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Annual ... February Carpet AND Curtain Sale.

This is the month in which to buy Carpets and Curtains. Many lines are here that we intend clearing out during the quite seasons. These are choice goods, and if you need anything in Floor Coverings, Lace Curtains or Drapery Curtains you will do well to come in and look the different lines over.

February Carpet and Curtain Sale...

All remnants of Carpets up to 12 yards, including Brussels, Tapestry, Velvet and Unions at

Half-Price.

500 Yards of Tapestry Carpet an Extra Special Bargain, made, laid and lined, at per yd,

68 Cents.

We invite you to come in and let the salemen show you through the stock and quote prices. You will find there are many money-saving opportunities.

THOS. STONE & SON
IMPORTERS

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

Stock taking is over. We find too much on hand.

Granite ware with five year guarantee.

Thware of our own make at prices lower than ever heard of in Chatham before.

Harness from our hand sewed, selected leathers stock.

Trays and servers, silver, nickle. Japan, brass, all styles, exceedingly low.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

We Don't Have To

Boast of the quality of our goods. We have been in business a long time, and the large amount of business done is proof to us that the people understand the quality.

Our Prices Are

Six pounds broken Sodas, 25c.
Four pounds Ginger, Snaps, 25c.
Four pounds Prunes 25c.
Pickles, 10c a bottle.
Salmon, 10c a can.
Seven pounds best rolled oats 25c.
Three pounds White Beans, 10c.
Clothes pins, 1c a dozen.

My, O My!

We have a lot of crockery still to be disposed of. Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets, China, Lamps, and Glassware. Come and see us if you need the goods. We will make the price right.

John McConnell,

Phone 100, Park St.

FIRST SHOTS FIRED IN THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST

Japs Attacked Russian Ships—Japan's Torpedo Boats Damage Three of Czar's Squadron.

Official Report of Attack Received at St. Petersburg—Troops Move Toward Korea—Occupation of Seoul a Hope of the Japanese—Canadian Liners sold to Japan.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—An official despatch says that Japanese torpedo boats have attacked the Russian squadron in the outer roads of Port Arthur and that three of the Russian ships were damaged.

Admiral Alexieff's despatch is as follows:

"I most respectfully inform your majesty that at about night of Feb. 8 or 9 Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack upon Russian squadron in the outer roads at Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retvizan, Carevitch and Tarlada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following to your majesty."

London, Tuesday, Feb. 9.—The Che-Foo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that Japanese transports are landing troops at various ports in Korea from Masampo and Fusan, on the south, to Kusan, Mokpo and Chemulpo on the west. Seoul is to be occupied and the landing is being covered by a torpedo division. The main body of the Japanese fleet, the correspondent concludes, will sail in the direction of Port Arthur.

THE NEWS AT BERLIN.
A despatch received at Berlin from Port Arthur says news has been received there that Japanese troops have been landed at Masampo. The despatch says further that the Russian warships at Port Arthur frequently put to sea, and that the inhabitants of Seoul are uneasily expecting the arrival of the Japanese troops.

FIRING HEARD.
In a despatch from Tokio a correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Jiji Shimpu has received a telegram from Fusan, Corea, declaring that the firing of guns was heard to the east of Koko Island, about 25 miles south-west of Fusan, at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

TO ENSURE CHINA'S NEUTRALITY.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says that France has agreed with other powers to land troops in China directly hostilities begin, in order to insure neutrality of the middle kingdom.

PREPARING FOR FLIGHT.

In a despatch from Tien-Tsin a correspondent of the Standard says a Russian force is reported at Kalgan in Pe-Chi-Li province, 110 miles north of Peking, and near the Great Wall, and that preparations are being made for the flight of the Chinese court and the removal of the Imperial treasure, as it is feared that Russia will descend upon Peking.

RUSSIA SEEKS A LOAN.

"Russia is negotiating with a syndicate of French, Belgian and Dutch bankers," cables the Brussels correspondent of the Standard, for a loan of \$200,000,000."

RUSSIA'S FLEET WILL FIGHT.

In a despatch from Nagasaki, dated Feb. 8, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:—"It is assured that the Russian fleet will fight. The Russians long ago decided upon war, and their delay was due to lack of preparation and uncertainty whether certain powers would intervene or not."

RUSSIA PROVOKED THE CRISIS.

In a despatch dated Nagasaki, Feb. 6, and which was delayed by the censor, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserts that Russia deliberately provoked the crisis by secretly dispatching a few days ago from Port Arthur transports loaded with a full division of troops, and escorted by a fleet, and landing them near the Yain River, thus occupying Northern Corea.

Japanese patience became exasperated, and to-day Japan moved her ships and took unreluctant possession of certain merchant vessels, including the Shikoku and Manchuria. The correspondent continues:—"Two other Russian vessels were seized and escorted to Sasebo, Japan." The Daily Telegraph says.

WAR CAN'T BE AVOIDED.

The Russian embassy at Berlin says war probably cannot be avoided, and that mediation by other powers is wholly out of the question.

CAPTURED BY JAPS.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The Conservative Deutsche Tageszeitung affirms, upon diplomatic authority that three Russian ships have been captured by the Japanese. The correspondent of the Associated Press finds no official confirmation of the statement.

REPORT REITERATED.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The papers here publish "on high authority," the report (first circulated in Berlin) that Japanese warships have captured some Russian merchantships in Chinese waters. The report lacks confirmation in official circles here, as well as in Berlin.

FIGHTING NOT LOOKED FOR IMMEDIATELY.

The latest official despatches received at the Foreign Office indicate that actual hostilities are not likely to break out immediately. This was shown by two despatches saying the Russian Minister, the Japanese Minister to Russia, and Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister to Japan, still remained at St. Petersburg and Tokio respectively.

SEIZED TRADING STEAMERS.

London, Feb. 8.—A special despatch from Berlin says that a strong fleet of Japanese warships, reported to be on its way to Chemulpo, Corea, has seized several Russian trading steamers.

DISCREDITED.

London, Feb. 8.—The rumor that some Russian merchant ships have been captured by Japan warships has been discounted by the Japanese legation here. The report is discounted at the legation, and it lacks confirmation.

BRITAIN WIDE AWAKE.

London, Feb. 8.—Earl Percy, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons today that Great Britain intended to send consuls to Mukden and Antung, recently opened to the commerce of the world under the treaty between the United States and China.

RUSSIA HAS OTHERS TO RECKON WITH.

The St. James' Gazette asserts on diplomatic authority that, assuming Russia defeats Japan, she will be confronted with a demand for the acknowledgment of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria from Great Britain and the United States, and that she must either grant it or fight both countries. An understanding, the paper adds, has been reached in this sense between the United States and Great Britain.

WAR INEVITABLE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—The situation is such that the authorities are prepared at any moment to hear that Japan has made an aggressive move, which would make a semblance of peace any longer impossible. War is regarded here as practically inevitable, and the general impression among military men is that once the torch of war is lighted it will be the signal for a long and bitter contest, with no chance to place limits on the extent of the conflagration. In the first hours of excitement after the receipt of the news of Japanese action, the Imperial train was ordered to be prepared to start for Moscow, but since then calm counsels prevailed, and the order was countermanded. It is a question whether the Czar will go to Moscow at all. Certainly no manifesto will be issued until war is actually on. M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, says he will leave St. Petersburg Wednesday morning. The United States embassy probably will look after questions involving the protection of Japanese subjects. Ambassador McCormick, under instructions to-day, asked Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, if Russia objected.

GREAT RUSH TO ROBIN HOOD

Enormous Advance Sale in Wallaceburg, Dresden and the Maple City

Special Train for Visitors on Friday Night—Warm Words of Praise for Work Done

"The greatest advance sale in the history of the house," such was the comment of Manager Fred H. Bruce two hours after the phenomenal advance sale for the incomparable "Robin Hood" opened this morning, when the demand was still unabated and the store was still filled with applicants.

When the pieces of the tickets are considered, the sale was simply marvellous. It demonstrated that the Maple City is prepared to heartily co-operate and support the efforts of the 24th Regiment to place before the citizens "the best." No trouble or expense has been spared to make the production of this king of all systems comique perfect in every detail, and these efforts have been awarded with the greatest financial success ever accorded a production in Chatham.

Stage Director Harry Clarke, manager of the Detroit Dramatic Agency and School of Rehearsal, said at the conclusion of last night's work: "I want to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that if you put on Robin Hood on Thursday night, as you have rehearsed it to-night, it will be by far the greatest and grandest amateur production I have ever witnessed."

"Ah," said George Perrin as he mingled in the crush sale this morning, "this takes me back to the days when I was treasurer of the Grand Opera House in Toronto and handled the crush for the Sir Henry Irving sale."

Robin Hood is assured of two magnificent nights. Chathamites are loyally attending to Dundonald night, while the plan for Friday has been well sold out in the outside towns.

Yesterday Adjutant Collett and Color Sergeant John E. Smith put in the day opening the plan at Dresden, where a capital advance was registered.

At Wallaceburg a phenomenal sale was registered. J. W. Plewes, W. W. Tackaberry and Wilfrid M. Smith were in charge there and did magnificent work. The sale opened with a regular rush, and tickets went in lively style. The good people of Wallaceburg are enthusiastic and an immense contingent are coming over.

The plan for Dresden is at Wilson's drug store, that of Wallaceburg at Leigh's book store.

General Superintendent W. W. Woolfitt telephoned the officers of the regiment that full arrangements had been completed for the big Wallaceburg and Dresden special train on Friday evening at special single fare rates, which will take the throng of visitors home after the great production.

ANOTHER TORONTO SCHOOL BURNED

800 Children Marched Out in a Few Minutes

And Not One Injured—One Teacher Almost Overcome by Heat and Smoke

Toronto, Feb. 8.—For the second time within a month a Toronto public school has been gutted by fire.

At 11.40 to-day J. W. Hendry, principal of Jesse Ketchum school, corner of Davenport Road and Jesse Ketchum avenue, discovered smoke issuing from the cellar, immediately under the kindergarten room. He hastily informed all the teachers, who in turn instructed their scholars to dress as speedily as possible, and the fire alarm was then sounded.

Inside of five minutes the 800 scholars were formed into line, marched speedily into the yards, and dismissed. No one was injured.

In the meantime a fire alarm had been sounded, which was responded to by the Yonge street brigade, and a few minutes later a general alarm was rung in. A number of the school children rushed back to their rooms, and in the blinding smoke carried out the cadets corps' guns and uniforms, typewriters, books and other school requisites.

In the confusion it was forgotten that Miss Brown, one of the teachers, was not out of her room. Mr. Hendry rushed into the building and found Miss Brown almost overcome with the heat and smoke. He helped her down stairs and out into the open air. As soon as she had recovered herself Miss Brown went back in her room and carried out a number of her scholars' wraps.

The fire, which is supposed to have been caused by an overheated flue, was a most stubborn one, and the smoke was so dense and the steam so hot that the firemen's efforts for nearly an hour were merely guesswork. The air passages in the walls and floors allowed the fire to make rapid headway.

YOUR CHOICE FOR 25c.

When I was in Toronto last week I bought 400 books that were slightly damaged or imperfect. These are now in stock and placed on our

Bargain Table at Less Than One-Quarter the Regular Prices.

Among them are "Letters of a Self-made Merchant," "Lovely Mary," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," and many other up-to-date books.

Your choice of 200 titles.

25c. Each.....

Call early and get first choice as there is not more than three of any one title.

This is the greatest book bargain ever offered in Chatham.

Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House, King and Sixth Sts.

FOR
\$2.00

You can buy

**Men's Box
Calf Bals.
Goodyear
Welt Shoes**

Regular \$3.50
and \$3.00...

In the following sizes

8-6, 4-7,
5-8, 8-9,
and 4-10

THESE SHOES ARE
ALL ON GOOD SHAPED LAST.

TURRILL
The Shoe Man

Repairing done at store.

King Street

THIS IS THE
SECOND DAY
before the presentation of
"ROBIN HOOD"
The Greatest Classic Opera Comique.
Don't Miss Dundonald Night...
Thursday, Feb. 11

The Planet.

S. STEPHENSON, Proprietor.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

GAMEY'S LACK OF POLISH.

Gamey has a plain story for plain people. Your city bred politician cannot understand why the man from Manitoulin so easily reaches the hearts of his listeners. Fine clothes and fine phrases are well enough in their place, but they impress a country voter very little when he is hungry for the truth and wants it to come to him in veridical English. Some of the most successful politicians of the past had a rough-and-ready manner on the platform—Joe May, of Wentworth, for instance, who handled his opponents without gloves, his country friends applauding that style of political warfare. Gamey's lack of polish doesn't hurt when he gets away from such a centre of intelligence and culture as Toronto, and it never will hurt him among the plain people of Ontario until the question, "Where did the money come from?" is answered to their satisfaction.—Galt Reporter.

THE CAUSE OF WAR.

It seems certain now that Russia and Japan must fight it out. Probably the Czar and his advisers have foreseen from the first that war was inevitable if the Russian claims were insisted upon, and the temporizing policy which has been followed at St. Petersburg for some months past is merely the Russian expedient for gaining time in order to prepare for the conflict. Russia is now prepared, and the struggle between Slav and Mongol is likely to begin very soon.

As the Herald has pointed out, the war will be a war of aggression on the part of Russia, and a war of national self-defence on the part of Japan. Its cause may be very briefly stated as follows: Russia has occupied the Chinese province of Manchuria, and in defiance of her own promises, has refused to evacuate it. She has also curtailed Japanese commercial privileges in that province. In Corea, Russia is endeavoring to extend and strengthen her influence as a rival of Japan, whose influence has been dominant in that country for centuries; and, in addition, Russia claims exclusive territorial and commercial privileges in the northern part of the Korean peninsula.

Japan insists upon having a written agreement to the effect that Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria will be maintained, and that Japanese commercial privileges in that province will not be disturbed; also that Japan's right to exercise a dominating influence in Corea be recognized. Russia is willing to give verbal assurances to this effect; but Japan will not be satisfied with Russian verbal assurances; she wants them put down in black and white. This Russia declines to do. She will give her word—but not her bond.

Japanese statesmen have only too good reason to know the worthlessness of Russia's verbal assurances. After the China-Japanese war in 1896, when the Liao-Tung peninsula had been ceded to Japan as one of the spoils of victory, Russia and Germany, forced Japan to give up her newly-acquired territory. Russia's plea was that the integrity of the Chinese empire must be preserved. And then Russia herself took possession of the territory out of which Japan had been ousted. Is it any wonder that Japan's statesmen refuse to accept the bare word of Russian diplomats? As Russia will not make any treaty to bind her promises, there is nothing for Japan to do but defend her rights and privileges as best she can.

FASHIONS IN ICE.

Detroit Tribune.

The July styles in ice show that the chunks will be thicker, but not so broad.

A NATIONAL TYPE.

Toronto Star.

Roosevelt is a type of his people. He utters the finest moral precepts that a man could give expression to, and yet when the talking is done and the time for action comes he allows no squeamish notions to interfere with business.

NEW HORSESHOE WANTED.

London Free Press.

Shoemakers who merely "stand in slippery places" have not such hard luck as the horses which have to haul heavy loads with smooth shoes on. The suggestion is made that rubbers be given them. Why does not some one invent a shoe that can come off and on, like our own shoes, and pass a law to compel them to be used. Why cannot owners see that they would be saving money in horse-leash and time in delay by so doing.

A Chatham Man Says Iron-ox Tablets are all right.

January 12, 1903. Allow me to say a few words as to the merits of the Iron-ox Tablets. I have used them constantly for indigestion and palpitation of the heart, also sour stomach, and I can assure you that I have derived great benefit from them. I wish you continued success with the Iron-ox Tablets, for they are certainly all right. I always keep Iron-ox in the house.

P. W. MAULEY,
Care Chatham Mfg. Co.
Chatham, Ont.

Fifty Iron-ox Tablets, in an attractive aluminum pocket case, 25 cents at druggists, or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price. The Iron-ox Remedy Co., Limited, Walkerville, Ont.

SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE

Torch bearers are in demand at night upon the city streets.

For a lightning charge artist, the weatherman beats them all.

Pedestrians are quite agreeable to travelling with horses just now.

The burglars will catch us if we don't watch out and light up.

The ashes wasted on the road would do good work on the sidewalks.

The demand for Robin Hood tickets is something surprising. Everybody wants them.

If you want to make most anybody happy send them a ton of coal for a valentine.

The board sidewalks for mine these days. They are more porous than the granolithic walks.

It is reported they are going to put skates on the railroad tracks so as to prevent traffic being stopped altogether.

Kipling evidently knew what he was writing about when he penned "Our Lady of the Snows" even if other people didn't.

These are medieval times in Chatham and at night the good burghers wind their ways about the city streets guided by the lights from lanterns which they themselves carry.

My friend O. E. S. sends me the following poetry with apologies. They are kneaded:

"There was a queer girl from Glenora,
Who was anxiously seeking a Boe;
She had many a fellow,
Who was both soft and mellow,
But she wanted one with the doe."



The letter of Miss Merkle, whose picture is printed above, proves beyond question that thousands of cases of inflammation of the ovaries and womb are annually cured by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Gradual loss of strength and nerve force told me something was radically wrong with me. I had severe shooting pains through the pelvic organs, cramps and extreme irritation compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor said that I had ovarian trouble and ulceration, and advised an operation. I strongly objected to this and decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I soon found that my judgment was correct, and that all the good things said about this medicine were true, and day by day I felt less pain and increased appetite. The ulceration soon healed, and the other complications disappeared, and in eleven weeks I was once more strong and vigorous and perfectly well. My heartiest thanks are sent to you for the great good you have done me."—Sincerely yours, Miss MARGARET MERKLE, 375 Third St., Milwaukee, Wis.—Special Notice: If original of above letter bearing special notice cannot be produced.

Professor—What happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?

Smart Student—He has cold feet, sir.

Men's and Young Men's Suits up to \$10, choice of 37 patterns, this season's goods, but odd sizes. Be here first and get your size. Sale starts Saturday morning. Every Suit in window one price—\$5.00.

YOU MUST SEE THEM!

Meynell's,

3 Doors West from
Market, King Street

In the sick room

THE MAGI

water is an invaluable adjunct; a natural Mineral Water of wide usefulness.

J. J. McLAUGHLIN, Toronto,
AGENT.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

The weather experienced a drop of 45 degrees in 24 hours Sunday. Old pipe or tea lead wanted at The Planet immediately!

Sam L. Wellwood, of Merlin, called on his Chatham friends on Saturday.

The men's room at the police station was flooded yesterday morning. The floor settled and pulled the pipes apart.

When you want an antistiff design, call up or visit Victoria Avenue Green Houses. Phone 181.

A first class boarding house has been opened on Wellington street west, on the McLean property. For terms, etc., apply to Mrs. Field.

There were three cars of coal reported at Fargo for the local dealers yesterday morning. They are expected in to-day.

Assist in providing the Public General Hospital with a maternity ward, by making your purchases from the Ladies of the Assisting Society at Austin's, next Friday and Saturday.

A sleighload of about eighteen young people went to William Meritt's, near Leamington, Friday night. With snowbanks and the darkness they had a thrilling time and reached home at 4 a.m.

The M. J. Wilson Cordage Company are running full time now. M. J. Wilson, the manager, says that he has orders enough on hand to keep him going until the first of July and the material is now on the way to Chatham.

A maternity ward has long been a necessity in the Public General Hospital. Patronize the sale and refreshment lunch served by the Assisting Society at Austin's, Feb. 12th and 13th.

Rev. Fr. De Paul, who is again stationed in Chatham, sang high mass in St. Joseph's church Sunday morning. His many friends are glad to see him back in Chatham again. Fr. De Paul left Chatham three years ago. He now succeeds Rev. Fr. Robert here.

The Sons of England held their usual meeting last night, when it was decided to hold a basket social Monday evening, Feb. 15, to which the members, their wives and friends, are invited. Bro. H. Horstead has a splendid program ready and Bro. Thos. E. Fielder has charge of the refreshments.

The Lake Erie train from the south was on time yesterday and the one from the north was not very late. The tracks are now in fairly good condition and the train service will be good unless another heavy snow storm falls. A washout occurred at Leamington and the wrecking train from here was called out Sunday. It was soon repaired.

The Master Mechanic's Pure Tar Soap heals and softens the skin, while promptly cleansing it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Invaluable for mechanics, farmers, sportsmen. Free sample on receipt of 2c. for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co. Mfrs., Montreal, P.Q.

PROSPEROUS KENT BOY

A. Sheldrick has received a very interesting letter from Dr. Schmitt Shadd, a former Chathamite and an ex-school teacher of Kent. Mr. Shadd was born in Raleigh Township. He is now practicing medicine in Kinistino, Sask. He is a prominent Conservative of that district and has been elected president of the Conservative Association of Humboldt District. He says he has had a very mild winter, the thermometer never going below 45 degrees below zero.

Mr. Shadd leaves shortly for the old country and he will probably call at Chatham on his way to England. He has not been here for 15 years.

\$5.00! Ladies' Jackets and Suits

For Less Than Half Price.

With much cold weather yet to come this offering is opportune. The garments are all strictly up-to-date and the best sellers of the season. It will pay you to buy now—even for next season's wear. Be on hand early and have first and best choice.

9 Only, Ladies' Coats, fine, pure wool, Frieze, in Oxford Grey and Black, also fine Black Beaver, this season's best styles, lined throughout, regular price up to \$7.50, clearing at \$3.90

5 Only, Ladies' Coats, in Black and Grey Frieze and Beaver Cloths, also Black Boucle Cloths, warm, stylish garments, regular \$4.50 and \$5.00, clearing at \$2.85

14 Only, Ladies' Coats, handsome garments in fine pure wool Frieze, stylish Tweed mixtures and fine Beaver Cloths, made in latest New York styles, colors grey, black, navy and fawn, regular price up to \$10.00 each, clearing at \$4.90

17 Only, Ladies' Coats—This lot includes some of the handsomest garments of the season, loose or fitted backs, medium and three-quarter lengths, with capes or plain collars, lined, colors black, grey, fawn and mixtures, regular prices ranged up to \$5.00 each, clearing at \$2.90

7 only Ladies' Tailor Suits in home-spun tweeds, chevrons, serges, and habit cloths, stylish garments, extra well tailored and finished, regular prices \$10.00 to \$14.00 each, clearing at \$6.90

Ladies Cloth Capes—Handsome garments of fine black cloths, beautifully made and trimmed with applique silk and satin braids, cording etc., long lengths, full sweep, clearing at \$4.90, \$6.90, \$8.90, \$11.90 and \$12.90

Ladies Astrachan Coats—Rich, glossy fur, full cut, made with double front, large collar and lapels, medium length, superior linings, the best \$25.00 Astrachan coat in the city, clearing at \$19.50

Ladies Electric Seal Coats—Only, rich quality, made in latest styles, large lapels and collar, kimono sleeve, rich satin linings, regular \$35.00, clearing at \$25.00

Ladies' Russian Lamb Coats—Superior quality, equal in appearance and wear to Persian lamb, firm close curl, rich heavy satin linings, perfect fitting the best \$50.00 coat in Canada, fully guaranteed in wear, clearing at \$39.50

Greenland Seal Coats—Rich, bright full fur, stylish cut collar lapels and facings of rich Bokharan lamb, superior satin linings, 3 only left, regular \$35.00, clearing at \$25.00

Seven Stores THE NORTHWAY CO. Limited. Two Large Factories

THE STAGE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand—Robin Hood, Feb. 11.
"A Ragged Hero"—Feb. 16.

CARNIVAL OF ENTERTAINERS.

The Carnival of Entertainers held the boards at the Grand last evening and pleased a well filled house. All the entertainers were well up to the standard of high class entertainers. The McRath Bros., banjoists, proved stars with their instruments, Mr. Houston as elocutionist was splendid, while the thought transference or whatever it was, proved very mysterious and entertaining. Mrs. Mowery in her recitations, too, was well up to the mark. On the whole this was the best of a so far excellent course.

"General Doherty and a General 'Run Down' state calls for a general tonic to the system. Such as 'The D. & L.' Eucalyptol, Builds you up, increases your weight, gives health.

THAMESVILLE

Feb. 8.—W. M. Drader, of Chatham, was in town to-day on business.

Miss Edythe Secord, who has been visiting in town for the past month, returned to Port Huron to-day.

Owing to the rise in the temperature the carnival which was to take place Saturday night, was postponed for a week.

Miss McName Dunlop, of Wallaceburg, visited friends in town Sunday.

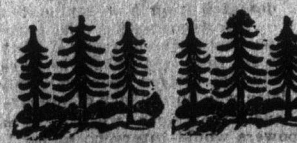
Fr. Bobier, of New York, attended the opening of the R. O. church here Sunday.

A number of Thamesville young ladies treated the young gentlemen of the village to a sleighride Friday evening.

The Chatham curlers visited the Thamesville rink Friday night.

Dr. C. W. Currie spent Sunday at his home in Glencoe.

Dr. Wood's



Norway Pine Syrup

Cures Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Croup, Asthma, Pain or Tightness in the Chest, Etc.

It stops that tickling in the throat, is pleasant to take and soothing and healing to the lungs. Mr. E. Bishop Brand, the well-known Galt gardener, writes:—I had a very severe attack of sore throat and tightness in the chest. Some times when I wanted to cough and could not I would almost choke to death. My wife got me a bottle of DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP, and to my surprise I found speedy relief. I would not be without it if it cost \$1.00 a bottle, and I can recommend it to everyone bothered with a cough or cold. Price 25 Cents.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. W. E. Rispin has made special arrangements with two or three loan companies and is prepared to advance money on mortgages and real estate for either farm or city loans at the very lowest rate of current interest, either for paying off old loans or making new ones.

Prof. Dorenwend

of Toronto, The Greatest Hair Goods Artist in America,



CHATHAM

WILL BE AT GARNER HOUSE, ON WEDNESDAY FEB. 10

LADIES—If you appreciate the added charm and younger appearance lent to the face by having beautiful hair, do not fail to see the grand assortment of *Swirls, Bangs, Pompadours, wavy Fronts and Wigs*, which PROF. DORENWEND will have with him. Consultations entirely free and demonstrations given regarding these beautiful conceptions in natural hair.

Even though you are bald or partially so you can regain your former appearance by wearing *Dorenwend's Wigs and Toupees*. They are made to match any shade of hair. They are a protection to the head and a cure for chronic itch in the head and scalp. They perfectly fitted to the head and bear no trace of artificiality.

PROF. DORENWEND will take measurements and demonstrate the merits of his. Don't forget day and date—WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10.

WANTED.

GIRL WANTED—Dining room girl at Merrill House, Chatham.

WE PAY HONEST MAN—\$200 per month to take orders for the greatest household supply in Canada. Your salary will be guaranteed and position permanent. Apply Cooper, Drawer 531, London, Ont.

WANTED—Men wanted to learn barber trade; only eight weeks required by our system of constant practice; tools furnished; diplomas given. Full tuition \$25. Call or write, Detroit Barber College, 48 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

VICTORIA BLOCK.—Office with vault, to let. Apply to Thomas Scullard, 107

HOUSE FOR SALE—On Grant street, for particulars, apply to Thomas Scullard, or at this office.

LOTS FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria avenue. Apply to Mrs. Tisdeman, room 3, Victoria Block.

Mrs. M. A. Perkins

Local Manager of Gunagahor Home Treatment.

At home to ladies every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Residence 3rd house west of Fair Grounds.

DR. OVENS, London,

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Class IV.—Harry Galhous 59, Oscar Pepper 56, Lemuel Parde 56, Clifford Hill 52, Orville Sykes 51, Reuben Pepper 28, Annie Sykes 27.

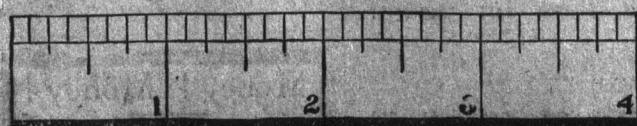
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UNIVERSAL BIBLE STUDY

The arrangements for the observance of Bible Sunday, on March 6th,—the last day of the British and Foreign Bible Society's century—are now practically complete; and in nothing is the universality of the Bible Society more emphasized than in the remarkable way it has been able to enlist the sympathies of all Protestant Churches in the organization of this world-wide Thanksgiving.

Considering the controversial trend of the times, it would have been sufficiently noteworthy to arouse comment had the united demonstration been limited to the various Christian Communities in our own land. But its unique feature is the drawing together of the churches of other lands, no less than those of our own, in one great celebration, all minor differences of race, language and sect being submerged in the great bond of our common heritage—the Charter of Salvation as contained in the Word of God.

In England, their Majesties, King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, will be present at Divine Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on Bible Sunday, when the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and the Corporation will attend in State. The sermon will be preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Among the earliest to endorse the suggestion that March 6th should be observed as Bible Sunday were the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; while the bishops have, with hardly an exception, written letters commending it to the clergy in their respective dioceses. Cordial resolutions in favor of the observance have also been received from every Nonconformist Assembly and Conference which met last year, including the Baptists, the Congregationalists, the Society of Friends, all denominations of Methodists, the Moravians, and the Presbyterians. In Scotland, both the Established Church and the United Free Church are co-operating in the celebration.

In the British Colonies the idea was greeted with universal approval. The Metropolitan of Rupert's Land and Primate of all Canada, the Archbishop of the West Indies, and the Archbishop of Capetown, and nearly fifty Colonial and Missionary Bishops of the Anglican Communion, have written cordially endorsing the observance of Bible Sunday. The chief representatives of non-Episcopal churches in the Colonies have responded with equal readiness, and the proposal has received the hearty sanction of the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa.

In the United States of America, both the chief Presbyterian churches, the two Methodist Episcopal churches and the presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church have cordially agreed to observe Bible Sunday in their various churches throughout the States.

All the great Missionary Societies, without exception, have joined hands to observe this day of common Thanksgiving, many of them having generously arranged to forego their own sermons or meetings on March 6th in favor of Bible Sunday. That the suggestion would meet with enthusiastic support in the mission field throughout the world was a foregone conclusion. Both to the Missionary and to the Native Church God's Book often stands for more than we can possibly realize. To the preacher, cut off from most that is helpful and invigorating in the Christian life, the written Word takes on an added worth as a source of great strength and inspiration; while to the converts, the Book itself—even apart from its message—acquires a preciousness from the fact it is frequently the first, and sometimes the only, volume produced in their own language.

But the most significant item in this huge program is the bringing into line of the Protestant churches on the Continent of Europe, and establishing a link between those that may be most widely sundered on minor points. Bible Sunday will be kept by hundreds of congregations, representing Lutheran, Reformed and Waldensian churches. The Archbishop of Upsala has written, in the name of the Bishops of Sweden, promising the co-operation of all their clergy. A meeting of the Danish Bishops in Copenhagen passed a unanimous resolution in the same terms; while similar resolutions have been passed by the Consistory of the Protestant State Church in Saxony, and the Consistory of both the Lutheran Church and the Calvinistic Church in Hungary. Thus, throughout the world, Thanksgiving will be made to Almighty God in all tongues and by all peoples on this memorable day.

It is obvious that such a festival as this could only be organized by an institution absolutely catholic in its aims, world-wide in its work, and unrestricted by any merely national interest. From the very outset the Bible Society has been able to unify Christians of all denominations in the God-appointed task of seeking to place the Gospel in the hands of the whole human race. And this Universal Thanksgiving exemplifies most forcibly one of the Society's ideals, which was voiced by Lord Bexley, its second president, in the following words: "If we cannot reconcile all opinions, let us unite all hearts."

OPERATIONS A FAD

Public Gradually Awakens to The Fact.

The latest fad in operations has been the appendicitis fad; before that the fad for rectal operations (piles, etc.) held sway. Hundreds of patients were frightened and hurried into hospitals, operated upon and robbed of their last dollar, when the trouble was a simple case of hemorrhoids or piles only, easily cured at home with a simple remedy costing but fifty cents a box.

"I procured one fifty-cent box of Pyramid Pile Cure of my druggist, with the intention of buying a larger box later, but was happily surprised when I found that I was cured, and still have six 'pyramids' left out of the first and only box. I have not had the least sign of piles since I used that one box, which has been about two months; previous to using Pyramid Pile Cure I had the worst kind of bleeding and protruding piles for over thirty-one years, and no one knows, except those who have had the piles, the pain and misery I suffered.

TOLEDO BLADES.

These of Modern Make Not Comparable With the Ancient Ones.

Toledo blades are still made in the government weapon factory, but those of modern production do not compare with the ancient work. It seems to be a lost art. The genuine Toledo blades, made by the Moors, were so elastic and tough that they could be curled up like a watch spring. You can see them in the armory at Madrid, but only ordinary swords and bayonets for the army are made there today. The secret seems to have been forgotten. The steel came from England. It is the same as is used for ordinary purposes, and, as in Japan, where the art reached an equal degree of superiority, the difference in the product lay in the skill of the armorer and the process he used.

In the secondhand shops of Toledo and of the bric-a-brac dealers you can buy old swords for reasonable prices, but genuine ones, made before the sixteenth century, when the best were produced and the art began to decline, are very rare and are promptly picked up by connoisseurs whenever they are offered. The names of the old makers are as well known as those of the painters of great pictures, and a sword made by Nicholas or Dune or Don Isidoro Cortenientes in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries is worth several times its weight in gold.

Each armorer of Toledo in ancient times, as in Japan, had his cipher, which is to be found on his blades, and there was as much rivalry among them as there is today among the opera singers. Julian del Rei, the most famous of the Moorish swordmakers, always cut the figure of a dog on the blades of his swords near the hilt, and Morillo, who was also famous, used a wolf for his coat of arms. The swordmakers of Toledo had a guild for mutual protection, but they worked separately. Each had his own secrets, his refining and tempering steel, which he concealed from his rivals, but transmitted to his children, who inherited the business.

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

A woman knows a woman, no matter how different they've been raised.—"The Substitute."

I hold there is but one irremediable evil in life, that of growing tired of oneself.—"The Carissima."

Judge the future by the past, but when you have a past you ain't got much future.—"Little Henry's Sister."

Perhaps it is from overwork among the poor that death has been reduced to a shadow.—"The Gray Wig."

I ain't what they call a pessimist, but I think poorly of most things. It's safer.—"The Adventures of Harry Revel."

Good breeding sums up in its instinctive attitude all the efforts a man has made toward perfection; and, all that his ancestors have made before him.—"John Percival."

It is no use to pretend that hard luck does not take the manhood out of a man. When he has an inferior part in life to play, he begins to look the part, and he looks the superior part when he has that to play.—"Letters Home."

A Darling Man.

"He's the kind of a man who courts danger, I understand."

"Well, I should say so. Why, he does not hesitate to open a flirtation with any young widow he meets."

Snow and Water.

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Need not be afraid of the merest touch of color, but should avoid it in masses.

Should delight in black and choose black and white for her favorite combination.

May safely claim violet, however, if it becomes her, but must use pink sparingly.

May adopt an individual style which conventional youth could hardly venture upon.

Ought to appreciate the value of years and dress with the dignity belonging to her.

Must renounce big picture hats, flat hats without trimming on top, dying bells hanging down the back, a lot of knotted ribbons and all the frills of youth and folly.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Think Over It.

Don't think you are too old to do this, too old to do that. You are always as young as you feel. People grow old by thinking themselves old.

Don't think that a life of ease and luxury is essential to preserving youthful, delicate looks. A certain amount of work and exercise is necessary to keep the muscles firm and elastic and the flesh hard.

Don't let go of love or love of romance. They are amulets against wrinkles. Not all of the world's homage is poured at the feet of girlhood.

Don't say you haven't time for the afternoon's "forty winks." Take it, and your renewed strength will show in a freshened complexion. A half hour's nap after luncheon will do more to eradicate wrinkles than all the beautifiers in the world.

Don't think that you are forbidden to think of your looks or to attend to your appearance because you happen to be thirty. Balzac has said that a woman of thirty is at her most fascinating and dangerous age—that is, dangerous to the hearts of men.

Marrying Titles.

There could be no greater mistake than the belief that the marriages of American girls with foreigners of rank are mainly confined to England. Up to a quarter of a century ago, it appears, there were at least three such international marriages in France for one in England. Dozens of American girls have married French nobles of the ancient regime, to say nothing of those who obtained their titles from Napoleon. Among these may be mentioned the Duc de la Rochefoucauld, the Duc de Dino and the Duc de Decazes. Many an Italian noble, from Prince Colonna down, has married an American young woman. There are examples of such marriages in the Spanish peerage also.

The Duchesse d'Acros is an American. Many American girls have married German nobles. The truth is that the number of American women who have married European nobles would be found upon a complete enumeration to have exceeded considerably a hundred.—Harper's Weekly.

Girls, Remember This.

An office is no place for flimsy finery and cast aside prettiness.

The waist that is highly suitable for evenings at home generally is unsuitable for the business domain.

An abundance of frills, an exaggerated collar and a sweeping train are just so many evidences that you don't know how to dress for your work.

Reserve pronounced styles in clothes and hairdressing for your home and social life.

Do not copy in a place where it is evident that you are working to make or save money styles that suggest cost and luxury.

Jewelry requires dainty and dressy accessories. Wear it at home and for social functions, but don't wear it to business.

Your employer does not wear out his old dress suits and soiled white cravats in his business life. Why should you insult him by wearing the cast-off finery of your social existence?

Make Home Happy.

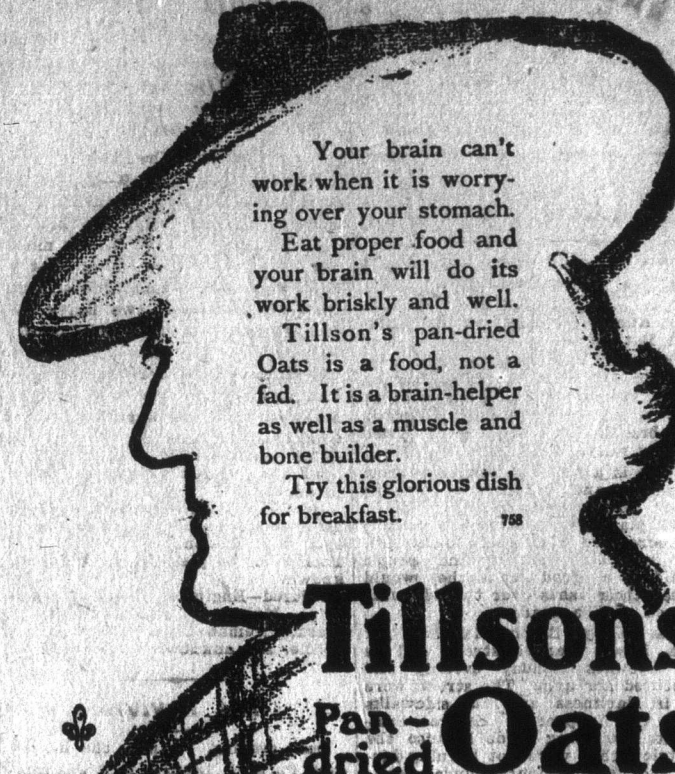
We owe it to the people with whom we live to try and sympathize and get on with them and to show that we do, to speak politely to them, to thank them for favors done and to make home the happiest spot on earth to its members. If it is not, somebody has failed. And it pays to try and make home happy. Whatever makes us happier makes us better, and the boy or girl who goes out into the world is less likely, with the memory of a loved, happy home to look back on, to go astray than if he or she has not this safeguard. The dear little mother would worry if she knew her boys and girls were going astray. And so for love of her the temptation is resisted.—Providence Telegram.

A Meat Dressing.

Dressing made as for roast meats and baked in a buttered pan is not only a good way to use up stale bread, but furnishes a dish that is a wholesome addition to the meat. It should be made rather richer than where it is to be served with meat. If part of a bowl of gravy is left it is a good plan to add it to the dressing to moisten it.

A Berlin Woman's Club.

A Berlin woman's club, of which Frau Cauer is the leader, has a membership of 15,000, all working women. The organization publishes a paper and finds situations for the unemployed, and its offices present an unusual spectacle in a land where women are not, as a rule, what would be called advanced.



Your brain can't work when it is worrying over your stomach. Eat proper food and your brain will do its work briskly and well. Tillson's pan-dried Oats is a food, not a fad. It is a brain-helper as well as a muscle and bone builder. Try this glorious dish for breakfast.

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A special general meeting of the shareholders of The Blonde Lumber & Manufacturing Company, Limited, for considering and sanctioning By-Law No. 6 passed by the Company on the Twenty-eighth day of January, A. D. 1904 for the increase of the capital stock of the Company from the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars to the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, by the issue of Seven Hundred Shares of New Stock at One Hundred Dollars each, will be held at the Company's Office, Doyer Street, in the City of Chatham, on Tuesday, the Ninth day of February, A. D. 1904, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,
T. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

OFFERS TO MARRY GIRL WHO'S KING TO CHILDREN

Miss Mimmie, the pretty 17-year-old daughter of Charles Richter, proprietor of the hotel at Jamaica, L. I., at which the little Lloyd children were abandoned by their mother last week, has received an offer of marriage by letter from a man in New York she does not know.

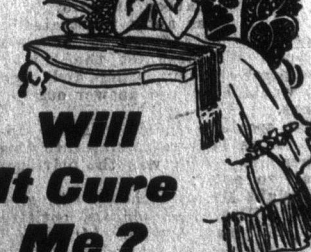
He says in the letter that he saw her picture in the newspapers and that he read about her kindness to the deserted children. He was much impressed by her picture and by her kindness of heart, he says, that he desires her to become his wife. He says he is well off and can provide a good home.

Miss Richter refuses to reveal the name of the man, but her mother expresses the conviction that he is an "old fool."

A woman in Jersey City has written to Mr. Richter offering to take the older of the children, a boy of four years. She says she lost her only child two years ago, and that she and her husband would be glad to adopt the boy.—New York World.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

F. Mayhew, of Ridgetown, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Mrs. D. A. Gordon and daughter, Miss Ruby, are guests at the Mineral Bath House.

The stock and grain markets were hot to-day at Proctor's. Cotton broke 100 points, and pork went up over a dollar and a half a barrel. The breaking out of the war caused the big rally.

There is a general complaint from teamsters and horsemen over the ashes spread over the roads. In many places it is almost impossible for horses to drag their loads. One man said this morning that people would do a good act if they would spread their ashes over the sidewalks instead of the roads.

Miss Mary Brown, daughter of John Brown, Baxter street, fell on the sidewalk Sunday evening and fractured her arm. The streets were all in darkness and the sidewalks were very slippery. Several complaints are being made because the electric lights were not burning during the church hours Sunday evening.

The Rev. Mr. Holden, on his return home from church on Sunday afternoon, slipped and fell on his left side, injuring his amputated arm, causing intense misery. Dr. T. K. Holmes was called and has the case in hand. The doctor says that the bone is badly injured and that Mr. Holden will not be able to do much for some time.

Frank Chaplin was arrested to-day on the charge of forgery. He is accused of forging Frank Weldon's name to an order on Harry Scott for \$10. Chaplin says that he did it but that Weldon authorized him to do it. He was remanded to afford an opportunity of securing the evidence of Frank Weldon. Chaplin was unable to secure bail.

TROUBLE IN SIGHT

County and City Are Disputing Over Agreement for Maintenance of County Pupils

The C. C. I. Board is beginning to put some reliance in the old saying "three times and out." After having called a meeting on two occasions and having failed to get a quorum, a third and successful attempt was made yesterday. The Rev. Dr. Battisby was unanimously re-elected chairman.

The resolution of the County Council was dealt with. The School Act provided that the city might notify the county that county pupils would be allowed to attend the C. C. I. when the same terms as any other high school in the county and the county, in such case, would pay the cost of maintenance for county pupils. The city, of course, furnished the building practically free of charge.

A new Act has been passed by the Ontario Legislature which seems to be very unfair. It provides that where cities are separated from the county the latter only have to pay 80 per cent. of the cost of maintenance. Therefore the city is compelled to pay one fifth of the cost of maintenance of county pupils in addition to the full cost of city pupils, besides supplying the building and grounds.

Each year a committee is appointed by the county council to meet with the C. C. I. Board and settle the amount to be paid. The county committee has already notified the city that they will not pay more than 80 per cent. Therefore the city has to pay 15 of the cost of maintenance of county pupils, which, according to last year's returns amounts to \$600.

The C. C. I. Board will in all probability refuse and compel outside scholars to pay in full, which would be a great hardship on them.

The C. C. I. Board adjourned for one week yesterday to see if some arrangement could not be arrived at whereby this expense to the county pupils would be saved.

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BAD SMASH

O. P. R. Passenger Trains Collide, Causing Loss of Twelve Lives Near Renfrew

Special to The Planet.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 9.—Ten people were killed and about twelve injured, more or less seriously, in a head-on collision on the O. P. R. this morning at a point three miles west of Sand Point, a station between Renfrew and Arnprior, two heavy passenger trains bound to and from the Soo respectively, collided, owing to the failure of one crew to carry out orders, and in the awful impact many of the cars were smashed to splinters, and loss of life followed as a necessary result. Below is list of dead and injured as far as can be obtained:

Dead—Engineer Joseph Jackson, Express Messenger Robertson, News-agent McMullen, Express Agent Thompson, six passengers, names unknown.

Injured—Engineer Dudley, Fireman Price, Mailclerk Beach, Mailclerk Black, Fireman Dubois, Baggageman O'Leary, six unknown passengers.

THE REVIVAL

Last evening, despite the intense cold, Park St. Lecture Hall was comfortably filled with a congregation that listened intently while Evangelist Moorehouse talked on Hindrances to Prayer being answered.

The first hindrance was selfishness. Many people pray for things that are perfectly proper to be prayed for, and pray in faith, and yet their prayers are not answered, because the motive of the prayer was not that God might receive glory by the answer, but some selfish desire might be realized. Men pray for the conversion of their wives, their sons or their daughters, for their neighbors, etc., but the motive of the prayer is because of the joy, etc., it will bring to them in their relationship to them, not that God will be glorified thereby.

A striking illustration of this point was given. A woman who had an only son had prayed earnestly for his conversion for 38 long years, and had received the assurance of the Spirit that her prayer would be answered.

He returned from Missouri to his home in the east, in failing health. Doctors were called in, who said he had but a short time to live. Still he was unrepentant. One day, when the end seemed very near, his mother went into the orchard and in agony she wrung her hands and prayed, "O God, why it is, after praying to Thee for these 38 years for my boy that Thou hast not answered my prayer."

While she agonized a voice seemed to say to her, "Should God save him because he is Your Boy if he is unrepentant? And then she saw the selfishness of her prayer, and she said, "No, Lord, although he is my boy, if he is unrepentant, he deserves eternal death, the same as any other unrepentant sinner; but O Lord save him, that Thy name may have the glory." And immediately the Spirit gave her the assurance that her prayer would be answered.

The next day the son came out to the family prayers and told them that he had given his heart to God at a time almost simultaneous with the time his mother was praying for him in the orchard.

The second hindrance—Isiah 59, 1 and 2, is sin in the heart.

The third hindrance—Stinginess. See Proverbs 19, 17. The speaker emphasized the fact that if Christians to-day would give as they did under the Levitical law one-tenth of their earnings to the Lord, that this would provide ample funds for carrying on all the work of God and render church socials, tea meetings, etc., altogether unnecessary as a money raising means. The tenth should be the minimum given, after that, as in the days of the temple offerings, there should be free will offerings.

The last hindrance dwelt on was Mark 11, 25, The unforgiving spirit. We cannot expect answers to prayers while we harbor an unforgiving spirit. This was aptly illustrated by several incidents from his own experience. We must let the law of love permeate our being and then God would hear and answer our petitions.

The speaker closed with an appeal to his hearers to step into this higher life, which was the privilege of all to enjoy.

To-night Mr. Moorehouse will give another illustrated address, entitled "The old man and his furniture," which promises to be exceedingly interesting.

Those whom neglected coughs have killed were once as healthy and robust as you. Don't follow in their paths of neglect. Take

Shiloh's Consumption Cure

The Lung Tonic
right now. It is guaranteed to cure. It has cured many thousands.
Price: 25c. 50c. \$1.
S. C. Wells & Co., 308 LeRoy, N. Y., Toronto, Can.

LATEST NEWS FROM SEAT OF WAR

Report of a Great Naval Engagement—Russians Said to be Victorious

Eleven Japanese Ships are Said to Have Been Sunk in Attack on Port Arthur—Port Burned

Special to The Planet.

St. Petersburg, 230 p. m., Feb. 9.—Twelve battleships sunk and Port Arthur burned. Eleven Japanese war ships and one Russian boat are sunk in the night attack on Port Arthur.

The Russian admiralty has just received information that eleven Japanese and one Russian warship have been sunk in the attacks upon Port Arthur. Seven Russians were killed and many were wounded. The town is in flames.

FIFTY MEN KILLED BY A CAVE-IN.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 89.—Fifty workmen were killed to-day by the caving in of an embankment on the Warsaw-Vienna Railroad. In the course of their work the men dug into an old smelting works, which had been buried beneath the line for thirty years. An explosion followed, and besides the men killed, many were frightfully burned.

NOTICE—Consumers of Gas and Electric Light are notified that To-morrow the 10th inst., will be the last day for discount on Gas and Electric Light bills

HANGED BY SUSPENDERS.

Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Wm. Monahan, aged 38 years, committed suicide at the Mattawan State Hospital to-day by hanging, using his suspenders for the purpose. He had been imprisoned nineteen years for an assault in the second degree committed in Washington County, New York, being transferred to Mattawan ten years ago.

A SMALL-POX CASE.

Belleville, Ont., Feb. 8.—A young man named Green, residing near the village of Tweed is a victim of small-pox.

YOU MAY HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE.

If your back aches and you suffer from dragging pains it is an evidence of diseased kidneys. Get Ferrozone at once and take it regularly. Ferrozone makes kidney sufferers feel better at once. "I was bothered a great deal with my kidneys last year," writes S. G. Denton, of Everett, "but got quick relief from Ferrozone. My trouble manifested itself by pain in the back, dull, heavy feeling and constant headache. I quite recovered after using a few boxes of Ferrozone, which has given me more strength and better health than I ever had before. I can recommend Ferrozone as a positive cure." Price 50c. at all druggists.

LOST A LEG.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 8.—Lloyd Wilson, a twelve-year-old newsboy, was run over by an Ouellette avenue car here this afternoon at five o'clock. The lad's leg was almost cut off between the knee and ankle and amputation was found necessary.

ONE OF THE VILEST DISEASES

Is catarrh, which first attacks the nose and throat and finally spreads all through the system. The one sure cure is fragrant, healing Catarrhazone, which is sent by the air you breathe direct to the root of the trouble. Mr. T. Y. MacVicar, of Yarmouth, suffered for years from catarrh, and says, "In my long experience with this loathsome disease I never used any remedy that relieved and cured so promptly as Catarrhazone. When my nostrils were so stuffed up that I couldn't breathe I found a few inhalations of Catarrhazone was sufficient to clear away the mucus. I am perfectly cured by Catarrhazone and free from the disease entirely." Use only Catarrhazone. Complete outfit \$1.00; trial size 25c.

MR. SEAGRAM ILL.

Waterloo, Ont., Feb. 8.—Joseph E. Seagram, M. P., is confined to his room with a severe cold, and will not be able to attend to business for some days.

HAD NO DOCTOR

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 8.—The Crown Attorney has been notified by Coroner Bunkin, of the death of Mrs. W. Gibson, without a doctor, alleged through Christian Science belief. An inquest will be held.

Public General Hospital Ladies' Aid Society Sale

At AUSTIN'S.

2 Days Only, Friday & Saturday

FEBRUARY 12th and 13th.

The ladies will have charge of the entire store for these two days and will be there personally to wait on the patrons of the sale. **One-tenth of the whole proceeds** of the two days will belong to the ladies and is to be used to start a fund for building and equipping a maternity ward at the hospital.

SPECIAL FEATURE---A HOT LUNCH

During both days the space usually used as a Millinery show room will be converted into a lunch room. A very full menu including oysters will be provided, everything will be on the European plan so you can spend what suits you on your luncheon. The entire proceeds from the luncheon will belong to the ladies so you can materially assist them by arranging to have your DINNER with them both Friday and Saturday.

ANOTHER FEATURE

A booth filled with the most delicious of home made confections will be found on the first floor presided over by Mesdames James Innes and J. MacGregor. As the confectionery is the contribution of members of the Society the total proceeds will go to swell the funds of the society.

AUSTIN & CO.

have received during the past ten days some forty odd cases of spring goods, comprising lines for almost every department. The showing of Dress Goods, Cottons, Prints, Muslins, Dimities, Table Linens, Embroideries and White Wear is especially large. Contracts for all cotton goods were made months ago and have been marked on the basis of last year's prices, which, in many instances, is below what the manufacturers are asking for the same goods. The moral of this is that it will pay you to buy NOW and to buy LARGELY.

Remember that every Ten Dollars you spend at this sale will mean ONE DOLLAR for the hospital and a saving of fully two dollars for you on the prices of many lines in the near future.

THE STAFF

Three floor walkers and a corps of Forty Salesladies will be in charge, assisted by THE REGULAR STAFF when necessary.

In addition to the special display of spring goods all of the bargain lines which remain from our January stocktaking sale will be included.

Sale of MEN'S OVERCOATS to be continued.
Sale of LADIES' JACKETS to be continued.
Sale of FURNITURE to be continued.
Sale of CARPETS to be continued.
Sale of BED COMFORTERS to be continued.
Sale of LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR continued.

The Ladies' Assisting Society of Public General Hospital.

MRS. W. TAYLOR, President.

MRS. J. C. PRITCHARD, Secy.

Remember the dates } Friday and Saturday, Feb'y 12th and 13th.
Remember the place } C. AUSTIN & CO, Chatham.

BARGAIN

62½ acres good land, with house, stable and other buildings, within one and a half miles of city, for sale at a bargain. This is a river farm and is extra good soil. Good reason for selling.

Dunn & Merritt,

FARM FOR SALE—North east half of lot 16, Front concession, Township of Harwich, 133 acres. All cleared, clay loam, two good sized frame houses. Large frame barn and cattle shed; stable and driveway combined; granary and implement house. Buildings all in good repair; about five acres of orchard; artesian well, windmill and pump; three other wells. Price \$2,000.00. Apply on the premises to Mrs. John J. Walrath, or to W. F. Smith, barrister and solicitor, Chatham, Ont.

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, Feb. 9, 1904.

Wheat	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	94½	95½	94½	95 —
July	84½	86½	84½	86½
Corn				
May	53½	54½	52½	54½
July	51	52½	50½	52½
Oats				
May	42	43½	42	42½
July	38½	39½	38	39½
Pork				
May	1370	1490	1370	1470
July	1390	1477	1390	1477
Lard				
May	762	780	762	777
July	765	787	765	787
Ribs				
May	692	712	692	712
July	700	725	700	727

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 8.—Geo. East, while working in the bush in the Steinbach, was struck by a falling tree and fatally injured.

Pineapples, Grape Fruit, Cucumbers, Lettuce and Celery at....

NORTHWOOD'S**Money! Money!**

Parties wanting money to pay off a mortgage or to buy a house and lot will find it to their interest to call and see SMITH & SMITH, who have money to loan at lowest rates of interest. Office opp. the Market.

A CUP OF FULL COMFORT.

There's that much in every cup of our coffee. We are particular to see that you get it right. We roast it ourselves, and grind it for you as you wish it. You are sure of getting what you want here.

MOCHA and JAVA COFFEE, 40c a pound.
AMERICAN BLEND COFFEE 35c a pound.
BRAZIL COFFEE, 25c. pound
SPECIAL JAPAN TEA, 25c. a pound.
ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEA 40c. a pound.
BAKER'S COCOA, 15c and 25c a can.
WEBB'S COCOA, 10c. a can.

H. Malcolmson

OUR PRICES ARE ALWAYS RIGHT.

Get our prices on any articles you may desire, then get prices elsewhere and compare them. You'll find our prices will be nearly always the lowest. Hundreds of persons have found this to be a fact and as a result our business is increasing very rapidly. And then, when you come here to buy you're sure of being courteously treated. May we cater to your wants? It will please both of us very much.

J. C. WANLESS.

M'KAY'S RESTAURANT AND LUNCH ROOMS.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

With all the delicacies of the season. If in need of an appetizer give us a call. A full line of

Confectionery and Home Bakery in Connection

Oysters in Any Style.

Lunches, put up at short notice and delivered within reasonable distance.

Willard McKay,

KING ST.

GARNER HOUSE BLOCK.

TILBURY

Levi B. Levi Bono left last night on a trip to Alberta.

Miss Maggie Dupuis, who has been visiting her mother here, returned to Chatham on Sunday.

Dr. Mills is on a business trip to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Scarff are attending a dance in Chatham this evening.

Miss Lydia Bono, who has been visiting relatives here the past week, returned to Maidstone yesterday.

Dressed hogs are worth \$5.75. Reserved seats for the great opera Robin Hood in Chatham on Friday evening can be procured by dropping a post card to Lieut. J. S. Turner, Chatham.

DR. A. W. THORNTON

DENTIST.

Has removed to his new office, corner King and Fifth Streets, over A. L. Moulton's Drug Store.

Residence 516.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Feb. 9.—11 a. m.—Moderate winds, fair and decidedly cold to-day and Wednesday.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BORN.

WEBB—On Jan. 4, 1904, at Grand Rapids, Mich., to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Webb, a daughter.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Matthew Wilson, K. C., is in Toronto on legal business.

M. Philips, of Wallacburg, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

George W. Orchard, of Windsor, spent yesterday with his Chatham friends.

E. A. Drake, of Windsor, an old Chatham boy, is spending a couple of days in town.

Mr. Fleming, of Chatham, was removed to St. Joseph's hospital yesterday seriously ill.

Don't forget the Lace and Embroidery Sale at Thibodeau & Jacques.

Conductor Sam Pierce's train from the north was two hours and a quarter late this morning. His engine broke down at Whitehead.

Thomas Russell, who has been spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. A. T. Mounter, left to-day for his home in Tilbury Centre.

Waist, Skirt and Coat Makers, also Apprentices for the Dress Making and Millinery Work Rooms, wanted at Thibodeau & Jacques.

Electrician F. F. Hayes is making elaborate preparations for electrical effects for the opera Robin Hood. He being assisted by his staff, C. S. B. Gart, Fred. Sheldrick, and Duke Kol-fage.

John Hendershott, who left last fall for New Mexico in search of health, has returned to the city. He enjoyed his trip very much and says that his health is much improved. He looks much better than when he left.

"ROBIN HOOD"

A full rehearsal of all interested in the production of the opera "Robin Hood" will be held this evening, commencing at eight o'clock, sharp, in the Grand Opera House. A full attendance is specially requested.

HONOR THEIR COMRADE

A representative gathering of the officers and members of the Chatham Football Club assembled at Northwood's cafe last evening, where an impromptu supper was tendered to W. McKenzie-Messer, for the past two seasons manager and star forward of the team, who leaves to-day to take up his residence in Hespeler.

Former Captain and President Frank D. Laurie presided and around the festive board were seated W. McK. Messer, Captain C. B. Saisons, H. W. Anderson, S. J. Courtney, R. Will Angus, A. Elison, Lindsay Parrott, W. A. Bortart, A. T. McCall, A. H. VonGuten, Jos. Tilt and many others.

After justice had been done to the good things provided Mr. Laurie, in a short address on behalf of the Club, expressed the esteem and regard in which Mr. Messer was always held by the Club, after which Captain Saisons formally presented him with a handsome pair of gold engraved cuff links.

Mr. Messer made a feeling and appropriate response, expressing his gratitude and appreciation.

YOUNG'S

We Keep Everything to be Found in a First-Class Grocery, and Everything we Keep is First-Class.

PANCAKES

This is just the weather for them, and if you buy our Eastern Buckwheat Flour and Quebec Maple Syrup you will have the finest.

Down East Buckwheat Flour, 8 lbs. for 25c.

Self Rising, in packages, 15c.

Self Rising Corn Flour, in packages, 15c.

A new preparation and very popular.

Quebec Maple Syrup—Nothing Better. Look at our price, 25c. quart.

Fleischmann's Yeast Cakes always fresh.

POTATOES

Good dry, free from frost. Buy now. Our price \$1.15 per bag. And as we told you before, they will be still higher.

Geo. A. Young
OUR GROCER. PHONE 157

RE-OPENING SERVICES

A tea meeting and concert was given last evening in connection with the Methodist church at Northwood, of which Rev. O. W. Down is pastor.

Excellent improvements have been made in the church and the re-opening was held Sunday and last night.

A number from the city attended.

They were Mr. McArthur, chairman, Rev. Mr. Malott, of Victoria avenue Methodist church, and Miss Evelyn O. Barassin, elocutionist.

CURLING

A very interesting game of curling was played on the rink last evening between two local teams. The game, which lasted for 14 ends, was quite exciting and the score was close. The following were the teams:

Bank No. 1.—J. W. Aitken, J. Stevens, Mounter and Capt. Willis Craft, skip—9.

Bank No. 2.—A. B. McCoig, J. G. Kerr, Jno. McCoig and Geo. Fielder, skip—8.

The White Sewing Machine, guaranteed for twenty years. Geo. Stephens.



Damaged by Water

The rain Saturday Night having flooded our Underwear Section, we offer at

The Gordon Store

A LOT OF

Women's Underwear
Girl's Underwear,
Men's Underwear
at Half-Price.

And a Lot of Wet Colored Muslins 3 1-2 to 12 1-2c per yd, While They Last.

Gordon's White Fair

OUR ANNUAL SALE OF

Ladies Undermuslins and Embroideries

OPENS MONDAY, FEB. 8 We devote special efforts to make this a marked event to be remembered all through the year. In our Whitewear offerings you will find Good Taste, Good Values for Good Customers.

SKIRTS.



A good Plain White Skirt with tucks and frills at 50c.

No. 1, extra special, is a Cambric Skirt, 18 inch, lawn frill, two rows of lace insertion and lace ruffle, length 38 to 44, at \$1.

No. 2, extra special, a Lonsdale Skirt, 24 in. frill, 6 rows of Valencia insertion and lace frill and dust frill at \$1.98.

White Cambric Skirts, lace frill, hemstitched and embroidery trimmed, \$1.24, also a lace trimmed skirt, a match for the above, at \$1.25.

White Cambric Skirts, 15 inch muslin flounce, 2 rows of muslin embroidery, frilled and tucked, at \$1.33, also a 10 inch flounce skirt, cluny lace trimming, at \$1.33.

Lonsdale Skirt, 18 inch flounce and groups of tucks, wide insertion frill and dust frill, at \$1.80.

A beauty Cambric Skirt, Lawn flounce, 2 frills of embroidery and insertion and dust ruffle, \$2.72.

Children's Skirts and Drawers

Night Robes

We begin as usual with good tasty Night Robes, lace or embroidery trimmed at 50c and 75c.

Dollar Specials

No. 1—A tucked yoke robe, V shaped neck, embroidery trimmed neck and sleeves, at \$1.

No. 2—A high neck robe, trimmed with insertion and edging around yoke and sleeves, \$1.00.

\$1.25 Specials

Two of the nicest lines in stock of Robes—one with all-over embroidery yoke—the other with tucked yoke—sleeves and yoke trimmed with fine embroidery frills \$1.25.

Empress Night Robes of Lonsdale, fine embroidery trimmed, V shaped neck and lace and insertion trimmed with ribbon, etc., at \$1.33.

Marguerite Gowns of fine Nainsook, tucked yoke, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, beadings and ribbon, \$1.60.

Fine Cambric Gowns at \$1.50, \$2, \$2.75, \$2.95, \$3, 3.50 and \$4.50. Better values than last season.

Something New.

A special Nainsook Robe with handkerchief yoke, neck and sleeves trimmed with embroidery or fine lace insertions and ribbon, at \$2.95.

Children's Cute Short Nainsook Dresses.

Trimmed with tucks, flounces, hemstitching, etc., \$1.

All sizes Children's Dresses from 75c up, and full lines of

Embroideries

A full stock in great variety from 3c to \$1 per yard. Insertion to match.

Corset Covers.

Marguerites, made of wide embroidered flouncing and ribbon trimmed, very natty 50c.

Cambric Corset Covers with full front, tight fitting back, embroidery trimmed neck and sleeves, 50c.

A better Cambric Cover, trimmed with embroidery, beading and ribbon, 72 Cents.

India Linen Corset Covers. 6 groups of hemstitched tucks with embroidery, beading and ribbon, \$1.50.

Four different styles of good corset covers at 25 Cents.

Drawers.

2 special lines of Drawers, different styles, at 25c.

Drawers with Lawn flounce, Valenciennes lace trimming and drawers trimmed with groups of tucks and embroidery flounce, 50c.

Drawers with groups of hemstitched tucks, embroidered flounce. 72c.

Cambric Drawers, groups of tucks and cluny lace flounce, 85c.

Fine Nainsook Drawers, 9 in. flounce with two rows fine Valenciennes lace, price \$1.

Lonsdale Drawers, lawn flounce lace medallion, trimmed and lace frills at \$1.33.

LACES.

Largest stock, latest designs, lowest prices in the city.

Lace Insertions.

Special Whitewear Offerings This Month.

WILLIAM GORDON

Everybody Sells School Shoes at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

First-Class

School Shoes Here Cost

\$1.00

\$1.25

\$1.50

\$1.75

according to the age of the boy or girl

THEY are worth having.

GEO. W. COWAN.

CAN MAKE MEN SOUND AND STRONG

Detroit Specialist Discovers Something Entirely New for the Cure of Men's Diseases in Their Homes.

You Pay Only if Cured

Requires No Money Unless He Cures You—Method and Full Particulars Sent Free—Write For It This Very Day

A Detroit specialist who has 14 certificates and diplomas from medical colleges and boards, has perfected a startling method of curing the diseases of men in their own homes; so that there may be no doubt in the mind of any man that he has



DR. S. GOLDBERG,
The Possessor of 14 Diplomas and Certificates
Who Wants No Money That He Does Not Earn.

Both the method and the ability to do as he says, Dr. Goldberg, the discoverer, will send the method entirely free to all men who send him their name and address. He wants to hear from men who have suffered from such diseases as: gonorrhea, venereal disease, prostate trouble, sexual weakness, varicocele, testicular trouble, blood poisoning, hydrocele, inflammation of the testis, impotence, etc. His wonderful method not only cures the condition itself, but like wise all the complications, such as rheumatism, bladder or kidney trouble, heart disease, nervous debility, etc.

The doctor realizes that it is one thing to make claims and another thing to back them up, so he has made it a rule not to ask for money unless he cures you, and when you are cured he feels sure that you will willingly pay him a small fee. It would seem, therefore, that it is to the best interests of every man who suffers in this way to write the doctor confidentially and lay your case before him. He sends the method, as well as many booklets on the subject, including the one that contains the 14 diplomas and certificates, entirely free. Address him at once.

Dr. S. Goldberg, 208 Woodward Ave., Room P
St. Paul, Minn., and it will be immediately sent you free.

This is something entirely new and well worth knowing about. Write at once.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.

Ladies' Favorite. Is the only safe, reliable regulator on which woman can depend "in the hour and time of need."

Prepared in two degrees of strength, No. 1 and No. 2. No. 1—For ordinary cases. No. 2—For special cases—10 degrees of strength.

Send your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other on all pills, mixtures and imitations are numerous. No. 1 and No. 2 are sold and recommended by all druggists in the Dominion of Canada. Mailed to any address on receipt of five and four cent postage stamps. The Cook Company, Windsor, Ont.

No. 1 and No. 2 are sold in Chatham by all Druggists.

HIS

Young wife was almost distracted for he would not stay a night at home. He had his LAUNDRY done by us, and now he ceases any more to come.

Paterson Steam Laundry Co.

TELEPHONE 20.

STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

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Branches and agents at all principal points in Canada, U. S. and Great Britain. Drafts issued and notes discounted. Savings Bank Department (which may be withdrawn without delay) received and interest allowed thereon at the highest current rates.

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Capital (all paid up) \$13,379,240. Reserves 9,000,000. Drafts bought and sold. Collections made on favorable terms. Interest allowed on deposits at current rates in Savings Bank Department, on deposit receipts.

DOUGLAS GLASS,
Manager Chatham Branch.

Divers Reasons

For washing your washing to us could be given. All can be summed up, however, in these words—"IT IS DONE RIGHT."

No question about that. We have perfect facilities, competent help and the desire to please. There are all put to good use on every bundle of work that comes into the

Chatham Steam Laundry,

and the result is seen in the spotless condition and fine finish of each piece.

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The people who are unable to make a living are most expert at making

CASE II3

By...
Emile
Gaboriau

This answer seemed to disconcert M. Verduret. So many precautions taken in sending the letter disturbed him and disarranged his plans.

"Do you think you would recognize the porter again?"

"Yes, monsieur, if I saw him."

"How much do you gain a day as a porter?"

"I don't exactly know, but I have a good stand. I suppose I make from 8 to 10 francs a day."

"Very well, I will give you 10 francs a day if you will go about and look for the porter who brought this letter. Every evening at 8 o'clock come to the Archangel, on the Quai St. Michel, give me a report of your search and receive your pay. Ask for M. Verduret. If you find our man, I will give you 50 francs. Will you do it?"

"I think I will, monsieur."

"Then don't lose a minute. Go on."

Although ignorant of M. Verduret's plans, Prosper began to comprehend the sense of his investigations. His fate depended upon their success, and yet he almost forgot this in his admiration of this singular man.

"Monsieur," said Prosper when the porter had left the room, "do you still think you see in this affair the hand of a woman?"

"More than ever, and a pious woman, too, and a woman who has two prayer books, since she could mutilate one to write to you."

"And you hope to find the cut book?"

"A great deal of hope, thanks to the opportunity I have of making an immediate search, which I will set about at once."

Saying this, he sat down and rapidly scratched off a few lines on a slip of paper, which he folded up and put in his vest pocket.

"Are you ready to go to M. Fauvel's? Yes? Come on, then. We have certainly earned our breakfast today."

CHAPTER VIII.

WHEN Raoul de Lagors spoke of M. Fauvel's extraordinary dejection, he had not exaggerated. Since the fatal day when, upon his denunciation, his cashier had been arrested the banker had been a prey to the most gloomy melancholy and absolutely refused to take any interest in business affairs. He who had always been so domestic did not mingle with his family except at meals, when he would swallow a few mouthfuls and hastily leave the room. Shut up in his study, he would see no one.

The day of Prosper's release, about 3 o'clock, M. Fauvel was, as usual, seated in his study, with his elbows resting on the table and his face buried in his hands, when his office boy rushed in with a frightened look.

"Monsieur, the former cashier, M. Bertomy, is here with a friend. He says he must see you on business."

The banker started.

"Prosper!" he cried in a voice choked by anger. "How does he dare?"

Then remembering that he ought to control himself before his servant, he waited a few moments and said in a tone of forced calmness:

"Ask them to wait in."

If M. Verduret had counted upon witnessing a strange and affecting sight, he was not disappointed. Nothing could be more terrible than the attitude of these two men as they stood confronting each other. The banker's face was almost purple with suppressed anger, as if about to be struck by apoplexy. Prosper was pale and motionless. They stood glaring at each other. M. Verduret curiously watched them with the indifference and cool-

ness of a philosopher who in the most violent outbursts of human passion merely sees subjects for study. Finally, the silence becoming more and more threatening, he decided to break it by speaking to the banker.

"I suppose, monsieur, you know that my young friend has just been released from prison."

"Yes," replied M. Fauvel, making an effort to control himself—"yes, for want of sufficient proof."

"Precisely, monsieur, and this want of proof, as stated in the decision of 'not proved,' ruins his prospects and compels him to leave here at once for America."

At this information M. Fauvel's features relaxed as if relieved.

"Ah, he is going away," he said.

There was no mistaking the resentful, almost insulting intonation of the words "going away."

"It appears to me," continued M. Verduret, "that Prosper's determination is a wise one. I merely wished him before leaving Paris to come and pay his respects to his former chief."

The banker smiled bitterly.

"M. Bertomy," he replied, "might have spared us both this painful meeting. I have nothing to say to him, and of course he can have nothing to say to me."

This was a formal dismissal, and M. Verduret, understanding it thus, bowed to M. Fauvel, accompanied by Prosper, who had not spoken a word.

When they reached the street, Prosper recovered the use of his tongue.

"I hope you are satisfied, monsieur," he said in a gloomy tone. "You exacted this painful step, and I could only acquiesce. Have I gained anything by adding this humiliation to the others?"

"I have," replied M. Verduret. "I could find no way of gaining access to M. Fauvel save through you, and now I have found out what I wanted to know. I am convinced that M. Fauvel had nothing to do with the robbery."

"Oh, monsieur," objected Prosper, "innocence can be feigned."

"Certainly, but not to this extent. And this is not all. I wished to find out if M. Fauvel would be accessible to certain suspicions. Now I can say 'Yes.'"

Prosper and his companion had stopped to talk more at their ease near the corner of LaFite street. In the middle of a large space which had lately been cleared by pulling down an old house, M. Verduret seemed to be anxious and was constantly looking around as if he expected some one. He soon uttered an exclamation of satisfaction. At the other end of the vacant space he saw Cavallion, who was running bareheaded and so excited that he did not even stop to shake hands with Prosper, but said to M. Verduret:

"They have gone, monsieur."

"How long since?"

"About a quarter of an hour ago."

"The dence they did! Then we have not a minute to lose."

He handed Cavallion the note he had written some hours before at Prosper's house.

"Here, send him this and then return at once to your desk. You might be missed. It was very imprudent in you to come out without your hat."

Little Cavallion ran off as quickly as he had come. Prosper was stupefied.

"What?" said he. "You know Cavallion?"

"So it seems," answered M. Verduret, with a smile. "But we have no time to talk. Make haste."

M. Verduret suddenly stopped before a door bearing the number 81. He led the way up the steps and stopped on the second floor before a door over which was a large sign—"Dressmaker."

A handsome bellhop hung on the wall, but M. Verduret did not touch it. He tapped with the ends of his fingers in a peculiar way, and the door instantly opened as if some one had been watching for his signal on the other side—a woman of about forty. She quietly ushered M. Verduret and Prosper into a neat dining room with several doors opening into it.

"Well?" he said by a look. She bowed affirmatively.

"Yes."

"In there?" asked M. Verduret in a low tone, pointing to one of the doors.

"No," said the woman in the same tone; "over there in the little parlor."

M. Verduret opened the door pointed out and pushed Prosper into the little parlor, whispering as he did so:

"Go in and keep steady."

But this injunction was useless. The instant he cast his eyes around the room into which he had been pushed without any warning Prosper exclaimed:

"Madeleine!"

It was indeed M. Fauvel's niece, looking more beautiful than ever. Standing in the middle of the room near a table covered with silks and satins, she was arranging a skirt of red velvet embroidered in gold—the dress she was to wear as maid of honor to Catherine de Medici. At sight of Prosper the blood rushed to her face, and her beautiful eyes half closed, as if she were about to faint. She supported herself by the table to keep from falling. Her weakness lasted but a moment, and the soft expression of her eyes changed to one of haughty resentment. In an offended tone she



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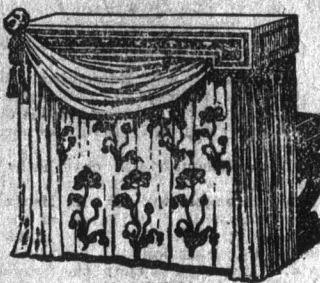
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"One day a pupil of mine, a wealthy society woman who had taken up tone culture as a mere fad, heard this dressmaker speak. 'There!' she exclaimed. 'I want you to teach me to speak like that.' 'I only wish I could, madam,' I replied. 'But why not?' she insisted. 'Isn't it just a trick of managing the chest tones?' 'No, madam,' I said. 'Those are not mere chest tones; they come from the heart.'"

Choosing a Husband.

Parents begin too late to tutor their girls in the choosing of husbands. They wait until they have fallen in love. The best way to make our girls choose men of character is to instill character into our girls. Not only does this method enable them to recognize character when it is present and feel its absence when it is lacking, but it creates the taste for character and the desire to be associated with it. Parents often consider their duty to their daughter fulfilled when they see to it that she marries the right sort of man. But marrying the right sort of man does not insure married happiness. Marriage means new responsibilities for girls, and happy marriage means the fulfillment of those responsibilities. The parents who would direct their daughters' choice in marriage should direct their education not only toward the wise choosing of husbands, but so that they shall justify the choice of worthy men, not necessarily rich or titled men, but men of character and the ability to make them happy.—Collier's Weekly.

Mirrors.

In the mirrors of today the light is reflected by a layer of silver or an amalgam of tin, but a proportion of light is lost in the process of reflection, and the image is less luminous than the original. The value of a looking glass is usually estimated by the thickness of the glass, because the thicker it is the stronger it must be. But, speaking scientifically, thick glasses are defective because the outlines of the image reflected are less clearly defined. An ideal mirror is one with a perfectly flat surface. But it is only possible to obtain this result in comparatively small glasses. The larger glasses do not reflect a true image because it is not possible to make them quite flat.

The Cooking.

No housekeeper ought to be satisfied with any but the very best cooking. If children and servants don't do the work properly she should quietly insist on its being done. Order and system mean the stopping of waste and the practice of economy. It requires good brain food, and the man or woman who habitually sits down to badly cooked or scanty dinners fights the battle at a great disadvantage.

White Plumage.

To clean white plumage, wash them thoroughly in dry, finely pulverized starch. To clean black, blue, green, brown, yellow, gray or red plumage, wash them thoroughly in alcohol, let them dry perfectly, and then curl them with a feather curler or a small dull knife.

LONDON'S GRASSHOPPER.

For Nearly Three and a Half Centuries a Famous Landmark.

The golden grasshopper on the tower of the Royal Exchange has been for nearly three and a half centuries a London landmark as familiar as the cross on St. Paul's or the dragon on Bow church steeple.

Sir Thomas Gresham, a royal agent in three successive reigns, founded the exchange in the reign of Elizabeth. He erected at his own expense a beautiful structure in the Flemish style of architecture, with shops on the first floor. A bell tower crowned by a huge grasshopper stood on one side of the chief entrance. The bell in this tower summoned the merchants at 12 o'clock noon and 6 o'clock evening. During the great fire of 1666 the building was totally destroyed. The statues of kings and queens which ornamented the corridors were precipitated into the enormous cellars and with them the tower and grasshopper.

Gresham was loyally loved by the metropolis, and his generous services were not forgotten. From the mountain of debris the grasshopper was rescued, and it was placed—above a lofty vane of gilt brass—above the new dome supported by eight Corinthian columns, and to this hour it swings to the points of the compass, perpetuating the sign and crest of the Gresham family. The old clock in this tower had four dials and chimed four times daily, on Sunday, the One Hundred and Fourth Psalm; on Monday, "God Save the King"; on Tuesday, "Waterloo March"; on Wednesday, "There's Nae Luck About the House"; on Thursday, "See, the Conquering Hero Comes"; on Friday, "Life Let Us Cheerish"; and on Saturday, "Foot Guards' March." In 1888 fire again devastated the stately building, beginning soon after 10 at night, and by next morning the clock tower alone was standing. It is significant that the last air played by the chimes before they went crashing through the tower roof, crushing the entrance arch below, was "There's Nae Luck About the House," then the eight bells ceased their clanging.

The grasshopper was unharmed and to this day remains, eleven feet of shimmering metal, looking down from its perch 108 feet above the busy streets.—Julian King Colford in St. Nicholas.

APHORISMS.

Mirth cannot move a soul in agony.—Shakespeare.
Candor is the rarest virtue of sociability.—Sternau.
No circumstances can repair a defect of character.—Emerson.
Cheerfulness is an offshoot of goodness and of wisdom.—Bovee.
Bad men excuse their faults; good men will leave them.—Johnson.
There are plenty of acquaintances in the world, but very few real friends.—J. F. Davis.
Charity and personal force are the only investments worth anything.—Walt Whitman.
It is generally more profitable to reckon up our defects than to boast of our attainments.—Carlyle.
A man cannot have an idea of perfection in another which he was never sensible of in himself.—Steele.
Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul, and the heart of man knoweth none more fragrant.—Hosae Ballou.

Twice Declined.

The invitation list of the governor general of Canada is made out strictly in accordance with precedent, but is not kept up to date always, the aid who has to send the invitations out, generally an Englishman or Scotchman, not always being an acourant with changes on the list.
The late Sir Antoine Dorion, chief justice of Quebec, was once invited to some function, as was proper, but Lady Dorion, who was dead, was invited likewise. Sir Antoine accepted for himself, but declined for her ladyship, on the ground that she was in the cemetery. The next year, however, the same mistake was made; so the old judge wrote back to the aid-de-camp in waiting:
"Sir Antoine Dorion accepts, etc., but her ladyship being still in St. Anne's cemetery Sir Antoine is compelled again to decline the invitation for her."

Another Name For It.

The veterinary made a critical examination of the ailing steer. Here and there, wherever the demarcation of a bone was visible, he attempted to pinch the skin. But it would not work. "What is the matter with it?" asked the owner of the steer. "He has what would be called 'conservation' in a man. But as he is only a dumb brute we say he is hidebound."

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Her Idea of It.

Mrs. Noorich—That picture's one of the old masters'. Norah (the new maid)—Well, it can't be of any value, ma'am, or sure he'd 'av' taken it wid him when he moved.

For Good.

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The darkness that is permitted to envelop this city at night was the subject for considerable discussion at the city council meeting last night.

Ald. Mounter said that owing to the scarcity of coal in the city, the electric lights were not being allowed to burn their full capacity upon the city streets. There was plenty of coal at Blenheim and for the expenditure of a few dollars coal could be secured from Blenheim. The plant was lying idle and the men were drawing their salaries for doing nothing, all for the want of a little coal. Saturday night the absence of the lights was a serious matter. Ald. Edmondson had conferred with the City Engineer in regard to this matter. There was only a certain amount of coal at the electric light station—about enough to last till Wednesday—and it was thought best to husband it for the use of the waterworks department in case a fire should break out. Of the two evils, they had decided to take the least.

Mayor McKeough reported that Gen. Supt. Woollett had given his assurance that he was doing all he could to get coal.

Ald. Piggott asked how the waterworks plant was run. Traffic had been tied up about ten days and they were out of coal.

Mayor McKeough said that the Lake Erie had the coal contract. They kept the city supplied last year during the strike and had always fulfilled their contracts satisfactorily.

Ald. Mounter suggested that teams be secured and coal hauled from Blenheim.

Ald. Piggott said that Gen. Agent Wilson had assured him that if teams

were sent out that all the coal the city wanted could be secured.

Ald. Westman thought that the assurance of the Lake Erie that coal was coming was sufficient.

Ald. Mounter said that it was a well-known fact that all the factories in the city were shy of coal and a matter of four or five cars wouldn't go very far.

Dr. Tye stated that it was impossible to haul coal from Blenheim. He had been out that way to-day and had waded through two feet of water. The matter then dropped.

Ald. McKeough said that, in reference to the alleyway which the council had taken proceedings to open up that he had an offer from Mr. Ross in writing for the purchase of the right of way across his property. The council had passed a resolution offering Mr. Ross \$200 and, if he refused ordering appropriation proceedings. Mr. Ross asked \$300, and the proceedings would cost the difference. Ald. McKeough moved that the former resolution be rescinded and that Mr. Ross be paid \$300. The motion carried.

Mayor McKeough remarked that Mr. Ross be paid \$300. The motion carried.

Mayor McKeough remarked that what Ald. McKeough called an alleyway would in future be known as Jahne street.

The matter of opening up the street, completing the purchase, etc., was referred to the Board of Works.

Ald. Edmondson moved that the city engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for a 12-inch sewer from Head street, west to the city limits and that the writ

ten opinion of the city solicitor be obtained as to the legality of the council undertaking the work as per resolution of the Board of Health.—Carried.

Ald. Westman moved that a telephone be put in the Crown Attorney's residence as per request of the police commissioners.—Carried.

Ald. Westman said that there were still two miles or more of the old waterworks main leading to the Raleigh well still in the ground. The pipe was 10-in. cast iron. At the lowest market price the pipe is worth \$35 a ton, or about \$10,000. It could be taken up for a little over \$2,500 and disposed of leaving a nice balance for the city. Even if sold for second hand pipe, the city would get \$4,000 out of it and, if sold as scrap iron, the city would make \$1,000.

Ald. Marshall said that this matter was in the hands of the Water Commissioners.

Ald. Westman said that the pipe belonged to the city, and it was time that they had the money out of it.

Ald. McKeough said that it was all right for Ald. Westman to bring the matter up, but the city had enough chance to get in trouble with the Water Commissioners. He agreed that the pipe was better up.

Ald. Westman moved that the matter should be referred to the water commissioners, they and the Property Committee to consider the matter of taking up the pipe.—Carried.

Ald. Mounter understood that the Water Coms. were taking up the pipe as they needed it.

The Mayor stated that during the past year the committee of the City Council had met with the Property Committee re the acceptance of the heating apparatus. It was expected that the city would pay one-quarter and the County Council three-quarters of the cost. The agreement as to permanent improvements was fixed in the deed of land. The County Council wanted the city to pay a larger share. The Committee on the Finance Committee in regard to the matter. The Mayor referred the matter to the Finance Committee to arrange a date of meeting.

Mayor McKeough asked the Finance Committee if they had considered the exits to the opera house.

Ald. Marshall replied that he had called on the city solicitor but he had nothing definite to report yet.

Ald. McKeough moved that the tenders be opened.

D. R. McGavin offered \$25.50 per m. f. o. b. Chatham.

E. J. Campbell asked \$34 per m. f. o. b. Chatham, and \$25 per m. for elm.

Ald. Piggott said that the tender for oak at \$34 per m. was the best value.

Ald. McKeough asked that the tenders be referred to the Board of Works. He said it would cost a lot of money to replank the bridges at these prices.

Ald. Piggott—About \$1,500.

Mayor McKeough—What?

Ald. McKeough—That's right. When you figure in nails, labor, etc., it will take pretty near that amount.

Ald. McKeough asked if there were any objections to having the taxes collected twice a year.

City Clerk Merritt—it would require a full assessment.

This matter was then dropped.

Ald. Marshall said that Chatham had the best city clerk in Ontario. The Auditor had praised his work. The alderman introduced a by-law increasing his salary from \$1,400 to \$1,500.

Ald. Mounter thought that this was a good move. The clerk was not paid as much as his predecessor, and besides paid his own office assistants. He was an exceptionally able and competent official.

A by-law appointing William Anderson to the Public Library Board was also passed.

Ald. Marshall for the Finance Committee moved in favor of paying The Planet accounts \$79 in all and also the fee for membership in the Union of Canadian Municipalities.

Re the communication of the Dominion Paving Co., asking for balance due them, that Mr. VanVlack and John Kenna be accepted as sureties and the balance paid.

Re the extension of the city limits, at the present time, it was not deemed advisable to take any action.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Edmondson, for the property committee recommended the discontinuance of the tower watch.

Re request of John Singleton et al re scales for weighing live stock, that no action be taken at present.

Re request of the city treasurer for more shelving, that the request be granted.

That the account of the Public Library Board, \$36, be paid.

The report was adopted.

The clause in reference to the weighing of the live stock created considerable discussion.

Ald. Edmondson said that the Property Committee didn't deem it wise to do anything until the market was remodelled.

Ald. McKeough said that personally he knew a number of buyers who had taken their cattle to other places to have them weighed, because there were no facilities here. Farmers in the country had better facilities than we have.

Ald. Westman said that the Property committee had no intention of shelving the matter for any length of time. They agreed that something should be done. If the wishes of the cattle men were met, larger scales were needed.

Ald. McKeough suggested that the report be worded a little more encouragingly. James Ross had stated to him that cattle were taken from within three miles of Chatham all the way to Tilbury to be weighed.

Ald. Mounter considered it of the utmost importance that something should be done. The present scale was unsuitable and a large outlay was not required to meet the demands of the cattle men.

Ald. Westman said that the stockmen claimed that the present scale was not adequate, and if the Council were going to do anything they might as well do it right.

Ald. Mounter replied that the scale in use was quite large enough.

Ald. Edmondson said that the im-

provements couldn't be made for less than \$1,000.

Ald. Westman said that the Property committee was not shelving the matter. There was also the weighing of coal to be considered.

Ald. McKeough said that Walter Leithbridge called on him and desired permission to add to his barn within the fire limits.

Ald. McKeough moved that the Property committee be empowered to look into the matter.—Carried.

Ald. Edmondson moved that Albert Cable be heard. He said that the citizens had subscribed \$75, Harwich \$25 and the County \$25 towards securing a new pair of artificial legs to replace the ones he now has. He needed \$25 more.

On motion of Ald. Edmondson the matter was referred to the ladies of the Home with a recommendation that it be given their favorable consideration.

Mayor McKeough said that he had been served with a writ on Feb. 5 asking damages for H. E. Moffat for infringement of a patent in connection with a heater in use at the electric light station.

Ald. Piggott said that the heater was put in in 1898 by Cowan & Co., a responsible firm, and they had agreed to protect the city.

Ald. Marshall moved that the writ be headed over to the city solicitor with instructions to have Cowan & Co. added as co-defendants.—Carried.

The residents of Alfred street petitioned for a name sign on their street. Referred to Board of Works.

The Dowsley Co. sent a check for \$988, being their second annual payment of \$1,000, less \$12 paid for a water meter. Referred to Finance.

The city solicitor reported that he had forwarded the petition for the bill to consolidate the debt of the city of Chatham, to Toronto, and had paid \$100 for the printing of the bill. Received.

A motion was passed in favor of the city solicitor for \$100.

Chief Britchard recommended the appointment of John E. Graham to fill the place of Hector Johnson, promoted. Received.

The following accounts were passed:

Administration of Justice, \$1,081.48.
The Planet, \$17.
R. C. school, \$400.
A. W. Merritt, \$2.
W. H. Gomer, \$5.
G. W. Sulman, \$11.75.
J. Somers, \$10.45.
C. Pryor, 50 cents.
Pay sheets, two weeks, \$141.19.
Dominion Paving Co., \$79.
Park Bros., \$5.22.
Blonde Co., \$1,822.
Robert Riddell, \$2.88.
Waterworks department, \$198.29.
Colonel Martin, \$3.50.
J. L. Scott, \$5.95.
Park Bros., 50 cents.
I. O. O. F., \$10.

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IN THE HOSPITALS.

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