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## Great January Sale

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### Here's an Advantage

On any day of the week, excepting Wednesday, a "rush" order for poster work, etc., reaching the Reporter office in the morning will be completed and returned on the evening train.

### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The very low temperature on Monday last did not prevent the candidates for municipal honors in Athens having the hottest kind of a time. The chief issue, of course, was the selection of a site for the proposed town hall, and no less than three tickets were placed before the electors. On the first, in favor of the Karley lot, appeared the names of Wm. Karley for reeve and John Rappell and A. W. Blanchard for councillors. On the second, Irwin Wiltse was named for reeve and Wm. Jacob, C. L. Lamb, C. H. Smith and Alex. Taylor for councillors. On the third, A. M. Chassels announced himself as an independent candidate for councillor. All day the candidates and their friends hustled, so that by five o'clock every available vote was polled. The referendum to decide the question of site brought out a large vote of the freeholders, 150 ballots being marked.

The result of the polling was as follows:—

FOR REEVE			
	No. 1	No. 2	Total
Karley	40	78	118
Wiltse	82	42	124
FOR COUNCILLORS			
Blanchard	41	56	97
Chassels	15	19	34
Jacobs	90	53	143
Lamb	86	59	145
Rappell	43	74	117
Smith	83	48	131
Taylor	77	63	140
TOWN HALL SITE			
Green Lot	58	35	93
Karley Lot	18	39	57

Maj. for Green lot..... 36

And now, what next? The location of the hall has been placed beyond question, but the monetary problem is still to be solved. The electors have had a warm contest, but on which side the majority lies is settled definitely and positively, and as majorities must and should rule in this free country, there is nothing left now but for all to unite heartily in pushing the work to completion.

### SMITH'S FALLS

Capt. A. Foster was elected mayor over G. F. McKimm.

### WESTPORT

Reeve—G. W. Castle.  
Councillors—W. J. Wing, J. McEwan, C. J. Speagle, Smith Conklin.

### AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

Reeve—John Edwards.  
Councillors—James Weir, B. Hanna, A. J. Mellafont, Jos. Boyd.

### ELIZABETHTOWN

Reeve—Petton, 473; Moore, 347.  
Councillors—Easton, 453; Taplin, 410; Davis, 387; Barriger, 317; Forth, 310; Quinn, 305; Checkley, 289; E. Moore, 144. All the old council were defeated.

### YONGE AND ESCOTT FRONT

Reeve—M. J. Connolly.  
Councillors—John Mallory, Julius Khant, Wm. Torrence and John Haffie.

### A CARD

To the Electors of the Village of Athens

We, the undersigned, desire to express our appreciation of the confidence you manifested in us by electing us as your council for 1904, and for the way you have removed the much vexed question of town hall site by giving a good substantial majority for the site purchased by the council of 1902, thus showing your approval of the action of that body in a clear and unmistakable manner.

We also desire to assure the electors that all matters coming before us will have our best consideration, and the business of the town conducted as economically as possible.

IRWIN WILTSE, Reeve.

W. H. JACOB  
C. L. LAMB  
C. H. SMITH  
ALEX TAYLOR } Councillors

### Croup

The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

### BROWN-STEWART

On Dec. 23, 1903, at the home of the Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Smith's Falls, Miss Eleanor Stewart, of Jasper, was married to Mr. Wallace Cydmar Brown, of Elbe Mills, by the Rev. Mr. Pitcher. Both these young people are well and favorably known in Athens. The bride having graduated from the Athens high and model schools in 1902, and for their future happiness and prosperity they have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends. They spent their honeymoon in Toronto and Harriston.

### JOHNSTON-BOYCE

A very pretty house wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. S. W. Boyce, Main street, Athens, at 7 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, when her daughter, Rachel A., was united in marriage to Mr. Charles E. Johnston of Brockville. The house was prettily decorated with flowers and evergreens, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. Reynolds in the presence of immediate friends and relatives. As the bridal party entered the parlor, Mendelssohn's wedding march was played on the piano by Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and the vows were made, the token given, under the beautifully draped arch of the bay window. The bride was most becomingly gowned in cream English taffeta and carried a bouquet of cream roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Breeze of Fernbank, Brockville, was dressed in voile over pink silk and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The groom was supported by Mr. W. C. McQuillan of Toronto.

After the expression of hearty congratulations all partook of a rich repast, daintily served.

The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch, to the bridesmaid a gold crescent set with pearls, and to the groomsmen a gold stick-pin.

The happy couple drove to Brockville and took the western train for a tour that includes Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph and Niagara Falls.

The groom has been for a number of years a highly esteemed departmental superintendent in the store of Robert Wright & Co., Brockville, and Mr. Wright testified his personal regard for him by the present on this occasion of a silver cocoa urn, silver tray, dozen silver dessert spoons, dozen silver teaspoons, and a carving set. To this valuable token, the employees of the firm added a set of handsomely carved silver knives and forks, and there were other gifts from individual salesmen, including a boudoir clock from Mr. J. H. Chapman.

The bride is deservedly held in high esteem in Athens, and will be missed from the Methodist church choir, of which she was a valued member.

The Reporter joins with their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Johnston long life, health and happiness.

### Country Vs City

An Ontario country editor soliloquizes: "The sun-browned, hand-spanked, bare-footed, hard-fisted country boy makes a much better fight in the battle of life than the pampered, high-collared and creased-trousered youth of our cities whose clothes have always been dusted with a whisk-broom instead of a shingle. Let the city man who is out of a job try a year on the farm, ploughing behind a mule will take the kink out of his top-knot, the frog out of his throat, the weakness out of his legs and will give him an appetite, an honest living and a sight of heaven."

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## Between Seasons

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Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 11. JANUARY 10, 1904.

The Preaching of John the Baptist. COMMENTARY.—I. A call to repentance (vs. 1-4). 1. In those days...

2. Repent ye.—Repentance includes (1) conviction, (2) contrition, (3) confession, (4) reformation, and leads to conversion, John, Jesus, Peter, and Paul all preached repentance.

3. Esau.—The Greek word for Esau is the same as the word for Isaac. The voice.—The prophecy draws attention to the work rather than the worker.

4. Had his garments dyed.—The appearance of John was like that of the great prophet Elijah in the popular mind. He was clothed in the coarse, rough cloth called sackcloth.

5. Many confessions made (vs. 6-9). Many went out—Left their homes and went to the desert where John was preaching. He was very successful, and the heart of the whole nation was stirred.

6. A thorough reformation demanded (vs. 7-10). Men honor a lofty and fearless soul, seeking no selfish object, but braving all opposition for the noblest ends.

7. The women are the workers in the West Indies. On market day in the West Indies thousands of peasant women and girls can be seen walking along the roads to the town from their palm-thatched huts.

8. Think not to say, etc.—The natural impulse of the Pharisees, Sadducees and Herodians was to mock Jesus without an inward change.

him requiring and representing an inward spiritual change.—Speaker's Com. He that cometh.—The preaching of John was preparing the minds of the people for the coming of the Messiah, and they began to ask themselves whether he were the Christ.

The appearance of John the Baptist marks a distinct and important epoch in the great processes of a world's redemption.—the point of meeting and digression of two magnificent dispensations. Himself being longed to neither, he stands out in history as the closing signal of the one, and the advance herald of another, greater and final. The great truth of the lesson is "The Coming Kingdom."

The kingdom is spiritual. Jesus Christ when questioned by Pilate declared both the fact and nature of his dominion when he said, "My kingdom is not of this world." That it contemplates the control of outward affairs, social and civic, is unquestionable, but it secures this outward triumph by assuming the inward supremacy of the spirit, and through the power of purified affection, kingdom of heaven is within you.

No more outward loyalty or service can answer here. Devotion and integrity must spring spontaneously from the deepest impulses or fall of meeting the standard of divine requirement.

The kingdom is permanent. This is that which appeared in vision to Nebuchadnezzar, and was interpreted and prophesied by Daniel. "And in these days shall the God of Heaven set up another kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." Established without human consent, this kingdom is destined to break into pieces and consume all other kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

The kingdom is comprehensive. "Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." The Isles shall wait for his law." See also Eph. 1:10; Col. 1:11. The pierced hand of the Son of God opens the door, and each man enters, or closes it, by his own soul. The final consummation of the kingdom—John beheld when "a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands."

The conditions of the kingdom. One brief but emphatic and comprehensive word constitutes the true message of the wilderness prophet. Fundamental truths can never change, and the original and now almost forgotten condition remains as the threshold of the Christian life. "Repentance toward God" must precede "faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." The depth of the former will be the measure of the clearness and strength of the latter. It is preceded always by a "goodly sorrow" which, unlike the "sorrow of the world" has regard to the character rather than the consequences of sin as an inventive to its renunciation. It always "worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of." Its essential elements are given by the prophet thus: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts." Such a repentance infallibly brings forth fruits of peace for the same. Ancient tradition, rituals, alike fail of securing admission to the kingdom. Heartily renunciation of sin and self, and an equally hearty acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord, can alone secure citizenship, bring the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and transform the worthless and fire-dedicated to a thing of life and value which shall escape the fierce winnowing of divine indignation.—Wm. H. Clark.

LAZY MAN'S PARADISE The Women Are the Workers in the West Indies. On market day in the West Indies thousands of peasant women and girls can be seen walking along the roads to the town from their palm-thatched huts in the mountains and woods. They carry on their heads immense loads of bananas, oranges, yams, plantains, brown sugar or tobacco, stepping along at the rate of four miles an hour with the gait of a princess.

THE CONQUEST OF THE SAHARA

France has found a way to assure her supremacy over the Sahara. By treaties with other nations she is recognized as supreme in authority over three-fourths of the great desert; but until recently France has been almost helpless against her enemies, the Tuaregs. These robbers and warriors of the desert have, time and again, swooped north from their mountain homes in the centre of the Sahara, pouncing upon some little French outpost with a corporate gang of horse and foot, plundered and made off with the fittest camels of their fastnesses among the Ahaggar Mountains; and the French have seen the dust of their enemies as they disappeared in the distance and been as helpless as a hungry man or a desert island with no boat to take him across the flood to a land of plenty.

Of all the expeditions which the French have organized on the desert to penetrate far into the interior, the only one succeeded in carrying out its mission; and that was the Bourcaud-Lamy party with 1,000 camels and many tons of supplies. Thanks to this party the domitable energy of its leaders, they were able to cross the Sudan and long delays and terrible suffering.

About two years ago a number of French army officers in the extreme southern part of the Algerian Sahara came together to discuss the unsatisfactory situation. Foremost among them were Commandants Cauvet and Laperine, who had for many years been studying the problem and had evolved a plan which they believed would solve the difficulty. Laperine unfolded the scheme.

"Cauvet and I are convinced," he said, "that we shall fall every time as long as we attempt to travel with our present method. We are like a sailing vessel at sea, unmanageable and almost stationary. If we are going to stop the attacks of the Tuaregs upon caravans and make Saharan travel safe we must adopt the tactics of the Eskimos. We must do just what Nansen did in the Arctic regions. He learned how to subside and to dress like the Esquimaux. He followed their methods of dog sleighing. He took along with him Eskimo hunters to carry him from one ice floe to another. In short, he was wise enough to learn from the natives how things may be done best under Arctic conditions.

"Now the Tuaregs go lightly laden. They train their camels, and the animals they ride can cover three times as much ground in a day as the ordinary pack camel. There is less difference between the camels and the men. Traveling as fast as they do they are not compelled to weigh themselves down with supplies. They can replenish their food and water bags at every oasis and travel like the dog sledges. If we follow their tactics we can travel as fast as they can and, with our superior arms, we can beat them every time.

The idea was perfectly novel, but it seemed to be good sense and was nearly approved by all the officers. The plan was adopted and measures were taken to test its efficiency as soon as possible. In the case of Wargia and El Golea they enlisted a large band of young men, the best camel drivers of the region, experts in all the arts of desert travel. At the same time they ransacked all the camel herds of the Algerian Sahara and among the many thousands of animals they picked out those that were built for fast travel, the kind that are used in the courier service between the French oases. These camels were so trained that they never plod along with slow steps like an ox, but get over the ground with the sort of a hop that is characteristic of a good deal as an ocean greyhound would pass a tramp steamer.

It was very strange bands of native troops were organized under the command of white officers and for months they were drilled in the use of the best modern rifles, were raced at top speed from one oasis to another, and were rapidly put in a condition of high efficiency. The experiment has been a great success. There is now no baggage train in the French army of the Sahara. The new camels are sent. Each camel carries from two to three weeks' supply of food and water. A soldier with his mail tary outfit in on the back and a Saharan service now equals the Tuaregs in celerity of movement and is far their superior as a fighting force. The enemy is no longer unapproachable.

ed themselves comfortably for breakfast. The fight was terribly one-sided. Most of the Tuaregs had no arms, except lances, and of course they were routed and were taught before that time they had been on the offensive, but on this eventful day tables were turned and the robbers were overwhelmingly defeated in their own homes. It is the policy of the French not to touch the Tuaregs if they behave themselves; and these redoubtable warriors have been as peaceable as their women ever since the appearance on their native heath of the French, who administered the severest chastigation the desert nomads had ever received. The result of this triumph over the Tuaregs was the first of a series of victories which have clearly demonstrated that these people are really feeble in war strength and furnish no serious danger to the French. It was supposed that they were able to collect thousands of warriors, but this was evidently an error. The French say they were misled by the fact that the Tuaregs usually made their attacks in rather large force. They are now convinced, however, that on each occasion the natives mustered nearly all of their fighting strength. Lieutenant Cottoneau's fight met only about 500 warriors.

To all appearances the French have accomplished their purpose with respect to the Ahaggar mountains and give the Tuaregs more fight if they wanted it, but the natives were as peaceable as lambs. In fact, they have not lifted a hand against the French since Cottoneau's victory. A wonderful journey was made last spring to the southwest straight into the heart of the desert. The expedition was under the command of Laperine started on April 15 last from In Salah, and made straight for the heart of Sahara. They travelled with great rapidity across wide spaces of the desert, and in a single week they reached pasturage lands to refresh the animals. Then they would speed up their marches and make the most of their swiftest march, made in the course of twenty-nine hours, which included a number of halts, was seventy miles, which is a remarkable feat for a caravan of camels.

The party traversed the plateau of Moydrir and Ainnet, and made some interesting discoveries. They found, for example, an enormous number of wild animals, representing animals, some of which can no longer be found in the Sahara. They finally reached Inza, where they began the return march. They had travelled 700 miles straight toward Timbuctu in the Sudan, and were half way between that famous town and their starting point. They say they might as well have crossed the desert to the Niger, but their orders required them to return. Most of their journey was through a waste which had been visited only by a single European, the explorer Leing, who perished on his terrible journey.

"Regular Practitioner.—We result.—Mr. Annie C. Chestnut, of Whitby, was for months a rheumatic victim, but a South American Rheumatic Cure cured her. She writes: "I suffered untold misery from Rheumatism and a doctor's medicine did me no good—two bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure cured me—relief two hours after the first dose."—5

Dangerous Weeds. Ganjah Smoking Causes Victim to Try to Commit Murder. New York is threatened with a new vice compared with which "hitting the pipe" is a harmless amusement. It is the smoking of ganjah, in some of the Chinese vegetable shops in Moit, Pell and Doyers streets, this weed, in a dried state ready for smoking, can now be purchased by customers who are known. The Chinese dealers are not eager to sell either opium or ganjah to strangers.

A Chinaman who runs a "chop suey joint" in Pell Street, admitted, in a burst of confidence the other evening, that the latter weed is now being smoked by some of the Americans who haunt Chinatown, as well as by the Chinese themselves. It is being cultivated, probably for the first time in this country, by the Chinese farmers at Antoria, L.I., who come into the city every Sunday and Monday with vegetables for New York's colony of Celestials.

Ganjah is smoked to a slight extent in San Francisco, whether it is brought from China, but hitherto it has been unknown in this city. It is widely used in India and other parts of the Orient, and is practically the same as the famous bang, or Indian hemp, which the Sepoys smoked to give themselves "dutch courage" during the Indian mutiny. It has been introduced into Jamaica, Trinidad and other British West Indian colonies near our shores by the East Indian coolies brought

thither from Calcutta to work on the sugar plantations. Its use has led to so much crime that some of the colonial governments have prohibited its cultivation, importation or sale, under very heavy penalties. The ganjah, which inevitably gives a man homicidal mania. Many murders in the East and West Indies have been directly caused by it. Ganjah is never smoked for mere pleasure. When an Oriental wishes to perpetrate some cruel or revengeful deed, from which he would shrink when sober or sane, he calls upon this weed to arouse within him his darkest passions. For ganjah causes temporary insanity and unnatural form some difficult task—a task requiring great strength and powers of endurance—he eats no food, he drinks no wine, but he smokes ganjah, for he believes it imparts superhuman strength and furnishes an inexhaustible store of energy. It really makes its victims insensible to fatigue and weariness. But it inevitably impairs physical strength, while it demoralizes and brutalizes the mind more quickly than any other weed or any drug.—New York Press.

The Markets.

Toronto Farmers' Market. The offerings of grain on the street to-day were small, and prices generally are unchanged. Wheat steady, with sales of 100 bushels of white at 80c, 200 bushels of red winter at 79c, and 300 bushels of goosie at 73 to 73½c. Barley dull, 100 bushels selling at 44c. Oats steady, with sales of 300 bushels at 31 to 32c. Rye sold at 54c a bushel for one load.

Butter is slightly easier, with sales of choice dairy at 16 to 21c. Eggs firm at 40 to 50c a dozen for new laid. Poultry generally dull, with best demand for turkeys. Hay in fair supply, with sales of 30 loads at \$10 to \$10.50 a ton for timothy, and at \$8 to \$8 for mixed. Straw \$10 a ton.

Wholesale trade on Montreal is a bit quiet, as is usual at this time of the year. The wholesale trade here, through the active demand for holiday goods, affected a good clearance of stocks. Prices of domestic and foreign staples continue firm. The seasonal trade is practically over now at Toronto. The sales of holiday goods have been very satisfactory this year. Retail business has been very active the past two weeks. Stocks of spring goods carried over by retailers from last season were not heavy.

In wholesale circles at Quebec there has been many sorting orders received from country traders. The business demands show a slight falling off from that of preceding years. In some quarters collections are reported slow. The shoe factories are all working, and the outlook is favorable.

The cold weather at Winnipeg has continued to stimulate the demand for heavy goods, and the holiday business has been better than in previous years. Stocks in wholesale have been well reduced, owing to the large demand through the Province for staple goods.

Business at London has been active. Retailers have made large sales of holiday goods, and are prepared to order liberally for the coming season. Payments are expected to show a big improvement the next two weeks. Prices are firmly held.

The volume of business in connection with the holiday trade at Ottawa this season has been large. The business for the closing weeks of the year has given great satisfaction. Prices are firm in all departments.

THE JAPANESE NAVY.

Island Empire Will Soon Build its Own Ships. In 1858 Queen Victoria presented a steam steam yacht to the Emperor of Japan, detailing some British blue-jackets to the duty of instructing the Japanese in the management of that class of vessel. The Japanese undertook to handle the craft before they had thoroughly learned their lesson, says the North American Review, and on the first voyage, when they wanted to stop, they discovered that they had forgotten how this operation was performed. They therefore steamed round and round the Gulf of Kedo until the vessel died down, and then the yacht was tugged home. Since then Japan has risen to the position of one of the great naval powers, and her progress of recent years has been nothing short of marvellous. At the time of her war with China her whole fleet displaced about thirty thousand tons; to-day the aggregate displacement is over two hundred and fifty thousand tons. Japan has a fighting population of about two million men, and from this section of the community she draws her seamen. Hitherto she has been depending upon other countries for the construction of her vessels, but the time is near at hand when she will be able to throw of the assistance of the western world. Her arsenals are already capable of building protected cruisers and torpedo craft, and a gun factory and armor plate factory are now being established which will soon be ready to begin work.

Her seamen are men of intelligence, resource and sea lore, and capable of quickly acquiring sufficient mechanical skill to enable them to control the complex mechanism of their modern machinery with complete success. They desire no pampering, and they can live on the simplest food and sleep anywhere; but in their new ships they have more air, and in some respects greater comfort than are to be found on many, if not most, British men-of-war. These sailors of the far east take things very much as they find them, with a stoical calm. They face danger with much the same spirit with which they take their pleasure, and in spite of the rapid strides which civilization has made in their country they are contented and happy. They are devoted to simple sports, to fencing and to acting; no one can ever forget the dramatic entertainments on Japanese men-of-war, who have other privileges to witness them. Nor does the memory soon become dim of one of these ships when decked out in gala dress with chrysanthemums, cherry blossoms and other blooms typical of Japan enlivening the grim aspect of the decks. The men are adepts in the making of imitation paper flowers, which so closely resemble the handiwork of the artist that at a casual glance one hardly notices the deception.

OPINIONS OF A CYNIC.

It is as hard for a crooked politician to do a straight thing as it is for an empty bag to stand on end. The constituency that is not represented in Parliament by a decoy deserves to be congratulated. When a man lies in politics his friends call it diplomacy.

When a politician is running for Parliament he shakes hands with the electors; after he is elected he shakes hands with himself. To hear some politicians talk, one would imagine that members of Parliament were divided into saints and sinners, and that the saints were all on the other side of the House.

When we read the laudatory references to the abilities of candidates on the stump, we wonder how so many lame ducks get to Parliament. The fakir has a higher notch in politics than the faddist, and usually gets more out of the business. The most subservient politician is not the most highly esteemed, even by the men whom he serves.

Partisanship is aptly designated the madness of many for the gain of a few. Independence has a place in politics, if only to show how the old parties hate it. When a politician imagines he knows it all, he has fallen on evil days. Many politicians who are regarded as whales in the little red school-house are only pollywogs when Parliament is in session.

There are times when the politician lifts the poker by the wrong end. In politics honesty is the best policy, although it is not always acted up to. Take patronage from a politician and he rarely amounts to much. Patriotism, like a dress suit, is used by the politician only on state occasions. The politician takes to patronage as naturally as the tramp takes to a hand-out. The man who has no leaves or dishes to give out is never type-high with the ordinary politician. There are good men in politics, and that is why it is so easy to pick out the other fellows. What is wanted is more patriots and fewer politicians. The politician who is "true to one party, and that is himself," never lies. Politics is scriptural to this extent: That it is the little foxes that spoil the vines. The later version is: The ox knoweth his owner, and the politician his master's crib.

# Violet's Lover

"Violet was his," said the same opinion, as he would see; and indeed there was a rose-tinted, sweet-scented note from Violet—just a few lines—to the effect that she thought her father was right.

He laid the notes down with a feeling of burning pain, a thrill of passionate anguish that frightened him. Nothing on earth, no power of man, should take her from him. She was his own, and he would hold her until life was ended. Then he owned to himself that he was right—right—cruelly right, that without money, with an invalid father, a falling business, he could not take a wife. It was right to defer it. He must be patient. After all, he had not lost her, he reflected. She was still his own.

There came to him a mad desire to see her, to cross the golden hair, to kiss the lovely lips that had on them the breath and fragrance of roses, to clasp the sweet white hands in his own, to hear the music of the voice that had no equal—a wild, maddening, heaving note through which he saw if he had overlooked some kindly word, to see if she had written "my love." Then he thought to himself that the little note was written for his father in her was great; he could not believe that her love for him was not as true and as fervent as his love for her.

"Have you some good news there, Felix?" asked the father of his son; and the next moment Felix had repressed the emotion so rapidly mastering him as he crushed the letter in his hand.

"It is only a note from Violet, father," he replied; and the satisfied smile on his father's face rewarded him.

Darcy Lonsdale knew that while Violet was in his isolated son nothing else would hurt him.

"They were alone—father and son—for Kate had gone to the nursery—when the hall-door bell rang. Felix said cheerfully:

"Here is the letter."  
"Few visitors will come here; we have lost a fortune, not found one," said Darcy Lonsdale, who had never spoken a cynical word before.

But it was a visitor, and one whom they were both waiting to see. It was Evelyn Lester, with a basket of grapes and delicacies of all kinds for the invalid, and what was better still, with the light of love and kindness on her sweet face, and with a gleam of sympathy on her lips. As Felix saw her bending over his father, he half-wished for a moment that Violet had done something like this—had come to see them in their distress. Then he blamed himself for wishing that she were other than she was. Violet was a goddess to be worshipped—Evelyn a mortal woman. He saw his father's face brighten as the girl's sweet voice soothed him with well-chosen words.

"I knew you would come, Eve," he said, "Felix, place the basket for me close by my side; it is like breathing the fresh air of May to look at you, Eve. Now, tell me, child, something that will brighten me."  
"It was a pretty picture—the invalid lying on his couch, the girl with her sweet face and earnest eyes bending over him, and watching them at a distance, and handsome as her face burned brightly, the lamps were lighted, while outside the north wind wailed mournfully."

Evelyn took up a bunch of ripe purple grapes, and said to him: "I want to see you eat some of these," she said. "Mrs. Lonsdale told me that you ate nothing yesterday." And taking the grapes out on a white linen cloth, she held them to his lips. How could he refuse? He was so weak and feeble, he had been so completely crushed by cruel words, that the girl's simple kindness made him feel as if he were heart-broken, Eve, he said, "I did not care to get well."

"You will live it down," she returned gently, "and those who have doubted you will be the first to feel ashamed of their injustice."  
"Oh, never! How could I? I should doubt all the world first," she said. "The she rose from her chair and knelt down by his side. She took both his hands—such thin, worn hands!—in hers, and held them there.

"I came to say something to you, Mr. Lonsdale," she said, "and that I am here I have hardly the courage. Promise not to be angry with me."  
"I could not be, if I tried, dear child," he replied.

Her face flushed, and the light deepened in her eyes.  
"You have known me all my life," she said, "have you not?—ever since I came here, a little, friendless child."  
"Yes, it is true, Eve."

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Felix had come nearer to her, listening in wonder to the passionate words. Mr. Lonsdale drew the fair head down nearer to him.

"So you would give me all your fortune, Eve?"  
There was a glad light in her eyes when she raised them to his.

"I would—double my fortune, if I had it," she replied. "I would give it to you, if you would be so good to me?"  
The rich crimson flush burned her fair face; she knew why, but she could not tell him.

"Because I love you all, and you are my dearest friends," she replied. "And you would give it to me all without reserve, Eve?"  
"All, and more if I had it," was her answer; and there was silence for some minutes, while the fire burned brightly and the north wind wailed.

"My dear Evelyn," said Darcy Lonsdale—and his voice was broken with emotion—"how shall I ever thank you?"  
An expression of perfect rapture came over the girl's face.

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remembrance that the few nearest and dearest to him had trusted him; Felix had had his difficulties; he had hastened to The Limes as soon as possible after the receipt of his letter. Francis Hays received him coolly.

"I do not wish," he said, "to part you from Violet. I do not say that the engagement must be broken off, but I do wish that the marriage must not take place until you are in a better position to support a wife."

There was nothing for it but for Felix to submit; he had to trample down the wild longing, the passionate love—and his sorrow educated him. He learned patience, perseverance, endurance, and self-control. The trial would have been easier to bear had he found that Violet was distressed about it. He looked in vain for some sign of regret; there was none. She had written a very pretty note of condolence to Darcy Lonsdale, and when Felix talked to her she shook her golden hair and said it was very sad, but when he went to her with his heart full of passionate love, passionate longing and regret, and spoke about their marriage being deferred, she looked very gravely at him, and said, "It cannot be helped, Felix; and, after all, what does it matter? What difference will a few years make? By not marrying now, we both escape the misery of living on limited means."

But he was half mad with his misery, and was not to be put off with such words. He took her white hands in his, and held them in an iron grasp.

"Have you no pity to extend to me?" he cried. "Have you no word to comfort me? Have you no heart? This is deadly agony, deadly anguish, to me, Oh, Violet, you would have been a truer woman if you had clasped your arms around my neck, if you had laid your face on my shoulder, and comforted me."

"The ring of passion in his voice frightened her as it always did; she shrank with a scared face from the gaze that she could not understand. "I have to work and wait," he said. "Oh, my beautiful love, I would work for you as no man has worked, if need should be! It is not that, but I have to wait, and I have heard people say that it is not in my line, you understand."

"Exactly. Well, it is mine—and a very pleasant line I find it. The only thing I dreaded in coming hither was that I should find you had been spoiled by the milkmaid sort. I have a decided distaste for it; and the fact of the matter is, I am looking out for a beautiful wife."

"What can I do to help you?" she said.  
"Kiss me. I will not have a shy, coy, formal kiss, Violet. Kiss me as though your heart answered to mine. Say you are sorry for me, and that you will love me, and I will be happy. Say all this—my heart is hungry for it."  
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There had been great excitement about this property. It had belonged to Lord Garwood, who was chiefly famous for his love of travel. It was seldom that he spent two years in England; and now that he had resolved upon living entirely in the east, Garwood Hall, with the grounds belonging to it, came into the market, and the fortunate purchaser was Sir Owen Chevenix.

Sir Owen had arrived in great state at Garwood. Servants, carriages, horses, grandeur of all kinds, had preceded him. Every one was talking of him. The number of horses in his stables and of servants in his household, the masses of gold and silver plate at the Hall, the wonders in the shape of magnificent furniture—these things formed the staple of conversation in every household in the county. His intelligence, he was not married—this millionaire upon whom fortune had lavished her gifts; and the elegant rose to a great height, and this became known. Maids and waitresses took the greatest interest in him, the grandees of the county waited upon him, fashionable motorists offered him advice about his household, about the parties he intended giving, and about the people he must invite, while the stables were much interested in his stable boys and grooms. The younger ladies wondered what he would be like, and which among them would be the happy one chosen as queen of Garwood.

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The minister returned just in time to hear one of the guests cry: "Be on your guard, there thieves among us." Checking to himself, he hurried to the ball-room to face his guests. He exclaimed to the man who had sounded the alarm. "You don't want to spoil the greatest surprise of the season." The alarm had been sounded, however, as the butler and Lukie had explained, "My watch," said one. "My purse," cried another. "My jewels," shrieked a dozen women in chorus.

"Ha, ha," laughed the minister. "It works beautifully, I'm sure. I'll just call Lukie now and show them how smart we are."  
But Lukie could not be found, nor could anyone remember seeing him. A feeling of mistrust seized the minister; he ran to the butler and asked: "Has anybody gone?"  
"Certainly. One of the princes; the one with the embroidered coat."

Bunsinger was nearly paralyzed. His knees smote each other as he staggered back to face his guests. They crowded about him as he explained in a death-like whisper: "My friends, we have been the victims of a horrible plot. It seems that a genuine tramp broke through our party. The ungrateful wretch, not content with imposing upon our hospitality, has robbed us of our valuables besides."  
"Terrible! Terrible!" exclaimed his sister-in-law, "but you yourself robbed me of my jewels. I saw you, but kept quiet, to see what you would do. How can you explain that?"  
"Explains—explains!" shouted some of his angry guests.

"Yes, that's the worst of this whole miserable business," whined the minister weakly. "He made me his willing confederate. He is the chief minister of justice, fooled by a common tramp; but for the Lord's sake don't let this get out. He is honorable; I will restore all every last penny worth. Only keep it quiet, and I pledge you never to give or attend another such ball."

For the next few days the royal jewelers did a marvelous business; but Lukie's name never came on the ears of again.—Flügelnde-Blätter.

# The Rag Congress And Common Tramp

A great crowd of various persons were gathered in front of the palatial residence of Herr Bunsinger, the Minister of Justice at dusk on an evening in March. They gaped impudently at the marble portals. Equipped after equine rode up to the carriage block, dumping the most astonishing examples of humanity on the sidewalk.

Apparently they were the scum of the city, clad in rags and repulsive upon. Still there was something singular about them, for they appeared both startled and ashamed over the attention they were attracting and hurried through the crowd up the steps smothered in spring blossoms and through the brilliantly lighted vestibule. Sometimes new arrivals were greeted with shouts of "Hallo!" "Bravo!" and "Aha!" for the whole district knew that the Minister of Justice and his wife were giving a rag congress. It was the last big social event of the season, a season which would be remembered for the character of its entertainments, among them washerwomen's parties, straw carnivals, paeanic receptions, a minstrel show, and other, each of which had caused a sensation. Now it remained for the sterner old Minister of Justice and his haughty wife to cap the climax with an affair which surpassed them all. So all their friends—members of the rank, and activity in the financial, industrial, professional, and social circles of the city—had been bidden to come to the congress and in rags, unclean and disheveled, and two men and two women, more ragged than their predecessors, had hurried into the house, when a woeful specimen of humanity shuffled through the crowd, and watched behind the banks of palms and ferns, which screened the doorway. He looked about in amazement, which the more timid and crises of "Here's another which came from the crowd. Then he moved clumsily up the steps and rang the bell.

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Baron Schroeder witnessed a still more remarkable spectacle. An eagle attacked a fawn, which was one of a herd in the Highlands. The cries of the little one were answered by its dam, which sprang upon the eagle and struck it repeatedly with its forefeet. Fawn, deer and eagle rolled headlong down a declivity, and the bird was dislodged from its perch and the fawn rescued. But Sir Kenneth Mackenzie knows a more thrilling story than either of these, for, according to report, an eagle was rent in twain during a battle in his forest of Gairloch.

Firing its talons in the quarters of a roe the bird was dashed against a tree, to a branch of which it endeavored to hold to stay the flight of its captive. The bird was halved in an instant.

Many traditions are extant as to eagles having carried off and devoured children. In the north of England the legend is perpetuated by the name of many an inn, the sign "The Eagle and the Child"

From Neighboring Firesides.

News Budgets by the Reporter's able staff of Correspondents

HARLEM

Mrs. Wm. Smith and Miss Fanny Smith spent the last few days in Westport. The many friends of H. W. Emerson are pleased to hear that his hand is much better. Mr. John Raison is on the sick list. Dr. Mallory of Delta is the attending physician. Mr. Wm. Smith left this morning on a business trip to Brockville and Addison. We are pleased to hear that J. D. McIntyre is much better the last few days. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. White and children spent Sunday with the former's mother, of Frankville. Miss Georgiana Rogers spent the last few days with her friend, Miss Fanny Smith. Our school has reopened for the year 1904 with Miss Leggett as teacher.

NEW DUBLIN

School opened Monday with Miss Kughan as teacher. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Trickey are visiting friends at Mallorytown. Dublin is the place to make a bee. If you doubt it just take a look at Sherman's woodpile. Mr. Bryce Gordon of Smith's Falls is visiting his cousin, E. B. Cadwell. We are sorry to say that Mrs. S. Hawkins, who has been suffering with a severe attack of blood poisoning, is no better. The proprietor of the Royal Dominion oyster house is giving his patrons and friends a grand oyster supper, on Friday evening next. Mr. W. Horton and daughter of Smith's Falls spent New Year's with his brother, Mr. J. Horton. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sherman and Miss Kughan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Trickey on Sunday last.

SEELY'S BAY

Mr. Samuel Stevenson has sold his farm to Mr. T. Rhodes for \$6000. The Masonic Lodge here has purchased the Select Knights' hall for \$900, furniture included. Possession given on Jan. 1st. The Methodist Sunday-school Xmas entertainment, held on Xmas night in Select Knights' hall, was a decided success in every way. The hall was unable to hold the crowd, many having to go away. A good programme was given, all taking part acquitting themselves creditably. The receipts totalled \$55. Wm. Chapman is very ill and small hopes are entertained for his recovery. J. N. Chapman, marine engineer, and James Seabrooke are home, after a successful season sailing on the lakes. Court Arlington No 3842 I. O. F. holds its annual oyster supper on Tuesday, Jan. 5th. There is good sleighing in this section of country. Mr. E. Furst of Watertown, N. Y., has been visiting friends the past few days.

GLEN BUELL

Christmas Eve was the scene of a very pleasant gathering, when a number of younger people, including the choir, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sturgeon to present their daughter Edith with an address and silver tea set as a slight recognition of her services as organist of Glen Buell Methodist Church, which duty she has faithfully and ably fulfilled for over five years. The address was read by Mrs. G. A. Gilroy and the presentation was made by Mr. Arthur Hayes. Although taken entirely by surprise, Miss Sturgeon replied with a few well spoken remarks, assuring them it would be in the future as it always had been in the past, a pleasant duty. Howard Willis of Delta was the guest of his cousin, Willis Sturgeon, on Sunday last. Christmas week was the scene of a family reunion at Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Towrie's. Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. R. Towrie and daughter, and Charles Towrie are spending a few days as guests at Oakdale. Before serving their connection with their teacher, Miss Hall, her pupils desired to show the esteem in which she was held by presenting her with an address, also a lamp and tea set.

DELTA

The Xmas trees and entertainments of the Methodist and Baptist churches during the holidays were a decided success. Those who took part in the programmes ably filled the positions assigned to them, and every thing passed off pleasantly in the presence of well filled houses. The school meeting was held at the

public school last Wednesday morning for winding up last year's business. E. A. Pletzer was elected as a trustee. The trustees are E. A. Pletzer, J. W. Russell and W. J. Eirob. The Delta hockey club went to Phillipville to play a friendly match. The score was 3 to 2 in favor of Delta. Mr. Samuel Horton of New Dublin spent New Year's day with his brother, John Horton. George P. Chamberlain of Toronto spent the holidays with his friends last week. The ice is now in a splendid condition in the lower lake; wood and logs can be hauled on it anywhere. Miss Bernice Jackson gave a driving party to her young lady friends on New Year's, which was much enjoyed. Misses Addie and Fanny Berney of Athens spent the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Coleman. Visitors during the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vennay and Miss Dill Gilboer of Brockville and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Coon of Athens. Mrs. Clate Copeland has gone to Maple Ridge to spend the holidays with her parents.

NEWBORO

A large number from here attended the tea held in Westport under the auspices of the Methodist church on Dec. 31st. Mr. E. Merriman of Elgin was in town on Friday. Mrs. T. Bolton, of Portland, was the guest of Mr. Geo. Bolton on Tuesday. Mr. Jas. Whaley is dangerously ill at present. Mr. J. Adrain of Chatham is the guest of his brother, Mr. E. Adrain. The Misses Baker, of Brockville, are spending the holidays at Mr. Robt. Bilton's. Mr. J. E. Dier is suffering from an attack of quinsy at present. Mr. E. Pinkerton, one of our general merchants, sold out his entire stock to Mr. J. Pinkerton, of Crosby, who has purchased Mr. Harrison's store in Portland. Mr. Pinkerton will go to the North West in the spring. Nominations were held in the Court House here on Monday, and the following were elected by acclamation: Reeve, W. S. Bilton; Councillors, Geo. Lyons, Robt. Barker, D. Moriarty and R. King, M.D.; Trustees, J. T. Gallagher, J. H. Singleton and Wm. Hart. Messrs. B. M. Stewart of Lyn and Thos. Whaley, of Soperton, were the guests of W. P. Richards last week. Mr. Bower Williams of Sydenham was in town on Monday. Mr. R. C. Grothier left on Friday morning for Rusview, where he has obtained a situation as teacher. Mr. John Lee of Westport will open a butcher shop here in the spring. Mr. E. Foster of Lansdowne spent New Year's at his home here. Miss M. Shaver of Smith's Falls is the guest of Miss Mary McKian. Mrs. Jas. Howarth is seriously ill at present. A Christmas tree and tea, under the auspices of St. Mary's church, was held in the Court House on Wednesday evening and was a grand success, financially and otherwise. A large number in this vicinity have been fined recently for fishing without license. Victory again perched on Newboro's banner on Jan 1st when the Athens hockey aggregation went down to defeat by a score of 7 to 5. A grand carnival was held in the People's Rink on Wednesday, Dec. 30. Portland and Elgin were in attendance. The executive of the Athens Model School Reunion Club, composed of Mr. B. J. Lyons of the year '01, Miss J. Knapp of '02, and Miss E. Gallagher and Messrs. B. Stewart, of Lyn, and W. P. Richards of '03, met at Mrs. Richards on Tuesday. Mrs. V. L. A. Dier and Mr. John Forrester of Westport were unable to attend, but sent letters of regret. After the election of a chairman, the committee commenced business. The committee considered Westport unfavorable for camping and it was decided to hold the reunion at Chaffey's Locks the first week in July. The next meeting of the executive will be held during Easter week when all other matters will be settled. A very pretty wedding took place in the Methodist church on the 29th inst. when Miss Perthena Blanche Gallagher, daughter of Mr. John Gallagher, a prosperous merchant of this place, was united to Mr. E. B. Dargavel, of Toronto, son of W. G. Dargavel of this place, by Rev. Pearson. Misses Mary E. Dargavel, sister of the groom, Mina Bell of Mallorytown and Florence Ewing of Cataract, acted as bridesmaids, and Mr. R. N. Day, of Toronto, assisted the groom. Miss Ooad of Brockville and Miss M. Singleton, of Newboro, presided at the church. The happy couple left on a short honeymoon trip to Ottawa and

returned on Friday evening when a reception was held at the home of the groom's father. Court Letham No. 120, I.O.F. met Monday evening and installed the following officers for the year '04:— C.R.—Wm. Canning. V.O.R.—D. McClelland. Orator—B. Cavanaugh. Fin Sec.—R. O. Leggett. Rec. Sec.—Geo. Duncan. Treas.—J. E. Dier.

SPORTING NOTES

ATHENS LOST

Newboro won its game from Athens on New Year's Day after the hardest fought battle ever seen in Newboro, by a score of 7 to 5. It was hockey from start to finish and of the swiftest kind at that. It became quite rough near the close of the last half, when, with the score 5 to 5 both teams were straining every nerve to win. Rappell was struck over the eye in the first half, and although he made an effort to stay in the game, he was forced to retire, Lyons going off the Newboro team to balance up. The first half ended with the score 2 to 2 and it was not until two minutes before the close of the last half that Newboro won its margin of two by combination rushes. Two of Athens forwards were comparative juniors and the fast pace at which they were playing began to tell towards the last. The Newboro boys are all heavy men and their forward line play better combination and trust one another more than the Athens boys. These latter facts were the cause of the local defeat. The following were the players and officials:—

NEWBORO Moriarty ..... goal ..... Coleman Preston ..... point ..... Parish Esherson ..... cover-point ..... Hagerman B. Tett ..... rover ..... DeWolfe A. Tett ..... centre ..... Barber Stanton ..... right wing ..... Rappell Lyons ..... left wing ..... Berney

Goal umpire—J. Forrester, Westport; S. B. Covey, Athens. Time-keepers—E. C. Tribute, Athens, and M. McConigal, Newboro. Mr. Arthur Parish, of Athens, gave good satisfaction as referee, particularly enforcing the off-side rule, which was frequently broken.

In summing up the match it would be hard to particularize any of the players. The Newboro forwards were all good and Pearson at point plays well. For Athens, Hagerman played his usual reliable game, Parish at point put up a brilliant game, while DeWolfe and Barber were the most prominent on the forward line. Only three men decorated the cushion during the match, Berney for continually loafing off-side and A. Tett and Hagerman for slugging. The Athens boys were well entertained at the Ottawa House and have nothing but good things to say of their treatment by the Newboro sports while on the ice.

CLUB VS. SCHOOL

Two local junior teams clashed on the People's Rink, here, New Year's afternoon, and the smoke has not yet cleared away. They were the Y.B.C. A. Club and the Public School teams, the former being victors by a score of 7 to 1. The following were the players:— Y.B.C.A.—Rappell, goal; Parish, point; Pipe, cover-point; W. McLean, centre; McLaughlin, rover; E. McLean and Jacob, wings. School—Rockwood, goal; Wilson, point; Witte, cover-point; C. Gifford, centre; F. Gifford, rover; Cornell and Steyans, wings. Referee—Morris Foley.

LEEDS COUNTY LEAGUE STANDING

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, To Play. Newboro: 2, 0, 4. Athens: 1, 1, 4. Portland: 0, 1, 5. Westport: 0, 1, 5.

Games next Saturday—Westport at Newboro; Portland at Athens. Newboro has the heaviest team in the league. Athens went on the train to Newboro taking the special freight which went up about 10 a.m. and returning on the Brockville-Frontenac special in the evening. Brockville decisively defeated the Frontenacs, of Kingston, in the first O.H.A. senior contest by a score of 9 to 1 on New Year's night. A special train was run over the B. & W., about fifty people along the line purchasing the tickets. The excursion was not a financial success. Only five went to Athens.

Athens was without the services of Lee, their speedy wing man, on New Year's Day. I was not used to the team were at the station that it became known that he could not go. DeWolfe, who was substituted, although a speedy man, is only a junior, this being his first time under senior fire. He played a star game. Newboro colors are the same as Queen's—red, yellow and blue. The unsettled state of the elements prevented Westport and Portland from playing their scheduled game at Portland on Saturday.

Fred Barber is a hard checker. He checked Pearson so hard in the game at Newboro on Friday that the hefty cover-point was forced to lie down and gasp for breath.

AMERICAN AUDIENCES.

Men and Women and Their Effect Upon Public Meetings. American audiences are strangely alike in some things and strangely dissimilar in others. A good committee will take as much pains in the arrangement of its audience as of its speakers. An audience seated without crowding is seldom enthusiastic. Neither is an audience whose hands are occupied with bundles or umbrellas, an audience largely composed of women or an audience in a cold room. The easiest audiences to address, the most responsive and inspiring, are those composed of men crowded and packed together and warm.

Women naturally do not applaud or cheer. They are by instinct more self restrained in the public expression of their emotions than men. Every public speaker is complimented by their presence, knowing that their quiet word at home is oftentimes more effective in results than the most enthusiastic shouting on the street corners by those nearest the speaker. I remember well two audiences, both from the same social class, both crowded, both in large theaters and both largely attended by women. One happened to be in Colorado, one in Massachusetts. In the Colorado one the orchestra was reserved for women. In the other meeting the men had the orchestra and the women had the lower gallery and all the boxes. In both cases the audiences were entirely friendly to the speakers. The second meeting was marked by wild enthusiasm, the first one by respectful attention. In the second case the mass of men in the orchestra urged on the speakers by continued applause. In the first case the men in the galleries who started to applaud were checked because between them and the speakers was a mass of absolutely silent femininity in the orchestra. I do not say that one meeting was less effective than the other, but the difference in the strain on the speaker was marked.—From "The Spellbinder," by Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr., in Scribner's.

A Catch Bet. Turn round, and, with your back to the table, ask somebody to throw the dice. Then tell the person who threw them to double the number of the spots on the die on the left, and keep the number to himself. Tell him to add five, then multiply by five. To this figure have him add the number of spots on the die in the middle and multiply the product by ten. Then ask him to multiply the number of spots on the third die and give you the aggregate sum. From the amount subtract mentally 250, and the remainder will show in the three figures the number of spots on each of the three dice. For instance, take three dice. Their numbers are three, five and two. Double the one on the left—five plus five equals ten. Add five, equals fifteen. Multiply by five, equals seventy-five. Add the number of spots on the die in the middle, three, equals seventy-eight. Multiply by ten, equals 780. Add number of spots on the third die, two, equals 782. Subtract 250 and 532 remains, which are numbers on the dice.

Why the Audience Laughed. At a public entertainment recently a conjurer had an experience which was highly comical, though quite disastrous from a professional point of view. Having produced an egg from a previously empty bag, he announced that he would follow up this trick by bringing from the bag the hen that laid the egg. This little arrangement he left to his confederate to carry out. He proceeded to draw the bird from the bag, but what was his surprise on finding that the alleged hen was an old rooster, which strutted about the stage with ruffled feathers and offended dignity and set up as vigorous a crowing as if it had just awakened from its sectorial slumbers. The whole audience shrieked with laughter, and the unfortunate conjurer made a bolt for the dressing room.

The Tumbleweed. The tumbleweed is a curious plant, indigenous to the western prairie. It grows in all directions from a central stem, making a large flat head, close to the ground. In the fall, after being touched by the frost or dried by the weather, the stem breaks off, the head becomes the sport of the wind and is driven off across the prairie, scattering seeds as it goes and finally bringing up against some obstruction which arrests its progress. These weeds have been seen piled ten feet high against a fence, driven there by the wind.

Jack Tar as a Critic. At an auction art sale the other day a marine view was about to be knocked down at a handsome figure when a bluff sailor, who had happened to wander in, exclaimed earnestly: "My stars, if there ain't a vessel drifting on to the rocks with a strong breeze blowing offshore!" The artist took his work home to rearrange the wind.

She Was Surprised. Mrs. Neighbors—What's that awful racket in the next room? Mrs. Rounder—Oh, that's only my husband dressing to go downtown. Mrs. Neighbors—Indeed! I've heard folk say he was a loud dresser, but I had no idea it was anything like that.

No One Made a Motion. "Kin any one make a motion?" asked one of the audience. "Gents," said Alkali Bill, chairman of the meeting, as he laid his revolver on the table, "owin' to the general custom of wearin' weapons in these parts I trust no one will make a motion."

A Mean Defense. Magistrate—It's very disgraceful that you should beat your wife. Prisoner—Well, yer honor, she aggravated me by keepin' on sayin' she'd 'ave me hup afore that bald-headed hold 'umbug, meann' yer honor Magistrate.

A Comparison. "How'd ye like the lecturer at the town hall last night, Si?" "Great! He was a Boston feller, an' I swan, I never laughed so hard in my life. He knew more long words than a negro minstrel."

A Little Clue. "You married a rich wife, didn't you?" asked Jones of his friend. "Yes," he sighed, "but she's not declared any dividend yet."

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A Bachelor's Cost of Living. If the average bachelor, with a mill house's income, not the fellow who goes in for extravagant fads, but the man who maintains good social position and who entertains liberally, were to balance up his personal account for the year, it might contain these charges without comparative extravagance: House or apartment and service.....\$10.00 Valet ..... 50 Clubs ..... 1.00 Restaurant and entertaining..... 25.00 Clothing ..... 5.00 Automobiles ..... 5.00 Chartered yacht ..... 10.00 Cards ..... 5.00 Bad loans ..... 2.00 Horses, coach, groom, etc..... 10.00 Total ..... \$53.50

These are the more or less fixed items of expense, and any one who has ever attempted to keep a personal account knows that when you have put down the necessary expenses you may add almost as much for the thousand and one things that may be grouped conveniently under the head of "incidental expenses." In a general way it may be said that the millionaire bachelor who spends from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year is living his life in accordance with the demands of the time on men of wealth.—Ainslie's.

Whenever the United States supreme court on hearing the argument of counsel for plaintiff in error, is entirely satisfied that he has no case, the chief justice is apt to say to counsel for defendant in error that the court does not care to hear further argument. At one time Hon. Matthew Carpenter, from Wisconsin, was counsel for plaintiff in error and opened the case. Before he was through the court was satisfied that there was nothing in it, and so when he had concluded and counsel for defendant in error arose Chief Justice Waite said, "The court does not care to hear any further argument."

Counsel was a little deaf and, although noticing that the chief justice spoke, did not hear what he had said and, turning to Mr. Carpenter, who sat beside him, asked what had been said. "Oh, hang it!" replied Carpenter in tones audible to the bench. "The chief justice said he would rather give you the case than hear you talk."—Youth's Companion.

No Influence Above. In Dr. John Hall's time it was the custom in his church to use the old fashioned, simple hymns, and the singing was congregational. William M. Everts disapproved E. DeLaford Smith, then corporation counsel of New York city, singing with all his heart and whistled to his friend: "Why, there is Smith singing 'I want to be an angel'! I knew he wanted to be district attorney, but I didn't know he wanted to be an angel."

The remark was repeated to Mr. Smith, and quick as a flash came the retort: "No, I have never mentioned the matter to Everts, knowing that he had no influence in that direction."

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There preachers tell no fairy tale, There they put millionaires in jail, There girls don't flirt behind a fan, Nor paint their face and call it tan, In grand old Farm-ers-ville.

The sale of beer they had to stop, Though now of water not a drop They drink in Farm-ers-ville.

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In hotels you will not find coons To serve up codfish, veal and prunes, There drummers chamber-maids don't tip, Nor hotel clerks go through your grip, In honest Farm-ers-ville.

A silly "dude" up there one day, He had a charmer so they say, The belle of Farm-ers-ville, This charming girl she made a cake, The kind in school she learned to make, The "dude" he tried it for her sake, In model Farm-ers-ville.

The doctors all they did their best— He died, the cake would not digest, They raised a monument to him, And wrote upon it "Lucky Jim" In sorrowed Farm-ers-ville.

There was another spoony pair, Whose path of love it was not fair In loving Farm-ers-ville, For Mary's old folks they had said That Jack and her could never wed, They blew the gas out, went to bed, In moral Farm-ers-ville.

Thus Mary dear went up the flue And Jack he took the gas route, too, So all you'll find now of the pair Is two cheap head-stones standing there In gloomy Farm-ers-ville.

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Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

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Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms,

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### FRANKVILLE

Mr. Chas. Rudd and uncle Mr. R. Stafford, spent Xmas with the former's mother.

The wedding on the 30th at home of Nelson Jones was one of the great events of the holiday season, when his sister, Miss Priscilla, was married to Mr. F. Sherman, blacksmith, of this place. The wedding march was played by Miss Ethel Richards and at half-past five the couple took their places under an arch of evergreens and white roses, from which a bell was suspended by a white satin ribbon. The couple were united by Rev. Mr. Oliver. After the usual congratulations, they retired to the dining room where a sumptuous repast awaited them. The tables were decorated with white tissue paper and smilax, and looked very pretty indeed. About sixty guests were present, and last but not least the presents were many and beautiful. Special mention should be made of one by the school of a very large parlor lamp, showing the esteem in which she was held, having taught the public school for the last three years. The couple left for a short trip and after their return will settle down here. We wish them long life and happiness.

Dr. B. Hawkins of Plessis spent New Year's here.

The regular meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Crummy on New Year's night, when the gentlemen were also invited and tea was served. An enjoyable time was spent by all.

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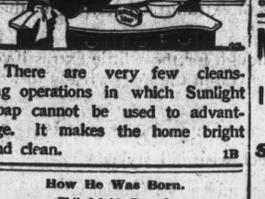
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ALL THE NEWS OF THE TOWN

The Events of the Week

Oysters—40c qt. at Wilson & Son's. Mr. William Frye was a visitor in Gananoque this week.

A splendid holiday trade was done in Athens, the best in years.

Mrs. Frank Wilton of Brookville spent New Year's Day with friends in Athens.

Miss Cora Lee, of Seale's Corners, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Carrie Redmond.

Dr. E. Mole, of Norwich, Ont. spent Xmas holidays at the home of his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Soots of Smith's Falls were in Athens last week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Soots.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. H. Smith at 3 p. m. on Thursday.

Mr. James Walker and family are now snugly domiciled in their Kingston home—140 Collingwood street.

Mrs. M. A. Everts and son, Alan, have returned home after spending the holidays with friends in Smith's Falls.

Messrs. W. E. Stratton, G. M. Leverette and R. Richards have been elected trustees of the police village of Frankville.

The ice in Charleston Lake is ready for harvesting. It is of the finest quality, no snow-ice having formed this season.

Miss Nellie McAvana, who has been spending the past few months here, has returned to her home in Rockspring for the winter.

A joint installation of the officers of Delta and Athens lodges of the I. O. O. F. is being arranged for Jan. 14, to be held at Delta.

Mr. H. R. Lewis of the Merchants Bank, here, spent New Year's with friends in Brookville and Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Misses Lulu McLean and Gladys Spencer, who have been spending the vacation in Kingston, returned home Monday evening.

In the Methodist church, on Sunday next, missionary services will be conducted morning and evening by the Rev. J. T. Pitcher of Smith's Falls.

Prof. De Silberg, the famous German optician, will be at the Gamble House on Thursday and Friday of this week. See adv't.

Mr. Arthur McD. Lee has accepted a position as organizer for the Home Correspondence School, Toronto, and left on Tuesday for Dundas County.

Lamb's Horse Powder is having an exceptionally large sale just now. Last week we printed 1,000 wrappers for the firm and this week received a repeat order.

Mr. G. W. Brown returned to Athens from Watertown, N. Y., on Saturday last. He likes Uncle Sam and his people pretty well and highly enjoyed his visit.

During the last few days frost did considerable damage in cellars that were considered to be frost-proof. Quite a heavy loss was sustained in the wine cellar of the Gamble House.

Among those from outside points who polled their votes here on Monday were Ziba Jackson, Lyndhurst; N. C. Williams, Truman Cadwell, Smith's Falls; W. G. McLaughlin, Brookville.

Mr. Fred B. Gorrill, of Westport, employed on the government telegraph line in the Yukon Territory, met a terrible death there on Tuesday of last week. A rifle in his hands was accidentally discharged and the ball entering his abdomen he lived only twenty-four hours.

People in this part of the world have been suffering from a severe attack of the weather lately. Day after day it has been intensely cold. On Sunday afternoon Jack Frost showed signs of relenting; the wind shifted to the south and the mercury crept up within four points of the zero mark. But Sunday night was the coldest dip of the season, at eight o'clock, on Monday morning the Reporter thermometer marked 26 deg. below. At the same hour in Brookville 28 below was registered at Victoria Hall and 30 below at the G. T. R. station.

The novel guessing contest conducted by G. E. Judson at his 'union' store during December attracted a lot of attention, the fact that the competition was absolutely free, with no conditions of any kind attached, making it acceptable to all, and a very large number lifted the chair and recorded their opinion. At the close of the contest, Mr. Judson took the chair to McClary's grocery and found that it weighed 25 lbs. 11 oz. Mrs. H. C. Phillips estimated the chair to weigh 25 lbs. 10 oz and it became her property. Two ladies in the village came next nearest, both guessing 25 lbs. 10 oz. The majority of guessers placed its weight at over 30 lbs. The lowest figure was 8 lbs. and the highest 100 lbs. 1 oz. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that the century guess was given by a man.

Mr. John Ireland arrived here from Manitoba this week.

Miss Alice Spicer, of Newboro, is visiting friends in Athens this week.

The Ross government has now a majority of two besides the speaker.

Miss Mirtie Cadwell, Athens, has been engaged to teach Sheldon's school this year.

Born—At Delta, on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanna, a son.

The village council will meet for organization on the evening of Monday next, Jan. 11.

Found on Reid street, and left at this office, a coin purse containing small sum of money.

The B. W. & N. will run a special to Westport on the last day of the ice races, Jan. 14.

The annual meeting of township agricultural societies will be held on Wednesday next.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson and son, Harold, spent New Year's Day with friends in Plum Hollow.

While drawing wood to Brookville on Saturday last, Mr. Richard Wills had one of his feet badly frozen.

The first meeting of the council of Rev'r Yonge & Ecott for 1904 will be held at the town hall, Athens, on Monday, Jan. 11, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. R. R. Graham, B. A., a graduate of Queen's University, arrived in Athens on Tuesday and is now in charge of the science work in the A. H. S.

A special train will run to Brookville from Athens on Thursday evening in connection with the presentation of "The Light of Other Days" by Robert Mantell and company.

On Monday evening next Rev. J. T. Pitcher of Smith's Falls will deliver a lecture in the Methodist church under the auspices of the Epworth League. Silver collection at the door.

On Saturday next, Jan. 9, a league game of hockey will be played here between Athens and Portland teams. Puck faced at 2 p. m. General admission, 10 cents. Lady ticket holders, free.

In Ottawa last week turkeys were bought at five cents per pound. The farmers had saved their stuff from the marauding buyers, hoping for a record price. The saving accomplished a glutting and as the weather was warm the poultry had to go at any price.

The Hay Floral & Seed Co., of Brookville, in sending copy for a change of adv't this week, appends the following postscript: "We note that our 'Xmas adv't' in your paper brought us all the orders we could well handle from your district. It pays to advertise in your paper."

A petition is in circulation in Frankville asking the postmaster to change the mail route from Frankville and Jasper to a route from Toledo to Forthton on the Brookville, Westport and Northern as it is thought the latter would be a greater convenience to the people of the locality.

Mr. Sim Manhardt started for Toronto yesterday, mounted on his coal black steed and wearing a Klondyke outfit that was picturesque if not beautiful. It was only 20 deg. below zero when he entered out of the village, so he probably made Kingston that day. A trip of that kind requires pluck as well as ability.

Rideau Record: Mr. E. W. Middleton who has a good situation with the Deering Company, spent the Christmas season with his family here, returning to Hamilton yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Middleton of Battle Creek, Mich. and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Empty of Clayton N. Y. and Mr. and Mrs. E. Middleton of Lyndhurst have also been visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Middleton during the past few days.

Athenian ratepayers might well resolve that this year they will note all the good things that the village councilors do and pass them a vote of thanks therefor next nomination night. This would be a radical departure from old methods, but it would certainly make a seat at our council board more alluring, more honorable, and is not more than the men who spend their time and talents gratuitously in the public service deserve. So, here's to the council of 1904!—may the shadow of their good deeds ever increase.

Mr. W. G. McLaughlin of Brookville, assisted by Mr. Mort Lee, is this week engaged in completing the eave-troughing and conduits of Mr. Omer Brown's new house at Delta. Mr. McLaughlin had a large number of roofing contracts during 1903 and present indications point to a still larger volume of business in 1904. The increasing cost of lumber is making very popular the pressed sheeting he handles, and the walls as well as the roofs of many private and public buildings are now being covered with these handsome fire-proof plates.

Kindly Remembered

The annual report of the secretary of the Methodist S. S., read on Christmas night, contained the following reference to the late Mrs. Blackburn: "We feel a great loss in the removal from our midst of that old veteran at Sunday school work—I refer to the late Mrs. Blackburn, who for many years worked diligently and faithfully in the interests of the children placed in her special care. Although she is dead, yet she lives; for we believe that the influence she emitted has developed, in many a growing life, traits of character in some degree similar to her own."

Delta C. O. C. F. Officers

Following is the list of officers elected for Delta Council C.O.C.F. No. 247 for 1904:—

- Past Councillor—W. W. Phelps. Chief Councillor—E. J. Saffell. Vice Councillor—Adelbert Cambell. Recording Sec.—Ella A. Phelps. Treasurer—M. L. Day. Prelate—W. B. Taber. Marshal—Ira Bador. Warden—Wm. Cambell. Guard—S. R. Gilbert. Sentry—W. J. Earl. Trustee—W. A. Bell. Auditors—C. Copeland, S. R. Gilbert, S. J. Russell. Representative to Grand Council—W. W. Phelps.

The above officers were elected on the evening of Dec. 28th, 1903. At the close of council, an oyster supper was given for the benefit of members present.

Our Way

A place where good groceries are kept is a good place to buy groceries.

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Jos. Thompson

G. A. McCLARY

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We tried to serve well all who favored us with their patronage.

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This is the 23rd year of the Hospital's life. The story of the years is a wonderful one—for in that period 10,000 children have been treated, and over 5,000 cured and 3,000 improved.

Last year there were 863 boys and girls in its beds and cots, and of these 493 were cured and 247 improved.

Look at these pictures of club feet—before and after.



BEFORE AFTER

Of the 863 patients 293 came from 216 places outside of Toronto.

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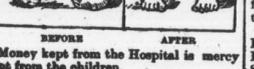
In six years 1,400 outside patients have been treated—and for 20 years past they will average 100 a year.

The average stay of every patient was 54 days, the cost per patient per day 94c.

A dollar or two means a small lot of money out of your pocket, but it takes a big load of misery out of some little life.

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