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THE OLD YEAR'S REMONSTRANCE.

The old year lay on his death-bed lone,
And ere he died he spoke to me,
Low and solemn in under tone,
Mournfully, reproachfully.
The fading eyes of his snow-white head
Shone bright the white beneath:
These were the words the Old Year said—
I shall never forget them while I breathe:

"Did you not promise when I was born"
(Sadly he spoke, and not in ire)
"To treat me kindly—not to scorn—
And to pay the debts you owed my sire?
Did you not vow with an earnest heart,
Your unconsider'd hours to hive?
And to throw no day in waste away
Of my three hundred and sixty-five?

"Did you not swear to your secret self,
Before my beard was a second old,
That, whatever you'd done to my father gone,
You'd prize my minutes more than gold?
Did you not own with a keen regret,
That the past was a time of waste and sin;
But that with me, untainted yet,
Wisdom and duty should begin?

"Did you not oft the vow renew
That never with me should folly dwell:
That, however Fate might deal with you,
You'd prize me much, and use me well?
That never a deed of scorn or wrath,
Or thought unjust of your fellow-man,
Should, while I lived, obscure your path,
Or enter in your heart again?

"Did you not fail—but my tongue is weak,
Your sad short-comings to recall,"
And the Old Year sobbed—he could not speak—
He turned his thin face to the wall.
"Old Year! Old Year! I've done you wrong—
Hear my repentance ere you die!
Linger awhile!" Ding-dong, ding-dong—
The joy-bells drowned his parting sigh.

"Old Year! Old Year!" He could not hear,
He yielded placidly his breath.
I loved him little while he was here,
I prized him dearly after death.
New Year! now smiling at my side,
Most bitterly the past I rue,
I've learned a lesson since he died;
I'll lead a better life with you.

Vennor's Weather Prophecies.

The weather prophecy of Mr. Vennor, of Montreal, issued in October last, has proved so remarkably correct thus far, that it is worth republishing:

Every prospect of an early, wet and most disagreeable autumn; snow will probably come early, but will not remain, and there will be mud and slush long after the date at which last year the ground was frozen and covered with snow. Severe weather will not set in until late in January, and consequently our chief rivers and streams will be open to an unusually late period. Indian summer may be represented by a day or two, or at most a week, of bright weather, but this in all probability will not come together, but rather be scattered in the form of an occasional fair day during a miserable October. The winter having set in (this will be late), it will not be severe, but will be distinguished throughout by frequent falls both of rain and snow, the one about equalling the other. The season, consequently, will be the reverse of clear and bright, and boots and rubbers, rather than mocassins, will be the order of the day. Christmas and New Year bid fair to be signalized by abundance of rain and stormy, sleety weather. The greatest amount of snow will fall towards latter end of the winter, and the spring of 1876 will be unusually backward, extending in all probability late in May. In fine the winter of 1875-76 will be the very reverse of that of 1874-75, that is, long, mild and dreary, rather than short, severe and cheering. High winds will also, in all probability, form a distinguishing feature.

Who is most likely to divulge the secrets of a bank?—The teller.

We should not forget that life is a flower, which is no sooner fully blown than it begins to wither.

It is very indiscreet and troublesome ambition which cares so much about fame; about what the world says of us; to be always looking in the faces of others for approval; to be always anxious about the effect of what we do or say; to be always shouting to hear the echoes of our own voices.

The young man who offers to stop drinking and chewing if his girl will marry him, will, in less than a year after marriage, tell her that he sold himself for fifty cents on the dollar, and she will reply that she paid twenty-five per cent too high for him.

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CHOICE ARTICLES
SUITED FOR
CHRISTMAS
PRESENTS
AT DAY'S
BOOKSTORE.
GUELPH.

Fine Books,
Work Boxes,
Desks,
Jewel Cases
Dressing Cases
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Juvenile Goods,
Dolls, Dolls,
Fine Bibles,
Prayer Books,
etc., etc., etc.,
Big Stock of Fancy Goods.

The Finest and Cheapest Stock of Goods ever seen in Guelph.

$10 Worth of Choice New Goods for $6 at
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Wm. Stewart & Co.

WYNDHAM STREET.

GUELPH.

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Special Lines in Cheap Jackets.

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Special Lines of Cheap Cottons.

Special Lines of Cheap Silks.

Special Lines of Cheap Flannels.

Special Lines of Cheap Blankets.

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A Special Lot of Cheap Tweeds.

A Special Lot of Winceys, Cheap.

Black Lustres, Special Value.

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GUELPH ARMORY.

ALSO

Gold, Silver & Nickel Plating Works,
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John Kirkham, Prop.,
Manufacturer and Importer of
Breech and Muzzle Loading Rifles, Shot Guns, &c.
Revolvers of all descriptions always on hand.

AMMUNITION FOR ALL BREECH LOADING ARMS.

Eley & Kynoch's Cartridge Cases and Caps for re-loading same. Re-loaders, Re-cappers, Cap Ejectors, Curlers, and Creasers, Cleaning Rods, and all articles necessary for a Sportsman's outfit.

All sorts of Repairing and Jobbing executed on the shortest notice at
143 Quebec Street.
JOHN KIRKHAM.

Rifle Gallery on the premises open from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 p.m.

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.

Acton Nov. 4, 1875. KENNEDY BROS.

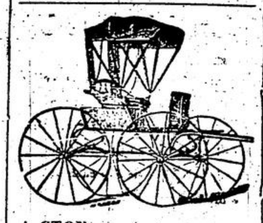
ACTON
LIVERY & SALE STABLE
J. P. ALLAN

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.

C. T. HILL,
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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JAMES RYDER, Proprietor.

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.
Acton July 1st, 1875.

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Of every description
In the best and most attractive styles,
promptly executed at the
FREE PRESS OFFICE,
(In Matthew's New Buildings)
ACTON.
J. H. HACKING, Proprietor.

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.
Acton, Dec. 29, 1875. J. W. MANN.

DOMINION EMPORIUM.
ACTON.
C. M. SCOTT'S
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, Cobourgs, All Wool Plaids, Black and Colored Lustres, in Plain and Figured Flannels, Winceys, Shirts, Shirtings, Undershirts and Drawers, Felt Skirts, Shawls, Blankets, All Wool Table Covers, (very pretty patterns), Clouds, Mufflers, Hosiery, Gloves, Hollands, Table Linens, Towels, Towellings, 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.
Acton, Oct. 26, 1875. G. M. SCOTT.

Boots and Shoes

A large stock of Boots and Shoes, of the very best manufacture, has just been received at
CRAINE & SON'S
NEW BOOT & SHOE STORE,
MILL STREET, ACTON.
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. ☜
Special attention is called to our
CUSTOM WORK,
which at all times receives our careful personal supervision. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed.
Repairing neatly and promptly attended to.
Acton, Sept. 28, 1875. CRAINE & SON.

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.
Acton, July 1, 1875.

ALL KINDS OF
BOOK AND JOB PRINTING
PROMPTLY EXECUTED AT
THE FREE PRESS OFFICE.

Beware of Counterfeits.

For the protection of the public of both North America, I deem it my duty to state that my PILLS AND OINTMENT are neither manufactured nor sold in any part of the UNITED STATES.

Each Pot and Box bears the "British Government Stamp," with the words "HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT, LONDON," engraved thereon. On the label is the address, 533 OXFORD STREET, LONDON.

This notice has become necessary, in consequence of vile and spurious imitations of "Holloway's Pills and Ointment" being fabricated at [illegible] York, by [illegible] en Lane, New [illegible] ties styling [illegible] "Holloway & Co." will all assuredly [illegible] thus—

Unprincipled vendors can obtain a trash at a very low price, and so deceive you, by selling the same for my genuine Holloway's Pills and Ointment, which are manufactured only at 533, Oxford street, London.

Persons who may be so deceived will be pleased to communicate with me.

Many respectable firms in the Provinces, who obtain my medicines direct from here, have, at my property suggested that I should, for the benefit of themselves and the public, insert their names in the papers, that it may be known that my medicines can be had genuine from them.

The following is a list of the firms alluded to; and I particularly recommend those who desire to get my medicines to apply to some of the Houses named:—

EVANS, MERCER & Co., Montreal.
AVERY, BROWN & Co., Halifax, N.S.
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T. B. BARKER & SONS, St. John, N.B.
APOTHECARIES' HALL Co., Charlottetown.
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MUNRO & Co., Montreal.
J. WINER & Co., Hamilton, Ont.
H. J. ROSE, Toronto.
A. CHIPMAN SMITH, St. John, N.B.
JOHN BOND, Goderich, Ont.
ELLIOT & Co., Toronto.
J. CHALONER, St. John, N.B.
HAMINGTON BROTHERS, St. John, N.B.
R. S. FREDDY, Windsor, Ont.
MRS. ORPEN, Morden, N.S.
GEORGE G. HUNT, jun., Fredericton, N.B.
W. H. THOMPSON, Harbor Grace, N.F.L.
J. M. WILEY, Fredericton, N.B.
W. & D. YULE, Montreal.
CHAS. I. DAVIES, Fredericton, N.B.

The medicines are sold at the lowest wholesale net prices, in quantities of not less than £20 worth—viz., 6s. 6d., 2s., and 3s. per dozen boxes of Pills or pots of Ointment, for which remittances must be sent in advance.

THOMAS HOLLOWAY.
533, Oxford Street, W.C.
London, June 1st, 1875.

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 Cane from 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' Pilulæ Antiscrophulæ
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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AT THEIR
DISPENSARY, BRIDPORT, ENGLAND,
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With Dissecting Apparatus, for examining insects, plants, flowers, cloth, circulation of the blood, animalcula in water, &c, 50 cents.

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Anthony Stephenson
Begs to announce to his customers and others that he has removed his
Blacksmithing Business
From the old stand to the shop formerly occupied by Mr. Overton, upper end of Main-street, where he is prepared to attend to all kinds of
General Blacksmithing, Horse Shoeing, &c.
The patronage of the public respectfully solicited.
A. STEPHENSON.
Acton, Dec. 15, 1875. 25-4t

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