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THE DISTRICT.

Interesting Items in Condensed Form

Tilbury's Civic Holiday will be on the 10th of August.

Mrs. Jean McLean died at Ingersoll Thursday, aged 90 years, 6 months.

Archibald McTaggart, of Malahide, celebrated his 100th birthday Friday.

Winnipeg building permits for the season to date total \$6,290,159. They will likely reach \$10,000,000.

The population of Detroit has increased 13,000 in the past year. The population of the city is now estimated at about 353,228.

George Sampson, formerly of Wardsville, but residing in Florence for the past year, was stricken with a paralytic stroke recently.

Henry Hunsberger, of Leamington, was recently married at Comber to Miss Annie Bartley, sister of John Bartley, postmaster, Tilbury.

Over 40 applications were received for the position of principal of the Leamington public school. George A. Campbell, of Dryton, was selected at a salary of \$925.

Elgin people are pleased with the appointment of J. B. McKillop, one of Aldborough's gifted sons, to the crown attorneyship of Middlesex. He is eminently qualified for the position.

F. A. Berry, died suddenly of brain fever at Wallaceburg, July 14. He was a member of the Bank of Montreal staff and a son of Rev. Mr. Berry, rector of St. James church, Parkhill.

The Chatham Collegiate Board have engaged E. W. Jennings, B. A., of Richmond Hill, as successor to Mr. Sissons as assistant English master at the C. O. I., at an initial salary of \$750.

On Friday, July 15th, T. Pastorius, fisherman, at Kingsville caught a sturgeon that weighed 130 pounds. It dressed 73 pounds and made 41 pounds of caviare, which netted him \$40.10 for the fish.

Rev. George H. Cobbleck, M.A., of Park street church, Chatham, has been invited to the pastorate of the Central Methodist church, Woodstock, at the close of Rev. W. L. Rutledge's term, July 1905. Mr. Rutledge having previously been invited to Chatham.

At Mitchell on July 12 Rev. C. W. Brown united in marriage W. J. Stevenson, son of Robert Stevenson, of Glencoe, and Miss Hattie Wright, of Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson left the same evening for Calgary, where Mr. Stevenson has accepted a position as principal in one of the schools.

In the year 1837 there was not one mile of railway in Canada. In 1839 there were 16 miles, and this mileage was not increased until 1847, when there were 54 miles. In 1856 there were 1,414 miles, and at Confederation 2,278 miles. In 1896 the mileage had increased to 15,977 miles, and now there are 18,988.

It is said no more silver dollars will be coined in the United States. At the present rate at which the old coins are being called in the original supply of silver "cartwheels" is expected to be rapidly diminished, and a silver dollar will become a rarity; in fact, it has already reached that point in business transactions in Washington and other cities of the east.

The West Elgin Agricultural Society will work up an old boys' re-union for the Wallace town fair on October 4 and 5. The following committee will receive and entertain the home-comers: E. McKellar, D. Brown, A. McColl, B. F. Sifton, William Pearson, John McPhail, A. A. McKillop, J. D. Blue, Warren Graham, Dr. Ling, D. Blue, A. McPherson, William Patton.

The death of Peter Wilson, of Duwiche, was recently announced. Mr. Wilson was born in the Talbot settlement in 1816, and to him belonged the honor of being the oldest native-born citizen of Duwiche. In the township he resided all his life, with the exception of six years in Dawn. The deceased sprang from U. E. Loyalists, his father being born in New Jersey in 1772 and his mother in the same state in 1773, their parents having come from England.

At the annual meeting of the 13th district of the Ontario College of Pharmacy at the Garner House, Chatham, on Wednesday, many matters of concern to the drug trade were taken up and dealt with. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Albert Johnston, Sarnia; secretary, W. H. Borrowman, Leamington; executive committee, T. J. Miller, Walkerville; J. McLaren, Chatham; W. Cruickshank, Blenheim; Committee on price book, Andrew Johnston, Sarnia; D. A. Brander, Wallaceburg; J. Gunn, Chatham.

Scarcity in Jap Goods.

Wholesale firms are having their own troubles filling orders for Japanese goods. The factories are running short handed and are unable to make proper delivery of goods to the jobbers. The war will undoubtedly cause a scarcity of Japanese goods and the prices will likely advance. Scores of wholesale firms showing Japanese China have been compelled to call in their representatives as they were unable to get the goods from the potteries in Japan.

SPENT THE DAY AT RONDEAU.

Enjoyable Picnic Held by Ridgetown Presbyterians.

The annual picnic of the Presbyterian Sunday school took place at Rondeau Park Friday. The day was an ideal one and the teachers and the Rev. Dr. Munro did everything to give the little ones a pleasant outing. After dinner, athletic sports in the way of races were participated in by the scholars, with 1st and 2nd prizes in each event.

The first event was a boys race, under 9 years of age, 50 yards—1st, Frank Keilor; 2nd, Nelson Hawke.

2nd event, girls under 9 years of age, 50 yards—Florence Findlay, Lottie Campbell.

3rd event, boys race, 75 yards, from 9 to 12 years—Harold Little, J. Mayhew.

4th event, girls from 9 to 12 years of age, 50 yards—Bessie Findlay, Jennie McGregor.

5th event, boys open race, 100 yards—S. Pringle, F. Coombs.

6th event, girls open race, 50 yards—E. Willson, Ethel Wright.

7th event, boys obstacle race, under 9 years of age—J. Mayhew, Gordon Campbell.

8th event, girls shoe race—K. Crawford, C. Andrews.

9th event, boys potato race—Harold Little, Willie Hunter.

10th event, girls biscuit race—M. Campbell, Grace McLean.

11th event, boys obstacle race—J. E. Eastlake, F. Coombs.

12th event, girls potato race—Annie Pringle, C. Little.

13th event, girls candy race—G. McLean, M. McGregor.

14th event, boys three-legged race—1st, F. Coombs and Jas. E. Eastlake; 2nd, C. McDonald and A. Ritchie.

15th event, spelling match for girls—M. Campbell, M. McGregor.

Bathing, boating, swinging and fishing provided amusement for everybody, and as the sun set in the west it was with reluctance that the children were prevailed upon to prepare for home.

ANOTHER LOSS TO RIDGETOWN.

Trainmaster and Despatchers Offices Moved to St. Thomas.

St. Thomas seems to be the railway centre of the west, the latest addition to that city being the trainmaster and despatchers' offices of the Pere Marquette, which are at present located in that place. Trainmaster Jamerson and his assistants, James Smith and Miss Tillson go to the Railroad City today and Chief Train Despatcher Baillie and Despatchers F. Arnum, Roger Black and W. Kirkpatrick will likely be moved as soon as offices can be arranged. This means a distinct loss to Ridgetown as the above mentioned persons were among our very best citizens.

The Mercury Sent Upwards Monday.

London Free Press: The mercury in the official observatory thermometer reports having had one of the busiest days of its life Sunday, it had more climbing to do than at any other time this year and almost touched the record point for the last ten years. Only once in a decade has there been officially registered as much heat as yesterday. Then there were 93 degrees, while Sunday the highest mark attained was 91.1 degrees. To get there the mercury had an extra start, and climbed steadily until well past the noon hour. The sun on its journey to the western horizon thereafter weakened its rays somewhat, and further ascent on the part of the mercury was impossible. Thermometers exposed to the sun registered as much as 115 degrees of heat.

The By-Law Carried.

Voting on the bylaw to issue debentures for \$6,000 to pay off the floating indebtedness of the town of Ridgetown, took place Monday. Very little interest was manifested by the ratepayers, less than a hundred votes being cast. The bylaw carried by 44 majority. Following is the result by wards:

Ward	For	Against
No. 1	14	4
No. 2	14	6
No. 3	22	2
No. 4	10	4
Total	60	16

Donoho Bros. New Barn.

Donoho Bros., of the 12th concession of Howard raised a large barn Monday on a concrete foundation 9 feet above the ground. A. Schindler and J. A. Dilliot acted as captains and showed good judgment in the choice of men, as the former was only by a slight margin. No accident marred the exciting contest. Commemorative tables were spread on the lawn, to which all hands were invited. The ladies' not only provided an abundance of everything seasonable, but gave their attention in seeing that any "bashful ones" were well provided for.

Chatham Presbytery Would go Carefully.

After the discussion of the re-arrangement of the three charges of Rev. Dr. Jamieson, Rev. Mr. Molnes and Rev. Mr. Hare, at the Presbytery meeting yesterday afternoon, a deputaion was appointed to enquire into affairs at Duart. An informal talk on church union was then indulged in by the ministers present. Some of the men spoke in favor of the union and some against it. The majority, however, appeared to be in favor of going ahead very cautiously.—Chatham News.

THE EXAMS.

Entrance Results For East Kent District.

Below will be found a list of successful candidates at the recent examinations in East Kent. The highest number of marks obtainable was 1100 and the number required to pass 550.

Alvie Thompson, of Bothwell, headed the list in the district with 820 marks, and Fierce Robinson, of Thamesville, was second with 802. Clara Mitton obtained the highest number of marks of those writing at Ridgetown—733.

Following are the names of the successful candidates:

RIDGETOWN	
GIRLS.	
Ada Holmes	571
Lottie Albright	598
Shirley Agar	665
Floissie Anderson	686
Lelah Cole	550
Annie Finningdon	582
Lila Gray	553
Maggie Gosnell	607
Myrtle Gage	564
Vera Hill	586
Gertie Harder	550
Edna Hamil	550
Vera Johnston	569
Mabel Littlejohn	738
Violet Leitch	556
Marjorie Little	672
Rena McMaster	603
Clara Mitton	733
Jennie McLarty	550
Maggie McKinlay	608
Maud Pangburn	740
Olive Price	616
Edith Parsons	660
Florence Reid	609
Myrtle Stevens	601
Pearl Spence	577
Edith Wolfe	556
Queenie West	627
Ethel Wright	620
Floissie McMillan	597
BOYS.	
Orme Bowman	550
Milton Ellsworth	667
Fred Grant	616
Harry Gage	664
Benson Gosnell	688
Fred Harris	607
Ernie Hill	572
Chas. Hays	643
Murray Hamilton	681
John Kennedy	575
Chas. McDonald	703
Ernest McLarty	626
Ernest Showburg	550
Walter Thatcher	638
Gilmore Young	575

THAMESVILLE	
GIRLS.	
A. Arnold	660
F. Benjamin	672
I. Benjamin	617
P. Billwood	687
O. Edwards	668
M. Fyeb	672
E. Ferguson	557
V. Graves	572
H. Graves	673
L. Howat	594
M. Kaufman	781
M. McPherson	608
E. Mason	571
F. Robinson	802
H. Richardson	605
O. Stirling	745
A. Willis	692
E. Watt	797
L. Willson	670
BOYS.	
U. Gungrove	610
V. Blatchford	623
R. Forsyth	611
B. Gardiner	604
J. L. Secord	568
W. Jones	554
L. Riseborough	554
W. Ross	657
H. Shaw	642
C. Stewart	611

HIGHLAND	
GIRLS.	
Mary Baird	675
Stella Burnham	594
Stella Burk	741
F. Burchell	698
L. Clark	564
F. Canning	550
M. Campbell	619
L. Cumming	641
S. Doyle	586
A. Doyle	552
M. Ensign	710
M. Flood	568
R. Flood	685
M. Ferron	689
A. Gibb	727
A. Hamil	618
B. Hartwell	763
R. McMillan	562
L. Muckle	560
A. Park	556
D. Quackenbush	704
G. Reynolds	561
G. Rowe	601
N. Rumble	692
R. Swan	628
M. Steel	641
E. Stirling	551
L. White	719
Ruby Young	559
BOYS.	
E. Corlett	614
Ross Cumming	579
C. Claus	625
R. Claus	615
W. Cleveland	615
L. English	589
W. Gerow	580
W. Griat	551
J. Hodgie	676
C. Holland	624
Harley Hea	607
O. Holland	721
L. Jones	606
C. Kiel	625
E. Mallory	637
S. McBrayne	608
V. Purvis	610
W. Pegg	641
G. Pickering	561
F. Peacock	692
A. Peacock	743
G. Simmons	682
R. Stirling	611
N. Woods	621

Installation of Officers.

The regular meeting of Ridgetown Lodge, No. 144, I. O. O. F., held in the hall, Dart Block, last Wednesday evening, was exceptionally well attended. Bro. Locke read the finance report for the last six months which showed the lodge to be in a flourishing condition. After the business of the evening had been concluded the D. D. G. M., Bro. McEachran, of Glencoe, installed the officers for the current term as follows: N. G., Geo. J. Claxton; V. G., C. West; R. S., H. A. Thomson; F. S., H. A. Pattison; treasurer, F. Sansor; warden, C. H. Duckley; conductor, J. C. Locke; O. G., A. Godhawk; I. O., J. McGregor; R. S. N. G., B. W. Wilson; L. S. N. G., A. Savage; R. S. V. G., J. McKerracher; L. S. V. G., J. S. Pringle; R. S. S., W. B. Graham; L. S. S., William McMaster; chaplain, Edward Mitton. Short speeches followed after which an adjournment was made to Bro. Mitton's restaurant where an excellent lunch was served.

Another Gusher at Leamington.

Leamington, Ont., July 15.—The Leamington Oil Company have again struck it lucky, their No. 8 well being a "natural one." Oil was struck at midnight and spouted over the top of the 72 foot derrick. In the first twelve hours it flowed 125 barrels and is still keeping up the same gait. Well No. 9 is down 500 feet, and will be finished in a week. The company are now setting the derrick for No. 10. There is great excitement in the oil field over the strike of No. 8, as it is the best well yet found in the territory.

O. Wickware	653
W. Young	710

BOTHWELL.

GIRLS.	
M. Boynton	710
A. Brandy	692
E. Campbell	694
F. Carter	608
R. Campbell	654
M. Connor	650
M. Dent	647
B. Dent	732
A. Duncan	566
J. Fray	769
E. Johnston	589
J. Kelly	649
N. Leitch	593
M. McMaster	657
F. McMillan	645
F. McLarty	682
M. L. McKay	633
A. Pritchard	657
N. Randall	582
H. Swallow	550
B. Swallow	611
M. Tunny	567
H. Vincent	686
M. Willis	730
W. Wilkinson	747

BOYS.

F. Beamish	590
G. Bradley	579
B. German	594
W. Lidster	611
A. Lutz	569
F. Mann	793
R. McRae	581
A. Pierce	574
C. Procter	632
H. Pope	598
J. Swallow	624
S. Smith	791
A. Thompson	820

THAMESVILLE.

GIRLS.	
A. Arnold	660
F. Benjamin	672
I. Benjamin	617
P. Billwood	687
O. Edwards	668
M. Fyeb	672
E. Ferguson	557
V. Graves	572
H. Graves	673
L. Howat	594
M. Kaufman	781
M. McPherson	608
E. Mason	571
F. Robinson	802
H. Richardson	605
O. Stirling	745
A. Willis	692
E. Watt	797
L. Willson	670


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U. Gungrove	610
V. Blatchford	623
R. Forsyth	611
B. Gardiner	604
J. L. Secord	568
W. Jones	554
L. Riseborough	554
W. Ross	657
H. Shaw	642
C. Stewart	611

HIGHLAND.

GIRLS.	
B. Baudeen	586
P. Borge	560
M. Campbell	658
A. Deahaw	655
R. Garrott	568
E. Gillis	567
S. Hornell	597
M. Irvine	700
Maggie Kerr	557
Maud N. Kerr	651
J. Lawton	686
A. McDonald	624
Bell McKinlay	618
M. Ramm	617
L. Reynolds	617
E. G. Shipp	624
L. Templeman	699
E. Vyse	614

BOYS.

J. Argo	679
W. Deahaw	618
Chas. Gladstone	566
G. Herr	563
M. Hetherington	566
F. Humphrey	563
I. Irvine	733
W. McLeod	586
S. Reitenmeier	698
Harry L. Sifton	656



Your Chance

Broken lots and odd sizes in Summer Shirts on the first table for this week at for many lines half prices, including \$1.25, \$1.00, 75 and 60c Negligee Shirts, while they last..... 50c

A few odd sizes in two piece Summer Flannel Suits reduced 25 per cent. to clear.

Fish Net Underwear at..... 25c

Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, at per suit..... 50c

French Balbriggan, at per suit..... \$ 1 00

Combination Spring Needle Suits, at per suit..... \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Our Chester Suspender is a winner.

See Our Bathing Suits, at per suit..... 10, 25, 50c, \$1.00 to \$2.25

Everything that is up to date in Collars and Neckwear.

Special inducements in Our Ordered Clothing Department for the next 30 Days.

Bawden & Eastlake

Men's Glothiers and Furnishers.

..BARGAINS..

Come and see what we are offering in the line of

...COUCHES...

Prices Away Down.

W. C. DAY

PORTER BLOCK, RIDGETOWN. UNDERTAKNG.

Men's Tan Shoes

Blutcher Cut, New, Stylish, Dressy, Per Pair \$4.00

Call and see Them.

Dunkley The Shoeman

CHARLIE LEE Ridgetown Flour Mills

Best Hand Laundry in Ridgetown.

FLOUR

For those who have no wheat to exchange for flour, the next 15 months we can supply your wants with a guarantee of the BEST FLOUR IN CANADA, at lowest prices, according to quantity required. Please ask us prices on Flour and Feeds. Wholesale and Retail.

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NOTES FROM ENGLAND.
(From our own correspondent.)

Wool markets are now being held, though farmers do not seem over anxious to sell. Yet the prices offered are nearly double those of two years ago. The British market scale however, is weighted by various suppliers. When the balance stands in favor, should it not find appreciation.

Though June heat has been somewhat deficient, oat and barley crops are fairly promising. Wheat is coming into ear at this date (30th). The young mangrel plant has grown but slowly, as needing a higher temperature, and is somewhat backward. Swedes and turnips, where sown, have germinated well. Preparation of the land for these crops has been laborious, owing to the little that could be done on the land last autumn, through wet conditions.

During these last few days of June the click, click of the grass mower is the sound that breaks upon the rural stillness, and easily may making becomes general throughout the country. W. P.
June 20th.

RIDGETOWN'S BIG RACE MEET

Will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 24 and 25.

Preparations are now well under way for the grand summer meeting at Ridgetown Driving Park on Wednesday and Thursday, August 24 and 25 next, when \$1,200 will be hung up in purses for trotting, pacing and running races, as follows:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24.
2:30 Class, Pace or Trot, \$200.
2:25 Class, 2:18 Trot, purse \$200.
One-half Mile Run (catch weight), purse \$100.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25.
2:30 Pace, 2:25 Trot, purse \$200.
2:17 Pace, 2:13 Trot, purse \$200.
Free for all, Pace or Trot, purse \$200.
Three-fourth Mile Run (catch weight) purse \$100.
Entries close August 17th and horses eligible up to that date. Music will be furnished and hand and there will be a balloon ascension each day. F. Gilbert & Co., the promoters, are sparing no pains to make the reduced rates on all railroads.

SPORTING NOTES.

At Chatham Friday the home lacrosse boys defeated a team from Brantford by 9 goals to 4 before 600 people.

At St Thomas Wednesday, the Chatham intermediate lacrosse team won from the home club by a score of 8 to 6.

Blenheim lacrosse club received their first defeat of the season Monday in a league game with Thamesville at the latter place, the score being 8 to 2. Ridgetown gave Thamesville a harder race than Blenheim, the score when the former team met being 8 to 5. In Monday's game, Grant, of Ridgetown, played with Blenheim and Morrison with Thamesville.

Bothwell Beats Ridgetown.

The Bothwell Tennis Club played a game here Wednesday in the Western Ontario League, defeating the locals by four events to two. This was the first loss for the home team this season. Morrison gave Puddicombe of Bothwell his first defeat in several years. Following were the scores: Morrison, Ridgetown, beat Puddicombe, Bothwell, 8-3, 6-3; McMerrick, Bothwell, beat Strickland, Ridgetown, 6-4, 6-6; Elison, Bothwell, beat Riley, Ridgetown, 6-3, 6-1; Montgomery, Ridgetown, beat Kelly Bothwell, 6-3, 6-3. Doubles—Puddicombe and Ellis, Bothwell, beat Morrison and Strickland, Ridgetown, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; McMerrick and Kelly, Bothwell, beat Montgomery and Ridley, Ridgetown, 6-0, 6-3.

A Fine Property Sold.

Walter Mills has purchased the Hagaman residence on Erie street south. The house is equipped with waterworks and electric light and is in a first class state of repair.

His Last Hope Realized.

(From the Sentinel, Gebo, Mo.)

In the first opening of Oklahoma to settlers in 1888, the editor of this paper was among the many seekers after fortune who made the big race one fine day in April. During his traveling about and afterwards his camping upon his claim, he encountered much bad water, which, together with the severe heat, gave him a severe diarrhoea which it seemed almost impossible to check, and along in June the case became so bad he expected to die. One day one of his neighbors brought him one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a last hope. A big dose was given him while he was rolling about on the ground in great agony, and in a few minutes the dose was repeated. The good effect of the medicine was soon noticed and within an hour the patient was taking his first sound sleep for a fortnight. That one little bottle worked a complete cure and he cannot help but feel grateful. The season for bowel disorders being at hand suggests this item. For sale by all druggists.

BLENHHEIM HOTELMEN

Appeal to Judge Anglin and May go to Higher Court.

Toronto, July 18.—The fight for the issuance of licenses in Blenheim, where the commissioners refused to renew any license in view of a popular vote favoring closing all saloons, although the council failed to act on the vote, has now assumed a new phase. Yesterday the Ontario license department was served with a notice intimating that application would be made to Judge Anglin on Wednesday to compel the commissioners for the county of Kent to issue licenses to W. J. O'Brien, of the Sheldon House; A. B. Vester, of the Vester House; and E. J. Buzzard, of the Erie House, the three licenses which have been refused.

The case will raise several new points of law, especially the one whether license commissioners have power, irrespective of any by-law, to close all saloons in a municipality. It is probable that if the hotelmen fail in their application for a mandamus they may go to a higher court, and it is certain if the mandamus issues that the department will appeal.

THE PEACH CROP.

Chances Are Peaches Will be Dear.

Mr. George Rowatree, of Stanley street, has returned from a trip through the Leamington fruit district, and does not speak very encouragingly of the outlook for the peach crop. He says that many of the orchards have been almost completely killed out as a result of the heavy frosts of last winter, and that it is a common thing to see large orchards with perhaps not more than a dozen trees alive.

"The talk of a short crop of peaches is certainly not a joke in Leamington district," said Mr. Rowatree. "They have a new canning factory there, and I am told that whatever peaches may be produced this season will be required altogether for the canning factory. Shippers say there will not be a basket of peaches leave the district this year."

In past seasons a large proportion of the peach supply of this city has been received from Leamington, so that the housekeepers of London will be dependent upon some other source of supply for this season, if indeed, it be forthcoming at all.—London Free Press.

Sunday School Teacher Honored.

At the picnic of the Primary Class of the Methodist Sunday School held in Watson's grove on Wednesday last, Miss Haskins, the teacher, was presented with a ring and the following address, by the members of the class:

We, the children of the Primary Class of the Methodist Sunday School, who met today can call you our Sunday school teacher. You have always been our friend, you have always been our faithful teacher and we love you for it. We want to show you that we are thankful for your great kindness towards us, and while we know that we must do this by our actions and conduct towards you, will you accept this ring as a further token of our love and thankfulness to you. Do not think that this little gift in any way is able to show how much we love you, for it is only just a token. We will ever remember you when we are grown and we hope that your life will ever be happy and bright.

Dated at Watson's Grove, Ridgetown, July 13th, A.D., 1904.
Signed on behalf of the Primary Class by:
Rev. JASPER WILSON, Pastor.
L. J. REYNOLDS, Superintendent.
J. C. SMITH, Assistant Teacher.
The members of the class also wish to thank Mr. Watson very kindly for the use of his grove for the occasion.

The Local Markets.

The markets are very quiet at present, there being practically no grain delivered. Live hogs are quoted at \$5 per cwt. and wheat at 90c to \$1 per bushel. Merchants are paying 12c per pound for butter and 13c per dozen for eggs.

SALE NOW GOING ON.
John McCulloch Closing Out the Hagaman Stock at
Half the Regular Price

Boots and Shoes

If you are in need of boots, shoes or rubbers now is your opportunity to get your supply at away less than wholesale price. If you are supplied it will pay you to put in a supply for the future, as no such bargains as these can be had after the goods are closed out.

Ready-to-Wear Clothing

The ready-to-wear clothing is made in the very latest style and equal in every respect to made-to-order goods, the only difference being that you get these goods at about one-quarter what you would pay the tailor.

Gent's Furnishings

In this department we can fill all your wants in the very latest patterns and styles.

John McCulloch, Prop.
THE OLD HAGAMAN STAND, RIDGETOWN

JUDGMENT RESERVED

In the Road Obstruction Case in Orford Township.

A Ridgetown correspondent writes the Journal: Justice Watson reserved judgment Wednesday in the case tried before him for obstructing Talbot street at the Gardner gravel pit. The first case was laid by Chas. Taylor against Commissioner Blue of the Orford council. The question in dispute arose from the fact that the township of Orford bought a gravel pit in the locality mentioned and to prevent the appropriation of the gravel by any or everybody that asked for it were granted permission to place a fence in the road allowance opposite their claim. The plaintiff, as pathmaster, claims an obstruction, as it was 17 feet in the road. Many witnesses in the immediate vicinity who gave evidence would not say that it was an obstruction, the rowl at the point in question being 56 feet in the clear. There are few places on the Kings highway where there are 56 feet of good first class road bed for traffic. Old settlers of this well known thoroughfare claim that it will accommodate all local traffic. From the evidence there must be something charged beside obstructing the highway before a conviction can be registered.

Severe Electric Storm.

Comber, Ont., July 18.—The most severe thunder storm of the season passed over this district this afternoon. About noon the heat was intense, the thermometers showing 90 degrees in the shade. This was followed by a heavy downpour of rain, which continued for more than three hours, and which was accompanied by hail, heavy peals of thunder and vivid strokes of lightning. Adam Fennie, a farmer living near the village limits, while in the act of putting up an eavetrough on his residence was struck by the electric fluid and lies in an unconscious condition at this writing. The Town Hall was also struck and one corner shattered. The damage will not be very heavy.

Disposing of the Hagaman Stock.

The Hagaman stock is being cleared out by the purchaser, John McCulloch, who has marked good down to half the regular price. The stock is new, fresh and up-to-date and affords a money saving opportunity that may never occur again. Call at the store and have your wants supplied. No trouble to show goods.

Scotland Defeats Blenheim.

Scotland defeated Blenheim at base ball at the latter place yesterday by a score of 8 to 3. George Laing pitched for Scotland, and after the second innings not a run was scored off his side. For Blenheim, the pitcher was Huff, an Indian from Bothwell caught.

No man or woman will hesitate to speak well of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets after once trying them. They always produce a pleasant movement of the bowels, improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all druggists.

NOTICE.

Voters' List, 1904, Municipality of the Township of Howard.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I have transmitted and delivered to the persons mentioned in section 8 and 9 of the Voters' List Act and the amendments thereto, the copies required by said section to be so transmitted or delivered, of the list, made pursuant to said Act, of all persons appearing by the last revised assessment roll of the said municipality to be entitled to vote in the said municipality at elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and at Municipal Elections; and that the said list was first posted up in my office at Ridgetown, on the 31st day of July, 1904, and remains there for inspection.

Elections are called upon to examine the said list, and if any omissions or any other errors are found therein to take immediate proceedings to have the said errors corrected according to law.
Dated at Ridgetown this 30th day of July, 1904.
George McDonald,
Clerk of Howard.

The Northway Co. LIMITED

Busy Cash Store.

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Millinery Bargains

11 only ladies' straw ready-to-wear, all new shapes, in colored mixed straw and trimmed, sold regular at \$2.50 to \$3.50, your choice of the lot at 1.00
All Trimmed millinery at about half the regular price.

Cool Garments for Hot Days.

There never was a time when so much attention was given to comfortable summer garments for everybody as to-day. The ready-to-wear idea seems to have no bounds. Men, women and children all come in for a liberal share of attention. While we are somewhat accustomed to garments of all sorts for the grown-up folks, it is a pleasurable idea to be able to sell you many things that are ready for you.

Wool Delaines.

8 pieces wool delaines in cream and colored ground, neat small patterns, all pure wool. 31 inches wide, sold regular at 50c, very special at 25c
Dress voiles in cream, black, pearl grey and champagne, 42 inches wide, special at 50
20 pieces Japanese silk, taffeta finish, 27 inches wide, in every wantable color at 50

Ladies' Corsets.

Ladies' tape girdle corsets, straight front, well stayed and finished, very cool and nice for hot weather, sizes 18 to 24, at 50c
Ladies' net corsets for hot weather, made in two styles, medium and short, well stayed and finished, sizes 18 to 30, special at 50c
children's corset waist, made of fine quality jean, well stayed and finished, button back or front, all sizes at 45 and 75

Blouse Waists

Ladies' Japanese silk waists in white and black, fine tucked front and sleeves trimmed with medallions, very new and stylish, washable goods, all sizes, at 3.00
Ladies' white lawn waists trimmed with wide tucks back and front, hemstitched fancy collar, very new and dresy all sizes, at 1.00
Ladies' white muslin waists trimmed with wide lace insertion down the front and back, sleeves and collar very stylish, all sizes at 1.25
Ladies' blouse waists in high-class muslins, trimmed with embroidery front and back, very neat patterns and stylish, sizes 32 to 40, very special at 1.75, 2.00, 2.50 and 2.75

Gents' Goods.

Men's crash coats suitable for hot weather, in all sizes, good value at \$1.25, our special at 89
Men's black lustre coats, good black silk finish, well made and finished, all sizes, at 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00
Men's blue serge coats, made of extra fine quality English serge, hard, smooth finish, well tailored, all sizes at 2.50
Men's summer suits in extra fine tweed, smooth finish, light weight, just coat and pants, well tailored, all sizes, at 8.00

Wash Goods.

10 pieces fine quality English muslins in small patterns, good bright and dark colors, white ground with dimity cord, all good fast colors, at 10
15 pieces plain and fancy stripe chambray in grey, pale blue, pink, green and ox blood, good width and warranted fast colors at 12 1-2
2 only pieces black and white checked ginghams, extra fine quality, suitable for dresses, very scarce goods, wide width, at 12 1-2
10 pieces print in good choice patterns and colors, good washing goods, special at 6
10 dozen linen towels with red border and fringed, size 20x40, extra good quality of linen, special at 2 for 25c
Bath towels—15 dozen choice bath towels in plain and fancy colored stripes, in cotton and linen, all sizes at 12 1-2 to 1.00
Tea towelling in blue and white and red and white checks, good width, extra good quality at 6c

Dress Skirts.

Ladies' top dress skirts in black cloth, light weight, unlined, well made and finished, latest styles, different sizes, special at 2.50, 3.00 and 3.50
Ladies' fine dress skirts in fine smooth cloth, light weight, all new and stylish, all sizes, very special at 3.75, 4.50 and 5.00
Ladies' black mercerized underskirts, trimmed with four 2-inch frills and dust flounce, made of fine silk-finish mercerized, all sizes, special at 1.50

Print Wrappers.

Ladies' print wrappers in good bright and dark colors, waist lined and trimmed, collar and ruffle around yoke, wide skirt with deep flounce, extra good quality of print and warranted fast colors, all sizes at 1.00

Shoes for Hot Days.

Men's canvas shoes, good leather soles, well strapped and stayed, all sizes, at 1.50
Boys' canvas shoes, well stayed, leather soles, sizes 13 to 5, special at 75c
Ladies' Oxford shoes, all new, up-to-date styles, patent leather toes, all sizes, special at 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00

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Anything wanted not in stock procured on short notice, subject to approval.
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All work guaranteed.

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A Man's a fool, his cash to waste In buying clothes that lack in taste. The true economist is he Who does insist on quality; In fit and goods we that provide, Our rates are right, Gome! Step inside.

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Town and Vicinity.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Read the Steel-Simpson Co's. advt. Highest price paid for wool. G. Mickie. Special prices on Hammocks this week at Routledge & Co's.

There will be no service in the Church of the Advent on Sunday next.

Special sale of shoes Friday and Saturday at Steel-Simpson Co's.

The Salvation Army are holding their annual picnic at Rondeau Park today.

"Bug Death" kills the bugs, feeds the plant. For sale by Tape & Cameron.

Chatham bowlers play a scheduled game with the locals on the lawns here Friday.

To RENT—Cottage at Terrace Beach from 1st of August. Apply to Jefferies & Smith.

"Joker" Hicks played goal for Chatham in the lacrosse match at Blenheim on July 12th.

Willie Rettenmier, a nine year old Dart boy, passed the recent entrance examinations.

Thamesville and Ridgetown juniors will play lacrosse on Victoria Park at 6.30 this evening.

You have just three more days to take advantage of the Steel-Simpson Co's clothing sale.

Rev. Dr. Warner, of Alma Ladies College, St. Thomas, preached in the Ridgetown Methodist church on Sunday last.

The Ridgetown Epworth League have engaged two large tents which they will occupy at the Summer School to be held at Terrace Beach.

Mrs. Hammel entertained her Sunday school class at Terrace Beach on Monday afternoon last. The scholars enjoyed the outing immensely.

An alarm was sent in to the fire department from Leitch's mills Saturday night, but fortunately the blaze was extinguished without their aid.

Now is the time your garden is bothered by insects. Call at Tape & Cameron's and get a package of "Bug Death;" it is a complete insect destroyer.

The personage is undergoing a decided improvement in the line of having the house painted. The work is being done by T. S. Agar, Ridgetown.—Monitor.

William Simpson, Church street, is making further improvements to his residence by building an addition in the rear and erecting a verandah on the south side.

Another large shipment of fine Japanese china just to hand; lots of big values in this lot. Beautiful cups and saucers at 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c to \$1 each. Routledge & Co.

For Sale.—The property on the corner of Main street and Victoria avenue; also one coal stove and heating and cooking stoves, bedroom carpets, etc. Mrs. M. J. Golden.

County Commissioner Reycraft, who purchased the building back of the market from the Beaton estate, has had it moved onto his Victoria avenue property where he will use it for a barn.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a fruit and ice cream social on Mr. Hancock's lawn on Friday evening, July 22, commencing at 7 p. m. Good music will be furnished. Admission 15c.

Get your sealers at Steel-Simpson Co's and have the best.

Duncan Graham, a well to do farmer of Orford, has purchased a nice residence from Jas. Byfield at Highgate. Mr. Graham and his wife intend to remove to their new home in the near future.

A little spiritus of camphor put into the water will prevent the face from looking greasy this warm weather. In warm weather bathe with diluted vinegar; it is cooling and makes the skin soft.

In the recent examinations in the Toronto College of Music, Miss Florence A. S. Munro, passed the second year piano examination, and also the "Senior Rudiments" examination with first class honors.

Rev. J. M. Harrison, the first president of Alberta, Methodist Conference, is a son of E. B. Harrison, Esq., of Ridgetown, Ont., who for forty years was engaged in educational work in the county of Kent.

Be sure you have a good supply of Dutch Fabric Notepaper before starting on your vacation. Special this week 10c per quire. Envelopes to match 10c package. Three quires in pad 25c each. Routledge & Co.

The London Advertiser's Strathtroy correspondent says that Messrs Hambley and Coutts have erected a very fine Scotch granite monument at Palmyra in memory of the late Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice.

H. A. Hoffman, proprietor of the Harold Street Poultry Yards, has received an order from the government experimental farm for eleven of his thoroughbred chickens. The birds will be shipped to South Africa.

Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Mo., April 30th to Nov. 30th, 1904. For the above excursions tickets are now on sale at the M. C. R. Rate, Ridgetown to St. Louis and return \$16.05, good to return within 15 days from date of sale.

THE PLAINDEALER and Family Herald and Weekly Star Montreal will each be sent to new subscribers to January 1st, 1905, for 75c. Those who are already taking THE PLAINDEALER may have the Family Herald and Weekly Star sent to their address until January 1st, 1905, by forwarding 40c to this office.

At Berlin Saturday the Scots football club, senior champions of the Toronto

League, defeated Galt, senior champions of the W. F. A., by two goals to 1 for the championship of Ontario. W. A. Hopton, a former member of the Ridgetown club, played on the forward line for the Scots.

At the meeting of the Public School Board on Friday evening last, Miss Stevenson was engaged to fill the vacancy on the staff caused by the resignation of Miss Golden, and the Supply Committee was empowered to have necessary repairs made to the school grounds and building.

In the 2.25 pace at Preston Thursday William Merrifield's Capt. Redford took first money in straight heats, the time being 2.23 1/2, 2.23 1/2, 2.22 1/2. The purse was \$250. Capt. Redford also took third money in the 2.19 class Friday. Mr. Merrifield will start Capt. at the Petrolia races this week.

Geo. Lario, formerly of the International hotel, Tilbury, has entered suit in division court against W. A. Johnson and David Smith, managers of last year's Tilbury baseball team for \$35, board for "Fatty" Early and "Sammy" Lee, members of last year's team. The defendants deny that they became responsible for the boardbill.

The Sunday school picnic of the Baptist church held at Rondeau Park on Wednesday last proved a most enjoyable outing. During the day two baptisms were performed by Rev. Wm. Spencer, the pastor. The services in the church on Sunday last were well attended and in the evening nine more candidates were immersed and received into the church.

The Kings Daughters met at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Dauphin Wednesday evening and presented Miss Golden, who leaves shortly for California, with a manicure set. Miss Golden has been an active worker in the Church of the Advent and will be much missed by the congregation who will wish her every success and happiness in her western home.

An old pioneer and close weather observer said the other day:—When you can go out and pick wild strawberries and on the same day and in the same field, pick ripe raspberries, the winter comin' is bound to be unusually hard. You may smile, young man, but mark what I tell you, look out for next winter. I get in plenty of fuel and get your wife to patch up your overcoat."

The twelfth annual basket picnic of Howard council will be held at Provincial Park, Rondeau, on Thursday, July 28th. Although the Reeve has not issued a proclamation of a public holiday throughout the township, he hopes all will avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting in a social way. Music will be furnished by Ridgetown Citizens Band during afternoon and evening. In the afternoon there will be baseball and football games and other amusements.

children, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Westland.

Mr. Edwin McDonald, of Chatham, is spending a week with his uncle, Mr. H. J. McDonald, Broadway.

Mr. James Gilles, of Bridgeport, Conn., is here on a short visit to his aunt, Mrs. P. B. Campbell.

Miss Maggie Stewart, of Tilbury, is spending a couple of weeks in town as guest of Mrs. W. H. McMackon.

Mrs. Sarah McKenzie, mother of Mr. John McKenzie, is taking baths for rheumatism at the Chatham Sanitarium.

Miss Nettie Sumner, of the Bell Telephone Co's office, is on a two weeks visit at London, Strathtroy and Delaware.

Mr. Malcolm Campbell, 10th concession, who has been seriously ill for some time, was able to be up town last week.

Mr. A. Maurette, who has been in the employ of Mr. J. Porter, for the past three years, left on Monday for his home at Alliston.

Miss Mildred Purcell has left Simcoe for Ridgetown, where she will spend the summer with her brother, Mr. H. W. Purcell.

Mr. and Mrs. McKendry and family, of Toronto, are guests of Mrs. McKendry's sister, Mrs. Walter Mills, Erie street south.

Miss Lizzie Walker, who has been engaged as head milliner with a firm in Lawton, Mich., is spending the holidays at her home in Highgate.

Miss Jeanette McGregor, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Robt. Hepburn, at Muirkirk, for the past month, has returned home.

Mr. A. P. Ridley, of the Trade's Bank staff, is on a two weeks' holiday, part of which will be spent in Toronto and the remainder in Detroit.

Mr. David Whyte is in Toronto reading examination papers at the educational department. Mrs. Whyte is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reycraft.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Thayer and family, of Ridgetown, formerly of Aylmer, are visiting relatives and friends in this section for a few weeks.—Aylmer Express.

Rev. W. F. Brownlee and Miss Frances left Monday to spend a few weeks in the Adirondacks, where Mr. Brownlee will have charge of a parish during the interim.

Mr. Floyd Gonnell and the Misses Logan, of Highgate, and Mr. Frank Gonnell, of the Molsons Bank staff, Ridgetown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hart, Shedden.

Mr. P. C. Gesner has accepted a situation in a large drug store, next to the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, and leaves for that place Friday. Percy's many friends will wish him success in the Queen City.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hugar left Sunday for St. Louis where they will do the World's Fair, after which they will visit friends at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Upon their return they go to St. Thomas in which city they will make their future home.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Mr. John Reycraft was a Chatham visitor Saturday.

Mr. Russel Clark has accepted a position in Detroit.

Miss Foreman, of Chatham, is a guest of Miss Edna Steel.

Mr. Walter Peattie, of Guelph, is here on a week's holiday.

Mrs. Hess, of Detroit, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. L. Thatcher.

Mr. H. Bradshaw, of Stratford, is on a visit to friends in this district.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson is visiting at Strathtroy for a couple of weeks.

Mr. L. J. Reycraft was in St. Thomas yesterday on professional business.

Mrs. Neil Shaw, of Egmondville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. Taylor.

Miss Della Coyne, of Detroit, is a guest of her friend, Miss Ida Mitton.

Mr. W. A. Gonnell leaves tonight on a business trip to the Canadian West.

Mr. Robert Middleitch, of Detroit, spent over Sunday at his old home here.

Miss Ruth and Miss Palmer, of the Craig store, are holidaying at Rondeau.

Miss Russell, of Beaver College, Penn. is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. Mills.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. Wilson and Hugh returned from Walsingham on Saturday last.

Mr. John Munro has decided to take up banking and has joined the Molsons staff.

Principal J. G. Little, of the R. C. I., is in Toronto reading examination papers.

Mrs. K. R. Cameron is spending a few days at Erieau, the guest of Mrs. Sheldon.

Miss Jessie M. Mitchell, of London, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Sheldon, at Erieau.

Mr. C. Chapman has returned from a two weeks' holiday at his old home in Ailsa Craig.

Mrs. C. A. Dunkley has returned from a month's visit with friends at Brownsville.

Mrs. C. H. Pike and sister, of Walkerville, are guests of Mrs. John Armstrong, King street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scafe and Miss Queenie are among the cottagers at Terrace Beach.

Messrs. W. E. Lake and Ernest Taylor are occupying a cottage at Rondeau Park.

Dr. and Mrs. Carron, of Detroit, are guests of Mr. W. W. Mitton. They came over in their automobile.

Mr. Wm. Mitton has returned home after spending two months with his son Elgin, at Vanwert, Ohio.

Editor C. H. Gordon, of the Dresden Standard, came over Sunday, returning Monday with Mrs. Gordon and the

SOME RECENT MARRIAGES.

July 11.—Thomas H. Harris to Flora Collison, both of Romney.

July 11.—Mayme Foster, of Kingsville, to G. A. Hayes, of Port Stanley.

July 11.—Charles Labadie, of Tilbury west, to Ellen Duquette, of Tilbury north.

July 6.—Rev. Mr. Hare, of Botany, performed the ceremony at the wedding of Eva Street and Robert Buller, jr., two of Howard's best known and most popular young people. The wedding presents were all beautiful. Perhaps the finest was a costly silver tea set given by Henry Buller. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Findlay McKersaer, Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan, Howard, and Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre and Master Norma, of Detroit.

BIRTHS.

MITTON—In Ridgetown, on Saturday, July 16th, 1904, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitton, Marsh street.

MEAD—In Ridgetown, on July 14th, 1904, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mead.

YOUNG—In Ridgetown, on Tuesday, July 19, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Young, a son.

Toronto Fair Entries.

Entries for the live stock at the Canadian National Exhibition of Toronto close on August 8th, and for grain and field roots, honey, etc., on Monday, August 15th, for poultry and pet stock on Saturday, August 20th, and for dogs on Monday, August 16th. Particulars of the thirty-five thousand dollars given in prizes and premiums will be found in the handsome souvenir prize list, which can be had on application to J. O. Orr, 70 King Street east, Toronto.

THE PLAINDEALER office is thoroughly equipped for turning out up-to-date printing of every description. Just now we are showing some beautiful wedding stationery. Call and see samples. Printing done while you wait.

.....LAST WEEK OF OUR.....

Great Clothing Sale

*SATURDAY Night at 10 o'clock will close our Great Discount Clothing Sale and we will for the next three days make it an object for those who have Summer Clothing needs to provide to buy now, irrespective of immediate requirements. We are also going to give you an opportunity on Friday and Saturday to buy some lines of Men's Hats, Shirts and Shoes at about half their value.

<p>Men's Straw Hats. In the very latest shapes, very fine soft braid, full range of sizes, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75, Friday and Saturday \$1.00</p> <p>Men's Fancy Colored Shirts. About four dozen in soft and laundered fronts, made of fine imported cambrics detached link cuffs, perfect fitting, sizes 14 1/2 to 17, regular 75c and \$1.00 Friday and Saturday 50c</p> <p>New Wash Ties. Men's New Web Wash Ties, in fancy stripes and checks, correct width, ideal tie for hot weather, very special 10c each, or 3 for 25c</p> <p>Men's Summer Underwear. Men's Fancy Stripes Shirts with drawers to match, regular 80 and 85c value, Friday and Saturday 25c</p> <p>Men's Balbriggan Underwear. French neck, two thread yarn, satin trim, full range of sizes from 34 to 44, with drawers to match, grand value, at per garment 50c</p> <p>Shoe Bargain. Men's Box Calf and Dongola K. Bals., some of them Goodyear . . . full range of sizes from 6 to 11, regular \$2.50 value, Friday and Saturday . . . \$ 2.00</p>	<p>Men's Fine American Shoes. The celebrated Florsheim Shoe made in Chicago, in Russia calf, Soudan Kid, Mocco Calf and Orome, Goodyear Welt, Oaktan soles, sizes 6 to 9, reg. \$4.50, Friday and Saturday \$ 3.50</p> <p>Ladies' Oxford Tie Shoes. In Dongola Kid, McKay sewn, sizes 2 1/2, 3, 4 and 4 1/2 only, regular \$1.25, Friday and Saturday 75c</p> <p>Ladies' Dongola Kid Lace and Button Shoes, patent and self tip, McKay sewn, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, regular \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75, Friday and Saturday \$ 1.00</p> <p>Ladies' Summer Vests. In fine light weight yarn, bleached and unbleached, full range of sizes, in quarter sleeve and sleeveless, splendid value at 5, 10, 13, 15, 20 and 25c</p> <p>Children's Summer Vests. We were fortunate in receiving another lot of Children's Vests this week, quarter sleeve, bleached yarn, all sizes, at 8, 9, and 10c</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agents for Blue Ribbon TEA 3 3 3</p>
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Steel-Simpson Co.

IMPORTING RETAILERS, RIDGETOWN, ONT.

WANT COLUMN.

GLASSES LOST.—Silver frame, between Northway's store and Paenog's Jewellery store, on evening of June 28th. Finder will kindly leave same at this office.

SHAWL LOST.—Shoulder shawl, grey, edged with black, between John McKenzie's and A. B. Morden's, by way of 10th concession. Finder will oblige by leaving same with Mrs. A. B. Morden, 11th concession.

I. O. F.
Court Ridgetown No. 227.
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m. Visitors Welcome.
W. D. CRAIG, C. R. C. V. GRANT, R. S.

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Surgeon, Oculist, Specialist—DISEASES, EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT. Visits Ridgetown monthly. Office Lawson's Drug Store. Glasses properly fitted. Nasal catarrh and deafness treated.
Next Visit Wednesday, Aug. 10

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For the Picnic

You can find everything of the choicest and cleanest at the Palace Stores. Boiled ham, jelly, veal, corned beef, bologna, New England ham, All sold by the Pound. The largest assortment of canned meats, pickles and fancy cakes in town.

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Sums of \$1 and upwards received on deposit and interest allowed at 3% per annum compounded half yearly.
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Get the Notion

When your eyesight is poor, to buy a pair of those 1 1/4 gold fitted eyeglasses, warranted 15 years at \$4.00.

When You Need

Good time see my line of the best make of American watches, only the best in ladies' and gentlemen's. Also a complete line of chains and lockets. My stock of watches, clocks and jewelry was never larger than now.

Jas. E. Nelson
Watchmaker and Optician. Opposite Hotel Anderson.

Feed Beans

We have just received a carload of feed beans (700 bushels) which we are selling at 60c per bu.

Sugar Beet Tools.—We can also supply Sugar Beet Tools of all kinds at bottom prices.

...Portland Cement...

We sell the celebrated Portland Cement, which we keep constantly in stock. London Fence Machine and wire of all kinds. Get your seeds from us and get the best.

H. B. Harrison

Erie Street, Ridgetown.

MAY SURROUND RUSSIANS.

Japanese Now Engaged in a Double Turning Movement.

JAPS ON THE MOVE.

A despatch from London says—The operations north of Kaiping as related by Gen. Sakharoff and Russian correspondents are regarded here as showing that the Japanese are changing their positions. They appear to have withdrawn towards Kaiping from the immediate neighborhood of Tashichao, and to have evacuated the intervening valley. It is suggested that they are carrying out a flank movement. This is borne out by a press despatch, from New-Chwang, which says that the positions of the first and second Japanese armies point to a movement to completely encircle the Russians below Mukden. Safe retreat to Hai-Cheng from Tashichao is already impossible. Gen. Kouropatkin must be cognizant of this fact. The Russian explanation is that he is confident of his ability to repel a Japanese attack on Liao-Yang, and at the same time assume the offensive in every direction. A telegram from Chiefo describes the Japanese operations as a double-turning movement on a grand scale between Kaiping and Liao-Yang. Gen. Oku, with a force that is estimated to be three divisions, is nearing New-Chwang, fighting small engagements on the way. Gen. Nodzu, as strong or stronger, is concentrating his army on the railway from the east, while Gen. Kuroki, with five divisions, is circling round north with the object of getting astride of the railway and cutting off the Russian retreat. Considerable fighting has occurred north of Kaiping, with varying results, but Gen. Ovu has experienced nothing in the nature of a check. The Japanese are remarkably strong in artillery, they having a total of 600 guns in Manchuria.

The situation is puzzling the military officers at St. Petersburg, where the evacuation of the valley south of Tashichao is alternatively ascribed to an attempt to turn Gen. Kouropatkin's left, or that part of the army has been sent southward to balance the enormous losses alleged to have been inflicted on the besiegers at Port Arthur. The story of an immense defeat of the Japanese at Port Arthur continues to be reiterated in St. Petersburg, although the estimate of 30,000 casualties has fallen to 2,800.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Morning Post says that the steamer Fawan, which is the despatch boat chartered by the Chicago Daily News, has been seized by the Russians and towed into Port Arthur. The correspondent adds that a naval engagement was fought, off Port Arthur on Friday. The details of the fight and its result are unknown.

POSITIONS RETAKEN.

A despatch to a London news agency from St. Petersburg says the War Office announces the receipt of a despatch from Port Arthur containing the report that the Japanese sustained considerable losses on Monday, the exact particulars of which have not yet been ascertained. According to the despatch the Russians recaptured all the positions lately taken by the Japanese.

A despatch to the London Times from Tokyo says the story of a Japanese repulse, with heavy casualties, at Port Arthur on Monday is wholly discredited at Tokyo, where no such reports have been received. It is believed that the story originated in Shanghai.

DOWNFALL NOT REMOTE.

A despatch from Tokyo says: The Jiji Shimpo asserts that the siege of Port Arthur is progressing well, and that its downfall is not remote. The Russians are defending the place desperately. The paper does not mention any specific actions. There is no information from Japanese sources regarding the losses at Port Arthur, but it is believed that numbers of Japanese voluntarily sacrificed themselves in order to clear the road for a general advance. The absence of the fleet suggests that large reinforcements are arriving.

RENNEKAMPFF WOUNDED.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: An official despatch states that between Liao-Yang and Saimate the Russians encountered the Japanese outposts and drove them back, and proceeded to occupy Vanda-poitze. While they were ascending a hill, the Japanese made an energetic attack upon their right. Gen. Rennekampff was shot in the leg at the beginning of the fight, but remained in action. The Japanese were repulsed. The Russian losses were fourteen killed and wounded.

FIGHTING GOING ON.

An official report received from Tokyo in London of the Japanese occupation of Yinkow and the difficult escape of the small Russian garrison there is apparently untrue. Telegrams received from not only do not mention Japanese occupation, but say that the Russians are still there and that Russian officers from Tashichao frequently arrive at the port, where the Russian gunboat Sitouyeh still remains. Fighting, however, is going on near Yinkow. The Japanese are reported to have taken Erhtoho by assault on Wednesday. This place is nine miles from New-Chwang. They

occupied Tachao, three miles from Erhtoho, the previous day. Artillery fire is heard incessantly in New-Chwang. A correspondent there rode out ten miles Wednesday morning and found Russian pickets at numerous points and a detachment at Wutalei, two miles south. The garrison will be maintained until the last possible moment, but everything is in readiness for an immediate evacuation and for joining the army at Hai-Cheng.

BIG RUSSIAN FORCE.

Correspondents with Gen. Kuroki's headquarters say under date of Wednesday that it is believed that the Russians at Kaiping are retiring on Hai-Cheng. There is still a big Russian force between the Motion Pass and Liao-Yang. It is presumed that they intend to attempt to prevent the Japanese from advancing on Liao-Yang. Apparently there has been no serious fighting, but the outposts have been in contact daily and shots have been frequently exchanged. The weather in that district is fine.

NOT CONFIRMED.

The story of the Japanese losing 30,000 men at Port Arthur is still without confirmation and its origin is unexplained. The marine fort, which it is rumored the Japanese captured, is identified here as being at Shushiyang. The Tokio correspondent of the London Chronicle says that the Port Arthur garrison is still keeping the Japanese at bay in the mountainous passes 14 miles north of the fortress.

TROOPS FOR MANCHURIA.

According to the Telegraph's advice the Japanese are hurrying more troops to Manchuria. Transports have cleared from Nagasaki and Moji daily during the past fortnight, each carrying from 1,500 to 3,000 men. The belief is confirmed that some eight inch siege guns were lost when the transport Hitachi Maru was sunk by the Vladivostock squadron.

COLLIDED WITH WARSHIP.

Torpedo Boat of British Navy Badly Crushed.

A Portsmouth despatch says—The British torpedo boat No. 109 was seriously damaged in collision with the warship Hannibal in Portsmouth harbor on Friday. The tide swept the Hannibal against the torpedo boat, which was crushed like an egg shell. The crew was saved. The torpedo boat was quickly taken in tow and placed in dock before she sank.

ENGLISH GUN-SMITHS.

It is reported that a dozen gun-smiths, whose time at the Woolwich arsenal has expired, are going to Japan to assist in repairing heavy ordnance. Marquis Ho is making a tour of the Government iron works investigating their capacities.

CAVALRY SCORES.

A despatch from Hai-Cheng says—A detachment of Major-General Mitchenko's army fought a brilliant engagement Tuesday near the Black Mountains. Some prisoners were taken. The Japanese are entreching themselves five miles from Tatchekiao. Terribly hot weather prevails here. The Russian troops are in excellent spirits.

MAY GO TO THE FRONT.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Telegraph says a widespread sensation has been caused by the announcement in the newspapers that the Czar, who is ostensibly visiting only the depots whence troops are going to the front, has arrived at Ufa and started for Zlatoust. The opinion is growing, although there is no confirmation, that his Majesty may continue his journey to the seat of war.

JAPANESE LOSSES.

A despatch to the Japanese Legation at London from Tokyo on Wednesday announces that Gen. Oku reports that in the fights leading to the occupation of Kaichau the Japanese casualties, from July 5 to July 7, were four men killed and twenty wounded. The casualties of the Japanese July 8 and July 9 were about one hundred and fifty killed or wounded.

VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON.

A despatch to the London Daily Mail from Tokyo says it is rumored that torpedo boats belonging to the Vladivostock squadron were seen off Hokkaido Wednesday night. It is also stated that the Russian cruisers have reappeared.

INTO MONGOLIA.

The Japan Mail remarks that Gen. Kouropatkin is evidently concentrating at Panghai against Gen. Nodzu's Takushan army. The level country there would give an opportunity for the use of the powerful Russian cavalry. The Nishi Nichi, of Tokio, commenting upon Gen. Kouropatkin's apparent indecision, states that while Gen. Kuroki was temporarily

at Fengwan, the Russians spent their strength in attacking his flanks, leaving the Motion Pass lightly defended. Now the line into Mongolia is the only certain avenue of retreat he has open to him. Russia would hesitate to invade neutral territory, yet China's recent orders to the Guards on the Mongolian frontier are significant.

DEFIED THE RUSSIANS.

A despatch from London says—Lloyd's received on Wednesday a despatch from Perm confirming the report of the stopping and searching of the British ship Menalaus by the Russian volunteer steamer St. Petersburg in the Red Sea. The telegram adds that the Russian lieutenant, who boarded the Menalaus ordered the master to open some of the cases in the cargo. He refused to do so, and none of them were disturbed.

WHALERS AS SCOUTS.

A despatch from Tokio says—There are strong suspicions that certain Norwegian whalers in Corea Straits have been scouting for the Vladivostock squadron. The suspicions are not decreased by the fact that no whalers are to be found in the Sea of Japan. The Hokkaido Railway, which was recently damaged by the storms and floods, has again received much damage from the same cause.

SIR WM. MACGREGOR.

Has Been Appointed Governor of Newfoundland. A despatch from London says: King Edward has approved the appointment of Sir William MacGregor to succeed Sir Cavendish Boyle as Governor of Newfoundland.

ROOF OF FOUNDRY FELL.

Several Workmen Badly Injured at Hamilton.

A despatch from Hamilton says: At the Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co., where many large buildings are under construction, the roof of the new foundry building collapsed and several workmen were injured on Friday. A. W. Alders, G. McDonald, T. Fullerton and R. Copley are injured the most serious of any, and it is feared one or more of these will not live.

WIPED OUT HIS FAMILY.

Grain Merchant Kills Wife and Child, Then Suicides.

A despatch from Buffalo says: One of the most shocking tragedies that ever occurred in this city came to light on Friday when the dead bodies of Edgar T. Washburn, a member of the grain firm of Heathfield and Washburn, of the Board of Trade, Washburn's wife, Janella, and his young daughter Gladys, 15 years old, were found in a bedroom on the second story of their home at 83 Putnam Street. Mr. Washburn had shot and killed his wife and daughter and then turned the revolver on his forehead and killed himself. It is believed the terrible crime was committed while Mr. Washburn was suffering from a temporary fit of insanity. He had written a letter to a relative recently, saying he was having troubles in business. As far as is known the members of the family had not had any trouble among themselves.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

Cloudburst Caused Destruction of Philippine Town.

A despatch from Manila says: A cloudburst over the hills north-east of Manila caused a flood which has destroyed San Juan Delmonte, on Wednesday. Two hundred lives were lost. The low lying districts were inundated. The homes of Americans and foreigners are isolated. Transportation through the streets is carried on in boats only. Rain has fallen for twenty-seven hours, totalling 17 1/2 inches. This is unprecedented. Communication with outside places is interrupted. The damage to property is estimated at \$2,000,000.

FAMINE THREATENS RUSSIA

Failure of the Crops in Some of the Provinces.

A St. Petersburg despatch says—The prospective failure of the crops in some of the southern provinces possibly attendant with famine, and the necessity of adopting relief measures is beginning to attract attention. The Governments of Kherson, Bessarabia, Taurida, Poltava, and Kharkoff are principally affected. In the district of Triasp the peasants already have been compelled to harvest the unripe crops to feed the live stock. Committees have been appointed to relieve the distress. The failure of the crops is attributed to unfavorable weather. In some districts no rain has fallen. In many parts of Bessarabia cattle are being sold for almost nothing.

BATTLE EXPECTED.

A despatch from London says—There is a total absence of news of events in Manchuria. Every paper which has a correspondent with Gen. Kuroki's headquarters has received a short despatch indicating that a battle at Motion Pass is expected almost immediately. The Russians there have been greatly strengthened, but they show no signs of taking the offensive. There have been ten days of fine weather, so rain is now to be expected.

30,000 TROOPS LAND.

A German correspondent who was recently allowed to depart from Mukden, reports that 30,000 Japanese landed on July 11 and July 13 in the neighborhood of Pigeon Bay. Their operations were covered by the entire Japanese fleet. The Russians made only a faint resistance, firing a few shots from their shore batteries.

LEADING MARKETS.

The Ruling Prices in Live Stock and Breadstuffs.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, July 19.—Wheat—Is firmer at 90c for No. 2 red and white middle freights. Goose is steady at 78c for No. 2 east. Spring is steady at 84c to 85c for No. 2 east. Manitoba wheat is a cent higher. No. 1 northern is quoted at 95c. No. 2 northern at 92c and No. 3 northern at 88c at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit.

Flour—Cars of 90 per cent. patents are quoted at \$3.60 to \$3.65 in buyers, bags west or east. Choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher. Manitoba flour is steady at \$4.80 for second patents, and \$4.40 for strong bakers', bags included, on the track Toronto.

Millfeed—Is steady at \$16.50 for cars of shorts and \$15 for bran in bulk west or east. Manitoba millfeed is steady at \$19 for cars of shorts and \$18 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights.

Barley—Is steady at 41c for No. 2, 39c for No. 3 extra, and 37c for No. 3 west or east.

Buckwheat—Is nominal at 45c for No. 2 west or east.

Rye—Is nominal at 57c to 58c for No. 2 west or east.

Corn—Is steady at 45c for cars of Canada west. American is firmer at 58c for No. 2 yellow, 57c for No. 3 yellow and 56c for No. 3 mixed in car lots on the track Toronto.

Oats—No. 1 white are quoted at 32c and No. 2 white at 32c east. No. 2 white are quoted at 31c west.

Roller Oats—Are steady at \$4.50 for cars of bags and \$4.75 for barrels on the track Toronto; 35c more for broken lots here and 40c more for lots outside.

Peas—Are dull and easy at 60c to 61c for No. 2 west or east.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The offerings continue liberal and the demand is moderate. Creamery prints are 17c to 18c do solids, 15c to 16c.

Dairy tubs, good to 12c 13c choice, 10c to 11c inferior grades, 9c 11c Dairy pound rolls, good to choice, 11c 14c

Cheese—Is easier at 8c for twins and 8c for large in job lots here.

Eggs—There is a fair demand and the market is firm at 15c to 16c for new laid.

Potatoes—Old domestic out of store are quoted at 70c to 75c per bag. New southern are quoted at \$3.50 to \$4 per barrel. New Canadian are quoted at 50c per basket.

Poultry—Spring chickens are quoted at 20c per pound and yearlings and old hens at 14c.

Baled Hay—Cars on the track are quoted at \$8.50 to \$9 per ton.

Baled Straw—Cars on the track here are quoted at \$5.50 per ton.

MONTRÉAL MARKETS.

Montréal, July 19.—Local trade is quiet in oats, but prices are firm in view of strong advices from England and dealers are demanding previous quotations, 37c in store for No. 3 and 38c for No. 2. Peas are about steady at 69c about Montréal; No. 2 barley, 49c; No. 2 extra, 48c and No. 2 rye, 62c.

Flour—We quote: Manitoba patents, \$4.75 to \$4.80; strong bakers' \$4.50; winter wheat patents, \$4.75 to \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.60 to \$4.70; straight rollers, in bags, \$2.18 to \$2.25.

Feed—Hamilton bran, in bags, \$18; shorts, in bags, \$19 per ton; Ontario, in bulk, \$17 to \$18; shorts, \$18 to \$19; mouille, \$26 to \$28 per ton as to quality.

Roller Oats—Considerable price cutting is going on, and sales are reported at \$2.20 per bag and \$4.50 per bri, this being away below the association price. Dealers are asking \$2.32 1/2 for bags and \$4.90 in bri on track.

Hay—No. 1 was \$9.50 to \$10 per ton on track; No. 2, \$8.50 to \$9; clover, mixed, \$7 to \$7.50, and clover, \$6.50 to \$7.

Beans—Choice primes, \$1.35 to \$1.40 per bush; \$1.30 in car lots.

Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$17.50 to \$18; light short cut, \$17 to \$17.50; American fat backs, \$17.50; compound lard, 6c to 7c; Canadian lard, 6c to 7c; kettle rendered, 8c to 9c, according to quality; hams, 11c to 13c; bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh killed abattoir hogs, \$7.50; live hogs, \$6.25 to \$6.40, weighed off cars.

Eggs—Select, new laid, 17c; straight gathered, candled, 15c; No. 2, 14c to 14c.

Butter—Fancy grades, 17c to 17c; ordinary finest, 16c to 17c; western dairy, 14c to 14c.

Cheese—Ontario 7c to 7c; best Quebec, 7c.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

CANADA.

The crop prospect in the Melita district are bright.

About fifty employees of the Queenston quarries are on strike.

Crops in the Maritime Provinces are suffering for lack of rain.

There is a project on foot to build a beet sugar factory in the Calgary district.

A savings bank will be started in connection with St. Catharines public schools.

The residents of East London want a breakwater constructed. It is estimated that it will cost \$35,000.

There are 80,000 logs stranded on the banks of the Gatineau River, as a result of the high water receding.

The Canada and Stormont mills of the Canadian Colored Cotton Goods Co. have resumed operations.

John McLean, of Winnipeg, has been selected by the Board of Examiners for the first Rhodes' scholarship.

The Canadian Northern lifemen have asked Manager James, of Winnipeg, for a revision of their wages schedule.

The receipts of the Montreal harbour from the opening of navigation to July 1 were \$68,190 as against \$77,775 last year.

Rev. Prof. MacNaughton, M.A., has accepted the chair of Church history in Queen's University, and will at once retire from McGill.

Three valuable horses of R. Gage, who lives near Hamilton, were accidentally poisoned on Tuesday night by a lotion used for washing sheep.

The new traps put down this spring near Victoria, B. C., caught 10,000 sockeyes. Traps on the American side for the same period took only 6,000.

Andrew Carnegie has given the Brantford Council \$5,000 for additional expenses in elaborating the new public library building, which cost \$30,000.

Herbert, the French-Canadian sculptor, has been awarded the contract for the statue to be erected in memory of Mgr. Laval, the first Bishop of Quebec.

L. Isabel Ross, daughter of Dr. Ross, of Dundas, has been awarded Exhibition B scholarship in the faculty of arts for matriculation into the McGill University, valued at \$150.

One thousand Jews were disfranchised in Montreal, it is alleged, at the instance of one or two prominent citizens, and 300 of them have entered suits against the city for \$100 each.

The Dominion Government have decided to purchase the residence of the late William Gray, corner of Graham and Buller streets, Woodstock, as a site for a new regimental armory.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Liberal Union Council approved of a complete reform of the British fiscal system.

It is stated that Emperor William will visit King Edward at the end of October, at which time it is also expected that he will pay a private visit to the Earl of Londsdale.

UNITED STATES.

The foreign trade of the United States last year reached a new record.

The wages of 25,000 cotton operatives in Fall River were reduced 12 1/2 per cent.

Minister Takahira, of Japan, has approached a Texas firm with a view to securing 10,000 horses for the Japanese army.

Charles Jeffries, left fielder of the Johnstown, Pa., Baseball Club, was struck by lightning on the ball field here and was instantly killed.

Because her husband bit her every time he kissed her is the ground upon which Mrs. Ernest H. Finke, of Syracuse, N. Y., is seeking a separation.

President Louhet has conferred the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor upon U. S. Secretary of State Hay, in honor of the French National holiday.

Three girls were burned to death near Walworth, Wis., by an explosion in a stove in which an attempt was made to start the fire with kerosene.

Mrs. Charles A. Milez, of Chicago, arose from bed and went to the kitchen for a glass of water. In the dark she stumbled and made a noise, which awakened her husband. Thinking it was a burglar he reached for his revolver, which he kept near the head of his bed, and fired. The bullet struck Mrs. Milez in the side, fatally wounding her.

FOREIGN.

Henry Jacobs, aged thirteen, of Stillwater, N. Y., who accidentally shot himself in the hand on July 4, died in great agony, of lockjaw.

ACROSS IN 60 HOURS.

New Boat to Make Her Voyage Shortly.

A despatch from New York says—Carl J. H. Flindt, of Hoboken, a former sea captain, has invented a boat which he says will be able to make the voyage between New York and Liverpool in sixty hours. He also says that German shipbuilders have already offered him \$100,000,000 for his invention. Capt. Flindt's model boat, which is called the Triumph is lying in the North River, and men are busy putting in the machinery. Capt. Flindt says that she will be ready for her trial trip in about two weeks. She is to make the trip with gasoline for fuel.

RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION.

Lazy Movements, Poor Progress and Carelessness.

At Moscow I was present at the departure of officers, writes a correspondent of Le Journal of Paris. There were about fifty of them on board the train which I took. Colonels, of Cossack regiments, elegant officers of the Guard, and young Lieutenants were all exuberant and gay. Oh, with what enthusiasm they started! There was but one moment of sadness, and that was at the station, where the men bade farewell and gave the last kisses to wives, children, mothers and fiancées. But the moment the train got under way all tenderness and affection vanished. The officers met in the dining car, clasped hands and congratulated each other. For them going on to the war was a fine feat, which was continued far into the night. The officers of high rank were many hours already at rest when the young Captains and Lieutenants were still drinking champagne to the expected victories of the Russian army.

It was at Samara that I witnessed the departure of the troops. Samara is a town of 90,000 inhabitants. It is at the point of bifurcation where the greater number of the railroads of European Russia join the Trans-Siberian line. The soldiers used at first to travel in third class carriages; but now, for the most part, they are transported in baggage wagons which have been fitted up for them. These wagons are furnished with stoves and berths, and they are well ventilated. Each soldier is fully supplied with blankets. The morale of the troops is excellent. They all appear to be delighted and proud of the chance to participate in the first engagements. They do not take their meals in the wagons. They eat at the railroad stations, where refectories have been established. In this way they get better food, and they have plenty of time to walk about after each meal, because the administration has taken measures to enable the men to have eight hours rest on land every day!

AT SAMARA. It is not difficult to obtain a pretty exact estimate of the Russian contingents in the Far East. Few troops have been taken from west Russia. In several regiments one company has been taken from every battalion, and from these companies battalions and regiments are formed by mingling them with army corps from Siberia, reinforced by the reserves which have been mobilized.

Up to the 10th of May there passed through Samara for the seat of war only 70,000 men, and in this number must be counted the sailors, the mechanics, the personnel of the Red Cross, &c.; so that the number of soldiers must be reduced to 30,000. But in all the other stations, Kalowka, Tcheliabinsk, Omsk and Tomsk, numerous convoys have been formed. An average of twelve trains six carrying soldiers and six loaded with war material, munitions, horses and provisions, arrive at Irkutsk every day.

Irkutsk is now an immense camp. Seventy-three thousand men are stationed there, quartered in the barracks, billeted among the inhabitants and crowded in the public buildings, including the theatres, now closed.

At first there was great difficulty with the transport of troops over Lake Baikal; but now navigation is open, and Prince Khilkoff, who looks after the passage of the regiments, has taken the necessary steps to effect the crossing with rapidity.

According to the indications which have been given to me by a high Russian functionary, 350,000 persons, civil and military, have crossed Lake Baikal en route for Mukden since the rupture of diplomatic negotiations between Russia and Japan. Now, counting the troops which were already in Manchuria before the opening of hostilities, one can figure out, basing the calculation upon the number of soldiers which have left Irkutsk, that 250,000 men are scattered over the field of operations. That, of course, is only one-half of the number demanded by Gen. Kouropatkin. But the five army corps which have just been mobilized will be under way at the end of the month, and it is believed that inside of two months these five army corps, numbering 250,000 men, will be in Manchuria.

DIDN'T KNOW YET.

Lady of the House (to cook, having discovered a policeman in the kitchen)—"You told me when you came here that you had no sweetheart."

Cook—"Yes, I told you so, and it's the truth, too."

"Who, then, is the policeman in the kitchen, if he is not your sweetheart?"

"He isn't my sweetheart, indeed he isn't. He's only trying to be, and I don't know whether he will succeed or not."

During the month of April 183 persons in London were bitten by dogs. This includes 8 policemen.

There are over 15,000 people in London alone who make a living by writing books and contributing articles to magazines and papers. Hollow steel spheres are used in Sweden for billiard balls.

ISLAND POPS UP AND SINKS.

Effect of a Submarine Volcanic Eruption on African Coast.

A remarkable phenomenon has recently occurred in Walish Bay on the west coast of South Africa. The bay is a commodious and spacious inlet, giving access to the two chief rivers of that part of Africa.

The bay is largely cut off from the ocean by a peninsula extending northward. The end of the peninsula is called Pelican Point, and it was in the waters near this point that the people living on the shores of the bay saw a very strange sight when they arose one morning.

Some boats filled with men from the shore approached this new bit of land and found that it was composed entirely of mud so stiff in texture that the men could walk easily on the surface. It was mud, pure and simple, but the surface was rapidly hardening.

An article on the appearance and disappearance of Mud Island has just been printed by the South African Philosophical Society of Cape Town. F. W. Waldron, the author, says there is no doubt that the appearance of the island was due to a submarine mud volcano in the neighborhood of Pelican Point.

The island was due to enormous quantities of mud issuing through orifices on the sea floor. The mud was spread around and piled up until it finally appeared above the water as an island.

ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Dodd's Kidney Pills Finding Their Way Into Every Civilized Country.

While Canadians are struggling to get a firmer foothold in the British markets, there is one Canadian product that has got away ahead of the agitation and now measures its market from the Baltic-washed shores of the Denmark to where the sun glints off the pyramids in the land of the Pharaohs.

Among the letters that come in the daily mail of The Dodd's Medicine Co., Limited, there are those marked with the stamps of almost every country in the world. A couple that came in together the other morning shows how the fame of the great Canadian Kidney Remedy has spread.

It is noticeable that in the case of the Egyptian Dodd's Kidney Pills were prescribed by his doctor. In this respect the doctors of the ancient world of civilization are reading a lesson in frankness to many of their brethren of the Anglo-Saxon race.

But however that may be, the fact remains that wherever men are found there is Kidney Disease; and that no matter how or where Kidney Disease is found there is a demand for Dodd's Kidney Pills—the one remedy that has never failed to cure it.

The letters referred to are as follows: They are naturally interesting reading for Canadians.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS IN EGYPT The Dodd's Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—I have been suffering for some months from a Kidney Complaint. The doctor who attended me has recommended me to take your pills, "Dodd's Kidney Pills."

MOHAMED RACHED, "Immeubles Libres de l'Etat", Office of the Minister of Finance, Cairo, Egypt.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS IN DENMARK The Dodd's Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—I want to purchase six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, but I don't know exactly where to apply, Toronto, Buffalo or London.

J. P. SIMONSON, Viborg, V. Mark, Denmark.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c CATARRH CURE... 25c. Is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower.

INEXPENSIVE HOSIERY. A pair of lace medallions, left over from the summer frock, can be put to excellent use in trimming stockings to match the gown.

RACE DONE?

Not a Bit of It. A man who thought his race was run made a food find that brought him back to perfect health.

There I was just wasting away, growing thinner every day and weaker, really being snuffed out simply because I could not get any nourishment from food.

Not only am I in perfect physical health again but my brain is stronger and clearer than it ever was on the old diet.

WHAT WAS WRONG.

A workman, on coming home in the evening, was asked by his wife to look at the clock. She complained that the clock had been silent all day, and she could not tell the reason.

Her husband took it down and examined it carefully. Then he took off the hands and face, and looked at the works with the aid of a magnifying glass.

FOR THIRTEEN YEARS.

An Englishman Has Lived the Life of a Hermit. Embowered in a garden of his own planting and culture, adjoining an Essex wood not far from Dunmow, England, there lives in solitary seclusion a man who has not been seen by anyone except his mother and brother for the past thirteen years.

James Mason, the hermit in question, is the older son of a farmer who died fourteen years ago, and after his father's death he left the farmhouse and made himself a sylva retreat in a plantation on his own freshhold.

HAND-MADE SHIRTWAISTS.

A very fashionable white crpe waist, has its front, stock and cuffs embroidered with clusters of small pink roses and forget-me-not in ribbon embroidery.

A MODEL CHAIRMAN.

How seldom does a speaker get a chairman who has the wisdom to make just the right introductory speech, but here is a model.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor to introduce to you this evening the gentleman who is going to deliver an address to us. He goes to the same church as I do. As a pure citizen I respect him; as a personal friend of years I have the warmest regard for him; as a neighbor whose vegetable garden adjoins mine—why, I watch him."

NOT THE ANSWER EXPECTED.

At an examination at the College of Surgeons, a candidate was asked: "What would you do if a man was blown up with gunpowder?"

IT HAD A HISTORY.

That's rather a unique ashy of yours, old man. Where did you get it? "Well, there's a little history attached to that. You remember an apple-tart I told you my wife made soon after we were married?"

VERY SOOTHING.

The driver of the stage, which was rolling down the Rocky Mountains as fast as six miles on the gallop could keep ahead of it, may have noticed that a little nervous, for after a bit he soothingly said:

HOT WEATHER DANGERS.

More little ones die during the hot months than at any other season. At this time stomach and bowel troubles assume their most dangerous form, and sometimes a few hours delay in the treatment means the loss of a little life.

WALTHAM HAS NO CHARMS.

Fred—"There are times when I care nothing for riches—when I would not so much as put forth a hand to receive millions."

SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

A coughy cough is a dangerous thing for the little folks in summer time. The fever that accompanies it is liable to cause serious illness. Give them Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

What shrank your woollens? Why did holes wear so soon? You used common soap.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE. Ask for the Octagon Bar.

GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS. Lady—"Have you had much experience as a cook?" Applicant—"Oh, indeed I have. I was the cook of Mr. and Mrs. Peter for three years."

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians.

Small Tommy—"The teacher wanted to box my ears this morning." Grandma—"How do you know he did?" Small Tommy—"Cause he wouldn't have boxed 'em if he hadn't wanted to."

How's This

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

THE CHEAPEST FLY KILLERS MADE ARE WILSON'S PADS.

A bushel of flies have actually been killed by one packet of Wilson's Fly Pads. No other fly killer compares with Wilson's.

FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS.

Max WISNIA'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children who teething trouble the child, softens the gums, allays pain, cures wind colic, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea.

LEVER'S Y-Z (WISS HEAD) DISINFECTANT SOAP POWDER.

Smith (newly married)—"Don't you think we had better lay aside something for a rainy day?" Young Wife—"Charley, dear, I am so glad you said that. While I was out shopping this morning I bought two lovely silk umbrellas, one for you and one for me."

DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD.

It is quite natural to be alarmed, anything to help me until I used Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. When I began this treatment I could not rest in bed, except by sitting upright, on account of the dreadful pains about the heart and the quick, loud beating.

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Fred—"There are times when I care nothing for riches—when I would not so much as put forth a hand to receive millions."

Imitations at best are imitations, substitutions never satisfy. Insist on having Blue Ribbon Tea.

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A despatch from Los Angeles says: Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage preached from the following text: Mark xii. 34. "Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God."

To-day I am going to try to help some of you to overcome that saddest of all words, "almost." I am going to show some of you that, like the scribe of my text, you came to question Jesus, you are "not far from the Kingdom of God," but I am also going to show you that to be "almost" saved and yet not saved is to be lost completely and utterly lost. As the man whirling down the rapids of Niagara, who just misses by one inch the rope which is thrown for his rescue, so you who miss by a little the offer of redemption are as utterly lost as if you had never heard the offer. Nay, there is in your fate the utterable sadness of being so near salvation and missing it after all. The loss of your soul is like the loss of life to the hunter whose rifle ball just misses the heart of the tiger that is leaping upon his defenseless body. It is to be lost just as much as were the poor fellows who were imprisoned a few years ago in the iron hulk of the steamers burning at the wharfs of Hoboken, in New York Harbor. Frantically they stood at the barred portholes. Frantically they stretched forth their arms through the iron gratings. They could see the blue waters of the harbor. They could hear the calls of the would-be rescuers hard at work. But they were lost, entirely lost, though there was "only one step" between them and perfect safety.

A CHRISTIAN HOME.

Almost saved! Yes, you are. How do I know it? I learn how near you have come to salvation as I look at the entries on those white pages sewed between the Old and the New Testaments of the family Bible. By this record of the family births and deaths I find your father was a Christian. Your mother was a Christian. Your sisters and brothers were all Christians. I find also lives for God's service when they held you before the sacred altar on the day you were baptized. It is a very easy matter for you to become a Christian, with such a family history as that. The son of a Jewish doctor, all other conditions being equal, has at least ten years the advantage of a young man entering the medical profession who is not the son of a physician. The child who comes from a Christian home has a far greater chance of being a Christian than one who is not the son of a Christian, or than one who has never been brought by youthful association in contact with the Christian life.

"This true," says some young man to me, "I was born in a Christian home. I am not near, however, but very, very far from the Kingdom of God. Why, after I left my Christian home I seemed to be possessed not with seven devils, but seventy times seven devils. No sooner did I leave home and go away from mother and father and I plunged into a life of dissipation. I drank, I gambled, I blasphemed. I did everything I ought not to have done, and I left undone everything I ought to have done. It is said that when Lysimachus was fighting against the Getae he was entrapped by his enemies in the desert sands. His thirst became so great that he offered his whole kingdom for a drink of water, as Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. But no sooner had Lysimachus slaked his thirst than he cried: 'Ah, wretched me, who for such a momentary gratification should have lost so great a kingdom.' Though I have been brought up in a Christian home, for the momentary satisfying of my evil desires I have forfeited all those pure influences of the past. I am like a man who, to quench his thirst, has done more than to barter away a kingdom. I have bartered away my life. The chalice of sin which I have lifted to my lips was of poison. I feel it now, dulling my brain, dulling my heart, dulling my moral sensibilities. I feel as if I were already dead, for my nobler self has perished. Eternal life is lost to me."

DON'T LIVE FOR YOURSELF.

Almost saved! Yes, you are. I know by the unhappy looks that are chisled in the wrinkles of your face. When you started out in life you thought the height of a man's happiness could be estimated by the length of his bank account. You thought the worldwide area of his joy could be always circumscribed only by the hemispheric spread of his fame. But now by bitter experience you know that wealth and fame only bring added cares. You know that if a man lives for himself alone, if he does not seek the higher joys of the soul, if he does not live for Christ, seeking also the welfare of his brother man, he can find no happiness on earth at all. I can imagine a scene in your life which brought its emptiness vividly before you. Such scenes, varying in their details, come to many a man, bidding him pause and consider what is the true purpose of life. Let me see! Where did this scene happen? In the east, you are a wealthy Chicago merchant. You have

come out on a visit to Los Angeles. It was almost, as near as I can make out, on a Saturday night, the second week of January. The air was burning brightly on your office hearth. The table by your side was filled with papers. The employees, working ten hours a day, sometimes think the employer entering his office at 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning is a very easy time. But long after the busy beehive of the modern drygoods emporium has stopped its hum, and the tired little cash girls have crowded the streets, laughing, shouting, perhaps smiling at the passers by, in juvenile delight at being set free from toil, and the bookkeepers have balanced the accounts, and the iron shutters have been pulled down, and the clerks have closed their counters, and the cashiers have locked their safes, and the delivery wagons have ceased their rumbling, and the worn out horses have been fed and blanketed in their stalls, and the street lamps have become as multitudinous as the visible stars of the heavens, the tired merchant works on. The wood in the fireplace crackled and laughed. The flames leaped higher and higher and sputtered more loudly as the reports of the different departments recorded the business triumph of a whole year. Stock had been taken, for the holiday goods were all sold. Every promissory note had been met. There was plenty of money in the bank to clear away the remaining debit sides of the ledger.

WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN?

Was not that the history, O rich merchant, of the first results of your mathematical calculations on the Saturday night of the second week in last January? But what about the second calculation you made that important night? As you sat there in your easy armchair you began to dream about the past. You began to wonder if all this endless struggle for a worldly success really paid. As you dreamed you thought of the many nights when, unable to sleep you had tossed about your hot pillow and thought how the business world was trying to drive you to the financial wall, even as some man with the death mark upon his cheek in his old age may be forced of his life. You thought how your very best motives had always been impugned. And then, strange to say, instead of gloating over your past successes you were brought to a lower and lower an unseen power made you write upon a broad sheet of white paper this problem: "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" And as you studied that problem you were compelled to write after it a word of seven letters. You wrote that one word in letters of fire. "Nothing." "Nothing." "Nothing." Am I wrong, O financial magnate, in stating to-day "Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God?"

Oh, rich man! I appeal to your experience. Have you not realized that happiness is not in wealth? Have there not come times in your life when you have felt that money and honor and power alike fail to give satisfaction? You are disappointed with your life. Turn to Christ, who says to such as you, "He that drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst again." Come to him. Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God."

Sickness has been a spiritual blessing to you, O man, as the palsy was to the invalid of old. It has placed you almost within touch of our Saviour and King. For years and years you did not know what a pain meant. When you heard people complaining about their invalidism you had no sympathy. You would petulantly say, "Nine-tenths of these so-called invalids are mere hypochondriacs. If men and women would only get up and stop their complaining and stop dosing themselves with medicines they would be all right." When a minister in church would preach from the text, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee," you would settle back in your seat and smile. You would say to yourself: "Perhaps. Perhaps not. My ancestors were all long lived. I guess I will be also." Then you would complacently pat your chest as you expanded your lungs three or four inches, and you would say: "Well, my ancestors never had a finer breathing apparatus than I have. Perhaps I shall die to-night. Perhaps not."

But two years ago there came that sudden attack of illness. It came almost without any warning at all. You remember how your cheek became as white as that of a corpse and your lips turned blue and cold. You remember how that pneumonia stabbed at your lungs, or how that typhoid made you sink so low that for weeks and weeks you hovered between life and death. You remember how asthma choked you until it seemed as though you would go down with the agony. Aye, that sickness made out of you a changed man. When the minister now announces the text, Luke, twelfth chapter and twentieth verse, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee," you do not flippantly say: "Perhaps. Perhaps not." You know it is not out of the range of possibilities that this night you may be brought face to face with God at the judgment seat of Christ. O man, even while I speak to-day all life are flying swifter than the winds through your seething brain. Aye, they are flying as swiftly as the panorama of some years in a second of time comes before the vision of a drowning man. Your past sick-

nesses have changed your feelings toward God. The pain at your heart is warning you that "God shall bring every work unto judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." This day—aye, this very minute—on account of that past sick bed, "thou art not far from the Kingdom of God."

Almost saved? Yes, you are. I know it. Why? The many "signs of the time" tell us that hundreds and thousands of immortal men and women are now enrolling themselves as Christian soldiers under the standard of the cross. And there is a mighty propelling force in the power of numbers. When a sinful man knows that everywhere about him the people are asking the vital question which the Philippian jailer asks to Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" he is spite of himself compelled to ask and answer in his heart the same question.

We all marvel at the wonderful ability of observation to which the trappers and the hunters of old were able to train their visual powers. For days and weeks the Indian scouts were able to follow their enemies across the western prairies. By the twisted blades of grass and by other minute signs they were able to tell how many Indians were in the war party ahead, how many horses and cattle and squaws, and how many traps were set. Trappers have almost miraculous seeing powers in reference to the natural world. It does not take an inspired vision to see that we are now living in a time of great religious awakening. Everywhere the vital question is upon every lip, "What shall I then do with Jesus, who is called the Christ?" Like Pilate before the Jewish people, you must decide the question in reference to Jesus. You must decide for Christ or against Christ. And in bringing you up to this question I cannot be far wrong in stating that "thou art not far from the Kingdom of God."

But why talk so much about the wonderful manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power in reference to the world at large? Have not we seen that power manifested in our own church? Men and women, can you sit stolidly in your pews when husbands and wives and children and young men and women are seeking Jesus Christ? While so many old people among middle aged people and young people are coming? God will never give you a better opportunity to seek him than just now. Will you not come to the Saviour now? Like King Agrippa, are you going to be "almost persuaded" and lost? Or like Paul, the "chief of sinners," are you to be coronated, and to have a seat upon a throne in heaven with Jesus Christ?

FROM BABY'S DIARY.

6 a.m.—Woke up and howled.
6.10—Man grunts, gets up, and carries me about room. Must be nice for him to be able to walk so fast; I can't.
6.15—Man treads on my rattle; howl. Man talks to himself.
6.16—Back to bed.
8 a.m.—Clock makes pretty noise; chuckle. Man says something to it. Woman says, "John! Man grunts, and gets up."
10 a.m.—Washed and dressed; feel miserable.
10.10—Climb into coal-scuttle; happy.
10.30—Discovered and pulled out. Got to be washed again. Horrid nuisance; don't see the good of it; only get dirty again.
11 a.m.—Fall down stairs; given sweets, and go to sleep.
3 p.m.—Lady calls with thing she calls a dog. Can't find his tail; not Tiny's; his sticks out and wags.
3.10—Find dog's tail, wish I hadn't howl. Dog whipped and turned out. Chuckle. Don't like that dog. Go and look for Tiny.
5 p.m.—Man comes home with a friend. Friend talks a lot of nonsense—and tries to pat my head; howl.
5.10—Given bottle. Friend gets his head in way of bottle; chuckle. Friend departs abruptly.
6 p.m.—Just off to bed. Beastly quiet day; hope to have some fun to-morrow. Bye-bye.

GOOD ADVICE.

Do not learn the language of sorrow. Don't try to steer with another man's rudder. The time always comes when a grafter gets grafted. Just take a bird's-eye view of the world. It looks better that way. Be clean and the spirit of the eternal truth will rest and abide with thee. There is no to-morrow, and it is only a very foolish fool who worries about that which will never come. There is no person or thing in this world that gets something for nothing. Look and you will find the cost mark. Feeding a girl chocolate creams once a week and feeding her breakfast three times a day are two different things. When you say an unkind word or even think an unkind thought, just remember that you are hurting no one but yourself. There are a great many people who look at the world through their stomachs, and their view is accordingly to the condition of that organ. The only difference between a Mormon and the other man is that the other man does what he thinks and the other man thinks what he'd like to do. So-called friendship that is purchased and held by favors does the possessor no good. There is always someone who can furnish more favors than you. Mrs. Clancy—'Tis, Mrs. Muggins, Pat and Oi part to mate no more. Oi went to the hospital to ax after him. 'Oi want to see me husband,' sez Oi—'The man that got blowed down.' 'Ye can't see him,' sez the doctor; 'he's under the influence of Ann Esthetic.' 'Oi don't know the lady,' sez Oi, 'mighty dignified-looking; but if me lawful wedded husband kin act loike that when he's at dith's door Oi'll have a divorce from him!'

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THE S. S. LESSON. INTERNATIONAL LESSON. JULY 24

Text of the Lesson, II Chron. xix., 1-11. Golden Text, II Chron. xix., 11.

It is pleasant, as well as profitable, to continue meditating upon one who did right in the sight of the Lord (xx, 32), for he sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in His commandments, and his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord, and the Lord was with him (xvii, 3-6). He is said to have reigned twenty-five years (xx, 31), but it is possible that three of those years were the last years of Asa, his father, while he was disengaged in his feet. In order to keep before us some idea of where we are in the history of those two kingdoms, it would be well to consult a comparative chronological table of the kings and prophets of Judah and Israel, such as may be found in the appendix of most of our good reference Bibles. In a Baxter Bible it is New Testament, page 194.

From this it will be seen that the twenty-two years of Asa's reign in Israel were about contemporary with the first twenty-two years of Jehoshaphat's reign in Judah. The prophets of the time were Jehu, the son of Hanani, in Judah, and Micahiah and Elijah, in Israel. It will help us to keep this in mind, as our next lesson concerns Ahab, and the six following keep Elijah before us. We have had up to this time appeared, "Jonah, who is the first, comes later."

Our lesson begins with the return of Jehoshaphat in peace to Jerusalem from the battle with the king of Syria, in which he had been an ally with Ahab and very narrowly escaped death. Ahab, although disguised, fell by a God directed arrow from a bow drawn at a venture (xviii, 28-34). Jehoshaphat began his reign exceedingly well and sent teachers throughout all the cities of Judah with the book of the law of the Lord to teach the people, one result being that the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands round about Judah, and they made no war against Jehoshaphat. The Philistines and Arabians brought presents as well as tribute to him, so that he waxed great exceedingly and had riches and honor in abundance (xvii, 9-12).

They came his alliance with a man who did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him (xviii, 2). I Kings xvi, 33). He allowed his son Jehoram to take Ahab's daughter to wife (II Kings viii, 18), and also joined Ahab to fight against the king of Syria (chapter 18), hence the reproach of our Lord though Jehu in our lesson, "Shouldst thou help the ungodly and love them that hate the Lord (Verse 2). One feels like saying, Why could not Jehoshaphat let ungodly Ahab alone and continue, as he had chosen, to walk with God? But is not this matter of worldly alliances the prominent sin of our own time? In marriage, in business, in religious matters, is it not seen everywhere? How few seem to give any consideration to II Cor. vi., 14-18, and are there many even among God's ministers who think it wrong to have fellowship with those who deny that Jesus Christ is God, or with those who deny that the blood of Christ alone, without any works of ours, can take away sin?

The manner of Jehoshaphat's life was, as a rule, right in the sight of the Lord, although there were two very dark clouds in his clear day, the one we have mentioned, and later his alliance with Ahab (ix., 35-37). But it is refreshing to see him in the remainder of our lesson chapter, after the Lord reproved him, going out through all the people to bring them again to the Lord, setting judges in the land and admonishing them in such words as "Take heed what ye do, for ye judge not for man, but for the Lord who is with you" (verses 5-7), saying also to the priests and Levites: Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. Take courage and do, and the Lord shall be with the good" (verses 10, 11, and margin). These are words for us to lay to heart, for only such living and acting will stand in that day. None other can have His approval (II Tim. ii., 15). On the words "Take heed" see Luke viii, 18; Mark iv., 24. "Take heed now ye hear and what ye hear." Also Matt. xxiv., 1. "Take heed that no man deceive you." Isa. vii., 4. "Take heed and be quiet. Fear not." As to the Lord's hatred of iniquity,

respect of persons and taking of gifts, see Ex. xxiii., 8; Deut. x., 17; Job xxiv., 19; Rom. ii., 11; Eph. vi., 9.

As we have but one lesson on the life of this great king we must not omit a glance at chapter 20, and the victory which the Lord wrought for His people. Realizing their helplessness, they cast themselves wholly upon Him, and the Lord fought against their enemies and made them to rejoice over their enemies, and gave them rest round about (verses 3, 4, 27-30). Note the king's prayer (verses 6-12) and put verse 12 with xiv., 11: "We have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do. But our eyes are upon Thee." These are the people whom God helps, the impotent, the utterly helpless, not those who can help themselves. Note, also, verses 15, 17, 20, 22, and learn to fear not, believe and praise.

This whole-hearted reliance upon the Lord made so prominent in this lesson and the last is greatly needed.

THE INDIAN ARMY.

Proposed Reorganization in Training and Equipment.

The London Express says:—Lord Kitchener's scheme for the re-organization of the Indian frontier for war is now complete. It will bring about a drastic alteration in the Indian military affairs. He proposes to place the bulk of the Indian army on the frontier, and so have it ready in the place where it will be needed. At present the army is distributed all over India. In Lord Kitchener's opinion this is useless, and would entail vast transportation and much loss of vital time in war. The system that he is to change was devised after the mutiny, but now obsolete. Large garrisons in the presidencies are no longer needed, as a check on the Indian races. These are regarded as firmly loyal. Upon this loyalty as an asset, Lord Kitchener is constructing his new army. In placing the flower of the force in the northwest, Lord Kitchener proposes to divide the frontier into parallel geographical divisions. Each of these will hold a self-contained field force, operating on its own frontier line, and covering its war front on either the Bolan or the Khyber Pass, which form the great routes of possible hostile approach to India. The vacated cantonments further south will be occupied by police, who are considered sufficient for the government of the stations. The new organization will entail an additional 5000 men, and the total army will be one of 230,000. One marked feature of the scheme is its cheapness. Lord Kitchener has applied his financial genius to the problem as he did in the Sudan, and he believes that the cost of the change need not be more than about £70,000 a year for five years. Under the new plan the chief generals who now have their headquarters at Madras, Bombay and Bengal will command field armies on the frontier, each ready to move actively at a day's notice. As previously reported in the Express, Lord Kitchener is also reconstructing both the training and the equipment of the Indian Army.

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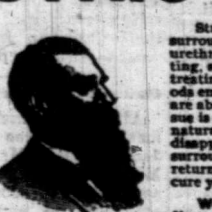
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CHAPTER XXV

The rain was now rushing in torrents, straight from the torn clouds above, there was no time to lose; Claude took her hand and hid her face with his, and turning up a sidepath from the main road, they reached a large shed, half-full of bark and faggots, where they were sheltered from the rain, though from the open front they could still see the tempest raging over the great space of sky which the slight downward slope of the woodland from the shed made visible. Jessie turned shuddering from it.

Seeing the cause of her distress, he drew her back among the bundles of bark, where, by displacing some and piling others, he made a screened recess and arranged a seat for her. Her thick, irregular heartbeats became quiet and rhythmic, and a delicious calm stole upon her. He sat by her and took her hand; she did not withdraw it, his touch was too healing. The storm crashed furiously on the rain rushed with a hissing splash on the leaves all round the shed, the air was still like the heavy vapor of molten brass; yet Jessie was undisturbed, her delicate cheek was tinged like an infant's and her breath came with the soft ease of a sleeping child's, she could not see the distracting dazzle of the lightnings in the pleasant dusk among the bark-bundles which emitted a wholesome forest odor. She leaned against the bark in happy silence, it would be heaven to sit thus forever.

He feared to break the blissful silence or mar the exquisite peace of the sweet face so near him. They were completely isolated, fenced round for the next hour at least by that blessed storm; there was plenty of time without spoiling that perfect moment. "To look before and after, to pine for what is not." Besides, what could express her love and confidence more than that silent surrender of herself with the instant solace that his touch so evidently gave. "My bird will never escape me now," he thought, "she has fluttered home for good and all."

The tumult and tension of the last few days, with the climax of nervous agony wrought by the storm, had exhausted her; she only cared to be still now in the utter peace of Claude's presence. In the pauses of the thunder, they could hear each other breathe above the prolonged hiss of the rushing rain. The fragrant nest among the bark-bundles seemed by the sanctity whither no unwholesome thing could penetrate. Rush on, blessed rain! wash on, fierce kind lightnings; crack, rumble, and roar, majestic, deep-voiced thunder, tear the clouds and break up the heavens in your wild exultant strength; only let us be together.

That stern resolve never again to see him, all the struggles and mental conflicts, the thousand reasons for avoiding him, fell from Jessie like a garment, and when she began to let some cloudlet of thought drift across the happy heaven of her peace, she asked herself, more moved by Claude's eloquent silence than she had ever been by his words, why, after all, they should be parted? Could either have any happiness apart from the other? His very touch healed her. Surely God had brought them together and made them one. Excessive weariness is a narcotic, conscience falls asleep, the furies of thought sink to rest under spells of Orphean melody, and the tired soul refuses to heave the stone of Sisyphus any more up the steep: this is the Tempter's hour.

All the sophisms Claude had uttered and she had combated about marriage, the falsity and cruelty of conventions, the purity of a soul union such as theirs might be, came stealing back, unchallenged, unresisted, with tenfold force, in that beautiful calm. To Claude they came also with renewed force, the offspring of his own brain returning no longer children to be mounded and controlled, but armed men to conquer and subdue.

"You are calm now," he said, at last, breaking the golden silence with reluctance, and she smiled in reply.

"You were ill with fright, poor child," he added; and then Jessie spoke of the nervous trouble thunder had always caused her.

"I never before was calm in a thunder-storm," she said; "what a coward I am!" she added, with a low, tranquil laugh.

A terrific crack of thunder, as if the storm, after growling sullenly away in the distance, had returned in renewed fury, drowned her laugh.

"No coward," he replied. "Oh! Jessie, do you remember the viper?" "Ah! I was frightened then," she returned. "I thought people died of a viper's bite."

"And you offered your life for mine. And you gave me something better than life, all that makes life sweet."

She withdrew her hand, reality broke in upon the blissful waking dream in which they seemed to be in some higher, nobler state, disembodied spirits, anything but mere mortals bound by strict conventions and stern moral obligations. "No," she said, "I brought you trouble. But we part friends."

Claude laughed, it seemed more like meeting than parting. "Whither are you flying?" he asked, gayly.

"To my old school for a time tomorrow."

"Who goes with you?" "No one. I go alone by the carrier."

"Jessie," he said, with emphasis, "this is a heaven-sent opportunity. You go with old Winstone as far as Yellow Cross, there you get out to pick flowers, what you will. Instead of following the cart, you turn up the Blackwell road, where you find me with a closed carriage. We catch the evening boat and are in France the day after to-morrow morning."

"Oh! this is madness!" cried Jessie; "you must not say such things, indeed, indeed!"

"I must," he replied, taking her hands and speaking earnestly; "you have given me the right, you must not trifle with me. Child, do you think you can take a man's heart in your hands and play with it, and throw it away when done with it? No. We belong to each other. Jessie, we love each other with heart and soul. No power can part us. Trust to me, wholly; so love is perfect without trust. Leave all these ethical and conventional subtleties to me. I am responsible to Heaven for both of us. Was not the woman made for the man, and only the man for God? He for God only, she for God in him! There is no wrong in such a union as ours, only the purest, holiest happiness. Besides, the last barrier is broken down. That miserable terror of Mrs. Grundy cannot come between us any more. You need never again be afraid of what people will think."

"What do you mean?" gasped Jessie.

"We have been seen. Don't you know what they say of people in our—in your—in short—"

"Oh! I know now too well and too late, but I did not know till Mr. Ingleby told me."

"Ingleby told you, did he?" he said, darkly; "it was like his confession—"

"It was like the kind, wise friend he is," she rejoined.

"A reputation is easily lost—it only means being seen with the wrong man—"

All at once his meaning flashed upon her; she said nothing, for sheer anguish.

"We will go to Switzerland," he added, "marriage laws are easy there."

"I understand—oh! understand so well," said Jessie, brokenly, her face buried in her hands, while her arms were supported on her knees. "I was not born for things like that—I should shame you. Oh! Claude, you must marry Miss Lomdale—you must forget me!"

"Forget you!" As he spoke he bent over her bowed head and hidden face. She listened and quivered, and the old arguments came back with fresh and ever fresh force, while the thunder rolled on in the distance and she did not hear it.

All she heard or heeded was the low musical voice, the unutterable charm of the unseen presence, the immense need they had of each other, the supreme importance of his happiness, the impossibility of either living apart from the other.

What was anything in comparison with his happiness? what was honor, peace of mind, heaven itself? There was no heaven without him, to lose him was hell. She was his, she lived for him alone, had no life apart from him. What if her life was laid waste and spoiled for him? As she thought thus she suddenly lifted her head and looked at him.

He saw his advantage and followed it up by eloquence glowing with unexpressed passion; it seemed to Jessie that they were already one and could not be parted without sacrilege. She thought of Shelley and Mary.

He drew a wedding-ring from his pocket and would have placed it upon her trembling hand. Were they not in the temple of nature, he said, with the rushing rains as choristers, the swift lightnings as witnesses, the deep organ-notes of the thunder sounding their wedding symphony? What moment could be fitter for their espousals? She must promise now and forever.

The word struck a deep chord in her breast; the supreme moment of her life had arrived. She listened to the wild storm-music so solemnly invoked, the rain trickling from the shod roof into a pool formed by its own violence, with a sound that recalled the quiet music of the ballad she was striving to climb the mill-wheel at home. Again she heard the perpetually defeated water conquered by its persistence; she saw it grind corn for men's food and circle round the world in a wondrous endless succession of transformation; she saw the white feet of winged angels pass up the turning stair, as the heavy being floated upward; she heard soft strains of spherical harmony mingled with the mill-music as in her childish dream, while in the actual far-off roll of the passing thunder boomed the everlasting "Thou shalt not," against the grand simplicity of which all argument is mute.

She rose and left the dim recess, she would have gone but that he dejected her with gentle force. Her slight figure was outlined on the storm-vent sky which had now no more terrors for her.

"Foolish child! What has frightened you?" he said, with infinite tenderness; "dearest Jessie, think for a moment, don't be reckless. Don't ruin my happiness, don't throw away my last hope. You are virtually bound to me. You have given me your love, you have broken with conventions, you are mine; in different ways we have compromised each other. The storm unmakes you, it makes you morbid. You know that ours is no common bond, that we are already one in heart and soul—"

"Claude, Claude, let me go!" "You cannot, you cannot go in this storm. Stay, Jessie, stay. It will leave you, only stay in the shelter; but she was off through the tangle of wet undergrowth, and into the main road; he followed, then stopped, knowing that further pursuit would only distress her.

Just then the rain, which had died nearly away, changed to a fierce crackle of hail-stones rebounding from branch to branch and denting the bare earth where they struck; the storm gathered up its dying energies for a final outburst. A blue sheet of light revealed lowering cloud-masses above, colored the white hail-storm for a moment, and showed him the last glimpse of Jessie's dress before she was engulfed in the double darkness of storm and forest; and by the time he removed his hand from his dazzled eyes a pearl white zig-zag darted from heaven to earth, accompanied by a peal of reverberating thunder which seemed as if it would never end. And Jessie was under trees in the very heart of the storm!

He went back to the shed and leaned against the bark stacks, intently gazing in the direction which she had taken; he was pale and had a solemn, resolute look.

"Whatever happens," he said aloud, and as if calling unseen promises to witness, "Jessie must now be my lawful wife."

The long unequal duel was at an end, but the battle was not to the strong.

When the storm had at last rolled away, and he had left his shelter, the figure of a woman issued from among the piles of bark not far from the refuge he had made for Jessie, and leaned upon the pillar which ran from pillar to pillar in front of the shed.

"You will not marry Jessie," she said, with fierce emphasis; "and you will not save Marwell Court, if it can only be done by marrying me, my good cousin."

The life-time of torture she had suffered in the last hour had exhausted her, there were dark shadows beneath her deep lustrous eyes, and her lips were firmly set.

"How can I hurt her?" she continued. "After all death is a feeble vengeance. Who would have imagined that this baby-face could play her cards so skillfully? Where did she learn how to fool men? Who gave her this insight, this intuitive knowledge of their weak points? Afraid of the storm, indeed! I said she was no ordinary girl, I was right!"

(To be Continued.)

WATCHES THE RAILS.

Machine Which Provides for Safety of Travelers.

American railroad development has reached the point where a man can sit comfortably in a private car and see recorded on paper before him every imperfection of the rails over which he is riding, says World's Work. Twenty years ago, a track walker with a hammer tramped the cross-ties to find out this same thing. The track walker's work and much more is now done by the dynamograph, a mechanism which not only records the deviations the rails make from the straight and level line, but automatically computes these deviations in feet and inches. It is the invention of Dr. P. H. Dudley. The invention is attached to his private car, which has been his home for fifteen years. The dynamograph tests rails. It is a machine 42 inches high and looks like a hand printing press. It makes records on the roll of paper attached to the machine, made through power gained from the rolling of the wheels of the car over the track. The paper is unrolled by a shaft attached to the axle of the car. The paper is thus moved slowly by as the car travels. Suspended over the paper are a number of glass tubes, each containing red ink. They are really glass needles that make a continuous mark on the paper. There is one needle for each track, one for the gauge of the rails, another to measure the distance the car is travelling. These needles are all connected, first, by shaft attached to the side, and then by delicate mechanism attached to the shaft. If the car is travelling over a perfect level track, these glass needles make a straight line. If there is an undulation in the track of a fraction of an inch, the sensitive mechanism wavers, and the line becomes broken. Since track is perfectly level, the record for the best road-bed in America is wavering.

When the undulation or break in the level of the track is one-eighth of an inch or more, the mechanism opens a hose attached to a can of blue paint on the tracks, the paint is splurted on the rail and the defect is thus plainly marked for the section gangs. Every time the paint is thrown on the track a mark is made by the glass needle, giving a record by which to check the work of these track repairers.

At the end of a test trip a permanent record of the roll is made and copies printed for the various mechanical departments of the road. By this record the road is appraised of the actual condition of its road-bed.

EMBARRASSED WITH RICHES.

Heiress of the Krupp Millions Has Many Worries.

It is one of the grim ironies of fate that a young girl, barely of age, should be in a sense responsible for the blood which is struggling between Russia and Japan, owing to the fact that she supplied both powers with practically all of their guns. The young woman in question is Miss Krupp, who, on the death of her father, became chief proprietor of the world-famed Krupp Works, at Essen, Germany, and likewise became the wealthiest woman in the world.

The heiress seems to have inherited some of the family capacity for industrial organization, for she takes the greatest pride and delight in supervising the work of the different departments, and declares that at some future time she will have gained sufficient experience to take an active part in the direction of affairs.

Meanwhile her interference in business matters is limited to passive supervision, but she takes a more active part in controlling the management of the numerous auxiliary departments of the establishment. The schools for the children of her employes and the hospitals for the care of the sick receive regular visits from her, and she has a sharp eye for defects of all kinds.

Knowing human nature, it is hardly surprising to find that Miss Krupp's employes do not appreciate her blood quality, and charitable ways. Living in Miss Krupp's houses, sending their children to the schools, applying to her hospitals when they or their families are sick, attending her churches, drinking beer in her restaurants, buying meat from her slaughter houses, flour from her mills, bread from her bakeries, and hats and clothes from her stores make them feel that they are her serfs, and not free-born laborers.

Miss Krupp's charitable disposition has become known to the general public in Germany, with the result that she receives on an average, over 200 purely begging letters a day, and over 150 letters daily entreating her to grant some position in the world to some worthy young man.

She also has to undergo some of the inconveniences which are generally confined to emperors and kings. Her vast wealth and the ownership of an entire city make her a likely target for anarchists' bullets, and her friends are in constant terror of assassination. For this reason her guardians have insisted on her being continually guarded by a regiment of detectives, who are always in her vicinity.



TESTING CREAM.

A correspondent of Hoard's Dairyman asks the following questions, which are answered by Prof. E. H. Farrington.

"How can the creamery arrive at the cream patron's test if one day his cream may test 30 per cent., another 20 per cent., or 40 per cent? A composite sample is taken each day. Then this cream after being weighed, is put in the cream vat. The can must be rinsed out. We don't want that water in the cream vat, so it is put into the milk fat for the cream patron's fellow, patron to have a skim milk."

"How can a correct test be taken? Cream will rise and get heavy on the surface. This cream question is one of the most important ones we have to deal with at butter factories."

"When such cream as this is waiting for the gathering wagon, the driver pours it into his cream weighing pail, then back to the farmer's can. Repeating this operation at least three times, he then hangs his weighing pail on the scales, fills it with the cream, records the weight in the proper place in his book, and takes a sample by means of a long, slim tube which is put down into the cream until it touches the bottom of the weighing pail, standing in a vertical position. This tube will be filled to the height of the cream in the pail and by closing a cork in the top of the tube the cream inside of it may be lifted out by taking out the sampling tube and emptying it into a glass bottle having the name or number of this patron thereon."

THE AMOUNT OF CREAM.

taken as a sample will depend on the length and diameter of the sampling tube, but if tubes of the same size are used for sampling cream in weighing pails of the same size, the samples will always be the same fractional part of the different lots of cream and it will consequently make no difference whether one lot of cream tests 10 per cent. and the next 30 per cent. of fat, the samples will fairly represent the cream from which they are taken. The samples taken at the farms by the driver are delivered by him to the buttermaker at the creamery. Here they are poured (after inspection) into the composite sample jars at the factory, and a test of such a composite sample ought to give perfectly satisfactory results.

You say that the can rinsings at the factory are not put in the cream. I do not see any objection to adding them to the vat, if the water used is perfectly pure and there is not an excessive amount of it. A little pure water in your cream ripening vat, will not hurt the butter, neither will it interfere with an accurate calculation of the dividends.

The weights and tests of the cream will show how much fat there is in the cream delivered to a factory in a given time (one month) and the creamery books should show what was received for the butter. Then, after subtracting the expenses of running the factory from this butter money, the cash left is to be paid the patrons. Divide the money by the total weight of butter fat in the cream from which the butter was made, and the figure obtained will be the price per pound of butter fat. The factory is to pay its patron for that month. Each patron's check is made out for the amount of money shown to be due him, by multiplying his weight of cream by the average of the tests of the composite samples, which will give the pounds of butter fat in the cream, then by multiplying these pounds of fat by the price per pound, as obtained above, you will have the amount of each check.

SHEEP BENEFIT PASTURES.

The addition of five or six head of sheep for each cow will tend to increase the productivity of a very weedy pasture, nearly if not quite, to the extent of the amount consumed by the sheep. After a few years, when the weeds have been exterminated, the relative number of cows may be increased, but of course the proportion of cows to sheep, as well as the total amount of stock that can be profitably kept upon a given area, will depend upon the nature of the soil and the vegetation, the locality, the climatic conditions, and so forth.

Some sheep could be profitably kept upon nearly all farms. They will not only serve to keep the pasture free from weeds, but they will also provide excellent scavengers for clearing up stubble fields after harvest and the odd corners on the farm. And moreover, they will yield a handsome profit on the investment as well as providing the most wholesome kind of fresh meat for the farmer's family whenever it is desired.

A mistake often made by farmers who start in with a small flock of sheep to act as scavengers is to buy anything that anyone else may choose to call sheep, that has little wool on its back and will eat weeds, and then treat them as meanly as their appearance seems to deserve. This does not pay. Good blood, individual merit, and good care are as necessary for profitable sheep raising as with any other kind of stock.

Buy a few good, pure bred, registered sheep of any one of half a dozen of the standard breeds, treat them right, and they will do the handsomest thing by you. They will earn their keep during the summer by destroying weeds, but they must have good care and feed during the winter. When a considerable number of sheep are obtained and pure breeds cannot be obtained at satisfactory prices, good grade ewes will do, but

RUSSIANS AS LINGUISTS.

Every educated Russian knows three languages besides his own, and many of them four. Knowledge of the English, French and German languages is considered necessary to culture. A family having small children employs two to four governesses, from whom the children learn foreign tongues before they are taught the more difficult Russian. This command of languages makes possible the fact that Russians have a better knowledge of the world's affairs than any other people.

Theatre owners in London are being notified to make the necessary changes in their buildings called for by the theatre by-law, which will be rigidly enforced.

"Did he marry the girl who could paint things on crockery ware?" "No, he married one who could cook things to put into crockery ware."

A woman's admiration for a painting usually runs to the frame.

CARE OF THE MOWER.

Before starting the machine see that it is all in order; knife sharp, sections tight, nuts tight, and pitman moving smoothly without striking anywhere. Use plenty of oil of the best quality, and see that the oil cups are not so badly clogged as to keep the bearing dry.

The driver should note carefully the sound of the machine from time to time, investigating any unusual buzzing or rattling. The inner end of the knife is most likely to be dull because difficult to grind properly and the sections should be touched up with a file if necessary. It pays to have two knives so that a new one can be put in at any time without waiting for grinding, and it is well to have a third knife, new, for reserve in doing extra difficult mowing. Old knives may be set aside for use in mowing weeds, sprouts, etc.

The track cleaner should be carefully adjusted so that the hay previously cut will not interfere with the knife.

CLEANLINESS IN THE DAIRY.

In traveling over the country and visiting the dairy farms in the summer time, nothing has impressed itself so much on the writer's mind as the necessity of cleanliness, writes Mr. J. H. Brown.

There are so many ways in which milk may be infected with bacterial germs that are detrimental to its welfare, that it keeps a dairyman hustling to get ahead of the germs.

In these days of pasteurization there are some dairymen and hired men who think that if the milk is going to be pasteurized anyway, when it reaches the creamery or city dealer in market milk, it makes no difference whether any good care is given the milk or not.

The writer has actually seen one man spit on his hands right over the milk stool, while sitting on the milk stool, and just before milking in at milking time. He was chewing tobacco and used the juice instead of milk for lubricating his hands. His excuse was that "all this 'ere milk is pasteurized before it is used." It is a fact that pasteurizing covers a multitude of sins on more than one dairy farm in the country.

Cleanliness in every detail is the most important point to be constantly impressed upon the dairyman and his help in their daily duties in and around the stable, milk room and everywhere milk is handled or stored. Cleanliness must be looked after in all the details of milk manufacture and in

HANDLING MARKET MILK.

Every dairyman knows that butter can be made in the private dairy, as a general rule, simply because one man, or one woman, usually has charge or personal control over the whole process, from the feeding of the cows to the marketing of the finished product.

Every patron of a creamery, no matter what his relation to the company may be, financially or officially, will always find it to his interest to see that his milk is furnished daily at the creamery in the best possible condition.

A disregard of any of the details which assist in furnishing pure, clean milk, every night and morning, always affects the quality of the whole of that day's supply of milk at the factory, and the cream and butter taken therefrom is also likewise affected.

The cows should be kept just as clean as possible. There is hardly any necessity of keeping cows with filthy flanks, belly, and teats. It costs barely nothing, except a few boards, a little time and energy, to fix the stalls or stanchions in any old cow stable, so that the cows cannot get soiled. Of course, some cows will soil themselves if they are obliged to almost break their necks to do it. In such a case it might be better to give the butcher a chance to do the "breaking" provided he is willing to pay a fair price.

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Studies in Natural History.

The Boy.

This untamable little creature, which is well called "The Terror of the Neighborhood," is perhaps the most feared and dreaded of all animals, and the one that causes the most aggravation.

Most people have the same instinctive desire to throttle a boy at sight, and on general principles, that they have to kill a snake. Unfortunately, the law prevents this; and as it has been found inexpedient to keep it confined like a lion or a jackal in a steel cage, out of harm's way, human beings have been unable to protect themselves against a creature so bloodthirsty that it finds its chief delight in torturing its victims.

This causes everyone to view the advent of a Boy in a community with alarm, while the presence of two or three depreciates the value of property and makes nervous people flee from the vicinity.

Although naturalists have devoted much time to the study of this subject, they have never been able to definitely classify the Boy, owing to his partaking of the obnoxious traits of all the other animals. Physically, it is all stomach and yell, with a rudimentary heart and no soul.

Notwithstanding all this, however, the Boy is greatly esteemed as a household pet, and is quite generally kept in that capacity. Indeed, few families are satisfied and happy without one, although after having received one they never know another minute's peace and quiet as long as they have it about the house.

This is the most startling fact in all natural history, as, having observed their friends' boys, one would think that no money could induce a person to undertake to raise a creature that was so much trouble.

In looks the Boy presents a curious anomaly, as it changes at different ages. When it is quite young, and at the time, it may be observed, that most people select it, it is soft and beautiful, with an angelic expression that appeals strongly to female owners and causes them to rave over it.

A little later it gets stringy and long-legged, with pale green freckles and warts, and generally unsmooth and unprepossessing appearance. Fortunately, however, by this time its owners have become attached to it; otherwise it would be cast out to perish.

The habits of the Boy afford a most instructive study. It eats steadily from the time it gets up until it goes to bed, and devours the most indigestible substances with perfect impunity. Green apples, liquorice, hunks of bread and meat, doughnuts and whole pots of jam disappear down its throat without raising the slightest commotion in its stomach.

When it is not opening its mouth to poke food down, it is opening it to emit a series of hideous sounds, so practically a Boy's mouth is never shut. These sounds are unintelligible to human beings, but are apparently understood by its mates.

Naturalists also call attention to the fact that a Boy is the only animal that spends its time in play, and it has been further observed that it soon wearies of any sport that does not hurt someone else. Another curious thing is that although a Boy can play all day, he becomes ill and weary the minute work is suggested to him or he starts to school.

This is probably constitutional. Occasionally a boy has been broken in to do a few household tasks, but it requires so much energy and trouble to make it do any useful work that few people have the physical strength to attempt it.

Boys are also femiphobes, and frequently bite and kick when a pretty girl desires to kiss them and stroke their hair. In time, however, they can be broken of this bad habit, and taught to endure female caresses with much equanimity.

The chief characteristic of a Boy is his aversion to soap and water. In this it is like the cat, and it is with difficulty driven near the bath tub. It also balks at being dressed up and shown off before company. Now and then, it is true, you find one who will consent to be adorned in Fauntleroy collars, and who will get out on the floor and do its little tricks without the whip, but these are never pure-blooded Boys. They are mongrels with a strong strain of Sissy in them.

A curious thing in this connection is that everyone who owns a Boy believes that he is a wonder and will be a future winner in the show. He also bitterly resents the insinuation that his Boy possesses the same characteristics of other boys, or would be guilty of such a thing as breaking windows or ringing old maids' door bells.

Most people, as has been said, like to keep a Boy themselves, but all, without exception, object to their neighbors, and those who have none get even by prophesying evil things of the Boy across the street. Sometimes, however, the creature turns out well, and then we all brag that we knew it when it was a Boy.

His Complaint.

I am a baby, eleven months old, and nearly worn out already. Please let me alone!

I am not a prodigy, except to the extent that, not having anything to say, I don't talk. Two big persons claim to be my parents—why can't they let it go at that? I have never denied the charge. I haven't much data to go by, but I don't think I am either a magician, a learned pig, or a virtuoso. I don't hanker for applause; so, it will be an appreciated favor if you won't put me through any perior tricks.

If I have my wealthy old Uncle Ezra's nose, congratulate Uncle Ezra, but don't blame me. I may be a kleptomaniac, for all I know, but I can't help it.

Don't rattle rattles at me—they rattle me. Don't goo-goo and noisic-koo-fa-as-me. I can't understand it any better than the English language.

The pain I have is not in my stomach, but in my neck. I don't want to be entertained or mystified or medicated or applauded. And, if you don't want me to grow up to be a hypochondriac, a stamp-collector, an awful example, a ping-pong enthusiast, a misanthrope, you just let me alone!—Smart Set.

Deade.—That man called me a liar, a cad, a scoundrel, and a puppy. Would you advise me to fight for that? Old Gent.—By all means. There's nothing nobler in this world, young man, than fighting for the truth.

Two old women, "Mother" Baker Eddy and Mack Twain, alone-whanging each other in the papers, do not present an edifying spectacle.—Town Topics.

DUART

July 18.—Hugh McPhail, who has undergone a successful operation at the General Hospital, Chatham, for a stone in the kidney, is progressing favorably with every indication of a full restoration to health.

Wm. Curtis, Orford's veteran orange-grower, spent the glorious 12th in Blenheim, taking in the walk. Mr. Curtis is in his eighty-eighth year and is high up in the order, capable in fact of riding the white horse.

Eight from the public school wrote on the recent entrance examinations in Highgate, and they were all successful but one. Seven out of eight is a good record. Willie Rettenmier, aged 9, from the village, was the youngest candidate at Highgate and one of those that passed. The school has lost a good teacher in the quitting of the profession by Mr. Caldwell. At the close of the term the scholars presented him with an address and a gold ring. Before leaving the village his many friends gave him another address and a gold headed cane.

BOTANY.

The Methodist social was a success. Mrs. and Miss Houston, of Florence, spent Friday at Mr. P. Gillespie's.

Miss Ella Cameron is visiting in Turin. The farmers are very busy at the hay.

The Ladies' Aid of the Botany Presbyterian church will hold a social on the lawn of Mr. Peter Gillespie, on Wednesday evening, July 27; supper from 7 to 9, after which a good program consisting of singing and reciting; also the Ridgetown brass band. All are welcome.

Miss Mary McMillan has returned home after visiting friends in London.

SELTON.

July 19.—Haying is in order. Botany is to have a social on the lawn of Peter Gillespie on the 27th inst.

The rain on Monday evening was welcomed by the farmers. Crops in this vicinity are looking good.

Beachwood has organized a baseball team. Miss Minnie Gardiner has returned home after spending a week in Highgate.

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