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AYERS' SPECIAL FINE LINE  
WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS  
NETS, BALLS, POLES, &c.  
Base Very Low Prices. Foot Balls, &c.  
DAY'S BOOKSTORE  
Day Sells Cheap.

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CAPITAL \$12,000,000  
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A SAVINGS DEPARTMENT  
Has been opened in connection with this branch.  
Interest Allowed at Current Rates.  
JAS. H. FINLAY,  
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PAPER MAKERS,  
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Machine Finished Book Papers  
HIGH GRADE WEEKLY NEWS.

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Culph.  
FLEXIBLE, DAINTY  
AND  
DURABLE.  
Genuine Kid and Dogskin Buttoned Boots  
and Low Shoes.

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Double Tube, Down's, &c.  
Back to Wray's little daughter and to her  
mother, who was very kind to her because it  
did not pay to buy the best quality at the  
shop. Get the BEST QUALITY at the  
shop.

## New Planing Mill

John Cameron, Contractor,  
Has fitted up the building on Main Street, lately  
occupied as a truck factory, with new machinery  
and is prepared to furnish planing, moulding  
and millwork for all kinds of buildings, and  
carriage and wagon bodies, etc.

## LIVERY BUS LINE

The undersigned respectfully solicits the patronage  
of the public, and informs them that  
Well Equipped and Stylish Rigs can always  
be had on short notice.  
At all times. A comfortable bus meets all  
trains between 7 a.m. and 8 1/2 p.m.  
The wants of Commercial Travel-  
lers fully met.

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ESTABLISHED 1840.  
HEAD OFFICE - GUELPH.  
Insurance Buildings, Merchandise, Manufacturers  
and all other descriptions of property, on the  
Lake, and on the Coast. Capital, \$1,000,000.  
F. W. STONE, CHAS. DAVIDSON,  
President, Manager.

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THE GOLD-MEDAL  
Jamaica International Exhibition 1891.  
In connection with American, German, English  
and Canadian manufacturers.  
FOR SALE  
On Monthly or Quarterly Payments  
ONLY.

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MUSIC STORE,  
35 Lower Wyndham Street, Guelph. Telephone  
125.  
Hamilton's Marble Works,  
HAMILTON (Block formerly Hamilton's Block)  
The great center of Wood and Marble  
Trade in Ontario.

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GUELPH BRANCH,  
CORNER OF WYNDHAM AND QUEEN STREETS.  
BANKING DEPARTMENT.  
A general banking business transacted.  
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## Plush Parlor Suites

Solid Walnut  
Frames Complete  
FROM \$30. UP.

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Leading Foot and Shoe Store.  
Mail Orders Attended To Promptly.  
Guelph, Ont.

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Fine Scotch Suitings,  
New Spring Worsted Suitings  
Overcoatings—Newest Colors  
OPENED TO-DAY  
Choice New Lines in Fine English Hairs,  
in Colors and all the Newest Shapes  
to be sold at close prices.  
Special Drives in Hats.  
Remember our Famous 64 Points to Order.

## R. E. NELSON

Fashionable Clothier,  
99 Upper Wyndham St., Guelph.  
SEASON—1891—

## GRINDELL'S MACHINE & REPAIR SHOP

In addition to machinery repairing I am now  
preparing to do  
HORSE SHOEING &  
General Blacksmithing.  
To a most satisfactory manner. Woodwork re-  
pairs also made.  
Careful attention given to all work brought  
in.  
Any machine or implement by whomsoever  
manufactured will be repaired in workman-  
like manner.  
Iron and machinery repairs constantly on  
hand.  
HENRY GRINDELL

## FRANK BURGESS

House Painter, Paper Hanger,  
Sign Writer, Etc.

## JOB PRINTING

W. H. WOODS,  
Trade Press Office, Acton

## THE OLD TOWN HALL

I guess I'm not a much better man to say  
And the very thing that's best a much thought  
of somebody.  
For the world has grown away from all the  
things I thought to be good.  
But for me it's not better yet, even if it  
could.  
And there were some moments when I look-  
ed around the place  
The little things that were there across the  
line of age.  
I had thought I should be the speaker of the  
time, I'd give all  
Just to laugh with "Simple Swiftness" in the old  
town hall.  
Maybe I'm not a much better man to say  
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## Mary Elizabeth

There was a little girl, a very little one,  
strange to the world, bright and bold,  
It was not the setting of the Boston  
Advertiser, or the Transcript, or the Post;  
it was not the slight rapping of a cigar  
stamp, as the ash fell from some one's  
white hand; nobody coughed, nobody  
spoke, nobody saw. It was a different  
world, it was the sound of an old rocker,  
much too large, creaking on the marble  
floor. Several gentlemen glanced at their  
own well-shod and well-bred feet, then  
up and around the room.

## Mary Elizabeth

Mary Elizabeth stood in the middle of it,  
her feet on the floor, and the red plush  
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## Women as Glovers

Although glove-making is not so univer-  
sal in occupying its teaching or dress  
making, nevertheless it touches thousands  
of women, and is in most respects an ex-  
ceptionally pleasant employment.  
The stronghold of the business in Amer-  
ica is in New York State, on the side of  
the Adirondack wilderness, and it is to  
woman that tradition gives the credit of  
its origin. The early settlers, some of  
whom were tin-pollers, were puzzled to  
find a use for all the deer-skins which they  
took in exchange for their goods, until it  
occurred to "Annis Hildy" to transform  
them into gloves and mittens. These  
proved very durable, and sold so readily  
that soon the tin-pollers were converted into  
miten-wagoners.

## Women as Glovers

At first the men did little beyond dress-  
ing the leather and selling the finished  
gloves, the tedious task of making being  
monopolized by the women. A wooden  
pattern was laid on the leather, marked  
with a pencil, cut with shears, and sewed  
by hand. The seams were then pounded  
and the glove laid between two boards,  
upon which the maker, with white con-  
structing another pair. The formation of heavy  
leather took the cutting part from the  
women, and gave it to the men; but that  
women have never looked employment is  
evident from the fact that the thousands  
of gloves and mittens manufactured  
annually, every eye bears woman's work  
in some form or other.

## Women as Glovers

The most noticeable peculiarity of the  
glove industry today is the great number  
of small shops in place of the two or three  
immense factories seen in other manu-  
facturing centres. It is perhaps largely on  
this account that the girls and women em-  
ployed are so high a type. Pretty, pre-  
fined, lady-like, and industrious women  
used to describe those workers, who en-  
dure little loss of social standing from their  
devotion to the sewing-machine. Indeed,  
the wives of several of the wealthy manu-  
facturers are former shop girls.

## Women as Glovers

Since the new law have gone into effect  
and a woman is employed as a factory in-  
spector, girls are not admitted to the shops  
under fourteen years of age. Their first  
work is usually "pulling ends." This con-  
sists in drawing threads from the right to  
the wrong side of the glove the ends of the  
silk or thread left by the machine workers  
and tying them to prevent scattering.  
Seldom does a day in the most that can  
be made at this work, and a bright girl  
soon leaves it to run a machine. The va-  
rious styles of machines used are placed  
close together in a large room, and ex-  
cept in the smallest shops, are all run by  
power or electricity. Eddy counts a week  
is paid by each worker for the "power,"  
which is more than made good by the  
dollar, the price varying somewhat with  
the quality of the work.

## Women as Glovers

The foreman always speaks of the great  
difference in individual workers. Two  
girls may sit side by side, doing the same  
kind of work, and yet one will finish twice  
as many dozen as the other. Thoroughly  
machine-workers make a dollar and a half  
a day. "Silkers," those who put fancy  
silk stitching on the wrists and backs of the  
gloves, average two dollars a day. The  
"pre-arranged" workers, those who make  
the parts together with an over-quick seam on  
the outside, can make three dollars a day  
—the highest wages paid to women.

## Women as Glovers

These seem