

WHAT YOUR HORSE ASKS YOU. Going up hill, whip me not; Coming down hill, hurry me not; On level ground, spare me not; Loose in stable, forget me not; Of hay and corn rob me not; Of clean water stint me not; With sponge and water neglect me not; Of soft, dry bed, deprive me not. Tired or hot, swath me not; If sick or old, chill me not; With hit or rease, oh, jerk me not; And when you are angry, strike me not.

Wife and Maid. Miss Harriet Selwood was the richest heiress in her native town; but she had already completed her twenty-seventh year, and beheld almost all her young friends united to men whom she had quite time of other discarded. Harriet began to be set down for an old maid. Her parents became really uneasy, and she herself lamented in private a position which is not a natural one, and to which those without Nature and Fortune have been obliged to submit; but Harriet, as we have said, was both handsome and very rich.

Such was the state of things when her uncle, a wealthy merchant, came on a visit to her parents. He was a jovial, lively, straight-forward man, accustomed to attack all difficulties boldly and coolly.

"You see," said her father to him one day, "Harriet continues single. The girl is handsome; what she is to have for her fortune you know; even in this scandalous town not a creature can breathe an imputation against her; and yet she is getting to be an old maid."

"True," replied the uncle; "but look you, brother, the grand point in every affair in this world is to seize the right moment; this you have not done. It is a misfortune, but let the girl go along with me, and before the end of three months I will return her to you as the wife of a man as young and wealthy as herself."

"Away went the niece with her uncle. On the way home he thus addressed her: "Mind what I am going to say. You are no longer Miss Selwood, but Mrs. Lumley, my niece, a widow; you had the misfortune to lose your husband, Col. Lumley, after a happy marriage of a quarter of a year, by the fall from his horse while hunting."

"But uncle—" "Let me manage, if you please, Mrs. Lumley. Your father has invested me with full powers. Here, look you is the wedding ring given you by your late husband. Jewels, and whatever else you need, your aunt will supply you with; and acquaint yourself to cast down your eyes."

The keen-witted uncle introduced his niece everywhere, and everywhere the young widow created a great sensation. The gentlemen thronged about her, and she soon had a choice out of twenty suitors. Her uncle advised her to accept the one that was deepest in love with her, and a rapid chance decided that this should be precisely the most amiable and opulent. The match was soon concluded, and one day the uncle desired to march to the grounds to his future nephew in private.

"My dear sir," he began, "we have told you an untruth." "How so? Are Mrs. Lumley's affections—" "Nothing of the kind; my niece is sincerely attached to you." "Then her fortune, I suppose, is not equal to what you told me?" "On the contrary, it is larger."

"Well, what is the matter, then?" "I joke—an innocent joke, which came into my head one day, when I was in a good humor; you could not well recall it afterward. My niece is not a widow."

"What! is Col. Lumley living?" "No, no, she is a spinster." "The lover protested that he was a happier fellow than he had ever conceived himself; and the maid was forth with metamorphosed into a young wife."

No More Fooling. A woman named Hastings, living near the House of Correction, came down town yesterday in search of her husband, and finding him hanging round the post office waiting for "latest returns," she collared him and called out: "I want you up home."

"Not yet, my dear; I want to hear the result," he replied. "You come along home," she repeated. "I want to see this thing decided as much as you do, but we are out of wood, flour, meat and potatoes, and we got to eat whether this country ever has a President or not."

"I will come up this evening after I hear the result," he protested. "The result can be learned right here, Peter Hastings!" she shrieked, catching him by the collar. "Now you trot, or I'll double you up right before this crowd!"

Lemmy beat for Louisiana—only from Louisiana," he pleaded. "You'll hear from me!" she howled, giving him a shake, and being that she was backed by the crowd he meekly followed her away.—Detroit Free Press.

Potatoes are an Exhausting Crop. Potatoes are by far the most exhausting crop usually sold off the farm. Turnips come next when they are sold off. Grain crops remove a comparatively small quantity of manurial constituents. These facts show the reason why, while wheat can be grown successfully year after year on suitable soil, without the return of any of the soil constituents, the same cannot be done with either potatoes or turnips. While potatoes and turnips contain much nitrogen, nitro-genous manure is scarcely required for their growth if the soil is in good condition. The fact that green crops are so far independent of nitrogenous matter in the soil is no doubt due to their having broad leaves to take the ammonia from the air, and keep spreading roots to gather what they require through a greater mass of soil. The same remark applies to the leguminous crops—beans, peas, vetches, clover, etc. During the growth of clover, for instance, nitrogen ever accumulates in the soil. So although leguminous crops contain much nitrogen, nitro-genous light manures are found in practice, not to be required. On the other hand, an application of phosphoric acid, sulphuric acid and lime, which can cheaply be applied as a mineral superphosphate, generally produces a most marked effect.

The Value of a Compliment. At the lower end of Woodward avenue an old wimple woman offered her fruit to a sea captain who was sighing over the good times of 1864. She wanted three cents apiece for her apples. He gave her a pleasant look and said: "Well, well! Why you look as young as you did ten years ago. Some bright eyes and red cheeks—same white teeth." "Take an apple for two cents, Captain," she replied. "I presume you are fifty years old," he continued, "but who'd know it! Lots of ladies at thirty look as old as you do." "Take an apple for a cent, Captain," she answered smiling like a rose.

Some rich old fellow will come along some day searching for a bur-on wife," said the Captain, "and you won't have to peddle apples any more." "Here, Captain, two for a cent, take two of the biggest!" she exclaimed, and then ran after him and dropped two in his coat pocket.

The Base-Ballers. About an hour before a game of base-ball is to come off on the cricket grounds the members of each club assemble at an appointed rendezvous. The captain arrives, calls the roll, discovers that all are present, and then asks: "Secretary, did you order a gallon of arnica and some splints and plaster?" "I did," was the reply.

Treasurer, have you arranged with an undertaker to hold himself in readiness?" "I have." "Either did you secure a burial lot in Burlington?" "I did." "Then let us march to the grounds and to a glorious victory or a noble death. And they march."

The Flavor of Eggs. There is a vast difference in the flavor of eggs. Hens fed on clear, sound grain, and kept on a clean grass range, give much finer flavored eggs than hens that have access to stable and manure heaps, and eat all kinds of filthy food. Hens feeding on fish and onions flavor their eggs accordingly, the same as cows eating onions or cabbage, or drinking offensive water, imparts a bad taste to the milk and butter. The richer the food the higher the color of the egg. What and corn gives eggs the best color, while feeding on buckwheat makes them colorless rendering them unfit for confectionary purposes.

REMOVED. R. CREECH, SADDLER & HARNESS-MAKER, Has removed one door west of his old stand, and is now prepared to turn out work, which for

NEATNESS, CHEAPNESS AND DURABILITY cannot be surpassed by any house in the county.

Harness of all Kinds supplied on the shortest possible notice, and warranted to give perfect satisfaction.

As he is doing business principally on the Cash System, he is prepared to sell cheaper than ever.

Give him a call and be convinced that this is the right place. R. CREECH, Acton, June 23, 1876.

THE CASH SYSTEM POST OFFICE CASH STORE, ACTON, ONT.

Works Wonders beyond all Anticipations. All Goods Reduced from 10 to 40 per cent on Credit Prices.

Below we give a few of our present prices, showing a striking comparison between the old Credit Prices and the new Cash System Prices. We have not room to quote all the Goods we handle here but we have given most of the principal articles in the trade. All other goods are being slaughtered in the same manner, and our patrons will recognize the fact at a glance that it has been our aim in marking down our goods to make a genuine reduction on everything that it is possible to reduce. We respectfully invite all persons to participate in the benefits of this great reduction.

SECORD BROS.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Old Credit Prices, New Cash Prices. Items include Hyson Tea, Gunpowder Tea, Japan Tea, Black Tea, Syrup, Pickling Vinegar, Raisins, Pickles, Mustard, Coffee, Pepper, Brooms, Soda, Granite Ware, Dinner Plates, Knives and Forks, etc.

Who would buy on Credit when they can get goods at such astonishing Prices.

SECORD BROS.

Acton, Sept. 14, 1876. OUR FALL STOCK

OUR FALL STOCK IS NOW COMPLETE. Call and examine our Goods and Prices.

CBAINE & SON.

Acton, Sept. 5, 1876.

The subscriber desires to thank his numerous cash customers for the liberal manner in which they have supported him in carrying out the Ready Pay way of doing business. When I commenced on the Cash or Trade System and 8 per cent discount for cash, I had to compete against the credit trade of our village, but to day I am pleased to say we are all doing business on the only right principle, that is ready pay. Since the trade of our village is now done on the Cash System, I will discontinue giving discount for cash on and after 1st Oct., and reduce all my goods in price to the strictly cash figures.

My custom will always find my stock complete Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, Wall Paper, Stationery, Provisions, &c. CASH FOR PRODUCE. Specialties kept in Season. Sausages, Finnan Haddies, Oysters, &c. JAMES MATTHEWS. Conveyancer, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, &c. Acton, Sept. 19, 1876.

THE NEW DOMINION BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

KENNEY & SON. Have just received their

FALL STOCK OF BOOTS AND SHOES, The Best that ever came into Acton, for Price, Style and Quality.

OUR CUSTOM WORK. Will receive careful attention, and all work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Repairing Done Neatly. Don't forget the place—Main Street, Next Door to Agnew's Hotel. KENNEY & SON. Acton, Sept. 19, 1876.

HURRAH FOR BARGAINS.

STILL AHEAD. CHEAPER THAN EVER AT

G. M. SCOTT'S. NEW FANCY DRESS GOODS Stylish and Cheap. NEW BLACK LUSTRES, Extra value. NEW WINCEYS, 25 per cent less than last year's prices. White, Scarlet, Grey and Fancy FLANNELS. Course TWEEDS and ETOFFS. Hollands, Table Linens, Towels, Towelling, Factory and Bleached COTTONS. Hosiery, Gloves, Crochet and Knitting Cotton Ladies' and Gent's Collars and Ties. Laces, Edgings, Ribbons, &c., &c.

A Fine Stock of Hats and Caps. In all the Latest English and American Styles. Also a very good Stock of General Groceries, Crockery & Glassware. If you wish to Save Money, don't fail to call at G. M. SCOTT'S. Next door to Galloway Bros' Bakery, Mill Street, Acton. Acton, Sept. 20th, 1876.

UNDERTAKING.

The undersigned begs leave to inform the people of Acton and surrounding neighborhood that he has procured a magnificent HEARSE. And is prepared to attend and conduct Funerals on the shortest notice and most moderate terms. Caskets, Coffins, Burial Robes, and all kinds of Funeral Furnishings kept in stock, and supplied on the shortest notice. Hat Bands and Gloves supplied when required. Acton, Aug. 8, 1876. JOHN SPEIGHT.

BOOK AND JOB PRINTING.

PROMPTLY EXECUTED AT THE FREE PRESS OFFICE. Guelph, June 5, 1876.

GRAND MAMMOTH DISPLAY OF NEW FALL AND WINTER DRY GOODS.

Our magnificent stock of new goods now to hand, comprising all the new styles and Most Fashionable Assortment of Goods for Western Canada. We have been very successful in buying and getting opened out, which upon inspection, will be, we are sure,

The Cheapest Lot of Dry Goods in Canada.

To the Ladies. We will show the largest, best, and most extensive stock of DRESS GOODS in the county, comprising all the new fashionable colors, in seal brown, navy blue, plum, prunes, and myrtle green Dress Goods. Also Black Laces, Trimmings, Tassels, Fringes, Corals, Buttons, &c., to match all shades.

Woolen Goods. Cloths, Fringed Shawls, Squares, Polka Jackets, Hosiery, Gloves, &c., in all the fashionable colors and styles.

Milinery Mantles & Shawls. This department is far ahead of all competitors. We have this season procured the services of a first-class milliner from New York. Ladies, you should not fail to see our millinery. Be sure and call before you buy. Our fashion, viz., London, Paris and New York. Novelties in Flowers, Feather, Wings, Veils, etc., &c.

Ladies' and Children's Furs. No where in the country is such a display of Furs, in seal, sable, lynx, mink, and beaver sets. Fur Jackets and Fur Caps in great variety. Also Fur Caps, Fur Mitts, Sleigh Rugs, Buffalo Rugs, &c.

Ordered Clothing. We do the largest trade in Ordered Clothing, keep the best cutter and turn out the most stylish and best fitting suits in this part of the Dominion. We have just received a splendid lot of extra fine Tweeds, which we are prepared to sell at rock bottom prices. Call and see our stock. It will pay you to do so. No trouble to show our goods. Ready-made Clothing, Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Light Breeches, Boy Overcoats, Boys' Youths' and Men's Suits, warranted the largest variety and cheapest stock in Canada.

Our Staple Department. We have a large and complete stock of extra good cheap goods in Cottons, both white and grey, Whites, Fancy and Grey Flannels, Blankets, Table Linens, Towelling, &c.

Carpets, Floor Oil Cloths, Rugs, Mats and Mattings, at extra low prices. Boots & Shoes. A large assortment and very cheap. We would ask a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon us, and in return we guarantee to sell goods cheaper than ever.

McLEOD, ANDERSON & Co., MAMMOTH HOUSE, GEORGETOWN. Oct. 3, 1876.

GREAT SPECIAL SALE OF DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Preparatory to Removal. Our entire stock of Dry Goods and Clothing is now offered regardless of cost, to reduce stock before removing to our new premises, now building. The public may rely on the

WM. STEWART & CO.

Best and Cheapest Bargains ever offered of NEW CHOICE GOODS.

Cheaper than Old Bankrupt Stock at Half Price—Cheap because just the goods wanted—Cheap, because Fresh and New.

THE STOCK MUST WILL AND SHALL BE SOLD.

But we are aware how perplexing it is for honest people to read the advertisements here and elsewhere. Who'll talk the loudest and brag the most seems to be the maxim of each. But an intelligent Public know well that Shoddy Goods are dear at Half-price.

We give a few quotations of

GOODS REDUCED.

4,500 yards of Dress Goods—former prices, 15, 20, 25 and up to 30 cents—reduced to 10, 15 and 20 cents.

Striped silks reduced to 57 cents. Lace Curtains 75 cents. White Cotton Hose from 67 cents. Straw Sun Hats from 5 cents. Parasols from 15 cents. Cashmere Jackets from \$1.25. Linen Suits from \$1.50.

Table Linens, Bed Quilts, Table Napkins, Shootings, Demands, &c. All will be offered at striking prices.

Colored Shirting from 10 cents. A lot of Woolen Tweeds reduced from \$1.00 to 50 cents. Colored and White Dress Shirts from 40 cents.

A JOB LOT OF LADIES UNDERCLOTHING to be SACRIFICED. This Sale is no Clap Trap. Reduced Prices Must Be Cash. WILLIAM STEWART & Co. Guelph, June 5, 1876.