 25
F Kutz, bal. acc. opening winter road	11 48
E Siegner, mtg	3 50
Lustig, mtg	3 50
	3 50

McVittie, which culminated in her death on Sunday.

Reeve G. McLaren, of Port Elgin, acted as Warden pro tem.

Besides the routine of receiving reports, passing account and winding up much business of the year there were two important items that came up during the session—appointment of keeper and matron for the House of Refuge, and receiving the resignation of the county treasurer.

A by-law was passed to borrow the sum of \$20,000.

An agreement with Wellington County re maintenance of boundary road was confirmed by by-law.

Applications for the positions of keeper and matron of the House of Refuge were read from Silas Haney, Bruce Tp.; And L. McArthur, And. Zisterer, Russell T. Wiles, John Ryan, Wm. Leifso and Arthur Siegfried, of Walkerton; Oscar Lloyd, Chesley; J. A. Pond, London; Robt. Robertson, Southampton; John J. Weber, and Albert Rekopf, Mildmay; Jas. Robinson, Kincairdine Tp., A. J. Morrow, Tara; J. E. Tolton, and R. J. Gregg, Paisley. The ballot showed that the contest was between Wiles of Walkerton and Gregg of Paisley, as anticipated, former being accorded 14 votes, the latter 7; several others had one to three votes. The section lot decided the matter, the vote being—Wiles 19, Gregg 10.

A motion was passed by Council in favor of petitioning the Warden Penitentiary of Ontario to grant a pension to Mrs. Geo. Kay, of the town of Kincairdine, in view of the exceptional circumstances of this case.

The county highway commission has been carrying the local risk for compensation, and a motion of council was passed commending action.

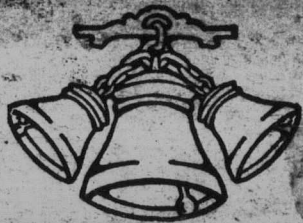
Mother Had to Be Parted From Baby

Little Jack is in a distant city, mother is many miles away, and to the old saying about disjuncting the heart grow fonder, Jack's mother lingers and lingers for a sight of her little man. Now if it were only a case of miles and dollars she might get home sooner, but it is more than that, she has consumption.

When she thinks of the one who has to keep from her, she says, "I might as well be dead."

"Different" Christmas

BY LYDIA LION ROBERTS.



"Well, my dear family," said Rosalie cheerfully, "Christmas is—"

"Coming!" groaned a chorus of voices around her. "Therefore," continued Rosalie with a reproving glance at her family, "this Christmas which is coming must be different!"

It was a Sunday evening in December. The Benton family had been to church and was now gathered in the big living-room, talking and listening to Rosalie as she played dreamy, restful chords on the piano. The married sister, Alice, and her husband, Jack, had come over from their home on the next street, and Nan, the college girl, was spending the week-end at home.

The fourteen-year-old son, Clark, had just filled his hands and pockets with refreshments, and sprawled on the bearskin rug, was finishing his adventure yarn.

Father Benton leaned his shaggy gray head back in his old Morris chair, his blue eyes twinkling as he listened to his lively family. "Say on," he urged, surveying his youngest daughter with quiet pride as he watched her earnest brown eyes, and vivid, eager face.

Rosalie nodded gayly to him, sure of his understanding, and continued: "Just think; we groan because Christmas is coming, and shout relief when it is gone. Isn't that rather awful when you think of the meaning of Christmas?"

"Any remedy?" asked Jack, who was the kind of a brother-in-law that fitted snugly into the family circle. "Yes," promptly replied Rosalie. "Christmas should be a satisfying of these little dark desires and fancies and are so ashamed to show. If we did that, it would make lots of fun and not be a burden either."

"I believe I know what Rosalie means," suddenly laughed Alice. "I like things in half-dozen. I would get a half-dozen at a time of almost everything I buy if I could afford it. It is silly, I realize, but it is true. I had rather have six medium quality handkerchiefs than one very nice one. That isn't a bit correct, but I have always felt that way."

"There," triumphantly cried her sister, "that is just what I mean." "I'll give you six toothpicks," offered Jack.

"Here we are," laughed Rosalie, her cheeks flushed with the fun and banter and her dark hair rumpled above her shining eyes, "an average Canadian family, the bulwark of the nation, so the statesmen say."

For my music-loving ears. My lessons are costing so much I didn't suppose I could go to such wonderful concerts. "I'm next, pass up forward please," called father, who had insisted on being the last.

"We got you just a little joke, daddy," Rosalie said, coming over to him with her hands behind her. "You never seem to want us to spend any money on you."

"I should say not," agreed father, taking the tiny box from her hand. "Like a good joke about as well as anything, and you girls need pretty things and must not spend any of your money on an old fellow like me. Well, well, that's pretty good," and chuckling and twinkling he pulled out of the small box an auto, several dozen books and two leather chairs—all little pictures cut from magazines.

"I got everything I asked for," he grinned broadly. "Did you look under the tissue-paper?" asked Rosalie, "maybe the shoe-strings are under there."

"Is there another joke on me?" and father wonderingly took out a thin flat parcel from the bottom of the box. The family crowded around as he opened the paper. "What's this!"—he stared in amazement at a cheque for a generous amount and a slip which read, "For the Big, Bouncing Better Chair Father has dreamed of having, with enough left over for Bully Books."

For once Father Benton was speechless. He coughed, then he choked, then he blew a resounding blast into his handkerchief. Finally he cleared his throat and turned to mother. "You told," he said reproachfully. "I did," mother placidly answered. "They kept coming to me and asking what you wanted, and I told them what your chair was all worn out and lumpy, and you had wanted a big leather chair ever since they were little tots. Rosalie said that when a man had wanted something for twenty years it was time he got it."

"Especially a man like our dad," murmured Rosalie. "What's the matter with dad?" shouted Clark who was grinning on the edge of the circle. "He's all right!" shouted the family in unison and they gently and firmly led Father Benton to a chair and choked his protests with loving hands and bear hugs until he promised to go down town the next day on a shopping trip, of his own.

At Christmas turn over the pages to the story so tenderly true—"The dear little Son of the Ages Was born of a woman like you." —Clare Shipman.

Christmas carols are really the oldest hymns of the Christian Church. "Carol" is from the Latin "cantare," to sing, and "rola," a joyful interjection.

Christmas Music Fills the Night

A Christmas carol, to the tune "St. Key" by Sir Arthur Sullivan. Christmas music fills the night. Christmas stars are gleaming. From the manger streaming. Though the inn is full, the beast Grooms the world's sweet leaven; Bethlehem, thou art not least, Thine the bread from Heaven.

Dark and silent was the land Where the shepherds guarded, Till there shone the Angel-band, And their hearts rewarded. Chant so lovingly sang they then, We too hear with gladness—"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Jesus ends your sadness. If the shepherds leave the sheep, Who will watch and tend them? Faithful guardians must not sleep, Else the wolf will rend them! Yet the angel bids them go, Seek the sign so lowly; He will keep their flocks, they know, Shepherd bright and holy.

When they found the Child of God, All that heard it wondered; But these things, made known abroad, Mary kept and pondered. Babe of Christmas, grant us part In their adoration, And the grace that filled her heart—Raptured contemplation.

Why shouldst Thou have blessed us so, Sought the love of mortals, Coming down to earth below, Far from Heaven's portals? Dost Thou know, O Saviour dear, How this world will scorn Thee? Men will hate Thee, though they fear, Thy poor Mother mourn Thee!

Can it be Thou still wilt stay, Shriveling not from danger? Can we too see Thee this day, In the holy Manger? O for all Thy tender love, Happy is our singing, Hymns to poise the Hosts above, Bells of Christmas ringing. —Elliott White.

The Horse Factory. Betty, taken to the country for Christmas, had been having a run round the village. She saw many things that were strange to her, but a passing glimpse of the blacksmith's shop filled her with wonder.

When she got back to the cottage she burst into the parlor in a state of great excitement. "Daddy," she said, "I've just seen a man who makes horses!" "Nonsense," said daddy; "you've made a mistake."

"No, I haven't," she persisted. "I saw him. He had one nearly finished. He was just nailing on its back feet."

Interest in His Work. It was Christmas Day, and six-year-old Bert received a Christmas box from father Bill. This was for driving a cow half a mile to pasture twice a day.

He was just as happy as a boy could be, for he could spend the money just as he pleased. That night he came home cracking a whip, and his mother exclaimed: "Bert, did you spend your Christmas box on that whip?" "Yes, I bought it off one of the farm hands," Bert replied proudly. "You can't expect a fellow to work if he don't have the tools to work with."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 23

The Universal Reign of Christ—Christmas Lesson—19: 6, 7; 11: 1-10; Psalm 2: 1-12. Golden Text—of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.—Psalm 2: 8.

LESSON SETTING—In the last few lessons we have been following the growth of the missionary spirit and the extension of mission operations in the early Christian church. In principle it became universal, and in operation it became everywhere aggressive. In our lesson to-day we turn back to the pages of the Old Testament, where the prophet looks for a vivid picture of the Messiah and the manifest results of his reign.

I. THE CHARACTER OF THE MESSIAH, ISA. 11: 1-5.

Vs. 1, 2. There shall come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse, and shall grow up as a cedar of Lebanon which sends no fresh sprout from its broken stump. Far from the earth below, he shall be like an oak which, though hewn to the stump, sends forth new growth. A shoot shall spring from the stock, and a fruit-bearing branch shall grow from the root. When Christ was born we see how low the fortunes of God's people had fallen, and from what we know of the earthly circumstances of Joseph and Mary, we see how humble had become the circumstances of the family of Jesse and David. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. The spiritual endowment of the Messiah is to be in marked contrast to his material circumstances.

The fruit of the Spirit of God which rested upon the Messiah is now described in a threefold way. First, he has wisdom and understanding, and foresight. He sees through, and sees beyond. Second, he has the spirit of action. He acts with wisdom and power. He has "moral decision figurative sense as applying to human knowledge and of the ear of the Lord."

Second, he has the spirit of knowledge, and reverence for the will of God. It was a divine program for human need that he carried out. His wisdom and action spring from a knowledge of, and reverence for, the will of God. It was a divine program for human need that he carried out.

Third, he has the spirit of love. He shall draw breath in the fear of the Lord. Love of God is to be the very atmosphere of his soul. Jesus exhorted the same truth. "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to flock to Christ."

II. THE CHARACTER OF THE MESSIAH'S REIGN, ISA. 11: 6-10; PS. 2: 8-10.

Vs. 6, 7. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb. The leopard shall lie down with the kid. The calf, the lion, and the bear shall feed together. The lion shall eat straw like the ox. Nature is to be no longer red in tooth and claw. The fierce spirit of man and beast is to pass away. Isaiah sees the possibility of co-operation of the whole of life. Peace and harmony is the deepest truth of life. The sucking child shall play on the den of the asp. The weanling child shall venture upon the hole of the adder. The serpent shall bite the foot of the horse. The calf shall trample the lion. The lion shall dwell with the lamb. The leopard shall lie down with the kid. The calf, the lion, and the bear shall feed together. The lion shall eat straw like the ox.

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The room was small, the too large tree decorated in a most haphazard and inartistic way; yards of cloth on which Santa Claus pictures had been printed for the Christmas trade were stretched along the walls; various paper bells, wreaths and festoons were hung on available pieces of furniture, and a profusion of gifts littered the floor, chairs and tables. I took stock of these as I gazed, supposedly spell-bound with interest and delight. I saw at once that quantity, not quality, had been the dominant idea and that a group of grown people had been enjoying themselves with little consideration of the children's real needs or desires.

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An Ideal Christmas

By Katherine Beebe

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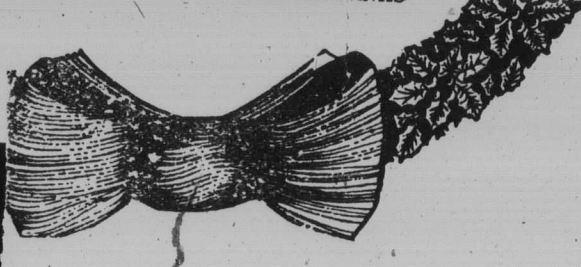
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Christmas 1923

HOW BLESSED ARE THE YEARS OF PEACE THAT FOLLOW WAR'S LONG STRAITS HOW SURELY DOES THEIR PASSING HIT THE HEART STRINGS TORN WITH UNTIL THE BURDEN OF OUR GRIEF FOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED IS LIGHTENED BY THE MEMORIES THAT COME WITH CHRISTMAS TIME.

"O DEAR SAKES WE LOVED AT SILENCE LET US STAND, A BRIEF MOMENT WHILE WE PONDERS THIS BELOVED LAND, HOW AS STEADFAST AND AS DEEP AS THINGS WHO DIED THAT WE KNOW THROUGH ALL THE YEARS THE JOY OF LIBERTY."

—WILLIAM BENTON



We Cannot Cook Your Christmas Dinner

BUT WE CAN PROVIDE THE VERY PINEST MATERIALS WITH WHICH YOU CAN DO SO. OUR STOCK IS AS FRESH, COMPLETE AND WELL ASSORTED AS CAREFUL BUYING AND A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF OUR BUSINESS CAN MAKE IT. WE OFFER AT THIS CHRISTMAS TIME THE BEST GOODS, THE BEST PRICES AND THE BEST SERVICE. GIVE US YOUR BUSINESS, WE CAN TAKE CARE OF IT.

A Merry Christmas is assured to you if you purchase your eatables At The Sign of the Star

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FANCY BISCUITS, a fine assortment from 25c to 60c lb.	MARASCHINO CHERRIES, per bottle 25c and 30c
CREAM KRAUT, 1 lb. 65c	CANDIED CHERRIES, per box 40c
PLUM PUDDING, Christmas, 2 lb bags at \$1.00	CALIFORNIA ORANGES per doz. 40c to 75c
CLUSTER RAISINS, 1 lb. 40c	FLORIDA GRAPE FRUIT, pkg. 2 for 25c
ELEME FIGS, Layered, per lb. 35c	MIXED NUTS, 6 kinds, 25c lb
HALLOWEEN DATES 15c	CALIFORNIA WALNUTS, extra fancy, per lb. 50c
PARD DATES, extra fancy, per lb. 35c	CALIFORNIA GRAPES, Red Emperor, per lb. 25c
EATMOR CRANBERRIES, per pt. 25c	SPANISH ONIONS, . . . 10c lb
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OTTER CREEK

Elmer Ruhl of Hanover spent the winter in this burg.
Walter Schnurr spent the winter with friends here.

Quite a number from here took in the Xmas Fair held at Walkerton yesterday.

Mr. Ira McIntosh of near Clifford canvassed this burg in search of subscribers for the Farmer's Sun. Mr. McIntosh is second in the race of winning the Ford car.

Miss Lorena Fritz returned home from Chesley, where she spent the last few months.

We are glad to report that Mr. Harry Kreuger of this burg will be able to return home after spending several weeks in the Walkerton Hospital.

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UNION STOCK MARKETS TORONTO

Fresh cattle receipts were light for the opening market of the week and as quality showed some improvement a little better trade was in evidence. Any real choice offerings sold slightly higher, but receipts that lacked quality held unchanged at last week's close. Salesmen were able to effect a fair clean-up, but the offering was plenty heavy enough, and few cattle will be in demand for the balance of the week. Export buyers were active in the market, but the store cattle trade was almost at a standstill.

Heavy steers were taken for export from \$6 to \$7.50 a cwt. but there were only two small shipments that brought the top price. The bulk of the export steers sold from \$6.90 to \$7.25. Rough heavy Western steers sold to the packers from \$4.75 to \$5.85. The top for killers was \$6.75 paid for 14 really choice steers averaging 1127 pounds. A full load of butchers brought \$6.40, with a few lots from \$6 to \$6.50. Medium to good steers sold from \$4.50 to \$5.60 with some plain common ones from \$3 to \$4.

The trade in cows was poor with the top price being paid for a couple of big killers. These brought from \$4 to \$4.50, while a lot of real good cows sold from \$2.50 to \$3.75. Fair cows sold from \$2 to \$3, and about a hundred canners from \$1 to \$1.40. There was a fair trade in export bulls, a few bringing from \$4.25 to \$5, some fair quality bulls sold from \$3 to \$3.50, with a lot of bolognas from \$2 to \$2.75. Three loads of light stockers sold from \$2.85 to \$4.10, and a couple of loads of feeders from \$4.40 to \$5.75.

There was a good trade in calves with a general top of \$12 a cwt. and odd ones at \$12.50. The bulk of the best sold from \$10 to \$11.50, with medium to good calves from \$6 to \$9.50. The big percentage of the offering was made up of grassers and heavy calves, which sold from \$2.60 to \$4.75.

Lambs held about steady at last week's close. A couple of loads of real choice ones brought \$11 a cwt. with half a dozen at \$11.50. The bulk, however, sold from \$10 to \$10.25, and some rough ones as low as \$9.50. A few culls sold at \$7, and bucks from \$8 to \$9.50. There was a good trade in sheep, with one little bunch making \$7, and other handweights from \$5.50 to \$6.50. Heavies sold from \$4.60 to \$5, and culls from \$1.50 to \$3.

Outsiders were active in the hog market, and prices were higher. Sales were generally made from \$8 to \$8.25 for fed and watered, thick smooths, although some shipments were said to have brought slightly higher prices.

In the fall the young man's fancy Takes a light fantastic whirl, Making him regret the money Squandered on the summer girl.

The time for again selecting municipal officers is almost here, and rate payers should be giving the matter preliminary attention right now. The most desirable men for office are not always the ones who are the most eager aspirants. Some there are, seeking public positions through support of the ratepayers who have not the qualifications to fill the positions sought, while other men who could most acceptably discharge the duties will not compete in the voting game. While it is an honor to be elected to municipal office, it is also a sacrifice of personal interests and valuable time on the part of some to accept nominations and election. There should therefore be a show of appreciation on the part of citizens for the service rendered in a faithful and efficient way. Too frequently there is never a word uttered by nomination speakers except in the way of finding fault with the retiring council.

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AT HOME!

RESPONSIBLE FOR CARS LEFT IN HIS CARE

Judge Fischer of Orangeville has ruled that a garage owner is responsible for an automobile left in his premises over night or undergoing repairs. This decision was handed out in a case Noble vs Savage, and tried at Orangeville two weeks ago.

Some time ago a man named Savage, of Orangeville, left a car in the care of Noble's garage, Durham, for repairs, the major one being the replacing of a hind end. Noble completed the job, and was given a cheque by Savage, who runs one of the Orangeville hotels, in payment. Noble cashed the cheque, but in the meantime, Savage stopped payment, on the ground that while in Noble's care the top of his car had become torn and damaged to the extent of the bill, \$43.00.

The trial came off a couple of weeks ago at Orangeville and the judge in the case gave Noble judgement for \$28.00 against a bill of \$35 allowing Savage \$15.00 for his torn top. Justice Currey of Durham presided for Noble for payment of the bill and, we are told, asked what would happen if a man had a car in storage in a garage and it was destroyed by fire. We are told the judge held that the garageman would be responsible.

These are the facts as we have been given them, and we must confess that our knowledge of the law was pretty much at fault. We were always of the opinion that when a man stored his car in a garage over night it was at his own risk from fire or other causes for damage beyond the control of the garage owner but the decision in the Orangeville case would seem to show that we are altogether wrong.

POULTRY THIEVING

Again there comes from all over the province reports of chicken houses being robbed, and of bunches of ducks and turkeys being stolen. This is an annual development just as the chickens, young ducks and turkeys come to maturity and the market for fowl becomes active.

Judging by the number of birds stolen there can be no doubt that there are in every locality a number of men who look forward to this season of the year as a time to reap a harvest from their neighbor's poultry yards. They are a despicable lot and they spare nobody. The widow who throughout the summer has worked with anxious care to raise a few ducks or turkeys in order to get a little cash for Christmas, or to pay taxes is an easy mark for the thief. With him business is business, and he takes where he can. The man in comfortable circumstances has too many locks on his doors, so the thief must look to the poor and the helpless.

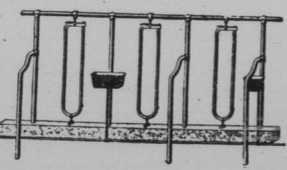
It is difficult, perhaps impossible for the law to give protection against this sort of thieving, and folk must look out for themselves. At this time of the year no chance should be taken, for thieves are abroad as sure as the night comes.

Mildmay Nominations

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the Village of Mildmay will be held in the Town Hall, Mildmay, on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1923, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Reeve and Councillors for the said Village of Mildmay.

If a greater number of Candidates are nominated than are required to be elected the polls will be opened at the polling sub-divisions in the said Village on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1924, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon, no longer.

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GROWING ROSES

Our entire thought with roses should be now directed to their protection for the winter, and this I am quite anxious to make clear, for there appears to be a greater variety of ideas as to the protection of the rose than in any other garden work, and unfortunately they are wrong.

Let me emphasize one certain fact that there is absolutely no reason why we should lose a single rose plant during the winter. Of course plants die a natural death like all of us, either from old age, sickness, disease, starvation or maltreatment. We lose roses because we overwork them and bleed them; we lose roses because we cannot distinguish between the real wood and the wild, and we love roses because we do not plant them right, and we lose roses because we coddle them; and once more we lose roses because we do not provide the right conditions for them to live in.

In this present story of "Growing Roses", I am trying particularly to make all of my readers realize that the rose is the most fascinating flower of the universe and comes nearer, in its ways and habits, to the human family than any other plant I know of. Like the Physician who can seldom prescribe the same remedy for the same malady in two different patients, so we find with the rose, no two alike; and although thus far I have given general rules as to treatments, I have done so simply to lay the foundation for my future story which deals with this great family of roses, and furthermore, had I begun with it, I would have bewildered the amateur instead of benefiting him.

What so we find as the usual protection for Roses.

1. Manure Spread over the Soil. Nothing could be more destructive to this seeming protection, and I will explain why. Manure, no matter how old, has heating qualities and when the sap begins to run in March it encourages the rose to start growing. Then a cold snap comes and does its killing. My advice is never to use manure on roses during the winter.

2. Straw. Some use this material to spread over the soil; others again tie the plants up with it, like putting an overcoat over them. A garden that I visited reminds me of a cemetery.

3. Leaves. These are alright to protect the roots, but what about the canes? And this very point leads us to the right thought as to what part

of the plant we need protection for. For every action in our garden we must have a reason, and what I have been trying to do with the amateur is to make him find the reasons for himself, so he can minister to his own needs. Then we know our plants we have mastered gardening.

The life organism of a rose is in the crown of the roots just where the canes start. With the approach of winter, the sap—the life-blood—of the plant retires to this particular spot, and sparingly it gives forth sufficient of its store to keep the branches alive, and so it behooves us first of all to consider the crown of the roots. If a rose is planted right, this important part of the plant is fully three inches below the surface and this brings it into the danger zone, for the only injury the winter can cause is the alternative freezing and thawing. It is not the freezing, on the contrary, if we can keep our soil frozen we have the ideal condition to preserve our plants in, and now we can above all reasons the following suggestion.

Do not consider protection for your roses until the soil has been frozen and the protection now means that we want to keep the frost in and not thaw it out. So you see the methods mentioned before are wrong, because they intend to keep the frost out.

Now what can be the ideal protection over frozen soil to keep the frost in? Nothing but soil again. And how much soil say? Over each plant we throw a hill of soil fully 10 inches high in the centre and please have this soil packed right between the canes, so that there is no air space between it.

If you have followed my story carefully up to now there must arise a puzzling question in your mind, and read it as follows. You say, "Wait until the ground is frozen and then cover the plants with soil; where do we get the soil from when the ground is frozen?" Of course, you are supposed to have put soil away under cover, where it does not freeze.

This protection of ten inches of soil is alright for Hybrid Tea Roses or Baby Rambler Roses or Hybrid Perpetual roses (the latter in fact I never protect at all, for as a rule their robust constitution withstands the severity of the winters). But then we have Tea Roses—the real tender baby in the rose family—the child of the southern climates, with its splendid thin wood, its frail constitution, and by the way do you know your Tea Roses? Please

do not try to locate them by their classifications as appearing in rose catalogues, for they are wrong. Every gardener has to make his own classifications and you can easily make them if you live with your roses, for then you know which are your weaklings, and that is the truest definition of a Tea Rose. Every rose catalogue put "Lady Hillingdon" in the Tea Rose section but in reality it is one of the sturdiest of the yellow Hybrid Tea roses. Those real Tea roses and other weak growers should always be planted by themselves and never in a mixed bed, for roses are the quarrelsome children in the garden and they really fight for a place in the sun. The weaklings always suffer and finally perish.

The ideal protection for the weak roses is as follows: Edge the entire bed with 12 inch boards placed upright, so that the boards extend at least 8 inches over the surface. Fill the bed with fine sifted soil directly after the first severe frost, right up to the edge of the boards, and finally cover the soil with leaves about 6 in. thick.

You say, "I cannot do that because I have my usual mixed up." Well I have my usual mixed up. Well I have my usual mixed up. Well I have my usual mixed up.

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weak plants and bury them, branches and all, in a pit twelve inches deep. This must be done at once, and if possible before severe freezing.

Climbing Roses. Here again it is absolutely necessary to know our roses, so to know how protection should be given, for there are two ways to accomplish it. Not only must we know our roses, but as well our climate. Certain climbing roses will stand any winter, and, of course, such roses require only a hilling up of soil over their base, but all those we are in doubt of should have their canes loosened from the trellis and laid flat on the ground, and then they should all be covered with from 8 to 10 in. soil. This is the greatest protector off wooded plants, and if you have any climbing roses of which you are fond, don't mind going to the trouble of laying them on the ground and covering with soil. You will be sure of keeping them.

And now let us rest content that we have done our duty by our pets, that they may enjoy their so well earned rest and sleep, and that on awakening we will greet them with all the love of a friend, because in all our troubles, we have no more consoling friends than our flowers.

HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON
Provincial Board of Health, Ontario

The Canadian Government has recently established a Committee on Industrial Fatigue, the objects of which are not different in many respects from the Division of Industrial Hygiene, Provincial Board of Health of Ontario. Its main purposes are—

1. To offer manufacturers the assistance of scientific laboratories in solving the health problems presented by particular processes in their plants.
2. To offer all interested the use of the Committee's Intelligence Bureau where the most up-to-date information on general and specific problems of industrial hygiene is kept.
3. To co-operate in investigations into the conditions in different industries; into the incidences and causes of sickness, whether occupational or general; and into the actual relation existing between hours of work, working environment, etc., and production.

In instances where manufacturers are in doubt as to the possible health effects of some new method or process, the question might in many instances be answered in a scientific laboratory, where the actual effects of the process could be discovered in a practical experiment. Again, where certain physical symptoms appear among employees engaged on similar work, scientific investigation can decide whether the symptoms are caused by direct contact, by fume inhalation, or by skin absorption, and, in each case, should be able to indicate the preventive measures to be taken.

The Committee has also provided an intelligence bureau where the most up-to-date information on general and specific problems of industrial hygiene is kept.

In this connection there are on hand reports of trade investigations and surveys, results of scientific experiments, reports and articles by plant physicians, health officers, sanitary engineers, and safety men. Special attention is paid to industrial hazards, whether disease or accident, particularly from the point of view of preventive medicine. For instance in the painting, printing, and stone-cutting trades, or the white-lead, rubber, dye and phosphorus industries, etc., the most reliable information is being collected.

Provision is even made for co-operation in investigations into conditions in different industries; into the incidence and causes of sickness, whether occupational or general; and into the actual relation existing between hours of work, working environment, etc., and production.

THE CAUSE OF SICKNESS

Almost Always Due to Weak and Impoverished Blood.

Apart from accident or illness due to infection, almost all ill-health arises from one or two reasons. The mistake that people make is in not realizing that both of these have the same cause at the root, namely poor blood. Either bloodlessness or some other trouble of the nerves will be found to be the reason for almost every ailment. If you are pale, suffering from headaches, or breathlessness, with palpitation of the heart, poor appetite and weak digestion, the cause is almost always poor blood. If you have nervous headaches, neuralgia, sciatica and other nerve pains, the cause is exhausted nerves. But run down nerves are also a result of poor blood, so that the two chief causes of illness are one and the same.

If your health is poor; if you are pale, nervous or dyspeptic, you should give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. These pills act directly on the blood, and by enriching it give new strength to worn out nerves. Men and women alike greatly benefit through the use of this medicine. If you are weak or ailing, give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial and you will be pleased with the beneficial results that will speedily follow.

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A Little Lad From Laughtertown.

A little lad from Laughtertown has come to us to stay.

With eyes of blue and hair of brown, and smiles of smiling May, they brought him by the fairy route that new-born babes arrive.

And, oh, he's sweet, from head to feet, and really he's alive; He whimpers in his sleep a lot. His fists are tiny, true. And all the babies I've forgot Are in this babe made new!

His daddy's eyes, his mother's mouth, a bit of granddad where His brows are arched a few strands south of his soft, silky hair; He has a smile and he can cry, and Oh, how much he sleeps— But that's because these babies fly so far across the deeps; An autumn flower, but I shall see Soft spring within his heart When all the babes come back to me From shadows far apart!

In quiet hours when slumber falls, through slumber soft he crows; And, oh, how far that music calls, that mystic music flows!

For maybe he's in Laughtertown in dreams to say goodbye To angels that had guarded him ere he came from the sky; Sweet gift he is, and happy gleams Are in our hearts—who find Such baby love amid our dreams To greet his heart and mind!

—B. B.

No Samples.

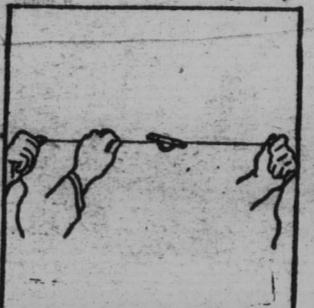
"I use no trunks," the salesman said. "Oh, I thought you wuz one of these traveling salesmen," said the porter. "I am, but I would like you to know that I sell hats."

"Well, you are the fust travellin' fella I seen this season who ain't carryin' no samples."

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EASY TRICKS

No. 55
A Rubber Band Mystery



You'll show a rubber band and a piece of string two feet long. You'll tie the string through the band and ask a spectator to hold the string, one end in each hand. Your task now is to get the band off the string without the spectator letting go.

That is, of course, impossible—but magic is the doing of apparent impossibilities.

You will have hidden in your hand a duplicate of the rubber band. Borrow a match. Grasp the band (which is on the string) in the hand in which the duplicate is hidden. Bend the hidden band around the match and hold it there by thrusting the match through it. The hand now hides the original band. Draw the hand toward the end of the string, calmly pushing the spectator's hands off the string. Of course, while you are doing this, you are slipping the band off the string and hiding it in your hand. As the spectators think they can see the original band on the string, no attention will be paid to this movement, especially if you do it boldly. The other hand, in the same manner takes the other end of the string.

The spectator is now asked to take the match away, quickly. The rubber band, of course, falls to the floor. You haven't done exactly what you promised to do—but you have done a mighty good trick.

(Tip this out and paste it, with other of the series, in a scrapbook.)

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Constipated children can find prompt relief through the use of Baby's Own Tablets. The Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative which never fail to regulate the bowels and stomach, thus driving out constipation and indigestion; colds and simple fevers. Concerning them Mrs. Gaspard Daigle, Demain, Que., writes: "Baby's Own Tablets have been of great benefit to my little boy, who was suffering from constipation and indigestion. They quickly relieved him and now he is in the best of health." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25c a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.



His First Vice.

The Serpent—"What's that smudge coming out of your hut?"
Eve—"That's Adam smoking a shirt I made for him out of the leaves of a nasty tasting weed."

Harmless.

An Englishman was paying his first visit to Scotland. He arrived at a small town and began to question the porter. "I suppose you have a provost here?"
"Aye," said the porter.
"And does he have insignia like our mayors?"
"Have what?"
"Insignia—well, for instance, does he have a chain?"
"A chain?" said the astonished porter. "Na, na. He gains loose; but dinna be feared, he's quite harmless."

The Poplar.

You tree they call austere—
O star communing tree,
What nests you hid your leaves amid!
And can it be that none will see,
As you stand bare in the fall of the year?

Me too they called austere—
Communing with the skies,
They had not guessed at the sheltered nest:
Oh, what surprise, if they sharpened their eyes.

As we stand bare in the fall of the year!

—Edith M. Thomas.

London's famous Tower Bridge possesses a double set of hydraulic engines for raising and lowering the bascules. This is to avoid the risk of a breakdown.

Several Cars Dry Mill
slab wood, stove length. Reid Bros., Bothwell, Ontario.

SMOKE OLD CHUM

The Tobacco of Quality
1/2 LB. TINS
and in packages

Manufactured by Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada Limited

Overheard by J. P. M.

Conductor—"How old is that child, madam."
Mother—"Sir, that is an impertinent question."
Conductor—"Excuse me, madam, but it's a fare question."

Mrs. Blank (visiting)—"Really, James and I meant to call long before this, but somehow we kept putting off the evil day."

Mother! Give Sick Baby "California Fig Syrup"

Harmless Laxative to Clean Liver and Bowels of Baby or Child.

Even constipated, bilious, feverish, or sick, colic Babes and Children love to take genuine "California Fig Syrup." No other laxative regulates the tender little bowels so nicely. It sweetens the stomach and starts the liver and bowels acting without griping drugs. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Say "California" to your druggist and avoid counterfeit! Insist upon genuine "California Fig Syrup" which contains directions.

THE CHILDREN'S COUGH REMEDY MINTINE

Its efficiency proven by over 50 years.

She was a very gaudily dressed lady, and she tendered the bus conductor half a crown for her penny fare with the air of a grand duchess. "I'm sorry," she drawled, "but I have no pennies."
"Don't you worry, lady," replied the conductor affably. "You're going to have twenty-nine in a minute."

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house.

Careful.

The cake had been passed to everyone at the table but Bobbie, three and one-half years old.
Bobbie—"I'll take a piece of cake, please."
Mother—"No, dear, banana cake is too heavy for little boys."
Bobbie (after several seconds of thought)—"Well, I'll use both hands."

An electric motor drives a circular saw mounted on a new mitre-box.

ASPIRIN

Say "Bayer" and Insist!

Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer product proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians over twenty-three years for:

- Colds
- Toothache
- Headache
- Earache
- Neuralgia
- Lumbago
- Rheumatism
- Pain, Pain

Accept "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" only. Each unbroken package contains proper directions. Handy boxes of twelve tablets cost few cents. Druggists also sell bottles of 24 and 100. Aspirin is the trade mark (registered) of Bayer Manufacture of Monacraftseder of Salicylicacid. While it is well known that Aspirin means Bayer Manufacture, to assist the public against imitations, the Tablets of Bayer Company will be stamped with their general trade mark, the "Bayer Cross."

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Clear Your Skin Restore Your Hair With Cuticura

Daily use of the Soap keeps the skin fresh and clear, while touches of the Ointment now and then as needed soothe and heal the first pimples, redness, roughness or scalp irritation. Cuticura Talcum is excellent for the skin.

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Cuticura Soap shaves without mug.

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But you can Promote a Clean, Healthy Condition FOR YOUR EYES.

Use Murine Eye Remedy Night and Morning.

Keep your Eyes Clean, Clear and Healthy. Write for Free Eye Care Book. Murine Eye Remedy Co., 9 East Ohio Street, Chicago.

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A Joyous and Prosperous

New Year

At the Sign of the Star

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To All Our
Friends and Customers

We Wish
A Happy and
Prosperous
New Year

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CHIROPRACTOR

GRADUATE OF PALMER SCHOOL
House Calls Midday
Monday and Friday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Carrick Farm for Sale.

75 acre farm in Carrick, with good bank barn, almost new house with furnace. Hen house, garage, drilled well. Farm is well fenced and in fine cultivation. 1/2 mile from school and county highway. Apply to J. A. Johnston.

Farm for Sale.

Two hundred acres of good land in the southern part of Carrick, with fairly good buildings, and well watered. Farm in good cultivation. 10 acres hardwood bush, 8 acres swamp with good timber. For particulars apply to J. A. Johnston.

Farm for Sale.

140 acre farm on the 14th concession of Carrick. Good buildings and stabling. Well watered and good fences. 10 acres hardwood bush and good swamp. Quick possession. Apply to J. A. Johnston.

Will Sell or Exchange.

A splendid 150 acre farm in Carrick, with good buildings, well fenced and watered. Farm in fine cultivation. Would sell or exchange for smaller farm. Apply to J. A. Johnston.

HARRISTON H. S. BOYS
IN TROUBLE

Mayor Fawcett presided at an investigation held in the Council Chamber on Friday afternoon and evening in which a number of High School youths figured prominently.

It appears that petty thieving has been going on for some length of time. Some of it dating back, it is said, for a period of three years. Although suspicion pointed strongly in some instances, nothing was done about the matter until a local grocery store was broken into one night recently, the back door having been pried open and a considerable quantity of stuff stolen. A young lad of the town saw some youths hiding something in Howes' lumber pile, so they left he investigated and

found some packages of goods. He promptly notified the authorities of his discovery with the result that four of the older H. S. boys were apprehended. Before this, however, another young man of the town had been selling cigars and tobacco at much less than cost price. This fellow acted as witness against the other young men.

Besides the thieving of the four boys as mentioned above, other matters relative to the conduct at the H. S. are said to have been brought up. One instance being a case where hardware is said to have been sold by one or more H. S. pupils to other pupils with the result that some students developed a decided wobble to their walk. It is also rumored that examination papers were recently stolen and made use of by some of the students.

At the conclusion of the investigation the Mayor is said to have advised that two of the first mentioned youths will be expelled from the school while the other two be put on their good behavior.

The Mayor is said to have also advised that the Board of Education further look into the matter and that instead of pupils being let out of school in what is known as "front" schools, that they be kept in school and made to use these vacant periods as study hours.—Harriston Review.

REPORT OF S. S. No. 12, CARRICK

December

Jr. IV—Edward Schwartz.
Jr. III—Arthur Kroetsch, Eugene Haus, David Eicholz.
II—Aaron Schaus, Matilda Schwartz, Alvin Baetz, Leo Schwartz.
I—Ervin Schaus, Jerome Kupfer, Rosalind, Rosaline Kupferschmidt.
Sr. Pr.—Frieda Wettlauffer, Milton Bleiman.
Jr. Pr.—Eldon Schaus, Amelia Schwartz.
J. W. Kerr, (teacher)

Down in Southern California, New Mexico and West Texas they had a snow storm last week that blocked entirely all railway traffic for several days. In Nogal Canyon 72 automobiles with three hundred passengers on the highway to Hot Springs, N.M. were storm bound and food had to be taken to them. Twelve people in Texas were frozen to death.

FOR SALE

32 young pigs, from 6 to 10 weeks old, also 4 sows, partly fattened. Phone 57. To: A. Hesch

FARM FOR SALE

Containing 100 acres, bank barn with straw shed, driving shed with pig-pen underneath. Brick House. Lot 26, Con. 13, Howick. Terms easy. Apply to W. H. Phair, Wingham, Ont.

REPORT OF S. S. No. 3, Carrick

for December

Sr. IV—Willie Dickison, Leo Grub (equal)
Jr. IV—Steven Hickling, Hilda Scott, Allan Timpson absent.
Jr. III—Howard McConkey, John Hopf, Violet Weber, Barbara Hopf, Herman Tegler, Joseph Walter, Norman Mesz, Irene Tegler absent.
Sr. II—Elmer Russwurm, Lorne Timpson absent.
Jr. II—Matilda Mesz.
Sr. I—Andrew Hutton.
Jr. I—Gordon Hopf, Gordon Scott, Bobbie Tegler, Noah Mesz.
Primer—Elmina Russwurm, Elvira Hicklingequal, Henry Mesz, Verina Walter absent.
No. on roll 25; Average attendance 20
Alice E. Low (Teacher)

REPORT OF S. S. S. 10, CARRICK

For December

Pupils examined in Arithmetic and Spelling.
* indicates highest standing in each class for the term.
Sr. IV—*G. Haezle.
Jr. IV—*M. Schumacher, L. Hundt, M. Haezle, V. Huber, H. Weiler, A. Schnurr, S. Schneider.
Sr. III—*H. Schnurr, J. Schwehr.
Jr. III—*M. Schefter, L. Weiler.
*M. Reinhart, J. Becker, S. Kempf, R. Becker, S. Huber, M. Kuenzig.
II—*N. Hundt, *G. Becker, Haezle, M. Schumacher, C. Weiler.
I—*E. Schefter, *M. Huber.
Sr. Primer—J. Schumacher, *J. Schneider, C. Schnurr.
Jr. Pr.—*L. Martin, K. Weiler, M. Becker.
Number enrolled 37, average attendance 32.
V. M. Norris, teacher

OTTER CREEK

It is our sad duty to report the sudden death of Doris Mae, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hickling of the 14th con. of Carrick. Doris was 10 months old and was in a delicate condition until Friday. She leaves to mourn her demise her sorrowing parents and many friends. The funeral which took place on Sunday afternoon to the Hanover cemetery was largely attended.

Miss Anetta Gress and Lillian Domm of Detroit are spending a week's vacation with Mrs. P. Gress. Mr. Peter Walter of Kitchener is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Walter of the 14th concession of Carrick. Mr. Milton Weber of near New Hamburg spent the week-end with friends here.

Misses Mabel Pfohl of London Mildred Pfohl of Galt and Mr. Gordon Pfohl of Kitchener are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pfohl. Miss S. Miller of Toronto Norma is spending the Xmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Con. Hossfeld.

We are glad to report that Mr. Scarpine Kletz is able to be around again after his serious accident when his Ford collided with another car.

Only a few more days until Leap Year. "Oh my, then I'll get what I want," said a fair young maiden of the vicinity.

Mr. Henry Mesz was a visitor at Durham last week. A large number from here went to see Santa Claus and his wife on Monday at Mildmay.

Miss Katherine Hossfeld was a visitor in Carrick last week.

Any man who attends a publicly advertised auction sale and who fails to leave the premises when ordered to do so by the proprietor of the sale, may be fined for trespassing. This peculiar point of law is not generally known.

The
Seasons'
Greetings

to All

WE HAVE APPRECIATED
YOUR CUSTOM DURING
THE PAST YEAR, AND
HOPE WE MAY CONTINUE
TO DO SO.

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Plumber
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To All Our

Customers and
Friends We Wish

A Prosperous

and

Happy New Year

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THE PEOPLE'S STORE.

Best Wishes and
Hearty Greetings
for the
New Year

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