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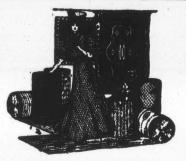
Athens, Leeds County, Ontario, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1906.

G. F. Donnelley, Publisher

BROCKVILLE'S GREATEST STORE

CONTINUES TILL DECEMBER 31ST

This December house furnishing sale affords an unprecedented opportunity to select high grade home furnishings at substantial saving. Everything in Housefurnishings reduced.—rugs, mats, curtains, table covers, quilts, blankets, cushions and all housefurnishing goods If you need a new carpet or some house furnishings there is a real saving in dollars if you buy this month. Come soon, the rush days are here.



CARPETS UNDER PRICE

Everything in carpets at sale prices. Buy now Wool Filled Carpet—yard wide, reversible, extra value, regular price 60c yard, sale price.

All Wool Carpet—one pi ce only, yard wide, reversible, very special at regular price of 60c yard, sale price.

All Wool Carpets—best three ply yarns, regular price of 50c yard, sale price.

All wool Carpets—best three ply yarns, regular prices \$1.00 and 90c yd, sale price.

Axminster Carpet — One piece choice Axminster in stair design, reg. price \$1.75 yard, sale price.... Brussels Carpets — several choice patterns in rich colorings, regular price \$1.00 yard, sale price....

## Note These Great Snaps

Nottingham Lace Curtains—19 pairs, fine patterns, 84 yards x 52 inches, regular price \$1.25 pair, sale price...... Curtain Peles—five feet long with brass or wood trimmings, regular price 25c each complete, sale price. Mats-25 good floor mats, all sizes and kinds, were \$1.90, \$1.75, \$1.19 Table Covers—English tapestry goods, good designs and color-ings, \$5.00 line for \$3.39, \$4,00 ones for \$2.89, \$2.50 line for \$1.75, and \$2.50 ones for...

Scotch Oilcloth—Nairn's high grade heavy goods, 2 yards wide, floral or tile designs, regular price 30c square yard, sale price. 22½c Inlaid Lincleums—4 pieces, heavy, inlaid patterns, 2 yards wide regular price \$1.00 square yard, sale price. Window Shades—trimmed with insertion and lace, all colors on best spring rollers, regular price 75c each, sale price...... 

## Rugs Sacrificed Greatly

\$30.00 Brussels Rugs—size 32x4 yards, regular price \$28.50 for only..... \$21.00 \$3.35



Robt. Wright & Co.

BROCKVILLE

**ONTARIO** 

# The Star Wardrobe

We invite an inspection of our Fall and Winter Suitings, Trouserings and Overcoatings.

and Gentlemen's Fur Lined Coats a specialty.

M. J. Kehoe

BROCKVILLE



You can do this by getting properly trained for a business career. Learn Book-keeping, Stenography, and Telegraphy as taught by our expert teachers. Catalogue upon request. Fall term just opened. Students enrolled at any time.

Brockville Business College

W. T. Rogers, Principal.

## VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Athens village council met on the 14th, as required by law, to wind up the business of the year. All

After reading and adoption of micu tes, the clerk read the draft of by law to hold municipal and school trustee election for 1907. The by-law read three times and passed.

A large number of bills were read the clerk, among them one from Pierce, Village Engineer, for \$31.75 for money advanced to pay for work on main drain from Victoria to Sarah st. On motion, council declined to asume any responsibility for this work until the award is made showing how much the corporation should pay in connection with the same. A couple of other bills were laid over consideration at an adjourned

On motion, the Formaldehyde Generator, purchased through Lamb Son, was ordered to be left in care of the village treasurer, to be used by the board of health free of charge in connection with any cases inside this corporation and a fee of \$1.00 for each

ase used outside the coporation.
On motion, the time for the collec

or to return his roll was extended ten On motion, the council adjourned to

meet on call of the Reeve to finish up B. LOVERIN, Village clerk.

BROCKVILLE BUSINESS COLLEGE

ousiness.

T. Shells, of Carleton Place, and s students this week.

Next week's change of advertisement was written by one of our stu-We try to encourage our pupils to get original ideas and to put

them in proper form.

J. A. Doucett returned to the college after visiting for a few days at his home near Carleton Place. He is now assisting Mr. Vivian in the commercial dept.

We were pleased during the week to have a call from Mr. Wilson, of Kemptville, an ex-student of our college. He is leaving for Kansas next week to take a government posi-We also received communications from Aaron Stoodley, of Vernon, and J. A. Ross, of Toronto.

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER Recorder: Jr. 4th— Dona Thomp son, Kenneth Rappell, May Danby, Martha King, Irene McLean, Clarence

Athens Public School

4th- Fred Trickey, Jacob, Keitha Purcell, Austin Tribute, Bessio Weeks, Rac Kincvid. Average attendance 80, aggregate 654, percentage 91. H. A. Holmes, Teacher.

Sr. 3rd—Kathleen Massey, Mina Donnelley, Gertrude Weeks, Bessie Cowan, Marjorie Moore, Keith Mo-Laughlin, Roy Mullen Lloyd Earl. Jr. 3rd—John Kelly, Gladys Gainford, Fern Cross, Winona Massey, Charlie Broad, Marion Covey, Eric Dobbs, Grant Darling.

Average attendance 25, aggregate 544, percentage 95.
Minnabel Morris, Teacher.

Jr. 2nd — Marion Cornell, Rose Stinson and Clifford Rockwood, Myrtle Conlin, Norma Massey and Gardem Thompson, Geo. Cowan, Opel Purcell, Alice Patterson, Ira Mulvena, Israel Denby, Damey Hawkins, Ivan Hoy, Clarence Gifford.

Sr. 2nd- Archie Kincaid, Hattie Rockwood, Hazel Holmes, Clare Lillie, Harold Rowsom, Lyons McMachen and Gertie Shaw and Birdie Derbyshire, Mills Johnston, Marion Fergu-

Aggregate 780, average 85, percent-

M. Stinson, Teacher. Sr. Pt. 2nd - Hazel Ferguson, Fior ence Willson, Charlie Poland. Kenneth Watson, Beatrice Brown, Gwendolyne

Jr. Pt. 2nd- Charlie Greenham, Arthur Hawkins, Douglas Johnston, Deibert Layng, Leita Kilborne, Blanch

Sr. 1st— Basil Connerty, George Purcell, Dora Hawkins, Marie Ripley, Muriel Wilson, Kathleen Hoy. Aggregate 571, average 26. percent

Ethel E West, Teacher. Sr. Inter. - Merril Mulveua, Jimmie Hawkins, Lorne Derbyshire, John Donnelley, Earl McChain, Marguerite

Jr. Inter. A- Ivan Piece, Mariam Wilson, Gladys Churchill, Ethel Palm

er, Jackson Kilborn, Aurelia Con Jr. Inter. B-Eva Stevens, Hattie

Hawkins, El-ie Fitzpatrick, Leslie Cowan, Eliza Hawkins, Alton Shaw. Jr.-Archie F rguson, Morden For sythe, Lionel Kelly, Isaac Rockwood, Wesley Lawson, Fred Stevens. Aggregate 831, average 37, percent

Mrs W. Hull, Teacher.

A Leading Commercial School Within a few months the Kingston Business College has placed over One Hundred students in excellent positions. This week eleven applications for office help were received, seven from the business men of Kingston and four from outside firms. This is superior Business Training Institution that attracts the better class of students and prepares them for the positions. Terms moderate Enter at any time. Send for catalogue, and beautiful ruler. H. F. METCALFE, Principal.

## An Important Question

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Editor Reporter:

Dear Sir,—Please inform me through your paper if there is at present any person appointed to look after the fire fighting equipment of our village, as in passing the new fire hall I have noticed panks of snow in front of the doors. This, in my opinion, is a serious matter, for in case of a fire alarm the first thing to be done would be to shovel away the snow; second, as usual, try from twenty minutes to half an hour T. Shells, of Carleton Place, and Jas. Stewart of White Lake enrolled a man paid for this work, I think it is time he attended to it or the council pay some one that will do it.

INTERESTED CITIZEN.

**Facts for Catarrhal Sufferers** 

The mucous membrane lines all the passages and cavities communicating with the exterior.

Catarrh is an excessive secretion eccompanied with chronic inflammation from the mucous membrane. Hood's Sarsaparilla acts on mucous membrane through the blood. reduces inflammation, establishes heal-

thy action and radically cures all case Every requisite in groceries for holiday season at McClary's.

# Christmas Time

Now is the time to make a selection of "HIS" Christmas Gift,—and this is the store where you'll be most apt to find it—Man or boy,—we have things suitable for his Christmas.

## A WISE CHOICE

What could be a wiser selection than one of our "Progress Brand" Suits or Overcoats.

Our Haberdashery or charter is a grand display.

Our elegant Neckwear, choice Gloves, our Shirts, Mufflers, Hardkerchiefs, Fancy Suspenders, Umbrellas, Cuff Buttons. Fancy Vests, and the many other things in Furnishings a man or boy is always wanting, are correct and the best that money can buy.

Smoking Jackets—We have a fine line of "Sample" Smoking Jackets which will sell at 25 PER CENT LESS THAN REGULAR PRICES,—a present so highly prized by every man,

COME HERE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS WANTS -AND YOU'LL FIND EVERYTHING JUST RIGHT.

# BROCKVILLE

# **CHOOSE FURS**

They represent the true generosity and thoughtfulness you are anxious onvey. They will give actual lasting comfort and satisfaction and will more appreciated than anything else.

We make high class Muffs, Scarfs, Ruffs, Jackets, Fur lined Cloaks,

etc. right here and can give you unprecedented values.

Come and see what we have. Come NOW before the great rush.

# Robert Craig & Co.

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# Cut Price Sale

of all our men's boys' and children's clothing in any and every sort—hats and furnishings—all will be offered at cut prices, quietly and reasonably. Without the blare of trumpets, flashes of red fire, or blowing of tin horns, we start this. You know the old adage says

## EMPTY WAGONS ALWAYS MAKE THE MOST

In these days of reckless advertising, when sale commotions are conducted with a multitude of extravagant claims that tax the English language heavily, there is a sort of quiet comfort and an unusual pleasure in read ing our plain announcement. . . . .

Here are a few of our price inducements, plainly put:---5

Men's Overcoats, regular price, \$15.50, \$11.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$14.00, \$15.00 and \$16.00 for \$9.88

Men's Suits, regular price \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00, for..... MEN'S FUR LINED CAPS, regular price 65c, 75c, \$1.00

SMITH'S FALLS AND

\$1.25 and \$1.50, for .....

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Save 15 per cent. by buying at the

Jewelry Parlors

Write for booklet

JAS. D. BAILEY

75 Yonge St. N. E. Cor. King TORONTO

FASHIONS IN COLOR OF HORSES. Chestnut the Most Approved in England Just Now.

With regard to horses used for pleas ure and sport in this country there has generally been a fashion. Probably at the present moment breeders of hackneys are the most particular with regard to color, for t the last hackney show it reneral!- noticed how greatly chestnut horses were in the ascendant. It is possibly the case, too, that a majority of the best stepping horses one sees in the Park are in these days chestnuts; many handsome bays and browns there are, too, but the chestnuts are now almost strongest numerically of those horses which appear to be of purely tackney blood.

Of course, when one sees a smart pair

go quickly past which one is unable to identify, it is impossible to say offhand whether they are true,—that is, stud book-hackney or not; but the breed has much such enormous strides in recent years that it is now possible to guess with a fair amount of certainty which of the horses one sees in the park or in the west end street are stud book Lackneys. Not only have the numbers increased, but so also has the desire to be possessed of these horses, and thus the harness hore of obvious hackney cut is far more in evidence than he was a few years ago. As the light built Vic ceeded the heavy barouche, toria has succeeded the neavy barouche, so has the lighter made stepping horse succeeded the bigger and stronger harness horse of the Cleveland bay or Yorkshire coach horse type; and whereas a generation ago bay was almost certainly e dominating color in the nark, it now hardly more than shares the honors with

Bay and brown are, it need hardly be stated, the commonest colors among all half bred horses, and thus the ordinary pair of general utility carriage horses, possibly good enough and honest nags but with no great pretensions to breeding or action, are as a rule either bay or brown; but if one ignores the ordinary barness horse and only takes cognizance showy trapper, chestnut will be found to have made a great advance This, coupled with the fact that so many of the Islington winners are chestnut certainly suggests that breeders of stud

of teams is no very pronounced, though it is almost certain that every four-inhand driver has some particular fancy in this direction. In the hunting field fashion in color is not much observed, but it is pretty certain that there are nothing like so many good gray horses as there used to be a few years ago. It is seldom that a skewbald or piebald horse is seen in the hunting field, while a roan is rare, and when he is to be found is more often a blue roan than a strawberry roan. As for the decline of the berry roan. As for the decline of the graw this is simply due to the fact that was the truth.—Robert Haddow. there are very few gray sires in the country.— The Field.

CHARLES IL AND HIS WIT. Anteresting Stories Told of the Merry

Monarch's Repartee. The excitement caused by the Hohen-lohe memoirs is by no means over and the emperor has been greatly vexed But William II. is not the first crowned head who has been annoyed by uncomfortable chronicles. Charles II., careless as his nature was, uncomfortable chronicles. had many an uneasy quarter of an hour over the burlesque and pasquinades of his day. The court that included Sir George Etheredge, Sir Charles Sedley, and Thomas Killigrew could scarcely ful to cost its master dear. But, unlike the German emperor, King Charles had a tine ense of humor and found his best defense in the armory of his own satire

and wit. On one occasion Gregorio Leti, an accomplished Milanese, made his appearance at Whitehall. "I hear, Leti," said the king, "you are occupying yourself in writing a history of the English court." Leti admitted that he was collecting materials for such an undertaking. But you must take care that your work gives no offense," his majesty went on. "Sire," replied the Italian, "I will do my best to be careful, but if a man were wise as Solomon he would scarce be able to avoid treading on somebody's toes." "Solomon!" cried Charles. "Be, then, as wise as Solomon. He wrote pro-

verbs and a song—not histories!'

Many anecdotes of King Charles are worth retelling. Possessing real wit himself, he valued it in others. It was the quick response of Colonel Blood when brought before the king to answer for having taken the regalia from the tower that saved the raseal's head. "My father," averred the audacious colonel, "lost a good estate in fighting for the crown; I considered it small harm to try to recover my fortune by the crown." The king called him a bold knave, laughed and granted him pardon, besides giving him a pension for the rest of his worth-fees life.

"I do believe, Shaftesbury," the king aid one day to that unprincipled earl, "that thou art the wickedest fellow in England." "For a subject, sire, I believe I am!" was the impudent reply.

And again Charles laughed.

But the king could be digified on occasion. William Penn, the celebrated quaker, had an audience one day. Thinkquaker, had an audience one day. Thinking to act up to his peculiar ideas even in the royal presence, the man stood there without either looking or removing his hat. The king's rebuke was as characteristic as it was graceful. He took off his own hat and stood uncovered while he listened to Penn.

ed while he listened to Penn.

The future founder of Pennsylvania was rendered terribly uneasy. He hesitated, faltered and quite forgot the thread of his speech. At last he blurted out: "Friend Charles, why dost thou not keep thy hat on thine head?" "Oh, 'tis a mere trifle, for sure," replied the monarch, "but 'tis the custom of this place for only one person to remain covplace for only one person to remain cov-

DUCKS 1,200 MILES AT SEA.

Birds Circle Around Steamship, Taking It for an Island.

The Oceanic Steamship Company's lin er Mariposa, Captain Lawless, arrived from Tahiti with twenty-three passengers and a cargo of tropical products Among the passengers was W. F. Doty, Among the passengers was it. 2007, former American consul at Papeete and recently promoted to represent Uncte Sam in Persia as United States consul. The interests of America in Persia have been represented hitherto by secretary of the British legation at Te-heran, who acted as United States vice-consul whenever necessity arose. This government, however, recently appointed three consuls for Persia, among them Mr. Doty, whose post will be at Fabriz. This is in the same latitude as San Francisco and in control that eisco and is one of the most inaccess consular posts in the world. In journeyconsular posts in the world. In journeying to his new station Consul Doty will have to travel back for 1,500 miles.

On the afternoon of November 9, Cap-

ain Lawless was surprised to see twelve black and white ducks flying overhead.

They came from the eastward. After circling around the Mariposa a number of times, as if they were wondering what kind of an island the liner was, the what kind of an island the liner was, the ducks wheeled into line and resumed their flight, heading due west. The ducks were 1,800 miles from San Francis-

The Truth of Trial.

Falsehood and injustice go together. These men whose lives were false were quite unscrupulous about the measures by which they hoped to accomplish their purpose. Jesus was placed on trial, but the verdict had been settled long before. Three or four months had passed since a council had been held, following the raising of Lazarus, at which Caipahas had boldly voiced the conviction of all that it was necessary for the common good that Jesus should die. It was in the house of Caiaphas the nefarious plot was hatched which culminated in the betrayal by Judas Iscariot. Before this

man as judge, Jesus was now to be tried. man as judge, Jesus was now to be tried.
All the proceedings were of a piece.
The trial at night by the Sanhedrin was illegal, and another session had to be held in the early morning to confirm heid in the early morning to confirm the verdict of the night. Perjury was resorted to as a means of obtaining evi-dence. Jesus, put upon oath by the high vriest, solemnly declares that He is the

Ind. s Growth and Population.

The number of persons to the square nile in India in 1901 (the last census) was 42,390. Of the total of 294,361,05 who constituted the population at the last census, more than 200,000,000 were Hindus. The Christmas number 2 023 241. There was an amazing preponderance of widows over widowers in that country. Of Hindus there were 6,000,000 widowers and 19,000,000 widows and of Mohammedars there were 1,300,000 widows and so on wers and 4,500,000 widows and so on lessing counts and round of form, of with the other races. The taxation per

message which Lieutenant Peary left the pole is very interesting reading, it is in no immediate danger of becom-thumb-marked and dog-eared by in-itive travelers. Dear Mother

Your little times are a constant care in Fall and Winter weather. They will catch cold. Do you know about Shiloh's Consumption Cure, the Lung Tonic, and what it has done for so many? It is said to be the only reliable remedy for all diseases of the air passages in children, it is absolutely harmless and pleasant to take. It is guaranteed to cure or your money is returned. The price is 25c, per bottle, and all dealers in medicine sell 314

SHILOH

No Fly Screens in England. An Englishman who visited the United States during the last summer, when asked what he liked most about the country, promptly replied: "Your fly

"I don't belieev I remember ever having seen a fly screen in England," he continued, "that is, the wire screens that are generally used here. There are a few mosquito bars, made of cotton netting. I don't know why we have not adopted the wire screens that I don't know why we have not snopped the wire screens, for we certainly suffer great annoyance from flies, gnats and mosquitoes. In many kitchens and meat markets fly paper is used, but it is any-

thing but encouraging to the appetite.

"One difficulty, which, however, I suppose could be overcome in the way of introducing wire screens, would be the almost universal use of French windows. These open outward and it might be necessary to place the screens on the incessary to place the screens on the in-side of the windows. Doors, of course, could be easily put up."

You Can't Have a Merry Xmas

If you suffer from Rheumatism Here's Our Holiday Offer At this season of the year we are offering a \$1.00 bottle of our valuable Remedy,

Rheumaticfoe

for 50c. Avail yourself now of this special offer.

Rheumaticfoe is the only medicine that s purely and simply a Rheumatism Cure. t cures Rheumatism by cleansing the lood of those impurities that cause Write to us also for particulars of our "Guaranteed Cure."

NO CURE NO PAY If you are not cured it will cost you nothing. We take all the risk because we are so confident of the value of our

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COUPON. Hope & Hopkins, 1771/2 Yonge St.,

Toronto.

Dear Sirs,—Please send me one \$1.00 bottle of Rheumaticfoe, for which I enclose 50c (15c extra on

Also particulars of your Guaranteed Cure. Name .... Address. Dept. H.

Fast Work on Banana Boats

The cargoes of banana steamers are lischarged in less time than those of oth er sea-going vessels coming into the New er sea-going vessels coming into the money in the banana trade, as in every other, but the banana trade, as in every other, but LINIMENT from time to time for the able. According to size and capacity the steamers in the banana trade carry from 15,000 to 30,000 bunches in a cargo. Messiah and the Son of God. No consideration is given to the possibility of His statement being true. Waiving all deliberation, and with most indecent each side through which cargo can be discharged. At some stages of the work haste. He is adjudged guilty, and con-demned to death, Then, shameful to of discharging a big banana steamer demned to death, Then, snamerul to of discharging a big banana steamer relate, in the very presence of His judges to produce horses of this color.

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SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW.

Plan of the Pacific Coast Securities Company Absolutely Safe

The old idea of "nothing new under the sun" is completely put to flight by the Pacific Coast Securities Company, of Portland, Oregon, in handling the stock of the Sea Island Copper Company. This company, whose officers are business men of hany years' experience, have perfected a plan whereby the investor's money is under his own control and he does not take the stock until earning and accrued dividends are satisfactory. A new booklet, "Something to Set You Thinking." has just been issued for free distribution, and it is valuable to anyone contemplating investment in corporate enterprises.

Moki Beauties.

The average Moki woman is, perhaps pleasing countenance, with beautiful jet with the other races. The taxation per head in India has grown from 75 cents in 1895 to 84 cents in 1905 and the debt has grown in that time from \$085,000.

COD to \$1,155,000,000. The imports rose from \$225,000,000 in 1899 to nearly \$320,000,000 in 1899 to nearly \$320,000,000 in 1905, while the exports in the same period increased from \$365,000, the same period increased from \$365,000.

Message Likely to Last Well.

(Terre Haute Haute Star.) fresh and youthful appearance of the girls make them special objects of interest. They used to be termed "side-wheelers," from their mode of dressing the hair.—Maxwell's Talisman.

Gray's Syrup
Red Spruce Gum

For Coughs and Colds.

CURIOUS PLIGHT OF TOPPESFIELD English Village With 93 Girls and Only ar Boys in Its School.

The rural village of Toppesfield, in North Essex, has become prominent on account of a remarkable phenomena in the births recorded there.

During the last decade the great preponds ance of girls born in the parish over boys has been noticed, and at the present moment the scholars attending the village school comprise ninety-three girls but only eleven boys. In consequence of this the county education authority is contemplating the substitution of a schoolmistress for the present schoolmaster.

But among those belonging to the place the present state of affairs has aroused considerable concern, and the question is being asked where the farm laborers of the future are to come from if matters the future are to come from if matters do not change. The medical officer for the district has been consulted, but he can ascribe no cause for the greater number of girls.—London Chronical er of girls.-London Chro

HOW IT SPREADS

The first package of Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid (the infallible Pile cure) that was put out went to a small town in It eured a case of Piles that was con-

The news spread, and the demand prompted Dr. J. S. Leonhardt, of Lincoln, Neb., the discoverer, to prepare it for general use. Now it is being sent to all parts of the world It will cure any case of Piles.

\$1.00, with absolute guarantee. All lealers, or the Wilson-Fyle Co., Limited. Niagara Falls, Ont. SHOWS VALUE OF HEREDITY.

Candidate for Parliament at Last De clares His Religious Belief.

A Parliamentary candidate was being heckled. One of the questions had reference to the religious denomination to which he belonged.

"Well," he said, "you asked me an honest question and you shall have a straightforward answer. My grandmother was a Scotch woman—a rigid Pres-

her was a Scotch woman—a rigid Pres byterian.

Obvious disappointment was shown in the faces of the audience, so the candidate proceeded:
"My grandfather was English and
therefore a member of the Church of England.

Still no enthusiasm, but rather the re

"My father, on the other hand, was a good Baptist," went on the desperate candidate, who was still unrewarded by applause. He grew anxious, so hurriedly added. "But my deer old mother long added: "But my dear old mother, long since dead, was a Methodist." Instantiy all faces were radiant, so the concluded:

"And, gentlemen, I follow the precepts of my dear old mother. I'm a Methodise and I don't care who knows it!"—Lon

> Tobacco Test for Novels. (Cleveland Leader.)

(Cleveland Leader.)

The other day in a public libraray in London an attendant noticed a young girl snifting suspiciously at the books. When he asked the reason of her strange conduct she told him frankly. "I snift at a book," she said, "to see if it smells of tobacco. If it does then I know it's a book a man has been reading and that it's a good one." This is a novel literary test, but a wise one in some respects. Horse sense lies behind it and feminine intuition.

urd's Liniment Co., Limtied: past twenty years. It was recomm to me by a prominent physician of Mont-real, who called it the "great Nova Scotia Liniment." It does the doctor's work; it is particularly good in cases of atism and Sprain

Yours Truly G. G. DUNSTAN. Chartered Ace Halifax, N. S., Sept. 21, 1905.

The World's Volcanic Belts.

(Leslie's Weekly.) There are two great belts on the earth in which either volcances are active or mo tains are growing or in which the two phe nomena are associated. These two beits fol-low great circles. One of these passese through the West Indies, the Mediterranean Sea, the Caucasus and the Himalaya mountains, and is called by De Montessus tains, and is called by De Montessus the "Mediterranean" or "Alpine-Caucasus-Himalayan" belt. In this belt 53 per cent. of all recorded earthquakos have occurred. The second belt nearly encircles the Pacific, following the Andes, the mountains of western North America, the Aleutian island, Japan and the Philippines. This De Montessus calls the "circum-Uacific" or "Andes-Japanese-Malayan" belt. In this belt have occurred 41 per cent. of all recorded earthquakes. In all the rest of the world the recorded earthquakes equal only 6 per cent. of the total number.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper. OUTSHONE, BUT GAME.

Mr. Halfstick Wants Friends and Relatives to Know It.

'Are you the editor that takes in so

'Are you the editor that takes in society news?' inquired caller, an undersized man. with a tired and timid, appealing look on his face.

"Yes, sir," said the young man at the desk. "I can take any kind of news. What have you?"

"Why, it's this way,' 'said the caller, lowering his voice. My wife gave a small party last night, and I am willing to pay to have this report of the affair put in the paper.

"We don't charge anything for publishing society news," observed the young man at the desk, taking the proffered manuscript and looking it over.

"That's all right," was the arriver.

"That's all right," was the reply.
"You don't understand, I wrote this up
mwself, and I put in a line or two that
says, 'Mr. Halfstick assisted his distinguished wife in receiving the guests.'
That's the way I want it to go in. and I
don't care if it costs a dollar a word. I
want my friends to know, by George,
that I still belong to the family."

Campaign Capacity (Washington Post.)

is enough gas in a man." says a t chemist, "to fill a gamometer of "Needless to say, this conclusion of a cashing some heated political

SPECIAL

Christmas Bargains Orde NOTE.—64 page self-teacher with board chart sent FREE with each Separate copies sent to any one i Write for our Xmas catalogue co ing special values in all kinds of my instruments, novelties, watches, etc.

Rose Bushes Shipped in Wet Moss Al most Burned Up. A peculiar case of spentaneous combustion, or something like it, is described by a writer in Cassier's Magazine.
On February 17, 1906, two large refrigerator cars of young rosebushes were received at Hannibal, Mo., from a nursery in California Theorems. ery in California. They were shipped in

ODD CASE OF COMBUSTION.

ery in California. They were shipped in Wooden cases containing numerous auger holes for ventilation and were carefully packed with wet sphagnum, or California swamp moss, to prevent chafting and to support their vitality.

No ice was put in the cooling tanks, and the covers of these, as well as all other occurring in the care were closed other opening sin the cars were closed as tightly as possibe. The cars, were ten days in transit. The outside temperature was 60 degrees Fahrenheit at the start and 15 degrees at the end of the trin.

trip.
Upon arrival steam was issuing from every crevice of the cars. Upon removing the tank covers it rushed out in large volume. The doors were opened and ice was put in the tanks; the free circulaion of cold air soon cooled the contents

of the cars.

In unloading it was discovered that some of the upper layers of boxes were badly damaged by heat, which naturally was most intense near the top of the cars. No signs of actual combustion were found, but this would nearly hears. found, but this would probably have oc-curred in a short time had not the cars been quickly cooled.

The temperature must have been near-ly up to the burning point, as many of the green stems of these plants were black and brittle.

Wet sawdust in large quatities fre-

uently becomes very warm in the inter-or, in fact the lower the temperature of the atmosphere the hotter usually the sawdust.



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New British Cruiser Named Shannon.

The new British cruiser Shannon, of the ship that won the famnamesake of the snip that won the fam-ous duel with the Chesapeake off Boston harbor in 1813, was launched the other day. Remnants of the beaten ship still exist to-day. After the fight the Chesapeake was bought by the admiralty. Then she and the Shannon were laid side by side in the Medway. After six years of idleness the admiralty apparently weeded out of the navy the ships thought to be out of date, and the Chesapeake was sold as old timber for apeake was sold as old timber for a apeace was soid as old timeer for a paltry £500. Her manager broke her up, but her timbers were used to build a corn mill, which still stands in a peaceful little village in Hampshire. And in the marks of the shot from the Shannon

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Excitement in Topeka.

There is great excitement over the report that a bride who will come to Topeko soon has a maid. This will raise the limit and establish a new record in Topeko. Occasionally a Topeko woman steals the housemald or nurse, exchanges their caps and aprous for the lady's maid kind and takes her out of town with her in order to make a noise like an aristocrat, but it is believed the new bride will be truly lady's maid all her own who never helps out in the kitchen, nursery or laundry.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows

Money Used in English Elections. Money Used in English Elections.

The use of money in English parliamentary elections is supposed to be reduced to a minimum of decency and civic virtue. We are apt to hear considerable about English surity. Since last winter's elections, however, there have been trials for corrupt practices which revealed the purchase of votes and other shocking things which in this country are associated with Delaware and Rhode island, and now the official returns of money legitimately spent by the candidates indicate that something is doing in good old England at election time. It cost the 670 members of parliament, according to their sworn statements, \$5,834,230 to get elected. That was an average of neary \$9,000 a mau. Not a dollar of this sum was illegally used, it is claimed. 96 Victoria St., Toronto

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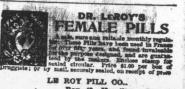
MISCELLANEOUS.

## FARMER'S SONS

THE FARMERS' MANUAL contains a ser

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Irving and the Lawyer.

Sir Henry Irving was at one time a itness in a case of street robbery. He witness in a case of street robbery. He had seen a sneak thief make off with a girl's pocketbook and he consented to appear as a witness for the girl.

The thief's lawyer was of the type that roars and rants at witness and attempts to break them down. He tried this method on the distinguished actor.

this method on the distinguished actor.

"And at what hour, sir, did this happen?" asked the lawyer.

"I think——" began Sir Henry, when the laywer interrupted with:

"It isn't what you think, sir; it's what you know that we want!"

"Don't you want to be the same of the

"Don't you want to know what I think?" mildly asked the actor.
"I do not." the lawyer snapped out.
"Well, then," said Sir Henry, "I might as well leave the witness box. I can't talk without thinking. I'm not a lawyer."
—From the Caledonian.

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In the thormal "wonderland" of North Island, New Zealand, a vast region has been set apart by the government for all time as a sanitarium for invalida. This region abounds in volcanoes, many of them over 6,000 feet high whose crater lipe emit steam vapors and potsonous gases. In one of the mountains a hot, steaming lake lies at the bottom of a funnel-shaped crater whose perpendicular sides are mantled with snow and ice. The land seethes with hot springs ice. The land seethes with hot springs, geysers, "porridge pots," mud holes that forever boil and exploding pool.

Minard's Liniment Cureo Colds, etc.

The Mystery of Longevity.

(New York World.) Bulgaria has 3,800 centenarians, about am to every 1.000 inhabitants. Rumania has 1,004 and Servia 573. Students of longevity reand Servia 573. Students of longevity reords in Europe are asking why the countries least advanced in hygienic standards
lead thus in the tables of centenarians. The
United States, with a population of more than
75,000,000, had by the census of 1900 more
than 3,500 contenarians, making about onetwentieth of the ratio shown in Bulgaria.
No answer has ever been given in the case
of an individual cententarian which would
stand the tests of the 100-year class in general One person will say abstinence kept
him strong, another that moderate drinknig helped him. Tobacco will have been abjured on this hand, the pipe have been ac
forter on that. Sometimes to a life of hard
work or again to preservative days of ledsure will the credit be given.



MATCHE PARLOR SULPHUR

Ask for EDDY'S SAFETY MATCHES FOR HOTELS, WAREHOUSES, HOSPITALS, ASYLUMS, ETC.

There was a mean man and his name as Flood—Noah Flood. He was one of those men that hated to see other peode prosper. He lived at Mountainville and "riz" turkeys like nearly everybody alse around. He made money, because as fattened the turkeys well. The only ime he was generous was when he was leeding his flock before Christmas. He aggrudged the grub he gave himself and the would walk three miles to borrow a match to light the kitchen fire.

Flood did'nt like Deacon Candle. When December came and he saw the deacon's tracking work for and his like his own. ple prosper. He lived at Mountainville else around. He made money, because he fattened the turkeys well. The only time he was generous was when he was feeding his flock before Christmas. He begrudged the grub he gave himself and his wife. Deacon Candle said once that he would walk three miles to borrow a match to light the kitchen fire.

December came and he saw the deacon's turkeys were fat and big like his own e became jealous. Now the deacon's success couldn't hurt

him, because his own turkeys were time

turkey houses and let the turkeys all fly to the woods. He will not be able to catch them in time to ship them to morand the people will have to pay

high prices for yours.

The poor man, whose name was Bill Cute, pretended to agree with the mean man. But really he didn't agree with him at all, but like most men he was him at all, but like most men ne was honest, so he devised a cunning plan.

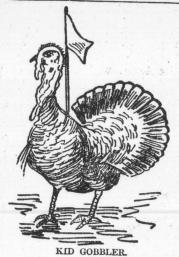
That night he went to Flood's place.

He said they had better go several miles

around to the deacon's place—go through the woods so they wouldn't be seen. Flood said the precaution was good, but did not know the way through the

woods.

"I'll guide you," said the poor, honest
Cute." Hear, however, we hadn't best
carry a lantern for we may be seen." So
he took Noah's arm and the two went he took Noah's arm and the two went up and down over hill and swamp. Flood was nearly dead, twisting and turning in the thickets, and only his great mean-nes kept him going. At last they reach-ed an underbush and through it they could see a black mass.
"There's the barns," said Bill Cute.



"Here take the saw and saw holes in the walls and I'll go round to the other side and scare the turkeys out.

hard making big holes out of which the turkeys flew. Soon the whole flock had vanished and then Bill seized Noah and said thy must hurry back over the way they had come. "Oh, my, oh me," said Noah as he was dragged through holes and creeks, over rocks and stumps and shinned his shins.

Noah's front gate and the mean man hur-

ried to bed—but not to sleep.

Next morning Noah crawled out sore and tired to feed his flock, in preparation to taking them to the city with their crops full. But lo, there was not a solicary turkey in the buildings, and he saw great holes in the walls. great holes in the walls.

"I see it all now," said Noah, "that villain led me through the woods to my Billy Cute carted his turkeys to town

and got the same price as Deacon Candle did for his. But the mean man stayed at home and got nothing.

"Me own brother, hatched in the same

nest," said Kid Gobbler, who kicked against giving up an old crust that he had found in the barnyard by accident.
"It's wrong and I'll see who's boss."
With a loud and long giggle he jumped for the crust, but his little brother,

Goble Gobbler, tried to make off with it. But Goble was the bigger and gained the crust, wrenching the morsel from the

rightful owner.

There would have been a fight right off but for the presence of the lady turks of the flock, and the fact that he was the smaller and weaker of the two "It was always thus. Me brother Gobler gets everything, and is getting hig and fat, and look at me! I am thin

and scrawny, and dook at me! I am thin and scrawny, and am half starved. Every day he grabs half of my share besides eating all his own. Why wasn't I made as strong as him?"

Mother Turkey hopped over to her disconsolets son and miscaled the form disconsolate son and wiggled the flag which waved over her back—a flag like the rest of the turks carried so they could

the rest of the turks carried so they could be located in the tall grass.
"Never mind, my boy," said she. "I have seen five winters and summers and many other things. Worst things can happen yeu than being thin. It's near Christmas now, and before every Christmas in my career I have seen the biggest and finest looking turkeys in the flock cut down in the midst of their pride and glory. I would sayise Goble pride and glory. I would advise Goble Gobbler to start in and fast from this out if I did not know I would be wasting my breath to advise him. Goble knows it call you know "

The foolish lady turkeys soon forgot all about Goble and they turned their attention to Kid, who was soon recognized the leader of their set.

him, because his own turkeys were fine and much in demand, so he was sure to get a good price. But just the same when he saw 300 fine birds on the deacon's place he was sore, and quite forgot he had 400 fine ones of his own.

A few days before Christmas he went to a poor man in the village and said:
"You know we all have to ship our turkeys to the city to-morrow. Now you have only 60 and if you did get a big-price you will be hard up for the rest of the winter. I know how to make prices higher. You come with me to Deacon Candle's to-night and cut holes in his turkey houses and let the turkeys all fly

There was no answer, and the queen

noise stopped.
"Anybody there?" No answer.

"It must have been a spirit," he said to himself. "I must be a medium. I will try." (Aloud.) "If there is a spirit in the room it will signify the same by saying aye—no, that's not what I mean. If there is a spirit in the room it will please rap three times." please rap three times."

Three very distinct raps were given in the direction of the bureau. "Is it the spirit of my sister?" No answe "Is it the spirit of my mother-in-

Three very distinct raps. "Are you happy?"

Nine raps.
"Do you want anything?" A succession of very loud raps.
"Will you give me any communication

briar.

The wild old for may pause in his chase o'er the hill.

The crow mount on high with aerial sweep.
And afar o'er the snow-drift Bob White and believe in the will be a happy-go-lucky, "Hoot-toot," to the moon."

OLD CHUMS, OLD LOVES, OLD TIMES.

When the Christmas bells ring out they ring in a flood of golden memories. The dreams of youth, the romance of spring, the poem of the bride and of the first child, the autumn of content and now-it is Christmas again, there are empty chairs and vanished faces, the web of life's mingled sorrow and joy is fastened about us, we have known to the beautiful tow and peace and grief and pain, and still, thank God, it is a good world, we are glad to be alive, and able to look form ward in hope to a yet brighter life beyond. Memory is a strong rope that binds with him the memory of the beautiful home Christmas. A woman cannot grow callous, who has the recollection of the dear old mother and the kind father who made the centre of loveliness of the Christmastide holiday and merriment. Let us be kind and loving to each other, for memories all round the world are busy with past Christmases, and this cene will abide with those who yet may wander across the seas.

The STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

"Dolls?" said Margy.

"All the hore invert invert invert invert invent who had no Christmase on the running and cannor-rich the wouldn't say across the sound of the function of the dear old mother and the kind father.

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THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM. Out of the past's dark night. There shines one star,

Whose light re than countless constellations

High in the East it gleams-This radiant star,

Whose beams Are more to man than all the plan-

Still be thy light displayed, Oh, Bethlehem star!

Until the circling systems no more are.

ONLY ONCE A YEAR. Let us bury old grudges and forgive as we are forgiven; scatter good wishes and thought far and wide; make the poor glad; cheer the aged; comfort the sick; do everything we can for every-body, and—God bless us, every one! Christmas comes but ones Goble paid no attention to the advice | Christmas comes but once a year, yet its |



## **How They Kept** Santa Claus

Margy was crying and the Boy looked very

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sarigy was crying and the Boy looked very serious and dismal indeed.

"She said—she said," Margy sobbed, "that there wasn't any Santy Claus at ail, and that there wasn't any Santy Claus at ail, and that our fathers and mothers got all our presents for us, and that Santy was all humbug, just a sort of make-believe, to fool the little tads. And she said, Sara Pickett did, that you and me was too old to b'lieve in such nonsense."

The Boy grew soberer and soberer. "Margy." he said, after a long time of thinking. "if we gotter give him up, we just gotter. But first let's ask Father. He's coming up the lane now, with a load of pumpkins."

Father came in from the barn, and up the steps like a boy. He whistled as he took off his jumper, and put on his coat. He whistled as he came down the hallway. Then, as he came fown the sitting-room, one of them swollen and tearstained, he stopped his whistle.

"Hullo, youngsters; what's up? Margy, you'll never be a man if you cry." Father picked her up tenderly in his strong arms, and right away the ache at heart felt better.

"Sara Pickett said there wasn't says anty Claus, and we was just fooliet to

"Will you give me any communication if I get up?"

No answer.

No answer.

"Shall I hear from you to-morrow?"

Raps are very loud in the direction of the door.

"Shall I hear from you to-morrow?"

"Shall I hear from you to from the wait of his powl in a ring around he prevent the mild. The house the shall heart, and the littlest ones he house the town, and he would say it has constant of his pown in a ring around in his pockets and find candy and thing and he would talk with them, and the would reary he would find a grant the midst of your feasting to-day mand his chase o'er the hill.

The crow—

The wind for an answer, but none came, and he prevent his far-away country. He lived his powled with the sound of his powled with the far-away country. He lived his powled with the sound of his powled with the far-away country. He lived his powled with the far-away country. He lived his powled with the far-away country. He lived his powled with the far-away co

and Aunts and uncles and cousins, and even brothers and sisters. And you can tell that to Sara Pickett."

Margy and the Boy looked up with happy eyes. The story made things so plain and true, and loveller than the old way of believing. But a new thought had struck the Boy.

"Will be live in our bearts, too, Father—Margy's and mine?"

"He surely will, if you let him."

"Margy," whispered the Boy, as they lay in their beds, and all the lights were out. "Let's you and me earn some Christmag money and be a Santa Claus spirit to Father and Mother."

"Let's," said Margy, from her corner of the room.

And they both went wandering in the Land of Pleasant Dreams.

CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMP. London Idea That is Hardly Likely of Realization.

A London correspondent makes an ineresting Christmas suggestion. In view or the enormous pressure up-

on the post office system at Christmastide," says this ingenious gentleman, "when everybody, not unnaturally, is impressed with the importance of punctuality in the delivery of their cards of greeting and seasonable gifts, which under the present system is impossible, I suggest that the post-office should issue a "Christmas stamp," tastefully designed and acquaint the public that any parcels or leters bearing this stamp may be posted at any time during, say, the parcels or leters bearing this stamp may be posted at any time during, say, the month of December, it being understood that all such letters and parcels would be forwarded, at the convenience of the postal authorities, to their destination, but would not be delivered to the addresses until Christmas Day or its eve.

It seems to me that any temporary inconvenience experienced by local postmasters under this scheme would be more than counterbalanced by he impore than the counterbalanced by he important the counterbalanced by the counterba dresses until Christmas Day or its eve. mense relief felt in the great postal cen-tres."



SORRY HE SPOKE.

Loving Husband-A penny for Wife-They will cost you more than that I was thinking how I should like diamond earrings for my Christmas present.

Welcome, Christmas. Welcome, Christman, welcome here, Happy season of the year, Fires are blazing, thee to greet, Families together meet. Brothers, sisters, circle round, Loudest laughter, joyous sound For Canadians like to see All her children welcome thee.

Welcome, Christmas, for thy voice weicome, Unristmas, for thy voice Calls upon us to rejoice, Not with foolish, idle mirth, Born and perishing on earth; Far be the ungrateful thought, "Ours are blessings dearly bought. Dearly bought, but freely given, By the Lord of earth and heaven.

Fix we, then, on Christ our eyes, May we feel the Saviour nigh, May we meet around the board, All rejoicing in the Lord.
Be the Babe of Bethlehem near, as we smile the season's cheer; And each gladdened heart and tongue Joins the angels' Christmas song.



AT THE CHURCH FAIR. Miss Sweet-We are taking up a collection to buy the soprane a Christmas pre-Mr. Hamne 14 niece. Buy her a mussie. 1 179

## MUCH THAT POSSESSES POPULAR INTEREST WAS COMPOSED FOR THE SEASON.

Music of the Yuletide.

separate routes for them in order to prevent their meeting and coming to blows.

Of modern Christmas compositions the most widely known undoubtedly is the "Cantique de Noel" (Christmas song) by Adolph Adam. Adam is a French composer. The "Cantique" is as famous outside of France as within its borders. It is most widely used at the midnight services and is the subject of a famous ceremonial at the Paris Opera House. On the stroke of midnight every Dec. 24 the performance of the opera, at whatever point it may be in the representation, inmediately is interrupted, the baritone steps to the footlights and, while the audience reverently stand or kneel, intones the words of the carol.

There are some seven or eight cantatas and oratorios which are used at Christmas time. Most of these are too long for the regular Protestant service, but excerpts from them are given and in the Evangelical churches they are frequently performed at a special Christmas service of song. Among the oratorios is a "Christmas Oratorio" by Saint-Saens which is not of too long dimensions for an Episcopal service, but can be given only in churches with a splendid musical organization.

## The Christmas Story.

Bethlehem was crowded with guests. All day its narrow streets had been thronged with people; every house was taxed to its utmost capacity to meet

the unusual need.

The ostensible reason for this great gathering was the decree of an earthly king, Caesar Augustus, for all of the line of David to come to the city and enroll their news to the enroll their names for the census; the hidden reason was the decree of a heavenly king, who had said that His Son should be born in Bethlehem of Judea, and the time was ripe for the fulfillment of market was ripe for the

fulfillment of prophecy.

At the close of the short winter day, a at the close of the short winter day, a man, past middle age, and a young woman riding a donkey, slowly climbed the Judean hill to David's city. Exhausted with the long, rough journey, and longing for seclusion and rest, they sought the only inn of the town, to find it already full to overflowing. The only it already full to overflowing. The only accommodations for these late comers was the raie cave, which served as the inn stable, and the acceptance of this humble shelter has made it a pivotal

inn stable, and the acceptance of this humble shelter has made it a pivotal point in all time.

Gradually the coarse noises of the day ceased, and the little city, bathed in the moon's silvery light, lay white and still beneath the soft-eyed stars; the same silvery light flooded the Judean plain below, where faithful shepherds watched, their huddled flocks. As the night grew chilly, the men gathered about the flickering fire, and talked in low tones—of what? Did they know this was the holy night? The night for which the cycling years had longed? It was very still. The tinkle of a bell as a sheep turned in its sleep, the whirr of a night bird's wings, even the murmur of the wind in the distant olive trees had ceased and a thrill of expectancy filled the air. The men about the fire, conscious of the subtle hush of natural sounds and tinkling with a presentiment of something unusual, furtively watch with anxious eyes the shadows of the night. How very still it is!

And as they sat, wrapped in the peculiar calm of this holy night, suddenly

And as they sat, wrapped in the peculiar calm of this holy night, suddenly if you next thing, dear Sandy, an'

blue of the night, the shepherds looked at each other with wondering eyes.

With hearts beating hard with expectancy, the shepherds made their way of other things besides just what you're goin' to bring me, dear.

That I should bear in mind just what toek

mother of the angel's visit, of his message to them, and or the singing host, and she, cuddling the babe to her pure and innocent heart, graciously received their homage, acknowledging this to be the Holy Child, whose birth the angel choirs annumed.

choirs announced.
Oh, the wondrous dreams of that mother's heart as she assed the dimpled hands and feet and worshipped the babe who had come to sway the world with His gentle, mysterious power. Well for her if she could not see the many weary miles those baby fet must tread; well, if she coud not know of the tired body, exhausted in bestowing the heal-ing power of that tender hand; well that she could not foresee his childhood playmates seeking His life. One fleet-ing glimpse of these this could be the ing glimpse of these thisgs, of the hatred His gentle life would arouse, of the pieced side and agonizing cross, and her heart must have broken. But we know it all, and for these things alone we love and adore Him.

## AND DON'T FORGET THAT GUN.

liar calm of this holy night, suddenly a wondrous vision appeared in their midst—a being whose radiant light trailed from earth to heaven, whose countenance outshone the moon and stars; and as the men, in bewildering, blinding fear, fell on their faces, the sweetest voice this world had ever heard breathed in purest music.

I need a pcay next thing, dear Sandy, and if you if you is price would be wond to ill bring him roun' I'll show the boys some circus tricks that's new on the bed won't go in the stockin's I'm hangin' on the bed in that'll do instead; 'twill save you lots of trouble for it makes a heap of mess along in their on the bed in the stockin's I'm hangin' on the bed "Fear not, for I bring you good tid
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"Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy. In the little town of Bethlehem is born to you this night a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign upto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swadding clothes and lying in a manger."

Then heaven could obtain the angelic host no longer, for they burst the midnight sky, thrilling the hearts of men with a song ne'er heard before, a song of peace and good will from heaven's all-gracious King. When the song had ceased and the celestial radiance had slowly followed the angel choir into the blue of the night, the shepherds looked at each other with wondering eves.

blue of the night, the shepherds looked at each other with wondering eyes.

"It is true."

"God be praised."

"Let us seek the child."

And they hurried toward the town.

With eager feet they climbed the hill and hastened through the quiet, deserted streets. How unconscious was the sleeping multitude of the heavenly guest! How sceptical and angry or even abusive they would have been if aroused and compelled to hear the story of the wondrous night.

You was bring along some peanuts, about a half a sack—

Teu nied in type for turkey an' there aln't is we're all fixed up for turkey an' there aln't no lack of pie, drop a ton of candy an' ice cream as you go by, the sicil's woire out, an' so's the skates, so mind an' put 'em down, an' fetch a horn that makes a noise that's heart all over town; an' there all fixed up for turkey an' there aln't no lack of pie, drop at the drop but an' ice cream as you go by, the sicil's woire out, an' so's the skates, so mind an' put 'em down, an' fetch a horn that makes a noise that's heart all it begun, on' the sicil's woire out, an' so's the skates, so mind an' put 'em down, an' fetch a horn that makes a noise that's heart all fixed up for turkey an' there aln't no lack of pie, drop a ton of candy an' ice cream as you go by, the sicil's woire out, an' so's the skates, so mind an' put 'em down, an' fetch a horn that makes a noise that's heart all fixed up for turkey an' there aln't no lack of pie, drop a ton of candy an' ice cream as you go by, the sicil's woire out, an' so's the skates, so mind an' put 'em down, an' fetch a horn that makes a noise that's heart all fixed up for turkey an' there aln't no can be an all the sake.

An' we're all fixed up for turkey an' there aln't no can be an all the sake.

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An' the sa

With hearts beating hard with ex- Pa says, dear Sandy, I should think at this "Can He be here?"

"There must be some mistake."

"Well, let us go in and see."

Then they entered to find themselves in the presence of the bady king. The King who to-day rules in love the hearts of men.

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In kneeling adors for a day of the bad bad boys shun. An' bring what we call the CONT FORGET THAT GUNS

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## District News

GLOSSVILLE

Toledo were guests of Mr. and James Brown one day last week. Mr. and Mrs David Wilso Kemptville are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James Love.

Mrs. Jas. Bell of Newboro spent few days with Mrs. Mills Church last

spent Sanday with Mr. Levi Mr. Robert Green was the guest Mr. J. M. Percival on Sunday last.

ADDISON

Dec. 11—Miss Myrtle Brown in tends spending a few weeks with friends in Toronto after the holidays. Mrs. James Wiltse of Silver Brook visiting friends in Oswego for a few

The farmers are doing a lot of team ing since the snow came.

Mr. Alex Smith has purchased a to assemble at 4 o'clock, or soon after, bringing baskets. Home Department

Mr. Frank Scott of Montreal returned home after spending a few days with friends in this vicinity. Mr. Nicholas Hollingsworth has

gone as brakesman on the Grand Trunk and Mr. David Cavanah will take over Palace factory for the season. We wish him every success. Mesars Samuel and James Brown and tamily of Glossyi le will visit friends in Oswego for a tew days.

### GREENBUSH

A person of small stature has o reside with German Tinkess. Mrs. W. H. Tackaberry has re turned after wisiting her sister at Por

Mr. and Mrs. R. Eaton of Winni peg, Man., spent a short time with relatives here.

Mrs. Thomas Kerr is visiting friends in Elgin and Nawboro. Mr. A. Root is pushing the erection of his mill as fast as the cold weathe

will permit. Miss Davis, who is our school eacher, has been engaged to teach the

chool at Forfar next year. R. D. Kerr, who teaches the school at Wolford Centre, has been engaged to teach the school at Whitehurst for the year of 1907.

Mrs. Parthena Blanchard is slowly scovering from an attack of pleurisy Mrs. T. Brown is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. Hall.

GLEN MORRIS

Mr. Albert Wiltse, who has been il or for some time, is improving again Miss Gladys Johnson intends giving concert and X mas tree at the sch house on Friday, Dec. 21. The programme promises to be a very enter

Mr. Charles Heffernan recently urchased a team of young horses. Mr. Norris Ferguson, Junetown

isited friends here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Morris visited Soperton friends recently.

Mrs. George Bradly is suffe with a heavy cold. A Gypsy caravan passed through

not long past and amazed this peaceful population. There were men, women and children, carriageless horses and horseless carriages, and the only missing link was the usual canine followers.

## W. C T. U. Note

On Dec. 5, at a public meeting held in the Baptist church, Athens, Mrs L C. McKinney of Claresholm, Alberta, gave a pleasing address on the work in the North West and the World's Con vention recently held in Boston. Features o' the excellent programme were a recitation by Mrs William G. Towriss and a solo by Miss Culbert,

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## LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs Richard J. Ferguson and W. McClure returned home from Moose Jaw this week.

On Tuesday Mr. A. W. Judson was working in the woods when he had one of his feet badly crushed by a falling tree. It is now very much swollen.

A meeting of the Liberal electors of Athena will be held in the town hall on the evening of Wednesday next, Dec. 26, for the election of officers and

Mr. D. Fisher has to be content Mr. and Mrs Joel Church of Frank with a single eye for business. Yesterday he was using a hand axe when a piece of wood struck him in the left eye, inflicting a painful injury,

Mr. M. Ritter met with a painful accident in the woods on Tuesday. He made a misstroke with the axe and the blade entered his instep, cutting it quite severely. He was hurried to Dr. Harte's office where the wound was

Christ Church S.S. intend holding their free Xmas festivities on Friday will consist of a drive, tea and Xmas tree Parents and children are asked

members are also invited. Tennyson's writings being on the H.S curriculum added to the interest that many telt in the "Tenny son Even ing" given by Rev. E. and Mrs.
Thomas on Wedne day last in the
Methodist church. The interpretation
given, both in address and recitation, was very favorably appreciated. Miss M Wiltse and Miss E. Patterson sang three of the many beautiful songs con posed by Tennyson. Refreshments and a social chat closed a very pleasant evening.

Athens' municipal election pot is beginning to bubble, and it is apparent that more interest than usual will be taken in the nomination meeting The settlement of matters in dispute connected with the South ward drain and the placing of the village assess ment on a more equivable basis will be among the first items of business to engage the attention of the council o 1907-not an attractive bill of fare, but one that will require careful work it the public interest is to be

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A. Allan, Office Assistant, New York
A. Bailey, Book-keeper, Alexandria Bay
E. T. Gibbins, Stenographer, Athens
F. Foley, Stenographer, Toronto
Miss McNish, Book-Keeper, Brockville
Jas. Clark, Stenographer, Toronto
Percy Earle, Salesman, Gananoque
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Miss Serviss, Stenographer, Rockville
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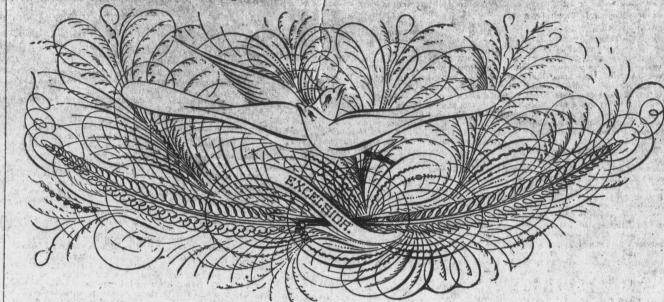
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mary—Lesson I. Topic: Love th supreme duty of man. Place: In Jerusalem, in the temple courts. The Herodians, Sadducees and Pharisees ask
Elm hard questions, testing Him. All
are silenced; the great commandment
is given by Christ; we should love God
supremely: sin. the world are disas given by Christ; we should nove God supremely; ein, the world an dthe self life must all be renounced; we should hove our neighbor; Jesus asks the Jews a hard question; warns His disciples against hypogray; calls attention to a widow casting two mites into the trea-

whow easting two mites into the treasury.

II. Topic: Guarding against false profession. Place: On Mount Olivet. The subjects of Christ's kingdom are likemed to tean virgins? Christ is the Bridegroom, and the oil represents the grace of God; the foolish virgins hud the lamp of profession, but lacked oil—true spiritual life; they endeavored to make good their preparation at the last moment, but it was too late; the wise are the true Christians who not only have a profession, but the love of God in the soul. We should always be ready to meet the Bridegroom.

Bridegroom,
III. Topic: Reasons for fidelity to duty. Place: Mount of Olives. The talents are given and the master takes his journey! two servants make a large gain; the third buries his talent; the gain; the paird ourses his talent; the master's return, though delayyed, is cer-tain; so Christ will surely come again; two servants come to their master and bring the talents given them and many more; they are commended and rewarded; the idle servant has no increase, but hard sayings and excuses; he is cast

into outer darkness.

IV. Topic: The believer's heart devotion. Place: Bethany. It is six days before the Passover, and Jesus is at the house of Simon the leper; while sitting at meat Mary amoints the head and feet of Christ using feet of Christ, using a pound of very precious ointment valued at about fifty dollars; the disciples are indignant and think it should have been sold and given to the poor; Jesus rebukes them and commends the worsen very highly; Judas agrees to betray Jesus for thirty

pieces of silver, about twenty dollars.
V. Topic: The Lord's Supper. Place:
Jerusalem. It was Thursday; Jesus sent Jerusalem. It was Thursday; Jesus sent Peter and John to Jerusalem to prepare the Passover supper; they found a larfe upper room where they made ready; in the evening Jesus sat at the table with His disciples; He told them that one of them would betray Him; they one of them would betray Him; they were sorrowful, and everyone asked, "Lord, is it I?" Jesus said it would have been better for that man never to have been born; He then told Judas tha he was the one; Judas left; Jesus eats His

entrance, Peter, James and John go with im into the garden; Jesus agonizes in prayer; is sweat is like blood; He prays for strength; an appeal is

VIII. Topic: Warning against wine-drinking. Place: Probably Jerusaldent, Isaiah's home. The drunkard follows strong drink; wine inflames; God's judg-ments will fall on the drunkard; all drinking. Place: Probably Jerusoland, Isaiah's home. The drunkard follows strong drink; wine inflames; God's judgments will fall on the drunkard; all classes go down to death together. There is nothing too bad or vile for a saloon-keeper or for a man under the influence was man so ill-treated.

13. "Wonderrun" in innocence. Then said Pilate: I find no fault in this man" (Luke xxiii. 4). Pilate declared that Jesus was an innocent man, yet he was illegally tried by religion and state. Never was man so ill-treated.

people together and desires to release Christ; they demand that He be cru-cified; three times Pilate urges His re-lease; they demand the release of Barlease; they demand the release of Darabas, a murderer; Pilate yields; washes his hands; Jesus is scourged. Think of the merciless Roman scourge, not just the Jewish scourge of forty stripes eave one, but a pitiless lashing that eave one, but a pitiless lashing that tore the flesh from His back and breast and arms and that with the cruel thorns and mocking blows left His face more

and mocking blows left His face more marred than any man's (Isa. cii. 14.)
X. Topic: Jesus dying on the cross.
Place: Calvary. Christ on the cross; mocked by the soldiers; vinegar offered; the superscription; the two thieves crucified with Christ; one railed on Jesus, the other confessed his sins and asked to be remembered in Christ's kingdom; the prayer answered; darkness from twelve three o'clock: Jesus cried with loud voice and died; the centurion's testimony; Joseph begged the body of Jesus ; wraped it in linen and placed it

in a new sepulchre.

XI. Topic; The resurrection of Jesus Christ. Place; Garden near Calvary. Christ was crucified on Friday, April 7; rose early Sunday morning, April 9: sev ral women were early at the tomb; the stone was rolled away; the women en-tered the sepulchre; Christ was not there; two angels appeared; their faces were like lightning and their garments were dazzling; the women were afraid; angels told them Christ had risen; he was to go before them into Galilee; the women ran to take the disciples the word;; Jesus met them; the story that the Roman guard had been bribed.

XII. Topic: Jesus' parting words to his followers. Place: In and near Jerusalem. The disciples (Thomas absent) salem. The disciples (Thomas absent) are assembled in an upper room; Jesus appears; the disciples are terrified; he ws them his hands and feet and side; asks them to handle him; opens the Scriptures to them; after forty days he ads them out to Mount Olivet where the ascension took place. Then they reto Jerusalem with great joy and waited ten days in an upper room for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In due time the Spirit came upon them and as a result of their preaching three thousand were converted. Jesus is coming

again to take his people to heaven.

Golden Text—"His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Panes" (Inc. in St.)

God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isa. ix. 6).

Lesson I. "Wonderful" in wisdom. The Pharisees and Herodians had come to gether to catch our Lord in his words and perplex him with hard questions. After answering the puzzling questions and sill encing them, Jesus turned to his catchists and asked them questions which they could not answer.

H. "Wonderful" in watching. "Watch therefore for ye know neither the day.

they could not answer.

II. "Wonderful" in watching. "Watch therefore for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matt. xxv. 13.) As the sentinel watches for the foe; the sailor for the storm; the watchman for the thief; the wife for the absent husband; so should the Christian watch lest the foe defeat him, watch lest temptation overcome him, watch for opportunities to do good, watch for the leadings of the divine Spirit, watch for the approbation of his heavenly Father, and thus be watching for the coming of the Lord.

III. "Wonderful" in judging. "After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoned with them" (Matt. xxv. 19.) Daniel Webster, when asked what was the greatest thought that ever occupied his mind, replied: "The sense of my individual responsibility to God." IV. "Wonderful" in appreciation. "She hath wrought a good work upon me" (Matt. xxvi. 10.) Let us immortalize the good. A favorite motto with Frances Willard, taken from an ancient sun-dial, was, "I record only the hours that are seen." The Book says, "Whatsoever things are true .... honest ... pure... lovely ... of good report ... think on these things" (Phil. iv. 8.) Chronicle the bright, helpful things your friends do; speak of the sweet, pleasant influences that are about you.

V. "Wonderful" in his memorials. "This do in remembrance of me" (I. Cor. xi. 24). A rich gentleman attempted one day while intoxicated to cross an avenue where a dittle street sweeper, to whom he had often given a nickel, was

avenue where a little street sweeper, to whom he had often given a nickel, was waiting for 3 hurrying carriage to pass.
The street sweeper saw the gentlemen's danger and sprang forward and threw himself against him and pushed him healt but his own little feet dispudent. back, but his own little feet slipped and They picked his poor, bruised body up and carried it to the hotel near by. The man little Andy had saved was sober man little Andy had saved was sober now, and wept as he said, "Oh, Andy! your life for me! how can I bear it!" But the tears the strong man shed were tears of repentance. He never touched the liquor again. He spends all his time and strength and money saving men from intemperance. "How can I do less," he says, "with the remembrance of Andy's sacrifice always before me?" VI. "Wonderful" in submission. "Not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke xxii. 42). Christ's prayer was for deliverance from a natural death in the garden that He might die a sacrificial death on the

was the one; Judas left; Jesus eats His tact suppor with the remaining eleven.

VI. Topic: The agony of Jesus. Place Gethsemand. Jesus and eleven disciples enter the garden; eight are left near the entrance, Peter, James and John gavith.

VII. "Womderful" in forbearance. "He is despised and rejected of men (Isa, hin, 3). The becrayal of the Son of man for strength; an angel is sent; three times He asks His disciples to watch with Him; three times He finds them sleeping. We should watch and pray.

VII. Topic: The trial of Jesus Christ.

The betrayal of the Son of man treachery in all history. But if you have not ben born again, you have the same sinful heart that led Judas to be-lace. The palese of Christ. with a kiss is the most shameful act of sleeping. We should watch and pray.

VII. Topic: The trial of Jesus Christ. Place: The palace of Caiaphas. Jesus is sent from Annas to Caiaphas, the high priest; Peter follows afar off and thrice denies the Saviour; the Sanhedrin is hastily summoned; false witnesses are sought and are found with difficulty; at last two testify that He said He could destry the temple and build it in three days; Jesus is silent; Caiaphas asks Him if He is the Christ; Jesus replies that He is; Caiaphas rends His clothes; Jesus is condemned to death; they mock and abuse Christ for some time.

VIII. Topic: Warning against wined in the country of the source of the strength to mingle the pictures of the tyranny of drink, the passion of drink, the poverty of drink, the death through drink; from all this we need the deliverance through the "counsel of the Holy One of Israel" (Isa.

19).
IX. "Wonderful" in innocence. "Then

is nothing too bad or vile for a saloon-keeper or for a man under the influence of strong drink to do. The drunkard's character is always bad.

IX. Topic: The worldling's treatment of Christ. Place: Pilate's judgment hall. Jesus is taken to Pilate, the governor, who investigates the charges and finds no fault with Christ; Pilate calls the needle together and desires to release beloved Son, while there was "laid upon him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. liii. 6). He could bear it! And up from the He could bear it! And up from the depths of his wailing agony there went the wailing cry you and I can never comprehend (Matt. xxvii. 46). But we can believe that he "died for our eins."

XI. "Wonderful" in his resurrection. "He is risen, as he said" (Matt. xxiii. 6). The resurrection is the primal mirrole.

"He is risen, as he said" (Matt. xxiii. 6). The resurrection is the primal miracle (I. Cor. xv. 14); the pivotal truth of Christianity (I. Cor. xv. 14); the proof of the scriptures (Luke xxiv. 45, 46); the pledge of our acceptance (Rom. iv. 25); the power of holy living (Rom. i. 4; the promise of our immortality.

promise of our immortality.

XII. "Wonderfu?" to endue with All. "Wonderfus" to endue with power. "Tarry ye..... until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke xxiv. 46). At Pentecost "the promise" of the Father to the Son was redeemed, and it is ours by virtue of our union with him (Acts ii. 33). A. C. M.

The Ballade of the Mistletoe Bough. am standing under the mistletoe, And I smile, but no answering smile re-

For her haughty glance bids me plainly know
That not for me is the thing I prize;
Instead, fro mher coldly scornful eyes,
Indifference looks on my barefaced gulle!
She knows, of course, what my act implies—
But look at those lips! Do they hint a
smile?

But look at those lips! Do they hint smile?

I stand here, eager, and beam and glow,
And she only looks a refined surprise
As clear and crisp and as cold as snow,
And as—Stop! I will never criticize!
I know what her cold glance signifies;
But I'll stand just here as I am awhile
I'll a smile to my pleading look replies—
But look at those lips! Do they hint a
smile?

Just lock at those lips, now! I claim they show
A spirit unmeet under Christmas skies;
A claim that such lips on such maidens owe
A—something—the custom justifies;
I claim that the mistletoe rule applies
To her as well as the rank and file;
We should meet these things in a cheerful
guise—
But look at those lips! Do they hint a
smile?

smile?

ENVOY.

These customs of Christmas may shock the

## SANTA CLAUS' WIFE

HER NAME IS LA BEFANA, AND SHE IS GOOD TO ITALIAN CHILDREN

Santa Claus' wife lives in Italy, says the London Express. The ideal Christmas visitor in the minds of little Italian children is an ugly but boundlessly benevolent old lady, known as Le Befana.

Throughout the land multitudes of little boys and girls chatter all through Christmastide about La Befana, who is confidently expected to come silently and secretly on the night between January 5 and January 6.

The historic myth of La Befana is a singular one. It is as curious as the various stories of the Wandering Jew, or of the Three Wise Men. Like many other visitors to Cologne Cathedral, I have seen the three skulls declared to be those of the Magi, who are reputed to have settled on the Rhine, and to have died in the district. La Befana is the name given to the woman who, when it was known that these Wise Men were about to pass by her house, scornfully refused to go to her window to salute them, and to wish them a blessing.

Ever since then she has been repenting her evil ways. Part of her repentance is manifested in benevolence to little children. All through the year she fills up her spare time in preparing presents in wonderful varity, intended only for really good little children, of whom she is a sort of patron saint, corresponding with the German St. Nikolaus, celebrated under his popularly abbreviated cognomen of Santa Claus.

Le Befana is supposed to be ugly simply because she is so very venerable, being nearly 2,000 years old. She brings dolls, trumpets, little watches, all sorts of confectionary and curious cakes, marbles and toys. The reason why this happens on the twelfth day after Christmas is simple enough, and is perfectly consistent with the pretty myth.

The day is Epiphany, consecrated by the church to the memory of the Magi. It is the date on which they are reckoned to have presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Holy Child. And as Le Befana is associated with them, so she is sure to fulfill her kindly office on Epiphany Eve. Thus the festival of January 6, called by the c

But how is it that La Befana is regarded as the wife of Santa Claus? The answer to this query gives a curious sample of the way in which by accretion a legend comes to be enlarged. Originally the boys and girls of Italy knew nothing of any Santa Claus. He was not in any sense an Italian patron saint. Familiar only with La Befana, they had no legendary Santa Claus, with snow-covered cap, furs and bells, coming down the chimney to fill their stockings with long-desired gifts. But as an idea of foreign and modern importation, the tradition of this Northern friend to children is gradually becoming Italian.

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There are in Italy thousands of Angio-Italian, Austro-Italian, Swiss-Italian, German-Italian and American-Italian families. No nation has taken more cordially to foreign matrimonial alliances than the Italian people. The children in these households regard Santa Claus and Le Befana as husband and wife. They often, when they have been very good, receive visits from both.

The doctrine in their minds is that Santa Claus finds the warm slimate Ine doctrine in their minds is that Santa Claus finds the warm slimate of Italy uncongenial, and that for the most of the year he lives in the frozen north, but that his wife prefers the sunny south, and seldom visits the cold northern lagis.

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## KEEPING CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART.

Christmas fills a large place in the vorld's life. The day is almost universally observed in Christian lands. In countless shops and factories all over the world thousands of workmen are engaged all the year in making every sort of product, ornamental or useful, for the holiday market. Hundreds of thousands of pounds are spent annually in the purchase of gifts to be presented at

Christmas time.

Thus Christmas touches the world's life at almost every point. It is a bright day in the calendar. But there is no danger that in its vast commercial and danger that in its vast commercial and danger that in its vast commercial and social importance the most sacred mean-ing of the day is being overlooked? Christmas is first of all a religious anniversary. It means nothing if we leave out of it the truth of divine love and the coming of the Son of God to this world to reveal that love.

I count my treasures o'er with cares
The little toy that beby knew,
A little sock with faded hue,
A little lock of golden hair.

Long years ago this Christmas time My little one, my all to me,

CHRISTMAS TREASURES

Christ. As we yleld our hearts to the Christ. As we yield our nearts to the spirit of tenderness which pervades the Christmas air, we may think of the heavenly love which came into the world the night that Christ was born.

We keep Christmas truly only when we let the love of Christ into our hearts and lives. We write Anno Domini in our dates, but are we really making our years years of our Lord? It may mean very little to us that Christ was born in Bethlehem a great many Christmases ago; but if we keep Christmas as we may it is not merely another anniversary—it is the real birth of Christ in

our hearts.

If we keep Christmas in our hearts we will have love for each other and for everyone. Christmas means love—good will to men. It is a time for universal the state of the state amnesty. If we have been holding a amnesty. If we have been holding a grudge against anyone we should now put it out of our heart. It is a time for forgetting ourselves and thinking of others. The truest joy of Christmas is not found in receiving, but in giving. The happiest people are those who make others happier. There is more of heaven in pleasing than in heigh pleased.

ven in pleasing than in being pleased.

The heart in which Christmas is truly kept is a gentle heart. It is full of kindly to reveal that love.

If we would keep Christmas fittingly it must bring us to a remembrance of Christ. Every true vision of the day must show us the holy Child, with the light of divine love shining in His face. We would worship again with the shepherds beside the manger. Christmas with no worship in its observance, no remembering of God, no thought of the love of Christ, it is empty to all sacred meaning. While we give and receive gifts, it should be easy for us to remember God's unspeakable gift. As we enter into the gladness of this happiest day of the control of the most striking evidences of only among men, but in men, reinarmating Himself in those who love Him. If we keep Christmas in our hearts will mot only sweeten our lives, but will not only sweeten our lives, but will not only sweeten our lives, but will make us sweeteners of the lives of others. A lady tells of gathering a handgifts, it should be easy for us to remember God's unspeakable gift. As we enter into the gladness of this happiest day of the year we may think of the joy with which the angels celebrate the birth of She soon forgot it, but all day as she

Sat robed in white upon my knee, and heard the merry Christmas chime

"Tell me, my little golden head, If Santa Claus should come to-night, What shall he bring my baby bright, What treasure for my boy?" I said.

And then he named the little toy, While in his honest, mournful eyes, There came a look of sweet surprise, That spoke his quiet, trustful joy.

As he lisped his evening prayer, He asked the boon with childesh grace, Then, todling to the chimney place, He hung his little stocking there.

That night, as lengthening shadows crept, I saw the white-winged angels come With heavenly music to our home, And kiss my darling as he sigt.

They must have heard his baby prayer, For in the morn with smiling face, He toddled to the chimney place, And found the little treasure there.

They came again one Christmastide, That angel host so fair and white, And, singing all the Christmas night, They lured my darling from my side.

A little sock, a little toy,
A little lock of golden hair,
The Christmas music on the air,
A-watching for my baby boy.

But if again that angel train And golden head came back to me,

And golden head came war.

To bear me to eternity,

To bear me to eternity,

Eugene Field.

rambled here and there she smelt every woodwhere a spicy fragrance. On every wood-path she found the same odor. The other members of her party had their handfuls of all sorts of wild flowers, but ahe was surprised to find that all these seemed to have the same kind of frag-

Late at night, when she undressed, Late at night, when she undressed, there was the sweetbriar tucked away in her bosom. All day she had carried hidden on her own person the perfume which she supposed came from others. "How good it would be," she said to herself, as she closed her eyes, "if I could cary a spirit in my breast that everyone I met should seem lovely."

If we keep Christmas in our hearts our lives will be sweet, whatever the condition. We will not be dependent on the weather, nor on our health, nor on our circumstances, nor on the disposi-

our circumstances, nor on the disposi-tions of the people about us. We carry the secret of sweetness within us, and wherever we go the air about us is per-fumed with the love that dwells in our

## SELECTED RECIPES

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Christmas Mince Meat.

Here is a recipe that has always given satisfaction, and on account of the materials used need not be made so early, as it does not require so long a time to ripen unless one desires a still richer mixture: Take a large beef tongue—if dried, soak it over night in plenty of cold water, then in the morning put over the fire in a large boiler, well filled with cold water. Let the water gradually come to boiling poin and at first boil pour the water off, and replace with fresh cold water; let this gradually heat dried, soak it over night in plenty of cold water, then in the morning put over the fire in a large boiler, well filled with cold water. Let the water gradually come to boiling point and at first boil pour the water off, and replace with fresh cold water; let this gradually heat to boiling point, then let it boil steadily but gently for an hour. At the end of that time put in three pounds of lear that time put in three pounds of lean beef from neck of round (if the tongue weights more than three pounds, take same quantity of beer). Add a tableof salt and let it boil gently for three hours longer, keeping covered. Then remove from the rire, take out the tongue and skin it, and then return to the liquor in the boiler and let both tongue and beef cool in the water in the liquor in the bold. the water in tongue and beef cool in the water in which they were boiled. When perfectly cold remove the fat from liquor, take out the meat and trim off all skin and gristle and chop fine. Remove all skin and membrane from the three pounds of fresh beef suet and chop fine, adding it to the beef and tongue. Next add four to the beef and tongue. Next add four to the beef and tongue. Next add four pounds of chopped tart apples, weigned after they are pared and cored; four pounds of large raisins, seeded and cut in half; two pounds of picked, washed and dried currants, one pound of shredded and dried currants, one pound of shredded citron, quarter of a pound each of orange. For the brave may lose their freedom To some tyrant lord accuracd citron, quarter of a pound each of orange and lemon peel, shredded; one pound of sweet and two ounces of bitter almonds, shelled before weighing; blanch and chop fine. Also add the thin grated yellow ind and the juice of four oranges and four lemons. Sweeten with four

well covered and in a cool place. Watch and add more apples is it becomes too Mincemeat Without Meat.

of soft white sugar; add two level table spoonfuls of salt, a level teaspoonful each of pepper, ground cloves, allspice, cinnamon, mace and two medium-sized

nutmens, mate and two mentures read in the whole with a quart of grape jurce to make it of proper consistency. Mix thoroughly, adding more sugar, seasoning and spice if taste requires it, but be careful that

no taste predominates. Let it stand at least twenty-four hours before using. This mince meat will keep all winter,

Five pounds of chopped apples, ore and a half pounds chopped suct, one and a half pounds of currants, washed, dried and picked over; one and a half pounds one pound citron cut thin; the grated rind, juice and pulp of one orange; the grated rind and juice of two lemons, onenalf ounce cinnamon; one-half ounce of cloves, allspice and mace, mixed; salt; two nutmegs grated. all the fruits and suet thoroughly, mix well with sugar, salt and spice.

Christmas Plum Pudding.

One pint and a half of grated brea One pint of chopped suct.
One pint and a half of currants and

(stoned) raisins.

Half a cup of citron shaved thin. One scant cup of sugar. Half teaspoonful of grated nutmeg. Five eggs (well beaten). Two tablespoonfuls of flour. Milk enough to mix it in a batter, which must be well beaten, and steam

four hours for table.

Sauce for Above. One-quarter cup butter, one-half cup One-quarter cup butter, one-nalf teaspoonfig powdered sugar, one-nalf teaspoonfig emon or vanilla, or a little nutmeg. teaspoonful Rub the butter to a cream in a warm bowl; add the sugar gradually then the flavoring, pack it smoothly a small dish, and stamp it with othly i butter mould (or the bottom of a figured glass), keep it on ice till very hard, or, if preferred, pile it lightly on a small fancy tray as "snowdrift

Another Sauce.

One-quarter pound of butter, one-quarter pound of sugar, yolk of one egg, one tablespoonful lemon juice, a little nutmeg.
Cream the butter, add the sugar, and stir over the steam until liquid, then add

the yolk of egg, well beaten. Stir until it thickens, adding the lemon flavoring, nutmeg and serve hot.

A Christmas Surprise .

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One of the New Year customs in French Canadian rural districts was a surprise to a young English teacher who boarded in a French family in order to learn the language. On descending to breakfast on New Year's morning she was saluted by each member of the family by outspoken good wishes and a kiss. Submitting to the master and mistress, in her astonishment, she held the grown-up son at arm's length while she explained that such a custom was not considered proper in the English settlements, and she could wish them every happiness without resorting to such a demonstration. With ample apologies they lowed to her decision in good humor.—Canadian Good Housekeeping for December

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CHRISTMAS IN MERRY ENGLAND.

of the twenty-fifth of December. The example is set by the royal family of the ideal way in which to spend the happy, merry Christmas-tide which the English people cherish. It is the custom of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra to pass the holiday quietly at Sandringham, and there to give personal supervision to the distribution of gifts.—Jane A. Stewart in Leslie's Weekly.

Song of the Filipino Bard. Sons of Filipino sires, Rise! the foe is at your door. Rise and don your sprinting garment As you've donned them oft before.

Rise and show the proud invader You retain your ancient speed; That you're swift upon the moun Swift and terrible indeed.

Let the nations laud the daring, It shall not be yours to die, On the crimson field of battle, While you have your feet to fly.

If you wear the yoke of bondsmen
They will have to catch you first Then fly, ye spark-brown patriots, While the day is young and bright When the foe lines up for battle You'll be safely out of sight.

When Mother Reads Aloud

When mother reads aloud, the past Seems real as every day; I hear the tramp of armies vast, I see the spears and lances cast, I join the thrilling fray; Brave knights and ladies fair and I meet when mother reads aloud.

When mother reads aloud, far lands
Seem very near and true;
I cross the desert's gleaming sande,
Or hunt the jungle's prowling bands,
Or sail the ocean blue;
Far heights, whose peaks the cold mists
shroud,
I scale when mother feads aloud.

When mother reads aloud, I long
For noule deeds to do
To help the right; redress the wrong;
It seems so easy to be strong,
So simple to be true,
Oh, thick and fast the visions crowd
My eyes, when mother reads aloud.
—Hannah G. Fernald, in The St. Nicho

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And so in my thoughts I separate them still. Well, he went away again, and I saw him no more for two years, for the next vacation he spent with some friends. In the meantime my young sister grew up as beautiful a creature as ever bloomed into womanhood. She had a small and graceful form, delicate fcatures, complexion of the purest white and red, glittering black hair, splendid black eyes, and an ever-varying, most enchanting smile. I was twenty-five, and my sister eighteen, when the young squire came to the castle to pay us a last visit, previous to departing for his tour on the Continent. I had never seen him so handsome and fascinating as howas then. Still I never thought of him except as the young master; and never associated him with the memory of my love; but during the few weeks of his stay he came frequently to our lodge, and always seemed affectionate to me stay he came frequently to our lodge, and always seemed affectionate to me I used to do all the shopping and marketing for our little household, and oftketing for our little household, and often upon returning from these errands in the village, I found Mr. Etheridge in company with my fair young sister. Upon these occasions he would always spring forward and greet me most affectionate ly, saying:

The eastle recommended that the child the child sould be placed in my sapered to nurse the infant, but only on condition that it should be sent to my cottage and left in my sole care. To this His Lordship tonsented. ly, saying:
"I have been waiting for you, Maggy."

or words to that effect.

"Heaven knows that I never had a

oubt of his honor, or a fear of my sis-r's heart. I had known the young uire from his boyhood, and though we had once been sincere lovers, he had never done, or said, a single thing to wound my delicacy; therefore, how could I suser done, or said, a single thing to wound my delicacy; therefore, how could I sus-pect that his visits boded evil to my May? Alast I did not know how much besides classics anl mathematics he had learned at Oxford; no, nor now the world had changed him! I was blind, world had changed him! I was Dilliu, deaf, senseless to all misgivings. At length the last day of his visit came. The next morning he was to start upon his travels. That night my sister clung to travels. That night my sister clung to me and wept all night. I could not com-She had been hysterical for several days, and I sat it all lown to ervousness, never for an instant con-ecting her malady with the tthought of

necting her malady with the tthought of the young squire's departure. The next morning he took leave of us, and went away; alone as we thought. That night my May was missing. Ah! I cannot en-ter upon the details of this sad story. A few days of agonizing and fruitless search and then we ascertained that she was the companion of his tour. He had waited for her at a neighboring post-town where according to their previous arrangement, she had joined him. My father was an old man, in feeble health; he never recovered the shock. The baron was in a terrible rage, and swore that he would mever forgive or speak to his nephew again. He did all he could for my fathagain. He did air ne could for my accu-er, retainel him in his service at full wages, and hired a young man, John Elmer, to do his duty in the Chase. I must hurry over this part of my story. Within twelve months after the flight of May father died. I married John Elmer, and he succeeded to the situation of head-keeper and we continued to occupy the lodge. It was in the second year of our marriage that we got news of May. He had deserted her, broken heart ,and she was dead-dead, and in a foreign grave! It was then that I registered an oath in heaven to avenge

I would fain have persuaded my husband to throw up his situation, rather than serve a master who had wrought us "Ah! my mother, to undo what you

with the mortal illness that finally terminated his life. The housekeeper at the castle recommended that the child

"He went away. And then I laid the babes side by side in the solitude of my room, and looked at them. Young inroom, and looked at them. I oung an-fants as they were, they were much alike. My own child and my master's were both of the same age and sex, and both little, round, faced, bald-headed, almond-cyed babies, with no more individ-uality to distinguish one from the other

than waxen dolls of the same pattern,
"There, in the solitude of my cottage,
I changed the clothing of those children,
and these months afterward, when his I changed the clothing of those children. And three months afterward, when his Jordship came home, it was my daughter whom I carried up to the castle to be christened by a Lord Bishop, who came down for the purpose. It was my daughter who had servants, and tutors, and governesses to attend her by day and night. It was my daughter who was brought up with the state of a young princess. Finally, it was my young princess. Finally, it was my daughter who, at the death of the baron, entered into his inheritance as Laura, Baroness Etheridge of Swinburne!" exclaimed the weird creature, her eyes gleaming with triumph, as if again she felt the virulent stimulus of hatred, and tasted the poisoned sweetness of re-

"My God! my God! Oh, woman, woman!-for I cannot call you mother-what is this that you have done?" moaned the lady, dropping her head moaned the lady, drop upon her clasped hands.

"I have consummated my revenge—"
Lady Etheridge shuddered and shrank away from her.
"I have filled my life with remorse

Lady Etheridge again shuddered. "And I have lost my immortal soul!
Laura, no longer Baroness Etheridge— Laura, my daughter, speak to me, I am

dying!"
"Oh, mother! mother! mother! mother! mother! mother! was no longer er-" exclaimed she who was no longer Lady Etheridge, as she dropped upon her knees by the bedside, and buried her face in the coverlet.

"Laura, Laura, speak to me! comfort me! I am dying! Laura, Laura, you at least have no reason to complain; you I registered an oath in heaven to avenge upon the head of her destroyer the ruin and death of my only sister. And to do this more effectually, I resolved to conceal the fiery hatred that consumed my heart.

"Another year passed. The old baron died, and the young one reigned in his mead."

"Repent of it! repent of it! repent of it! pray God for forgiveness!" sobbed Laura.

"Repent."—I unde my doings. Learn.

"Repent?—I undo my doings. I can go no further," replied the woman,

than serve a master who had wrought us such bitter wrong. But John Elmer was obstinate. We remained, and I buried the bitter hatred in my breast—and bided my time.

'I pass on to other days, when the new I have so long considered my own, yet,

believe me, it will be difficult to convince the House of Peers, before whom this matter must come, that the manueless girl whom you deprived of the title has any right thereunto."

beheve me, it will be difficult to convine the House of Peers, before whom this matter must come, that the nameless girl whom you deprived of the title has sny right thereunto."

"Will it? The proof does not rest solely upon my word or dying oath. Let anyone lead Rosamond Etheridge through a gallery of the portraits of her ancestors, and compare her face with theirs, and it will then be seen that Rosamond, in face and features, is a true Etheridge. Or, if more proof is needed, let anyone strip up her sleeve, and look upon her right arm above the elbow, and they will see the family mark, the ficury cross, with which, while in Scotland, some ancient Baroness of Etheridge was so frightened as not only to leave its image on her immediate child, but to send it down to all her descendants. Have you, Laura, any such mark, or any such resemblance?"

"No, no; and I remember that the absence of the Etheridge family, used to be commented upon by the servants in my presence."

"Ah! nor is that all. There are other proofs. The links in the chain of evidence will all be found complete."

"It is better that it is so; since a question as to the true inheritirix must be raised. I am glad that the answer is susceptible of proof which will place the matter at rest forever. And now, my mother, you are not dying, nor even mear in any lady, and while you are rest-ing and interest of the stairs. The superboard with a white velvet embroidered cloth, were displayed the magnificent bridal presents offered beautiful vision met her view. Upon a center table, covered with a white velvet embroidered cloth, were displayed the magnificent bridal presents offered by the friends of Lady, give the friends of Lady Etheridge.

"Be entered her dressing room, when a center table, covered with a white velvet embroidered cloth, were displayed the magnificent bridal presents offered by the friends of Lady Etheridge.

"Be but see, my lady, if your lady-ship is equal to it, what splendid offerings. All these came last night, or this marning. I hope they

susceptible of proof which will place the matter at rest forever. And now, my mother, you are not dying, nor even near mother, you are not dying, nor even near death, as your fears would suggest. You must permit me to return to the castle, and make certain arrangements that must not be delayed. I will return to you immediately afterward," said Laura, rising, and arranging her disordered

In their long interview, the night un-heeded had passed away, and brought

the morning.

When Laura opened the door, the first rays of the rising sun streamed into the room. The carriage still waited before the door, and the coachman was asleep

om his box.

"Wilson," said the lady, "I am really sorry to have kept you sitting here all night, while I watched by a sick bed. You shall go to sleep when you get back o the castle; but now drive rou the residence of Colonel and Mr. Hastngs, and request them to come to me at castle upon important business that vill not admit of delay. Then return ither to take me home.

hither to take me home."

The weary coachman obeyed, and, gathering up his reins, drove off. The lady returned to the house, and sat down beside the bed of the now sleeping woman, to wait until the carriage came back. Stunned by the shock of her sudden fall, distressed by doubts of the reality of her own reason, tempted to believe the events of the night only the phantasmagoria of a feverish dream, and feeling, through all this chaos of thought, the imminent necessity of immediate action, Laura waited until, almost at the same moment the carriage drove up to the doubt Rose.

passed over the face of the maiden. Her cheeks wore the pallid hue of death, her eyes were dim and sunken, her lips blue and trenulous; her voice, in bidding good-morning to Lady Etheridge, was so low and faltering as to be almost inaudible.

"How this child loved her supposed "How this child loved her supposed mother," was the thought of Laura, as she kindly said: "Do not be uneasy, our patient is not in immediate danger." "Thank you, I know that she is not, my lady," replied Rose, in a tearful

"Then what other grief can a young girl like you possibly have?" inquired Laura, sympathetically.
"The heart knoweth its own bitter-

ness, Lady Etheridge—a bitterness with which the stranger intermeddleth not," replied Rose, with a certain mournful

dignity.

"Very true; I beg your pardon; yet
permit me to be the good fairy who will
permit me to be the good fairy who will foretell to you an end, before many days of all your troubles," said Laura, gently, for not the slightest element of jealousy entered into her heart of the scious maiden who was soon to displace her from her high rank.

"I have no troubles, Lody Etheridge those only have troubles who have hopes, prospects and desires. I have none; nothing but the bitterness of an acrid heart. Do not occupy your coble mind with my poor affairs, my kdy. This is your wedding day; I have the honor to wish you much joy, madam!" said Rose, with a deep courtesy, as she turned

"Yes, she is an Etheridge—a true Etheridge, although she knows it not as yet. And I—who am I? This must be all a dream, or a delirium of some fierce brain fever! Oh, heaven, that I could wake!—that I could burst these bonds of sleep or frenzy, and awake!" thought aura, as she stood for a few moments like one in a trance. Then, recovering herself, she told the good neighbor to say to Mrs. Elmer, when she awoke, that she would soon return; and, taking leave, entered the carriage and drove to Swinburne Castle, no longer her home. She was met in the hall by Mrs. Maberly, her woman, who was all in a flut-

berly, her woman, who was all in a flut-ter of anxiety.

"Ah, my lady! my lady! how very in-discreet! Just like your kind heart, to stay out all night nursing a whimsical old woman, instead of taking your rest with such a day as this before you. And alack, how worn your ladyship does look. Will your ladyship lie down and sleep for an hour, and then take a warm bath and a cup of coffice before commencing your a cup of coffice before commencing your ladyship's bridal toilet. There will be

"No, Maberly, no I thank you; I could not sleep. I will go to my dressing-room, and evchange this habit for a losse wrenner, and any man being the sleep. ose wrapper; and you may bring me a

"Yes, my lady. Will your ladyship look into the dining room as your ladyship goes by? Mounseer, the French cook that Colonel Hastings brought down had the beat free that the property of the state of t cook that Colonel Hastings brought down has laid the breakfast most magnificent, my lady," said the maid, throwing open a pair of folding doors on her right, and revealing a fine dining-hall, with a long table and sideboards covered with snow white downess, and spartlying claying white damask, and spartling, glowing, and blazing ith gold plate and crystal glass, while all the pillars that support ed the arched roof, and all the family portraits that graced the walls, were festooned with wreaths of flowers.

In less than a month the borrowing ceased entirely.—Philadelphia Record.

Tommy — "Pop, ears are always on the side, aren't they?" Tommy's Pop— "Yes, my son." Tommy—"Then what's

"It is very well," said Laurs, languid-ly, as she passed on her way up the

"It is very rich and rare. There, Maberly, give me my dressing gown."
"Yes, my lady; and while you are resting and drinking, your tea, just feast your ladyship's eyes upon that bride dress and veil; and see this wreath or orange blossoms, with the real perfume in them, such as the French only can make."

"Yes, yes, Maberly, it is all very beautiful, no doubt; but I have now other things to occupy my thoughts."
"Other things, my lady."
"Yes, yes; I am monentarily expecting Colonel and Mr. Hastings. When they arrive, show Colonel Hastings into the drawing room, and Mr. Hastings into the library, and come and let me know. And now leave me. I wish to be to the library, and come and let me know. And now leave me. I wish to be

"Yes, my lady," said the wondering "Yes, my lady," said the wondering abigail, as she left the room.
"Strange! oh, most strange, but yesterday Lady Etheridge of Swinburne, the mistress of all this vast estate, the betrothed of Albert Hastings, and today—to-day—only Laura Elmer, the daughter of the village laundress. Yet still the betrothed of Albert Hastings. That was the dearest title I ever had. I have that still. Oh, thanks be to Heaven, amid all the wreck and ruin of my

I have that still. Oh, thanks be to Heaven, amid all the wreck and ruin of my fortune, I have that precious title still. Will he be faithful in my fallem fortune. Yes, yes. Oh, traitress that I should be to doubt him for a moment. Yes, he will be faithful. He never loved me for my rank or fortune. He loves me for. of her own position, and of the stability of her own reason, tempted to believe the events of the night only the phantasmagoria of a feverish dream, and feeling, through all this chaos of thought, the imminent necessity of immediate action, Laura waited until, almost at the same moment the carriage drove up to the door, Rose, with the neighbor at whose house she had spent the night, came in.

Making a sign to them that her patient was asleep, Laura Eimer arose to keave the house; but first she turned to gaze on Rose, the unconscious, though nightful Baroness Etheridge. Since the preceding night, a fearful change had passed over the face of the maiden. Her cheeks wore the pallid hue of death, her eyes were dim and sunken, her lipe blue and tremulous; her voice, in bidding good-morning to Lady Etheridge, was so low and faltering as to be almost.

ing with the library. "Will ne be latterful? I shall know now!— nay, do now! My life—my soul on his fidelity. He will be faithful!"

And with this inspiring word upon her glowing lips, and with this thought lighting up her eloquent face, she entered the library and stood in the presence of him who held her fate in his hands—Albert Hastings.

CHAPTER V.

Mr. Hastings was pacing the floor, and turned to greet her, exclaiming:
"My worshipped Laura—" when something in the expression of that queenly brow, and those steady, luminous eyes, stopped him. Looking wistfully in her face, he said:
"Something has hanged Lade Fits

"Something has happened, Lady Etheridge. You commanded the presence of Colonel Hastings and myself, and we are here at your orders. Speak, dear Laura, and say, can we serve you." and say, can we serve you. (To be continued.)

BORROWERS TOOK THE HINT.

Suburban Housekeeper Returns Their Own Coffee and Gets Desired Relief. In a suburb of this city resides a matron who prides herself upon her coffee, and those who have enjoyed the hospitality of her board agree that her pride is well founded. For months she has been distressed by the propensities of some of her neighbors who have bor-

rowed coffee, and that only, to her occasional but serious inconvenience. It was true they returned what they her own requirements or the mainten of her reputation so much as use it ements or the maintenance On one occasion when her complaints to her husband were particularly sorrowful he suggested that she keep the coffee returned to her for use when her visitors

sought to borrow more instead of throwing it away as she had been doing. And she at once put the plan into execution. The next borrower was received sweetly and her request for a portion of coffee complied with most graciously. It was promptly returned, but with less appearance of gratification than had been the wont. The plan was continued and applied to the others.

"Mrs. Jones' coffee is not of as good quality as formerly," said one neighbor to another.

"So I've noticed," said the other neigh-

RESULTS OF

by blood-poisoning. I had tried every kind of ointment and salve that I had heard of, but none of them seemed equal to my case. Last winter I was worse than ever, and could not bear to stand on my feet for five minutes. The pain was so acute that I could not bear to have my slippers on.

"I heard of Zam-Buk, and decided to have my slippers on.

"I heard of Zam-Buk, and decided to give it a fair trial. From first commencing with it it did me good, and it has now cured me. Whereas before I could not stand on my feet for five minutes at a time. I can now not only stand, but walk about without feeling any pain whatever. I feel like a new woman. I have waited to see if the cure was permanent before making any statement, and now I am very willing to give my testimony. I shall be pleased to answer eany inquiries, and if any one cares to come and see me, I shall be pleased to the cure was permanent before making any statement, and now I am very willing to give my testimony. I shall be pleased to answer eany inquiries, and if any one cares to come and see me, I shall be pleased to show tell them what Zam-Buk has done for me.

It is by working suck cures as the late of the Earl of Ferrers, the rule was for centuries enforced that any baron of the realm who passed through should forfeit one of his horseshoes unless he redeemed it with a fine, and so many shoes were received in the castle gates that these were covered with the emblems.

When Boniface, third Duke of Tusting, went to meet his bride in 1038, it is recorded that his train was so magnificently decorated that the horses were should be the property of those who found them. As late as the sixteenth century an English ambassador in Paris had light silver shoes so fastened on his horse that when the animal pranced the shoes were flung off the tererord received in the castle gates that these were covered with the emblems.

Horseshoeing has been characterized as

FAITH IN HORSESHOE LUCK

external goods. You cannot touch my heart, where, safe as a jewel in its casket, lies the treasure of my life, the love of Albert Hastingsi'' mused Laura, as she sat amid the transitory splendor of her dressing room.

"My lady, Mr. Hastings waits your ladyship's pleasure in the library," said a footman, opening the door.

"Very well, Williams, precede and announce me," said his mistress, rising and leaving the dressing room.

"Will he be faithful!" she mused, as she passed along the halls communicating with the library. "Will he be faithful!" show now!— nay, do now! My life—my soul on his fidelity. He will be faithful!"

When men first devised plans for pro-tecting the hoofs of horses from damage they probably made real shoes of braided rushes and of leather, which were put on the horses' feet only in time of But as these soon wore out one as these soon wore out and the working of metal became easy the use of iron shoes came into vogue for beasts

The first were in all probability not nailed to the hoof of the horse, but so made that they could be easily removed. made that they could be easily removed. Catullus, the Roman poet, who wrote in the first century before Christ, refers to the way "the mule leaves her iron shoe in the stiffs and of the slough." In the old testament there is reference to horses' hoofs being broken by mighty prancings, showing that they were not protected by metal shoes, but the reference that the shoes is the reference by the shoes in the reference by the shoes in nce by Homer to "brazen-footed" horses is held by some to refer to brass shoes, although others regard it as mere poetic

Mithridates in his war with the Romans had to send his cavalry away while besieging Cyzicus because the hoofs of his horses were worn down. The earliest records show that the people of Thessaly were the first to protect the hoofs of their horses feet with shoes of iron. They were first tied on with thongs, but with the invention of nails they were used. the invention of nails they were used to fasten the hoofs and shoes together. Greek name for the modern horse-

shoe, the shape of the crescent first appears in the works of the Emper-or Leo in the ninth century. These were nade of iron and fastened on with nails. borrowed, or imagined they did, but the coffee they brought her back was not of the quality of that they borrowed. She could not in justice to her reputation or her own requirements or the manifest of the with silver shoes, while the elder Pliny, her own requirements or the manifest of the reputation or says that Nero's notorious Queen Porton and fastened on with nails. Suctonius says that Nero, the emperature whose name is inseparably connected with silver shoes, while the elder Pliny, her own requirements or the manifest of the property of the proper pen had her beasts shod with gold. But it is believed that these were not nailed to the hoofs, but the upper part drawn over the feet only was made of the precious metal so as to give a glittering appearance to the hoofs of the animals

RESULTS OF
BLOOD POISONING

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At Oakham, the seat of the Earl of Ferrers, the rule was for centuries enjoyed.

No older nails used in fastening ahoes to horses' feet have been found than those here found than those here of the Franks, who died in 481 A. D. The shoes were fastened with nine nails to each hior, but no part of the shoe remains. The oldest shoe extant is one which belonged to the Emperor Charlemagne in the eighth century, in which there are holes for nails.

William the Conquerer is believed to have introduced horseshoes into England for he gave the city of Northampton as a fief to a man in consideration of his furnishing shoes for his horses and Henry be with the king and whose descendants bear six horseshoes in their arms, was so named because he was in charge of the reverse in the city of Northampton as a fief to a man in consideration of his furnishing shoes for his horses and Henry be with the king and whose descendants bear six horseshoes in their arms, was so named because he was in charge of the Friers, the rule was for centuries enjoyed to the control of the strength of the same with nine nails to have the city of how the first and heard of, but none of them seemed end to have introduced horseshoes into England for he gave the city of Northampton as a fief to a man in consideration of his furnishing shoes for his horses and Henry bear of the seem found than the heart of her her are holes for her her are holes for his horses and Henry

It is by working such cures as the above that Zam-Buk has made for itself its world-wide reputation. It is a certain cure for cuts, burns, bruises, eczema, is shod damage is done to the hoof by paring it, and nutting nail holes in it. tain cure for cuts, burns, bruises, eczema, jamples, running sores, spreading scabs, scalp discases, poisoned wounds, festering sores, piles, ulcers, bad legs, absceses, boiles, ringworm, erysipelas, scrofula, barber's rash, blackheads, acne, stiffness, rheumatism, and all injured, discased or inflamed conditions of skin and tissue. Of all druggists at 50c a box, or postpaid from the Zam-Buk Co., Colborne street, Toronto. upon receipt of price. 6 boxes for \$2.50. of horses, as a machine-made nail is more likely to split when driven into the hoof and one portion to turn inward and the other outward.

No monuments or sculptures are ex-No monuments or sculptures are extant showing any horses with shoes earlier than the second century, but a bas
relief in the museum at Avignon is of
thi sdote. A coin in the British museum
from Tarentum of about 200 B. C. is,
however, supposed to represent a shod
horse. When the Huns invaded Europe their horses are believed to have been shod and the Arabs of the Hejira in 622
A. D. shod their steeds.

A. D. shod their steeds.

When horseshoeing first came into vogue the art of the smith was regarded as ranking with that of writing poetry or giving instruction, so that noblemen, bishops and squires and even kings did not disdain to practice it and the first smiths were men of high rank. Many noble familles have horseshoes in their armortial heavings.

noble families have horseshoes in their armorial bearings.

The popular tradition that it is lucky to find a horseshoe has great antiquity, as has the custom of nailing them up for preserving the same good fortune od as an antidote to ill. In a book written by Dr. Horne in 1650 reference is made to the good luck of finding pieces of iron and the ill luck of finding silver. In Holyday's comedy "Marriage of the Arts," published in the same century, he writes that the horseshoes may never

Arts," published in the same century, he writes that the horseshoes may never be pulled from your threshold. In his "Reflections," published in 1695, he says:

"The common people of the country have a tradition that 'tis a lucky thing to find a horseshoe and though 'twas to find a horseshoe and though 'twas to make myself merry with this fond conceit of the superstitious vulgar stoop-ed to pick it up."

The nailing of horseshoes over doors and windows to keep away witches and their malign influence had great vogue in the days when belief in witchcraft was prevalent. The ancient drove nails in the walls of hor protection against the play protection against the plague and had to protection against the plague and had they known of horseshoes they doubt-less would have nailed them up.

In the latter half of the seventeenth

entury a writer mentions that most of the houses in the west end of London the houses in the west end of London were protected against witches by horse shoes nailed in them. As late as 1813 there were seventeen horseshood five remained.

Only a few years ago the story was published in English newspapers of a carpenter in Ely who when taken ill imagined that a woman whom he had ejected from one of his houses had bewitched him. Certain wise old wo counselled him that the only way to ecure protection from her supposed incantations, sorceries and evil influen was to have a blacksmith nail three

horseshoes over his door. This was done, and the supposed witch was so enraged that she complained to the dean of the cathedral, but he only laughed at her. Enraged at her failure to secure relief from what she regarded as an intolerable condition, she hurried to the bedside of the sick man and de spite the horseshoes over the doorway passed through it. But the sick man and his advisers had their faith restored when they found that the economical blacksmith instead of using horseshoes had nailed up three of the shoes discarded after being taken from a donkey's

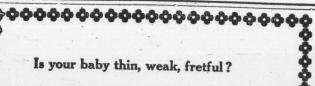
As belief in witches has almost wholly passed away so has the belief in the efficacy of horseshoes to keep them away. In fact, the poetry and romance of the old fashioned horseshoe, hammered out on his anvil by the busy smith in his grimy forge—the sparks flying from the beaten steel, thrust into the fire at intervals, while with one hand he blew his huge bellows to supply the oxygen to keep the metal at white heat—almost wholly passed away when the horseshoe making machine was invented.

When first devised in 1835 it could

turn out fifty or sixty pairs a minute, and this was afterward increased.

When Longfellow wrote—
Under the spreading chestnut tree
The village smithy stands—
there was still much more interest in
blacksmithing than there is now, when
the automobile has to so great an extent served to discourse with horses and tent served to dispense with horses and horseshoers. A use to which horseshoes are often put in country districts is in pitching a game of quoits when regular quoits are not available. The heavier shoes—that it, the less worn they are—





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retired as rector of Billing's Bridge, near Ottawa, died suddenly on Friday agt. Deceased was known and highly esteemed by many in this section. Athens is to have a toboggan slide

this season. It will be located west of the village and, under careful, compe tent management, will prove popular Its prosperity will depend largely on nature of the care exercised by both the patrons and managers.

Miss Bowman of the Church of England Deaconess' House, Toronto. and a graduate of McGill, addressed the W. A.'s of Trinity Church and Athens on Thursday last on the work of the Deaconess movement. A large number of ladies were present. Reeshments were served at the close.

In Eastern as well as Western O tario The Farmer's Advocate, pub ished at London, Ont., is recognized Canada's leading agricultural journal. The Christmas number, just to hand, is probably the best of the many excellent holiday numbers sent is now issued weekly at only \$1.50 per

vear.

As usual, the chief public event in Athens on Christmas will be the annual entertainment and Xmas tree of the Methodist S.S., which will be Preparations are now going merrily on and a first class programme is expected which will close with a couple of beautiful tableaux. Yes, there is to be a Christmas tree, and friends of the school are invited to use it and the coming next to prepare for the municipal election. The recognition of the political affiliation of candidates does not prevent the township from getting first-class men at their board, and the coming next to prepare for the municipal election. held in the town ball in the evening. bring their gifts early in the afternoon prove no exception.

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MONEY TO LOAN

THE undersigned has a large sum of mon ey to loan on real estate security at low

here and went to Lyn where they will spend the winter at the home of Mr. A meeting of the municipal electors of the Village of Athens will be held in the town hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31st, 1908, for the purpose of nominating a reeve, four council ors and three public school trustees for 1907, and in case a poll be required the votes of the qualified electors will be taken on Monday Jan. 7, 1907, from 9 s.m. to 5 p.m., at the following places:— The Reporter has received several communications relating to the new school law, but will have to postpone assion of this matter until

places:—
P.S.D. No. 1—council room, town hall; H.
C. Phillips, D.R.O.
P.S.D. No. 2—at W. G. Parish's vacant shop, next to H. H. Arnold's store; Wm.
Karley, D.R.O. B. LOVERIN, Clerk

lead to McClarv's grocery these days. The beautiful lamp goods, china, glass ware. crockery are worthy of a visit At the regular meeting of the Cana dian Order of Chosen Friends, next

lay night, officers for the year will A full attendance Christmas services will be held in the Methodist church next Sabbath,

Special Xmas music. Services will be held at Temperance Lake and also at Lake Eloids at 2.30 in the afternoon.

Among those who passed the final sxaminations at the Kingston Model School and are now entitled to teach were Misses Annie and Ethel A. 1merson, Seeley's Bay.

-The beautiful art goods in china at McClary's grocery continue to attract the attention of young and old. The stock is large but those wishing a choice from the full selection should

he staff and students of the Waterford High School, of which he has been principal since leaving Athens. Mr Mills has taken a position in one of

-Mr. W. E. Stratton of Frankville purposes going to the West and is conducting a great clearing sale by retail particular interest at this season and many are profiting by the very low prices quoted as staple on well as fancy

goods. Township Conservatives and Liberals meet in the township hall on Saturday the school are invited to use it and to and the coming year will probably

### Notice

A S I am now travelling on the road and have no further use for them, the follow ricioles will be sold at bargain prices:— The "big hill" has commenced business for the season and a number of coasters nightly assemble there. home for the holidays and is being warmly welcomed by many old friends.

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## **Nomination Meeting**

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## Nomination Meeting

A meeting of the municipal electors of the fownship of Rear Yonge and Escott will be held on Monday Dec. 31, 1905, at 1 p.m., in the fownship town hall, Athens, for the purpose of nominating a reeve and four councillors for 1907, and in case a poll be required the votes of the qualified electors will be taken on Monday, Jan. 7, 1907, from 9 a m to 5 pm, at the following places:

owing places;
P.S.D. No 1—at Elbe school-house, Ranson
M Brown, D R O. M Brown, D R O. P S D No 3-at Fortune's school-house, Albert Morris, D R O. P S D No 3-Jas. Sheldon's residence, John Jamberlain, D R O. R E CORNELL. Clerk



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Toronto's collegiate institutes. out by the publishers. The Advocate of his large stock of general dry goods, is now issued weekly at only \$1.50 per etc. See bills. Such a sale is of

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