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GREAT Corset Sale To-Night AND Monday CROMPTON CORSETS AT HALF-PRICE . . .

Including the following well-known styles:—"Queen Moo," "Clio," "Thelma," "Magnetic," "Imix," in price from 75c. to \$1.25 at Half Price.

Sizes 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

CASHMERE and GAUNTLET GLOVES

Ladies' Black Imitation Suede Gloves and Kid Faced Gloves for Driving, also Black and White Golf Gloves, very special to-night and Monday at 10c.

Shaker Flannel Embroidery.

Shaker Flannel Embroidery, 3 in. wide, white ground embroidered, in pink and sky, reg. price 10c. and 12½c, to-night and Monday at per yd, 8c.

New Linen Collars for Ladies.

All sizes and all the new shapes, just what you have been looking for, at each, 12 1-20.

Thos. Stone & Son.

Beaver FLOUR

Made from the world's best wheat
by the world's best milling methods—the best family flour in the world. Makes the best bread—the best biscuits—the best pastry.

Never spoils a baking.
Get it from your Grocer.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

THOSE CHEAP COFFEE POTS
WENT OFF IN A RUSH . . .

Bargains This Week.

Triangular Stew Kettles, 35c.
Granite—3 in 1—save gas bills. Cook three things and over one gas jet.
Granite Pie Plates, heavy and large, 10c.
White Enamelled Wash Dish, 20c.
White Soap Dishes, 15c.
Wire is up. No. 9 Hard, Plain, \$2.50 spot cash.
No. 9, Crimped, \$2.85, spot cash.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

TORONTO'S CHIEF BALLOT STUFFER

Sam Thompson Tells Story of Wrong Doing—Promoted by Gratitude.

For Kindness Received at the Hands of Controller Richardson—His Modus Operandi.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Sam Thompson, D.R.O., at whose poll 26 bogus votes were plugged after hours was the chief witness at the civic investigation to-day. He said he was 226 years old, and was first appointed a D.R.O. six or seven years ago by City Clerk Blevins through Ald. Crade. He said he first committed election frauds last year, prompted by an intense desire to return kindness. Witness said that in November Frank Drake, barrister, asked him to work for Richardson this year. Drake acted for Richardson Lane, the other day, in bringing the action to get an injunction restraining further proceedings in this election. Thompson said he did not know W. B. Moore, of the Street Railway. He agreed to work for Richardson, without any sum being mentioned. When he went to Richardson's office to make arrangements several others were there. Richardson agreed to pay him \$250 a day. Thompson said he was not paid by Stephen Burns, nor had S. Alfred Jones promised him anything. Witness said he did not tell Richardson he was a D.R.O. Thompson explained how he stuffed the ballot box last year. He wrote a list of names and had it ready. During the day he occasionally slipped a bogus ballot in with a good one. At the end of the day he told his brother, who had been his poll clerk, that these people had voted while he (the poll clerk) was out and his brother wrote the names in the book. Finding he had not given his brother enough he himself added five names to the list. He received nothing for last year's crooked work, but had marked ballots for C. G. Robinson for Mayor, for A. L. S. W. Burns and Hubbard. Coming again to this year's operations he said he supposed the scrutineers he paid for Richardson would of course vote for him. Witness talked about the "cray notion" to plug ballots which came into his head. He placed the 25 votes this year all through the day, beginning with one about 10.30. He denied having told Drake this had to be done every year.

TRAIN WRECKED

Eleven Passengers Injured—Disaster Caused by Spreading Rails.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Feb. 26.—A telephone message from Port Covington, N. Y., states that a Grand Trunk passenger train was wrecked between Rembay, Franklin county, and Helena, St. Lawrence county, to-day by spreading rails. Eleven passengers were injured—two, Mrs. Boro, of Honesburgh, N. Y., and Conductor Frank Laxier, of Montreal, Que., very seriously. The train was going full speed and all four cars left the track, the engine remaining on the rails.

Montreal Feb. 26.—The Grand Trunk furnish the following official statement of the accident to-day near Massena Springs, N. Y.: "The passenger train which left Montreal for Massena Springs, at seven o'clock this morning, had the tender of the engine, baggage car and two coaches derailed and turned over in a deep snow bank about four miles east of Massena Springs. There were only ten or twelve passengers on the train at the time of the accident, who were somewhat shaken up, but none severely injured. Medical attendance was immediately procured and a relief train at once sent from Montreal in charge of Superintendent Blacklock, who was accompanied by Chief Medical officer Mr. J. A. Hutchison and Dr. Carmichael. The derailment is supposed to have been caused by a broken rail. Later advices state that rails were immediately procured by the company's agent, and all the passengers continued their journey to Massena Springs."

SMALL POX IN DOVER

Two of our business men were out in Dover on Monday and drove up to a farm house for supper. As they were unitching their horse the proprietor who happened to be the father of one of the business men, looked down the lane and saw a Jew peddler coming and exclaimed "—more company." His son, who is of an original turn, immediately took in the situation and threw up both hands and shouted in a voice as well known in Wallaceburg, "Go back! Go back! Small Pox here. This is Dr. Small Pox." The Jew started to run and the last seen of him was two paces disappearing at a 2.23 clip through the next farmer's fields. If he has not stopped yet he will be found at St. Louis now.—Wallaceburg Herald.

COSTLY FIRE AT ROCHESTER

Business Part of the City Suffers—Loss up in the Millions

2,500 Persons out of Work as a Result—Miraculous Escapes From Death

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The great fire that started in the heart of the business district of this city this morning is still raging fiercely. The weather is ideal for fighting fire, as there is scarcely any wind blowing. Had there been even a moderately high wind, the fireman say, nothing could have prevented a repetition of the Baltimore fire. As it is, the firemen are battling under extreme difficulties, as the water mains are not working as they should. The extreme cold this winter has frozen up many of the mains, and for the past two weeks the firemen have been engaged in thawing out the pipes. On account of the lack of proper apparatus this work has been slow. At 7 o'clock Chief Little and Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman telegraphed to Buffalo and Syracuse for assistance. At 9 o'clock the fire is burning fiercely, although the fire department are sanguine that they can prevent it spreading. The fire started before many people were on the street, but the news soon spread, and by 6 o'clock there were thousands crowding the scene of the disaster. The explosion of dynamite that the fireman used to check the spread of the flames could be heard in all sections of the city, and this noise was supplemented by the thunder of crashing walls. Life lines roped in the fire district, and the entire night squad of policemen is on duty. Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman estimates the loss at this hour (9 o'clock) at between five and six millions.

The Chief of the Fire department at 8.45 said he believed the fire could be kept within the block extending from St. Paul to North streets, unless the wind should change and set fire to the buildings on the south side of Main street. In this event a large part of the residential section would have to go. The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods Company, a huge, connected with the electrical motor that runs the elevator. The fire spread to the Walker Shoe Company, just east of the Rochester Dry Goods Company, and this building is entirely gutted. At 9.15 Assistant Chief Jacques was severely injured by a fall. His head was cut open. He was removed to the hospital. So far there has been no loss of life, although there have been several miraculous escapes from falling walls and flying debris.

ACQUITTED

Joseph Kennedy Not the Murderer of Little Irene Cole—The Verdict

Brantford, Ont. 26.—The trial of Joseph Kennedy for the murder of Little Irene Cole, on September 30, came to an end to-night. The jury bringing in a verdict of not guilty.

When court opened to-day, L. F. Heyd, in defence of the prisoner, Kennedy, commenced his address to the jury, taking each part of the evidence separately and commenting on it, claiming the Crown had not sufficient evidence collected to connect Kennedy, the prisoner, with the murder. He occupied four hours and a half in his address.

Mr. Day, K. C., in his address, explained different parts of the evidence taking two hours to address the jury. Mr. Justice Street, in his charge to the jury, picked out the most important points in the evidence and explained the different parts clearly to the jury. He condensed the evidence down in a clear manner for their charging and for not against the prisoner. He closed his remarks in one hour.

The jury retired at 6.15 and returned at 10.15 with the verdict of "not guilty." There was an immense crowd of people surrounding the court house to gain admittance and hear the end of this noted trial, but the police allowed none to enter after the hall was comfortably seated. Though the weather was cold the crowd remained outside until the verdict was given.

THE ELECTIONS IN BRITAIN

Dissolution is Expected Within Six Weeks—Liberal Victory Predicted

Irish Party Resolve to Vote With the Opposition on the First Opportunity

London, Feb. 26.—The Associated Press is in a position to declare that there will be a dissolution of Parliament within six weeks, and if, as it is expected, the Liberals are returned to power, King Edward will summon Lord Spencer (Liberal leader in the House of Lords) to form a cabinet.

His Majesty and all prominent politicians are fully aware of the situation created by the irreconcilable cleavage in the Unionist ranks by fiscal and by other differences, and they are all preparing for a speedy fall of the government and a consequent general election.

The government majorities have been dwindling gradually ever since the commencement of the present session of parliament while on the other hand the opposition factions have been gradually healing their differences. The decision of the government against the Irish University Bill compounded their alienation of the Nationalist and John Redmond's followers decided at a meeting yesterday to vote with the Liberals to turn out the government at the first opportunity.

Those who are best informed on political matters, including even many persons in close touch with Joseph Chamberlain, anticipate that the Liberals will not only win easily at the forthcoming general election, but estimate that their majority may be as high as 150.

SIMPLY BLUFF

Blenheim Paper so Designates Action of C.C.I. Board and Urges County to Stand Pat

The Blenheim News this week says: "Great prominence has for the past two weeks been given by the Chatham Collegiate Institute Board, to their latest so-called grievance. It appears that when the law suits Chatham it is law they want, but when the law does away with inconsistencies which formerly favored them, then the law is a grievance."

The facts are as follows, put shortly:—Kent has two good collegiate institutions—one at Chatham and a most excellent one at Ridgeway. Now, under the old law, Chatham running an expensive school was able to call on the county to pay a much higher rate per pupil than was Ridgeway. This, too, in spite of the fact that being separated from the county, Chatham paid no share of the county taxes, whilst Ridgeway being a part of the county not only paid its town share of maintaining its own school, just as did Chatham, but also contributed a part of the county's payment to both Chatham and Ridgeway.

The recent change in the Education Act has done away with a very serious grievance which pressed heavily on such towns as Ridgeway, which remained in a connection with the county to the advantage of such as, like Chatham, had separated from the county.

The Chatham Board, threatens, if the County Council do not accede to their wishes, to impose a prohibitive tax on county pupils after June 1st. This, as everyone knows, is a purely bluff. The larger part of the scholars at Chatham are from the county, and by shutting them out the standing of their school would be destroyed whilst the expense of keeping up the school even on a reduced basis, would be more than the cost to the city on the present basis.

The News hopes to see the County Council stand firm. Chatham is not entitled to receive so much per capita from the County Council as is Ridgeway, yet for years it has managed to draw a great deal more.

A BABY PERISHED

Bracebridge, Ont., Feb. 26.—The oldest building in town, the home of Mrs. A. E. Pelletier, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The house was a double one, occupied by Mrs. Pelletier and J. Warlow's family. The fire started in the upper tenement occupied by the Warlows, and was first discovered by Mrs. Warlow on her return after a few minutes' absence in another part of the house. She found the dining room, in which were her three young children—the oldest only three years of age—in flames. Two of the children were saved by A. Pelletier, who was in the house at the time, but the other, an infant two months old, perished. The house is a total loss, together with all the contents. Loss about \$2,000, partly covered by insurance.

It is when a woman is dressed to kill that she cuts the other woman dead.

KOREA JOINS WITH JAPS

Decides to Have her Troops Fight Against Russia in the War

Reports From Alexieff are Censured and do not Tell of Damage at Port Arthur

(Special to The Planet.)

Chee Foo, Feb. 27.—Several Japanese officers and sailors who landed here from an open boat early to-day refused to give any information as to where they came from. At the Japanese consulate it was given out that they belong to a gunboat which was damaged during the fight off Port Arthur, and which sank trying to reach this port. The statement that they were members of the crew of the merchant steamers sunk near the entrance of Port Arthur for the purpose of blocking it and that they were not picked up by the torpedo boats in company was positively denied. The consul claimed that he had been expecting the arrival of survivors of the action off Port Arthur.

A number of Japanese sailors have landed 30 miles north of here. They claim they are from transports sunk at Port Arthur last Wednesday.

New York, Feb. 27.—A previous despatch from Tokio giving details of Admiral Togo's attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, reported that all the crews of the four Japanese vessels which were sunk off Port Arthur escaped in boats and were picked up by the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers conveying them. It is considered possible, however, that the sailors mentioned in the above despatch were a part of the crew of the sunken merchantmen.

KOREA CASTS HER LOT WITH JAPAN

Seoul, Feb. 27.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field.

It is reported that the Japanese minister in Seoul has requested the Korean government to hand the French minister his passports.

The port of Wiju has been opened to foreign trade. The limitations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be passed later. This action necessitates a harbor, so Yungampo has been decided upon.

The Korean standing army consists of about 17,000 men with European methods. In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel with three commissioned and ten non-commissioned officers, who retired, however, in 1898.

A copy of a telegram from Admiral Alexieff to the emperor is given out. It is dated February 25, and has been through the hands of the censorship committee. It is substantially in agreement with the Russ correspondent's account, and concludes:

"Suitable measures have been taken to oppose a possible effort on the part of the enemy to creep up by sea. Our losses this day were one man wounded at the batteries."

CABLE TO JAPAN WOULD ANGER RUSSIANS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—2.10 p. m.—The Bourse Gazette to-day makes a Washington despatch saying the United States has undertaken to lay a submarine cable from the Philippine islands to Japan, to prevent the latter's isolation in case the Russians cut the Shanghai cable the subject of a bitter attack upon the government at Washington. "For this new evidence of its breach of neutrality," claiming that the contention of the United States that the laying of the cable will be undertaken for the improvement of trade relations "does not clear American skirts" and inquiring "what the Americans would say if Germany had run a cable from Kiaochow to Port Arthur or Vladivostok?"

JAPS MYSTIFY THE RUSSIANS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—The desperate manner in which the Japanese are returning to the attack at Port Arthur in spite of their repeated repulses has convinced the military authorities here that their main objective for the present is hopelessly to cripple the Russian fleet, in order to secure absolute freedom in the disembarkation of troops. For this reason the Russian commander is

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Beads

Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of any thing nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

Novels

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look them over.

Toilet Soap

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Window, 3 for 10c, worth 5c. each straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House,
King and Sixth Sts.
The Finest Retail
Store in Ontario.

Shoe stores are of two sorts in regard to their

Shoes.



Some buy of reliable makers and get good goods whether fine or not. The others give no heed to character, buy of irresponsible anybody, buy and sell by looks and by nothing but looks. You know which sort of dealers is rare.

The argument in favor of this business rests on these facts:—

Perfect Service
Reliable Makes
Exclusive Styles

and our guarantee to make right anything that's wrong. It seems that we understand just about what is wanted. Trade says as much.

Turrill, THE SHOE MAN.

Repairing done at store.

CHURCH - CHIMES

HOURS OF SERVICE

Christ Church—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian—11 and 7.
Holy Trinity—11 and 7.
St. Andrew's—11 and 7.
St. Joseph's R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30.
Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 and 7.
William St. Baptist—11 and 7.
Park St. Methodist—11 and 7.
Seventh Day Adventists—3 and 7.
Batter Day Saints—11 and 7.
Campbell A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.
First Baptist—11 and 7.30.
St. John's A. U. M. E.—11 and 7.
British Methodist—11 and 7.30.
Union A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.

Members and others who contribute items to this department of Saturday's Planet will confer a favor by seeing to it that their "copy" reaches this office not later than Friday at 4 p.m. Matter received later than this hour cannot be guaranteed insertion.

International Bible Lesson for To-Morrow—"Hearers and Doers of the Word."—Matt. 7, 21-29.

Golden Text—"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

This sermon on the mount, of which the lesson of today is the climax, was and is the highest religious teaching ever taught, and is a commentary by our Lord on the Law of God by a Jewish teacher to His Jewish disciples 1900 years ago. It will be the constitution of the coming kingdom and empire of Jesus Christ, when the kingdom comes and His will is done on earth as it is in Heaven, and men will have "beaten their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and will learn war no more," which is the very opposite of what they are doing to-day, and since the world began. God only is that Rock Jesus alludes to; no man apart from God, and unless born again and possessed by the Spirit and Power of God, can be in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ. Apart from Him Jew and Gentile are under sin and condemnation, from which there is no deliverance. It is not through faith in the Son of God. All men are builders, building for eternity. We are either self-centred or God-centred in building our lives and characters; a God-made man and a self-made man are very different buildings (character); every one who depends on self is building on sand; every one who depends (has faith) in God is building on the Rock. The Lord, in our lesson, sums up the situation and result—salvation or destruction. Well, are we hearers and doers? If member, hearing only is eternal undoing. "Other founded on can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." "He that believeth on Him shall not be confounded."—L. P. W. 2, 6.

CHURCH NOTES

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, the pastor, will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church on both occasions to-morrow.

Christ Church—Rev. R. McLeod will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Battisby, will conduct both services in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow.

The pastor, Rev. T. Beverley Smith, will conduct the services and preach on both occasions in Holy Trinity Church to-morrow.

In Victoria Ave. Methodist Church to-morrow the pastor, Rev. F. E. Malott will conduct the services, welcoming theme being "The Opened Mouth," evening, "The Opened Heart." Evangelistic services will commence on Sunday and will continue all week. Meetings begin at a quarter to eight. All are invited.

In Park St. Methodist Church to-morrow, Missionary Day, Rev. Geo. J. Bishop, of First Church, London, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Rev. J. W. Hoyt, M. A., of Hamilton, will occupy the pulpit of the William St. Baptist Church to-morrow, both morning and evening, welcoming theme being "The Opened Mouth," evening, "The Opened Heart." Evangelistic services will commence on Sunday and will continue all week. Meetings begin at a quarter to eight. All are invited.

Later Day Saints service will be held in their new church to-morrow as follows:—Framing service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. S. S. at 3 p.m. Prayer service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Weekly meeting at 8 o'clock. Wednesday evening, Bibles Society meets Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Campbell A. M. E. Church, Rev. W. H. Henderson, B. A., pastor—Evangelistic services—Mrs. P. V. Wright, evangelist, of Jackson, Mich., will preach at the 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. services; 8.30 p.m. converts' prayer meeting; 3 p.m. Sunday school. An excellent program of song will be rendered at each service.

Special services will be held in St. Joseph's R. C. Church to-morrow as follows:—At 11 a.m., Benediction and preaching by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Selvey, S. S. at 3 p.m. will be reviewed by the pastor. At 8.00, prayer meeting and song service by the Sponsor Lodge, and sermon by the pastor.

Monday services as usual in the Union A. M. E. Church, Forest Street, North Chatham; Rev. E. L. Holden, pastor.

Salvation Army, Union Depot—Knee drill at 7 a.m. meeting for promotion of helms at 11 a.m. Christian fellowship meeting at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. All services for citizens and soldiers.

First Baptist Church, King St. A. J. Jones, pastor—Morning services at 11 a.m. at 12.30, evening services at 7 p.m. will be conducted both morning and evening by the pastor.

Springhood or SPRINGTIME

Is also Hoodtime, for it is the time of all times when

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is most needed,—the blood is impure, complexion bad, appetite lost, strength gone,—the whole system is upset by an accumulation of humors.

If there is constipation or biliousness Hood's Pills are also needed.

"I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla as a spring medicine and have found it an excellent blood purifier. It also cures disorders of the stomach." PAUL D. COOK, Springfield Center, N. Y.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine in the world for cleansing the blood. We have taken it in the spring for years. One bottle does wonders in putting new life in us when we are all run down." MRS. FRANK GROVER, Gray, Me.

"I used to be troubled with boils and carbuncles every spring, but since using a bottle or so of Hood's Sarsaparilla each spring I am relieved of these troubles. The medicine also strengthens my system." FEARSON L. TETTER, Hagersville, Pa.

Accept no Substitutes for Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills. No Substitutes act like them.



ONE W:E:E:K MORE

Then our Great Clothing Sale is over. New Spring Clothing is coming to hand every day. Take advantage of the following prices and be wise.

\$7.50 will buy any Overcoat in the store up to \$13.50.

\$7.50 will buy Men's Suits for the balance of this month, up to \$12.

Boys' Overcoats at about Half Price.

All Underclothing at Less than Cost.

You will get what is advertised; no two ways about it.

Here's a chance for cash buyers.

Meynell's,

3 Doors West from Market, King Street

Give the Children the

Magi Waters

to drink, they like them and are highly beneficial for the most delicate.

J. J. McLAUGHLIN,

Agent, Toronto

FRUITS AND NUTS AS FOOD.

Results of Researches by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The United States Department of Agriculture has for several years been conducting a series of experiments to determine the dietary value of different foods.

Nine dietary studies and thirty-one digestion experiments were carried on. In the majority of the dietary studies and all but one of the digestion experiments fruit and nuts constituted all or almost all of the diet.

The results of the investigation emphasize the fact that both fruit and nuts should be considered as true foods rather than food accessories. The subjects were two women, three children, two elderly men and two university students. The men all did hard manual labor during a part of the time, the students working to support themselves while pursuing their studies.

The fare given in these experiments was in every case one that would appeal to any normal appetite. It embraced honey, tomatoes, apples, bananas, cantaloupes, grapes, vernal, cornichon, toky, muscat, scarlet haws, pears, pomegranates, persimmons, oranges, strawberries, water-melons, figs, almonds and peanut butter. The only animal foods allowed were cottage cheese and eggs, and these in limited quantities. The cost of such a diet varied from 15 to 18 cents a day.

Comparative experiments were carried along in which animal foods were employed under the usual conditions of living, and in these the daily cost ran from 26 to 30 cents. It was found that the food eaten supplied about 60 per cent. of the calories usually secured by the average man's diet, while health and strength continued the same, if not improved, and in two or three cases there was a slight gain in flesh and weight.

Fruits contain little protein, and nuts are relied on in the frutitarian plan of eating to balance the ration. Fruits are rich in carbohydrates and nuts in fat. A pound of peanuts, which costs 7 cents, furnished 1,000 calories of energy at a cost of 33 cents and proteins at a cost of 36 cents a pound. A porterhouse steak costs for the same result respectively 22 cents and \$1.31 when the steak can be bought for 25 cents a pound.

A Preferred Creditor.

A member of the commercial swindling fraternity lately called his creditors together and offered them in settlement his note for 2 shillings in the pound on their claims, payable in four months. His brother, one of the largest creditors, rather kicked, but the debtor took him aside and said: "Do not make any objections, and I will make you a preferred creditor."

So the proposal was accepted by all. Presently the preferred brother said: "Well, I should like what is coming to me."

"Oh," was the reply, "you won't get anything; they won't any of them get anything."

"But I thought I was a preferred creditor!"

"So you are. These notes will not be paid when they come due, but it will take them four months to find out that they are not going to get anything. But you know it now. You see, you are preferred." London Standard.

Many a man has ruined his health drinking to other people's.

The backbone of winter is still showing symptoms.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

Genuine

Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of

See Fac-Simile Wrapper Below.

Very small and so easy to take as sugar.

CARTER'S LIVER PILLS. FOR HEADACHE, FOR DIZZINESS, FOR BILIOUSNESS, FOR TORPID LIVER, FOR CONSTIPATION, FOR RASHES, FOR THE COMPLEXION. CURE SICK HEADACHE.

SANTAL-MIDY. Standard remedy for Gleet, Gonorrhea and Runnings in 48 HOURS. Cures Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

COME TO-NIGHT!

If not come MONDAY. Every cash buyer in the city should take advantage of these unusual money-saving chances. Everything exactly as advertised and your money back if you want it.

Men's 75c Night Shirts at 48c.—Five dozen men's heavy white cotton night shirts, good firm quality, cut full lengths and size trimmed on collar, cuffs and bosom with fancy braid, sizes 15 to 17, regular 75c, sale price, 48c.

Wrappercettes at 71-2 yard — 12 pos fancy Wrappercettes, in good range of patterns and colorings, fast colors, regular 10c and 12 1-2c a yard, to-night and Monday.

Black Mercerized Satens at 15c a yard—4 pos, rich black mercerized saten, fine heavy quality, fast dye, good value at 20c yard, to-night and Monday.

Silk Lined Kid Gloves, at 69c a pair, in brown and tan shades, silk lined, regular \$1.00 a pair, special to-night and Monday.

Flannellette Waists at 38c — Three dozen ladies' flannellette waists, regular 50c to 60c each, clearing at 38c.

4 dozen Ladies' Waists—Odd lines and sizes in black satena, fine flannellette, canvas vesting, etc., regular \$1 to \$1.50 each, clearing at 68c.

Ladies' Marguerite Corset Covers—Made with full front, special each 12 1-2c.

Ladies' White Underskirts—Fine cambric, wide flounce, 2 rows Val lace insertion and wide lace frill, special at \$1.25.

Ladies' Cambric Gowns—Fair quality, cut full size, 8 rows hemstitching and fine tucks on yoke, collar and cuffs, trimmed with cambric frills, special each 50c.

Bed comforters—8 only fine full size comforters, clean filling, fancy chair coverings, regular \$2.00 and \$2.25 each, clearing to-night and Monday.

Men's fleeced undershirts, fine heavy wool or cotton fleece, in plain white, striped, regular 50c to 60c each, clearing at 39c.

Men's suits—Your pick of 48 fine tweed and worsted suits, pure wool quality, latest cut, superior linings, well tailored, regular \$10.00 to \$11.00 each, clearing to-night and Monday at 7.90.

Boys' suits—Odd lines and broken lots in two and three piece suits, tweeds and serges, regular prices \$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$4.00, clearing at \$2.38.

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GEORGE MASSEY, W. M.

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It is to take and is soothing and healing to the lungs. There is a refreshing tickling sensation in the throat, and the sleeper awakes at night.

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Have used Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup for family for the last six years, and have found it the quickest and most effective medicine for all coughs and colds I have ever used. My boy had a severe attack of bronchitis, but using half a bottle of the Syrup he was cured. I cannot praise it enough.
Mrs. W. J. Fawcett, Arthur, Ont.

"STRANGER IN THE HOUSE."

A Visitor's First Look at Ontario's Legislature—Superficial Glance at Men Who Make Provincial Laws.

The love of law and order is considered by many authorities to be the most important element in British character, and that on which all the other national virtues rest. It is not without some awe that one enters for the first time a House of Parliament, the very nursery and source of the organic life of a nation. The glamor of life in its aspect of greatest complexity appeals to one, and when you climb to dizzy heights in a vast chamber and gaze down on the duly chosen representatives of 2,182,947 people, more or less, your heart is apt to thump with the exertion if not with excitement.

The gorgeousness of the chamber in Queen's Park, which seems gaudy and even crude when empty, is softened and subdued to a rich beauty by the sombre masses in the crowded seats. Here and there little patches of bright color seem to have dropped from the painting ceilings where frocks and blouses mingled with more substantial tailoring. After ten years' wear the chamber still bears the spick-and-span appearance appropriate to the new young country whose law-givers it shelters. The mace glams as it lies on the table, its big head pillowed eastwardly on a comfortable cushion. The figures on the clock strike chronically. A glass of water brought by a page on a silver salver to the speaker's table has an unusual sparkle, which the orator perhaps hopes to imitate.

There is a massive loziness about the legislative buildings which might inspire the casual visitor with ideas of elevated repose and solid grandeur or to be discovered in the utterances of the people's representatives, but visitors are rare who will admit any discovery of this nature. Indeed, there are to be found those who are misguided enough to contrast the pettiness of the proceedings with the nobility of the cause.

What time will do. There are four galleries around the Chamber. On the north, facing the Speaker, is the Speaker's gallery. On the east the visitors' and on the west the ladies' gallery afford a steep and straitened vantage point for the public. On the south sit, like the assessors in the Egyptian Hall of Judgment, the gentlemen of the press. Whichever gallery you sit in you will find the listening quite as bad as the speaking. On the principle that facilities develop with exercise, a reasonably deaf man might attain to moderately acute powers of hearing by attending the House and making it a point to catch every syllable. It is said that gentlemen of the press who have been engaged in legislative work for any time acquire a prehensile or flexible power of the outer ear, so that they can direct it as desired in the heat of debate. There is much dispute among members and the public generally as to whether any reporter's ear has ever been really seen to twitch.

The Speaker is quite a stately figure as he moves in wearing a three-cornered black hat and attended by the Sergeant-at-Arms with the mace and a sword. The Speaker reads prayers for nearly four minutes every day, and does it worthily. Everybody sits down then, and has a stool to put his feet on when the House settles to business. A message from the Lieutenant-Governor is read for the Crown, brings everybody to their feet once in a while, and there is great outer respect for dignities.

Look Busy Anyway. The Legislators occupy their desks in pairs, like political twins, and the flash and rustle of snowy paper give an appearance of constant activity. Frequently one of the members, beset with correspondence, flings a letter with bird-like flight through the air, and before it falls one of the alert little page-boys, in the nearest of courtly courtesy, rushes forward to carry it to the mailing box.

The talking as a general rule is rather dreary to an outsider. It wanders monotonously along until suddenly all the big men on one side of the House begin to hammer on their desks by way of applause. The hammering is generally confined to one side of the House at a time, but alternates with the speakers, and in cases of disorderly retort and hot words the hammering is echoed from side to side with the equality of party loyalty. But there is more order here than in the British House of Commons, where the members are huddled together. Ample space tends to neatness, and the absorption of the unseasonably if not its suppression.

Such a small matter as a member wearing his hat is barely noticeable in the width of view. But the Speaker will permit no member to stand up with his hat on, whereby it may be perceived that the Speaker has a keen eye. They call the desks and the chairs wheaten the legislators sit the treasury and the opposition benches, so strong is tradition, for British legislators have sat on benches for centuries, and a bench is a very good thing to work at in any case. As you look along the orderly rows in the darkening afternoon, before the electric lights begin to glow and the blinds are drawn out of the spacious indifference there begin to appear familiar faces. Faces you have seen in the papers, met on the streets, caught glimpses of in railway carriages, steamers, hotels, dispersedly borne about on haunted corners of memory. With a chart of the House, a little map of the seats and the big table and the galleries, with the names of the very elect duly noted, it becomes clear to you that men of mark are not the least remarkable. And why not, when you bolla down two million into five scores?—Toronto Sunday World.

Superstitions die hard. Among old-fashioned cattlemen in Virginia goats are held to be a preventive of disease. In Lincolnshire, England, it is

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3.—The Society supported last year in 27 countries in all parts of the world 850 colporteurs, who have sold and read to an average of 620 hearthless women and children regularly each week; 2,500 women were taught to read God's Word, and 23,346 copies of the Scriptures were sold.

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7.—It knows no denominations, as such, the Society is the willing servant of all. Its unalterable policy from the beginning has been to give "the Word" without note or comment, in the language of the people, to all the nations of the world.

8.—To carry on its ever increasing work, the Bible Society needs your prayers and material help.

"Can we, whose souls are lighted,
With wisdom from on high;
Can we, to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?"

10.—"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down, and shaken together and running over."

BIBLE SOCIETY IN CHATHAM.

Sunday, March 6th will be observed as Bible Sunday in all the churches in Chatham. Special envelopes will be provided for a contribution to the fund of the Society on its one hundredth anniversary.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

SOUTH BUXTON.

A telegram from Calgary, on the 15th, brought the sad news of the death of George A. Sales, who left Merlin a year ago, the fourth of last August for that place. Mr. Sales was born in Lincolnshire, England, 1819, and came out with his parents about 58 years ago. He settled on lot 15, Middle Road. He was a carpenter by trade. Four years later he moved to Buxton, where he lived until he left for Calgary. He was about 84 years old at the time of his death, and leaves nine children, forty-two grand children and twenty-one great grandchildren to mourn his loss. The children are: Elizabeth, now Mrs. G. Marshall, Harwich; Charlotte, now Mrs. Andrew Broadbent, of Raleigh, and Bessie, unmarried, now in Calgary. Mr. Sales, in religion, was an active Conservative. In religion he was a member of the Church of England. He had three brothers, Samuel, in Tilbury Centre, Henry, in Wisconsin, and Charles, in Montana. Mr. Sales was a pushing business man all his life until disabled through his declining years. He was highly respected by his wide circle of friends and relatives, and the sad news of his death brought sorrow to many hearts.

James Broadbent, near Los Angeles writes to his brother Andrew that he and his wife expect to visit Buxton this summer. James was born here and left for California seven or eight years ago.

A party of about forty took possession of Mr. George McKays' fine residence on Monday night of last week. They brought with them about three gallons of oysters and other necessary things, and after a sumptuous feast they retired to the morning. All left highly pleased with the evening's enjoyment. This is the third surprise party there since the new year set in.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morris and Mrs. Piers, of Chicago, are visiting their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Morris, Sr.

Mr. R. Legee is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. Johnson, of Don, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Johnson, in Buxton. Mr. S. B. Gilhula, the assessor, is rapidly pushing on his work.

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From New York Journal.
"During the recent Grip epidemic, claiming a million victims or more, the efficiency of Peruna in quickly relieving this malady and its after-effects has been the talk of the continent."

LIKE A TEMON grip has crossed our country, leaving behind scores of physical wrecks.

Victims of catarrh of the head, catarrh of the throat, catarrh of the lungs, catarrh of the stomach, catarrh of the kidneys, catarrh of the pelvic organs, are to be counted by hundreds of thousands. Grip is epidemic catarrh, and sows the seed of chronic catarrh within the system.

This is no true that few grip sufferers are able to make a complete recovery until they have used Peruna. Never in the history of medicine has a remedy received such unequalled and universal eulogies as Peruna.

A New York Alderman's Experience.
Hon. Joseph A. Flinn, alderman Fifth District, writes from 104 Christopher street, New York City, as follows:

"When a pestilence overtakes our people we take precaution as a nation to preserve the citizens against the dread disease."

"La grippe has entered thousands of our homes this fall, and I noticed that the people who used Peruna were quickly restored, while those who depended on doctors' prescriptions, spent weeks in recovering, leaving them weak and emaciated."

"I had a slight attack of la grippe and at once took Peruna, which drove the

disease out of my system in a few days and did not hinder me from pursuing my daily work."

"I should like to see our Board of Health give it official recognition and have it used generally among our poor sick people in Greater New York."

Joseph A. Flinn.
D. L. Wallace, a charter member of the International Barber's Union, writes from 15 Western avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.:

"Following a severe attack of la grippe I seemed to be affected badly all over. I suffered with a severe backache, indigestion and numerous ills, so I could neither eat nor sleep, and I thought I would give up my work, which I could not afford to do."

"One of my customers who was greatly helped by Peruna advised me to try it, and I procured a bottle the same day. I used it faithfully and felt a marked improvement. During the next two months I took five bottles, and then felt splendid. Now my head is clear, my nerves steady, I enjoy food, and rest well. Peruna has been worth a dollar a dose to me."

D. L. Wallace.
Mr. O. H. Perry, Atchison, Kansas, writes:

"Again, after repeated trials of your medicine, Peruna and Manalini, I give this as my expression of the wonderful results of your very valuable medicine

in its effects in my case after repeated trials."

"First, it cured me of chronic bronchitis of fifteen years' standing by using two bottles of Peruna in January, 1894, and no return of it."

"After I was cured of bronchitis I had la grippe every winter for several winters. But, through the use of Peruna, it got gradually weaker in its severity, until it dwindled down to a mere stupor for two or three days. Now the stupor does not trouble me any more."

O. H. Perry.
A Congressman's Experience.
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.
Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.
Gentlemen—"I am more than satisfied with Peruna, and find it to be an excellent remedy for the grip and catarrh. I have used it in my family and they all join me in recommending it as an excellent remedy."

Very respectfully,
George H. White,
If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

McKAY'S CORNERS.

Miss Montgomery has returned to her home, after visiting her aunt, Mrs. McElthie.

There was no church here Sunday, as necessary services being held at Botany.

Miss Nellie and Charlie Parsons spent last Friday evening with Miss Blue.

Miss Annie Clark, who had the misfortune to fall and hurt her arm, is somewhat better.

Miss Burnice McCann spent Sunday in Ridgetown.

The workmen are getting along quite nicely at Wm. Parsons' house. It will soon be ready for occupancy.

O. Thompson has been visiting at J. Mau's during the past week.

TIRED OUT.

There's a many a farmer's wife sits on the porch in the growing shadows of a summer evening, knowing to the full what it is to feel tired out; as if there was not another ounce of effort left in her. But she knows how sound her slumber will be and how refreshed the morning will find her.

The tiredness of a healthy woman. But this is another thing for the sick woman to feel tired out. Rest only seems to increase her suffering. Just as in profound silence a discord jars the ear more forcibly, so now that she has stopped moving about, this tired woman feels more acutely the aching back and throbbing nerves.

Sick women, hundreds of thousands of them, have been made well by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes regularity, dries weakening fluids, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

"Words cannot tell what I suffered for thirteen years with uterine trouble and dragging-down pains through my hips and back," writes Mrs. John Dickson, of Grenfell, Assiniboia Dist., N. W. Terr. "I can't describe the misery it was to be on my feet long at a time. I could not sleep. Often I wished to die. Then I saw Dr. Pierce's medicines advertised and thought I would try them. I did not take one bottle till I was feeling well. After I had taken five bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and one of 'Golden Medical Discovery' I was like a new woman. Could eat and sleep and do all my own work."

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CON. 6, DOVER.

The fields in this section are covered with ice and many areas of the opinion that it will cause great damage to the wheat.

Mrs. D. Barr's baby has been seriously ill, but is now recovering slowly.

The friends of Samuel Sly were entertained to an oyster supper and dance on Friday evening, at his home, Baldson St.

John Grant is shipping a car of corn to the east to-day.

The Aid meeting at Mr. Grant's was well attended, and five new members were added to the society.

NORTHWOOD.

Northwood Circle, No. 2287, met in Hales Hall last Thursday evening, and elected the following officers:

Bro. Jas. Reid, Leader; Bro. Peter Osterhout, P. L.; Bro. Knight, V. Z.; Bro. Boyle, Chap.; Bro. John Marshall, Secy.; Bro. G. Osterhout, Fin.

Secy. Bro. Jas. Reid was elected to represent the lodge at the Supreme Circle, which will be held in Toronto on March 8th.

The many friends of Mrs. E. Boyle are pleased to hear that she is recovering from a severe attack of pleurisy.

Chas. Hales received his first carload of sugar for this season last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Newcomb have returned from their honeymoon in the east and their many friends join in congratulating them. The happy couple took up their residence in the village.

It is feared the wheat crop will be a complete failure in this locality.

SAMSON.

Mrs. John Johnstone, of Blenheim, has been visiting A. P. Stevens the past week.

A very shocking accident happened here one day last week. While John Campbell was loading logs, one of them slipped and broke Mr. Johnstone's legs. He is improving as rapidly as could be expected.

Miss Pearl Leitch has been on the sick list for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Maw, of the town line, were in Chatham one day last week.

Dr. Buck, of Kent Bridge, is kept quite busy now.

Willie Robertson was visiting in this vicinity for a few days last week.

Mrs. Moorehouse, who has been bedfast for some time, is able to be out again.

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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—11 a. m.—Fine, becoming milder. Sunday, south-easterly winds, sleet or rain before night.

The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:

THERMOMETER.

Highest yesterday, 21.
Lowest during night, 12.
This morning, 15.
Barometer, 29.65.
Direction of wind, east.

THE LOCAL BUDGET.

Warden Sifton was in the city to-day.

William J. Taylor, of Mull, is a Chatham visitor to-day.

Ex-Warden Frank Rankin, of Dover, was in the city yesterday.

E. E. Dutton, of Wallaceburg, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Ex-Warden A. M. Mason, of Camden, was in the city to-day.

County Councillor Peter Haggart, of Blenheim, was in the city to-day.

County Commissioner J. N. McCoy, of Wallaceburg, is in the city to-day.

Ex-Ald. Geo. Taylor was able to be out to-day. He has been confined to the house for the past four days.

Mrs. O. Ouse has returned to her home in St. Thomas after spending a few days with her son, James McLean, of Dover.

Squires Daniel Kerr, of Dover Township, and James McMullen, of Harwich Township, and Sheriff Gammill to-day balloted for the jurors for the June sessions.

Mr. Brown and bride (nee Miss Margaret Barassan) have returned from their honeymoon trip. While away they visited several points in Michigan.

The Harrison Hall committee of the County Council met to-day to consider providing Drainage Refuges for the County.

J. B. Rankin, with an office in Harrison Hall, Mr. Haggart is chairman of the committee, and J. N. McCoy, Shepherd Somers, and the Warden are members of it.

W. E. Gundy has received word from J. M. Pike and G. W. Sulman. They are now in New York staying at the Waldorf with the other noted millionaires. Through the courtesy of Senator McLaughlin, a friend of Mr. Pike's, the two Maple City men were shown through the White House.

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KUREA JOINS WITH JAPS

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carefully guarding against exposing his ships, keeping them in the harbor, under the guns of the fortifications.

A doubt exists as to whether the Japanese really design the land near Port Arthur and invest the city. The authorities admit they are mystified, but the prevailing opinion continues to be that the Japanese will not hazard a landing at this stage of the campaign.

Nothing has been obtained concerning the reported Japanese landing at Possiet Bay.

MAY INVOLVE FRANCE.

Paris, Feb. 27.—In view of the decided intention of Korea to join forces with Japan against Russia a communication from an officer who was on the staff of Gen. de Bolderfere when the latter was negotiating the military terms of the Franco-Russian agreement, published here is of interest. The officer says that the general's purpose was to conclude with Russia a military convention directed exclusively against the triple alliance. According to this, he says, France would have to provide both a military and naval contingent if Russia, being engaged in war, were to be attacked by a third power "even in the far east." Nor need the third power necessarily be European. The obligation would hold good if China, or even Korea, sided with Japan.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The text of the treaty negotiated between Japan and Korea by the terms of which the former government "guarantees the independence and the territorial integrity of the Korean empire" provides for the maintaining of a permanent and solid friendship between Japan and Korea and firmly establishing peace in the far east, the imperial government of Korea to place full confidence in the imperial government of Japan and adopt the advice of the latter in regard to improvements in administration.

Ernest Johnson, of Chatham Twp., paid \$1 and costs, \$6 in all, into the civic coffers for being drunk and disorderly at the C. P. R. station, last Saturday. He promised the Chief of Police that he was going home and was going to be good in future. He came in on the Lake Erie train from the north and didn't reach Chatham till noon. The train is due about nine o'clock.

"Spring is here sure," remarked Dr. Musson this morning, "and I know it by a surer sign than seeing a robin. John White has again broke out about racing and he entertained us yesterday at the Hotel, Merrill to a display of past performance and promises of equaling it not bettering his record this year."

Owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding in regard to the publication of the usual Workmen funeral notice in the city papers, Pontiac Lodge, No. 2, did not attend the funeral of the late John Henderson, as is their usual custom, in a body. The regret is sincerely regretted.

The late John Henderson was a member of the above lodge for a great many years.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The Bugle Band met last night and elected officers for the ensuing year, resulting as follows:

President—Wm. Farby.
Secretary—Dr. H. Symes.
Treasurer—Max McCornock.
Property Committee—Marsh Taylor, Chairman; Alfred Morrell, Skipper Smith and Bob Turner.

For the presidency there were two nominees, Alf. Morrell and W. Farby. Morrell dropped out in favor of Farby, who consequently went in by acclamation.

Charlie Humphrey was elected caretaker, salary to start March 1st.

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the correspondent concludes, will be the army and navy headquarters during the war. This correspondent has recently been in Nagasaki, and is probably well informed. In any event, it is taken for granted in London that Admiral Togo's recent operations have been devoted to facilitating Japanese disembarkation on the Liao-Tung Gulf or elsewhere.

SCOUTS SIGHT EACH OTHER.
"Russian and Japanese scouts," cables the Tokio correspondent of the Times, "sighted each other Thursday morning at Sukohen, 25 miles north of Ping-Yang, Korea, but did not come in contact. The Russians are not moving southward of the Tumen river, where the roads are extremely bad."

THE DAMAGED WARSHIPS.
A despatch to the Paris Matin from St. Petersburg says the repairs to the Russian warships which were damaged in the engagement of February 9th at Port Arthur, this morning, the battleship Czarevitch will be ready for sea Sunday, at the latest. The least advanced in the matter of repairs is the battleship Retvizan, and it will be impossible to bring her into the harbor before six days.

STILL AT PORT ARTHUR.
Washington, Feb. 26.—The Japanese legation has received a cablegram from Tokio under today's date, giving an account of ineffectual attempts made by the Japanese to blockade the mouth of the harbor at Port Arthur, and also a brief account of the attack by the Japanese on Port Arthur yesterday morning. As a result of the attack yesterday, the cablegram says, one of the Russian torpedo boats was destroyed. The text of the cablegram is substantially as follows:—

Vice-Admiral Kamimura reports on the 26th of February, this following: "According to the report from the torpedo flotilla, which was sent for the purpose of rescuing the crews of steamers sent to block up the harbor at Port Arthur, the Hokoku Maru, of the left side of entrance of harbor, near the lighthouse, and the Bushu Maru, outside the entrance, were sunk purposely by the Japanese by explosion. The Tenshin Maru, the sunk themselves on the east of the Liao-Tung-Shan. All of the crews of these steamers were picked up safely. Our destroyers, the torpedo flotilla are unharmed. On the night of 24th, our destroyers again went on a scouting cruise near Port Arthur, and Daini and Pigeon Bay. On the dawn of 25th our main squadron approached Port Arthur and bombarded the enemy's men of war, and the forts from a distance. We saw the Novik, the Askold and the Bayan fleeing to the harbor, it thus being apparent that the blockading operation had not much effect. Our squadron then fired into the harbor and saw flames and considerable smoke. We withdrew after fifteen minutes' shelling. While our cruisers were thus engaged in firing, we saw one of the enemy's torpedo boats destroyed. Our squadron received no damage. Admiral Togo is still on the scene."

JAPANESE STILL BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—A despatch received here from Port Arthur, dated Feb. 26, says: "At 1 o'clock this morning several Japanese torpedo boats were sighted from here with their sails set, for the purpose of disguising their character. The battleship Retvizan and the shore batteries opened fire on them and continued firing until daybreak without any visible result. After daybreak a Japanese squadron, apparently conveying transports, was sighted. At a quarter past 11 this squadron came nearer and an engagement which lasted 40 minutes ensued. There was no damage. Few shells fell in Port Arthur. "It is expected here that the Japanese will attempt a landing soon. "An inspection of the Japanese fire ships sent into this harbor Feb. 24 shows they were loaded with coal and kerosene and that electrical infernal machines had been placed in the midst of this cargo."

London, Saturday, Feb. 27.—A report which emanates from St. Petersburg says the Japanese Minister, Mr. Saito, has requested the Korean Government to hand the French minister his passports.

A SUCCESSION OF ATTACKS.
Official Russian and other despatches show that there has been a succession of attacks or demonstrations by the Japanese at Port Arthur, probably undertaken with the intention of covering or preparing for a Japanese landing elsewhere, and possibly with the hope of inflicting further damage on the Russian warships and increasing the demoralization of the Russian forces. It would seem apparent that little damage was inflicted on either side, although the despatches leave the exact situation at Port Arthur in some obscurity. The reported landing of Japanese at Possiet Bay, near Vladivostok, has not yet been confirmed. This movement, however, is considered not improbable.

JAP MILITARY OPERATIONS.
The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has sent in interesting news of Japanese military operations. He asserts that Port Dalny is being evacuated by the Russians, who boast that they have mined the breakwater, wharves and railroad sidings there in order to prevent the Japanese from making use of these facilities. This correspondent repeats that the Russians have only supplies for five months at Port Dalny, and says a large number of Japanese transports have returned to Nagasaki, where they are busy engaged in embarking more troops to be taken to the vicinity of Port Dalny. Over 400 transports have left Nagasaki since February 10, and a still larger embarkation has been proceeding from Ujini, near Hiroshima, on the inland sea. Ujini, and not Kioto,

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THE MARKETS

There was a very fair market this morning. There are no changes in the prices. At this time of the year there is not much competition and the prices are generally normal.

IN THE SEEDS

Butter, per pound, 17c to 20c.
Eggs, per dozen, 30c.
Chickens, each, 40c to 50c.
Turkeys, \$1.25 to \$1.75.
Geese, 90c to \$1.00.

VEGETABLES

Apples, per peck, 10c to 25c.
Potatoes, per peck, 20c to 25c.
Cabbages, each, 5c to 15c.
Squash, 3c to 25c.
Pumpkins, 10c.
Onions, 25c peck.
Savory, 5c bunch.
Celery, three bunches for 10c.
Potatoes, per peck, 25c.
Carrots, per peck, 15c.
Parsnips, per peck, 15c.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker, North West Block, Chatham, Feb. 27, 1904.

July.....	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2	95 3/4
Sept.....	90	90 1/2	91	89 1/2
Corn.....				
May.....	56 1/2	57 1/4	56 1/2	58 1/4
July.....	55 1/2	55 1/2	55	55 1/2
Sept.....	54 1/2	54 1/2	54	54 1/2
Oats.....				
May.....	45	45 1/2	45	45 1/2
July.....	41 1/2	42	41 1/2	41 1/2
Sept.....	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Pork.....				
May.....	1625	1637	1607	1615
July.....	1642	1642	792	1610
Lard.....				
May.....	805	807	795	795
July.....	877	822	815	810 1/2
Ribs.....				
May.....	862	862	705	797 1/2
July.....	807	810	805	805
May wheat sale at \$1.06 was canceled.				

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DAY'S TWO JOURNEYS.
We are, little lass, little lad!
What time would find you playing
on a beautiful day you have had;
How low hear what the birds are saying:
"Welcome, O beautiful day!"

"We are sorry to see you going."
For the day's long visit is done,
And the flowers' sweet faces fall,
And the whippoorwill cannot rest,
For the smiling day has left us all
And gone out west.

Wake up, little lad, little lass!
It's time you had done with dreaming;
Great things are coming to pass
Out where the skies are gleaming.
Listen! The birds are singing,
"Welcome, O beautiful day!"

And the flowers and trees are gay
With the message the wind is bringing.
For the day's long visit is done,
And the sorrow and gloom have ceased;
In the coach of the crimson sun
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ADVOCATES ARBITRATION.

English Lawyer Trying to Awaken Interest in Treaty Recently Spoken at Canadian Club in Toronto.

The pioneers in bringing about the Anglo-French treaty was Mr. Thomas Barclay, a prominent English lawyer of London and Paris. Mr. Barclay came to America with the Mosley Educational Commission some weeks ago, and has remained here promoting, with much persuasiveness



DR. BARCLAY.

and apparent success the idea of a new treaty between England and the United States.

At a recent luncheon of the Canadian Club in Toronto he gave an interesting address on the subject which lies nearest his heart. In the course of his address he said that at the time of the Fashoda incident and later, during the Boer War, he had, as president of the Paris Chamber of Commerce, sought to impress upon the business men of both countries the disastrous effect which war would have upon their trade. He found them quite ready to endorse an arbitration treaty, and their representations to the two Governments had considerable effect in expediting the arrangement of the treaty. Dr. Barclay said that his visit to America was made for the purpose of sounding public opinion in the United States and Canada with regard to the possibility of securing an arbitration treaty between the two great Anglo-Saxon nations. He had found that the United States Senate would be a hard body to convince. England would not again propose such a treaty, and any advances must come from the United States through Canada. It was to Canada's advantage that such a treaty should be secured, to prevent the repetition of a certain recent settlement which was not an arbitration at all. Dr. Barclay said that many portions of the States favored closer relations with Canada, and a group of Congressmen at Washington had resolved to bring weight to bear on the Senators in order to facilitate the adoption of a treaty. Dr. Barclay thought that when the United States has assimilated its foreign population, the two countries would get along better, and closer union would follow between Great Britain, Canada and the United States.

Ernest Thompson Seton.

Slightly under six feet in height, Ernest Thompson Seton is of the order of men who distinguish themselves by endurance rather than muscular strength. He is lithe, spry and wiry, with a quick yet kindly eye, and a great shock of hair black as night, which has frequently caused him to be compared to Paderewski. He is somewhat awkward in appearance, but there is an indefinable and very real something in both eye and

voice which invariably awakens and holds the sympathies of those with whom he comes in contact. In lecturing his voice rises and falls with remarkable inflection, and there is probably no man on the stage to-day who can tell his own experience so effectively. A veteran hunter who saw him imitate a moose sniffing the air from right to left and back again said the faithfulness of the imitation was startling. He saw the immense, unwieldy head turning slowly, heavily upon the neck, and for a moment the illusion was perfect.

Idea of Beauty.

The idea of beauty in children is strangely varied. A teacher at a certain school gave thirty children five minutes to think over the most beautiful thing they ever saw. Five chose the moon and stars, two the sun and one the setting sun. One of the five who chose the moon stipulated that he meant only the full moon. Two children chose flowers, two scenery and two birds. Not one chose a human face. Blenheim, the staghound, a tiger's skin, salt, silver and gold, a brooch and pink silk all had one vote each.

The First Kindergarten.

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This means that if you would be healthy you must take heed to your stomach. It must be kept toned up and able to do its full work all the time. The easiest and best way to do this is to use Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. They do the work of digestion themselves while the stomach rests. This ensures the supplying of food to all parts of the body. It means a strong, healthy body ready for work and in shape to throw off any disease that attempts to get a hold on it.

Men often say things which sound bright, but have little in the way of meaning.

There's a story of a farmer and his son driving a load to market. Of the team they were driving one was a steady, reliable old gray mare, the other a fractious, balky black horse. On the way the black horse was stalled and the gray mare stepped in and refused to pull. "What'll we do, father?" said the younger man. "Well," said the father, "I guess we'll have to lay the load on the old gray."

That homely comment to women: "The gray mare's the better horse" suggests how often when there's an extra strain to be borne it is laid on the woman's back. How often she breaks down at last under the added weight of some "last straw." Women who drag along weakly through life can gain real strength by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It puts back in concentrated form the strength making material which working women use up more rapidly than it can be restored by Nature in the ordinary process of nourishment and rest. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are universal favorites with women, because they are easy to take and thoroughly effective in curing the consequences of constipation.

It is necessary to begin at the top in digging a well.

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Mrs. Suburban—Why, there goes Mrs. Townsman. Is she in mourning for her late husband?

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Mary Magdalene's Grave.

Fifteen thousand pilgrims annually visit St. Baume, in Provence, not far from Marseilles, where Mary Magdalene is said to have spent the last thirty years of her life.

The legend, according to the Nouvelle Revue, runs that Mary Magdalene came from Judea in a small boat with Lazarus, Martha, the two Marys and Salome, bringing with them the body of St. Anne, the head of St. James the Less and a few wee bones of the innocents massacred by King Herod. But from early ages this story has been disputed, and the Abbe Duchesne, one of the most erudite writers on the early Christian saints and martyrs, considers that the story of Mary Magdalene was probably sent from Constantinople about the seventh century. A Greek breviary, however, speaks of the saint as having died at Ephesus.

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CANADIAN OVER ALL

(Dedicated to the Canadian Club of the Mountains by William Henry Drummond.)

When our fathers crossed the ocean in the glorious days gone by They breathed their deep emotion "God bless our dear old land!"

Then a brighter day before them Than the old, old land that bore them And all the while their hearts were true That land was Canada.

Then they came to try us Who would deny us The pledge of our bright, And they'll find us like a wall, For we are Canadian, Canadian forever, Canadian forever, Canadian over all.

Our fathers came to win us They have beyond recall, And the same blood flows within us Of Britain, Celt and Gaul. Keep ever in our glowing embers Of our grand old, remember That we are Canadian, Canadian forever, Canadian over all.

Then they came to try us Who would deny us The pledge of our bright, And they'll find us like a wall, For we are Canadian, Canadian forever, Canadian forever, Canadian over all.

Who can blame them, who can blame us, If we tell ourselves with pride The foe has often tried? And should we the Empire need us We'll require no chains to bind us, For we are Empire's children, But Canadian over all.

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A HALF MILLION ACRES.

Ontario Lands Now Actually in the Hands of Veterans.

With the end of the year the Crown Lands Department have figured roughly the business done in giving land grants to the Veterans of 1866 and of the South African war, who have applied. Since November 1, 1902, the department have sent out no less than 10,250 certificates, entitling each recipient to 160 acres of land for service to his country. Of those so favored some three thousand have already selected their land. This would mean the actual taking up of 480,000 acres, or twenty-one townships, if the settlement were solid, but as only one veteran may locate in each square mile these locations must be scattered over eighty-four or more townships. The Government set apart one hundred and thirty-six townships in new Ontario from which the veterans might choose land, and besides many townships in the northern parts of old Ontario.

Altogether the department received about 30,000 applications and letters from those who thought they were entitled to grants. Thousands were of course not sustained, and some remain to be decided. The time for making applications expired on December 31st, but the department is now undertaking the granting of land to veterans, doubtless following the example of Ontario.

Status of Toronto University.

What is the status of the University of Toronto? During the summer just past the president and Prof. McLennan preached the doctrine of its excellence throughout the west. Every issue of the university publications since the term began has breathed of triumph in its progress. At every banquet given under college auspices during the last month, the speeches have been parts of one piece of the growing prestige of our alma mater. The shouting has not had time to die before the Canadian Club are assured by Mr. White that the university is not keeping pace with similar institutions of the first rank. This statement is used as a warrant in asking for more liberal aid from the State. Buildings, equipment and the rest must be provided, and they are expensive. If they are not forthcoming, down goes the Provincial university into the third class. This is all very disquieting to the under-graduate mind. The two points of view are hard to reconcile. The only refuge is in the reasoning that, while the new buildings are needed, it is the excellence of the university that has created the necessity. Had the School of Science of the medical faculty not outgrown their old quarters it is not likely that the new buildings would have been erected. Were not the biological and physical departments working under the greatest difficulties in providing accommodation for the increased numbers of students and facilities for the more extended research work, the proposed new laboratories would not be invested with so much importance. The central heating plant is hardly of vital moment in preserving the educational standing of the university. If the public can be assured that the best possible teaching is resulting from the equipment now at hand, it should not be a difficult matter to assure them that better work might be done under more favorable circumstances—Toronto Globe.

Locomotives Loaded in Thirty Seconds.

The Grand Trunk Railway has just completed the erection of a new coal chute at the foot of Peter street in Toronto, at a cost of \$7,000, which performs the work of about a dozen workmen. The new chute is known as the Fairbank Morrison machine of Chicago. It has two pockets, one on each side of the building, capable of holding 250 tons of coal each and locomotives can be loaded with coal in about thirty seconds. In a test case of how long it would take to unload a car of coal, 10 tons was lifted from a car into the chute in forty-five minutes.

The Faraway Sun.

If the sun gave forth sounds loud enough to reach the earth, such sounds instead of reaching us in the space of about eight minutes, as light does, would only arrive after a period of nearly fourteen years.

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Among strange legacies may be classed that of a Vermont man, who left \$500 to his church, the income to be used in sweeping the snow off the church pavement and in strewing ashes and sawdust on the slippery places.

Cossacks. The Cossacks are a peculiarly prominent feature in the Russian military organization. They give their military services for fifteen years in return for which they pay no taxes.

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Physician—Don't be downcast. You're not dead yet. Patient—That's what bothers me. If I were dead, I shouldn't have to trouble myself about your bill.

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Well known and the next best thing is to know a reliable cure. Mrs. W. Eddies, of Stony Mountain, Man., says: "Dr. Hamilton's Pills are just the thing. They go right to work at once. I use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills." Price 25c. per box.

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Hardly a great type. Why, he's merely a minion type, of course. No man wants to be considered as lacking in generosity.

Wealth can cover a multitude of sins, but can't wipe any of them out.

Cobwigger—Were you really pleased that the woman next door had a new coat?

Mrs. Cobwigger—Not at first, my dear; but I was as soon as I found out that it wasn't real fur.

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For SATURDAY.

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Sale of Towels

Everybody needs towels, maybe not at present, perhaps six months hence you may need them, but better buy them Saturday, it will pay you to keep them. These were bought in quantities long before the linen market was up, and they are worth at least 25 per cent. more than the price asked.

20x40 Towels in red and white borders, fringed, extra value at **125c.**
 18x32 Towels, warranted all pure flax, Old Kirkpatrick bleach, fringed, at each **125c.**
 21x44 Crepe Towels, with red borders, fringed, extra value at each **150c.**
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 20x38 all linen Towels, hemmed with red borders at **150c.**
 20x40 Towels, warranted all pure linen, ready for use, all white, extra values at each **200c.**

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

BLENHEIM

Feb. 27.—Hector Carmichael, of Jackson, Mich., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Carmichael, here.

The young people of the Baptist Y. P. U. held a social at the home of Mr. Jos. Stewart on Thursday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent by all present.

Mr. Allen, who has been working for C. E. Meyers, leaves to-day for Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Biggar and daughter, who have been visiting relatives here since Christmas, leaves for Chatham this evening and will stay for a few days with Mr. Jeff Stokes, then go on to Bradford to visit Mrs. Biggar's sister.

Mrs. Jones, about March 8, will leave Toronto for Calgary, Man.

Miss Ida Seaman has taken a position in G. H. Bell's confectionery store.

Mr. Haverson, of Toronto, has been engaged to speak on the Local Option By-law, and will appear at the Opera House on Thursday, March 3, at eight p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hodgins, of Ilderton, were here on a visit to Mr. Wm. Clark, 4th concession, last week. Mr. Hodgins has returned to his home. Mrs. Hodgins will not return for a week or two.

PILLS AND PILLS.

A prolific cause of Piles is the use of cathartics and pills of a drastic, violent nature.

Followed by a reaction on account of the resinous, drying properties they contain.

There are other causes, but no matter what the cause or what the kind of Piles, Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid can be relied upon to cure—to stay cured.

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A guarantee goes with each package containing a month's treatment. It can be obtained for \$1.00 at drug-stalls.

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TILBURY

Feb. 26.—Mrs. J. B. Chauvin, of Stoney Point, is spending the week with her daughter here, Mrs. A. Mallory.

Miss Bell Shaw returned yesterday from Detroit.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar during Easter week.

Miss Knickerbocker, who has been visiting who has been visiting her friend here, Miss Carrie Scribner, returns to her home in Carson City to-day.

Married.—At the home of the bride's parents, Wed. 24, by Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reynolds, Tilbury East, to William Williams, of Wheatley.

Several East Tilburyites were in Rodney on Wednesday, as defendants or witnesses in several of the re-frigerator notes, which are being sued by a banker here.

J. L. Wilson & Son, architects, have about completed plans for a new hotel for Barney Ballard and Joe Pelletier. The cost will be \$12,000.

Frank Beno, was in Windsor on Tuesday.

Mrs. (Dr.) Brush, of Crosswell, Mich., is visiting her sister here, Mrs. J. Scribner, Prospect street.

Miss Kate Collins, of London, is the

guest of her aunt here, Mrs. Carey, of Sombra, is visiting his daughter here, Mrs. E. Jacobs.

If a cold, long neglected, or improperly treated, has clutched you by the throat, you can stop its progress in a reasonable time if you use Allen's Lung Balsam. There is nothing like this honest, old-fashioned remedy.

WALLACEB. JRG

Feb. 27.—Mrs. Chas. Crummer, of this place, gave several numbers at the Forester's supper held at Bradley hall, Port Lambton, on Thursday evening.

Mr. Jas. Clancy, M. P., Dr. Henderson and Dr. Johnson, of Sarnia, were the speakers of the evening. Mr. Thomas Hayes, who was present, was called upon and gave an interesting address. The Justice of the Peace, Walpole Island, was also present.

Miss H. Ralph is visiting Dresden friends to-day.

Mrs. VanVleet returned to-day to her home at Owassee, Mich., after visiting relatives and friends for a few weeks.

A song service will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday evening.

The re-opening of the Bethel church near Deser, will take place to-morrow, Sunday, 28th. On Monday evening an entertainment will be given at which Miss Bessie Bonner, Miss J. Colwell, and Mrs. Frank Falstead will take part on the program.

The Dresden hockey team, who visited here Thursday evening were defeated by our home team by a score of 7 to 1. A large number of spectators were present.

Wallaceburg can certainly boast of its sporting victories, as of other things.

JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

H. Forbes is in Detroit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kutzke spent Sunday in the Maple City.

There was a shipment of fish on Monday.

The G. T. R. Section men were ordered to work on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes are rejoicing over the arrival of their first grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith are also overjoyed over a similar event.

S. Garbutt contemplates going to the Canadian Northwest in the spring.

E. L. Smith is busy pulling down the old pump house at the G. T. R. bridge, over Baptiste Creek.

The fishermen have received their river licenses.

No old box lots at Campbell's cut price shoe sale, Boston Shoe Store.

Trunks, grips and valises at Campbell's at cut prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell entertained a large number of their friends on Wednesday evening to a dinner party. A very pleasant time was spent, as Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are delightful entertainers.

Mrs. A. E. Pilkey gave a dainty tea last Saturday afternoon. The color scheme was green and white. The flowers used in the decorations were daffodils. Mrs. Chas. Greening and Mrs. R. V. Bray assisted in the parlor. Mrs. J. G. Kerr, Mrs. G. W. Cornell, Mrs. Wm. Gordon, Mrs. J. MacGregor, and Mrs. J. MacGregor helped in the tea-room.

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...SOCIETY...

HONORED THEIR QUEEN.

Miss Pauline Rose entertained the ladies and gentlemen of the Macaulay Club, east in the recent successful production of Shakespeare's King Henry VIII. at her home last evening, on the occasion of the delightful function prepared by the Club in recognition of the valued services rendered by this talented young lady.

On behalf of the Club, President Harry Collins presented Miss Rose with a case of twelve volumes of Shakespeare, each suitably engraved, the presentation being accompanied by the reading of the following address, handsomely engrossed and framed:

Dear Miss Rose,—On behalf of the Macaulay Club of Chatham we desire to tender to you our sincere and grateful appreciation of your valued services in connection with the presentation of the Third Act from Shakespeare's King Henry VIII. at the Grand Opera House, Chatham, on the evening of January 29th, 1904, on which occasion you interpreted with such marked ability and success the beautiful historical character of Queen Katherine.

We trust that the memory of this occasion will ever be pleasant to you, and, as a slight token of the Club's gratitude and good wishes, we ask you to accept the accompanying edition of Shakespeare's works.

Signed on behalf of the Macaulay Club,

HARRY COLLINS, President.

HARRY W. ANDERSON, Secretary.

Mr. F. D. Laurie made an appropriate response on behalf of Miss Rose, expressing her appreciation, and the pleasure it had given her to participate with the Club in the presentation. A very graceful compliment was paid, on behalf of the young lady, to the able and energetic services of Dramatic Director J. S. Lane.

At the conclusion of the presentation a very delightful social evening was enjoyed.

Miss Bell, Stanley Ave., entertained at cards Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Falls, Victoria apartments, entertained at euchre Monday afternoon.

Mrs. D. Crombie, Stanley Ave., entertained a number of guests Monday evening.

Mrs. Geo. B. Douglas was hostess at a progressive euchre event Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. T. K. McKeand, Stanley Ave., was the hostess at seven-hand euchre Monday evening.

Miss Edith Holmes gave a very pleasant little soiree party to a few of her friends Wednesday evening.

Will Stevens entertained about fourteen friends to an informal dance in honor of Miss Mickleborough, of St. Thomas.

Douglas Stevens gave a "Tip" party Tuesday at the residence of his brother, E. B. Stevens. There were just ten present.

Mrs. John Kerr gave a five o'clock tea in her new home Thursday afternoon. Her mother, Mrs. McLean, assisted her to receive. Mrs. A. E. Pilkey also assisted.

Miss Gertrude M. Holmes gave a five o'clock tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Mable Shaw, of Toronto. There were about fifteen young ladies present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collins entertained about sixteen of their friends Monday evening in their pleasant home, Wellington street. Pedro and dancing assisted the guests in enjoying a delightful evening.

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sing the Armorer's Song, from "Robin Hood," and the Foresters' Song, from "Maid Marion," among other numbers. Mrs. John Cooper, the Maple City's talented vocalist, will also contribute.

Mrs. Stegmann, "The Maples," entertained on Thursday, at matinee euchre, for Mrs. Fred Stephenson, of Winnipeg. Among the guests were, Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Glass, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. McKeough, Mrs. McKeand, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Bert Malcolmson, Mrs. Malcolmson, Mrs. S. Stone, Mrs. F. Stone, Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. N. H. Stevens, Mrs. H. D. Smith, Mrs. Rispin, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. T. A. Smith and Mrs. Mopteich.

Mrs. Chas. C. Bell received Thursday afternoon at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Hugh McDonald, Raleigh street. The bride was assisted by her bridesmaid, Miss Mable Shaw, of Toronto, and her mother, Mrs. Hugh McDonald, Mrs. John Turner, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. Robert Fleming, Mrs. James Holmes, Miss N. H. Bell, Miss Margaret Bell, Miss Gertrude M. Holmes and Miss Jessie Harper also assisted at the tea. The table was decorated with white illusion and pink rosebuds and was a charming sight. The refreshments were dainty and were also exquisitely served.

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TREAT IN STORE

Manager, F. H. Brisco, has received the following appreciated letter, which speaks for itself:

Chatham, Ont. Feb. 26, '04.

Mr. F. Brisco,

Prop. of the Grand Opera House, Chatham, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to know that you have secured Mr. Grossmith to give one of his delightful entertainments here. I hope the public will show their appreciation of your enterprise in presenting them the most accomplished and witty entertainer who has ever appeared before a Canadian audience. Mr. Grossmith's subjects are original creations of his own, sparkling with wit and mirth, provoking humor and withal so refined in character that the most rigid observers of the London season cannot fail to grant their approval.

Hoping our citizens will mark their approval by most abundant patronage and at the same time secure for themselves one of the most delightful and enjoyable evenings, I am,

Yours truly,

P. D. McKELLAR.

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The Bugle, said the editor of that paper, has the highest circulation of any other in this country. Indeed! queried the skeptic. Oh, my, yes; we're 800 feet above the sea level here.

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IF IT FAILS TO CURE.



If you have a cold don't fail to take my Cold Cure. I know that it will relieve the head, nose, throat and lungs almost immediately and prevent Rheumatism, Bronchitis, Grippe and other diseases of the throat or lungs.

Get a twenty-five cent bottle of these little pills, and if you are not perfectly satisfied with results I will refund your money.—Munyon.

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage
and all the men and women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—
George Grossmith—March 1.

SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT.

mor and diversion caused by a recital of George Grossmith, because his humor is as much in how he says it as in what he says. There is, however, no artist of the day, who, with only the aid of a grand piano, can keep his audience in one ripple of merriment for two hours, as does George Grossmith. His audiences are always the best illustration of the song entitled "The Smile the won't Come Off." As one New York critic expresses it, the moment that Mr. Grossmith steps on the platform a smile creeps over the faces of the audience and remains there the whole evening. It is only reasonable to suppose that Mr. Grossmith is unequalled as an entertainer because he was unequalled on the stage in light opera, and he was the original creator of the roles in Pandora, Patience, and the Pirates, and other of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, and on that account may well be termed the father of all the characters in comic opera that have amused and diverted the present generation. Mr. Grossmith, however, found that he could make more money and lead a pleasanter life by giving an entertainment all by himself, and for the past ten years he has been doing nothing else but making people laugh all over the world. He will appear here on Tuesday, March 1st, at Grand Opera House.

HELLO, BILL!

The big Jolly Comedy Co., appears at the Grand on Thursday March 3rd. From to-day's London Free Press:

"HELLO BILL! A GOOD COMEDY."

There is a great deal of entertainment in "Hello Bill." As seen at the Grand Opera House last night, the comedy developed an interest and pleasure-giving power that the title fails to adequately foreshadow. The number of amusingly complex situations which arise as the result of certain variations from the path of rectitude made by the principals are quite above the average. Mr. Harry Blakemore as "William Fuller," and Mr. George Macomber as "General William Fuller," have the leading roles, and are very acceptable. Other talented people are J. Francis Trinder, Eugene Shakespeare, W. H. Woodside, Robert Watt, Marion Kerby, Margaret Sarters, Gertrude McKeand, Lena Lorraine and Carmine McLean.

INDIAN HEAD WORK.

How a Canadian Chief Gave an Englishman an Object Lesson.

Numerous instances of the red man's quickness of wit are related by those who have had dealings with him. A Canadian chief was looking idly on while some Englishmen were hard at work improving property newly acquired from the dusky tribe.

"Why don't you work?" asked the supervisor of the chief.

"Why you no work yourself?" was the rejoinder.

"I work head work," replied the white man, touching his forehead.

"But come here and kill this cat for me and I'll give you a quarter."

The Indian stood still for a moment, apparently deep in thought, and then he went off to kill the cat.

"Why don't you finish your job?" presently asked the supervisor, seeing the man stand with folded arms over the unskinned, undressed cat.

"You say you give me a quarter to kill cat," was the reply. "Call dead, me want quarter."

The white man smiled and handed the Indian an extra coin to go on with the work.

"How is it," asked the Englishman one day after a series of such one-sided dealings, "that you so often get the better of me?"

"I work head work," solemnly replied the man of the woods.

A white trader, once succeeded in selling a large quantity of gunpowder to one of this tribe of the north.

He was a new kind that the white man used for seed, and if sown in especially prepared loam would yield an amazing crop. Away went the Indian to sow his powder, and in his hope of making money from his fellows was careful not to mention his enterprise. When, at last, he realized how he had been duped, he held his tongue for a year or more, until the trickster had completely forgotten the occurrence.

Then he went to his house's store and bought goods on credit, amounting to a little more than the price of the planted powder. He had the reputation of a good payer, and his scheme worked easily. When settling day came, the creditor called promptly.

"Right!" said the Indian slowly. "Right, but my powder not yet sprouted. Me pay you when me reap him."

Drummond says that happiness consists in giving and in receiving. More than half of the world is on the wrong scent.

Teacher—What is this world?

Tommy—I don't know, ma'am.

Teacher—What does a gentleman remove when he enters a house?

Tommy—Well, if ma is awake pa removes his shoes.

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Some new ones just received, some from New York, others from the best Canadian manufacturers. Hats that you won't see elsewhere just yet.

They have to go by a rather circuitous and expensive route to reach the other fellow. They come to us direct—hence they reach us first and at first price.

The stiff hats are mostly black, while the soft ones are both black and colors. All are the very latest designs. Smart and snappy for young men who wish to keep up to the minute in style.

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All kinds of Dishes at lowest prices. Granite Pudding Pans, Water Pails and Stew Kettles at very low prices. Walk in and look around.

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This is the medicine doctors have prescribed for sixty years for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, consumption. Lowell, Mass.

ROBBED ON THE HIGHWAY.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Robert Hayes, a cattle drover, of Mount Albert, reported to the police to-night that he had been knocked down and robbed of \$780 on Adelaide St. West this evening.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Thursday, March 3

Mr. Harry Blakemore
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'Hello, Bill!'

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Letter From Germany

Mrs. E. J. McIntyre Writes Another Interesting Letter to the Planet—Entertaining Description of a Day's Purchasing Trip.

Come with me this morning on a purchasing expedition! The Frost has spent many days with his season, and has been so well pleased with his reception, that he has just signified his intention of prolonging his stay. Our supply of coal is burning low; severe weather than that of last winter and additional fires are responsible for our insufficiency. Now do not shrug your pretty shoulders, gentle reader, and exclaim, Oh, horrors! I visit to a coal yard, what an uninteresting place! On the contrary I can assure you that such a visit is full of interest, and as we wind our way I will tell you about my purchase of coal in Germany.

I never forget it. Not knowing to go for it and having no idea of how to get it, I went to the Dutchland. I asked the woman who was cleaning and ready to accompany me and fulfill my errand, that I might learn how to purchase for myself in the future. I took me a little way across the street down into a shop kept in the cellar of the building, and can imagine my horror and disgust when I discovered the place to be none other than old Jew, one of Dickens' most characters. It was really curious to see how perfectly he adhered to every detail of the old Jew's description. I never thought I had seen much less to have seen to the unrighteous persecution of poor, little Oliver Twist, and here I was, as it were, hearing him in his very den. The narrow passage way lined on either side several heaps of coal and coke, and free entrance to the chief room at the back, and the two boys on the side, comprising the living of old Fagan well might be said. I did not venture beyond the store rooms, so can tell you nothing about the living rooms except a door leads into them from Judging from the inmates, ever, who rushed out to catch glimpse of the "Englanderin." I truthfully say that no such "cleanliness" is next to "neatness" over the inner door. The appearance of the old Jew himself told me he had never learned his youth, that the earth's surface was divided into land and water, that the latter comprised three-fourths of this in order to insure sufficient for man's personal use. Only that the flat I had leased was but a very short distance from a pension in which we were boarded, and in which we had met several wealthy members of New York Boston society, I should have thought I had chosen a home in a very disreputable part of the city. The presence of these ladies, however, in the self-same pension as guests reassured me, for I thought if it was part of the city not at all desirable, they would have spent several months of residence in it. But to return to my business in hand.

The woman ordered a half bushel of coal for which I paid fifty pennings; this equals twelve and a half cents in Canadian money. A small bundle of kindling sticks about a foot long to the value of twenty pennings, or five cents, completed our purchase, in which it must be confessed I was seriously interested, wondering if coal and kindling was supposed to be ordered every day. Hitherto I had been accustomed to having my coal ordered by a boy, and even the reader will acknowledge that a slight difference in the way of doing things exists between this and a half bushel. The old man measured the coal into a loose sack, threw it across his shoulder, and taking the bundle of his hand signified his readiness to deliver the fuel.

The woman suit her pace order to direct him, I hurried the street, rushed quickly to the stairs into my flat, and asked the door of the room, the packing boxes and rest of my baggage which had only the day before was I was afraid old Fagan was anxious to inspect my new and finding the rooms not to my occupation, might have been to spend a part of his leisure hours in looking through the place, to see if there was anything he wished to appropriate. As I looked the door and took in the key, the old man's Col. is heard at the corridor door, and bidding him enter, he way into the kitchen and Col. told him to empty the coal box provided for it. He let the bag fall to the floor with a force sent the coal dust flying in great clouds. When I ventured to re-entrate and tell him that he had emptied the bag of its contents without first letting it fall floor, he growlingly informed that such a way of doing was the mode in Deutschland; and since learned that the German are particularly in the prevailing doing things.

Fortunately there was very little furniture in the kitchen at the time, and the woman was at hand to remove the unpleasant traces of old Fagan's visit. The coal was sufficient to heat all the water necessary for cleaning, and when I desired a second supply, I procured a large heavy paper sack and bade the woman go and fetch it herself. Before this was consumed, I learned that a part of the cellar (and the attic in the house) was at my disposal, and also where and how to buy my coal in larger quantities, so that my dealings with the old Jew were very limited.

The coal and briquets which are brought to the miniature shop of Fagan are conveyed thither in a hand wagon drawn by himself and son, his wife or daughter being in attendance upon the customers during their absence, and shovelling out the measure of coal. The vehicle in question has a carrying capacity of about a ton, and upon the days the old man feels his age entitles him to an extra hour or two for recreation, the son and daughter act as substitutes for the four-footed quadrupeds generally used by Chatham coal merchants for such a purpose. But here we are at our destination, and passing through the ever open gateway, we soon reach the modest little ten by twelve building usually constituting the coal yard office. Before entering, we pause for a moment to note the surroundings, and find it is completely encircled by temporary mountains formed of all grades and kinds of coal and coke, the demand in Berlin for the latter being much greater than that in Chatham. We see men everywhere about us engaged in screening the coal, otherwise we should openly declare it had never undergone any such process, so dirty is it when it is put into the cellar of the purchaser. Tier after tier of pressed coal, this form being the most in use, we find lining the enclosure of the yard.

In earlier times a sort of a brown coal, much of which came from Bohemia, was principally used for heating purposes, but within the last ten years this product has been found in great quantities in the neighborhood of Senftenberg, a small town not far from Berlin. This material being soft and inclined to easily crumble, is not in its natural form practicable for general use. With the aid of machinery, however, it becomes powdered, mixed with water, pressed into brick shapes, heated and dried, when it is ready for the market, and is sold under the name of "briquets." These are loaded in and out of a wagon by means of a low, box-like affair, the bottom of which is curved so as to readily accommodate itself to the back of a man as he stoops, upon which it is carried to and fro, being kept in place by attached ropes held in each hand. These boxes, made from very heavy lumber, weighty in themselves, are capable of holding one hundred and fifty large briquets. You will, therefore, readily perceive that the back of a German coal carrier does indeed bear many a burden. These briquets are sold from two dollars to two dollars and fifty cents per thousand, according to size. The fuel chiefly used in the kitchen stove or machine, as the Germans term this household article, is called stein coal; it is a harder material than that which is pressed and is always mixed with coke. Besides these above mentioned another kind of coal is produced in Germany, but it is not used as fuel; from this latter, paraffine oil is extracted and is used in the manufacture of candles, which are much used here.

Now, if we step inside the office we shall meet a young girl, who bears every appearance of having been most tenderly reared, but who has been blown hither by the adverse winds of fortune. After giving my order, I will chat with her for a few minutes, that an opportunity of learning something more about those in the lower ranks of life may be afforded you, for although this is a large business it numbers among its patrons many whose incomes seem pitifully small, notwithstanding the fact that the bread-winner often belongs to a very respectable laboring class. A very large percentage of the customers are women who carry home their own coal, the value of which seldom exceeds ten or fifteen cents. You will now understand why my character woman did not expend more than this amount when purchasing my first supply. It was purely a matter of habit with her.

Now, as we are again in the open air, retracing our steps homeward, I will tell you something more of what I have learned while sitting in yonder office, for I sometimes go there and chat a little while with the young lady who is office girl, book-keeper and cashier combined. So doing not only improves my knowledge of the German language, but also affords me a fine opportunity of observing those compelled to follow in the footsteps of poverty, though I always go

home with a heart saddened by what I have seen. It is quite frequently the case that only two, three or five cents is all that can daily be expended in the buying of fuel, the laboring poor receiving very scanty pay, though rents are high, work heavy and food expensive. These people seldom know the luxury of a fire except when one is necessary to cook the family sustenance. My pity for the working poor has greatly increased since I came to Berlin; one sees so much of the dreary side of life here.

It was after just such a visit as the one we have made to-day that I met Bill Sykes, the companion in crime of old Fagan. I had ordered my winter supply of fuel shortly after my arrival here, and it was to be delivered on the morrow. The morning came and went, however, without its appearance, but during the afternoon, when I was quite alone in the house, a ring at the bell summoned me to the door. Upon opening it I saw three coal-begrimed men standing on the threshold, the foremost of whom was Bill. One

being in the extreme end of the corridor, which was only dimly lighted, necessitated a lamp being held for the men, in order that they might see to properly pile away the briquets. Not wishing to further the acquaintance of such undesirable specimens as German coal-carriers seemed to be, I directed them to the porter's wife, who first accompanied them to the cellar and showed them where to deposit the fuel used in the kitchen stove, and then came and attended to their wants while they stowed away the pressed coal. As this was being done, the presence of the German woman re-assuring me, I stood in the hall watching their operations, so that ample opportunity was afforded me to study the face of Sykes. As I beheld him, I wondered if it were really possible that even one belonging to the very lowest rank in the social scale of femininity could entertain the faintest spark of kindly feeling for such a reproach to manhood, but Nance I have never seen, though Berlin may boast of many such as she.

Meeting one day a German gentle-



The design of the Eton in this Friedlander suit suggests a Capuchin hood over the shoulders and the elaborate scheme of braids and fringe further this impression. There is a shallow yoke and vest edging in embroidered white cloth, and stole ends in braided plum cloth extend below

would have known him anywhere; the brutality of his face had undergone no softening change. I began to think Berlin was going to prove a very interesting place, and that I should be privileged to meet many curious characters hitherto unknown except in story. It struck me as a remarkable coincidence that both Bill and the old Jew should have been sentenced to spend their laboring hours in the same employment, when transported hither, but the fates seemed inclined to not widely separate their future. Bill, who acted as spokesman, his burly form and surly manner probably according him this right, gruffly asked me where the coal was to be carried.

Now, the briquets are used in all the cookery, as the German monumental heating apparatus are called, one of which is placed in every sitting room and sleeping apartment in the dwelling. Each often consumes about twelve or fifteen briquets a day if fires are kept burning, and as the maid will not carry these up from the cellar or down from the attic (for even German servants sometimes prove obstinate) a small compartment is usually provided in each dwelling for their accommodation. The receptacle afforded me for such use

the waistline. The skirt is pleated to the waistband, and falls in full folds to the feet, where an elaborate pattern is braided above the hem. A narrow band of curved hair cloth is introduced in the interlining and a velvet binding affords the correct finish.

man, who was exceedingly well educated, a great reader who had travelled much, we began to compare the lives of the American working men with those of the German laborers, and when I told him of the strange characters I had met he smilingly informed me that he knew Dickens very well—almost by heart, and that beyond a doubt, the two of whom I spoke were rightly placed. "It is no marvel," said he "that all trace of self-respect, manly dignity and tender feeling should be so utterly crushed out of the heart, when one considers the life a coal carrier leads in Deutschland. Doomed to daily burden their backs with those overwhelming weights of coal, which so often must be carried up four, five or six flights of stairs, often winding ones, receiving very scanty pay therefor, depending very greatly upon the tips thrown to them by the customers they serve, having early and late working hours, often eating their dinner of black bread and cheese, raw ham or sausage in a coal begrimed wagon, from coal begrimed hands, is strange," he added, "that nature should deal so hardly with them!" He told me that the whole system of paying for service rendered must

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The Days of Auld Lang Syne

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

From Planet files from January 11, 1858, to January 18, 1859.

Chicago at this time has 42 papers.

The French language, it is said, contains 5,000 more words than the English.

The man who shot at Joseph St. Luke at Big Point turned out to be his brother-in-law.

Freeboot—The River Thames on January 15th, 1858, had raised several feet in height at this town.

A New York paper comes out strongly in behalf of the use of horse meat as an article of food.

During the year 1857 there were 13 murders committed in New York City, 50 homicides and 59 suicides.

It is now certain that Great Britain will require the loan of \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000 to meet expenses in India.

A careful estimate of all the Indian tribes indicate that they numbered in 1858 about 500,000 in all North America.

The Washington Star tells of a church in that remarkable place where part of the religious exercises consist of kissing.

Eggs taken from the west to New Orleans were sold by the barrel. They are quoted on the market at \$23 and \$24 per barrel.

The newly elected members of the Town Council were Mayor Charteris and Councillors Askin, Keating, Tilt, McCrae, Smith, Ireland and McKellar.

Out of the 5,000 Christians exposed to death in India during the meeting there, only five were discovered as renouncing their religion to save their lives.

The report of the Police Magistrate, Thomas McCrae, shows 30 committals for 1857, besides 40 complaints which were not entered in the records.

Married, at Sylvan cottage, Dresden, by the bride's father, on the 11th inst., Wm. H. Hedges, of Dover, C. E., to Maria Clark, third daughter of Rev. Wm. Clark, formerly of Simcoe.

The candidates for school trustees in the municipal election of 1858 were Northwood Ward—A. F. Salter and R. K. Payne.

Eberts Ward—Dr. Askin and John L. Dolsen.

Chrysler Ward—D. R. VanAllen, D. McNaughton and D. Pratt.

Religious News—The nuns of the Holy Virgin at Jerusalem have purchased the ruins of the Proscorium in which Christ was sentenced. The Turkish Government have sanctioned the purchase. The intention of the nuns is to build near to it a convent with a large wall, which is to include the ruins, which they intend to keep in their present state.

Married, on the 31st ult., by Rev. A. Campbell, John Bookie to Mrs. Angelina Ellison, both of the Township of Chatham.

On the 10th inst., by the same, Henry Brown to Agnes Mason, both of Chatham.

On the 14th inst., by the same, Mr. Robert Blythe, of the village of Fergus, Wellington County, to Miss Theresa Chrysler, of this town.

What a commentary on the world's vain glory says the Protestant Churchman, is such a modest, humble Christian apostolic title as this, "Right Reverend Father of God, Lord Bishop of Oxford, Lord High Almoner to the Queen, and Chancellor of the most noble order of the garter," successor perhaps to one Peter, a fisherman, or one a tent maker.

Long speeches—"In the English House of Commons they will not hear a man speak at length who is not known before hand to have something to say. They cheer him down, they stamp him down, or they go down themselves to dinner. Long speeches are an abomination."

This is a good hint for some of the present members of the City Council.

Victoria's children—The Queen's children are rapidly growing up. The Princess Royal, who is about to be married, is now aged 17. The Princess of Wales is 19; the Princess Alice, whose hand is to be demanded in marriage by the Prince of Orange, is 14, and the Prince Alfred, whose residence at Alverbank, his mamma graciously visited, is 13. Besides these four eldest the family includes Helen, aged 11; Louisa, aged 9; Arthur, aged 7, and Leopold, 4.

On Friday night Joseph St. Luke, of Big Point, had a very narrow

escape from losing his life. He was sitting in the house mending his shoes when a shot whistled through the window from an unknown hand, the ball striking Mr. St. Luke just under the ear, passing through the fleshy portion of the cheek and coming out near the nose, making altogether a frightful wound, though not a dangerous one. No clue has been found as to the whereabouts of the perpetrator of the deed.

WHAT IT COSTS TO HEAR WARD BEECHER.

The pews in Henry Ward Beecher's church, New York, were rented Tuesday night. A fixed price was put upon each pew in the house. The auctioneer took bids for a choice until all were sold. The premiums paid for the best seats were \$30 to \$50, thus making the rent of the best pews on the lower floor \$100 to \$270.

EXAMINATION. On Friday last the Board of Public Instruction—or rather the following members of that Board, viz., Dr. Cross, Mr. Mills, Rev. Mr. King and Mr. Young, for the purpose of granting certificates of qualifications to such persons as passed a creditable examination. About 30 certificates were granted and the examination passed off in every respect satisfactorily. After the business of the Board had been concluded those teachers present resolved upon forming a teachers' association for mutual improvement. Accordingly, Mr. Geo. Jamieson was elected president, Mr. Mills vice-president, and Mr. McSweeney secretary. The object of this association is that conveyed in its cognomen, for which purpose its members will regularly meet in this town at stated periods of the year.

DEDICATED. We have neglected until the present time to notice the dedication of the Rev. Wm. Clark's church at Dresden, which took place upon the 1st inst. In the morning Rev. Wm. Walker, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, of this town, addressed the congregation. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. King of Buxton, delivered an able sermon. This church was erected by Mr. Clark's own personal exertions, and is, we understand, the only building expressly devoted to the service of the Almighty in that vicinity. It is a very creditable structure, is pleasantly situated, and is capable, we should judge, of seating about 400 persons. Its cost is at present nearly \$900. About \$100 more will finish it. This is the fifth house of worship that has been erected in Canada through the instrumentality of Mr. Clark.

TRUDGED 10 MILES

Zero weather and a northwest hurricane could not cool the affection nor still the ardor of little Olive Palmer, 14 years old, and Andrew Finner, 16 years old, of Palmerville, N. J.

These children a few days ago, tramped eight miles over mountainous roads, through snow drifts, to a minister at Mount Freedom and asked him to marry them.

They arrived nearly frozen. Rev. A. C. Covey glanced at the girl, whose dress reached barely to her shoe tops; then he looked at the bare, less face of the youth, and advised them to return home and wait three or four years.

They were obdurate and said they would be married that day if they had to walk to New York. They then tramped to the home of Rev. John Hillman, two miles further on, and were just explaining the longing of their hearts when Mrs. Palmer arrived. To the surprise of the clergyman she consented to the marriage, and it was performed. Mrs. Palmer had followed the children on foot, and so it was necessary for all three of them to tramp back ten miles through the snow and storm.

Mrs. Wm. Simpson, of Leamington, died on Sunday morning at about 4.30, after being bed-ridden for some three or four weeks as the result of liver and other troubles. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30. Mrs. Simpson was a cousin of Mrs. Thos. Burley, of the Middle Road, Raleigh, and also Mr. Isaac Simpson and the Simpsons at the lake. Messrs. John and Hugh Shanks, at Port Alma, are uncles of deceased.—Merlin Mirror.

The fast Ridgeway hockey club is having a quiet time. Blenheim refuses to play the locals either at Blenheim or here for fear of a Waterloo, and Chatham cannot be induced to take Ridgeway on either at the Maple City or on the home rink.—Ridgeway Plaindealer.

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CHATHAM HIGHEST

The Woodstock Express says: According to a report of the Ontario Government showing the rate of taxation in the different towns and cities in the province for 1903, Woodstock has made a remarkably good showing. The figures show that the city has the lowest tax rate per head of any town for city given in the list, namely, \$7.06 per head. Woodstock's tax rate, too, compares favorably with that existing elsewhere. We had a rate here of 23.1 mills, with only Kingston, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Guelph and Hamilton below us. Chatham is the highest, that city having a rate of 30 mills; Brantford, 23.5; London, 24.5; St. Thomas, 26.3; Stratford, 26.1; Toronto, 23.5, and Windsor, 28.5.

STUPIDITY IN WAR

Great Britain not long ago was seated on the international stool of repentance. She had been inept in her diplomacy and stupid in her warfare. Her statesmen had incurred a struggle without providing the means of waging it; her soldiers had underestimated their foe, and had failed to make due preparation. From Continental Europe descended a weighty cloud of censure, dropped from a pinnacle of high intellectual superiority. No continental diplomat would have muddled so crassly a negotiation; no continental General Staff would have mismanaged so heedlessly a campaign against a distant foe. Continental Europe shrugged her shoulders and pitied the island blockheads. A continental nation would have managed the South African affair so vastly better!

A continental nation has got itself into a struggle with a smaller power, and we are waiting to see the superiority show itself. Doubtless Russia, with her vast resources, will crush Japan with the thoroughness and clarity so lamentably lacking in Britain's dealings with the Boers. She should, for she despised Japan altogether as heartily as the British despised the Boers. Prior, at all events, to that dark Monday night at Port Arthur, she regarded her Oriental adversary with a full measure of the contempt which the British people held for the light horsemen of the veldt, even with the contempt which she held for English blundering.

In South Africa British negotiators for various reasons, some at least of them honorable, forbore to make military preparations for the crisis which might be the issue of their diplomacy. The Russian diplomats, because they could not believe that so small a power could challenge their great bulk, deliberately provoked a war and made inadequate provision to meet it. How very like the stupid British. Our motherland is not the only country which can make a fool of herself in international business.

We heard a good deal of the inaptitude of British soldiers, and we echoed the censures ourselves, sparing not the men who at least were willing to lay down their lives in atonement for their mistakes. We are looking to the Far East to see a modern European army plan every movement with remorseless precision, and like a scientifically directed steam-roller, flatten out the Japanese ambition. We had looked to see a modern European navy give brilliant exhibition of the doctrines of Mahan and the theories of the French school of commerce destroying. We had expected to see its battleships—put to sea at the tick of the wire from St. Petersburg, the swift cruisers sweep the Japanese flag from the Narrow Seas of the Orient, and the torpedo flotillas make their daring raids. Somehow these expectations were disappointed. The heavy battle squadron became a fleet "in being," and shows a tendency to remain in being for a painfully brief period. The swift hawks of the ocean stayed tamely in port, and not a syllable was heard of the torpedo craft, while the Japanese ships swaggered openly off their harbor. We look to the army—and find debate as to whether it will retire to Harbin, 600 miles away. Retire half as far as from Cape Town to Pretoria, and evacuate Manchuria without a blow! Then we learn that the army is one hundred and fifty thousand strong instead of half a million, that it has not the most modern armament, that it is close to an enemy which can take it at a disadvantage, and which can top the strategic advantage by outnumbering it.

The British are not the only people who make fools of themselves when they go to war.—Toronto.

DEPORTMENT FOR GIRLS.

London Graphic.
A feeling is growing up in favor of deportment for girls, and, indeed, it is none too soon. The rounded backs and stooping figures, the poked forward chins, and the ungainly poses in which women stand and sit have long aggrieved the artistic onlooker. It is a curious fact that while male athletes are easy and graceful in their appearance and walk, women who go in much for sport and games do not become graceful. On the contrary, they move in most ungainly fashion.

HIS OFFICIAL COSTUME.

London Chronicle.
A provincial newspaper, in reporting the proceedings of a juvenile ball, given by the Mayor of the town, last week, states: "For the reception the Mayor was attired in his robe and chain of office, which it had been notified to him would give pleasure to some of the young people, who had not seen the gorgeous civic vestment. After welcoming the guests he disrobed, wearing only the massive gold chain." The Mayor in question already enjoys the distinction of being the tallest in the country, and if the report be true he is likely to attain greater notoriety.

THE SITUATION.

Hamilton Spectator.
It is humiliating to all British-Canadians to know that the Bourassians shape the policy of Canada towards Great Britain. The bulk of the Liberal party in Canada is loyal to Great Britain; but unfortunately these loyalists are so anxious to remain in power that they are willing to sacrifice anything and everything to hold Quebec, which holds the balance of power. It is humiliating to find the whole of Canada put into a false position by the political exigencies of the Liberal party.
It is abominable that Canada—the grown up child of the old country, should continue to be under obligations to the motherland for her safety—for the safety of her people abroad; for her very existence as a self-governing colony. It is abominable that the people of this country should be put into the position of paupers and dependents because the bulk of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's support in Quebec is of the Bourassa order of disloyalists.

"DR. JIM": PRIME MINISTER.

New York Tribune.
Seldom has the strange whirligig of time brought round a stranger, transformation scene than that now witnessed in South Africa. Sir John Sprigg, a brief despatch informs us, has resigned the premiership of Cape Colony, and Dr. Jameson has been called to succeed him. In that simple announcement is the epilogue to such an adventurous saga as seldom was known in the varied annals of the last century.

Sir John Sprigg we may dismiss with a few words. For nearly thirty years he was a member of the Cape parliament for a single constituency, and for some years he has been prime minister. But in the recent election he was left at home. The secret of his downfall was simple. He had tried to "run with the hare and hunt with the hounds," to cater to both Boer and British parties, and the natural result was that he pleased neither, but forfeited the confidence of both. He has his reward.
But "Dr. Jim"! He was Cecil Rhodes' lieutenant in the old days, the captain of the Chartered company's police force in Bechuanaland. He it was who led that madman's raid across the border to Johannesburg, provoked suspicion and enmities and blood between Boer and Briton, and by only a hair's breadth missed sending himself and a dozen other men of light and leading to the scaffold. Railed at, denounced, reviled, more than almost any other man of his time, he is now called to form a government and to become prime minister of Cape Colony!

It is strange, but not, after all, unfitting, for there could be no greater mistake than to set Dr. Jameson down as a mere adventurer, a freebooter, a filibuster. Those who know the man know him as a dreamer, an idealist, an enthusiast, who may—as indeed he has done—make great mistakes, but who is entirely free from sordid self-seeking and who even in his maddest escapades deserving of severest censure, was sincere and unselfish and believed himself to be serving a high and noble purpose. For such a man, despite his former errors, there may well be a future of usefulness and honor.

Raising Slaves For Market.

"No slaves, no slaves," says the Atlas Moor impatiently, "and in the town they are slow to raise them." I want an explanation of this strange complaint.

"What do you mean when you say they are slow to raise them?" I ask.
"In Marrakesh, now," he explains, "dealers buy the healthiest slaves they can find and raise as many children as is possible. Then so soon as the children are old enough to sell they are sold, and when the mothers grow old and have no more children they, too, are sold, but they do not fetch much then."

The infamy underlying this statement takes all words from me, but my informant sees nothing startling in the case and continues gravely:
"From six years old they are sold to be companions, and from twelve they go to the harems. Prices are good, too high indeed; \$34 I must have paid this afternoon to purchase one, and when Mulai Mohammed reigned the price would have been \$20, perhaps less, and for that one would have bought fat slaves. Where there is one caravan now there were ten of old times." From "The Slave Market at Marrakesh," in Harper's.

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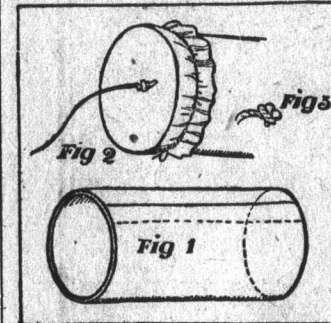
AN INTERESTING TOY.

Girl and Boy Hand Telephone and How to Make It.

To produce a perfectly practicable telephone make a tube, as shown in Fig. 1, from stiff cardboard. Take a piece of cardboard 3 by 3 inches in size and bend the two shorter sides together until one overlaps the other one inch.

Fasten together with glue where the one end overlaps the other. Then you will have a tube five inches long and about two and a quarter inches in diameter. Two of these tubes are necessary.

Now you must cut two pieces of parchment 4 by 4 inches. If you cannot get parchment use a sheet of wax



or oil paper. These pieces are fastened over one end of each of the tubes in just the same way as your mother closes her preserving jars with wax paper to make them air tight. Fig. 2 shows how it is done.

Twenty yards of smooth cord will do service as telephone wires. The ends of the cord are passed through the center of the parchment or wax paper covers, and a good, strong knot is made on the other side. (Fig. 3.)

Give one tube to your partner and stand away as far as the cord reaches, and you will be able to talk and hear over the unique phone, even if you let the cord run through the keyhole of a closed door.

HONEY POTS.

A Game That Can Be Played Either In or Out of Doors.

Honey pots is an interesting game. A number of children stoop down in a row, clasping their hands under their legs.

One child stands in front of them and acts as owner or seller; another acts as purchaser. The purchaser inquires:

"Have you any honey pots for sale?"
"Yes, plenty. Will you walk round and taste them?"

The purchaser goes around pretending to taste each one in turn; inquires the price and weight; finds fault with several, one being too sweet and another not fresh enough, and so on. When one honey pot to the purchaser's taste is discovered she is lifted by the purchaser and owner or by two children who act as weights and scales and then swung by her arms backward and forward to estimate her weight and price.

As long as the child can keep her hands clasped, so long is the swinging kept up, and as many times as they count is the number of pounds she weighs.

When sold, the honey pot is taken to the other side, or home of the purchaser. The game goes on until all the honey pots are sold.

Royal Children's Sport.

Little Princess Mary of Wales is a clever child, and both she and her brothers are very fond of animals. A favorite amusement of the royal children is to seek out lame or otherwise injured birds and then to take them home and nurse them back to health. To do this they form a miniature hospital, and, with the love of make believe natural at their years, they then act doctors and nurses till their patients are well enough to be discharged, says Home Notes. Perhaps the next greatest joy to a patient's rapid recovery is his demise, for, like other little people, the royal children find the funeral of a bird or other small creature a most edifying function.

Bad breath comes from a bad stomach—clear your stomach and sweeten your breath by using

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LETTER FROM GERMANY

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undergo a complete revolution before existing conditions between employer and employee could be improved. "The giving of tips," said he, "is a national curse, and can only result in the one to whom the often grudgingly given coin is offered, sacrificing self-respect in order to accept it." He might also have added that the employer who so satisfies his conscience as to render it necessary for his employees to be dependent upon a general public for their maintenance, has very little conscience to satisfy. "The labourer is everywhere worthy of his hire," and the employer who would maintain his own equilibrium of respect, must acknowledge that such is a god-given gift, and therefore should be allowed every man willing to labor and show the world his right to possess it. In my humble opinion the reasons why the social scale of the American laborer stands upon such a higher plane than that of the European working man is due to the fact that the rights of labor are better recognized in the former country, and the laborer there is not largely dependent upon the generous (if whim of an indifferent public) is greatly to be regretted that labor in America does not more fully appreciate its advantages and abide more peacefully under them. America has no need of Anarchy in civilized age, for her people know no servitude.

"And did you not see little Oliver himself," asks some one who is curious minded, and would have me meet every interesting character connected with the story. In reply to this query I must answer, yes; for I met the young lad only a few days after my visit to the shop of old Fagan. Lonely and sad, my heart filled with an unconquerable desire to gaze once more upon familiar scenes and faces, I aimlessly wandered up the Potsdammer Strasse towards the Potsdammer Thor, or gate. Just beyond this is a large central square, called the Leipsiger Platz, and on the right hand side about half the length of the square, beneath the spreading branches of an old, historical London tree, there stands a fine statue of Count Von Wrangel, a famous field marshal in the reign of William I., who in memory of the general's bravery, erected this memorial. In semi-circular form around it, in close proximity to the fence enclosing a green lawn behind, a long bench is placed. Upon a hot sultry day in summer, in the spring, or early fall, this seat often provides rest and shelter to the weary pedestrians, to whom fortune has denied the free use of street cars or omnibuses. And, like those thus unkindly treated by Fortune, I was to-day a foot passenger, not absolutely penniless, but very tired, and, however, yet inexpressibly sad.

Here, upon this bench, in a half-reclining posture, sat the hero of the famous story. Footsore and weary, his very appearance suggestive of the many long miles of travel undergone that day, he had placed his scanty bundle against the fence, and leaning his head against it, had forgotten the unkindness of a careless, thoughtless world in peaceful slumber. Is it any wonder, sad and lonely as I was, that I stood and gazed down upon the little lad with a heart filled with infinite pity. Almost unconsciously my hand sought my purse. I was about to slip a piece of silver into his empty pocket, when the thought that perhaps one of those likely characters occupying the same bench, would relieve him of it as he slept, withheld my hand for a moment.

While I hesitated the opportunity was lost, and I have never seen little Oliver since, though many of his unhappy, dwarfish companions often cross my path, and some day, perhaps, I shall tell you something of them. Now, in case my tale should be considered incomplete if I forebore to state what occasioned my hesitation in bestowing the coin upon the little hero, I will acquaint you with the fact, though by so doing I proclaim myself a coward. In my moment of indecision I looked about me, and my eyes chanced to rest upon one of those stern-visaged guardians of the law, a policeman standing near. My knowledge of the German language being at that time very meagre indeed, and fearing the officer might think I was about to engage in an unauthorized deed and come to request my company should his eyes witness my action, I deemed it prudent to quietly pass on. Had I been familiar with the language and thus been able to explain my position, I should not have proved so craven hearted. In justice to myself, however, I must admit I turned back once, the conviction forcing itself upon me that duty bade me give some assistance to the young lad, but the forbidding countenance of the austere functionary again caused my good intention to fruitlessly wither, and I proceeded on my way unblest.

The knowledge that I did not bethink myself to make my wish known to the policeman and obtain his permission to bestow an alms upon the needy wanderer, has ever since occasioned me great regret. But life is ever so; an opportunity lost can never be regained, and be it great or small, the present moment is the one in which to turn it to some successful advantage.

L. A. MACINTYRE.

Berlin, Feb. 2nd, 1904.

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TO ANNUAL SPIRITUAL DUTIES

"Sanctify Ye a Fast; Call a Solemn Assembly," Applies to the Rich and the Poor Alike, the Social Devotee, the Business Man, the Humble Worker and the Homekeeper—The Spring Fast.

Entered according to Act of Parliament of Canada, in the year 1904, by William Baily, of Toronto, at the Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.—In this sermon the preacher sounds the Lenten call to all classes—the social devotee, the business man, the humble worker and the homekeeper, the rich and the poor alike—as a summons to the annual duties of the season of spiritual preparation. The text is Joel 1, 14, "Sanctify ye a fast; call a solemn assembly."

The Presbyterian Church has enrolled among its leaders many intellectual theologians. Entitled to a prominent place among them by his learning, philosophic acumen and sanctified common sense is Dr. Francis L. Patton, formerly president of Princeton University and now President of Princeton Theological Seminary. Many of his weighty utterances have impressed me, but none more than one he made on the value and usefulness of the Episcopalian Church.

His words in substance were: "I believe the Episcopalian Church is one of the most effective churches in existence to-day. I believe in its ritual; I believe in its teachings. If I were not a Presbyterian, I would certainly be an Episcopalian. But, though I love and honor the Episcopalian Church, I also believe that the most absurd of monstrosities is a Presbyterian in his form of worship trying to ape an Episcopalian. While we are Presbyterians let us remain Presbyterians. When we want to become Episcopalsians in our form of worship, in responsive readings and in all that the Episcopalian service implies, let us become Episcopalsians. But do not let us try to change the Presbyterian pulpit into a chancel or the grand old simple service of the Presbyterian Church into a concert by a surplised choir and into the liturgy of the Episcopalian Church."

Amen, say I, to the sound advice of Dr. Patton. The simple dogmology, the two or three congregational hymns, the chapter read from the Bible, the earnest prayers and the doctrinal as well as practical sermon can never be excelled as a service for the grand old church which the names of John Calvin and John Knox and Thomas Chalmers and Thomas Guthrie and Lowell Mason and William Taylor and John Hall have made immortal. But, though I would not have the Presbyterian Church adopt a ritual, I still insist that the Episcopalian Church has not an exclusive title to all the good things she may hold dear. Especially do I affirm that she has not a sole right to her spring fast, which starts with Ash Wednesday and closes with Easter's dawn. "Way back in Joel we read the command, 'Sanctify ye a fast; call a solemn assembly.' If that divine command is still in force for us as for God's ancient people, is there a better time for its observance than the period preceding our commemoration of the passion and resurrection of our Lord? It was at this season of the year, too, that the Master withdrew to the desert before the beginning of his ministry and there, fasting for forty days, prepared for the ordeal of his temptation. It will be well for Presbyterians as for Episcopalsians to meditate on that experience of our Lord and draw near to him in our hearts. We must have self abnegation for sin before we can truly have closer union with God. Therefore the purpose of this sermon is to show why the Episcopalian Lent should become a Presbyterian Lent, also why the 'spring fast,' which is the time of the

"lengthening of days," should be observed all the world over by all Christians, no matter to what individual churches they may belong.

The Episcopalian Lent, in the first place, calls a halt to the social dissipations now being practiced in all the large cities. It cries, "Peace, be still!" to the social whirlpool, which is gradually sucking down its many struggling victims. Peter was once being drawn into the depths of the Galilean lake. It says to the women of the "social abyss," "You have something higher to live for than a nightly round of receptions and parties and a never ending succession of afternoon teas." It says to the young men of the "social abyss," who, under the power of stimulants, are trying to work in the store day by day and to dance almost every night until 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning, "Young man, you had better stop and consider to what purpose you are devoting the best energies of your life." It warns the social devotee of the spiritual danger of his course, as a noted New York capitalist warned him of the financial danger, when some time ago he said: "The young men who will not succeed in business are those who night after night may be found in the ball-rooms and the dance halls and at the city clubhouses drinking a little, playing cards a little and eating expensive dinners. They are sometimes called the drones of society. This is a misnomer. Like some small insects that sport for a day in the summer sunshine, they are minute destructives. Their lives in the economy of social life make one of the petty agonies of 'degeneration.' Was not the capitalist right? Are not the ball-room and the dance hall and the clubhouse a continual menace to success in business? Can a young man go to a progressive euchre party and play cards until 11 o'clock and sit down to a mid-night banquet and then be in the right physical and mental trim to sell goods in the store the next morning? Is not the social shrine also a very poor foundation upon which to build the altar of Jesus Christ? Is not most of its influence spiritually depleting? Some time ago I read a wonderful book entitled 'The Call of the Wild.' The central figure of that story was a magnificent dog, a cross between a St. Bernard and a Great Dane. He was stolen from his California home and sent far north into the Klondike regions, where he was compelled to drag the miners' sleds over the Alaskan snows. Jack London, the writer, with a master hand traces him from a great, big, loving house dog down and down until he is a dog thief among dog thieves. He traces his degeneracy down and down until at last the bayings of the wolves call him into the darkness of the northern forests, and 'the call of the wild' is answered by 'the response of the wild.' Is not society's call too often 'the call of the wild?' In the social world when you give a banquet, do you not for the most part ask only those in your own social set? Do you obey the divine command, 'When thou makest a dinner or a supper call not thy friends nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen nor thy rich neighbors lest they also bid thee again and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and thou shalt be blessed, for they cannot recompense thee, but thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.' Is not society's call often 'the call of the wild' because it is a call to selfishness, the call of only doing good to them who do good to you? Is it not often the call merely of wealth to associate with wealth and social caste with social caste? Oh, ye worshippers at the social shrines, better heed to-day the Lenten call! Better snuff out the many lights of the ball-rooms and the banquet halls! Know ye not that during the 'spring fast' the lowly Nazarene is knocking at the door of your hearts trying to get in?

The Episcopalian Lent, in the next place, is a protest against business absorption. It says to the merchant, the manufacturer and the professional man: "You have a right to work. Indeed, you must work and work hard if you are to support your family and meet the financial necessities which are yours. But, oh, man, you have no right to make the acquisition of money the chief object of your life any more than you have

a right to live to eat. By the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread. But that, sweat should not make thee indifferent to God or to the higher purposes of life, for which thou wert created."

But the great danger of money making is that the acquisition of wealth may become a passion. The calls of the money market become so great and urgent that an average business man does not feel that he has time to stop and think about his relations to God. But though the business world would demand all of a man's energies, the Lenten season comes into a busy merchant's life and says, "Oh, man, you should never be too busy to take time to think of your responsibilities to God!"

The Episcopalian Lent, in the next place, is a time for spiritual housecleaning. As the 'spring fast' immediately succeeds the time when twibusiness men takes an account of stock, we find the spring fast comes just before the days when the housewives are turning the houses upside down in their semi-annual attacks upon the dust and the moths. It is the time which we husbands dread, but it is the housecleaning time, which every prudent wife deems essential for the physical health of her family. It is absolutely necessary to keep physical dirt out of a house, yet in spite of all precautions it will keep creeping in everywhere. Although the workmen in the Philadelphia mint are as careful as they can be, the dirt and the fine particles of gold will sift through the floor cracks. So great are these siftings that every year the floor is taken up and the dirt is separated from the gold, and thousands of dollars' worth of gold are thus collected for the United States treasury. In spite of all our precautions the minute, innumerable stains of sin will creep into the house, therefore each year it is very desirable to obey the call to the Lenten spring fast.

Once a year is certainly not too often to take a spiritual accounting and to conduct a serious self examination. The call to a fast should reach the ear of every Christian. What does that mean? Shall our wives and our sisters go to the grocer and the butcher and the baker and say, 'We do not want any more meat or vegetables or bread for the next forty days?' Does it mean that all the members of a home shall go without physical nutrition, as Dr. Tanner fasted for forty days and Leonard Thress fasted for fifty days and Rev. C. H. Dalrymple fasted for thirty-nine days and Milton Rathburn fasted for thirty-six days and Estella F. Kuenzel fasted for forty-one days? Oh, no. The habit of fasting, inspired by boastful folly and the desire of seeing how long we can live without tasting food, is just as sinful as the opposite extreme of gluttony, to see how much one can eat without utterly destroying the smooth workings of the digestive organs.

Spiritual housecleaning does not mean the complete abstinence from physical food. It does mean emphatically the reconsecration and the rededication of the domestic fireside to Jesus Christ through self abnegation. It means that we shall have prayer at the cradle. It means that we shall have prayers in the bedroom and prayers in the parlor and prayers in the sitting room and prayers in the kitchen and have the dining room spread with a gospel banquet of the "bread of life."

The Lenten season in the home means simply the spiritual preparation for Christ to visit the home. When Martin Farquhar Tupper, the famous English poet, came to visit in Brooklyn we gave to him the very best room in the house. We gathered together the most famous literary men of the city to meet him. At that party Horace Greeley came, and William Cullen Bryant came and read his 'Thanatopsis,' and George William Curtis came, and I think John G. Whittier came. We well remember the mother giving to Tupper's popular book 'Proverbial Philosophy,' and saying: 'Read that book. You should know who Martin Farquhar Tupper is before he comes, and then you can honor him as he should be honored.' In like manner the Lenten season in the home is an appropriate time for the spiritual preparation for Christ's coming to the home. The children should be told all about him and be prepared to welcome the Saviour as a friend. The cook and the chambermaid should be told all about him, so that they may know how Christ loved Martha, the busy cook, as well as the gentle Mary who sat at his feet.

Home friends should be told all about him, so that they also may come in and honor the divine guest. We should prepare to greet Christ not as a stranger, but as a long loved and anxiously awaited friend. The Lenten season is an annual plea for the spiritualization of the church. Ministers of the different Protestant Churches are more and more getting into the custom of closing in a 'retreat' at least once a year, where by fasting and prayer they may spiritually prepare themselves for their ecclesiastical ministrations. At least once a year as church members we should go into a spiritual 'retreat.' In that 'retreat' we should call upon our Heavenly Father that the Holy Spirit may bless us in our relationship with our mid-week prayer meetings and Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor Societies and bless us in our relationship to his great church at large.

After Jesus Christ drove the money changers out of the temple, were the attempts to secularize the house of God into a place for mere educational and literary and musical and social and financial enjoyment forever abandoned? Do not some of us, consciously and unconsciously, fall into the error of coming to church merely on account of the oratorical gifts of the preacher? Did not thousands upon thousands of worshippers sit at the feet of a Dececher, a Cuming, a Rowland Hill and a John Wesley, not because they were worshipping God, but rather because they were

We know that the finest living musical composer of Italy leads the Vatican choir and the finest organist of all London is master of St. Paul's famous organ and that Plymouth church was not more noted for the fact that it had one of the greatest of musicians, who was able to make its organ pipes weep and sob as well as sound a mighty hosanna. Are not some of our churches on account of their wealth being more and more secularized into mere social clubs? Do not many professional men go to church not for the spiritual good they may get out of those churches, but that they may be able to come in touch with those who worship in those congregations? Is it not becoming more and more the custom for the members of the church boards of trustees to judge of the success or the failure of the church by the criterion of money—by the way that church in its collections is able to take in as well as give out wealth?

Oh, yes, my friends, the church members should heed the Lenten summons. They should heed the spiritual call, which soars above the discordant ones of the busy marts even as the clear note of the thrush may be heard above the bedlam of the woods sounding the reveille of the morning. They should heed the Lenten call which says to the clergyman, "Oh, ordained undershepherd of the Christian pulpit, down on your knees and pray!" Lent calls to the elders and deacons and Sunday school officers, "Down on your knees and pray!" It calls to the lay members, whether bediamonded and in silks or in humble homespun, "Down on your knees and pray!" Oh, that we might all heed the spiritual Lenten call and make Christ's church a veritable 'house of prayer.' Thus, my friends, the spring fast calls to the men in the social world and to the men in the business world and to the men in the home and to the men in the church to come to prayer. It calls at this time because on the coming Ash Wednesday we shall celebrate the beginning of one of the most triumphant and yet saddest times of all Christ's earthly existence. The Jordanic baptism was just over. Christ was about to begin his divine mission. We know not how far the human nature he assumed may have obscured for the time the divine attributes he possessed. It may be that in those forty days of solitary thought and prayer he realized more clearly than in his former years the sublimity of his work and of his sacrifice. He saw what his work was to be. He saw how he must carry the burden of man's sins and die for man and be resurrected before he could return to his Father's throne.

May this coming spring fast of the Lenten season be to you also a time of spiritual awakening. May it be a time when you will not only realize that God has a glorious earthly work for you to do, but a time when you can realize that after work is done you shall live on and on and with Christ and never die. May you during the next coming forty days be much in prayer, much in earnest beseechment. May you also feel and know that the way you are to be best fitted for that earthly work is by the depth of your repentance as well as by the height of your glorious and triumphant faith.

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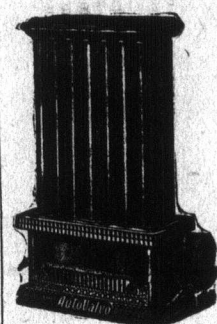
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