Suffocation by Oil Lamps.

At Bakerfield, on Christmas night, two young ladies named Brady came near losing their lives from suffocation by gas generated from a kerosene lamp. One of the girls worked at the house of H. J. Arrington, and her sister was staying over night with her. Some time during the night one of them got up to get something to relieve a tooth-ache; and when she went back to bed she turned down her lamp, instead of putting it out. In the morning when Mr. Arrington called the girls he could get no answer, and he called a second and a third time. The last time he pounded on the door and made so much noise that one of the girls was awakened, and she, though weak, managed to open the door. Her sister was unconscious, and was aroused with difficulty. It was a narrow escape for them; and this case should be a warning to people who are in the habit of turning down kerosene lamps.—*St. Allan's Paper.*

To the above the Montreal *Witness* adds the following remarks:

Suffocation is not the only danger from turning down wicks of coal oil lamps. The coal oil contained fills the air full of carbon or lamp black, which soils everything in the room, besides being drawn into the lungs and lodged in the eyes and nose. Another more serious evil is the great danger of explosion. When the lamp is turned down, the cap becomes hot because the draft is interrupted, and vapor of the oil takes fire from the wick, followed by explosion of the lamp. Several very destructive fires have been traced to this cause. The lamp should be put out by blowing across the top of the chimney. It is not economy to turn low down a coal oil lamp. More oil is consumed than when in full blast. In the use of coal oil, gas, gasoline, or tallow dips, "eternal vigilance is the price of safety." It would be a very desirable thing for teachers in the common schools to give a few practical lectures on the nature of coal oil and gas, how to manage fires, and how to treat the drowned and faint. If ten lives are saved in one year by such an education, it is worth the trouble.

Events in Britain's History.

The Historic Ministries of the last half century have each been distinguished by some great work accomplished. The Duke of Wellington's Ministry of 1828 saw Catholic Emancipation decreed; Earl Grey's Government of 1830 will be ever memorable for the passing of the Reform Bill; Lord Melbourne's Ministry of 1834 gave the people the New Poor Law; his second Administration is distinguished in the pages of history by the great measure of Municipal Corporation Reform; Sir Robert Peel's Government of 1841 witnessed the repeal of the Corn Laws; Lord Derby's third Ministry took a leap in the dark, and established Household Suffrage; whilst in Mr. Gladstone's brilliant rule of six years the Irish Land Act, the Irish Church Act, the Education Act, the Ballot Act, the Abolition of Purchase in the Army, jostle each other for pre-eminence. These were in their way great achievements—heroic measures. It is not for lack of daring or capacity that Mr. Disraeli has turned aside from the path of adventure in similar latitudes. You will find the mark of his hand more or less lightly written on each of the measures noted, and for one he is chiefly, if not absolutely, responsible. But with a humility that is touching, and a lowness that is not without its dignity, he has in these latter years elected to be the Cinderella of the bright succession of Premiers, and whilst others of his kin have haunted in the upper rooms and taken daring and dangerous flights along the housetops, he is content to work in the kitchen, upon what, in household phraseology, is comprehensively described as "doing the cleaning up."

GRAINS OF GOLD.

Social rules are no criterion; our own conscience is the only umpire.

Women are never cowards for others, though timid for themselves.

It is not a man's pedigree which we should care for, but only his virtues.

While we are inclined to forgive too little, we are apt to forget too much.

Exercise the most liberal charity to others, but very little towards yourself.

Advice, though dispensed wholesale, is received but in very small doses.

Adversity is a great educator, and teaches more truly than all the schools.

Natural actions are always graceful. It is affectation which mars our manners.

Preachers too often attack the branches, in place of the roots of the tree of evil.

Old age is often beautiful, and properly so, for it is the childhood of immortality.

Exaggeration is the rule. We are neither so happy nor so wretched as we think.

Genius is the gold in the mine; talent is the miner who works and brings it out.

EXTENSION OF BUSINESS.

GRAND CLEARING SALE

AT

"THE GOLDEN LION,"

GUELPH

Having arranged for extending my already by far the largest business in Western Ontario, I have determined to reduce my Stock, at present over one hundred thousand dollars, so as to enable me, early in the spring, to make the needed alterations and improvements in my store.

This extensive sale, the most wonderful ever seen in Guelph, is creating quite an excitement, being no newspaper humbug. It must be done, and the Lion will do it. Notice some of the reduced prices:

Striped Silk at 25c a yard.
Striped and Plain Lustres worth 50c for $1.
The very best Silk made now, at 62½c, worth $1,
A beautiful Stock of Furs at $1 a set.

$2,000 worth of new Fancy Clouds, Scarfs, Sontags, Madeline Squares, at greatly reduced prices. Ladies, see those goods, the finest in Guelph.

In Men's Wear, we are selling the best Tweed for 70c, worth $1. Heavy Fulled Grey at 37½c, worth 70c. Home Made Flannel, sold all over at 50c, reduced at this sale to 30c. It is impossible to speak of all this large stock. Suffice it to say all is reduced in price. So bring your cash to the Lion, and reap the advantages.

J. D. WILLIAMSON,

See the Golden Lion over the door.

New Goods

CONSTANTLY ARRIVING AT THE

CENTRAL EMPORIUM,

MILL STREET, ACTON.

J. W. MANN'S

Winter Stock of

DRY GOODS

AND READY-MADE CLOTHING

Is now

SELLING OFF

At GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

GREAT BARGAINS!

Are offered for cash or produce.

In Groceries, Crockery and Glassware

Will be found a complete assortment of the best quality.

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Acton, Dec. 29, 1875.

Steam Carriage AND Wagon Works

MAIN STREET, ACTON.

MICHAEL SPEIGHT,

General Blacksmith, Carriage and Wagon Maker.

Best Horse-Shoers in the County

Perfect satisfaction guaranteed or no price charged.

FIRST-CLASS PLOWS

AND

COLLARD'S PATENT IRON HARROWS

Always on hand.

A Good Stock of Carriages and Wagons.

REPAIRING promptly and properly attended to.

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DR. ROBERTS'

Celebrated Ointment

CALLED THE

POOR MAN'S FRIEND,

is confidently recommended to the Public as an unfailing remedy for wounds of every description; a certain cure for Ulcerated Sore Legs, even of twenty years' standing; Cuts, Burns, Scalds, Bruises, Chilblains, Scorbutic Eruptions, and Pimples on the Face, Sore and inflamed Eyes, Sore Heads, Sore Breasts, Piles, Fistula, and Cancerous Humours, and is a Specific for those afflicting Eruptions that sometimes follow vaccination. Sold in Pots at 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. each.

Dr. Roberts' Pilula Antiscrophula

OR ALTERNATIVE PILLS, confirmed by sixty years' experience to be one of the best medicines ever compounded for purifying the blood, and assisting Nature in her operations. Hence they are useful in Scrofula, Scorbutic Complaints, Glandular Swellings, particularly those of the Neck, &c. They form a mild and superior Family Aperient, which may be taken at all times without confinement or change of diet. Sold in Boxes at 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., 11s. and 22s. each.

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BEACH AND BARNICOTT

AT THEIR

DISPENSARY, BRIDPORT, ENGLAND,

and by all respectable Medicine Vendors.

JOB PRINTING of all kinds neatly and promptly executed at the

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The subscriber begs to announce to the inhabitants of Acton and vicinity that he has commenced the harness business in the

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MILL STREET, ACTON,

where he is prepared to turn out work second to none in the Dominion, as cheap as the cheapest, and on the shortest possible notice. I have on hand a large and well selected stock of

Horse Blankets, Whips, Brushes, Combs, Trunks, etc.

Repairing promptly attended to. Give me a call and be convinced.

J. F. DEMPSEY

Acton, Nov. 25, 1875.

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One hundred acres of land, well wooded, being the east half of Lot 21, in the 3rd Concession, in the Township of Esquesing. For particulars address

THOMAS GARVIN,

Erin P.O., Ont., Nov. 30, 1875.

Another Reduction in Price!

AT

D. McNAIR'S

IN

MILLINERY & FANCY GOODS

Call and see our beautiful stock of

Woolen Goods, Millinery, Dress Goods,
Children's Suits, Haberdashery,
Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods,
Toilet Articles, Toys,
Berlin Wool, etc., etc.

Also a nice stock of **JEWELERY** to be sold off very low.

HOLIDAY GOODS

In great variety, just received, to be rushed off at extraordinary low prices

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, etc., taken in exchange for goods.

Acton, Nov. 17, 1875.

ANOTHER LOT OF

PLATED WARE

OPENING AT

McBean & Co's,

UP-TOWN HARDWARE STORE

Designed for the

Christmas Season.

A LINE OF

BEAUTIFUL LAMPS

AT PRICES UNPARALLED IN GUELPH

AT

A. McBEAN & CO.'S.

Alma Block, Guelph, Dec. 18, 1875

NEW FALL GOODS

ARRIVING DAILY AT

DICKSON & McNAB'S.

Do not fail to visit the

EAST END

And examine those piles of

WINCEYS, ranging from 10 cents upwards,

Also those COTTONS, all best Canadian makes, ranging from 8 cents upwards.

FLANNELS, from 25 cents upwards.

And other Staple and Fancy Dry Goods in proportion.

DICKSON & McNAB.

Acton, Sept. 23, 1875.

MONEY WANTED.

BOOTS AND SHOES

AT PANIC PRICES.

KENNEDY BROTHERS,

Have just received their

Fall Stock of Boots and Shoes,

And are determined to continue to sell cheaper than the cheapest, and better value for your money than can be had elsewhere.

Call and See for Yourselves and bring your Friends with you.

Examine our stock which comprises everything in the trade of the latest and most elegant styles and patterns of English, Canadian and American manufacture.

☞ Orders promptly executed and good fits guaranteed. ☜

N.B.—All accounts must be settled this month.

KENNEDY BROS.

Acton Nov. 4, 1875.

ACTON

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.

Acton July 1st, 1875.

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Mill Street, ACTON,

DEALER IN

General Groceries,

Boots and Shoes,

Wall Paper,

Window Blinds,

Crockery,

Glassware,

Nails,

Glass,

Putty.

Linseed Oil, Raw & Boiled

Paints,

Turpentine,

Machine Oil,

Coal Oil,

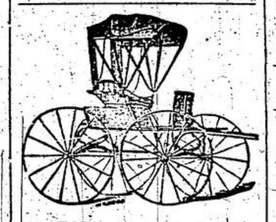
Salt, etc.

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.

C T HILL.

Acton, July 1st 1875.



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Wagons,
Carriages,
Sleighs,
Cutters, &c.

Kept in stock and made to Order on the Shortest Notice.

Strict attention paid to

Horse-Shoeing & General Jobbing

and satisfaction guaranteed.

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Of every description

In the best and most attractive styles,

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(In Matthew's New Building)

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FALL AND WINTER STOCK

which is now complete, is larger, better assorted, more attractive and cheaper than ever before, comprising in part

Tweeds, Overcoatings, Dress Goods, in French Merinos, Coburgs, All Wool Plaids, Black and Colored Lustres, in Plain and Figured Flannels, Wincoys, Shirts, Shirtings, Undershirts and Drawers, Felt Skirts, Shawls, Blankets, All Wool Table Covers, (very pretty patterns), Clouds, Mufflers, Hosiery, Gloves, Hollands, Table Linens, Towels, Towelings, Factory and Bleached Cottons, Ladies' Linen Sets, Ladies' and Gents' Ties, &c., &c.,

and a very good stock of

BOYS' AND MENS' HATS AND CAPS,

together with

Groceries, Crockery & Glassware

☞ Call early and secure bargains.

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A large stock of Boots and Shoes, of the very best manufacture, has just been received at

CRAINE & SON'S

NEW BOOT & SHOE STORE,

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A full line of all sizes for

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN,

Will be found to select from, at prices as low as can be had anywhere.

☞ **Call and See Us.** ☜

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CUSTOM WORK,

which at all times receives our careful personal supervision. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed.

Repairing neatly and promptly attended to.

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Acton, Sept. 28, 1875.

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POST OFFICE STORE

ACTON

Having adopted the

READY PAY SYSTEM,

And discount for cash of

EIGHT CENTS ON THE DOLLAR,

for three months past, would take this opportunity of stating that the

System Has Proved Most Satisfactory

To my numerous customers and also to myself, I will continue to

Sell Goods as Low as any House in the Trade

Doing a Credit Business, and will give the

8 PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

Customers will no doubt avail themselves of the discount. I am fully satisfied of success, and satisfaction to all concerned, in the cash and discount system.

Prompt paying monthly customers considered as cash, and will get the discount.

Cash for all Kinds of Produce.

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