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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.

ESMERALDA

CAST OF CHARACTERS
 Mr. Elbert Rodgers—T. Burton Rhodes.
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 Mr. Esterbrook—Fergus J. O'Connor.
 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

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. Scoville, 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 reeve 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 gossipy 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.

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.

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

Christ the Life and Light of Men.—John 1:1-5

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 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 age 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 unsearched being, but through Him, 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, 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 Christ. 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 workings of the Spirit, by the course of events, by the revelations of the prophets, and even by the dim intimations of heaven con-sciousness." 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. 7. To bear witness to the Light—Testimony, stronger here than prophecy as hitherto existing, but at the same time showed himself a prophet, who completed the Old Testament prophecy in testimony. His mission rose into the office of messenger—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 shining and a shining light, or literally, "lamb" (John v. 33), but he came only to herald the "true 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. & J.

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. & J.

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 1:1-18). 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 xlvii, 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). V. The Savior 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—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 Shimban 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 Palanykow, 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 interment 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



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 11th 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 Stalley. It can be seen only under good atmospheric conditions and when the sun is shining upon it at the proper angle.

The above coming from a high authority, will be of especial interest to local astronomers and, as the Alps will be visible to-night and still better to-morrow evening the telescope at Aberdeen observatory will be trained on the moon. Prof. A. De Lury, of Toronto University, will be here this evening and will also take observations. In his addresses on the moon, Dr. Marsh has frequently referred to the apparent absence of a rift or crack in the Valley of the Lunar Alps. His theory was that in the valley of a mountain range there would naturally be a river bed, such as is seen in the Valley of the Lunar Apennines. The Perrine discovery confirms his theory.

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Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary of the United States Treasury Shaw today conferred with representatives of leading flour mill interests regarding the proposed regulations allowing drawback on exported flour, made in part from imported wheat.

"If the application for drawback on flour from mixed wheat is allowed," the Secretary says, "regulations will be so drawn as to insure the payment of duty on every bushel of Canadian wheat that comes in, and drawback will be allowed only on flour actually exported. The importance of the subject will be appreciated when it is known that during October, 1903, 1,800,000 barrels of American flour were exported, and in October, 1903, less than 800,000 of American-made flour has fallen off during the present season more than one-half. Two mills are being built in London, each with a capacity of four thousand barrels a day. Similar mills are being built at Belfast and other places. "Canadian mills regularly sell flour for export on the New York market, and it is then sent through the United States in bond and exported from New York. It might as well be ground at Minneapolis or elsewhere in the United States, thereby holding the trade until conditions change. If the trade passes from the American mill to the European mill the injury to the farmer of the Northwest will be past calculation. To-day the price of American wheat is about sixteen cents above that of Canadian wheat. The millers are only asking what the law permits and the law question has been submitted to the Attorney-General."

Have You a Skin Disease?—Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Ringworm, Eczema, Itch, Barber's Itch, Ucers, Stitches, Chronic Erysipelas, Liver Spots, Prurigo, Psoriasis, or other eruptions of the skin at times Dr. Agnew's Ointment has done for others it can do for you—cure you. One application gives relief.—25 cents—57

The Perils of the Sea. Crew Fifteen Hours Adrift on Fragment of Vessel.

Boston, Dec. 19.—A story of hardship and miraculous escape from death was related by the crew of the New York barkentine Emilia, who were brought here to-day by the Clyde Liner New York, which rescued the crew and Captain Keemie last Sunday. Fifteen hours after the vessel struck on the Diamond Shoal, the mizen mast went overboard, and at the same time a great sea wrenched off the stern to the aft hatch. Each huge billow lifted her entirely clear of the bottom at times, and each receding wave the great gaps in the hull widened. Finally the bow of the vessel began to go to pieces and in a short time was torn from the hull at the forehatch. The main deck gradually went to pieces.

The crew attempted to construct a raft, but as the storm continued the task was abandoned. The forward deck-house remained attached to a portion of the main decks, and when seas swept it away the captain, his wife, and crew were able to hold their positions though the waves dashed over them frequently and they were obliged to stand in a foot of water, drenched. The wreckage drifted about twenty miles in a southerly direction to defrauded by placing alleged fraudulent insurance policies and using the United States mails to conduct the frauds. Witnesses from all parts of the United States Court to-day readily testified that they had paid premiums on fire insurance which when their homes burned they were unable to collect.

Shortly after the Baltimore fire last winter, E. R. Durvat, one of the victims, complained that he could not collect his insurance, and an investigation was begun which resulted in the arrest of Jacobs and Van Anden. Several other persons who suffered losses in the Baltimore fire have been unable to collect on the policies issued by them. Complainants also have been made from over a hundred different places throughout the country. The Baltimore fire department had refused to reimburse them when presented for

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.

FRAUDULENT INSURANCE.

Witnesses from All Parts of the United States Testify at Baltimore. Baltimore, Dec. 19.—Stephen W. Jacobs and Charles Van Anden to-day pleaded guilty to charges of operating a scheme to defraud by placing alleged fraudulent insurance policies and using the United States mails to conduct the frauds. Witnesses from all parts of the United States Court to-day readily testified that they had paid premiums on fire insurance which when their homes burned they were unable to collect.

Market Reports—The Week.

Table with columns for various market reports including Toronto Farmers' Market, Wheat, and other commodities. Includes prices for different grades of wheat, corn, and other goods.

Toronto Live Stock.

Table listing prices for live stock including hogs, sheep, and cattle. Includes prices for various grades of hogs, sheep, and different types of cattle.

Christmas Presents

Though we do not practice giving Christmas presents,

Our Low Prices

will decidedly make you think we do. **Come and See** us before choosing your Christmas Gifts.

M. SILVER

LEADING CLOTHIER, GENT'S FURNISHER, HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES AND FURS
West Cor. King & Buell, BROCKVILLE

NERVOUS DEBILITY CURED TO STAY CURED

WARNING SIGNALS—Nervousness, bashfulness, poor memory, pimples on the face, aching back, cold feet and hands, no ambition or energy, tired mornings, poor appetite, sympathetic dreams at night, fits of depression, morose and sullen temper, restless and suspicious, specks before the eyes, desire for solitude, inability to fix the attention, etc. **YOU HAVE NERVOUS DEBILITY.** Don't neglect it. It is only a step to paralysis or complete loss of manhood. No matter the cause—whether indiscretion in youth, excesses in manhood or business worries—OUR VITALIZED TREATMENT WILL CURE YOU.



DR. SPINNEY, Founder of Dr. Spinney & Co.

YOU CAN PAY WHEN CURED.
We Cure Varicocele, Strictures, Blood and Skin Diseases, Prostatic Troubles, Urinary, Kidney and Bladder Diseases. Consultation Free. Question List Sent Free For Home Treatment.

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VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAL'S Hair Renewer

Restores the hair, makes it new again, restores the freshness. Just what you need if your hair is faded or turning gray, for it always restores the color. Stops falling hair, also.



THE GREAT PRESERVER AND RAIN EXCLUDER

THE PAINT
has grown steadily in public favor, and is no place more popular than where it was first used. It is a sure and positive cure for leaks in a tin or iron roof, and as a preservative of wood it has no equal. Write for particulars and prices.

ROOFING
We do iron, cement, and gravel roofing and guarantee good work in every case. We sell our paint by the gallon or barrel, or will contract to paint your roof or any woodwork liable to decay. If you want a new roof or an old one repaired, let us hear from you.

The McLaughlin Asphalt Roof Paint Company
BROCKVILLE, ATHENS and MORRISTOWN, N.Y.

ARE YOU A PRISONER?

THOUSANDS of men are prisoners of disease as secretly as though they were confined behind the bars. Many have forged their own chains by the vice of early youth, exposure to contagious disease, or the excesses of manhood. They feel they are not the men they ought to be or used to be. They lack the vim, vigor, and vitality of manhood and are lacking. Are you nervous and dependent? tired in the morning? have you lost interest through the day's work? have you little ambition and energy? are you irritable and excitable? eyes dim and depressed and haggard looking? memory poor and uncertain, dreamy, do you wake back with dreams and losses at night? deposit in urine? weak sexually?—you have

Nervous Debility and Seminal Weakness.
Our NEW METHOD TREATMENT is guaranteed to Cure or No Pay. 25 years in Detroit. Bank Security. Beware of quacks—Consult old established, reliable physicians. Consultation Free. Books Free. Write for Question Blank for Home Treatment.

DRs. Kennedy & Kergan,
149 SHELBY STREET, DETROIT, MICH.

THE ABOVE TRADE-MARK

ON RUBBER FOOT-WEAR HAS BEEN THE DISTINCTIVE SIGN OF QUALITY FOR 50 YEARS.

A FUR SALE



Our assortment of Furs for ladies, gentlemen and children is still complete. We bought a very large stock and owing to backward season we have more goods on hand than we should have on Dec. 14.

This is Your Opportunity

We want to sell every article this month, and the price as well as the high quality of the goods will satisfy your judgment. We wish to avoid carrying over to next season, and so have placed the lowest living price on every garment in order to effect a quick sale. Call and inspect these goods—you will save dollars on every purchase you make here.

BUY NOW

at Springtime prices

By actual test, the saving effected by purchasing a high-grade coat here is about \$20.00.

BOOTS AND SHOES

We are more than usually well prepared to satisfy the demands of our customers for fine footwear.

For Ladies, our line of Goodyear-welt at from \$2.50 to \$3.00 is very popular and splendid value. We have other lines at all prices.

For Men, the Goodyear-welt at from \$2.00 to \$3.50 wears well, fits well, and is thoroughly satisfactory. The famous oil grain Blucher we sell at from \$1.60 to \$2.00.

Children's Boots and Shoes—all grades, all prices—you can fit the little ones here.

A complete line of Rubbers.

General Dry Goods

A brief inspection will serve to convince you that our lines are all new and of exceptionally good value.

PIERCE & WILTSE

FINE POSTER PRINTING

The Reporter

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Commercial and Society Work

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 passed;
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 Abson'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.

THE WEST END GROCERY

Choice Groceries

Always the very latest and best in supplies for the household.
Our goods are all of

Standard Quality

Only lines tested by experience and known to be good are sold here.

Fair Prices and Prompt Delivery

Are rules of this store.
Your patronage invited.

JOHN A. RAPPELL

Dog Astray

A dog came to my premises from Blue Mountain and this 12th November I shut it up awaiting an owner. Owner will be required to pay for this dog's food and expenses.
J. P. FERGUYSON, Yonge Mills

A. M. EATON

AUCTIONEER

Real Estate Agent

Farm and Village Property bought and sold on commission

If you wish to buy or sell, place your order with me. No charge made unless a transfer is effected.

Farm for Sale—200 acres, first-class buildings, well watered, on Perth road, 2 miles from Frankville.

For Sale—Frame dwelling house, good barn and well, one-quarter acre of land on Main St. west, Athens. A bargain.

A. M. EATON, Athens.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

CHRISTMAS

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Round trip tickets will be issued at

SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE

Going Dec. 24, 25 and 26. Return limit Dec. 27, 1904.

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FIRST CLASS FARE & ONE-THIRD

Going Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 1904, and Jan. 1 and 2, 1905. Return limit, Jan. 4, 1905.

For tickets and full information, call at

G. T. Fulford's

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O. J. C. and Yorkshire Boars for Service

I have for service at my farm, near Athens, an Ohio Imported Chester (registered) and a thoroughbred Yorkshire boar.
M. G. BROWN, Athens.

WANTED—Quickly, few persons to represent long established wholesale house among retail merchants and agents. Local territory of few counties. \$15 salary and expenses paid weekly. Expense money advanced. Commission extra. Permanent engagement. Business successful. Previous experience not essential. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Address, SUPERINTENDENT TRAVELERS, 325 Dearborn St., Chicago.

Light on the Cause of Women's Headaches



Women's headaches have different causes. They are often caused by some uterine disorder or run down condition. For such headaches Dr. Hugo's Health Tablets for Women are the best possible cure, but for neuralgia and headache peculiar to women, either sick, nervous or otherwise

Zutoo is a Panacea.

For the monthly pains of women it is indispensable. There is no need to suffer monthly pains with this safe and effective remedy within your reach.

Few women are now using the drug course, which in the end causes palpitation of the heart and diseases of the stomach and nerves. They are using Zutoo instead and avoid the risk.

Ask at Dealers, or by mail postpaid
B. N. ROBINSON & CO., Caledon, Ont.

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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.

After being thoroughly cooked, they are placed on machines designed for the purpose, and either sliced by a powerful knife or cut into slabs about 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.

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 to him and by the Japanese it is not expected that one should utter one's deepest feeling."

Do you catch cold easily? Does the cold hang on? Try Shiloh's Consumption Cure. It cures the most stubborn kind of coughs and colds.

No Windmills in China. Water wheels are fairly common in China, but windmills are practically unknown, though China is by no means a windless country.

Not the Same Person. Dr. William M. Berkeley, of the Porto Rican health board, was in a Pullman car, on his way to St. Louis.

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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.

THE VENEERING INDUSTRY.

Indianapolis. Furnishes Much of the Supply for Cabinetmakers.

"There is a great deal of so-called 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 veneered. This is because a much finer finish can be got from quartered oak veneer than from the solid wood."

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

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.

After being thoroughly cooked, they are placed on machines designed for the purpose, and either sliced by a powerful knife or cut into slabs about one-twentieth of an inch thick.

Indianapolis veneering is sold all over the United States, and has a great demand by car builders and furniture manufacturers, especially oak veneering which is placed on finish motor and chassis woods.

Practically all the buildings were constructed by the colonists. There are tailors, shoemakers, and carpenter shops, also a smithy and a bakery, which supplies the needs of the colonists.

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.

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A NEW WAY OF INTERPRETING.

Now General Booth Talked to the Holland Dutch.

Gen. Booth, head of the Salvation Army, recently made 25 addresses in Holland. He does not talk in Dutch, so was aided by an interpreter.

Repairs. Perhaps your watch does not run as it ought. For about half a century this establishment has made a specialty of skilled watch repairing. A wooden box will be sent on request in which you can forward your time-piece to us.

Keeping Clocks Correct. The Western Union Telegraph Company receives about \$1,000,000 a year for keeping 700,000 clocks correct, charging for so doing \$15 per year for each clock.

Andrew Carnegie's latest purchase, Lea Park, in the south of England, is the place on which the late Whitaker Wright squandered millions when he was in the height of his speculative glory.

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

Ask for the Octagon Box.

WALZING MICE. Queer Little Animals That Dance During Most of Waking Hours.

Walzing 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.

His Honey Was Not There. There is a North Missouri editor who is very fond of honey.

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."

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WANTED, RELIABLE PARTIES TO DO machine knitting at home; good pay; everything found, for full particulars, address Box 33, Erie, Pa.

LIFE INSURANCE CANVASERS ARE invited to write the Star Life Assurance Society (London, Eng.), Toronto, for latest plans and terms; women insured 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, P. concession 4, 100 acres. J. Fisher, 65 St. James Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

LADIES' \$4.50 Winter Suits and Aprons to \$12, also Skirts, Cloaks, styles and cloth samples. 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.

D. H. BASTEDO & CO. 77 King St. East, TORONTO. MANUFACTURERS OF FURS. Everything in Furs at lowest prices. Send for ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE. RAW FURS. We will pay highest New York prices for Mink, Skunk, Coon, Fox, and all other Furs. Send for price list.

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.

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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 antecedents 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 reclamation of all things from death, 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, who, in the year 335, issued an order for an investigation to be made concerning the right day. The chief grounds for the final decision was the information obtained from 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 one 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-

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, Yggdrasil.

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.

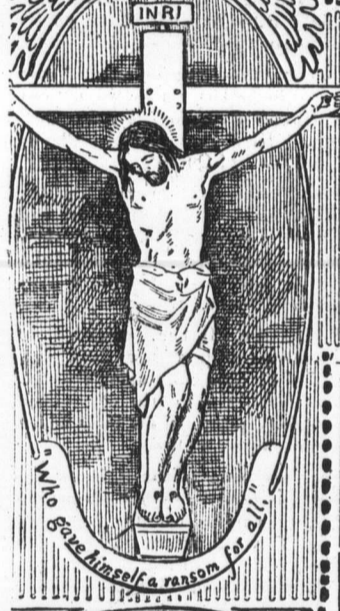
Don't repeat yourself. Don't give to others this year what they did to you last. That is very bad taste.

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 ornamental. She may be "getting on," but she still loves pretty trinkets. Gratify her.

Don't decide not to give to all be-

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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, barefooted 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 is from the 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-scented 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—rub 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.

YULE TIDE OF OUR ANCESTORS

The Yule Doughs or Dooes, 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 only 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 Jonson'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



cause you cannot give handsomely. Good will is the watchword, and good sense will help you to choose lovely gifts for little money.

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Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Born on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angel host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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,"
Blest 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 mortal stone,
Born to give them second birth.

Charles Wesley.

panels, framed in dull black, are artistic in the extreme, and cost very little. Tapestry panel pictures, 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.

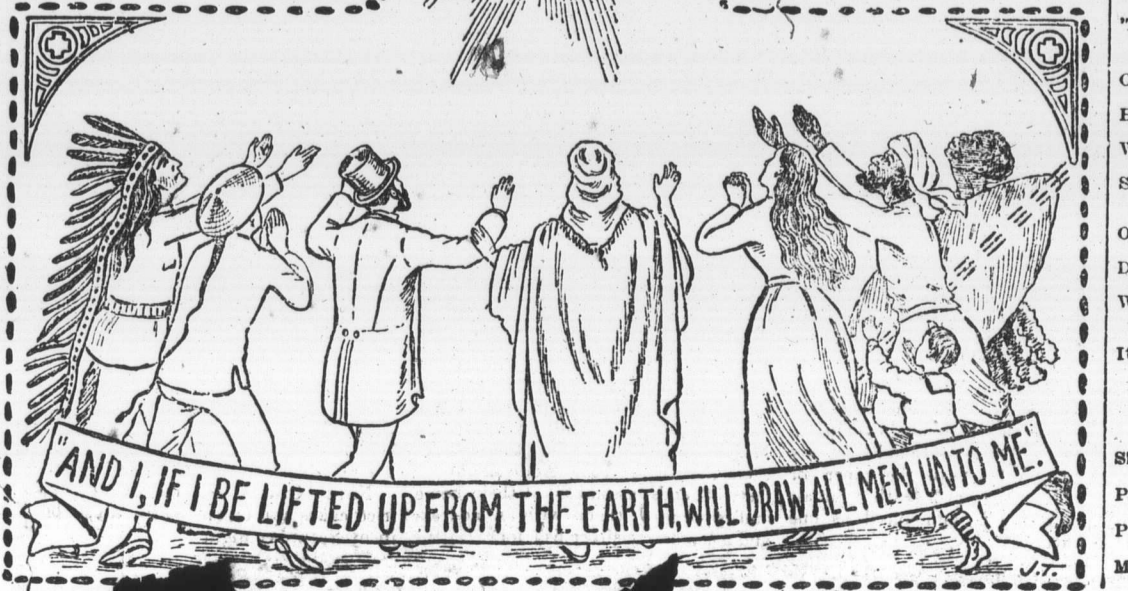
The Yule Log.
Oh, the Yule log snapped and sparkled
Till the red flame quivered high,
Steeping wall and roof and rafter
In its rich and vivid dye,
And around the bowl of wassail
Ran a soft, incessant chime—
'Twas the greybeards' clinking glasses
'To the joy of Christmas time.

Oh, the danc' waxed mad and merry
With the light heels ever chime,
Hands across and down the middle
Went the gayly measure'd tread,
While "Away with Melancholy"
Sung the fiddlers, 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 touch-
ing
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,
Padding in the great pot,
Turkey on the spit,
Merry faces round the fire—
Sorrow! Not a bit!



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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 Brookville.

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 Brookville 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. Algire 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 Kempville 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. Shee, 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 Wilsontown school.

Among the college students who returned home last Friday we noticed Miss Hattie Patterson, Messrs. Geo. Holmes, K. Berney, 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. Bresee. 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 Brookville 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 Brookville 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. Algire, were placed in nomination. On a ballot being taken, Mr. Algire 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 Brookville, 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.

Local option was defeated in Iroquois on Saturday last by five votes. Hotel men have viewed with some little anxiety the local option sentiment that has been manifest recently, and the verdict of Iroquois will be accepted as a very comforting assurance. The number of prohibitionists who like to fight the liquor traffic at long range continues to be very large. The village of Cardinal will vote on the question at the same time as the municipal elections, and if the starch works management want prohibition it will carry.

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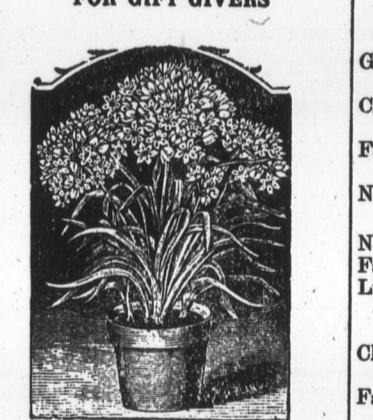
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