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An Ancaster Snake Story

A YOUNG GIRL BITTEN BY A MILK SNAKE.

It is very seldom that the newspapers of the Dominion are called upon to chronicle a genuine snake story. However a genuine one comes from Ancaster this week, the victim being a young girl named Lucy Smith, residing near the village of Ancaster, and the reptile one of those hideous, yellow spotted monsters known as milk snakes. The girl Lucy had gone out in the morning with her pail, for the purpose of picking huckleberries. Her feet and ankles were quite bare, but Lucy, like most young country girls, was hardy and strong, and picked her way through the brambles with as much grace and courage as an Indian. All she remembered of her misfortune is, that as she was walking through some burdocks she stepped upon something soft, slimy and crawling, and on feeling a stinging sensation in her ankle like the touch of a thistle, looked down, and to her inexpressible horror beheld a huge milk snake of extraordinary proportions twining itself about her leg and striking at it with distended hood and jaws. She remembered nothing more than that she screamed until she found herself in her own bed at home. Fortunately at the time of her adventure several men were working in an oat field near by, and having seen the girl go into the berry patch, and hearing shortly afterwards a piercing scream, which told of fear, repugnance and agony as plainly as words could have done, they hastened into the patch, and after a search of half an hour gave it up as a bad job, arguing that the girl had probably been stung by a wasp or some other venomous insect, and had left the patch by some other obscure way. After the men had gone back to their work three little girls entered the patch for the purpose of picking berries. They, too, shortly afterward commenced to scream, one after another, and ran into the field where the men were working, when one of the girls fell down in a fit. The others told the men as well as they could through their fear and excitement, that Lucy Smith was lying in the berry patch, and that a big worm had killed her and was eating her up. They immediately hastened into the patch, where they beheld a sight which was enough to make the blood of the strongest man run cold. There lay the unfortunate girl in a dead swoon and in her lap lay a large milk snake which was very jealous of its prey. The conduct of the hideous reptile as the men approached was peculiar in the extreme. With its hood and head distended, its red jaws wide open, its long supple tongue striking maliciously right and left, it ran around its victim almost erect on its tail, hissing savagely and making that strange grinding noise which is possessed by one reptile of the snake family—the milk snake. Rage, jealousy and excitement had made the creature supple as a cat so that it was almost impossible to strike it with a stone, besides the men were afraid to throw with any force from a fear of striking the prostrate and helpless child. Sometimes the snake charged with such rapidity and fury that the men were forced to retreat, when the creature would return to its victim and coil itself up in her lap. Fortunately, a neighbor seeing the disturbance arrived with a pitchfork and succeeded in transfixing the snake, which measured 3 ft. 2 in. in length and 7 in. in circumference at the largest part of its body. The unfortunate girl was carried home, when it was found that her leg was terribly swollen and of a spotted green color like that of the snake itself. The mother of the child, without the slightest hesitation commenced to suck the wound, and soon reduced the swelling and drove away the color, after which a drawing of red cabbage was applied, and ere morning all signs of swelling had disappeared. The girl has now thoroughly recovered, and has sustained no serious injuries save a shock of the nervous system from which her young frame will soon recover.—*Spectator.*

Woodstock is agitated over the cow nuisance. A whole herd got into one of the villagers' garden patches one fine night recently, and after devouring all that was devourable, was captured. The outraged citizens impounded the animals and filed a bill of damages. The award in his favor was $14. And now the *Sentinel* thinks it is time that the Council should grapple with the "Cow Nuisance."

A Lady On Canadian Nationality.

"If the Canadian people will honorably unite in carrying out measures proposed by the Government for the good of the country irrespective of self interest and party prejudice, they must before the close of the present century become a great and prosperous people, bearing their own flag, and enjoying their own nationality."

The above is an extract from the introduction to a late edition of Mrs Moodie's well known work "Forest Life in Canada," and was written so recently as 1871. Here surely is treason to the old flag; treason to the hoary creed of party government; and a positive advocacy of a new nationality; and the wonder is that the lynx eyes of the *Globe* and *Mail* editors had not discovered the paragraph and shot forth glances of sternest denunciations of both the book and its author. Perhaps though, they do not consider the fair and talented writer "a foeman worthy of their steel." Perhaps they think that a lady's ideas on political matters are of no account, especially when she denounces "self interest and party prejudice," for these are the very life blood of the party organ and the professional political partizan. In this matter we confess to being somewhat conservative ourself; for we are of those who think that ladies like clegymen, should stand aloof from the demoralizing influence of partizan warfare. As we hold that no clergyman can ally himself with either of the parties now contending for the privilege of ruling the country without derogating from the respect due to his sacred office, so we believe that the lady who become a partizan steps out of her proper place. But this is not what Mrs. Moodie has done. Taking her stand on a higher plane, she sees and correctly estimates the effect on our country's future of the unrestrained influence of self-interest and party prejudice. She sees that these things dwarf the growth of genuine patriotism, and prevent the developement of those higher sentiments of nationality which it is the duty of every Canadian to seduously cultivate. We do not suppose that Mrs. Moodie foreshadows in the paragraph quoted, a national existence for Canada separate from and independant of Great Britain. She certainly speaks of a relation differing from that of the merely colonial days—a relation which, as we view it, will give at the same time ample scope for the development of a national feeling, and for the exercise of that love of the Mother Land which we should be sorry to see Canadians ever lose.

Commending the extract quoted above to the attention of our brethern of the partizan press, we drop for the present the discussion of the subject.—*Meaford Monitor.*

COLE DISCOVERED.—Our readers will remember that some time since an account appeared in THE FREE PRESS of the absconding of Cole, a merchant of Owen Sound, from that place, taking with him about $30,000 belonging to Molson's Bank. He was followed to Plymouth, Michigan, by Mr. Murdoch, commission merchant of Toronto, where he was arrested and taken to Detroit, where he was committed for trial. Subsequently Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Z Lash, also of Toronto, attended the trial, and they have been so far successful that they have got him to disgorge about $10,500 of their money he took with him. They had him arrested, and by means of threats and persuasions prevailed on him at last to give up his stolen property, on condition that no further steps would be taken against him, but that he would be allowed to return to Canada in safety, if he so wished. He said that all the money he had taken with him was $13,000, of which $8,000 was invested in the farm, $2,500 he was allowed to keep, and he gave up $2,500. He positively refused at first to assign the farm over, but at last was prevailed on to do so. He said he had lost $10,000 since he came to Owen Sound, which story his creditors may believe if they like. He also said he had no thought of running away till within three weeks of his doing so. Mrs. Cole was visited by one of the firm of Morrison, Taylor & Co., of Toronto, and their persuasions had a good effect in procuring a surrender. Having done so much Cole promised to come over if necessary and prove any accounts which might require proof. It is estimated that the estate will realize somewhere about seventy-five cents on the dollar.

Efforts have again been made to induce Mr. John Bright to come to the United States and lecture. He was offered a blank check to fill with any sum he pleased, if he would come but he declined.

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B. & E. NICKLIN, Proprietors.
Flour and Feed always on hand, wholesale and retail. Gristing and Chopping Daily. Cash for all kinds of Grain.

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Mill Street, ACTON.
DEALER IN
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Boots and Shoes,
Wall Paper,
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Glassware,
Nails,
Glass,
Putty.
Linseed Oil, Raw & Boiled
Paints,
Turpentine,
Machine Oil,
Coal Oil,
Salt, etc.
ALSO
PARIS GREEN & HELLEBORE
For the Destruction of Potato Bugs, Caterpillars and other insects.
The subscriber begs to return his thanks to the inhabitants of Acton and surrounding country for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, and at the same time solicit their further support.
N.B.—Cash Paid for Hides delivered.
Acton, July 1st 1875. C. T. HILL.

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LIVERY & SALE STABLE
J. P. ALLAN
Takes pleasure in announcing to the public generally that he is prepared to furnish
First-class Horses and Carriages
At Reasonable Rates.
His Rigs and Horses are the best that can be had, and he is determined not to be surpassed by any City Stable.
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WM. STEWART & CO.,
WYNDHAM STREET,
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Are now selling their Splendid Stock of DRY GOODS at
GREATLY REDUCED PRICES
Preparatory to removing to more extensive and commodious premises.
Their old friends in Acton and vicinity are specially invited to call and participate in the bargains now offered.
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CHARLES DEAN
Has much pleasure in announcing to the people of Acton and surrounding country that he is now prepared to supply customers with everything in the line of
HARNESS,
SADDLES,
TRUNKS,
WHIPS,
HORSE CLOTHING, Etc.
Prices to Suit the Times.
All Work Warranted.
Collars made a specialty.
Give him a call and he will do you good.
Acton, July 1, 1875.

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DEALER IN
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CHEMICALS,
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Acton, July, 1875. Medical Hall, Acton.

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P. S. ARMSTRONG,
Acton, June 8th, 1875.

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AND
Young Ladies Journal
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CHEAP BOOKSTORE.
On East side Wyndham Street,
GUELPH.

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ACTON,
Wholesale Manufacturer of
COLLARS,
DEALER IN
Saddles,
Harness,
Trunks,
Valises,
Travelling Bags,
Horse Clothing,
Whips,
Combs
And Brushes
All orders given into our hands will be strictly attended to, and warranted to give satisfaction, as we employ none but the best workmen and material.
COLLARS warranted to give satisfaction, as they are of our own manufacture.
REPAIRING
Of all kinds done with neatness and on the shortest notice.
All who require goods in our line will do well to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.
Remember the Stand—
R. CREECH, Acton.
July 1, 1875.

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Of every description
In the best and most attractive styles,
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During any part of the day, in all kinds of weather.
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Having lately purchased another very valuable instrument second to none in the country I am enabled to produce work any size, from the ordinary card picture to Life.
In Copying and Enlarging,
Any size can be obtained and finished in India Ink, Water Colors, Crayon or Plain, and in the highest style of the art.
I would again remind the public that I have constantly in stock a large assortment of
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which will be sold at the lowest prices.
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JAMES G. HILL,
July 1, 1875. Photo.

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Millinery,
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Dress, and
Fancy Goods,
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Toys, &c., &c.
Don't fail to go to The Emporium. The above lines you will find complete.
MILLINERY A SPECIALITY.
Call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.
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Acton, July 1st, 1875—6m.

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DAY'S
BOOKSTORE.
Young Ladies' Journal for Sept.
Bow Bells for September.
Every Week for September.
London Journal for August.
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Day Sells Cheap.

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Manufacturers of
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Doors,
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And other Building Requisites
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Lumber Planed and Dressed to order in the best manner.
All work guaranteed.
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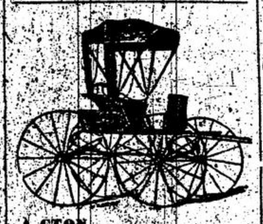

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Wagons,
Carriages,
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Kept in stock and made to Order on the Shortest Notice.
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KENNEDY BROTHERS,
Who are selling off the balance of their immense stock at
GREAT REDUCTION FOR CASH,
In order to make room for their Fall Goods.
Don't fail to secure some of the unheard of bargains that they are now offering in
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Great Bargains may be always had for Cash or Produce.
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Highest price paid for all kinds of Produce
Call and Examine our Stock.
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In order to make room for our Fall importations, and to ease our fixtures of loads of Dry Goods, and on account of the scarcity of money, we have determined on a more sweeping, energetic and
CHEAPER CLEARING SALE
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MUSLINS from five cents upwards.
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July 1, 1875.