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OYSTER SUPPER

In connection with the Methodist church, there is to be an oyster supper and entertainment in the town hall, New Dublin, on Friday, Dec. 30. The people of New Dublin never do things by halves, and an energetic committee, with Mr. J. S. Moore as secretary, are making every arrangement to secure the success of the event. Following the feast of oysters (6 to 8 p.m.), a high class entertainment will be given. The programme will include addresses by Rev. H. W. Burnett and A. E. Donovan of Athens; vocal music by Miss Dowley Brookville and M. Nelson and A. Horton, New Dublin (Miss Vienna Kendrick, accompanist); instrumental music by the Avery orchestra. It is expected that this will be one of the best entertainments of the season, and the attendance should and no doubt will be very large. Tickets admitting to both supper and entertainment, 35c; children under twelve, 25c.

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 Jack Desmond—G. John Hamilton.
 Nora Desmond—U. Alice McNish.
 Kate Desmond—J. Maennoe Pinkerton.
 Marquis de Montessin—J. A. C. Tait Ross.
 George Drew—J. A. Campbell Ross.

This is the play that was placed on boards by the A.M.S. Theatrical Co. on Friday evening last. The story of the play engages the attention of an audience and holds it until the curtain is rung down on the last act. The drama is intensely sentimental and its full interpretation calls for greater histrionic talent than amateurs can reasonably be supposed to possess, but viewed as a whole the performance on Friday evening was distinctly creditable to all concerned. We shall not venture to particularize, though the really fine work of some of the players is a strong temptation to do so. Excellent elocution, particularly on the part of the ladies, was a marked feature, and all bore themselves with an easy confidence that called for no sympathetic tolerance. There was no taint

Booming Canadian Resorts

The Grand Trunk Railway System has completed arrangements for an extensive exhibit at the Sportsmen's Show, to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, from February 21st to March 9th, 1905. A most desirable space, covering a floor area of 600 square feet and a wall space in the pavilion that will be erected of about 1,500 feet has been secured. The exhibit will consist of fish and game and other features of interest to sportsmen and the lovers of forest life, and Canadian haunts for the hunter and angler will be exploited. From the great interest that is taken each year in this attractive exposition, it is expected that the attendance the coming season will reach at least one hundred and fifty thousand people.

The Farmer's Christmas

Among the best things of 1904, we welcome the annual Christmas number of the weekly "Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine," London, Ont. Like Canada itself, it grows better, and it grows better fast. The progressive farmer is justly proud of so able an ally in his work and enterprise. To have produced so magnificent a number as a regular weekly issue, is a splendid tribute to the capabilities of the editorial and business management. Lovers of the horse and children will be sure to like the tasteful cover. The articles discussing the great problems of practical interest to farmers and home-makers, as well as those of a more entertaining character, are both able and graphic, and the illustrations are superb. To properly appreciate the number it must be seen and read, and, like the regular issues, must go a long way to making the farmer's home intelligent and happy, and his business prosperous.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The council met on Thursday, Dec. 15, at one o'clock. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. By-law to appoint polling places and deputy returning officers, and time and place for holding nomination, was passed. Orders were given on the treasurer as follows: Geo. Cowle, wood and board of men for crusher in Div. 18, \$6.75; John Chamberlain, board of men and feed for teams for crusher in Div. 18, \$5.00; A. W. Kelly, selecting Jurors, etc., \$7.00; H. C. Phillips as caretaker of hall, \$15.00; John Cox, for lumber and work for bridges in Div. 4, \$18.15; John Hudson, jr., plank and respicing culvert in Div. 4, \$10.28; Joseph Clow, respicing culvert in Div. 1, \$4.00; E. C. Bulford, respicing culvert in Div. 13, \$1.00; F. W. Scovil, board of men and teams with crusher in Div. 16, \$8.00; Andrew Henderson, board of men and teams and work in Div. 1; crushing stone, \$60.00; Irwin Wittae, salary as treasurer, postage, etc., \$32.34; W. T. Hayes, pulleys for crusher, \$1.40; G. F. Donnelly, printing, \$35.00; Thos. Moulton, salary as reverend and selecting Jurors, \$21.00; the councillors, salary, each \$18.00, except John Mulvena, who received \$6.00 for term from June 1st; R. E. Cornell, salary as clerk, selecting Jurors, expenses, \$93.18. The following persons were paid the bonus on wire fences along the highways: Susan Webster, \$15.60; John Hitchcock, \$3.40; E. Livingston, \$5.00; W. H. Rowson, \$8.50; H. D. Wing, \$8.60; Chas. Mulvena, \$7.00; A. Henderson, \$9.40; G. M. Bates, \$5.80. Council adjourned to meet after nomination, on Monday, 26th. R. E. CORNELL, Clerk.

TOLL GATES ABOLITION

Gratifying progress has been made throughout the province within recent years in the matter of securing the abolition of toll gates, but Leeds and Grenville still dilly-dallies with the question and the gates are maintained. The times says: "Last year this question was several times submitted to the counties council and met with such favor at the hands of that body that a proposal to abolish two of the gates in the county of Leeds was withdrawn in an act of being successful. Even the counties councillors who then voted against the proposition said they did so simply because the measure of relief sought was not broad enough and some of them declared that if a proposition were submitted proposing to abolish all the toll gates within the United Counties they would support the measure and would vote to give a county grant for such abolition to each gate, as large as was asked in the case of the two Leeds county gates." If this correctly defines the attitude of the opponents of the measure of assistance asked for by this section, and we have no reason to doubt it, then a concerted effort next year should be fruitful of results. In event of being unable to secure a complete abolition of all gates, the grants could be made available to all sections qualifying for them, and thus the opposition on the score of sectional favoritism, could be avoided. The matter will no doubt be brought up at the first meeting of the new counties council, and there is good reason to hope that definite steps for the wiping out of the gates will be taken before the close of the year.

THE FARMER'S CHAMPION

WHAT READERS SAY ABOUT IT
 The Sun is easily the best farm paper in Canada, and what a pity it is that so many farmers instead of getting the Weekly Sun, content themselves with some gossip sheet of no real value to them. Instead of giving their families the cream of agricultural knowledge, they simply feed them on the whey and political party gush. The Sun is fighting a splendid battle for the farmers of this country, and deserve their unanimous support.—J. W. Hay, Sheffield, Ont.
 The Sun in 1905 will put up a most vigorous fight for the farmers' rights. Help the cause by subscribing now. Orders taken at the Reporter office, or send card to special clubbing list. Hogs for Profit, a most valuable book given away free to every new subscriber.—The Weekly Sun, 26 Adelaide St., West, Toronto.

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Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 1. JANUARY 1ST, 1905.

Christ the Life and Light of Men.—John 1:1-15

Introduction.—John was a native of Bethsaida a town on the shore of the sea of Galilee; his home was at Capernaum near by. He was born probably between A. D. 1 and 5. According to Irenaeus and Jerome, he died in the year 98, when he was about ninety-five years of age, and was buried at Ephesus. John was the author of the gospel and the three epistles which bear his name, and the Revelation. He was the most intimate earthly friend of Jesus. His gospel is supposed to be the record of the story of Jesus as first preached by the apostle for many years. The first eighteen verses are the prologue, or introduction, and certain the substance of what the evangelist intends to set forth. The remainder of the gospel, "the truths of the prologue are illustrated and proved."

Commentary.—I. Christ's eternal existence (vs. 1, 2). 1. In the beginning. Before all created things. In the ages of eternity when only God existed. Was not become. He existed before all creation. "He did not come into being, he was." The Greek term here translated "Word" is Logos, which has the double meaning of thought and speech. Christ is called the Word of God because through Him is revealed to us the thoughts, feelings, purposes and will of God, as our words express to others our thoughts, feelings, purposes, and will. God is an unseen being, but His thought, His love and His nature are embodied and expressed in the person of the Son, our Saviour, who is the Word of God. With God—in closest communion, yet distinct from Him. Father, is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God; God is One; Christ is many. "An unfathomable mystery. It is rashness to search too far to know it."

2. The same was in the beginning—God, was eternally Triune, three in one. There was the Second Person in the Trinity before He was "manifested in the flesh." He was "manifested in the flesh." He existed Divine, was one with God. "This repetition is not useless or unmeaning. Repetitions have diverse uses. In prophecy, certainty. In threatenings, unavoidableness and suddenness. In promises, necessity of performing. In truths, like this, the necessity of believing them."—Arrowsmith

5. The light shineth—"Christ has revealed Himself constantly, by creation, by providence, by the strivings of the Spirit, by the course of events, by the revelations of the prophets, and even by the dim intimations of heaven consciousness." And the light shineth clearer and brighter than in the past. In darkness—the darkness of sin, ignorance and unbelief has enshrouded the world in all ages. Comprehended it not. Did not receive it, or profit by it. But another translation in the margin of R. V. changes the meaning—"The light, though sometimes apparently overcome was really victorious; it withstood every assault, it shone on triumphantly in a darkened world."

III. The herald of Christ's coming (vs. 6-9). 6. There was a man—See R. V. Literally, "there began to be a man," in contrast with the Word who had no beginning. Sent from God—God gave him his mission and his message, his credentials and his instructions. An account of his birth is given in Luke 1, and of his manifestation as a prophet in Matthew 3. With him the evangelist had some personal acquaintance, and by him was prepared to receive Christ, who was the incarnate Word. A deep significance attaches to the name John, which means "The gracious gift of God," and which was given from heaven. To bear witness here than prophet, stronger even than prophecy as hitherto existing. John appeared first as a preacher of repentance, but at the same time showed himself a prophet, who completed the Old Testament prophecy in testimony. His mission rose into the office of forerunner—Lange. All men believe—"In the divine purpose John was to lead over the faith of Israel to Christ, though the gospel was not for the Jews alone, nor for a race or class, but for all men, always and everywhere."

8. Not that light—John was not the source of light, but only a reflector of the light, a lamp lit. At this time some were still living who were inclined to place John the Baptist on an equality with Christ, hence this plain declaration. John was indeed a "burning and a shining light," or literally, "lamb" (John v. 35), but he came only to herald the "Light." 9. That—Christ. Was the true Light—Not that John was a false light, but Christ was the "genuine, perfect light," and His messenger only carried rays of light from Him. "Which lighteth every man—Not 'all men.' The Light illumines each one singly, not all collectively. God deals with men separately as individuals, not in masses. V. The divine sonship of believers (vs. 12, 13). 12. As received Him—Individuals, without distinction of race, nationality or condition. As many as accepted Him as their Saviour and King, acknowledged His claims, and yielded obedience to His teachings. "Gave He power—"The right."—R. V. The original word combines both ideas—the right and the power. Both are true and both should be accepted. Sons of God—See R. V. On the divine side, God adopts us as children (Rom. viii, 16, 17), and makes us children by imparting to us His own life (John iii, 3, 5). On the human side, we must be born again, from above (John iii, 3, 5), by believing. That believe—"Only those are children who receive the divine life and the divine nature by true faith." 13. Born—Spiritual birth, regenerated. Not of blood, etc.—"No human descent introduces us into the family of God."—J. F. & B. VI. Christ's revelation of the Father (vs. 14-15). 14. We made flesh—As the human soul is united to the body, but not changed into the body, so the Eternal Word took on flesh, but was not changed into it, or confused with it. "Only those are children who receive the divine life and the divine nature by true faith." 15. Born—Spiritual birth, regenerated. Not of blood, etc.—"No human descent introduces us into the family of God."—J. F. & B.

all mercy: truth, all justice." He was "full of these." 15. Bare witness, etc.—It seems probable that this verse describes the usual character of John's testimony concerning Christ. He was continually proclaiming Christ's superiority to himself, 16-18. We have here three great declarations about Christ: "1. It is Christ alone who supplies all the spiritual wants of all believers. 2. Christ and his gospel as vastly superior to Moses and the law. 3. It is Christ alone who revealed God the Father to man."

Topic: The Wonderful Divine Savior. "Oh, it is wonderful, very, very wonderful." All his love and grace to me! Bible lights on the topic—For daily reading. Wonderful in his essential character (John 1:1-15). Wonderful in his name (Isa. ix, 1-7). Wonderful in his birth (Matt. ii, 1-12). Wonderful in his death (Mary xv, 25-30). Wonderful in his resurrection (Luke xxiv, 1-12). Wonderful in his mission and method (Mark ii, 5-17). Wonderful in power and conquest (Rev. xix, 9-10).

Lesson Building. A structural outline. I. The Savior Described (vs. 1-4). 1. He is from all eternity (v. 1, f. e.). 2. He is very God (v. 1, l. c.). 3. He is co-equal and co-partner with God (v. 2). 4. He is Creator of all things (v. 3). 5. He is a source of spiritual life and light (v. 4).

II. The Savior Declared (vs. 5-9). 1. By His own nature and power (v. 5). 2. By divinely commissioned human agents (v. 6). 3. In order that men may be saved (v. 7). 4. Because he alone can save, and he can save all (vs. 8, 9).

III. The Savior Various Estimated (vs. 10-13). 1. Multitudes are ignorant and reject Him (v. 10). 2. Many are prejudiced and fail to receive Him (v. 11). 3. Some believe and receive Him and are made like Him (v. 12). 4. This true attitude and estimate are by divine gift and grace (v. 13).

IV. The Savior Revealed (vs. 14, 15). 1. Revealed by birth and incarnation (v. 14). 2. Revealed by his glorious life and works (v. 14). 3. Revealed by the Holy Spirit speaking through him (v. 15). 4. The Saviour shown sufficient (vs. 16-18).

1. By the testimony of the saved—"all we." 2. By the fact of abundance—"fulness." 3. Because He is God, and is from God—in His perfection, love and power (v. 18).

Illustrative: 1. Christ's fullness.—The noble river has been flowing for 6,000 years, watering fields and slaking the thirst of a hundred generations. The sun, and yet he shines as brilliantly as ever—his eye not dim, nor his floods of light less full, for centuries of boundless profusion. Yet what are these but images of the fullness in Christ.—From Guthrie.

2. Christ's saving power.—"A Cornish minister was preaching one day to a congregation, in which were several sailors who had just been shipwrecked. He spoke of the sinner's danger; and introducing the figure of a drowning sailor grasping eagerly at any fragment of the wreck, he presented Christ as the sure plank, exclaiming, 'This plank bears.' Fourteen years afterward he was called to the bedside of a dying stranger who referred to his use of the illustration, and added: 'Yes, this plank bears.'" Searchlights: 1. How great is man's sin that it was necessary for God himself to save him. The great sinner and the great saviour are just suited to each other. To create the stars he used his fingers, but to save man he bared his right arm.

2. This Son of God descended to take our nature and die on the cross that we may be saved. 3. Jesus Christ by his power creates the world, and by his love and sacrifice re-creates it. 4. Every believer is "sent from God" to bear witness to the truth and to the Christ. 5. Christ is not known at all unless he is known as a Saviour, by his death on the cross. 6. "Grace for grace," that is, grace succeeding grace, and one grace preparing for another, is the blessed law of the new life. 7. Salvation is (1) provided for all, (2) adequate for all, (3) possible to all, (4) it must be made actual to each by personal choice of Jesus as Saviour. 8. Christ's supernatural birth, death, resurrection and ascension are the bright seals of heaven to his divine character and mission. 9. To reject Christ because of the mystery in his life and work is like refusing the light and heat of the sun because one does not understand it. 10. Christ has a right to man's love and obedience (1) because he is God, (2) because he is Creator, (3) because he is Saviour, (4) because he is the only source of light and life. (5) because he offers heaven and blessedness to all who will accept him.—James McCowan Coon.

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Japanese Admiral Makes Desperate Efforts to Cripple the Sevastopol.

Terrible Effects of the Hand Grenades—Hundreds Blown to Pieces.

A Tokio cable: Admiral Togo reports that at 1 o'clock Monday morning three torpedo attacks were made on the battleship Sevastopol, which was anchored outside the mouth of the harbor at Port Arthur. Despite the fire from the battleship, the torpedo boats got in and discharged explosives, but at daylight the Sevastopol was seen lying in her previous position. At 2 o'clock Tuesday morning the torpedo boats again ran in, and several of them discharged torpedoes in the face of a heavy fire, disabling two of the boats, which, however, were safely towed out of range. The attack of the flotilla failed owing to the glare of the Russian searchlights and the hot fire, but another attack resulted in a heavy explosion near the Sevastopol, which raised a large column of water. The result upon the battleship was uncertain. The only casualties sustained by the Japanese were three men wounded.

The indirect bombardment of the Sevastopol has been unsatisfactory, but bad weather interfering with sighting observations. The Nishi Nishi Shimbu reports that the bombardment of the forts in the direction of Sangshushan was resumed on Dec. 7, resulting in the Japanese occupation of the Russian positions on Dec. 9. Similar operations were carried out against Palangkw, on the west side of Port Arthur. The work of removing the dead from the slopes and crests of 203-Metre Hill has been completed on the north side. The south slope are still covered with bodies buried under the debris of trenches and bomb-proofs. The long lines of Japanese dead laid out on the top of the hill and the corpses previous to internment presented a awful appearance. The effect of dynamite used as an offensive weapon in the form of hand grenades is instanced in an appalling manner by the condition of the dead bodies, which are torn and almost unrecognizable masses of flesh and bones. Fragments of hundreds of killed, unearthed from the filled-in Russian trenches, presented a scene of awful horror. The heavy timbers and steel plates of the bomb-proofs were torn to splinters by shells and dynamite.

WORSE THAN SHAMBLES.

Use of Hand Grenades Should be Banned in Warfare. A London cable: English correspondents with Gen. Nogai's army, which is besieging Port Arthur, express themselves as being horrified by the carnage of entanglements, and destroyed it, and as we had then discharged our duty we might have returned, but mustering up courage we determined to attack the first line also. To our great surprise we found that the slope which we had to climb was defended by a large number of mines and pitfalls. As it was dangerous to crawl among these, we endeavored to cut off the blasting lines. With the greatest possible effort we succeeded in destroying twenty, although having no shears we were obliged to gnaw them apart. I myself gnawed off four of them. Each of them consisted of twenty-four slender wires enveloped in rubber, making the line about as thick as a thumb. So, as you may suppose, all my teeth are damaged. As for the pitfalls, I took off my white waist cloth tore it into pieces, tied the latter to small sticks which we carried, and fixed them on any pitfalls discovered, to warn the troops, who were about to follow us. We were able to reach the first line of entanglements and returned in triumph."

Heroin Feat of Jap Volunteers at Port Arthur. A London cable: An engineer named Kawamura sakuji, who is now at the military hospital at Jentsuji, has supplied the following account of one of his experiences with the investing army at Port Arthur in the Samuski Shimdun. "There were three lines of barbed wire entanglements before the enemy's battery. The first party of storming volunteers, consisting of twenty men, destroyed the third line of wire, thirteen of them being killed and three severely wounded. A second storming party, also of volunteers, was then formed, consisting of seven men, including myself, under the command of a non-commissioned officer named Hosi. The night was extremely dark and the absolute stillness of the atmosphere was very impressive. We all covered ourselves with green branches and leaves and proceeded on all fours, keeping as close as possible to the ground. The Russians were busily searching for any signs of an enemy by the means of searchlights and fire-works, but they failed to find us. We succeeded in reaching the second line of entanglements, and destroyed it, and as we had then discharged our duty we might have returned, but mustering up courage we determined to attack the first line also. To our great surprise we found that the slope which we had to climb was defended by a large number of mines and pitfalls. As it was dangerous to crawl among these, we endeavored to cut off the blasting lines. With the greatest possible effort we succeeded in destroying twenty, although having no shears we were obliged to gnaw them apart. I myself gnawed off four of them. Each of them consisted of twenty-four slender wires enveloped in rubber, making the line about as thick as a thumb. So, as you may suppose, all my teeth are damaged. As for the pitfalls, I took off my white waist cloth tore it into pieces, tied the latter to small sticks which we carried, and fixed them on any pitfalls discovered, to warn the troops, who were about to follow us. We were able to reach the first line of entanglements and returned in triumph."



CRACK ON THE MOON.

AN INTERESTING STUDY FOR ASTRONOMERS JUST NOW.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 19.—The discovery of a great crack or rift on the face of the moon which extends lengthwise through the Valley of the Alps for a distance of eighty miles. One of the facts announced in the 1,500th Bulletin issued from the Lick Observatory. The rift on the moon was discovered by assistant astronomer J. D. Perrine with the 36-inch telescope. The rift is in the nature of a crack in the moon's crust, and is a dry river bed, only a few hundred feet in width and some eighty miles in length, extending through the center of the Valley. It can be seen only under good atmospheric conditions and when the sun is shining upon it at the proper angle.

TOGO'S REPORT.

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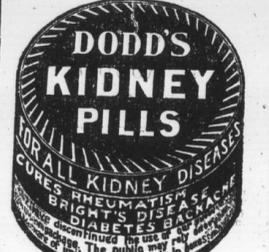
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In the Home.

An English merchant who has adopted American methods of advertising says "Ninety per cent. of the wants arise or are discussed in the home and lucky is the merchant, whose messenger, in the shape of a smart newspaper advertisement, is there to welcome the arrival of the wants." The telephone companies don't believe in free speech.



Blue Ribbon Tea O' pack
Ceylon Black, Mixed and
Green! All grocers keep
them and each is the best
of its kind.

The Unknown Bridegroom.

"No. 15 George street."
"Do you live alone?"
"Yes, sir, and I'm doing
washing now."
"Why did you leave the hospital?"
"I was scrubbed floors long enough
for nothing," Mary answered, with
a tinge of sullenness in her tone,
thus showing that her reason for
leaving was not entirely domestic.
Then, reaching out one hand, she
patted Jamie softly on the shoulder
and remarked: "This is a nice little
chop."
Mr. Carroll's heart leaped at her
words.
"Was this a gleam of the old affec-
tion for the child of her care
manifesting itself?"
"Do you like children?" he asked.
"Yes, I think so," said the woman,
dreamily.
"Do you get plenty of work to do?"
questioned the gentleman, glancing
at her bundle.
"No, sir," she sighed; "I couldn't
pay the rent last week and the land-
lord said he wouldn't wait longer
than another week."
"I will give you some washing to
do," said Mr. Carroll, with sudden
inspiration, "and I think I know
of some one else who will also give
you work."
"Do you, sir?" and a look of inter-
est for a moment sprang into the
poor creature's face.
"Yes; if you will come with me
to my lodgings—they are not far
from here—I will make up a pack-
age for you now," the gentleman
replied.
She seemed to trust him instinctively,
and, turning about, signified her
readiness to go with him.
Jamie had not once spoken during
the interview, but he appeared
to be of great interest, and
frequently turned an inquiring look
upon the woman as they walked
on toward home.
Arriving at her lodgings, Mr.
Carroll conducted Mary to her
rooms, and then telling Jamie to
remain there with her for a few
moments, he went directly to his
old friend and helper, Dr. Field, to
whom he related what had occurred.
"Now will you take her in hand?"
he eagerly inquired, adding: "I
am sure she could tell us something
very important in connection with
Jamie's history if her memory
could be restored."
Dr. Field consented to do what
she could, and with a heart beating
high with hope, Dr. Carroll returned
to his rooms and conducted Mary
to the scientist's office, telling her
that while she was talking with
the lady he would make up a pack-
age for her.
"This it happened that 'Crazy
Moll' became a patient of Dr. Field,
who arranged for her work that she
would be obliged to come to him
every few days, and at the expiration
of a month she really began
to show signs of returning intel-
ligence, and he greatly encouraged
her friends.
Mr. Carroll said nothing to Jamie
regarding the belief that the woman
was his old nurse, or his hope
that her mental restoration would
result in his own identification;
he did not wish to arouse his
curiosity or a spirit of restlessness
which would naturally follow such
a disclosure, but in his heart he
firmly believed that the time was
not distant when he would be able
to restore the long-lost child to the
bosom of his family.
It was now the last week in May,
and London was beginning to be
very hot and uncomfortable.
Jamie, have you ever seen the
sea?" Mr. Carroll inquired one morning
during breakfast, as a sudden
longing for a glimpse of the ocean
fastened itself upon him.
"No, sir—I don't think I ever
have," the boy replied, looking
slightly puzzled, "but I've dreamed
about it lots of times and it was
beautiful."
"How would you like to go with
me to the seashore for a little
outing?" questioned his friend.
"I should love to go with you
anywhere, sir," said the child, with
a fond upward glance.
"Thank you, Jamie," said Carroll,
laughing. "I am sure that I have at
least one true admirer in the world.
Well, then, I think that to-mor-
row we will go away and treat our-
selves to a holiday of a week or
so, and get a good long breath
of sea air."
Mr. Carroll had been arranging
his business with a view to this
rest and pleasure, for some weeks
past, feeling that he had earned it,
and that it would do Jamie a great
deal of good. Accordingly, the fol-
lowing morning, they set off in
high spirits, and evening found
them very pleasantly located in a
quiet little town by the coast,
in Sussex County, and within walk-
ing distance of far-famed Brighton.
Several days passed, and Mr.
Carroll and his protégé were enjoy-
ing themselves to their heart's con-
tent.
One morning Jamie took it into his
head to hunt star-fish, and Carroll,
seeking his favorite resort, was soon
deeply absorbed in one of the lead-
ing magazines of the period.

which he had just listened should
ever reach the attorney, he knew
that his own brilliant career would
be suddenly cut short and he would
have to go back to his former tread-
mill life.
"What are you going to do with
this chap?" asked after a mo-
ment of silence.
"Try my utmost to discover his
identity and restore him to his fam-
ily; but, failing in that, I will do
my best to make good use of him
and give him such advantages as I
am able."
"H'm! I see you are still up to
the same quixotic schemes for which
you were always noted," Sir Walter
rejoined, contemptuously. "Where is
this nurse of whom you were telling
me?" he queried a moment later,
the lines about his mouth hardening
again.
"In London, under treatment; she
is improving, and I entertain strong
hope that her memory will in time
be fully restored."
Aggravated by the loss of his color,
he realized that he stood upon the
brink of a precipice; for if this nurse
should recover her long dormant fac-
tories, Master Jamie could not fail
to be identified and have his inheri-
tance restored to him.
"But where is she?—who is treat-
ing her?" he asked, after a brief sil-
ence, during which his thoughts had
been working with lightning-like
rapidity.
"That is a matter which does not
concern you, although you seem to
be strangely curious about them."
"That is rather odd," Sir Walter
replied, "but you intend to remain
abroad long?" he asked, with
sudden interest.
"Well, that depends," Sir Walter
replied, in a careless tone, "but
an emphasis which his companion
could not understand. "I may and I
may not; why?"
"Because I wish to see you again
—I must insist that you make me
certain important documents be-
longing to me, and which you have
in your possession," Carroll responded,
with some sternness.
"There you go again!" Leighton
impetuously retorted. "I thought that
question was settled the last time
we met."
"Settled?" repeated Carroll, with
curling lips and a bitter intonation.
"You simply evaded it, the same as
you are doing now. I know that you
stole those papers, and nothing you
may say will ever change my opin-
ion. I do not care to much to do with
pertaining to business matters, for
it is too late now to rectify those
wrongs; but with them, were other
documents of a personal nature,
which I wished to see in the hands
of their associations and which can-
not be of the slightest use or value
to you."
Leighton smiled a peculiar smile,
and then shrugged his shoulders dis-
dainfully.
"I do not know why you persist
in that hallucination," he retorted.
"I have no papers belonging to you,
and I beg—with an arrogant look
and men—'that you will never
bother me by referring to this subject
again."
"Well, there will come a day of
reckoning for you—at least with
your own conscience, and the inter-
est of the nation," Sir Walter re-
plied, adding impressively: "And I cannot
conceive of such rank ingratitude, as
you have displayed, being manifes-
ted by any human being."
"I think we have discussed that
subject sufficiently," said Sir Walter,
with a sneer, "so I will say ad-
ieu, hoping that you will be in a
less recriminating frame of mind
when we meet again." By the way,
he added, as he darted a stealthy
glance at Jamie, "where are you stop-
ping while you are taking your much-
needed rest?"
"I am residing at Reed Cottage
in yonder village," coolly returned
Carroll, with a glance in the direc-
tion of the little town about a
mile below them.
Then he poked up his took and
boyan to look for his place, thus sig-
nifying that he would be glad to
leave. His companion, taking the
hint, turned abruptly and walked
away. He paused a moment as he
was about to pass Jamie.
"Are you making a collection of
starfish?" he questioned, while he
studied the child's features atten-
tively.
"I'd like to, sir," said the boy, with
a note of regret in his tone; "I
have been hunting for them ever
since I came here, but this is the
first one I have found. He is a
beauty, though," he continued, com-
placently.
"I can tell you where you will
find a lot of them," said Leighton.
"Where?" queried Jamie, with
boyish eagerness.
"Do you see those rocks down
yonder—that group of rocks look-
ing like a cone out of the midst of
them?"
"Yes," said the boy, shading his
eyes to get a better view of the
spot.
"Well, then, if you will go there
with your basket some morning, I
am sure you will find all that you
will care for," returned the baronet
with a cruel look in his eyes.
"Thank you, sir, I will go the
first thing to-morrow morning,"
Jamie responded with animation,
and the man went his way, a treach-
erous smile on his lips, a cunning
plot maturing in his brain.
Mr. Carroll saw himself back upon
the rug, as he disappeared, and tried
to resume his reading. But his book
appeared to have lost all attraction
for him, for it soon dropped from
his hand and he fell into trouble-
musing, an anxious expression in
his eyes, a look of keen pain about
his sensitive nose.
"The fellow had not a particle of
honor in his nature," he muttered;
"he is selfish and depraved to the
core. It is hard to believe that such
ingratitude can exist in any hu-
man breast."
His thoughts were evidently too
unpleasant a nature to be soorie,
and he shortly arose, gathered up
his rug, and calling to Jamie, the
two returned to Reed Cottage. Jamie
informing him on the way that he
should go to the rocks the gentle-
man had told him about to hunt
star fish early the next morning.
Mr. Carroll did not pay much at-
tention to what the boy said, he
was too deeply immersed in his own
troubled reflections, and only re-
sponded to him at random. And even
if he had clearly understood what
the boy was talking about, it is
doubtful if he would have made any
objection to the proposed excursion,
or suspected that any evil would
result from it.
The man was just taking a huge ball
of fire—from behind the ocean, the
following morning, when the little
child, Jamie, came night have

been seen trudging along the beach
toward that group of rocks where
"one across like a cone from the
midst of them." His fish basket slung
across his shoulders, but upon com-
ing near them, he found that they
were much farther from the shore
than he had anticipated, for the
tide was in, and it was impossible
to reach them without swimming to
them.
"Uncle Carroll," however, had for-
gotten all swimming or bathing un-
less he was along to watch his
charge, and Jamie, being an obedi-
ent little fellow, sat down upon
the beach, although with rather a
rueful face, to wait for the tide to
go out.
It was more than three hours to
breakfast time, and he fondly hoped
if he was patient he would be able
to carry home a basketful of his
coveted treasures.
He had not been sitting there
more minutes when the sound of
steps upon the beach made him
turn. He saw who was approaching,
and he was surprised to see coming
toward him the "gentleman" who
had told him where to look for the
star fish.
"Ah! my little man," exclaimed
Sir Walter, in an assumed genial
tone, and smiling affably into the
child's face, "to you are on hand
for your starfish, are you? But
why did you come so early?"
"I didn't think about the tide be-
ing in, sir," Jamie explained, but
flushing over the confession.
"That is rather odd," Sir Walter
replied, "but you are on your way
to the rocks, are you? It will be
two hours before it goes out, so
that you can get to the rocks."
(To be continued.)

UP IN THE BILLIONS.

The Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of
Agriculture, has a happy faculty of pre-
sented the elaborate statistics in his
annual reports, in very interesting form.
The report just issued is no exception
to the rule. The only trouble is, that
the field is so vast, covering the entire
agricultural interests of the country,
that the figures are difficult to grasp.
After a careful estimate of the value
of farm products during 1904, he places
the total at \$4,900,000,000, excluding
the value of farm crops fed to live stock in
order to avoid duplication of values.
Several comparisons are necessary to the
realization of such an unthinkable value
aggregating nearly five billions of dol-
lars.
The farmers of this country have in
two years produced wealth exceeding
the output of all the gold mines of the
entire world since Columbus discovered
America. This year's product is over six
times the amount of the capital stock
of all national banks, it lacks but three-
fourths of a billion dollars of the value
of the manufactures of 1900, less the
cost of material used; it is three times
the gross earnings from the operations
of the railroads, and four times the value
of all minerals produced in this country.
The corn crop of 1904 yields a farm value
greater than ever before. The farmers
could from the proceeds of this single
crop pay the national debt, the interest
thereon for one year, and still have
enough left to pay a considerable por-
tion of the government's yearly ex-
penses. The cotton crop, valued for lint
and seed at \$600,000,000, comes second,
while hay and wheat contend for the
third place. Combined, these two crops
will about equal in value the corn crop.
The steady advance in poultry leads to
some astonishing figures. The farmers'
hens now produce one and two-third bil-
lions of dozens of eggs and at the high
average price of the year the hens dur-
ing their busy season lay enough eggs
in a single month to pay the year's
interest on the national debt.—Buffalo
Commercial.



REWARDED DISOBEDIENCE.

1. "Aint I tole ter let dat turkey
alone, sah?"



2. "Now, walk right behind me, and
don't you boilder de Widder Smi's ole
turkey!"



3. What part ob de fowl will you
hab?

A CHRISTMAS DILEMMA

—A TRUE STORY—

"John," said Mrs. Spencer to her
husband, "I don't know what to do
about the Martins' Christmas pre-
sents."
Dr. Spencer looked up from the
paper he was reading. "Do?" he
said, vacantly. "What do you mean?"
Mrs. Spencer laid her work in her
lap and moved the student lamp on
the table between them, to get a
better view of her husband's face.
"Come up to the surface again,"
she said, "and listen, because I
really need your advice."
The doctor rested his paper on
his knees and "climbed over his
glasses," at his wife. "You here
"Go ahead," he said, "you have
my attention."
Mrs. Spencer continued seriously:
"You know what a nuisance these
Christmas presents have come to be
between the Martins and our
selves, and how much I want to
stop them; and yet—" She paused,
and her husband's face assumed
an amused expression.
"Well, my dear Ellen, my advice
is, leave off sending them. It is
the solution of the difficulty. It
will immediately relieve the situa-
tion."
Mrs. Spencer nodded and tapped
the table with her "chimbus."
"It is what I wish to do," she
said. "I am sure it is as great a
worry to Mrs. Martin as it is to
me; set the point it, how to leave
them off, I cannot be the first to
stop. Just suppose I should send
nothing, and she should send the
usual great basket with a present
for every one of us—the children,
the servants—last Christmas
she even sent a collar for Don—I
should die of mortification."
Dr. Spencer took off his glasses
and looked gravely across the table
at his wife.
"I have often thought," he said,
"that there were too many women's
societies in this town; but I see
the need for one more—a Society
for the Suppression of Christ-
mas Presents. Send our circulars,
beginning with Mrs. Martin. You
ought to get a large and enthu-
siastic membership."
Mrs. Spencer sighed and took up
her work again.
"You don't advise me at all," she
said; "you only joke, and I really
think this is a serious matter."
"My dear Ellen, I am willing to
advise you, but the whole difficulty
seems to be a ridiculous one. There
is only one thing to do. Stop short
now. Suppose she does send you a
basket? It will be the last time.
It's the shortest and simplest way
to end it."
"I might," said Mrs. Spencer, medi-
tatively, "not send anything at
Christmas, and then, in case she
does, I could return them presents
at intervals throughout the year—
on the birthdays, at Easter, and
so forth."
"Good Lord, Ellen!" hastily inter-
rupted her husband, "don't do that!
You'll have her returning the birth-
day and Easter presents. It would
be worse than ever."
"Yes, I am afraid that would not
do, after all," said Mrs. Spencer,
looking more troubled than before.
Dr. Spencer reached out for the
poker and tapped open a lump of
soft coal on top of the fire. A
blue flame shot up through it, and
a little spiral of smoke licked out
into the room.
"Blow," he said, emphasizing his
words, "with the tip of the poker on
the grate, 'take my advice; cut it
short, and just bear it if you do
have to take presents from her this
year. Carroll Martin is a man I
shall never respect again after his
course during the last election, and
anything is better than carrying on
this perfunctory friendship. We
no longer see enough of any of
them to justify our exchanging pre-
sents, and I am sure Mrs. Martin
will thank you as much as I shall
if you will take the bull by the horns
now and be done with it."
He looked at his wife, but she did
not answer. Her eyes were bent
upon her sewing, and her expres-
sion was unconvinced.
Dr. Spencer set down the poker,
took up his paper, and settled him-
self back in his chair again. He
was not one of those who go on
and split the board after they have
driven home the nail.
"You have my opinion," he said,
and went on reading.
The Spencers and Martins had
been, some years before, next-door
neighbors. The Martins were then
newly married and strangers to the
place, and the first Christmas after
their arrival Mrs. Spencer, in the
kindness of her heart, had sent
over a bunch of flowers, with a
friendly greeting to her young
neighbor. Her messenger had re-
turned with Mrs. Martin's warm
thanks and a pretty sofa pillow
hastily snatched up and sent to
express the little bride's pleasure
and gratitude. Such a handsome gift, in place of
the "thank you" expected had de-
cidedly taken Mrs. Spencer aback,
and when the next Christmas came
she took care to provide a pretty
pin-cushion for Mrs. Martin and a
dainty cap for the baby, who had
by that time been added to the
family. This occasion found Mrs.
Martin also prepared, and she
promptly responded with a cent-
red lace for Mrs. Spencer, an ash-tray
for the doctor, and a doll for their
little Margaret.
From this time on each year the
burden grew. Every child in the
house was added to both families; each
one was separately remembered,
and, in the old Southern Christmas
fashion, presents for the family
servants had been added to the list,
one each for the not only nurse,
cookman, and cook had been in-
cluded, but as Mrs. Spencer said,
the previous Christmas had even
brought her a collar for the dog.
During these years both families
had moved. Both had built new
homes, on the same street, so that
they were no longer near neighbors
and lately the two men had been
on opposite sides of a bitter politi-
cal contest. "Warmth had induced
coolness, words had produced sil-

ence," and the relations of the two
families had become only formal.
The Christmas presents had been
kept up only because neither wo-
man knew how to stop, and as Mr.
Martin had in the meantime made
money, and become, according to
Southern standards, a rich man, Mrs.
Spencer felt more than ever deter-
mined "not to be beholden to them."
On the evening in question she
said no more, but the night brought
counsel, and next morning she in-
formed her husband that she had
decided what to do. She would buy
the presents as usual, but she
would wait, before sending them on
Christmas morning, to see whether
Mrs. Martin sent to her. "And if
I do not send them, I can put them
up for the children next Christ-
mas," she concluded triumphantly.
Dr. Spencer did not approve of this
ingenious plan, but his wife
persisted. "Not for worlds," would
she have a great lot of presents
come over from the Martins, and
have nothing to send in return."
Christmas morning came, and
while dressing, Mrs. Spencer told
her husband that she should send
little Jack out on the front side-
walk with his fire-tracker, so that
he could keep a look-out over the
street and report any basket
coming from the Martins.
Here was packed and ready. Every
bundle was neatly tied up in white
paper with ribbons and labeled,
"Mrs. Martin, with Christmas greet-
ings"; "Little Charley, with Mrs.
Spencer's love"; "Mammy Sue, from
the Spencers children."
And Mrs. Spencer reflected with
satisfaction, as she deposited a
new harness for the Martins' plug
on top of the pile, that nobody
was going to get ahead of her.
Breakfast over, and Remus, the
doctor's boy, instructed to keep
himself brushed and neat, ready at
an instant's notice to seize "the
Martin basket," as the doctor called
it, and bear it forth, Mrs. Spenc-
er's mind was at rest. Robbie, the
boy on the sidewalk, banging away,
but keeping a sharp eye out toward
the Martins', too; for he had scarcely
been there five minutes before
he called to her that Robbie Mar-
tin was playing on his sidewalk
and watching their house like any-
thing.
A short time passed, and Jack
came running in. "Mother, I see
Mammy Sue coming this way with
a tray," he said.
The doctor called from his study:
"How do you know she is coming
here?" But Mrs. Spencer had not
waited to hear him; she was al-
ready at the back door, leaning
excitedly, "Remus, take the basket!"
"John," she cried, running back,
"you see the Martins are sending
us presents," and she got to the
window in time to see Robbie in-
sisting forth with his burden. As
he reached the street and turned
toward the Martins', into the house
rushed Robbie, calling, "Mother!
Mother!" and a moment later he
popped the Martin's basket, Tom,
with a large basket brimming over
with tissue paper and blue ribbons
on his head, and took his way to-
ward the Spencers' at a brisk trot.
It was quite a race between him
and Remus; they grinned cheer-
fully as they passed each other
half way. Mammy Sue went by the
gate with her tray but Tom came
in and set his load down in the
hall, where Mrs. Spencer received
it with a smile as fine as a wire.
A few minutes later the doctor
came out of his study. His wife,
her lips pressed together and her
eyes very bright, was kneeling be-
side the basket, handing out her
ribboned packages to the children,
who were exclaiming about her.
He stood looking on in silence un-
til she handed him one marked "For
Dr. Spencer, with Mrs. Martin's
kindest wishes," which he opened.
"Beautiful!" he said. "Just what
I have always needed. My office
wanted one, a pink child's cap,
with a gilt basket on his back, to
be complete."
Mrs. Spencer made no reply, nor
did she look up; her hands flutter-
ed among the parcels. The doctor
considered the top of her head for a
moment.
"Ellen," he said, gently, "there
was just one little mistake in our
calculations; we never thought of
Mrs. Martin's being as clever as
we are, did we?"
Mrs. Spencer looked up and laugh-
ed, but her face quivered.
"John," she said, "I'll always
love you for that 'no.'"
Bachelor's Uncle's Inspiration.
A bachelor is not usually credited
with a knowledge about the proper
treatment of children, but sometimes
they step in where angels fear to tread.
A confirmed specimen who is pretty
well on in years and not very fond
of children, went to see a married sister
the other day and found her trying
to amuse her little boy aged five years.
Not long after he arrived he stepped
out of the room to attend to some
household duty or other, leaving him
alone with the child. The latter eyed
him dubiously for some minutes. He
was a spoilt child if there ever was one,
and had no idea of making promiscuous
acquaintances. The bachelor tried to
make the little one laugh, but all he
got for his antics was a sour look.
Finally, with any warning, the
child burst out crying. Here was a
quandary, to be sure. He didn't dare
pick the boy up and soothe him. His at-
tempts in a verbal line were dismal fail-
ures. What should he do? Finally a
thought struck him. He looked at the
crying youngster, and the crying young-
ster looked at him through his tears.
He was evidently much pleased with
the impression he was making.
"Cry louder," said he.
The child obeyed.
"Louder yet," urged the bachelor.
A yell went up that would have done
credit to an Indian.
"Cry louder still," insisted the man,
and the boy did his best to obey.
"Louder!" fairly howled his uncle,
"I won't!" snarled the infant, and
he shut his mouth with a click, and
was quiet for the rest of the day.—
London Times.

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A Gentle Reminder

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DISTRICT NEWS

CHARLESTON

The lake is frozen over. W. Crozier made his first trip to Charleston on the ice Saturday.

G. Brady and J. Danby are busily engaged putting up Mr. Brady's saw mill, which will be a great boon to our village.

A great many attended the funeral of Mrs. Mathew Leeder on Thursday.

Mr. Jack and Miss Bertha Flood, Trevelyan, spent Sunday evening with their sister, Mrs. T. Foster.

Rev. Father Crawley, Trevelyan, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Foster on Sunday evening.

We are pleased to know that Miss Ethel Rabb is to teach our school for another year.

A concert will be held at our school house on Thursday afternoon.

FRANKVILLE

A Christmas entertainment will be held in the Methodist church on Friday evening, the 23rd. A good programme is being prepared, consisting of drills, tableaux, dialogues, and the "Famous Peek Sisters" will be present. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. M. Rudd has been on the sick list the past week, but is some better at present.

Mrs. Dr. Bourne is improving.

Miss K. Oliver has been unable to teach the past few days on account of illness.

Mr. Geo. Oliver has returned home, having spent the summer in the North-West.

Mr. C. M. Dunham is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. L. Dunham has been purchasing some new machinery. He is prepared to do sawing, grinding, and making cheese boxes. He expects to have an up-to-date mill in every respect.

LANSDOWNE

Mr. George McKinley and his mother of Bryerton visited Mrs. J. H. Warren last week.

Mrs. D. H. Siter and daughter were the guests of her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. E. Warren, last week.

The At Home given by L. O. L. No. 26 on the evening of Wednesday, the 7, was a success. The refreshments were very toothsome indeed, and the programme was listened to with pleasure.

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The Band of Hope class are now preparing for another, to be held the latter part of January, '05.

Bonnet Brushes, Fancy Shaving Sets, in leather Cuffs and Collar Boxes, in leather, Violins, Albums, Fancy Work Baskets, Writing Pads, Papereries, Nice selection of Poems, Children's Books—Pansy, Elsie, Bessie, Dainty and Henty, Bibles from 25c to \$5.00, Methodist Hymn Books, Fine selection Christmas Cards and Calendars, Games, Hockey Sticks and Pucks, And many other things too numerous to mention.

Furthermore, this Brookville section brand will be advertised widely in England so that it will be familiar to all the leading dealers and they will then be careful to look for the brand on each cheese sold as "Brookville."

It will be a good thing for Brookville section farmers in every way, and I should like to hear that every dairy farmer in this section was helping along this good movement as much as he can. Go to the factory meetings and vote for using the brand. "None genuine without the brand," should be the motto of the section.

First-class orchestral music was rendered during the evening.

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should benefit by this preference for our cheese. Every manufacturing concern that makes a special line of goods protects it by a trade-mark, and we all know how valuable a trade-mark is. It means thousands of dollars to the men who are lucky enough to own it.

Now, the farmers of this section are nearly all members of co-operative manufacturing factories called cheese factories, and as they continue to manufacture a special article, of especially good quality, unprotected by any trade-mark and therefore very liable to be imposed upon by substitution. Now the remedy lies in the farmers' hands and it is pleasing to know that they have decided to protect their cheese by adopting the metal brand patented which leaves its impress upon the head of each cheese as it is made in the press.

Stencilling a brand upon the cheese box is no protection, because anyone can put a stencil on the box, but the metal brand is not only impressed upon the head of the cheese but there is also a heavy penalty liable to be imposed upon anyone who infringes on the patent or illegally uses the registered brand. There is little chance left for fraud when this brand is used.

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SAFELY HOME

A word to the beloved relatives and friends of the late Mrs. W. H. Morrison.

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh so happy, and so bright, There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over, Every restless thought is past; I am now at peace for ever, Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly? Trod the valley of the shade; Ah! but Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me In that way so hard to tread; And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread.

Then you must not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still, Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand; Do it now while life remaineth, You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home, Oh the rapture of that meeting! Oh, the joy to see you come!

CHARLOTTE MURRAY.

Won On Appeal

Mr. Phil Wiltse's appeal from the conviction of Police Magistrate Deacon for an infraction of Abbot's early closing by-law came up for hearing before His Honor Judge McDonald last week. Messrs. Beach, Irwin Wiltse, Kendrick, Lamb, and Walter Smith, merchants of Athens, were examined for the prosecution. Jas. O. Gordon, manufacturer of tweeds, woollens, etc., A. M. Chasels merchant tailor, and Bethuel Loverin, village clerk, examined for defence.

Judge McDonald held that the petition on which the by-law was based was insufficient to make it effective and therefore squashed the conviction with costs to be paid by the respondent.

Death of Mrs. Olive Lamb

On Wednesday last, following a long illness, the death occurred of Mrs. Olive Alquire Lamb, at the home of her son, Mr. C. L. Lamb, Elgin street. The funeral service was conducted at the house on Friday, a large number of friends assembling to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

Mrs. Lamb, or "Aunt Olive," as she was generally called by the people of the village, was in her 81st year, but she had been always of such a bright, cheerful disposition that few thought she had attained that age. She met the advances of old age with a smile, and so gained and retained the affections of young and old. To the bereaved relatives, the Reporter extends heartfelt sympathy.

A Popular School

The largest and by far the most progressive business school in Eastern Ontario is the Ottawa Business College, 174 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ont. The recent growth of this institution has been above the average. Since the present Principal, Mr. W. E. Gowling, took charge four years ago the college has more than doubled its attendance until now it has an enrollment of over 350 for the present term.

As the teachers, so the school. Principal Gowling has a wide experience in all branches of commercial work and is harmoniously supported by a large staff of efficient teachers, each one a holder of a Certificate from the Education Department of Ontario. This is the only school in Eastern Ontario where the instructors have a Public School teaching experience supplemented by actual office training.

Those contemplating taking a course in college will do well to pay a visit to this institution, which will prove that the aim of the Ottawa Business College is to impart to the student a practical and thorough business education in as short a time as is consistent with the attaining of this result. The staff has been increased and to meet the requirements of the school another room with a seating capacity of forty is being added to the present large quarters. Notwithstanding this, the principal has not been able to meet the demands made upon him for office help. Write for their illustrated catalogue which will give you full particulars, and be ready for the Winter Term which opens Tuesday, January 3, 1905.

Lindsay—Henderson

At the home of Mr. Thos. Henderson, on Monday evening, his daughter, Miss Florence, was united in marriage to the Rev. Samuel Lindsay. Rev. R. C. Horner, B.O., of Ottawa, head of the Holiness Movement, officiated in the presence of near relatives and friends of the contracting parties. On returning from their trip, they will occupy the Holiness parsonage on Reid street. The Reporter offers congratulations with best wishes.

Experienced Nurse

MRS. J. NIBLOCK of Kempsville, Nurse, has moved to Athens and announces to the town and surrounding country that she has had ten years' experience. Those wishing her services should call at her home on Main street.

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FARMER TELLS OF A BAD TWO YEARS

Then Dodd's Kidney Pills Drove Away All His Pains.

Was Bent Over with Pain and Hardly Able to Work Till He Used the Great Canadian Kidney Remedy.

Concord, Ont., Dec. 12.—(Special)—Mr. David Rowe, a well-known and highly respected farmer, living about thirteen miles from here, is telling his friends of his remarkable recovery from a long period of suffering by the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I had very severe pains in my back, more or less for upwards of two years," Mr. Rowe says. "These pains seemed to concentrate their full force in the small of my back and the pain was almost unbearable. It made me go bent over and I could not straighten up to save my life."

"When I went to urinate it gave me great pain and you may imagine I was not able to do much work. I consulted a doctor but his prescription did me no good."

"Then I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and I felt better by the time I had used the first box. Ten boxes cured me completely."

Love of Mother Among Japanese. Public demonstration of affection is most repugnant to the good taste of the Japanese, and it is the absence of this which is so generally mistaken for a lack of genuine feeling.

I recall one man who was so devoted to his mother (though I doubt whether he could ever have been said to have "talked about" her; that she died, while he was abroad, his depression was so profound that his husband watched him with anxiety lest he should commit suicide. The stoical training may render more unsympathetic a coarse nature; but repression to the refined soul brings and exquisite capacity for pain scarcely conceivable by those who are free to give utterance to every emotion.

Another man said to me, "I rarely speak of my mother, for a foreigner does not understand that a Japanese mother may be just as dear to her son as his mother and by the Japanese it is not expected that one should utter one's deepest feelings." That same son fainted with grief when his mother died, and when consciousness returned he rose to make light of a "little dizziness," without reference to its cause. To this day, whenever he goes from home, he carries with him his mother's letters, mounted on a beautiful roll of ivory and brocade, and on the anniversary of her passing beyond his mortal ken quietly devotes a portion of the day to meditation and special thought of her. Even to his wife, despite the closest bond of love, he says not, "This is the day of my mother's death."— Outlook.

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CAUSE OF PNEUMONIA. One of the questions now being investigated by the Commission on Pneumonia, of which Dr. Thomas Darlington, president of the Board of Health, is chairman, is whether the luxurious steam-heated apartment of modern times is not responsible in a measure for the increase in the ravages of the disease. During the past month there were 482 deaths from pneumonia in Greater New York. Of these, 461 were in Manhattan and the Bronx and 21 in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond. By far the greater number of these deaths were in what are known as apartment houses. Physicians who have been interviewed on the subject of "the modern flat as a cause of pneumonia" give divergent opinions, but nearly all of them state that the tendency to overheating the sleeping apartment and lack of ventilation undoubtedly are increasing the incidence of the disease. Dr. T. Mitchell Prudden, of the Commission on Pneumonia, says that it is probably true that there were fewer cases of pneumonia before the period of steam-heated apartment

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houses, but statistics are deceptive, and the question whether modern luxury paves the way for the inroads of pneumonia is one that requires investigation before it is discussed.—New York correspondent Philadelphia Ledger.

THE VENEERING INDUSTRY.

Indianapolis. Furnishes Much of the Supply for Cabinetmakers.

"There is a great deal of so-called oak furniture sold nowadays," said an Indianapolis dealer, "but a large part of it is veneered. This is particularly true of parlor and ornamental furniture. Coarse common furniture may be made of solid oak, but fine furniture almost invariably is veneered. This is because a much finer finish can be got from quartered oak veneer than from the solid wood. The grain comes out better, and it takes a higher polish. Where strength and durability are required the solid wood is used, but for surfaces veneering is preferable."

The largest veneer manufacturing centre in the world. There are seven factories here, and their combined output is nearly equal to that of all the other factories in the United States. The Indiana Lumber and Veneer Company, the largest of the local factories, has branch establishments in Grand Rapids, Mich., and in New York City, and it deals up all over the continent. Some of the other factories have almost an equally extensive trade. The one named makes a specialty of quarter-sawn white oak veneering.

It also makes walnut red oak, sycamore and maple veneer, but about 75 per cent. of its output is quartered oak. The sycamore used to be regarded as a comparatively worthless tree, but works up into veneering, and finds many uses in the manufacturing of furniture. It is obtained in imitation of cherry and other hard woods.

There are two kinds of veneering, sawed and sliced, but it takes an expert to tell the difference. The process of manufacture is simple and interesting. The logs, delivered in the factory in the rough, about thirteen feet in length, are first cooked in hot water to make them soft and workable. It does not matter how green they are. After being thoroughly cooked, they are placed on machines designed for the purpose, and either sliced by a powerful knife or cut by a circular saw. The result is a sawed veneer, which may be as thin as one-twentieth of an inch thick. These slabs are the full length of the log and when first cut are so pliable that they can be bent double without breaking. The uniform thickness or thinness of the slabs is preserved by the action of the machinery, and does not vary as much as hair's breadth in the entire length of the slab. After the slabs are sliced or sawed they are seasoned by steaming. This requires only about four hours, and then they are ready for the market.

Indianapolis veneering is sold all over the United States, and is in great demand by car builders and furniture manufacturers, especially oak veneering which is placed on finish motor and chassis woods. Some of the huge oak logs which come to the factories show by the rings in them that they were cut from trees 250 to 400 years old. These monarchs of the forest all growth reaches far back beyond the time of the colony.—Indianapolis News.

COLONIES FOR UNEMPLOYED.

Facts About the Institutions Maintained by Germany and Holland.

There are thirty-three labor colonies throughout the German empire, nearly thirty of which are entirely agricultural. They are all under the control of the German Labor Colonies' central board, with headquarters at Berlin, and though subsidized and supervised to some extent by the state in which they are situated, they are really institutions inspired and directed by Christian philanthropy. The one at Lubberheim, not far from Wesel, is perhaps the best example of what Germany has done in this direction. Since this colony was founded in 1866, 250 acres of waste sandy desert have been made fertile, and it now grows good crops of rye and potatoes, while four acres have been set aside for the growth of vegetables.

Practically all the buildings were constructed by the colonists. There are tailor, shoemaking, and carpenter shops, also a smithy and a bakery, which supplies the needs of the colonists. In this place the inefficient and unemployed, the weak and physically unfit, are housed and fed and made whole again. The whole work of the farm, with its 122 colonists (the number is more than doubled in winter), is superintended by a director, known as the "Haus Vater" (house father); three assistants, a head stockman, a head carpenter, and a bookkeeper. Each colonist can earn a nominal wage, part of which is placed to his credit and part given him for the purchase of tobacco. The entire cost of the farm per annum is about \$16,000, and the sale of the farm produce brings in about half of this amount. The average net cost per man per week, after all expenses have been paid, including interest on borrowed capital, is a little over fifty cents.

The Dutch labor colonies are not subject to state control. The Friedricsoord colony, situated near Steenwijk, north of the Zuider Zee, is a fair example of the others in Holland. It is designed for the deserving unemployed, and helps married men with their wives and families. The colonists are admitted on the recommendation of charitable associations working in the big cities of Holland, and are nearly all unskilled laborers from large towns. On arrival each laborer's family is housed in a separate cottage with a garden, and the members of the family are given some light employment. The man himself is set to work on one of the five large farms or in the central dairying establishment, or in the basket-making or mat-making workshops. The children who are too young to work are placed in the public schools, which are built and maintained by the government. After the laborer has been in the colony a certain number of years, he is promoted to the class of "free farmer," that is, providing there is vacancy.

The necessary capital is advanced by the colony, and in many cases the free farmer has more than doubled the value of his stock and plant. What specially recommends the Dutch system is that it involves a permanent home not only for the settler, but also for his family; and it affords a test by a long period of probation of the character and fiber of the man, and so enables those who have charge of the colony to come to some definite result of loss. Meanwhile the children are well educated and well trained.—Chicago Journal.

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SUNLAMP SOAP. Unless the soap you use has this brand you are not getting the best.

Ask for the Octagon Brand. WALKING MICE. Queer Little Animals That Dance During Most of Waking Hours.

Walking mice are curious and interesting little animals, says a writer in Country Life in America. They are not quite so long as the common grey mouse and much more slender. They are spotted black and white at each end of their bodies and are clear white in the middle. They whirl around in their four feet as if on a pivot. Sometimes stopping and reversing the direction. Frequently I see two or three of them going around together in a large circle. Although they walk sometimes as long as five minutes without rest, they appear never to get dizzy. They can, if they choose, run in a straight line, but they seldom do. Instead of running away when disturbed or frightened they begin to wait. They come out of their nests about sundown, and wait until fully midnight. Then they go back to their nests to sleep.

One of the curious things about them is their fighting. The waltz until they run into each other, when they bite, squeal, jump into the air—and then start waltzing again. They keep this up until they are seriously injured, sometimes leaving their tails and legs bitten off and their skins torn.

There are several theories as to the reason they can whirl around in this way and yet not get dizzy. One is that it is because of a disease of the brain that they inherit. I think that no one knows the real reason.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. Red and Green Snow. At various times it is recorded that there has been "blood on the face of the moon." Some old chronicles tell of showers of blood, which, however, are not well authenticated. The "bloody snow," on the other hand, is an actual thing. Snow is sometimes found in polar and Alpine regions, where it lies unmelting from year to year, and the annual fall is thereby destroyed by the presence of innumerable small red plants. In its native state the plant consists of brilliant red globules on a gelatinous mass. Red snow was observed by the ancients, a passage in Aristotle referring to it; but it is scarcely mentioned in any literature until 1760, when Saussure observed it in the Alps and concluded that it was due to the pollen of a plant. It was also noticed by the Arctic expedition under Captain Ross on Baffin's Bay shore on a range of cliffs, the red color penetrating to the depth of twelve feet. Less frequent is a green growth of snow.

Just imagine these rich colors decorating the landscape near our large cities! Country-house parties would have a new attraction which would appeal to the artistic and aesthetic sense.

Dropy is one Positive Sign of Kidney Disease.—Have you any of these unmistakable signs? Puffiness under the eyes? Swollen limbs? Smothering feeling? Change of the character of the urine? If you have them dropy tendency, and you shouldn't delay an hour in putting yourself under the great South American Kidney Cure.—58

A Convincing Proof. The Fairbanks Company was slow to believe in advertising, depending wholly on salesmen. An advertising agent proposed to advertise a particular brand of pianos in a certain district while the salesmen should push an old and popular brand. At the end of six months the new brand was outselling the old, the net profits on the advertised brand exceeding those on the other by \$3,000. That is why the house is now a heavy advertiser.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

The Clergyman's Hobby Horse. Visitors to a quaint little church in England observe a curious relic in the shape of a high stool with a leather top like a saddle. The parish clerk shows not a little pride in this relic and tells its story with relish. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the country parsons were accustomed to spend much of their time hunting with their country squires. Oftentimes the fox got more attention than the sermon on the following Sunday. Such was the case with the parson who left the saddle stool behind him as a relic of the days of fox-hunting parsons. He was a good deal more at home in the saddle than in the pulpit, so in order to introduce some of the life and spirit into his discourses which he felt while in the hunting field, the reverend gentleman had this saddle stool made. It was placed in the pulpit before the parson mounted the steps. Once astride this hobby the parson was able to reach a much higher degree of enthusiasm and eloquence than he could have unmounted.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows. Circuses Point the Way. The circuses depend for their very existence on advertising. Therefore the fact that the proprietors of the two largest circus shows in the country have agreed to cut down window and billboard poster displays to a minimum and put the money thus saved into newspaper advertising is a pointer that no man who solicits the patronage of the public can afford to overlook. It is an infallible indication that the newspaper is the best medium of publicity.

Wigg—He's the clumsiest fellow I ever saw. Waggy—Yes, he can't even walk a ladder except in a roundabout way.

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Mrs. Winslow's Goodness Syrup should always be used for Children. It soothes the child, softens the gums, cures colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea.

WANTED RELIABLE PARTIES TO DO machine knitting at home; good pay; everything found, for full particulars, address Box 22, Erie, Ont.

LIFE INSURANCE CANCELLERS ARE invited to write the Star Life Assurance Society (London, Eng.), Toronto, for latest plans and terms; women insure at same rates as men; previous experience not essential; liberal terms.

FOR SALE, SCALES, DOUGH MIXER and silent meat cutter; all makes of scales repaired. C. Wilson & Son, Limited, Toronto, Canada.

FARMS TO RENT. FARMS TO RENT. VAUGHAN, LOT 4, concession 4, 100 acres. J. Fisher, 65 St. James avenue, Toronto, Ont.

LADIES' \$2.50 Winter Suits and Aprons, also Skirts, Cloaks and Waists. Send for styles and catalogue. THE SOUTHWEST SUIT CO., Dept. H, London, Can.

CORSETS MADE TO ORDER. Write for measure slips and instructions. Reliable Canvassing Agents wanted. THE CORSET SPECIALTY CO., Toronto, Ont.

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Canada's Cement Industry. The Portland cement industry is making rapid strides in Canada, and the time is approaching when the requirement of that country will be supplied entirely by domestic manufacturers. The chief centre of the industry is in Ontario, which made 695,290 barrels in 1903, as compared with 31,924 barrels 10 years ago. There were nine plants in operation, and four under construction. The new plants are being erected at Belleville, Raven Lake, Wiarton and Brantford.

\$100 REWARD, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one cured disease that science has been able to cure in all stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and curing it in a permanent manner. Building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Foreign Labels for Sale. Many have looked with awe upon suit cases and steamer trunks covered with labels of every size and color, and have thought enviously of the advantages the traveled owners of such baggage had over the poor staid at homes. The baggage proclaimed that its owners had been from Sydney to San Francisco, from Copenhagen to Colombo, to say nothing of visiting half the capitals and health resorts of the Continent. But the iconoclast has found shops where such baggage is sold, all scattered and battered and labeled with a score of foreign towns, although it may never have travelled two miles from the Grand Central station.

FLORIDA AND THE SUNNY SOUTH. Winter excursion tickets now on sale by the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

World's Market of India Neglected. India is considered a market for every modern product in the world, and has a vast import trade, amounting to nearly \$400,000,000 annually, but strange to say, Americans have captured very little of the business. The European trade is large, but it is developed by personal representatives that get right into the bazaars and seek out the native buyer. As an example, the American trade with Calcutta amounts to only about one and a half per cent of the imports.

Heart Disease Relieved in 20 Minutes.—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gives perfect relief in all cases of Organic or Sympathetic Heart Disease in 30 minutes, and speedily effects a cure. It is a perfect remedy for Palpitation, Shortness of Breath, Smothering Spells, Pain in Left Side, and all symptoms of a Diseased Heart. One dose convinces.—53

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS:

How Christians Have Imported Pagan Customs Into Their Celebrations...

In "ye olden time" the holidays were ushered in on Christmas eve, and until Twelfth Night, known familiarly as the day of the Magi or Little Christmas, nothing was done, nothing was thought, save fun, revelry and feasting, while the watchword to all was eat, drink and make merry.

If we trace the origin of our modern Christmas we find that from time immemorial it was celebrated with religious worship and social gaiety of all kinds, just as it is now; and that many of the festive practices, the beautiful customs which characterize the occasion, are derived from age long antedating the coming of the Redeemer, and from peoples who know naught of the true God.

The Worship of the Sun.

Among all the pagan races of antiquity there seems to have been a universal tendency to worship the sun at this season, just as there was at the change of the other seasons, he was regarded by them as the giver of light and life, and the visible manifestation of a supreme Deity, and when the shortest day of the gloomy winter had passed, and he began his return course, bringing warmth and the reanimation of all things dead, there was general rejoicing everywhere.

The Christian Festival.

The dedication of the 25th of December for commemorating the birth of Christ dates back to the fourth century. Previously it had been the most notable of the church feast days, and confounded by some with the Epiphany; by others with the feast of Tabernacles, held in September, while more of the Christians celebrated the day in March, about the time of the Paschal festival, still more as late as April or May. The actual date of the Nativity could not be learned with any degree of accuracy, as the evidence regarding it was tradition and likewise conflicting and confused, so, after a conference of the theologians of the East and West, for the sake of uniformity, it was thought best to settle upon one particular day, and ever all, it was the event, not the date of its occurrence, which was celebrated. This agreement was the result of an inquiry brought about by the earnest solicitations of St. Cyril, of Jerusalem, and likewise, in order for an investigation to be made concerning the right day. The chief grounds for the final decision was the information obtained from the tales of the censurers in the archives of Rome.

Thus the Christians from a very early period observed the Christmas festival at this special time of the year, which made it coincident with the one held by the ancients at the winter solstice in honor of the sun, and from this it is easy to see how the heathen and Christian observances became inseparably mingled.

The Saturnalia.

The Romans worshipped the sun under one of the characters attributed to Saturn, father of the gods, and the feast was called "Saturnalia." Historians and antiquarians seem unable to discover the origin of this festival, but the Romans derived it from the Grecians, as they did many other of their customs, and it is not improbable that it was instituted in some rude period of antiquity and by other races previous to its advent into Greece. It was the favorite recreation of paganism and was marked by a universal license and merry-making. Slaves were for the time being free and recognized as the equals of their masters, with whom they were permitted to dine as guests, to converse with, and what was perhaps more repulsive by this miserable class, to tell their imperious owners of their faults to their faces, treat them as menials and punish them for the misdemeanors of which they might be guilty, as they themselves were punished for similar offences. No one was allowed to be angry, and no who was put upon and made sport of, if he loved his comfort, would be the first to laugh.

All the city was in the wildest commotion; business was suspended, and none were at work but the cooks and confectioners who prepared the gorgeous feasts; houses were gayly decorated with laurel and evergreens, and presents passed between parents and friends after the same fashion customary to-day, while the children invoked Saturn, as they now do the good old Santa Clause, games and amusements of all sorts were indulged in by the citizens; music and dancing was heard and seen on every hand, and the very air rang with shouts and laughter, and the flowing bowl was a part of the Saturnalia, as it now reigns in a myriad of different forms in the festivities of Christmas, and glasses of every size were ready for all to drink as often and as much as they liked.

The Scandinavian Festival.

In the bleak north, where the woe-

ther at this season was bitterly cold and the world enveloped in a mantle of snow, as we of the present imagine the ideal Christmas ought to be, the ceremonies were more rude and barbarous than those of summer climes, but none the less beautiful, and of that quaint and picturesque nature which has rendered them charming to succeeding and more civilized generations. Fires were kindled in and out of doors, and great blocks of wood blazed in honor of Odin and Thor, who in the Scandinavian mythology represented the sun. In the Irish legends it is called Mithra, derived from the Persian Mithras, while to the Phoeni-



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clans it was known by the appellation of Bel or Baal, a name which they afterward carried to the shores of Britain, where the strange rites to this god became firmly rooted.

The Yule Log.

The burning of the Yule log, a name taken from the Jul or Yule feast of the ancient Goth and Saxons, was one of the most important ceremonies on Christmas eve, and one of the most highly favored of the Pagan practice to be later on engrafted upon the Christian festival. In the old feudal days the bringing in and placing of the giant log on the hearth of the wide chimneys in the baronial hall was the gladiest incident of the 12 days' frolic. This log, destined to crackle a welcome and good cheer to all comers, was hauled in great glee and triumph, each wayfarer who chanced to be near, raised his hat, for he knew it was full of fair promises, and that the flames that leaped from it would consume all old grudges, while the spirit of anger and revenge, nurtured possibly for years, would die out as did its charred embers. It was thought, too, that a piece of this log taken out before being entirely burnt and kept, would preserve the house from fire during the ensuing year, and when the anniversary came again, the new Yule was lit with the blackened remains of its predecessor.

The Christmas Candle.

As an accompaniment to the Yule log, there was to be found in every household a monster taper called the Yule or Christmas candle, which was lighted early on Xmas eve and left burning all night in honor of the coming of the Saviour, or as the old country people quaintly put it, "to light the Saviour into the world." This candle could never be too big, and much rivalry existed amongst housewives everywhere as to who should have the largest specimen of the candle-maker's art, and the one most beautifully moulded and decorated. Each night while the holidays lasted the huge taper was lit and stood upon the table at supper, to add an extra grace to the brightly adorned, heavily laden board; all during the evening burned, to snuff upon the gayeties that followed, for in the houses of rich and poor, prince and peasant, until after Twelfth Night, neither man, woman or child dreamed of aught else but having fun.

The fashion of burning a Yule log prevails to a certain extent yet in a number of districts of England, and throughout Great Britain the custom of the Christmas candle is almost a universal one still, especially in Ireland, whose people, in spite of everything, will cling to their old traditions and usages of bygone ages. It is perhaps due more to them than to any other nation that the practice was transplanted to the new world, where for centuries it flourished, and up until only a few years ago the Xmas candle was to be seen in almost every home, or at least in those of Catholic families, and was looked upon as a necessary accessory to the furnishings of Christmas.

The Mistletoe Bough.

In the lapse of time many of these beautiful customs have lost much of their traditional interest and primitive popularity, but there is one, however, which has never declined in public favor, and seems destined to retain its hold upon the affections of the people the hanging up of the mistletoe, that pure, snow-crowned plant about which so many pleasant memories cluster. This custom is not a Christian institution; indeed, the mistletoe has been excluded from church decoration on account of its pagan associations, and we derive it from our ancient

Celtic ancestors, in whose religion it was regarded with the utmost veneration, particularly when it grew upon the oak—which is seldom supposed by them to be the favorite tree of their divinity, Tananus.

When the eagerly awaited winter festival arrived the Druids went forth, attended by great pomp, to gather the mystic evergreen, that, in addition to the religious reverence in which it was held, was believed to possess wonderful curative properties and prove a safeguard against evil of all sorts. Two white bulls were carried along in the procession, and when the oak was reached upon which the plant twined they were bound to its trunk, and the chief Druid, robed

All in Spotless White,

as symbolic of purity, ascended the tree, and with a golden sickle cut the vine. As it fell it was caught in the gown of a similarly garbed priest, who stood beneath ready to receive it. When the cutting was over the two bulls were sacrificed, and not unaided human victims also were immolated in this strange worship of false gods. Then followed various festive ceremonies indicative of the joy they experienced over the advent of the annual feast of the sun. The mistletoe thus gathered was then divided into small portions and distributed amongst the people, who took it home and hung it up in the

"I bring you good tidings of great joy."



given by the Goths and Saxons to the festive period occurring at the winter solstice; thus the name Yule has come down to us through the Scotch and English, and is still obtained among all English speaking nations. The most commonly heard expression in connection with it is the Yule Log. This burning of the Yule log, or log, originated with the very old Christmas custom (with them partaking rather more of the nature of ceremony), among the Scandinavians of the burning of huge bonfires in honor of their god Thor at their feast of Jul, occurring at the winter solstice.

In England the bringing in and burning of the Yule log on Christmas eve still survives in some localities, with more or less of its original picturesque quality. Of old this custom was attended by much ceremony and festivity. A log was chosen, usually a very massive and rugged piece of oak. Then was begun a sort of triumphal procession with it to its resting place in the hall. Each passer by was expected to uncover his head to it; there was much merriment and shouting, and upon its reaching the entrance to the hall, if there were family minstrels, they greeted it with music and song. If there were no minstrels then the members of the family in turn performed this office. Yule doughs were eaten, wassail bowls were drained and an endless round of Yule games were played.

After these amusements palled the

them everywhere. Every poor man and every head of a family has saved a penny or two, or even one farthing, to buy a bunch of oats for the birds to have their Christmas. On this day, on many farms, the four old horses, the young colt, the cat, the sheep, the goats, and even the pig, get double the usual amount of food given them. It is a beautiful custom and speaks well for the natural goodness of heart of the Scandinavians.

Some Don'ts for Christmas

Don't forget X-mas is the day to bow to individuality. Never buy things for the whole family, therefore.

Don't repeat yourself. Don't give to others this year what they did to you last. That is very bad taste.

Don't buy father, brothers or husband ties, slippers or pipes. Choose rather something they will not wear out and will appeal to their taste.

Don't give your mother a "useful" gift, unless you are too poor for such an ornamental. She may be "getting on," but she still loves pretty trinkets. Gratify her.

Don't decide not to give to all be-



kindling of the log began. This was always done with a portion of the Yule log of the Christmas previous, which had been carefully preserved for the purpose. Security from fire was supposed to accrue to the house from the saving of last year's log. Woe betide, too, if during the burning of the Yule log bareheaded or flat-footed or squinting person should come in, as this meant the worst kind of bad luck.

The Christmas or Yule candle, a candle of huge proportions, was always burned on the supper table on these occasions as a sort of accompaniment to the Yule log. The Yule log, with accompanying festivities of various kinds, is also a prominent feature of the Christmas celebrations in Provence, where it is called the "Cachoflo," and among the Servians.

Wassail Bowl.

The wassail bowl, which in days gone by played such a prominent part in Yuletide celebrations, was in the beginning just a toast or pledge drunk between friends. The word wassail is Anglo-Saxon, "was hal," meaning "be whole," "be well," or, as in modern usage, "here's to your health." No medieval English Yule celebration but had its wassail bowl with well-sped contents. It was the centre of the board not only then, but on New Year's day. The drink it contained was composed of good ale, sugar, nutmeg, and roasted apples—both apples being frequently used instead of the larger kind. This brew was also known as "lamb's wool."

While the gentry were regaling themselves indoors the young women of the poorer classes went round from house to house with gaily decorated wassail bowls, singing carols called "wassail songs." For this, of course, they expected gratuities.

Christmas in Other Countries

The Christmas feeding of the birds is prevalent in many of the provinces of Norway and Sweden. Branches of oats are placed on the roofs of houses, on trees and fences, for them to feed upon. Two or three days before, cartloads of sheaves are brought into town for this purpose. Both rich and poor buy and place

because you cannot give handsomely. Good will is the watchword, and good sense will help you to choose lovely gifts for little money. Making presents literally with your own fair (or tanned) hands doubles the value literally and sentimentally very often. Buy times are these to every one, and the stores overflow with things that require small outlay.

Don't miss book departments. There never was such a harvest of books, at astoundingly low prices, as now.

Pictures of antiques and Sargeant

Hark! the Herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; In the manger born a King, God and sinners reconciled!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord; In the manger born a King, While adoring angels sing, "Peace on earth, to man good will, Bk! the trembling soul be still, Christ on earth has come to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!"

Hail! the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings, Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the fallen, Born to give them second birth.

Charles Wesley.

panels, framed in dull black, are artistic in the extreme, and cost very little. Tapestry panel pieces, set in dark frames are quaint and inexpensive for lovers of the house beautiful.

Unless you know the fads of your acquaintances don't buy them freaky gifts. A plaster dog, to a girl who detests the real animal would be ill chosen. Cushions "go" with collegians; so do rugs, silk blankets, gun-metal military brushes and—all men like books.

The Yule Log.

Oh, the Yule log snapped and sparkled Till the red flame quivered high, Steeping wall and roof and rafter In its rich and vivid dye, And around the bowl of wassail Ran a soft, incessant chime— 'Twas the greybeards clinking glasses 'To the joy of Christmas time.

Oh, the dunes waxed mad and merry With the light heels ever they, Hands across and down the middle Went the gayly measure! tread, While "Away with Melancholy" Swung the fiddles, and the air Swept a str of revel o'er us As we sat beneath the stair.

Oh, the sweet and subtle magic That at work within the heart Drew us tenderly together, Hold us, tremulous, apart! Why, we thought our lips were touching.

Just for love—we did not know It was all because above us Hung a bough of mistletoe.

—Anon.

Christmas Greeting.

Sing a song of Christmas! Pockets full of gold; Plans and cakes for stockings, More than they can hold, Pudding in the great pot, Turkey on the spit, Merry faces round the fire—Sorrow! Not a bit!

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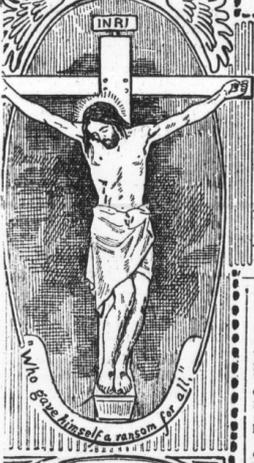
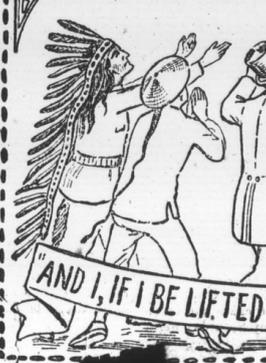
YULE TIDE OF OUR ANCESTORS

The Yule Doughs or Doos, were kind of Christmas cakes, found of old in many parts of Northern Europe. They were especially for distribution among the young people, in shape they were a rough imitation of a human figure of varying lengths, from six to twelve inches, with raisins for nose and eyes. Presumably these figures were intended to represent the infant Saviour.

Other cakes of different kinds baked during this season were to be found in many places. In Cornwall, for instance, each family baked a quantity of currant cakes on Xmas eve, on the top of each of which the dough was pulled up to form a sort of head-piece called "the Christmas." A special cake was made for each member of the household, but when eating time came each one tasted a little of everybody else's cake.

Yule babies is the term applied to the sweetmeats given the juveniles of Alnwick at Yuletide. A character called Baby Cake is found in Ben Johnson's "Masque of Christmas," but this, we are told, refers to the Twelfth Night cake.

An Ancient Custom. Jul, or Yule, was anciently the name



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LOCAL ITEMS

Select Oysters, Wilson's Meat Market
Thirty eight students wrote at the A. M. S. exams last week.

The beautiful bon-bon boxes at McClary's make appropriate gifts.

Students at the A. H. S. are this week writing on their test exams.

Plum Hollow S. S. entertainment will be held to-morrow (Thursday) evening.

Mr. C. R. McIntosh is spending vacation at his home in Dornoch, Grey county.

Mr. J. R. Tye is now traveling in the interests of the National Stock Food Co. of Brockville.

You will probably find just the Christmas present you are looking for at McClary's grocery.

It is expected that the rink will be open for the season on Saturday next. Secure your tickets now.

Master Dan Conway, a student at the A. H. S., is this week prostrated with an attack of appendicitis.

The Baptist Church choir is preparing special music for Christmas, and Miss Culbert will also give a solo.

Reports from Brockville hospital indicate that Miss Clara Arnold is progressing favorably towards recovery.

G. A. McClary's stock of fancy china, glass, lamps, toys, etc. contains something for everybody. Call and inspect. See adv't.

Mr. Mas-ey, we are pleased to learn, is progressing favorably, and will be able to resume his work as principal of the high school after the holidays.

On Saturday last, while playing in a barn, Mills, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston, fell a distance of fourteen feet and broke one of his legs.

The Greenbush Sunday-school will hold their annual Christmas tree and entertainment in the Methodist church on Friday evening, Dec. 23. Admission, 15c.

At the nomination meeting on Monday last Messrs. I. C. Alguire and Thos. Berney were formally nominated and by acclamation elected County Commissioners.

A meeting of the Liberal electors of Rear Yonge & Escott will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening next for the purpose of selecting three councillors for 1905.

A meeting of the Reform Association of Bastard and Burgess (south) will be held at Phillipsville on Saturday next for election of officers and transaction of general business.

Go to H. H. Arnold's for Ladies' and Girls' Jackets, either cloth or fur—up to date garments at away down prices. This is your opportunity—these goods must go out no matter what the sacrifice.

At the last song service held in the Baptist Church, Miss Brown of Addison made her first appearance before an Athens audience, and was well received. She rendered the solo "Only a beam of sunshine" very finely.

The programme for Athens' nomination meeting is now being prepared and a thoroughly enjoyable evening is anticipated. The sensational comedy drama of "Who pays the piper or where are we at?" with hot-air accompaniment, is announced as one of the features.

This is the shortest day of the year. Athens Baptist S. S. concert will be held this evening.

The store of G. W. Beach is now brilliantly illuminated with acetylene gas.

Owing to lack of patronage last season, the Kemptville skating rink has been torn down.

Miss Rose, daughter of Rev. L. M. Weeks, who has not been in Athens, is expected home to-morrow.

Mr. M. L. Dunham, of Frankville, has installed a machine for making cheese box belts in his mill there.

Special Christmas services will be held in the Methodist church, Athens, next Sabbath, both morning and evening.

The display of holiday goods at Knowlton's is really magnificent; it would be creditable to any city store. See adv't.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Judge and two children of Michigan are visiting at the home of her father, Mr. N. Shea, and other relatives in Sheatown.

A few large sized Sleigh Robes, either goat or Saskatchewan, can be bought at H. H. Arnold's at prices far below their value. If you want a robe, see them.

In the Methodist church, Caintown, on Monday next, the marriage will take place of Miss Emma Kincaid and Mr. Harry Franklin, both graduates of the A. H. S.

By shopping early in the day and early in the season you not only help the shopkeeper and his staff but get the best of the deal yourself. Be among the early ones.

Miss Laura Blancher and Miss Bella Cowles presented their teacher, Miss Webster, with a beautiful Teacher's Bible in behalf of the pupils of Wiltsetown school.

Among the college students who returned home last Friday we noticed Miss Hattie Patterson, Messrs. Geo. Holmes, K. Bernay, and Claude Patterson—all of Queen's.

This (Wednesday) evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, Charleston, their daughter, Miss Myrtle, and Mr. John Wiltse of Addison are to be united in matrimonial bonds.

H. Imerson, Harlem, captured an eagle in his trap a few days ago, weighing 11 lbs., measuring 7 feet 8 inches from tip to tip of wings. Hilton feels proud of his bird which he is going to get stuffed.

Frontenac county council, in special session, has passed a by-law abolishing tolls from various county roads, including York road, from Kingston to Nanawan. In another year Frontenac will likely be free of toll gates.

Cards of invitation have been issued for the marriage of Miss Anna Victoria Steacy and Mr. Raymond M. Breese. The ceremony takes place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Steacy, "Maple Row," to-morrow (Thursday) at eleven a.m.

An old-time Christmas tree and entertainment is to be held by the Methodist S. S. at Lyndhurst on Saturday next. The programme will include the popular cantata, "Johnnie Doubter," presented by thirty characters in costume. Admission, 25c; school children, free.

The Conservative Convention for Leeds will be held at Delta next Tuesday, Dec. 27th, to decide upon a candidate for the Provincial Legislature. The contest will be between Walter Beatty of Delta, who is the present member, and J. R. Dargavel, merchant, of Elgin.

An offer of \$3,000 for the Brockville opera house, which is owned by the corporation, has been made to the council by Frank Ritchie, manager, and some citizens who desire to convert the building into an up-to-date theater. The offer has been accepted.

Mr. J. M. Somerville, an experienced Commercial Teacher, late of one of the leading Colleges in Toronto, has been engaged on the staff of the Brockville Business College for the coming year. This College will, in the future as in the past, continue to be one of the few leaders in commercial work.

A convention of the Liberals of Counties Council District No. 3 was held here on Thursday last. Mr. Levi Munro of Addison (who was not present) and the present member, Mr. I. C. Alguire, were placed in nomination. On a ballot being taken, Mr. Alguire was declared to be the party's candidate.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sherman of Deloraine, Man., have been spending a few days with old friends in Athens. Mr. Sherman, since last we saw him, has acquired or been endowed with a panacea for all the ills of life, and his wonder working ministrations have been eagerly courted by citizens of village and country.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Field have removed from Addison to Brockville, and are occupying the pleasant home on King street recently vacated by Mr. E. A. Geiger. On the eve of their departure from Addison about forty friends assembled at their home and presented them with an address and a handsome silver fish fork.

Rev. L. M. Weeks has the following appointments for next Sabbath: Plum Hollow at 11 o'clock and Athens at 7.

One of the best Christmas entertainments ever held in the Methodist church is being prepared by the S.S. for Monday evening next. Everybody welcome.

In consequence of the approaching provincial elections the January Division courts for Newboro, Delta and Athens have been postponed. The new dates are: Newboro, 7th February; Delta, 8th February and Athens, 9th February.

Rev. S. Sheldon, pastor of the Baptist church at Cornwall, has been appointed Sunday school superintendent by the Sunday school committee of the Baptist convention for Ontario and Quebec. Mr. Sheldon expects to begin his labors about the middle of January. The office was only recently created, and Mr. Sheldon will be the first to occupy the position.

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