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BANKERS,  
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THE undersigned is prepared to furnish  
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Lumber, Lath, Staves, Head-  
ing, Shingles, Wash Tubs,  
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ALSO FLOUR AND FEED.

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THE THIRD SCHOLASTIC YEAR  
begins September 1st. Entrance  
drawn from Ten States and Provinces.

Young men and boys thoroughly prepared  
for business pursuits. Graduates em-  
ployed as Accountants, Business  
Managers, Shorthand Writers, Clerks,  
Salesmen, Travellers, etc., both in Canada  
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Splendid facilities afforded for the ac-  
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Lumber, Shingles,  
AND LATH.

The undersigned desires to inform the public  
that he has now 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.

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Having purchased the Coal business of Mr. C.  
S. Smith, I am prepared to supply all kinds of  
Stove Coal. I have also a good stock of Wood-  
Hickory, Ash, Cedar and Mill Wood, at reason-  
able prices. Wood and Coal delivered.

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President. Secretary.

JOHN TAYLOR, Agent.

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Pause and Consider

That it will be to your own interest to pa-  
tronize home trade. We would respectfully  
inform the inhabitants of Acton and sur-  
rounding country that we are again in full  
running order, and in a better position than  
before the fire to fill all orders entrusted to  
us. To parties building.

Lumber will be Dressed

while you wait, and Mouldings, etc., made  
with neatness and despatch.

N. B.—We are also prepared to fill all  
orders for

PUMPS

on short notice, and from long experience  
in the business we feel confident that we  
can give satisfaction every time. So come  
on with your order and help to roll the ball  
along. Money makes the mare go, whether  
she has legs or no.

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EXCELSIOR  
BAKERY  
ACTON

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MR. JOHN NELSON

For the accommodation of customers.

The Delivery Wagon will also call three  
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MILL STREET, ACTON.

An easy shave, a stylish hair-cut, a good  
seafoam, an exhilarating shampoo, always  
given. Razors honed and put in first-class  
condition. Ladies' and children's hair  
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BARGAINS  
TO THE  
ACTON PEOPLE

DAY'S BOOKSTORE  
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The stock is full of

Nice, New Fancy Goods

Bought by Mr. Day when in England  
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TOY BOOKS,  
GAMES, TOYS,  
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And 1,000 other things.

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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,  
caskets, etc., of Alexander Taylor, at less  
than cost, I will, until further notice, sell at  
prices never before known in Ontario. For in-  
stance—Granite monuments, ft. high, 20 in. dia.,  
\$12.50; 2 ft. high, 10 in. dia., \$10.00. All work and  
material warranted first-class. Parties wanting  
anything in this line will do well to call and see  
me before purchasing elsewhere, as I guarantee  
my prices are from 20 to 50 per cent. below all  
other dealers.

ACTON  
MEAT MARKET!

Rutledge & Crosson,  
BUTCHERS,

Have purchased the business of Mr. K.  
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.

"I'm afraid it wouldn't suit you, but  
I can try," she said, demurely, and then  
there rushed a sudden little sparkle to her  
eyes and a lightness to her voice.

"I know you are so very particular,  
autie, but I think I might please you.  
I've just thought of a lovely design—a back-  
ground of blueberries, and a red and orange  
sunset, and a stork standing among—"

"I don't care what it is, so it is a hand-  
some screen. I've paid twenty dollars for  
painting, and I think you might show  
something for it. You'll do it, then?"

"Yes, I'll begin it this very day. I was  
afraid at first—"

"Never mind. Go buy the satin—thick  
black, and lustrous—this afternoon, and if  
it's done a week from to-day—you can work  
steady at it—I'll consider you've earned as  
handsome a New Year's table as can be  
spread."

And Hortensia, flushed and excited, went  
upstairs to don her blue velvet walking suit,  
preparatory to making her purchase of the  
black satin; and as she went down the  
street, her beautiful blue eyes shining, her  
cheekful smile displayed to its best advan-

tage by her imported costume, it was little  
wonder that Gerald Duane's dark eyes  
lighted with admiration, which Hortensia  
could not fail to see, as he drove past her,  
with a smile and a bow.

"I will win him—I will win him," she  
thought, exultantly.

A pleasant enough room, when you once  
reached it, at the top of a three-story house  
in a quiet street, where poverty was at its  
most respectable; and where Violet Lyon  
and her invalid sister lived quite comfort-  
ably, all of the necessities, and some of the  
luxuries of life at their command, earned  
by Miss Lyon's elegant silk embroideries,  
and Violet's woges as an expert on the type-  
writer.

This bright December afternoon the sun-  
rays peeped in at the front windows for a  
farwell until the morning, and Miss Lyon,  
bending over a dainty garment of snow-  
white velvet, on which her deft fingers were  
laying a silken vein of amber, and scarlet,  
and kindly purple, and tender green, was  
disturbed by an imperious knock at the  
door, followed by the entrance of a radiant  
vision in azure velvet, with eyes of the same  
rare shade, and lovely hair like imprisoned  
sunshine.

"You are Miss Lyon, I believe?" Hortensia  
began, in the haughtily disagreeable  
way she considered the thing towards  
working people. "Because if you are, I  
have come to enquire if you are not ready  
with your last month's rent—a fortnight  
overdue. I am Miss Freeman's niece—  
she's your landlady."

Miss Lyon gave a little nervous start.  
"I know that unfortunately we are be-  
hind with—"

"And Miss Freeman doesn't propose to  
let it run over any longer—not another day.  
She sent me to collect it."

Miss Lyon looked distressed and not a  
little surprised.

"Miss Freeman does not usually have to  
wait even a day—"

"And she won't wait a day now. I've  
been sent to get it, or else order an execu-  
tion on your goods on my way back."

"An execution on our few little things! Oh,  
I beg of you, do not do that. Miss Freeman  
wouldn't—"

"Well, she would."

"But certainly you will be so kind as to  
wait until my younger sister, Miss Violet,  
comes in—it will only be an hour from now  
—and she will talk with you about it first."

"No talk is necessary, Miss Lyon. But  
I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll make that  
screen, and I'll pay my autie the  
rent out of my own pocket. It's heavily  
due, but I'll call it even—it'll save the ex-  
pense of a suit, at least. It's a bargain, I  
suppose?"

"Oh, indeed, I couldn't—I couldn't pos-  
sibly," Miss Lyon said, hastily, her voice  
quivering, the tears coming into her eyes.  
"We have had it for years and years. Violet  
doesn't even remember when we did not  
have it. It is almost the only relic left of  
better days—a gift of a dear friend of the  
family. It is worth more than money—value  
to us, fashionable and as lucrative as it would  
be now to sell it. Oh, no, I couldn't do it.  
Wait until Miss Violet comes."

"All right; keep it, if you please," Hortensia  
said, rising with a haughty toss of  
her feathers, an ominous gleam in her blue  
eyes. "I understand, then, from your re-  
fusal, that you and your sister are actual  
swindlers, and do not mean—"

"I cannot permit such language," Miss  
Lyon said, with sweet dignity. "My sis-  
ter and I, though poor working-people, are  
ladies."

"Yet you decline to remove your indebted-  
ness in a way which would prove your  
claim to the title. As you please, Miss  
Lyon. I will send a broker here this after-  
noon, according to Miss Freeman's orders."

She fitted towards the door, while Miss  
Lyon, pale, dismayed, alarmed, clasped her  
thin hands in nervous dread, wishing with  
all her heart that Violet—bright, positive,  
resolute Violet—were at home; Violet who  
knew so much more of the ways of the  
world than she did.

"It must be I am selfish to decline to let  
the screen go," she thought, petulantly.  
"The rent must come out of Violet's pocket  
when it is paid—it will save her the entire  
amount if Miss Freeman's niece takes it."

And just as Hortensia was closing the  
door, Miss Lyon called feebly out:  
"Perhaps you had better take it. I'll  
sell it around this evening, if you'll  
let me around Miss Freeman's lives."

Hortensia's blue eyes flashed triumphantly  
as she turned back.

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THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30, 1886.  
PORTRY.

GOOD-BYE, OLD YEAR.

Nothing fails of its end. Out of sight sinks  
the stone,  
In the deep sea of time, but the circles  
sweep on  
Till the low-rippled murmurs along the  
shores run,  
And the dark and dead waters leap glad  
in the sun.

THE NEW YEAR.

A New Year's greeting: Happiness to all!  
How sweet the words that fall upon the ear,  
Like birds' notes when among the blossoms they  
call  
Each other in the spring-time of the year  
The words of friends, and others still more  
dear  
Fall on the heart this morn'g as summer's dew,  
And, freshening it, new blossoms appear—  
Within affection's lower, we never knew  
Until this loving greeting brought them here.

Another new year comes to all this day,  
And every boom with emotion swells,  
And on the face the smile that like a ray  
Of sunlight beams, of quiet gladness, tells  
Of that rare peace which in the pure heart  
dwells,  
And crowns its being with a bliss  
supreme,  
Oh, joy! how full thy yet unfatigued  
wells!  
How sweet the draught! how bright thy  
water's gleam!  
How like heaven's living springs they to  
life's vision seem!

Another new year! While its moments fly,  
Be it our aim to live each passing day,  
Upright and pure, thrusting all evil by,  
And walking firmly in the holy way,  
For strength from God let us unceasing  
draw.

That so, in all we're called to do, no fear  
May rise to turn our trusting hearts astray  
From that bright light, whose splendors  
shall appear  
When we have entered life's unending  
glad new year!