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HAND BAGS. A Beautiful Lot of Samples Bought and Sold at Half-Price.

ACTON FREE PRESS. THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 11, 1884. POETRY.

Guelph Business College, GUELPH, ONT. WILL OPEN FOR THE RECEPTION OF STUDENTS ON SEPT. 1st, next.

COAL AND WOOD. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS JUST got in a large quantity of first-class COAL.

A HILL WITHOUT A VALLEY. 'Twas a moon-night of the autumn, And two loving hearts were near.

2,000 CORDS HEMLOCK BARK WANTED. The subscribers will pay \$5.50 PER CORD.

Fon thill Nurseries. The Largest in the Dominion. SALESMEN WANTED.

OUR STORY. OLD SMITH'S WILL. It was a great shock to the feelings of Mr. Silas Smith.

Acton Fruit Depot. Business Change. J. M. FERNLEY. Has purchased the stock and business of A. E. MATTHEWS.

Underclothing. MRS. R. CREECH. Has a full assortment of Ladies' and Children's Underwear.

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ICE CREAM. ALWAYS FRESH AND PURE. ACTON FRUIT DEPOT, I am, respectfully, J. M. FERNLEY.

Guelph Cloth Hall. Our Spring Stock is now fully assorted, comprising all the newest shades in Plain and Fancy Worsteds.

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up the chimney, he soon recovered his spirits. Having waited patiently until there was no longer any trace left even of the ashes of the will he looked up the strong box in which he had found it and left the room, feeling tolerably easy in his mind.

When the day of the funeral arrived, Silas felt strangely nervous and uncomfortable. He was very much upset by the unexpected number of mourners, the mere fact of having to provide gloves and crapes on such an extensive scale being sufficient to cause him serious vexation.

"I was his lawful wife, Mr. Reeves and he knew it," she explained, turning to the astonished solicitor. "He deserted me years ago and married a lady—Mr. Silas's mother. I found him out by accident recently, and promised to keep his secret on condition that he would provide for me by his will.

"I don't believe it," exclaimed the housekeeper, excitedly. "Why, I saw it with my own eyes not a month ago."

"He destroyed it in my presence last—let me see—last Thursday week. I fetched it at his request from the iron box, and he put it in the fire of his own free will," said Silas, lying glibly.

"Well, gentlemen, I must say that Mr. Smith's account is perfectly straightforward," interposed the lawyer who, whatever his private opinions might have been, probably thought it prudent as a matter of business to side with Silas.

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THE HONEST MAN. A song, a lusty-hearted song, Come join me as I sing, Though Might be Right and Right be Wrong.

They were conversing on the present hard times and future prospects, and one of them finally said: "Tell you, sir, it is over-production that has brought us to this pitch. We produce too much and too fast."

Waiting for the Country to Catch Up. David W. Judd, of the American Agriculturist, who is making his annual tour through the far Western States and Territories, writes in the September issue:

An atheistic saloon-keeper in Milwaukee keeps what is known as a "stale," but he calls it "company," because, he says, it is for remembrance.