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Xmas. Gifts

For the LADIES.

Elegant Fur Capes, Collarettes, Neck Scarfs with Muffs to match, in all the Fashionable Furs. Black Astrachan Jackets, Grey Lamb Jackets with large collar, melon sleeves and full skirt.

For the MEN.

Holiday Hats, Seal Skin Caps, Gloves, Guantlets, Collars, etc.

For the CHILDREN

Grey Lamb Caps, Storm Proof Collars, Muff Guantlets and Capes.

A Large and Comfortable Stock of Mens' Fur Coats—Raccoon, Wolf, Natural Black Dog, Black Matassua Buffalo, Wambat, Gulf Seal and Australian Opossum. 200 Grey Goat Robes will be sacrificed at low prices. See our fine Robes in Musk Ox, Black Matassua Buffalo, etc. Fur trimmings cut on short notice.

Fairweather & Co., Manufacturing Furriers and Leading Hatters.

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The Watchman,

THURSDAY, DEC. 26th, 1895

Selecting Poultry at the market.

An experienced eye can tell a young chicken at a glance, for it has several points of distinction from one that is old. If there are spurs and comb, they are small and undeveloped; the legs are bright and soft instead of dull and scaly as when old, and there are practically no pin feathers on a very young chicken, while an old fowl has a great many, the number being in proportion to the age. The young chickens are usually not very fat, and there is more bone in proportion to the meat than on old ones. When a chicken is more than a year old, it is called a fowl and is in prime condition for roasting until it is from 2 to 3 years old.

Corn Fed Pullets.

Spring pullets intended for winter fowling should be fed much corn. It is a good food for fattening fowls for market, but for developing pullets it is lacking in essential elements. Wheat, oats, sorghum seed, green food of any kind, with liberty to hunt for and capture insects, are the things needed. They require no elaborate bills of fare. Any good sound grain in full rations except corn will do the work effectually. Corn fed pullets will become fat and lazy and will lack in muscular growth, strength and activity.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

How to Make a Pretty Birthday Cake.

If you want to make a pretty birthday cake for a child, select some recipe that is not very rich and make a layer cake. For the filling make a frosting colored a bright pink with cranberry juice and put a thick layer of the frosting on the top and around the sides. You can make it still more attractive by putting the date and name of the child on the top layer in white frosting. To do this make a tiny cone of stiff white paper, pin it and fill with frosting; then let it run in a thin stream from the small end, which you use as a kind of pen to do the writing. It makes a pretty spot on the birthday table to set around the cake as many burning wax candles as the child is years old.

How to Keep Eggs Indefinitely.

When eggs are cheap, get a large butter tub and put in a layer of coarse fine salt, as the grocers call it, at the bottom two or three inches deep, then place the eggs, the large end up, in the salt, being careful not to let the eggs touch each other or the sides of the tub. Cover thickly with salt another layer in the same manner. The tub is full, leaving space at the top, add a good, thick layer of salt; then cover and put in a cool, dry cellar.

ASTOR ON CANADA.

John Jacob Astor Used to Transact a Large Part of His Business in Montreal.

John Jacob Astor, the founder of the Astor family of New York, once had an establishment in Montreal. Astor was born in Heidelberg, in 1763. At the age of 16 he set out for London to seek his fortune, from whence, after a residence of four years, he migrated to America. It had been his intention to pursue in the new world the musical instrument business, a knowledge of which he had acquired while learning with his uncle in London; but learning from a fellow passenger, on the way out, of the fortunes to be made in the fur trade, the bent of his business pursuits was changed. Settling in New York—which at that time, 1783, was in a state of deep financial depression, caused by the seven years' war of independence, just brought to a close—Astor, that he might the more surely gain a knowledge of his chosen business, hired to a Quaker fur trader for the small wages of \$3 per week, retaining the right to dispose of the small stock of musical instruments that he had brought out with him. It was not long before the energetic young German set up for himself. This was, indeed, in a small way, for he traveled through the country bearing his pack on his back. To him the wilds of central and western New York, the haunts of fur-bearing animals, which he soon learned to great profit. But his energy was such that he soon extended his operations into the greater wealth producing wilds of the frozen north and the pathless west. This bringing him into competition with the more extensive Canadian trade, so long centred in Montreal, he determined to "carry the war into Africa," and attack the Canadian fur lords in their stronghold. With this end in view he established a branch in Montreal for purchasing direct from the Indians and trappers. According to law he was not allowed to ship his stock to his headquarters at New York. All shipments from the colonies had to be sent direct to Great Britain. He therefore leased from Frohshire the warehouse on Vaudreuil street where his winter's purchases were stored until they could be shipped by the first vessel sailing to London. Astor came regularly to Montreal to look after his Canadian trade, often stopping a month at a time. While accumulating wealth fast he was still thrifty, for he gave the hotel the go-by and lived in his warehouse, occupying the room formed by turning the gateway into a window. The outward appearance of the Astor warehouse has remained almost unchanged since the days when in it he competed for the Canadian fur trade with the all-powerful Hudson Bay Company. About the beginning of the century the colonial shipping laws were relaxed and colonists could enter into direct foreign trade. Thus Astor, finding little further need for keeping up his Canadian branch, closed up and conducted his western business wholly from New York.

GILBERT PARKER.

He Has Captured the Ear of the Great Metropolis of Britain.

Gilbert Parker, the Canadian novelist, was entertained at Quebec on the occasion of his visit there. Mr. J. M. Lemoine, speaking of Mr. Parker, said: More than once it has been the privilege of Canadians to meet in order to pay honor to a compatriot who had won his spurs on Canadian soil. This evening we meet to join hands and say goodspeed to one of us who has achieved distinction in a far more arduous race beyond the sea—one who has met face to face that censorious, critical British public, one who has stood without awe in presence of that deep prejudice, shall I say the word, that rooted hostility, until of late years, to literary labor bearing the colonial stamp. Mr. Parker, a colonist, has asserted himself fearlessly, successfully, in the very citadel of British thought. In the length and breadth of the British Empire his name now is one to conjure with. You know he will capture the ear, win the good will of the great metropolis of Britain, as well as the admiration of the other younger branch of the English race on this side of the Atlantic. Until lately, among many gifted colonists, one especially, as our literary ambassador abroad, represented Canada, the gifted, versatile Grant Allen, a Kingston boy once, now a renowned novelist of London. Toronto now has sent forth, in her gifted son, Gilbert Parker, a second ambassador to represent abroad the charm of Canadian life, its manhood, its stirring legends, its present aspirations. Gentlemen, I stand up here to-night to voice with you most emphatically your inmost thought, your most cordial greeting, and ask you with brimming glasses to drink "Long life and happiness to Canada's pride, Gilbert Parker."

On the Cattle Ranches.

The fact that nearly 20,000 fat cattle averaging \$40 a head have been shipped from the western ranges this season, establishes cattle raising for the old country markets as the leading industry of the territories. Compared with grain growing or any other branch of farming, cattle ranching stands out pre-eminently as the safest, easiest and most profitable thing that a man in this country can turn his hand to. There is in fact no occupation or industry in Canada that to the industrious man of small capital offers such advantages.

The 4,000 head of stockers that have been shipped in from the east this season furnish an indication of the possibilities open to the rancher. Two year old stockers were laid down in Calgary this fall at \$23 to \$25 a head. Many of these were sold in small lots to men with bands of 25, 50 or a hundred or two head. These eastern cattle being unaccustomed to wintering out will have to be fed during the winter.

of the winter at a cost of a few dollars a head, but next season they will be in shape to be sold as three-year-olds at \$40 each. Yearlings can be bought for \$16 to \$17 now, and after running on the range for a couple of years can be cashed at \$40 each; and all this, be it noted is done by the grass of Southern Alberta, which for its remarkable fattening properties in both winter and summer is peculiar to this section of the northwest.—Calgary Herald.

MANX SUPERSTITIONS.

Peculiar Ideas Entertained by the Natives as to Witches and Witchcraft.

It is curious that in the Isle of Man the term witch or witch is applied to either sex. As a proof of this we may mention that a writer in the *Monist's Herald* newspaper of January 24, 1844, in commenting on a famous witchcraft case which had recently been adjudicated upon, remarked: "According to popular belief if the witch swears he has not done it, and does not wish to do it, he cannot witch again." Another curious and novel idea is that it was supposed to be possible to manufacture a witch. The method of doing so was given to our informant by an old man about the year 1875, who said that he had it from the victim herself, then an old woman. An old woman who had practised witchcraft and charms during a greater part of her life had grown very feeble, and so, being desirous to endow her daughter with similar powers, made her go through the following performance: "A white sheet was laid on the floor, and beside it was placed a tub of clean water. The girl was made to undress and go into the water, and, after thoroughly washing herself, to get out and wrap herself in the sheet. While she stood in the sheet she had to repeat after her mother a number of words, the exact nature of which, as she was in an abject state of terror, she had forgotten, only remembering that their general purport was that she swore to give up all belief in the Almighty's power, and to trust in that of the Evil One instead. The old woman died soon afterwards, but the girl made no attempt to practise the art which she had been taught, and she was supposed to have been bewitched." If cattle were supposed to have been bewitched, it was customary, till quite recently, to burn one of the herd, usually a calf, both for the protection of the others and to detect the bewitcher. For it was supposed that while the animal was being burned he would be certain to appear on the spot, and if he could not get the animal's heart into his possession he lost his power in the future. It was believed that if cattle which died of disease were buried one would be lost for each one so treated. Dust was also efficacious in such cases. Thus, Train remarked that "if a person supposed to have the evil eye passed by a herd of cattle, and one of them were taken suddenly ill, the owner would take the animal to his stall and take the dust from his shoes, if possible, or, if not, from the ground he had just trodden, and apply it to the sick beast; or even if an animal were taken ill without anyone endowed with the evil eye having passed near it, it would probably be cured by the dust from the threshold of a person close by who was notoriously a possessor of the evil eye."—The Antiquary.

How to Use Newspapers in Sweeping. For sweeping a room neatly there is nothing like newspaper aid. Take a page of newspaper at a time, wet it in hot water and squeeze it until it ceases to drip. Tear into small pieces, or the size of your hand and cast them all over the carpet. Then sweep, and most of the dust in the room will be gathered into the paper. On matted use larger pieces of paper, pushing them ahead of the broom to take up any fluff there may be before beginning the regular sweeping.

How to Make Soda Water. Soda water goes by that name because soda used to be employed in its manufacture. Nowadays marble dust is used instead. The substance is placed in a metal tank of great strength, into which sulphuric acid drips drop by drop. Marble dust is a compound of lime and carbonic acid. The action of the sulphuric acid liberates the carbonic acid from the lime in the shape of gas. The carbonic acid gas makes its way out of the tank and is passed through water to purify it. Finally it is forced into ten gallon receptacles containing water. This is done under great pressure, the receptacles being continually agitated meanwhile on a sort of cradle so as to enable the water to take up as much of the gas as possible.

Fresh air, plenty of sleep, good digestion, mental tranquillity, proper clothing and social diversions are requisite agents in securing roundness of contour. The value of water can hardly be estimated. Become a hard drinker if you wish to get fat. Take a drink of water on rising. This rinses out the stomach. If constipated, add a pinch of salt. Cocoa, milk and an average amount of coffee are all right. Eat something every night before retiring. Take a nap every day. Avoid irritating subjects. Bones and a bad temper are almost synonymous. Go to bed early and only rise when you feel that you have slept enough. Let meat occupy a secondary place in your diet. Take frequent warm baths. If you do not care for vegetables, cultivate a taste for them. In fact, live to extract all the sweets of life, and you will find yourself on the road to success.

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XMAS IS COMING.

LATEST DESIGNS IN... Jewel Cases, Work Baskets, Toilette Bottles, Manicure Sets, Perfume Sets, Writing Desks; also Xmas Cards, Dolls, Booklets, Toys, Games, Calendars.

GEO. A. LITTLE'S Book and Stationery Store.

COUNTY OF VICTORIA.

Tenders for Cordwood. Marked tenders for Cordwood will be received by the undersigned until... TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 1895.

At noon, for the delivery of 110 cords of good, sound Birch and Maple body wood, this winter's cut, in the Court House and Gaol yards, Lindsay. Wood to be delivered not later than July next, in lots of not less than 10 cords, to be of quality set factory to Mr. Jackson, Gaoler, and placed and piled under his direct supervision. County Clerk's Office, T. MATCHETT, Lindsay, Dec. 26, 1895.

TO EXCHANGE.

One or two good working horses for cow or young cattle. Apply to R. C. WEBSTER, Lot 20, Con. 2, Fenelon. Glenora P.O., Ont.—484.

ESTRAY SHEEP.

Came into the premises of Malcolm Myles, west half Lot 3, Con. 8, Edon, on or about the middle of November last, seven sheep and lambs. The owner or owners are requested to prove property, pay expenses and take them away. MALCOLM MYLES, Hartley, Dec. 14th, 1895—514.

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Drives the widest horse in Canada in thirty minutes holding without reins. No matter if it takes ten men to drive it. I have taken lessons from all the Horse Educators that have ever been in Canada, and also in the United States, where I have been and I have now invented a new theory of my own, which is much quicker, and no abuse to man or horse. No whip and no muscle required to handle any horse. People having horses they cannot do anything with will find it will pay them well to employ me. There is no fault a horse has that I can not cure. I cure Running away, Kicker, Switcher, or Feels humor without fetters, yoke or blind or side-rein. I also cure horser jerking their heads when driving. Any persons having such horses and requiring my services will find me by writing to W. J. LANG, Janville, Ont.

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received up to FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 1895, for a Cheesemaker for the Cameron Cheese Factory, output of Factory last year over 65,000 pounds. Recommendations must accompany the application. Lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. MANLEY MAYBEE, Sec., Cameron P.O.

TENDERS FOR WOOD.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 1895, for 85 cords, 2 feet long, and 125 cords, 4 feet long, of Beech and Maple; also 25 Cords Dry Cedar, 4 feet long, for School purposes. To be delivered where required. No Tender for less than 15 cords will be received. J. STAPLES, Chairman, Managing Committee, Lindsay, Dec. 18th, 1895.—504.

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A Pair of Skates, set of Carvers, in or out of case, Pen Knife, Carved Bread Boards, Nice Tea Trays, Christmas Bread Knife, Tea Bells, Pair of Scissors, Set of Table Mats, Set Laundry Irons, Pair of Mitts, set "1847 Rogers Bros. Art" Knives and Forks, String of Sleigh Bells, or dozens of other articles which we are offering at Bargains.

Acme Skates, Hockey Skates, Skate Straps, Skate Repairs.

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Of the best English and American makes. Napcut Edge, Silver Knives are warranted.

SPECIALLY LOW

Cattle Ties, 7c.; Axes, 50c.; Lanterns, 40c.; Whips, 10c.; Steel Curry Combs, 10c.; Weather Strip, 2c. per foot; Cross Cut Saws, 5 1/2 feet for \$2.50; Buck Saws, 40c.; Shovel, 25c.; Oil Tanned Lined Leather Mitts, 25c. per pair; Skates at 10c. pair; Hand Saws, 60c.; Nail Hammer, 20c.; Butcher Knife, 10c.; Cross Cut Saw File, 10c.; Good Double Barrell Muzzle Loading Gun \$7.50, worth more money. Iron and Steel, Horse Shoes and Heavy Hardware.

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As for QUALITY, there is no better. Experience and Buying count every time, and are any SNAPS to be had wholesale markets CAMPEL gets them. If you are not a customer of this store you should be. Losing Money every day remain away.

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Family Grocer.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

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Tickets will be sold at

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Good to go on Dec. 24 and 25 and return Dec. 26. Also at

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Good to go Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 and return not later than Jan. 7, '96.

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Ladies' and Gents' Cases, Manicure Sets, Fancy Work Boxes, etc., etc.

Belonging to the Bankrupt recently bought by him, as he does not intend keeping this stock.

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H. J. LYTL, Fenelon Falls, Dec. 10th, 1895.



ADRIAN C. ANSON... THE ONLY OLD TIME... One Hundred Players... 1876 Anson Alone Remains... He Does Not Smoke... Expects to Play in 1900... of the most unique sporting world today is Adrian C. Anson. He is an object of prominence. He is the first man who has been started in baseball. There have been many men, Corbett and other, but none for a long time in which the final act in a racing season was "Fair" and "The Spectator" and "Runaway" attempt of an American. The scenes of a baseball game for a comedy drama. Anson was re-elected in Hort's equally novel. I had a brief chat with him as a ball player and a place he holds at a professional baseball club.

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