Huron Signal.

"The Greatest Possible Good to the Greatest Possible Number."

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CROFTS & JOHNSTON,

GODERICH.

Our preparations for the

FALL TRADE

Are now complete, and our tables are again groaning under the weight of everything that is desirable and suited to the different tastes of our numerous customers.

Two of our firm visited the Market this season, for the purpose and with a determination of searching all the leading warehouses in the city for

NEW, CHOICE AND Serviceable Goods,

All of which are now on exhibition. We pride ourselves in the good taste displayed, and the bargains secured for the Public.

In DRESS GOODS, MANTLES, &c., we again take the lead.

CASHMERES, CAMLETS, SNOW-FLAKES, MATELASSES, &c., in all the new shades of Olive, Myrtle, Navy, Seal, Bronze, &c.,

Our Shirtings, Flannels and Winceys

Are away down lower than any we ever saw before.

FOR OUR

TAILORING DEPARTMENT

We have bought largely in all the new and desirable goods.

PECIAL LOTS:

One Case Winceys, about half price, bought at the great Trade Sale.

One Case Tweeds, about half price, bought at the great Trade Sale.

Ten Pieces Tartan Plaids, about half price, bought at the great Trade Sale.

All our customers should see these Goods early.

Crofts & Johnston,

The leading Dry Goods, Merchant Tailoring, Dress and Mantle Making Establishment.

Canadian News.

Highway robbery is now prevalent at night in the streets of Montreal.

One hundred thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed by fire at Whitby on the 16th inst.

About five hundred Canadian entries for the Paris Exhibition have been made up to date.

St. John, New Brunswick, is still full of artisans, and substantially built buildings continue to go up with marvellous rapidity.

By the explosion of a coal oil lamp in the residence of T. G. Wescott, of London, on the 15th inst., a serious conflagration was threatened. The fire alarm was sounded and the fire brigade turned out, and got the flames under.

The Baptist Church, Quebec, has been found broken open by some evil disposed person and valuable property destroyed—a cover having been wrenched from a chalice, books torn from their bindings, and the organ, which has just been repaired at great expense, considerably damaged.

Judge Torrance, of the Superior Court, decided in the case of McGibbon *et al.* vs. Mome *et al.*, which came before him, that a wife separated as to property from her husband is liable for necessaries supplied to the household when her husband is insolvent.

The estimate of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the yield of wheat in Ontario in 1873, 1874 and 1875 shows the average of fall wheat to have been twenty bushels to the acre, and of spring wheat seventeen bushels per acre. The returns of the Grand Trunk Railway for the present year at fully twenty-five bushels per acre and of spring wheat at twenty bushels.

The Oswego *Times* says that the import of Canadian barley into Oswego during the month of September, in 1876 and 1877, was:—

	Bush.
September, 1877	432,048
" 1776	103,941
Increase this year	328,107

A Nepean farmer named Jas. Connell was found lying in an unconscious state on the Richmond Road, near Ottawa, on Friday night. He was brought to an hotel in the vicinity, where he died shortly afterwards. Post play was at first suspected, as his hands were covered with blood, and his shoulder appeared to be injured. An inquest was held and a verdict of death from congestion of the lungs, brought on by exposure, was found.

On Sunday night, 14th inst., a number of roughs entered the vestibule of Mr. Chiniquy's church, in Montreal, and behaved in such an offensive manner as to interfere with worship and frighten some of the congregation. When spoken to, some of them retired from the building, but the annoyance from their shouting only grew worse. The police at the neighboring station being applied to for a man to preserve order about the church, refused point-blank.

A letter from Bruce Mines says:—The crops in this locality exceed the anticipations of the most sanguine. Fall wheat averages about twenty-eight bushels to the acre. Three families moved in here early last summer, and chopped about thirteen acres, which they cleared, and dragged in wheat among the stumps. People from the eastern part of Ontario who saw this crop said it was the finest they ever saw. It stood five feet six inches in height, and returns 37 bushels to the acre.

A tall young lady, unknown committed suicide by jumping into the river from the east side of the old Terrapin Tower, Goat Island, Niagara Falls, about 7.30 last evening. She was dressed in black. In the pocket of a sacque which she left on shore were found a railway ticket from New York to Suspension Bridge, sold October 13th by C. V. V. Ward, ticket agent, Erie Railway, New York; also some books with the addresses of Tom, Mollie, and Charley Schofield, Woodstock, Ont. The body has not yet been found.

Poetry.

For the Signal.

Lines to my Boots, when worn almost Worthless.

You faithful friend! I love thee well,
Tho' harsed "Doctors" spite;
Thy cloud-pall other clouds dispel,
And wrap me in delight.

What though they fall, with phlanes long,
My sunny summer path,
I would apply, with manner strong,
Thy "Crofts and Johnston" salve.

And oft, mild friend! to me thou art
A monitor, thy gift,
Thou speak'st chastene to my heart,
Beyond the Lester's shift.

There's like the man of worth, the gives
In goodness every day,
The object of whose victor lives
When he has past'd away.

When in the lonely evening hour,
Attended but by thee
O'er science's varied page I pore,
Man's fate in time to see.

Oft as thy sovereign unions grown,
Thou weaken and fade away,
I trace how all thy various thread rose,
Thus tumbled to decay.

A while like thee earth's masters burn
And smoke and fume wrought,
And then, like thee, to ashes turn,
And mingle with the ground.

Life's but a leaf adroitly rolled
And time's the wind that blows beneath,
Thus, late and early we behold,
Gives all to dusty death.

From beggar's frieze to monarch's robe
One common doom is past;
Sweet nature's works, the swelling globe,
Must all burn out at last.

Then, what is he who smokes thee now?
A little moving heap,
Thou soon like thee to fate must bow,
With thee in dust must sleep.

But tho' thy ashes downward go,
Thy essence rolls on high,
Thus, when my body must lie low,
My soul shall cleave the sky.

HIBERNICUS.

For the Signal.

The Winged Worshippers.

An impromptu to two nightingales which were sitting on a church steeple, pouring forth an enraptured melody.

Gay, guileless pair!
What seek ye from the fields of heaven?
Ye have no need of prayer,
Ye have no sins to be forgiven.

Why perch ye here,
Where mortals to their maker bend?
Can your pure spirits fear
The God ye never could offend?

Ye never knew
The crimes for which man come to weep:
Penance is not for you,
Bless'd wanderers of the upper deep.

To you 'tis given
To wake sweet nature's untaught lays,
Beneath the arch of heaven
To chirp away a life of praise.

Then spread each wing,
Far, far above, o'er lakes and lands,
And join the choirs that sing
In you blue dome, not rear'd with hands.

Or if ye stay,
To note the consecrated hour,
Teach me the airy way
And let me try your envied power.

Above the crowd,
On upward wings could I but fly,
I'd bathe in you bright cloud,
And seek the stars that gem the sky.

Twere heaven indeed
Through fields of trackless light to soar,
On nature's charms to feed,
And nature's own great God adore.

HIBERNICUS.

A Feathered Fortune-Teller.

Several months ago Gen. Gordon and Col. R. A. Alston, of Atlanta, Ga., while walking down Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, noticed a crowd standing on the sidewalk, and discovered a portable stand, upon which a speculative group of canary birds were telling the fortunes of the bystanders. A stranger would give one of the birds a nickel. The bird would then hop off to a basket near by, and pick up a little envelope in his bill and carry it to the customer. Gen. Gordon handed the wisest-looking canary he could see a nickel, and awaited the result. The bird returned with an envelope, which the senator opened. It announced that the senator "talked too much, had five children, and would live to be eighty-six years of age." Col. Alston determined to have his fortune told. The first clause was this: "You invite too many people to your house; many of those you invite are not your friends." The printed slip went on to recite that the colonel would in a short time receive a large sum of money as an inheritance, and that it would be the basis on which he would build a definite prosperity. He folded the scrap of paper in his pocket and went to Willard's where he met Judge Lochrane. On showing the paper to this gentleman, he was interrupted by the exclamation: "Why, my dear sir, your fortune is already left you. I saw this very day, in a newspaper, that John E. Alston, of Brooklyn, had died, and had left a fortune of about $600,000 to be divided among his heirs and relatives in the South." A day or two afterward Attorney-General Devens asked him if he was any kin to John E. Alston, of Brooklyn, remarking that that gentleman had left a large fortune to be divided among his family. Col. Alston replied that he was not so lucky, and soon afterward went to Georgia. A few days ago, however, he received a printed copy of the will, addressed to him as one of the heirs of the estate. The will bequeathed various amounts to special heirs, and the balance amounting to $137,000, to the heirs in Georgia and South Carolina through the agency of Albert Glover. Col. Alston may have as much as $50,000 from this inheritance.

The number of seeds of wheat in one pound is 10,000

The number of seeds in one pound of barley is 15,400.

The number of seeds in one pound of oats is 20,000.

The number of seeds in one pound of buckwheat is 18,000.

The number of seeds in one pound of rye is 23,000.

The number of seeds in one pound of red clover is 219,600.

The number of seeds in one pound of white clover is 686,400.

Mine Inspector Roy, of Ohio, has discovered some some beautiful fossil fish in slabs of cannel coal in Jefferson County, and says they are at least 20,000,000 years old.

Communications.

Newton vs. Smith.

To the Editor of the Signal.

It had been my intention, as I stated in my last letter to withdraw entirely from this absurd and ridiculous flat earth theory, partly from the fact that it seemed rather an unprofitable waste of time and material to expend it in expounding the truth of truisms, and also being under the impression that your column were going to be closed to further discussion on the subject, but since I perceive that several letters have recently appeared, both for and against the opinions of our plane theory promulgator, I have determined to make another effort to rescue W. G. S. from the perilous scientific position he has assumed, and reinstate him in that place which he should occupy in the onward march of truth and science, with the hope that he will sooner or later honestly succumb—and confess the falsity of his tenets. Last time I wrote, I acted mainly on the offensive by bringing proofs of the Newtonian and Copernican system of astronomy, but perceiving that it has not had, the salutary effect I intended it should, I shall this time confine myself principally to criticising and commenting upon the latest production in your last issue, with the idea that perhaps W. G. S. will be enabled to see more easily the fallacies of his opinions than the truth of those of others, and I do this with a firm conviction that the whole letter, from the alpha to the omega, can, with facility, be wholly divested of all scientific worth and entirely reduced into an unmeaning mass of false ideas and nugatory statements wrought into an unnatural dignity by the help of a plentiful interspersing with mathematical terms, as well as several quotations from Acts of Parliament. This may appear rather a bold statement, but I do not for one moment hesitate to say that even W. G. S. himself will upon his personal confession that he, as well as others, is not infallible, but like the rest of us, liable to contract fallacies and become a victim of error.

The idea that a receding object would be rendered invisible by the effect of perspective, a fact that W. G. S. strongly maintains as a means for accounting for the disappearance of the heavenly bodies, otherwise than by the earth's rotundity, is a palpable and absurd error. At any rate such a phenomenon could only tend to contract a distant object in size, minus perspective all sides, and not by any means tend to depress its position as W. G. S. asserts, in endeavoring to solve that ably and ingeniously proposed conundrum of Nauticus, when he demands a solution of the fact of the polar star, when advancing into southerly direction. Such increasing distance could only tend to decrease its apparent size, and as long as the eye could overcome the distance either unsupported or aided by artificial means (and we know that telescopes are constructed capable of overcoming distances many times as great as the dimensions of our small world), it would require a distance of incalculable length to obliterate such a luminary from our sight. In short no distance that could be possibly travelled in this limited sphere of ours could *per se* exercise the smallest effect in eclipsing or rather hiding from view heavenly bodies, were it not that such a progress always tends to raise the horizon in the direction from which we are departing, and thus gradually obliterating all objects on the other side, while on the other hand, if this earth were a plane, no journey from north to south or from east to west could by one *iota* diminish the lustre of a single heavenly body. If we were to take (to elucidate the subject a little more) a smooth plane, say 10,000 miles or more in length and place at one extremity a bright and lustrous object, nothing would hinder a person placed at the other extremity from easily discerning the same with an ordinary telescope of modern construction. And W. G. S. may rest assured that there would be no apparent elevation of the intervening distance to hide the object, attributable to the effects of perspective or anything else. Leaving atmospheric phenomena out of the question, the polar star would cease to be visible, upon journeying southerly, when that point was reached where a tangent drawn to the earth from the star would meet the terrestrial surface. But the appearance of the polar star as touched on by W. G. S. beyond this point, upon eminent and I hope authentic authority, can easily be explained by atmospheric phenomena such as for instance that one known as "refraction of light" a theory lucidated in my last letter, and also by other causes as rendered intelligible by such occurrences as land and water mirage, by which objects many miles distant are raised above the horizon and placed right before the viewer's eye, as it were, in mid air.

Again, as regards what W. G. S. considers a conclusive answer to Nauticus' statement about the extent of the earth's curvature, he has evidently fallen into a great miscalculation when he says a person would have to be raised one hundred and twenty five feet to see the deck of a vessel 15 miles off. The curvature is only 8 inches in every mile, and hence the intervening height of horizon between two objects 15 miles apart would only be 5 feet, and not 125 feet, as placed by W. G. S. in the mouth of Nauticus. At a distance of 20, even 30 miles, the height of two ordinary vessels together, with the height of the viewer, would be more than amply sufficient to neutralize the intervening curvature of the earth's surface, and accordingly W. G. S. has gone to all the unnecessary trouble of searching for the authority of experienced seamen to prove a fact which is not only consistent with but the inevitable result of a spherical globe.

In the next place his quotations from Parliamentary Acts are equally misunderstood and mistaken. I would advise him to read them over again carefully, and see if there is one simple syllable in refutation or negation of an eight inch depression to the mile. His mistake seems to have arisen from a want of discrimination of the fact that there are two calculations. Engineers are bound to make one in regard to this 8 inch curvature, and the other in regard to the local elevation and depressions of the surrounding strata. He must bear in mind that although this average depression of 8 inches to the mile really exists as a general result of travelling wholly around the globe, yet in particular spots it may be and in fact often is more than entirely neutralized by local surface irregularities. No one pretends, when he is scaling the Alps, that he is walking down an eight inch depression, nor, when he is descending the other side that the inclination is equally small. It is to overcome and make allowances for these local obstacles that a horizontal datum is specially made mention of in the Act of Parliament quoted, with which the known and ascertained curvature variation is blended so as to render practically speaking, one horizontal line in fact almost absolutely horizontal as regards the neighboring depressions or elevations of the soil around. I can imagine the astonished stare that would be depicted upon the face of some practical engineer if your correspondent were seriously to ask him if in his operations he always made allowances for a curvature in the earth's surface. At any rate I should advise him if he values the opinion of others in regard to his astronomical attainments not to hazard the experiment.

His next point again embodies a profound, ingenious, but unfortunately an inapplicable simile, namely the comparison of the heavenly bodies (as maintained by Newton) to a shot manufacture process. I would here like to remind him that the motion of our world, as definitely established by our great astronomers, is a circular one and not a vertical one, as he would have us infer from the metaphor introduced. I would also mention (to adopt his illustrative language) that, if he could possibly attach a string to a mass of molten lead, I care not how large as long as the string is strong enough, and whirl such mass about his head it would most decidedly tend to assume a circular form. In fine the cohesion of attraction between falling bodies and the tendency to sphericity of revolving bodies are as distant as day and night.

Finally, to wind up his illogical argument, he is quoted from a Montreal paper what he pleased to call a burlesque on the Newtonian theory—a peroration which seems to me a most fitting one to cap the climax of such a concatenation of absurdities as preceded it, and I would advise W. G. S. to have a little more respect for his intelligent readers than to burden them with the perusal of such childish frivolities, and I would also ask him if, in his estimation, the picture would appear less of a burlesque if such moon were a flat plane of similar size, where the heads of the inhabitants all pointed in one direction and where one occupied the centre with all his fellow creatures playing ring-rosy around him and be able at any moment to fall over the abyss that bounded them. Perchance the proposition might present a more plausible aspect.

Before concluding, I would propound W. G. S. two questions, which, if he answers correctly I will engage to give him more in my next of equal difficulty to render consistent with the plane theory.

First—If gravitation does not exist and bodies fall to the surface merely because they are heavier than the atmosphere, how then he maintains this world in a stationary position? Is it a rope upholding or a pillar supporting? Or is the atmosphere underneath of a peculiarly tenacious character!—Or, perhaps, for want of any support we are falling vertically downwards, with an ever increasing velocity, seeking in vain for a resting place.

Secondly—If we walk due west, with polar star always on the right hand, we will return to starting point having always preserved the position of such star at our right, whereas if we had as the close of our journey described a circle on a plane we must then, during some part or other of our journey have placed such star behind us—explain.

An revoir.

ASTRONOMICUS.

Chip Basket.

A Tolland, Ct., man has patented a machine for crocheting stocking tips.

Onions 14 inches around are said to be raised in Minnesota. Strong soil.

A two-headed copperhead snake was recently killed in Franklin County, Ky.

An English lady in a railway tunnel was nearly poisoned by drinking slyly out of the wrong bottle.

In the Island of Sardinia, long neglected by modern civilization, water and gas works were recently introduced in several small towns amid an enthusiastic display of flags and fireworks.

Waterford, Pennsylvania, must be a highly civilized locality. A man sold a woman to his brother for sixteen bushels of wheat. And now the inhabitants have shown their barbarity by tarring and feathering the woman.

Excavations in the ancient and ruined seaport of Ostria, on the Mediterranean, have brought to light some beautiful columns and mosaic floors. The archæologist Fiorelli expresses his belief that a proper handling of the old docks and quays will bring to light some curious maritime implements once used against the fleets of Carthage.

The workmen engaged in repairing the front of the Florence duomo recently, in removing the thick coating of plaster at one of the corners of the building, made the discovery of seven marble statutes of the best Greek period in sculpture. The figures were examined by connoisseurs, and pronounced to be representatives of a funeral ceremonial.

An Englishman has just started off on a walk. He bet £50,000 that in six years he will walk through France, Germany, North Russia and Liberia to China, returning to pass through India, Persia, Southern Russia, Greece and Italy thence back to France. He started from Calais in France. He won't die on the way for want of exercise.

One good word is due tobacco. An Ohio couple quarreled, and in the heat of the moment the man packed his carpet-bag and left her forever. A short distance from the house he discovered that he had forgotten his tobacco box. To go back for it was the work of a moment. Then, having filled his mouth with the weed, he looked upon his wife with mollified eyes, and in another moment both were protesting that they had only been in fun anyhow.

Some half-dozen Scotchmen passed through Deluth recently on their way from McKenzie's River, which is 1,300 miles northwest from Duluth, and which runs into the Arctic Ocean. They went to that barren country some ten years ago from the islands to the north of Scotland by ship direct to Hudson Bay and until they got to Fisher's Landing, on the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, on their return, they had never seen a railroad. They knew nothing about the Franco-Prussian war, in fact they had been practically out of the world.

In the way of leg exercise an Italian named Bertaccini, now giving exhibitions in various European cities, quite gets away with our champion pedestrian O'Leary. Bertaccini claims to have run from Valence to Lyons and back, about 125 miles, in eleven hours; and at Paris, December 28, 1876, at the skating palace, to have made sixteen miles in an hour and twenty-five minutes. At Marseilles he beat a horse in a race forty times the circuit of the hippodrome, and at Rome was successful in a similar match, the course being sixty times around the place of Siena.

To prevent the too early appearance of gray hair Luby's Parisian Hair Renewer needs only be applied as a hair dressing when its valuable properties will be appreciated. It imparts a most beautiful gloss and color to the hair, and keeps the head cool and free from dandruff. For sale by all chemists in large bottles 50 cents each. F. Jordan, John Kidd & Son, George Cattle, Goderich, Lyman, Northrop & Lyman, Toronto.

General News.

Ohio raised 15,000,000 bushels of apples from 30,000 acres of orchards.

Georgia's dried peaches this year will be worth $1,500,000.

The boothlacks of Charleston, S. C. have formed a trade union.

An anti-Bass revolution has broken out in San Domingo, and the revolutionists have occupied Puerto Plata.

Senator Thurman, of Ohio, is spoken of in connection with a Presidential candidacy in 1880.

A private bank at Vienna has failed with liabilities of a million and a half pounds sterling.

The famine in India will cost the Indian Government a million pounds, besides the loss of revenue.

The Madrid newspapers are agitating for navigation duties on American shipping in retaliation for the extra tonnage dues of 50c. per ton on Spanish shipping entering United States ports.

A London tailor has this sign in his window: "No American cutters taken without a deposit." Above a bar in Chicago may be read, "No treat for alleged English noblemen."

Thiers kept a personal diary from 1830 to the time of his death, and it is rumoured that the portion relating to the history of his presidency is written in detail and with continuity.

In a report drawn up some time ago the railroad traffic manager of Ireland attributed the great bulk of all railroad accidents to the sale of spirits along the line.

The New Orleans Times says that thousands of unemployed hands are in that city, while every day hundreds are being sent to the north or to the north and settle upon the fertile lands of Louisiana.

The French Government is experimenting with a revolving cannon that fires eighty-four shots a minute, each of which bursts into twenty-four fragments. It can be prepared for action with great rapidity, and only two men are required to work it.

The Sitting Bull Commission left Fort Benton on the 10th instant without an escort, in the expectation of meeting a portion of the Second Cavalry to accompany them to the frontier. The Sioux Indians have been safely removed to the Missouri River.

The stagnation everywhere prevailing in the commercial world has greatly diminished the sale of guns. No dividend has been paid for two years by the Hudson's Bay Company in consequence of this depression in the market for furs and seal-skins.

An immense amount of damage, estimated at half a million dollars has been caused at Curacao by a hurricane which visited the island on the 23rd ult. Part of the town of Wilhelmstadt was washed away, three vessels were wrecked, and many lives lost.

The annual pilgrimage to Mecca of devout Mohammedans will soon begin, as the pilgrims must be present in Mecca December 14. As the day falls on the Mecca festival, numerous and religious feeling has been profoundly stirred by the war. The attendance is expected to be very large, the average number of visitors is 150,000.

A refrigerator car, so arranged that thirty carcasses can be hung up, as in shambles, and kept a few degrees above freezing point, has been sent by some Nevada cattle dealers to Chicago as an experiment. If it is successful, the dealers will ship meat further east this fall and winter.

There are indications of a war between the British in India and the Ameer of Afghanistan, supported by the Khan of Kelat. The difficulty arises from the presence at Quettah, in the north-eastern frontier of Bloochistan, of a British force sent to escort the president, but which is regarded by the Ameer as a permanent force of occupation.

There is great scarcity of fruit in England. The best kinds of Canadian winter apples in London are worth from 20s to 30s per barrel. Pears and plums are bringing exceptionally high prices, being sold in Covent Garden, London, for 12s per doz., while peaches sell at from $1.50 to $3.60 per doz., and water melons $1.25 each.

The result of the French elections is the return of 314 Republicans and 201 Conservatives—the latter composed of 99 Bonapartists, 45 MacMahonists, 44 Legitimists, 11 Orleanists, and two not accounted for. There is some talk of an investigation by the Chamber of the manner in which the elections were conducted, and it is feared that there is more trouble ahead. The Republican total majority is given as 390,090 in excess of their vote in 1876.

Odds and Ends.

"Put your lips on fee," is the latest slang.

What city does a kiss resemble? Nice.

When do we read of decaying nature? When Autumn turns the leaves.

An old-fashioned watering place? A pump.

Better to have loved a short girl than never to have loved at all.

Striped stockings do not come as high as last season—in price we mean.

The song of the widow: "What is home without another?"

Do not find fault with a boy because he throws stones at a bird. He never hits a bird.

What must be the potato bug's opinion of the humanity that goes around putting poison on the victuals of humble insects.

There is a rumor abroad that Brigham Young was a married man.

Do not be so hard on the locomotive engineers; they are often more cinder 'gainst than sinning.

When can you be said to swallow glassware? When you buy a tumbler and goblet.

Judging from the divorce stories told before our courts, there is too much brimstone in the matches.

Little things should not be despised. The little toe is the smallest on the foot, but it always has the largest corn.

If a man reap whatsoever he soweth, what a harvest of coats and breeches the tailors will have one of these days.

Even the fairest rose has its thorn, even the jolliest picnic party has its young man who has sat down on the custard pie.

A soldier said to his sweetheart that he wouldn't haversack him for the world which was a ration-al remark on his part.

It is said that the devout Mohammedan always carries an odor of sanctity about him. An odor of musque would express it better.

"Avoid that which you blame others for doing," says one of our wise men. Well, things have come to a pretty pass if a man can't kiss his own wife.

An old bachelor seeing the words "families supplied" over the door of a grocery stepped in and said he would take a wife and two children.

Sale.

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OR SALE.

OT FOR SALE

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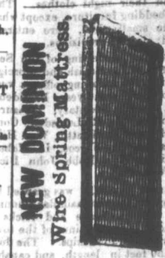

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Of course the *Star* would have its readers infer that Mr. MacKenzie knowingly gave the difference to Mr. McDonald for political purposes, and we are sure it would not hesitate openly to answer its own question thus, since it persists in calling the transaction a purchase. It knows perfectly well the nature of the transaction—we can't believe it to be so frightfully ignorant as not to be—consequently itis uttering deliberate falsehoods. When it will prove that the Government purchased the land and paid money for it, our cotem, porary may lay a *slight* claim to veracity, but this it is unable to do. One would almost be led to suspect that the notorious Jimmy Johnston, with his "thousands of millions of dollars," wielded the pen as one of the staff of the *Star*.

If the property was valued too high, is the Government to blame, since Mr. McDonald placed his valuation on it, verified by a competent Provincial Land Surveyor. The members of the Ministry are not individually supposed to know the value of every foot of land from British Columbia to Nova Scotia, and must rely in many things upon the veracity of citizens who are accredited to be competent to give information. If this property is over-valued it matters little to the Government, for the property given them as security would still be in excess of that which was demanded. Since there was no purchase, our contemporary talks to no purpose, except to demean itself in the eyes of the intelligent public and bring disgrace to the name of journalism.

A New Pest.

It seems that no sooner do we overcome one pest, than another steps in to fill up the breach and cripple the efforts of the husbandman. Weevil, midge, curculio, army moth and a host of others are well known to the public, but the list does not end here. For some two or three years past the Hessian fly, known to be a dangerous and destructive insect and nearly related to the midge, has been manifesting its presence in Canada and under circumstances which give occasion for serious considerations of the fact. The *Globe* of Friday refers to the matter at considerable length, the editor's attention having been directed to the fact through a sample of effected wheat sent from the Township of Mulmur, and it speaks of the nature of the pest thus:—

"The Hessian fly appears in the mature form for eight or ten days in September. During that period it is very tender, being killed by the slightest frost, and in ordinary years many of them are so disposed of. But this year, the mildness of that month allowed the insects every opportunity to perpetuate their kind. Immediately on appearing they pair and the female proceeds to lay her eggs on the blades of the young fall wheat, which, unless planting has been postponed in dread of a visit from the insects, is just then appearing above ground. The larvæ on hatching crawl down to the crown of the wheat, where they imbed themselves and feed upon its juices. When sufficently mature, and before the time of hard frost, they go into the *pupa* or flaxseed state, in which they are proof against any degree of cold. In the spring they come out in the perfect form, again attack the fall wheat, and serve the spring wheat in the same manner."

Good farming and judicious rotation of crops are the best means of avoiding these pests, for it is unquestionable that mismanagement in these respects has been the prime cause in the past of the extent of the ravages of the enemies to various crops. If this matter was generally attended to the frequent recurrence of these ravages would be, in a great measure obviated. To overcome the trouble now threatening the means are simple, although they may seem too extreme. When the fly is in the flax-seed shape, the wheat should be destroyed by ploughing it under, spading up the infected spots or allowing sheep to graze on the young grain. So long as crops are raised and food furnished for the insects, so long will they continue to increase and multiply, and to destroy the first insects in this way would cause much less loss than would the ravages of the offspring in another year. As the Hessian fly is a feeble insect, living in the winged state only about ten days, and incapable of extended flight, the wisdom of this remedy and the application of the system of rotation of crops become obvious. When the pest is in the early stage after the eggs have been deposited and before they have been hatched is the proper time to permit sheep to graze on the grain; or it may be mowed down, thus keeping the larvæ out of the crown of the grain.

It is to be hoped that this timely notice of the existence of the pest will have the effect of so putting farmers on their guard that a repetition of the ravages of former pests may be avoided.

THE reception given to John A. Macdonald at Hamilton on Wednesday was a big affair, if nothing else; but there was one cause of disappointment to the crowd. Hand bills circulated the day previous intimated that the chieftain would speak very fully and particularly on protection, and would definitely mention what duties he proposed to impose for the protection of certain manufactures, and what manufactures he thought needed protection. Those who expected that this programme would be fulfilled, reckoned unwisely—Sir John is too canny and oily a customer to place himself in so compromising a position before the public. The coal question has been very troublesome to the Hamilton manufacturers, who are strongly opposed to the imposition of the tariff on American coal asked for by Nova Scotia coal miners. In his desire to conciliate both elements, it would be impolitic in an ambitious man to commit himself to any definite policy under these circumstances, and so, to tide over the momentary difficulty, Sir John spoke to the very elaborate text in effect as follows: "Different manufactures and different employments required different modes of dealing with them. It was impossible to lay down a scale for all of them. What the Liberal Conservatives would have was an efficient protection to all Canadian industries." What vast satisfaction to those who read the text, and looked for an elaborate sketch of a revised policy of protection, instead of a few glittering generalities.

THE "hard times" cry of the past two years has been utilized by the Conservative party with all possible ingenuity, and by unjust comparisons and deductions numbers have been influenced to believe that the financial depression was due to the present Government's management of affairs. When the prospects of returning prosperity brightened, the Opposition papers taunted the Government with the hope of bringing on a dissolution of Parliament and an election, in which they hoped, by the means of the "hard times" cry, to return Sir John to power. This hope is dying out, as the evidences increase of financial improvement. *Grip* expresses the situation very neatly in its last cartoon, representing Sir John, with tears in his eyes, appealing to the dilapidated retreating figure of "Hard Times" in the words: "Stay, O stay; till after the general elections." The sun of prosperity is appearing above the horizon, while a placard stares the grieved Sir John in the face, bearing the words: "Numerous and cheering indications of returning prosperity exist—report of Director's of Molson's Bank." Sir John's trump card is "The Government is responsible for hard times," and using this language *Grip* puts at the foot of the placard, "We hold the Government responsible."

IN THEIR report to the Home Government the British Commissioners at the Centennial Exhibition great praise is given to Canada, but in speaking of the educational exhibit, while giving it considerable praise, the report contains these words:—"While the country schools are as a rule poor, the upper and primary schools in the cities, as in Toronto and Hamilton, are as advanced as in the United States, and the methods in some cases superior." Such a manifest injustice to our excellent school system demands reparation, and the error thus publicly circulated will doubtless be corrected at the request of the authorities. The commissioners never visited our schools, and have promulgated this error on mere heresay. Our educational institutions are conceded to be excellent, and the country has reason to pride itself on the efficiency of its schools and feel much aggrieved at the expression, publicly, of such an erroneous opinion.

THE investigating committee of Senators to enquire into the purchase of the Neebing Hotel has completed its task, and no doubt presented its report.—Without hearing this report the *Mail* confesses that the "bottom has fallen out of the affair." It admits that the lumber in the building cost $3,000, but declares that "no value can be placed on the building." The Government purchased the building, together with the land in connection, for $5,069, the Tory press pronouncing it the most stupendous job on record. If the timber is worth $3,000, the balance of the purchase money is surely not a high valuation for the building and land. The charge that the purchase was made for the benefit of party friends has been amply denied in the fact that the members of the company which owned the hotel was principally composed of Conservatives.

WM. MCDOUGALL is particularly outspoken in accusing Mr. Huntington of being an annexationist, because of alleged utterances in favor of Canadian independence. There is a proverb about people in glass houses, which nearly applies to Mr. McDougall, otherwise look-to-Washington. In 1872 this gentleman delivered a speech in Hamilton strongly in favor of Canadian independence, and setting forth reasons why the separation should take place immediately. And yet this man is Mr. Huntington's boldest accuser, because he is alleged to have expressed independence views in private conversation, when Mr. McDougall avows himself before a public gathering. Little faith, however, can be placed in the patriotism of a political hack, an unblushing trimmer, turn-coat and seeker after office, whom Mr. Mackenzie correctly described as "everything by turns and nothing long."

THE voting on the Dunkin Act in the towns of Cobourg and Port Hope last week resulted, in both cases in a negative verdict, by majorities of 203 and 177. It is to be regretted that the temperance party urged the contest, because, if their arrangements were as complete as they ought to have been, they must have foreseen their defeat. By their over zeal they have given their opponents two sweeping victories to boast of—such majorities in towns of the dimensions of Cobourg and Port Hope being very large. The result could be very nearly judged if a proper canvass had been made, and we aspect this matter was not attended to. It is bad policy thus to court such defeat, as their tendency cannot but injure the prospects of prohibition in new sections.

THE working-men of Hamilton presented Lady Macdonald with a gold necklace last week, and the Toronto working-men give Sir John a gold watch. There is more fiction than fact in this news, for the gifts were really given by a few Conservative nabobs, who took the name of the working-men in vain for political effect. The working-men have more sense than to go gadding after Sir John with golden trinkets, purchased with their well-earned cash.

"CANADA for the Canadians" is the motto of Sir John's lieutenant, J. Burr Plumb, and he is making it as much of a hobby as Dr. Orton is of protection to farmers. It is a significant fact that the *Mail* calls Hon. L. Huntington a rebel and annexationist because he advocates this policy of "Canada for the Canadians"—*ergo*, Mr. Plumb is a rebel.

FREQUENTLY of late Sir John Macdonald has been declaring that the policy of the present Government has forced 400,000 French Canadians to leave this country to find employment. This statement has been fully answered by reference to a return made in 1873 under instructions from the Conservative Government, by Rev. P. E. Gendreau, which states that up to that time the estimated emigration from Canada of all nationalities was 350,000, of whom 400,000 were French Canadians. It is well known that many French Canadians go yearly to the New England factories, to work for a time, but the majority return and spend their means in their native country. Sir John's statement is utterly false, as he must know it to be. There has been nothing to induce these people to migrate to the States during the past two years, on the contrary their have been large numbers of workmen coming in that time into Canada from the United States seeking employment. Sir John bases his calculation on the return made by his own Government, which represents the exodus during his own administration, and his Government is therefore responsible for this alleged loss to the country.

AN amusing incident occurred at the Conservative gathering in Chatham, during Mr. J. J. Hawkin's speech. He was eloquently orating upon the greatness of the party when he made use of the words: "If Gulliver should make his appearance in Canada to-day and make the acquaintance of the leaders of the two political parties, which would he consider the Lilliputian?" The crowd was impatient to hear the chieftain, and when this profound conundrum was propounded, yelled out "Sir John Macdonald, Sir John Macdonald," to the great amusement of the audience. This unintentional answer was not far wrong.

WHILE the Tory procession was making its way through the streets of Hamilton Wednesday, a picture portraying Sir John in his popular act entitled "These hands are clean," was displayed in the principal street. Some over zealous Conservative was the author of this display, which was regarded by the processionists as a bitter piece of sarcasm, and so aroused their ire that they completely and utterly destroyed the banner. Time was when this utterance of the chieftain's was repeated with moist eyes by the depout, but of late they have become very sensitive on this point.

The Eastern War.

In Asia, the defeat of Mukhtar Pasha on the 15th, has greatly altered the aspect of affairs there. On that day he was attacked in his new position at Aladja Dagh, and after two hours fighting his troops were completely routed retreating in disorder to Kars. His loss is very heavy, being estimated as high as 10,000, one portion of the army surrendering to the victorious Russians. Kars is again besieged, and so hotly have the Russians followed up their victory that the sadly decimated garrison is said to be negotiating for terms of surrender. However, reinforcements are being sent forward, to endeavor if possible to check the Russian advance.

In the Shipka Pass operations have been suspended, owing to the quantity of snow which has fallen. Active operations have again begun at Plevna, an attack being made on Friday. A feint was made against the right wing of Osman Pasha's army, but the attack was easily repulsed. At the same time three desperate attacks were made upon the Grivitza redoubt by the Romanians, but were repulsed with terrible slaughter, and it is further stated that the redoubt was finally blown up when filled with Roumanian soldiers. The Russian losses are enormous, being set down up to the present at nearly 60,000. Severe fighting is expected this week.

County Medical Association

The annual meeting of the above named association took place on Tuesday afternoon, at the Commercial Hotel, Clinton, the following members being present. Drs. Gibson and Worthington, Clinton; Sloan, Blyth; Stewart and Hurlburt, Brussels; Towler and Tamblyn, Wingham; Graham and Holmes, Brussels; Young, Londesborough, and Adams, Kinburn. A paper, upon typhoid fever, was to have been read before the association by Dr. Bethune, of Wingham, but on account of other pressing business he was unable to attend. Dr. Sloan brought before the association a case of exophthalmic Goitre, (an affection of the eye.) A tariff of professional fees was decided upon, several matters discussed, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, which resulted as follows:—President, Dr. Worthington; Vice-President, Dr. McLean, Goderich; Sec.-Treas., Dr. Stewart. It was then decided to hold the next meeting at Wingham. The meeting then adjourned.—*New Era.*

Legal Notes.

INSANE.—Joseph Hackett, of Ashfield, was last week committed to jail, by Wm. Mallough, Esq., J. P., as insane.

THE JAIL.—There are thirteen prisoners at present confined in jail, twelve men and one girl.

FOR SALE.—George Kilpatrick, of Exeter, a teamster, has been committed for trial on a charge of stealing a piece of gas pipe from the station house in that village. He will be brought before the Judge on Monday.

CLINTON.

PEAS.—Mr. T. Cooper, of this town, has showed us a few pods of well grown peas, grown from seed raised this year.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. G. A. Watson, of this place, of the firm of Malcomson & Watson, has received the appointment of Notary Public.

BIG BEET.—Mr. E. Wise, of this town, left at our office a beet that measured two and a half feet long and sixteen inches round.

EAGLE CAPTURED.—On Saturday, 13th, Master Geo. Irying, of this place, while out shooting at Van Egmonds, wounded and captured an eagle, which measured 5 feet 6 inches, from tip to tip. He has the bird a prisoner now.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday afternoon (15th) a little daughter of Mr. S. Throw- or met with what came near being a serious accident. With some small boys she had gone to the woods to gather beech nuts, and while up a tree chopping off limbs, one of the boys fell, striking the child on the forehead, making an ugly but, fortunately, not a serious gash.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We are again called upon to announce another sudden death, which have been so numerous this year. Mrs. C. Dolmage, of the Maitland con., Goderich Township, got up on Monday morning (15th) in her usual health, and after breakfast was in the act of washing dishes, when she uttered a loud exilamation, and called upon her daughter, Mrs. McCartney, with whom she was living, but before assistance could be rendered she fell upon the floor, and expired immediately. She being of a very fleshy disposition, and aged, 77 years, it is supposed her death resulted from apoplexy.

LAND SALE.—The closing sale of the Rattenbury estate took place on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Paisley was the fortunate purchaser of three lots just in the rear of the lots facing on Isaac street for $205, two of which he shortly afterwards sold for what he paid for the three. Mr. A. S. Fisher was the successful bidder for the eleven lots lying on the Bayfield road just north of the railroad, being knocked down to him for $450. The twenty one acres south of the railroad was sold to Mr. I. Rattenbury, his being the only bid, for the sum of $2,000.—*New Era.*

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

CIGAR LIGHTERS, all lengths and colors, at G. C. Robertson's

WANTED, a boy that has worked at the cabinet business, apply to G. C. Robertson.

FINE PEARS.—Mr. John Hunter brought us several delicious, large sized Onondago pears on Tuesday, which we fully appreciated.

AGENTS WANTED.—As will be seen by advertisement, canvassing agents are wanted for Colborne, Goderich town and township, to sell the new County map.

"GONE DIRD."—Prof. O. S. Pratt, the celebrated horse trainer, well known in this section died at his residence in Batavia, N. Y., on the 11th inst., at the age of forty-two years.

ANOTHER CASE.—Mr. Oswald Sturdy, baker, on Saturday, showed us a cluster of blossoms, plucked from a plum tree in his garden. The tree is in full bloom, for the second time this year.

RESIGNED.—The last Official Gazette announces that the resignation by Mr. B. Seymour, late of Goderich, as paymaster of the 33rd Battalion, has been accepted.

SCRIP FOR SALE.—A $20 scholarship certificate issued by Day's Commercial College, Toronto, for sale at this office at a great reduction. Also a number of orders for seeds, on the famous firm of Peter Henderson & Co., New York, will be sold cheap.

BEATTY LINE.—The boats of this line have got plenty of business. Very little up freight is on hand, but large quantities of grain, flour, &c., are awaiting removal eastward at Duluth. It is expected that another propellor will be placed on the route until the close of the season.

LUMBER.—The shipments last week were one car by Wm. Lee; seven cars by Williams & Murray, and 27 cars by Secord, Cozzens & Co. The receipts were about 40,000 ft.—part of cargo by schr. Kolfage—by Williams & Murray; 200,000 ft. by schr. Jane McLeod, consigned to Yates & Stratford, for the use of the Grand Trunk Railway; and 455,000 ft. by schr. T. B. Gardner for Boston.

IMPROVEMENT IN TRADE.—As an evidence of the revival of trade, Mr. A. Wily, station master, informs us that the freight business, for the week ending last Saturday, shows a netti increase of $5,300 over the corresponding week of last year. This increase is not due to any extraordinary circumstance, but is the result of improvement in all classes of freight.

A NEW CUTTER.—Mr. J. G. Sheriff, a gentleman of much experience in his line of business in Toronto, Guelph and other places, has been engaged as cutter in the tailoring department of Messrs. Crofts & Johnston's establishment. He comes with excellent recommendations, and as well as being an acquisition to Messrs. Crofts & Johnston, his fine vocal talents will contribute him such to the local talent of the town.

LADIES' TEMPERANCE UNION.—The regular meeting of the Ladies' Temperance Union, on Thursday last, was one of universal interest. A slight change in the officers was made, by which Mrs. Doty was appointed President, and Mrs. Evans Vice-President. Committees were formed to visit the different wards of the town, and the prevailing sentiment seemed to be that a new impetus was about to be thrown into the work of the Union.

GENERAL FREIGHT.—Among the shipments last week were the following: H. Wells, 12 casks ale; W. Stitt, 600 lbs. fish; R. Ross, 4,370 lbs. bones; Foundry Co., 3,000 lbs castings; Sherlock & Chapman, 12 bales sheepskins and 5 bbls. tallow; P. Reeve, 2,680 lbs. rags; Wm. M. Hilliard, 34 bbls. apples; Kirkpatrick, Bro. & Co., 6 rolls leather; Jas. Thomson, 15 pieces artificial stone; Henry Clark, 100 lbs wool.

PERSONAL.—Mr. W. Whitty, of St. Louis, who had been visiting his friends in Ashfield, called on us last week. He is in Canada with the object of placing Western wheat, purchased by St. Louis dealers, in the Canadian market to supply the European trade. Should this scheme succeed the shipping trade of Canadian seaports will be greatly benefitted to the detriment of the New England shipping trade.

—Rev. Mr. Leach, of Dungannon, conducted service in Knox Church on Sunday morning last.

NECKTIE SOCIAL.—The Good Templars will hold a necktie social in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday evening. Readings, recitations, &c., will be furnished on the occasion. Admission—gentlemen, 20 cents; ladies free. The ladies will bring two neckties, one for themselves, and the other for their partners for the evening. Much pleasure may be anticipated.

FIFTH OF NOVEMBER.—The Orange Lodges of the town are making preparations for a grand celebration of this anniversary. The brethern throughout the County are invited to participate The celebration will take the form of a supper which will be given in the Orange Hall. Tickets 50 cents; double tickets 75 cents. On Sunday, 4th Nov., the members will attend Knox Church at 3 p. m., when they will be addressed by Rev. Jas. Sieveright.

ACCIDENTS TO VESSELS.—On Sunday the schr. Erie Belle, while passing up the lake for a cargo of lumber had some injury done to her steering apparatus, and put in here for repairs. The same day the schr. Kolfage, Capt. Craig, arrived here about 9 p. m. leaking considerably. She had been chartered by Williams & Murray to carry lumber from Blind River, but when near The Ducks on the way down with a full load, she sprung aleak, the water gaining so rapidly that the captain put back to Blind River. He had the deck load removed, and brought down what was stowed in the hold. The extent of the leak is not known, but it is likely the schooner will go into dry dock, at Port Huron, for repairs. Why don't some enterprising persons start a dry dock here?

"IT STILL WAVES."—Among the solid and established papers that have lived through the hard times, we are glad to see the old-time and bright Star Spangled Banner. This ever popular paper begins its 16th year with 1878, and deserves to be in every home. It is a large, 8-page 50 column paper—every issue actually crowded with charming Stories, Poems, Sketches, Wit, Humor, Fun, Puzzles, and Rebuses—fine Illustrated Poems and Stories. It is a national favorite, and should be in every family. In its "Rogue's Corner" every swindler, quack, humbug and fraud is fully exposed. None need ever be swindled if they will but read the Banner. Try it one year. Only 75 cents a year, or with six fine chromos, or an elegant dictionary, only $1. Trial trip, 3 months, only 10 cents. Specimens 6 cents. We advise every reader to try this great family paper three months—only one dime. Address Star Spangled Banner, Hinsdale, N. H.

GRAIN BUSINESS.—The receipts of grain still continue heavy, and business on the market has been lively during the past week. Mr. Seymour received 6,500 bushels; Ogilvies and Hutchison, 7,400 bushels; other buyers about 6,000 bushels. Ogilvies & Hutchison purchase wheat alone, while the other buyers, besides wheat, purchase the other cereals offered, such as barley, peas and oats. The shipments were: S. Sloane, 1,660 bushels spring wheat; Wm. Seymour, 5,115 bushels wheat and 5,898 bushels peas by schr. Ontario to Oswego. At the Grand Trunk elevator the receipts have been heavy, viz.: 25,000 bushels oats by schr. M. C. Cameron for Seaforth; 24,000 bushels wheat per schr. Northman; 1,800 per schr. R. C. Crawford, and 22,000, per schr. J. G. Worts, all from Wilwaukee, the grain being on its way to Europe. The last named vessel had to wait for a couple of days until the elevator could be emptied, that work having been begun at one o'clock on Monday morning. Cars are scarce.

HARBOR MILLS.—The shipments last week were (from east) bran, two cars short and 950 bbls and 1800 bags of flour.

BRIDGE.—Superviso J. W. Weatherald says he could not pay him this month, as he is short of money. 100% is all he can pay.

SALT.—The shipments of salt last week were as follows: Goderich, 2000 barrels; Seaforth, 1000; Goderich, 2100 barrels; International, 600 tons; Goderich, 200 tons per schr. Caroline; small lots, 210 bbls.

REFORM.—More new Goods! Still more coming! Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods, Berlin Wools, Statuettes, Canvas, &c., at the new reformed prices. Advertisement says he will sell as low as any in the Dominion, and he will do it too. At Geo. Sheppard's.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.—The regular semi-annual examination of candidates for second class certificates as public school teachers will be held in the Court House, here, beginning on Monday, 17th Dec., at 1.30 p. m. For further particulars see advertisement.

NEW BUILDINGS.—Mr. S. Sloane has had the frame buildings on the south-west corner of Hamilton and Victoria streets, torn down, and has commenced on the work of erecting three two-story brick stores. The change will greatly improve the appearance of that portion of the town, thanks to Mr. Sloane's enterprise.

FARM SOLD.—On Monday last Mr. J. C. Currie, auctioneer, sold lot 10, 2d con., Goderich Township, to W. E. Graham, of Stanley, for the sum of $3,500. The farm contained 80 acres, and was sold for $500 more than Mr. Wm. Mullin, its late owner, bought it for two years ago.

THE RACES.—The attendance yesterday at Molton Driving Park was large, ladies being conspicuous by their numbers. We did not hear the result of the two races trotted, are going to press, but the fine weather and good trotting gave great satisfaction. To-day's sport will doubtless attract a large crowd. The entries are numerous in the three races to be contested.

CARPET EXHIBITOR.—Mr. W. R. Robertson has in his store one of these unique articles. It consists of four mirrors placed in the form of square, and standing on edge upon the counter. A small square of carpet laid on the counter, and surrounded by the mirrors, is multiplied indefinitely, so that the purchaser can see the various patterns spread out in a vast extent before him and can fully judge how they would appear spread upon his floor.

MANHATTAN SHAFT.—On Wednesday evening last, the rumor got abroad that the shaft had caved in and that three men had been killed. Very little attention was paid this story, enquiry proving that the accident was of a slight character. A portion of the cribwork at the top had given way, and a considerable quantity of the loose earth had been precipitated to the bottom of the shaft. Timely warning of the accident had been given, and the workmen had all left the shaft. It will take but a short time to repair the loss, and reconstruct the cribwork to avoid all further possibility of accident.

NEW ROAD TO THE DOCK.—Mr. Thos. Weatherald, P. L. S., by instructions from the Town Council, began the work of taking levels and laying out the line of the road to the new breakwater, on Monday. The line is run from the foot of Waterloo street, running for a short distance eastward to a point where an easy grade to the breakwater may be obtained. The track will be crossed by a bridge. The levels are taken from the foot of Bruce street, or opposite Mr. Smith's tannery, and a gentle grade made to the edge of the bank. This survey is merely preliminary, as no definite terms have been arrived at with Mr. Attrill, respecting the bridge across the river.

MODEL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—On Friday the examination of the pupils in the Model Schools at Goderich and Clinton commenced, and was completed on Saturday evening. The Board of Examiners for the County met at Clinton on Friday, where it was resolved that the examinations be in writing and be held simultaneously at the two schools. All the candidates, whose names have already been published as selected for first term—25 for each school—passed with credit and received their certificates. Two candidates from Huron, who had been attending the Model School at Kincardine, were examined in Goderich. One of them, Christina McKenzie, was granted a certificate subject to the sanction of the Education Department. The other was rejected on the report of the Model School master at Kincardine. The Board passed the following resolution, which will be interesting to candidates and teachers generally: "That more attention is required on the part of candidates to the subject of penmanship, and that, in future, the Board will reserve to itself the right to withold a certificate from any candidate for bad writing and slovenly work." A vote of thanks was also passed by the Board to the Model School teachers at Clinton and Goderich for the efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties. The second session of the Model School commences to-day (Wednesday), and the remaining forty-six candidates who passed the non-professional examination for third-class certificates in June last have been notified to attend in their respective divisions.

CONCERT.—The concert given by Prof. Marquis Chisholm and his juvenile class, in Oddfellows' Hall on Monday night, was very well attended. Barring the rude boys in the back part of the hall,—who made the air hideous with their noise, until Policeman Sturdy appeared on the scene and calmed their excitement by his soothing presence—the audience was intelligent and appreciable The programme was opened by the entire class singing a pretty chorus, and a number of young ladies, prettily dressed, singing the air. In the several renderings by the full class the children acquitted themselves well, although owing to the fact of their not being so placed as to be one and all able to see the director, a want of precision and vigor was once or twice noticeable. Miss Lucy Trueman gave a piano solo, a selection from Leucretia Borgia, with excellent taste and precision and was loudly applauded and encored, giving in response "The Maiden's Prayer." Mrs. Marquis Chisholm, who has a very pleasing voice, sang "Love's Request," and "Bonnie Dundee." The local extravaganza, "Are you sick, or the Red Mortar Patients," a pathetic melo-drama touching the agonies of certain sickly small boys who were finally rescued from their pains through the agency of doses of Bond's Pulmonic Syrup, administered in liberal doses by "Dr." Fred Crofts. Much amusement was created by the rendering of this piece. A rather amusing dialogue, touching the ancient and modern styles of courting, was given by Miss Amanda Hayes as the old lady and Miss Williams as the young lady. Effie Wiliams recited with good effect a pathetic ballad, entitled the "Lord's Prayer." Miss Georgina Stewart sang "Rose of Lucerne" very nicely, and in response to an *encore* gave "Rosie o' the Lea." The concertina solo by Mr. Fred. Bond was much admired and deservedly applauded, and the extempore piano solo, played by Prof. Marquis Chisholm with his left hand, was an admirable piece of playing. The Professor was very ill and unable to use his right hand, which prevented him from giving a further display of his fine abilities. Mr. J. G. Sheriff is worthy of much praise for his fine rendering of "The Battle of Bannockburn," comprised by Marquis Chisholm, and "Jessie, the Flower of Dumblane." Mr. Sheriff has a fine tenor voice, and uses it with good effect. His efforts were loudly applauded. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen." The splendid Heintzmann piano and Warren & Clough organ used on this occasion were from the warerooms of Mr. J. W. Weatherald, who kindly gave their use for the evening.

Fred. Brydges, and Mrs. Mackenzie, whose elopement in Montreal a year ago created a sensation, have been married in Boston.

BEN MILLER.

EDUCATIONAL.—Mr. R. Morrish having resigned his position as assistant teacher of Bennetto school, the trustees have engaged the services of Miss Tyson, formerly teacher of Clinton High School.

DEBATE.—At the executive meeting of Knox Reformed Div. Sons, S. T. Dunstiffe, the following subject was discussed:—"Resolved that the capability is more important to society than the minor. Speakers affirmative, P. Centelon; negative, A. Reid. Decision was given in favor of negative. The above styled Division is in good working order, the number of members being nearly sufficient.—Corr.

GRANTON.

SOIREE.—A tea meeting was held in the Granton Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening last, Rev. D. Mann, the pastor of the congregation, presided. After a few remarks from the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Rathbone addressed the meeting on "Spiritual Christianity." Mr. Cameron, of Seaforth, a young man who has been delivering temperance addresses with the "Pledge of Temperance," followed in a very pleasing address on the "Pledge." He asked the question, "Is alcohol food?" "Is it a beverage?" "Is it a medicine?" "Is it a poison?" "Is it a medicine?" he concluded a most interesting and instructive address by a brilliant peroration, which literally rained down large audiences, and gave them a subject for reflection, to result, we hope, in good. The next and last speaker was the Rev. R. Hall, Missionary, who gave a most bold and clear address upon "Prejudice," taking it to the destruction, and while showing that in certain circumstances it could not be done totally, put in many cases it proved to be a barrier to our improvement. After votes of thanks were tendered to the speakers, choir, &c., the happy meeting dispersed after the benediction.—Corr.

SEAFORTH.

From our correspondent.

CHURCH OPENING.—A new Canada Methodist church was opened in Brussels last Sunday. The attendance was large at all the services.

PROMOTION.—A shoemaking class is to be started in connection with the mechanical institute. Mr. Holland is to teach the class.

A NEW CHURCH.—It is said that the Presbyterians of Brussels have decided to build a new church near the township line of Tuckersmith. It is much needed, as the old one is getting dilapidated.

PROF. MCALLISTER.—This gentleman lectures in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, the 25th inst., on "Physiology and Physiognomy," of course touching upon Phrenology. The Prof. is highly spoken of as a lecturer, and no doubt understands his subject. The Seaforth prize Brass Band will be in attendance.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of this society took place in the Town Hall last Monday evening, and was very successful. The programme consisted entirely of readings. The next meeting will take place on the following Monday evening, when the following subject will be discussed:—"Resolved that Russia was justified in declaring war against Turkey."

PORTER'S HILL.

TEA MEETING.—A tea meeting was held here in connection with the opening of the new school, the proceeds, which amounted to $60, to be expended in the purchase of a bell. Over two hundred persons partook of the good things provided by the ladies. Tea was served in the old school, after all had partaken, they adjourned to the new school, when it was at once moved and carried that Mr. James Torrance take the chair which he accepted in his usual humorous way. After the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, of Bayfield, had opened the meeting with prayer, the chairman called on Mr. H. W. Hall, of Goderich, to address the audience, which he did at some length on the temperance question. The Rev. Mr. Treleaven, of Bayfield, was next called on, and he imparted a good deal of useful information to all present, and especially to the young scholars, he being a teacher before he took to his present occupation. The Rev. Mr. Jamieson was next called on, and we are sorry to say that some parties made a disturbance by talking and singing the bell which was hung up the day before, and we also noticed that these parties were not from Clinton or Bayfield—perhaps they were from the town of Goderich. Order being restored, Mr. Jamieson made a telling speech, impressing his young hearers with the necessity of persevering and going ahead in their studies. Mr. J. R. Miller, I. P. S., was then called upon and made a lengthy speech. He congratulated the section on having such a fine, well furnished, well ventilated and roomy school; and pronounced it second to none in the county or in country school. He also congratulated the section on having secured the services of Mr. Elliott, their present teacher, for the ensuing year, for he believed him to be a real live worker. Mr. Miller also advised the planting of shade trees and flowers about the school, the object being to cultivate a desire for the beautiful among the pupils. Mr. Wade, of Clinton, gave the use of one of his organs, and senior and junior glee clubs discoursed good music during the evening. A vote of thanks was given to speakers, builders, painters and all concerned. The meeting was brought to a close by singing God Save the Queen. On the Friday night following, another social was held, which realized the sum of $10, which makes in all $60.—Com.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Mr. John Beattie is about starting a new pork factory in Seaforth.

—More raspberries have been gathered in E. Wawanosh.

—Hay Township has purchased a safe for the use of the Clerk.

—A couple of straw stacks in Egmondville were set on fire by lightning, on Sunday of last week week.

—A wild cat was shot recently in the woods near Lakelet, by Albert Albend, aged 14.

—English sparrows are to be seen in considerable numbers in Seaforth at present.

—Wingham's rate of assessment for the current year is fixed at 16 mills on the dollar.

—Mr. Robt. Craig, of Goderich Township, has passed a very creditable examination at Victoria College, Cobourg.

—The by-law to loan $2,000 in aid of foundry has been adopted by the Wroxeter people.

—The new Oddfellows' Hall in Lucknow will be dedicated to-day, and a grand concert will take place in the evening.

—The Usborne ploughing match will be held on Mr. Passmore's farm, lot 12 N. T. R., Usborne, on Thursday, Nov. 1st.

—The township of Blanchard has passed a by-law prohibiting animals of every kind from running at large on the public roads.

—We regret to learn that Mr. John Johnston, proprietor of Johnston's hotel, Bayfield, died on Wednesday last from typhoid fever.

—The new altar in St. James Roman Catholic Church, Seaforth, was dedicated on Sunday of last week with imposing ceremonies.

—At the Baptist convention in Toronto last week, the sum of $100 was voted to Goderich, and $200 to Wingham, for missionary purposes.

—Last week a son of Mr. Dugald McDonald, of Hullett, had three of his fingers cut offat the first joint while working a straw cutter.

—The Grey and Morris Ploughing Match will be held on Thursday, 25th inst., on the farm of Mr. Donald McLaughlin, lot 2, con 7, Grey.

—Mr. George Pimperton has sold his farm of 90 acres, lot 6, con. 2, Stephen, near the village of Centralia, to Mr. John Ross, of Exeter, for $7,500.

—Johnston's brick block, near the bridge, Brussels, has been sold for $3,200, Mr. Robt. Hunter purchased two stores and Mr. J. N. Wright one.

—Mr. John Plews, of Goderich Township, has two peas, of the McLean Good variety, that together weighed over one and a half pounds.

—Mr. W. G. Hanna, of Morris, won the first scholarship (valued at sixty dollars) for general proficiency in the arts examination held at Knox College, Toronto.

—A human thigh bone was discovered recently in excavating a cellar in Blyth. There is no record of a burial having occurred at this spot, and it is suspected the relict is the evidence of foul play.

—Mr. A. Strong has sold the farm on the 5th concession of McKillop, belonging to Mr. Wm. Martin, to Mr. Thos. Palterman of Clinton, for the sum of $2,600. The farm contained 48 acres.

—A committee of the Clinton Town Council, after visiting several towns, recommends the purchase of a steam fire engine, and the building of about eleven tanks, which will costs about $6,000.

—A few days ago, the hotel belonging to Mr. T. J. Bell, of Londesboro, was burglariously entered, and about thirty pounds of beef and two large bottles of liquor taken from the cellar.

J. W. Addlay and Wm. Mason, while handling some carboys of acid in Wingham, recently, were severely burned by one of them breaking. The former was burned in the face, and the latter on the arm.

Mr. Jas. Johnston sold fifty acres of his farm on con. 2, Grey, for the sum of $2,000. Mr. Johnston has also bought from Mr. Robert Turner a farm of 128 acres on con. 12, lot 5, Howick, for $5,000.

—By the fall of a scaffold recently, on Mr. Ralph Keddy's farm in Usborne, Mr. John Moir and Mr. Keddy received painful injuries. The former was struck by the falling poles, and will be incapacitated for work for many days.

Mr. William's dwelling, in Gorrie, was burned on Monday night of last week. Loss over $1,000; no insurance. The family, Daniel Moran and a servant escaped in their night clothes. The clothing, bedding furniture, except what was in one small room, were entirely consumed; also the provisions.

—At the annual meeting of the Seaforth branch of the British and Foreign Bible society the following officers were elected for the current year: President, Rev. Mr. Buggin; Secretary, Treasurer and Depositor, Mr. R. Lamsden; Committee, Messrs John Beattie, Wm. Hill, F. Holmstead, Dr. Varcoe, L. Malcolm, D. D. Wilson, Hugh Robb, John Erskinson and Wm. Badge.

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"At Kirriemuir, sir," replied Willie, "my old nurse, Martha, will be able to tell you how it fared with him. In my present engagement I would continue to devote my whole energies to the interests of the firm, and therefore be perfectly satisfied to remain in the office, if you, Mr. Ogilvy, and the other partners, think that I can be of service to you. I shall go to his last lodging, said Ogilvy, "and if I can be of any service to him I shall not fail to render it."

"Is't far aye?" asked Willie; "for I should like to gang wi' ye and see Luke."

"He, do you know him? Are you acquainted with him?" cried Arnold with sudden earnestness.

"Weel, I canna just say I'm positively acquaint wi' him. In fact, I never saw him ill—let mee see, aye, it wuld be nae mooths syne; and, mair nicer, that was the first time either he or I saw the man Willoc. It might hae been better for baith o' them had Luke and me no seen Willoc that day; for we, unseen by him, saw him engaged in something very queer and mysterious. For my part, I never wad a thocht o' spekin' ony mair abtut it; but I mackle fear that Luke gryed hame his secrets, and this is the result o't."

"Good heavens, Willie, tell me all about it," exclaimed Arnold, breathless with excitement. "I am deeply concerned in it, as it is greatly mistaken. Had it anything to do with a will?"

"It was verry likely just be a will," returned Willie, reflectively. "Among the papers in Mr. Fraser, where we were auld clerks, wi'ye, there was a deed, or buik, or sumsic, sae I ken nae mair abtut it?" said Arnold, drawing the document from his pocket.

"Ye ken the rest," answered the amused Willie. "Weel, weel, sir, has ye got it noo?"

"This," said Arnold, "is the last will of my wife's uncle, Jonathan Huntly, and it gives his whole property equally to her and the son of Mayhew, the millspinner. The deed was drawn by Duncan Campbell, a writer in Forfar, and stolen from the office at his death by the clerk."

"Weel, what dae ye say?" exclaimed Willie, bounding suddenly and violently out of his seat. "Are these any names o' wrk mentit in it?"

"Yes, I think there must be," said Arnold, examining the document. "Yes, here, they are—James Martin—that's the clerk's name; and William Harper—who he may be I don't know, but——"

"Eh me," shouted Willie, with vehemence.

"You?" echoed Arnold.

"Ay, me. I mind o' the thing as weel as if it was but yesterday. I was playin' the diddle in the streets o' Forfar, just opposite Mister Ogilvy's office, when I seed a chap, wi' a pen in his hand, and asked me tae witness the signing o' a paper. Of course, I did sae. I kenned Mister Huntly, by sicht, and saw him sign the paper, but I wasna tell's what it was; and they a' gared me promise no tae mention the thing. Weel, that bides it."

"Another wonderful discovery," observed Ogilvy.

"Yes, and one of the utmost importance," said Arnold. "Should Mayhew seek to dispute the deed, Willie's testimony will be, doubtless, decisive."

"Willie is proving your good angel as well as mine," said Ogilvy, "for he has brought us to tidings of——"

"Of what?" cried Arnold.—"Why, you never mentioned that he had taken your night when he got to Dundee that he stayed hame."

"Oh, Willie, he meant little Phil," added Ogilvy, with glad emotion.

"Guid Jock, was the laddie a connection o' yours?" exclaimed the old man.

"Yes, my mother—my child. I gave him to the shepherd some years ago under very peculiar circumstances. It would be over long to tell you the story now."

"Ye can tell ye's there he is," exclaimed Willie, with great excitement.

"Oh, yes, yes, we know where Phil is," exclaimed Ogilvy, clapping her hands with wildest glee; "tell her eyes just like yours."

Arnold's emotion deprived him of utterance. He vehemently clutched Willie's arm, and his quivering lips and eyeball spoke eloquently the information which his tongue had not the power to utter. Willie understood his feelings and hastened to give him relief. Rapidly he ran over the particulars of Phil's history after being forsaken and adopted by Tinkl Briar till he came into the service of Mr. Fraser, who, on Willie's recommendation, "gaed for his man like the very auld mither."

The agonized anxiety and suspense with which Arnold had listened to the narrative, for the moment, banished all other feelings. In convulsive sobs the tears rushed and shook his frame, till, in very mercy, Ogilvy laid his hand on his shoulder and tried to soothe him into self-control. The rigid, knotted muscles of his face relaxed, great checking sobs came to his bosom, till at length, with a quiver, and the fervent ejaculation, "O my God, I think THIS," he bowed his head on the other's shoulder and wept as only a strong and noble hearted man can weep.

Ogilvy did not try to stop the flowing current. She knew it was the grand safety-valve to avert the danger that he feared, and soon Arnold would weep in mild calmness. Tears of sympathy and gladness were flowing from his own eyes, and as for Willie he was crying freely, while Nin, in playing vociferous and fine children, was trying to kiss his tears away.

"This is madness," said Arnold at length, striving to retain command of himself, and succeeding. "Great weakness," he added, "but I know you both understand and allow for it. The storm is over, and I can hear the children outside. My first impulse was with unspeakable fervour of soul to thank God for my boy's safety; and now, in gratitude which is also unspeakable. I bless that angel of goodness for her unparalleled kindness to my poor boy. You call her Marah—surely a most unfit appellation for one so sweet, tender and devoted. And next to her, Willie, I thank you for these blissful tidings. As Ogilvy says, you are a ministering spirit to us both. But now tell me of the child; is he rosy, rude and lusocmeh?"

"No, indeed," said Ella, impulsively. "Little Phil is very good and nice, and I love him very much. We learned our lessons together, and played together ever so long."

"Ay, ay, my pet," said Willie, as fondly as pouted her head. "And what she says, sir, is perfectly true. Phil was daft and mirsie, and innocent too, when Marah got him; but he wasna a bad laddie. He was shaggy and sweetie, and in the days ilane Luke Briar himsel' could not hae blamed him—ane bonnier and sheet-and bright-eyed she hae ne'er ken'd. And, oh, poo blythe and happy he hae been for mee, but he had been mair blythe and sheet-and mirsie-eth afore that; and he loved Marah, and learned as fast as she learned him, and that in a month or two he was as winsie' a laddie as ane could see. Ye'll be good o' him, sir, I can assure ye o' that."

"Oh, how have I deserved this mercy?" ejaculated Arnold, as a pang of self-reproach came to modify the rapture with which he heard Willie's animated description.

"And the let ye see what a fine, noble specit he hae," went on the latter, "and hoo fit he was tae tak' Marah in some measure for her kindness. I maun tell ye that a few weeks after she left Dundee for our shanty Sandy Mackintosh took badly. Poor thing, she had wrocht abune her strength, sewin' night and day tae win bread for them baith. Weel, the strength gaed clean frae her, and she couldna stir frae her bed. Tae mak' bad worse, there wasna a farden in the house tae get sicht meat for them, let alone the nourishment the doctor said she required. Weel, sir, what dae ye think Phil did? He went and hunted a newsboy, and was sae clever at the trade that he earned what bought them baith.—Eh, what is it, sir?"

"A newsboy?" ejaculated Arnold, with a tremendous start.

"Ay, and a reporter or mair popular and important one. Mine tell papers in Dundee."

"Oh, heaven! it is he; it is my boy. I have seen him, spoken to him, helped him through difficulty. He! I understand it now—the strange and strong interest produced on me at sight of him—the yearning longing I had after him. And I never knew—May; I tremble lest in my ignorance I should be mistaken. Where does Marah and he reside?"

"In Spinner's Court, in the Seagate."

"Spinner's Court—yes, that was the name," was Arnold's joyful exclamation. "And stay—that Irishman, the porter in Mayhew's mill—I forget his name."

"Bless me, sir, that is Barney Doyle, the man that got him hyr' immediate in the passage and took him up to Marah."

"Enough, enough. There is no room to doubt. He said Phil was his name. Why I that I had recognized him. And yet how could I? It was impossible. Yet my strange sensations might have caused me to wonder more."

"You encountered him when you were in Dundee, then?" said Ogilvy.

"I did, most accidentally."

"Deed, sir, ye couldna weel miss him," said Willie—"if ye did at the railway station, for that's his best beat."

"It was there I met him first, and his appearance roused a strong, inexplicable interest; but I saw him again at night, and a singular adventure befell us—I saved him from being robbed."

"My guidness, is it possible?" ejaculated Willie, while all three regarded Arnold with an interest bordering on amazement, and which could not be even allayed, far less satisfied, till he had told them in detail the whole particulars, which he forthwith did, while they listened to the recital with feelings of mingled fear, indignation, and delight.

What a balm! of consolation, what a thrilling rapturous joy had come into the heart of Arnold Carsbrook through those latest revelations, so accidentally elicited, for it was the utterance of a chance word which had saved him from departing to Dundee under an ignorance, which made it very unlikely that he should have discovered Phil there!—After seven years of misery he was again made to know something of happiness and hope. His boy was as good as restored to him, and in a condition a thousand times better than he could have dared to hope. Oh, if some tidings of his lost wife could also reach him, his cup would be full to the brim—full and overflowing.

What had transpired caused all their arrangements to be changed. Arnold no longer desired to leave them on the instant. He, too, would remain till the morrow, and assist at the funeral of Sam Willox; and, further, it was settled that the others should then accompany him to Dundee, for in going there a prospect of joy was before all of them, which they looked forward to with eager anticipation.

That afternoon they crossed the moor to Luke Briar's hut, and here they found things in a state not so unsatisfactory as they feared. An old gipsy woman had come from the encampment to assist Beckey in nursing her liege lord, and by the application of some potent ointment, the concoction of which was known only to the ripsy tribe, the wound had been made to assume a very hopeful appearance. Beckey herself had recovered from the effects of the drugged brandy, though she remained mystified as to the cause of her extraordinary sleep, and was even in ignorance of all cause of quarrel between Luke and the pedesman which had so dangerous a result, for Luke was too prudent to trust Beckey with such delicate matters as his connection with Sam Willox.

The news of the latter's death was received by Luke with a feeling of savage satisfaction. He had satisfaction also, though of a more humane character, in learning how well it had fared with Little Phil; and then he called to mind that he, too, had seen him, and bought a paper from him without recognizing him.

On the forenoon of the following day the body of Sam Willox was laid in its lonely grave, and within an hour after the interment our friends bade adieu to the hospitable shepherd and his wife, promising not to forget them, and started on their journey to Dundee.

ARNOLD AND MARTHA MEET AT LAST.

"Mother, mother, I have seen the gentleman again," cried little Phil, in joyous tones, as, with happy excitement, he burst into the room where Marah sat waiting his coming, with breakfast prepared for him and herself.

"The gentleman," was the term by which they designated the stranger who had been so kind to Phil, and had delivered him from the hands of the female robbers who had decoyed him into the passage near the Greenmarket. How deeply Marah regretted that she had not seen the rescuer of her darling, to pour out her thanks before him for the precious service he had rendered! When she heard from Barney Doyle and from Phil himself of the peril in which he had been placed, and how he had been saved from the wretches' clutches, she could in the greatness and overflow of her gratitude have flown along the street to bless the boy's generous deliverer. But by the time her agitated mind could reach hold of the facts of the case as given by her excited informant the stranger was gone beyond reach, and as Phil and Barney had heard him say that he was to leave Dundee early on the following morning, she feared that she should never have an opportunity of gratifying the fervent desire. Yet he said that he hoped to see Phil again, and the latter had been on the outloook for him every day. Fully a week, however, had elapsed since that eventful night, and the boy's eyes had not been gladdened by a sight of that grave, mournful, yet tender face, which he had such good cause to love and trust.

Great, therefore, was the glee with which he bounded in with the tidings that at length he had seen him that morning at the Railway Station.

"Oh, Phil, and did you tell him how I longed to see and thank him,' exclaimed Marah, with eager animation.

"Yes, I did, mother, and he is coming along in half an hour. I am to meet him at St. Paul's Church, and bring him up. And you cannot think how glad he was to see me, mother; he sat down on one of the seats, and took me between his knees, and put one hand on my shoulder and the other on my head, and looked—oh, so happy. Then he took all the papers I had and paid me for them, and told me to run home and tell you he was coming."

Phil's report was true and faithful so far as it went, and so far as he in his ignorance of the matter could understand the thing; but, oh, it failed to indicate the intensity of inward emotion under which Arnold had met him that morning, and spoke to and caressed him as he had described. Nor had the boy the slightest idea, when he took all the papers from him and paid for them so liberally above market price, that it was his, my last transaction as a newsboy, and that never again should he appear in the streets of Dundee selling papers. As for the rest of the arrangement, it had been planned beforehand, for on the journey from Stirlingshire, Willie had, with his usual consideration for others, represented to Arnold that the discovery which had brought such joy to him would give sadness and grief to Marah, for it would deprive her of Phil, whom she loved so devotedly; and he pictured the terror she had long felt lest Luke Briar or any relation should come and take him from her keeping.

"Nae fool," added the young man, "she'll be glad at heart tae find little Phil sae weel owned, and better than ever he could hae been made by her; tae as I tell ye already, sir, she loves him as fondly as my mither can dae her ain bairn, and it will be like a mither's bereavement tae lose him. Sae if the tidings 'oodle be broken tae her, no suddenly but gently, and by degrees, it wad be a blissin'."

Arnold was not the man to give cold heed to this thoughtful representation, and though in the overflowing of his grateful heart he resolved that the boy and woman who had so marvellously befriended him should not be wholly separated, yet he recognised the necessity of gently breaking the truth to her, and felt that none could do that so well as himself. Fortunately, he could visit her without, at the outset, causing any fear, by representing that he called on account of the adventure which he and the boy had met with; then he would recite his own sad story, and enlist her sympathy and tender feelings, bringing the tale gradually round to a point where the light would of itself break in upon her, and she would understand the truth ere it was spoken in words.

The meeting with Phil was a part of the kind plan thus arranged, and Ogilvy, Willie, and Ella were not far off when it took place. But they carefully kept out of the boy's sight, for he yet it was too soon for them to appear on the scene. Not until he came to the appointed place to conduct the "gentleman" to Marah's house was he to be made aware of their presence, and then they were to keep him beside them while Arnold went and saw Marah alone, as he could better acquaint her with the facts in the boy's absence than in his hearing. Meanwhile Phil was to learn the wonderful news from Willie, and when they judged that sufficient time had elapsed for Marah to have learned the truth, they were all to proceed to Spinner's Court, and joy and rejoice together.

Very great was Phil's astonishment and delight when, on tripping briskly along the Seagate, he saw waiting under the great door of St. Paul's, not the gentleman only, but another gentleman, together with Ella and Willie.

At his approach the girl clapped her hands with glee and rushed forward to meet him. Then, tickled by his bewildered look, she burst into a merry peal of laughter, caught him round the neck, and kissed him in her joy.

"Stay here for a little with your friends, my boy, they have something very interesting to tell you," said Arnold to him; and ere Phil had recovered from his surprise he neatowed on him a final glance, and passed on to Spinner's Court, to enter the presence of that Marah towards whom his stricken heart was overflowing with a parent's gratitude.

We scarcely know how to follow him on his way thither, or to depict the scene that was about to transpire. We know—our readers as well as ourselves—who was to be revealed to him under that name of bitterness, and the imagination of all must be painfully excited to picture a meeting so overwhelming to the hearts of both. We are almost tempted to draw back from following him, and to leave the scene unportrayed, for it is of such a nature that human pen cannot adequately describe it, and one which the fancy alone can approximately paint.

But the reader has a right to expect that no gap of this kind should be left in the story; and, however feeble and faint the description must be, we can at least record its outward features, trusting to the sympathetic imagination of the reader to fill in the shades of the picture.

Arnold Carsbrook ascended the stair and stood before the door to which he had been directed, occupied with the thought of how he should best enact the part hemust first assume, and appear only as the stranger who had saved her boy from the hands of the robbers. To his nature, deception was a difficult thing in the present case it was doubly so. But the very gratitude which he felt assisted him in the task, and he turned the handle of the door and went in, with his features not to the modified expression of kindly feeling and interest, ready to utter the excuse he had concocted for the absence of the boy, who had come forth to meet him.

The outer room into which he entered was empty, Marah being in the closet beyond, hastily endeavoring to make herself neat and tidy for the expected visitor. He glanced at the door of this closet, and deeming that she would appear when she heard his entrance he took up a position on the hearthrug to await her coming.

The door of the closet opened, and a woman's form appeared on the threshhold with an eager smile on her face.—The visitor had his own peculiar smile ready to receive her, and he was about to open his lips with a pleasant greeting when the woman's countenance fully met his view.

Great God! how the hearts of both stood still within them—how their respective smiles vanished from their faces—how trembling stricken and deadly pale took possession of their countenances—how their eyes glazed almost into blindness, and how their lips faltered, as after some moments of unmitigated amazement they mechanically uttered each other's name—

"Rachel!"

"Arnold!"

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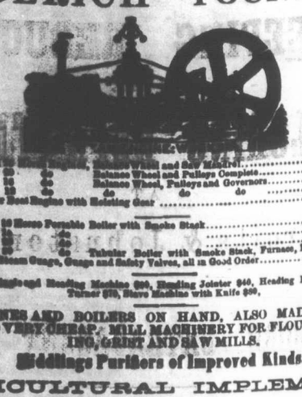

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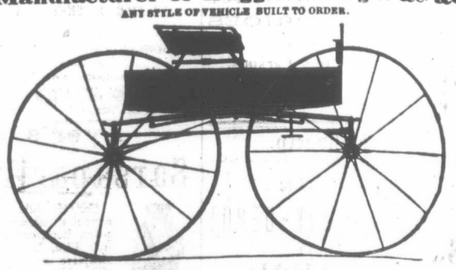

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