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Veterinary Surgeon, Acton, Ont. Office in Kenny Bros. boot and shoe store, residence in the rear. Horses examined as to soundness, and certificates given. All calls, night or day, promptly attended to. Terms easy.

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Solicitor, Conveyancer, &c.
Office—First door west of the Champlain office, Main Street, Milton. Money to loan at 6 per cent.

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Also money to loan on the most favorable terms, and at the lowest rates of interest, in sums of \$500 and upwards.

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An easy shave, a stylish hair-cut, a good season, an exhilarating shampoo, always given. Razors honed and put in first-class condition. Ladies' and children's hair cut tastefully.
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Money to loan at six per cent. Houses rented. Business chances.
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Call at FREE PRESS OFFICE.

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Lumber, Shingles, AND LATH.

The undersigned desires to inform the public that he has on hand and will keep in stock a full line of Pine and Hemlock as well as other kinds of Lumber, also, First and Second class Pine Shingles & Lath.

Coal & Wood.

Having purchased the Coal business of Mr. C. Smith I am prepared to supply all kinds of Steam Coal. I have also a good stock of Wood—Hardwood, Ash, Cedar and Mill Wood, at reasonable prices. Wood and Coal delivered.
JAMES BROWN

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
—OF THE—
COUNTY OF WELLINGTON,
ESTABLISHED 1840.

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Insures Buildings, Merchandise, Manufactories, and all other descriptions of property, on the Premium Note System.
F. W. Stone, Chas. Davidson,
President. Secretary.

JOHN TAYLOR, Agent.

Fire! Fire! Fire!
Burned Out, But Not Destroyed.

HAVING perfected arrangements for the rebuilding of the
PLANING MILL
at the head of River Street, recently destroyed by fire, and purchased new machinery, we would inform the public that on or about the 1st of May we will be in a better position than ever to supply their wants in the shape of

DRESSING LUMBER, SHEETING, FLOORING, MOULDINGS, &c.
Also in the meantime,
Pumps will be repaired, and General Jobbing done as usual

Thanking you for past favors and hoping by strict attention to business and reasonable prices to merit an increased share of patronage, we are, respectfully yours,
THOS. EBBAGE, Manager

ACTON Livery & Sale Stables
JOHN STREET, ACTON.

Wm. E. Smith, Proprietor.

MR. SMITH has purchased the Livery business of Mr. H. B. McCARTHY, which he has removed to his commodious stables on John Street, in the centre of the business portion of the town. Mr. Smith has had lengthy experience in this business, and feels confident that he can give satisfaction to every patron.
Anyone desiring a Commercial, Pleasure, or Company Rig, can be supplied with a first-class turnout on the shortest notice.

Horses Boarded and Sold.
Terms reasonable.
W. E. SMITH.

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Borders to Match.
Newest Styles, Colorings and elegant designs for 1886.

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Best Stock to select from.
Lowest price and best value at Day's Bookstore.

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MRS. E. H. PASS
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LADIES, we beg to inform you that our Millinery Show Rooms are now open.
NEW SPRING HATS,
FEATHERS, FLOWERS,
WINGS, LACES, GLOVES.
Ladies, kindly give us a call.

Our Dress and Mantle Making.

In this department we are fully prepared to execute all orders entrusted to our care. Our reputation being established for the last fifteen years, we need not tell our numerous customers they are sure of a fit and latest styles. Prices to suit all circumstances.

Jackets and Dresses Cut and Fitted.

Straw and Chip Hats made over in all the latest styles.
We have on hand a large assortment of Hair Switches, Saratoga Waves, Frizzes, &c., &c.
APRENTICES WANTED.
51 Lower Wyndham Street.

Wellington Marble Works,
QUBBEC ST., GUELPH.

John H. Hamilton,
PROPRIETOR,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Marble, Granite and everything pertaining to Cemetery work. Direct importer of all kinds of Granite and Marble.

Having lately visited the Bay of Fundy granite quarries, and having purchased the entire stock of gray and red granite monuments, headstones, crosses, urns, etc., of Alexander Taylor, at less than cost, I will, until further notice, sell at prices never before known in Ontario. For instance—Granite monuments, 6 ft. high, 800, 7 ft. 8 1/2, 8 ft. 200, 9 ft. 2100, 10 ft. 2100. All work and material warranted first-class. Parties wanting anything in this line will do well to call and see us before purchasing elsewhere, as I guarantee my prices are from 30 to 50 per cent. below all other dealers.

ACTON MEAT MARKET!
Rutledge & Crosson,
BUTCHERS,

Have purchased the business of Mr. R. Holmes, and solicit a share of public patronage.
The members of the firm are practical butchers, and are prepared to ensure their customers thorough satisfaction. There will always be found on hand a full stock of all kinds of meat, etc., in season.

We have settled in Acton to stay, and feel satisfied that by transacting business upon business principles we will win public confidence and support.

Her face brightened suddenly when she heard him say in his natural tone of voice: "Well, Molly, here I am. The bad penny back again, and two others to keep me company."

At this rather ambiguous introduction Lawrie and James bowed shamefacedly, and Mrs. Le Brun said pleasantly: "I am glad to see you. Come in."

"That we will, Molly, if you will promise to get us some supper. I'm hungry as a bear. Tell Jane to hurry up the fire."

"Jane has gone to her mother's for the evening; but I will get your supper, Donald."

"All right! Hurry up. Come, boys, let's have a game of dominoes while we're waiting."

As Mrs. Le Brun left the room, Donald turned to his friends triumphantly: "I told you so. That girl would go through fire and water for me; and uncompromisingly, too."

"I tell you what, Donald," said Lawrie, "the shoe ought to be on the other foot. If I had a wife like that—"

"Wait till you get one, and then preach," said Donald, laughingly; "but something in his tone warned Lawrie to say no more,

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POETRY.
TO-DAY.
Lord, for to-morrow and its needs I do not pray; Keep me, my God, from stain of sin Just for to-day.

Let me both diligently work And duly pray; Let me be kind in word and deed Just for to-day.

Let me be slow to do my will, Promptly to obey; Help me to mortify my flesh Just for to-day.

Let me no wrong or idle word Unthinking say; Set thou a seal upon my lips Just for to-day.

Let me in season, Lord, be grave, In season gay, Let me be faithful to Thy grace Just for to-day.

And if my life of life Should ebb away, Sweet Lord, to-day, Let me be true to Thy love divine, Sweet Lord, to-day.

Lord, for to-morrow and its needs I do not pray; But guide me, guard me, keep me, Lord, Just for to-day.

Keep my heart pure, O Christ, Clean sweep for Thee; Help me to conquer thought Just for to-day.

Help me to bend my pride, Help me to say, Let others be preferred in all, Just for to-day.

Help me to give up all, Flowers by the way, And with Thy thorn-crown be content Just for to-day.

Let Thy love conquer doubt, Cast fear away; Let me be firm in faith, Just for to-day.

Lord, let me not complain, Nor Thy will gainsay; Help me to bear my cross Just for to-day.

OUR STORY.
An Unexpected Answer.
BY MARY E. MOFFAT.

"Now, Donald, I doubt that you are fooling. No wife would do that for a man, no matter how much she thought of him."

The young man addressed sprang up from his seat.
"Go with me, James, and you, too, Lawrence King, and I'll prove the truth of my words. If Mary Le Brun does not cheerfully get up to supper fit for a prince, at my asking—late though it be—you may set me down for a conceited idiot."

"All right. We'll go. And if the mistress does as you say, she's an angel; and such an exacting man as you are is not worthy of her."

The speaker was Lawrie King, a fine, manly-looking fellow, whose face would have been pleasant to see had it not carried upon it the traces of dissipation.

The three were boon companions, and had been since their boyhood. I am sorry to say that the innocent fun and mischief of that time had degenerated into card-playing and a fondness for the intoxicating cup in their maturer years.

Donald Le Brun was the only one of the three who married. As is often the case, he had won the heart of a girl who deserved a better fate. She was pretty and "capable," as the neighbors called it, and managed her dairy with prim success. Her bitter and cheese always commanded the highest market price.

Through all of Donald's excesses she had never given him an angry word; and he had even now been making the boast that, had it not been for her, he would have asked her to cook a fine meal for him, she would do it cheerfully.

The young men were in that convivial state when reason has not her full sway, and anything strange or improbable takes the fancy.

They sat once caught at the proposition, and went with Donald to his home. It was some two miles distant, and they made the cold, frosty air ring with their hilarious mirth for a time.

Then Lawrie and James began to feel uneasy and ashamed of the thought of their errand; and they tried to dissuade Donald from it; but his pride was aroused. He would not hear of a retreat, and, being the stronger nature he carried his point.

and they were soon engaged in their game, and no unanswered call is ever made upon their plethoric purses.

Charity and Religion go with them hand in hand, and are the leading principles of their lives.

As to Mary Le Brun, husband and children rise up and call her blessed, and her earthly life is a foretaste, in its calm happiness, of the joys which are in store for those accounted worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The table, too, was covered with snowy cloth; and on it was a daintily prepared repast. Everything was perfect in its way, from the crisp brown of the cold chicken to the pale green of the pickles.

Mrs. Le Brun poured out a cup of fragrant Mocha for each of her guests, and then seated herself at a convenient distance with her knitting. For a little time she said as the tempting viands disappeared. Then Donald called out:

"Cups are empty, Molly,"
And his wife came and refilled them. Lawrie was the most impulsive of the party, and many thoughts had seethed through his busy brain as he sat at the table.

Now, as he looked at the comely face of the hostess, he saw traces of sadness upon it, underlying all its studied cheerfulness of expression. He said suddenly, not stopping to think whether or not Donald would be pleased:

"What makes you so kind and painstaking, Mrs. Le Brun? There isn't one woman in a thousand who would do as you have done this evening, and to tell the truth, I didn't believe it of you, or I wouldn't have come here and sanctioned putting you to so much trouble. I just wanted the fun of seeing Donald's blush about his wife come to nothing!"

Donald's eyes flashed fire at this speech. He half rose from his chair, but sat down again, evidently putting a strong restraint upon himself.

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"Speak out, Molly, and satisfy the fellow. What does make you so willing to do anything that your wild Donald asks of you?"

Mary flushed painfully at this question. She had been brought up in the Friends' faith, wherein an evasion is considered a lie. A question put directly to her she felt compelled to answer truth, whether it should occasion pleasure or anger.

It was the first time Donald had asked her such a question, and he watched her face expectantly, thinking to hear an answer pleasing to his self-love.

Mary's reply came upon him like a thunderbolt in a cloudless sky. In her embarrassment at having to give utterance to the painful truth, she unconsciously assumed the quaint Quaker dialect.

"Because I love thee, Donald, and it is my wish that thou shouldst have much comfort in this world; for surely thou wilt have sorrow and tribulation in the world to come; for it is written that no drunkard shall see heaven."

Her words struck upon Donald like a conviction. It seemed as though a subtle influence vibrated through the truth which he had evoked from the lips of his quiet, uncomplaining wife.

Night after night rose accusingly to his memory, with visions of the gaming-table and of the fiery, soul-destroying draughts which had stimulated him from one mad excess to another. He had surely bargained his hopes of salvation for a "mass of potatoes."

An interval of some moments elapsed. It seemed an eternity to Mary. Love and obedience to her husband had been her ruling passion, and she feared the effect of her words upon him.

At last Donald rose to his feet and moved toward his wife. Lawrie and James knew not what, rose also.

What was their surprise to see Donald put his arm about Mary's waist and draw her to him.

"Is it so, Molly? Then by Him who made me, you shall have no more fears for my soul."

His solemn manner gave his words the effect of a more formal attestation, and his really fine face lit up with a glow of enthusiasm as he looked from one to the other.

"What do you say, boys? Shall we give a happy heart to this little woman, and sign the pledge? Why not be chums in amendment as we have been in our wild frolics?"

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BUILDING UPON THE SAND.
"Tis well to woo, 'tis well to wed,
For so the world has done
Since myrtles grew, and roses blew,
And morning brought the sun.
But have a care, ye young and fair;
Be sure ye pick your path with truth,
Be certain that your love will wear
Beyond the days of youth.
For if ye give not heart to heart,
As well as hand for hand,
You'll find you've played the 'unwise part,'
And 'built upon the sand.'"

"Tis well to save, 'tis well to have
A goodly store of gold,
And hold enough of sterling stuff—
For charity is gold.
But place not all your hopes and trust
On what the deep mine brings;
You cannot live on yellow dust
Unmixed with pure things.
And he who piles up wealth alone
Will often have to stand
Beside his offer-stand, and own
"Tis 'built upon the sand.'"

"Tis good to speak in kindly guise,
And soothe whate'er we can;
For speech should bind the human mind,
And love link man to man.
But stay not the gentle words;
Let deeds with language dwell;
The one who piles up warm birds
Should scatter crumbs as well.
The mercy that is saving and true
Must lend a helping hand;
For those who talk yet fail to do,
But 'build upon the sand.'"

Blossoms and Promise.
May is the month of blossoms, of promise, of hope, of good-time. What the future has in store we do not know, except that the harvest "shall not fail," at least not the world over. Single crops may go amiss. "Drouths may and will come, some whole sections may suffer, but we will plan and work, cheered by the hope of a bountiful return, gladdened by the rain and by the sunshine, thankful that labor will be rewarded, that the seed sown in the willing earth, the sentence passed by the All-wise Judge, "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread," may seem given to the lover of ease. Had it been sown in a panacea for all the ills which afflict mankind it might have been differently regarded, but none the less a blessing. This reward of labor we are too apt to overlook. Health, as the highest award of toil, is ours; pecuniary profits may foot up more or less, but with reasonable care not to overwork or overstrain, not to overtax endurance of mind or body, to take time to rest, to provide plain, well-cooked food, and reasonable relaxation, being temperate in all things, we can afford to be contented with very moderate pecuniary gains. The coming on of warm weather is often trying to strong constitutions. Moderation is desirable. We take care not to overtax our teams; why should we take less care for ourselves?—*American Agriculturist for May.*

Canon Farrar's New Book.
A few weeks ago, when Canon Farrar was in this country, tens of thousands of people paid as much as one dollar each to hear a single lecture delivered by him, and were well pleased with what they got for their money. Several of the most important of those lectures and addresses with other papers are now published by John B. Alden, of New York, and can now be had in a very handsome cloth-bound volume, for the price of 40 cents. Some of the lectures are also published separately in his *Essays Library*, in which form the lecture on Dante sells for 3 cents; on Temperance, 2 cents; on Ideals of Nations, 2 cents; Thoughts on America, 3 cents. The millions of intelligent people who admire Canon Farrar and who were not able to hear his lecture, will be delighted to find his brilliant, scholarly and eloquent thoughts placed in this handsome form within their reach. The publisher's illustrated catalogue, 138 pages, is sent to any address on receipt of 4 cents; or condensed catalogue free. John B. Alden, Publisher, 333 Pearl St., New York.

Faith Increasing.
BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 22nd, 1885.—Some time ago, I had a patient suffering from Bright's disease. Urine nearly all albumen, with casts. Used all the regular remedies. Of no avail. Began to give Warner's safe cure, but had little faith. First bottle, patient began to improve, and after half a dozen bottles was entirely cured of kidney trouble. Have since prescribed it in many instances with success.—J. D. A. FOSTER, M. D., 759 Michigan street.

An Interesting Puzzle.
Perhaps some of our young readers are not familiar with the following puzzle: A young man asked an old man for his daughter in marriage. The answer was, "Go into the orchard and bring me in a parcel of apples. Give me one-half of the whole number, and the mother one-half of this balance and half an apple over, and the daughter one-half of the remaining, and half an apple over, and have one left for yourself, without cutting an apple, and then if she is willing, you can have her." He solved the question, and how many did he bring