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OFFICE Over the Drug Store ACTON

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GEORGETOWN ONTARIO

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BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES ETC
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Office at Streetsville each Wednesday afternoon
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Money to loan at lowest rates

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Solicitor of Patents, for Inventions.
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For the Counties of Wellington and Halton. Orders left at the FREE PRESS office Acton, or at my residence in Acton, will be promptly attended to. Terms reasonable.
Also money to loan on most favorable terms, and at the lowest rates of interest, in sums of $500 and upwards

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Account Books of all kinds made to order. Periodicals of every description carefully bound Ruling neatly and promptly done

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CLEANING, Dyeing and Repairing. All Orders Promptly attended to. Reasonable Charges Orders left at the workroom Arthurs Feed Store will receive prompt attention
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REV J. E. HOWELL, M. A. Pastor
Parsonage, Bower Avenue

Public Services 10 30 a. m. and 6 30 p. m. Sunday school 2 30 Bible Class conducted by the pastor All cordially invited

Strangers and visitors always welcome. Active ushers at the door

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Meets every Tuesday evening All welcome to membership

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ACTON, ONT.

John Cameron,
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Manufacturer of Sash Doors Frames Mouldings of all styles

DRESSING, MATCHING, and MOULDING to order on short notice

Well assorted Stock on hand at prices to suit the times

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—ACTON

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The undersigned respectfully solicits the patronage of the public, and informs them that

Well Equipped and Stylish Rigs can always be Secured

At his stables A comfortable bus meets trains between 9 a. m. and 9 30 p. m Careful attention given to every order The wants of Commercial Travellers fully met

JOHN WILLIAMS

STATIONERY

"Amusement is a good understudy to happiness and usually does duty, while the master sleeps"

Have you a hobby? Be it walking, cycling, music, reading, or a game of skill, cultivate it it will do you good The most disconsolate man is he who has no amusement to fall back on Our hobby is selling cheap, and we are always happy when doing so

If your hobby demands articles that we handle, whether it is in the reading, cycling, music or sporting line, we can make you happy, too

DAY'S BOOK STORE.
GUELPH
DAY SELLS CHEAP

Trilby's Father

When quite a young man went to Paris and clerked in a shoe store After being away from his native town for a number of years, he returned home, and as his outward appearance had changed somewhat during the years of his absence, he determined to go to his mother's house, unannounced, and see if the final affection in the child for the parent would be represented by the parent, and thus heal the parent to recognize her boy he went to her house as a stranger, and asked his mother for food and lodging she, not recognizing her son, gave him bread, but refused him lodging, thinking that perhaps he might be a robber, but she allowed him to warm himself by the fire and gave him permission to sleep in the barn

You Must be Known to be Appreciated.

WILLIAMS' Shoe Store

Is well and favorably known and our goods are appreciated. We have all classes of

Boots, and Shoes,

Slippers, Rubbers

Trunks, Valises, etc

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WILLIAM WILLIAMS
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DEALER IN
Marble and Granite,
Hamilton's Old Stand
GUELPH

New Const., Just Received
Granite | Norway, Swede, Russia, English, Irish, Scotch
OF BEST QUALITY
to be sold at prices to suit the times
Also on Hand
A fair and Prompt Job

SEASON 1895

Wishes to return thanks to our many friends for their liberal support in the past, and wish to inform you that we have entered into an arrangement with R Stewart, Guelph, to keep constantly on hand a full stock of the ordinary sizes of

Sash, Doors, Etc.

and will also supply any special sizes on short notice at Guelph prices.

Frames of All Kinds

made to order We also keep in stock a large line of Base Window and Door Casing, Cornice Blocks, &c

Your Lumber Dressed While You Wait
Price $1 50 per M

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Any other pump than the above can be supplied to order. Good or Iron pumps put up by us will be guaranteed satisfactory

Please call and inspect before purchasing elsewhere

THOS. EBBAGE Manager
Acton

EVERTON MILLS.

We are prepared to do business on the same principle as Everton Mills on Roller process for

FLOUR 40 cents per bushel
BRAN
SHORTS
CHOP

Cash for Wheat

Flour for sale at the Mill at $3 per CWT delivered in Acton

HENRY HORTOP

Acton Flour Mill.

CHEYNE & CHEYNE,
Proprietors.

We have our roller mill now in complete and satisfactory running order and are in a position to supply the wants of the public with

FLOUR, BRAN, SHORTS

and all kinds of Feed,

AT RIGHT PRICES.

Every order will receive prompt attention and will be delivered to any part of the town

Our terms are cash and one price for all

Don't forget to patronize home industry Give us a fair trial and we will leave the matter for you to decide as to the quality of the goods we manufacture

Orders taken at the Mill or at J. A. Saunders's Drug Store.

CHEYNE & CHEYNE.

W. BARBER & BROS.

PAPER MAKERS,

GEORGETOWN, ONT.

MAKE A SPECIALTY OF

Machine Finished Book Papers

AND

HIGH GRADE WEEKLY NEWS.

The paper used in this journal is from the above mills

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The Traders' Bank
OF CANADA

Capital Authorized $1,000,000
Capital Paid up 487,800
Rest 85,000

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3½ PER CENT INTEREST paid on sums of $1 and upwards from date of deposit to date of withdrawal, or compounded half yearly on 31st May and 30th November

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A. H. JONES,
Manager

Our Steel Enamelled Preserving Kettles,

Are the best goods For the least money

BOND & CO'S. GUELPH.

X L Cior ...Bakery

ACTON, ONT

Bread, Cakes Biscuit.. Confect[illegible]

Also FRUITS, CANNED GOODS, ICE CREAM, etc.

[illegible] the people of Acton and vicinity for past favors we trust to merit a continuance of the same All orders promptly attended to and delivered by the old Dobbie bakers

T. STATHAM & SON
Wedding Cakes a specialty

BARGAINS.

N. J. BONNAR

Has a few lines of Spring Goods still left in stock which he has determined to sacrifice at very low prices.

He considers it no trouble to show goods and answer any questions relative to prices, styles, etc

Call To-day

And you will no doubt find something in his stock of Clothing to suit.

SATISFACTORY WORK MADE AND ALWAYS ASSURED

N. J. BONNAR
TO BE HAD AT
Mill St ACTON

W. H. WALKER.

Painter
Paper Hanger
Decorator &c

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We the leading artist of his large experience who does first class and artistic work in Painting, Paper Hanging, or Decorating in all its branches.

Satisfactory work always guaranteed and at most reasonable prices.

Orders left at Pearson's Hardware Store or at my residence will receive prompt attention

W. H. WALKER,
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COAL AND WOOD YARDS

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MANUFACTURER OF DEALERS IN
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Coal and Wood always in stock and delivered to any part of the town at reasonable prices

Hardwood and slabs cut above length always on hand

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A GOOD MAN in your district to represent and sell the Dominion Nurseries of Canada; over 700 acres the largest in the Dominion Position permanent Salary & Commission to right men.

With the increasing demand for fruit, a position with us as salesman will pay you better than ordinary work Send us your application and we will show you how to make good money.

Send to-day as the best time for work during the summer. Write for particulars
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INCLUDING Books, Pamphlets, Posters, Bill Heads, Circulars, &c., &c., executed in the best style of the art, at moderate prices and on short notice Apply or address

H. P. MOORE
FREE PRESS Office, Acton

Poetry.

OH, SHOUTIN'S MIGHTY SWEET.

PLANTATION PARTING HYMN

Oh, shoutin's mighty sweet
When we shout with a heart,
An' sich has a sound, and say
"Bless God for de meetin'"
Bless God for de gregtin'!
Shoutin' comes mighty easy dat a way

But her shout when we part,
An' her shout from yo heart,
When we gwine be away, far away,
Wid a feelin' go hard
An' a facin' strange lan's,
Shoutin' comes mighty hard work a day

"Glory" sticks in yo throat
At the whistlin' ole boat
But cuts like a knife through yo heart
An' Hallelujah breaks
At de risin' o' de stakes
But loosens up de organs for bet'er at start

But if yer ha yo eye
On de waiting in the sky,
Where de "good byes" is all struck en out,
An' read your promises clair
Of another gethering there,
You can say far well, my brothers, with a shout

Den shout, brothers, shout!
Oh, hell yo victory out,
How mother death nor partin kin undo yer
Look fust at yo' home,
But last at de cross,
Singin' glory, glory, glory hallelujah!

Harper's

Select Family Reading.

Dora the Doctor, the Dentist and the Tooth.

[illegible] neglected but of him [illegible] seven o'clock mutton Dora [illegible] irresistible Dora has dimples and whims And if one is not at first inclined to yield to her whims then she turns on the dimple and it is all over with the opposition

Well, Dora's tooth had given her trouble yes, it had given her a great deal of trouble You may be sure it had, or Dora never would have suggested dentistry She did not suggest it suddenly, as might be inferred from my statement Oh, no, she approached the subject in an extremely cautious and conservative manner, as if the thought had just flitted across her mind and she was willing to give it consideration, very much as a man whose whole heart is set on getting possession of a certain piece of real estate approaches the owner It took Spartan endurance for Dora to assume that reflective, introspective manner while that tooth was torturing her like an instrument of the Inquisition But there was a reason why such manner was deemed best, and that reason was found in the fact that I myself had so often suggested dentistry to her If it had not been for that Dora would have come to it long before

As it was there seemed to be no other way, and so Dora driven to it began something like this

"Harry, sticks in yo throat
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As it was there seemed to be no other way, and so Dora driven to it began something like this when [illegible] until six, momentarily expecting his return) At six he came, but told me that he could not possibly be on hand the next day, as he had an appointment to read a paper on "Cancers and Pustules" at the County Medical Conference in the neighboring city This would take him out of the town till day, but on Thursday there would be nothing to hinder. Then I went to Dr. Pullam's office to see if he could serve us on Thursday as well as on Wednesday, but he had just received a telegramme announcing the death of a wealthy relative, and he would not feel justified in working on the day of the funeral (which was Thursday), but on Friday there would be nothing to hinder. I am not given to superstition, but somehow I was afraid that Friday might prove to be an unlucky day It did prove unlucky Dora's tooth ache, which had not troubled her after the first day, was now entirely gone, and she never felt better in her life. Go to the dentist's feeling as she did did then? never. So I went down to Dr. Pullam's to tell him that we should not be able to have him come before the next week.

Dora's sister Rose was coming that week to make us a long visit, but I saw no reason why Dora should not leave her sister long enough to have her tooth extracted. But as long as the tooth didn't ache, Dora thought she should not feel justified in having the dentist in the house during her sister's visit So I made the tour of the doctor's offices early in the week to say that it might be some little time before we should be able to make the engagement. Friday night Dora's tooth began to ache furiously, and in the very midst of her anguish I made her promise that the next morning the tooth should be extracted whether it ached or not, and whether Dr Pullam could be had or not But the tooth stopped aching just before daylight, and when at eight o'clock I reminded Dora of her promise, she said

"You wouldn't make me go to the dentists after such a night as that, would you?"

I kissed her, said I was only joking, anyway, and hurried out of the house

Rose stayed three weeks As soon as she was gone Dora plunged deep into the preparations for a pic-nic[illegible] (whatever that may be) in behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and by the time that was over we were going into the country We came back the first of Sept Dora had some toothache but nothing desperate, and the children must be got ready for school, which opened on the tenth Ten days later, the wet weather, which came with the equinoctial storm gave Dora a new and unprecedented turn with the toothache She agreed to have the tooth out at once

So I went down to Dr. Pullam's to see if he could see Dora immediately (he could if Dr Philgrave was ready I hastened over to Dr Philgrave's office to find that he was off on a fishing tour to the Rangeley lakes his first vacation in seven years. In a fit of desperation I rushed home to ask Dora if she wouldn't have it out any way, or wouldn't have nitrous oxide instead of ether, or wouldn't have some other dentist who might consent to some other doctor But Dora with a beatific smile said

"Isn't it splendid! It doesn't ache a bit now darling and I can wait as well as not

So I hurried down to Dr Pullam to tell him that we should be hindered a few days until the return of Dr Philgrave

It was two or three weeks after Dr Philgrave's return before the tooth in ought Dora to terms One morning she was ready This time I went to Dr Philgrave first He said he could be ready at one o'clock This was inconvenient for us but I gladly assented to the arrangement It was inconvenient for Dr Pullam, too, but after some grumbling, he, too, consented to be ready At 12 15 came a sharp ring at the bell, and Dr Philgrave's son appeared to say that an old lady in the country had broken her hip and that his father would not be back till four o'clock, his father would be happy to serve Dora at that hour I tried to say that it would make no difference and without waiting to consult Dora seized my hat and dashed down to the office of Dr Pullam I went in with a some what apologetic air which no longer seemed to surprise the doctor and told him my errand To my amazement he cheerfully said that he could come then as well as at any time

I wonder how it is that [illegible] was arranged but was [illegible] she lifted her eyebrows and said

"Why have you forgot the [illegible] meeting"

Then I remembered that [illegible] such a paper on The Park Continent at the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and as the wishes of the other churches had been specially invited it would never do to disappoint them I collapsed but did not lose my presence of mind and soon rallying seized my hat made a rush to the doctor's offices told them both that we could make no engagement at present got back home in time for a cold dinner, and instead of going down to business, went to bed I was threatened with brain fever, the doctor said probably superinduced by overwork, or unusual mental strain or excitement It was five days before I was permitted to go out again In the meantime my business demands had accumulated so that it was fully two weeks before I had time to think of other things

One day we were riding, and passing the dentist's office Dora was reminded of her tooth With a seriousness which was strange to her Dora turned to me and said

Do you know John that my tooth hasn't ached for days I am determined that I will have it out to-morrow I've suffered enough on account of that old tooth and you shan't be bothered any more

Something in Dora's manner was very convincing, and I sensed vaguely felt that perhaps to-morrow was to be the fateful day, for when Dora does thoroughly make up her mind to a thing, she is pretty sure to carry it through

At breakfast the next morning I watched Dora somewhat anxiously, but I saw from the look of determination on her face that her resolution had not weakened, though she was evidently nerving herself for the ordeal with considerable effort. After breakfast I took up the morning paper, and read that the community would be startled to learn that Dr Pullam its eminent dental practitioner, had been stricken with cerebro spinal meningitis Well, it was thirteen weeks before he got out again, and then I went down to ask him if he thought he could do a little work for my wife. "Any time" he murmured, wearily. I went to Dr. Philgrave's office, to see if it would be convenient for him to administer ether to my wife. "Any time," he snapped out, impatiently. Then I went to consult Dora. "Any time," she sighed, resignedly. So I took Dora on my arm at once We went to Dr Philgrave's office, and he joined the procession (and Dora hardly winced when she met Dr. Zuckerpills driving up the street). We went to Dr Pullam's and found him waiting, forceps in hand. In a moment, Dora, without a murmur, had taken the chair, with its uncompromising head rest. In another she had taken the ether. In another Dr Pullam had taken the tooth In another Dr. Philgrave had taken his departure, with a bowl of pus upon his lips.

All was over. The operation had taken just eleven months, four days and seven hours.

JERRY BARKER'S "LITTLE SONGS."

"Come, father and mother,
And sister and brother,
Come, all of you, turn to
And help one another

"If you in the morning
Throw minutes away,
You can't pick them up
In the course of a day
You may hurry and scurry,
And flurry and worry,
You've lost them forever
Forever and aye."

From Black Beauty

THE BETTER WAY.

The habit of looking at the bright side of things is worth more than a thousand a year Samuel Johnson.

Self reliance, self restraint, self control, self discipline, these constitute an educated will James Freeman Clarke

Life is too short to spend one's misery Hurry across the lowlands that you may spend more time on the mountain tops Phillips Brooks.

No higher respect is due the greatest inventor or discoverer than to the woman who has mastered the science of domestic economy Horace Mann

I think it is somewhere written that the virtues of mothers shall occasionally be visited on their children as well as the sins of the fathers Charles Dickens

There never did, and never will exist anything permanently noble and excellent in the character which is a stranger to the exercise of resolute self denial. Walter Scott

I could write down twenty cases where in I wished that God had done otherwise than he did but which I now see if I had had my own way, would have led to calamity and mischief Richard Cecil

I am confident there is a relation to God through Christ, which can make life perfectly peaceful and happy under all possible circumstances, and throw an unimaginable glory over this world C. L. Brace

I believe it is fully in the hands of Christians of the United States during the next fifteen or twenty years, to hasten or retard the coming of Christ's kingdom in the world, by hundreds, perhaps thousands of years Josiah Strong

It is true I cannot prevent the introduction of the flowing poison, gain seeking and corrupt men will for profit and sensuality, defeat my wishes, but nothing will induce me to derive a revenue from the vice and misery of my people Emperor of China

[illegible] that oughtness [illegible] goods on to keep rooms in good order, and the table beautifully appointed. I know a girl who says that she takes great pains with her room whenever she thinks her Aunt Mary is coming to see her, because Aunt Mary's sharp eyes discover every speck of dust and observe any trifle that is the least out of order Aunt Mary is a bit of a critic, and her notice a little afraid of her comments

In other words the aunt has made a reward of the girl I do not like the idea of being in bondage to anybody, whether an aunt or a stranger It would seem to me a far better way to feel that one must answer to one's self and that one would not feel satisfied unless she could look her self in the glass and say There, every thing is done in the best possible manner and you cannot find any fault with me to day Try to, if you dare"

I wonder whether you are particular to write notes of thanks very soon after receiving gifts or acts of courtesy? The value of a note of thanks is greatly increased by its being prompt. If some friend leaves a bunch of violets at your door and you fail to acknowledge it until the flowers have faded, your thanks when they do come are tardy When flowers are sent to those who are ill they, of course, cannot repay the courtesy by a little note themselves but some one in the family should do it for them Your note of thanks should be very genial showing that you are really pleased by the kind attention and the happier for it Do not be afraid to write warmly and cordially on such occasions. If stiff and formal, you are unjust both to your friend and yourself *Harper's Round Table*

NAPOLEON AND THE BARBERS

Napoleon's smooth face was a sure evidence of his dislike for a beard In some anecdotes of the Russian campaign there is a story told of the great Emperor and a poor but witty barber who had occasion to shave him

Napoleon had made a rather lengthy detour from the line of march with a detachment of officers Arriving at a small village they refreshed themselves with a good meal and baths Napoleon, wishing to be shaved, the village barber was called in While the poor fellow strapped his razor and passed it industriously over the great Emperor's chin, he remained silent and seemingly melancholy, although performing his work with amazing rapidity and smoothness. When he had finished, Napoleon complimented him, remarking, "But, man, why do you wear such a melancholy face? You should be happy to have the privilege of shaving an Emperor."

"I am doubly happy, your Majesty."

"Then what is it that troubles you?"

"Alas, your Majesty, when I think of the Kings upon Kings and Emperors that have do I without knowing what it was to be shaved by me, I am sad and melancholy. *Harper's*

Weakness is the symptom, impoverished blood the cause. Hood's Sarsaparilla the cure. It makes the weak strong.

HOW BLUE PAPER WAS DISCOVERED.

It was by the purest accident that the simple process of tinting white paper was discovered. It was the result of sheer carelessness in a woman. The wife of an English paper maker named William Exat, accidently dropped the "blue bag," a small bag, full of bluing with which she was about to blue her washing, into a vat of pulp, where it lay long enough to give the entire mass a bluish tinge before, to her consternation, she recovered it. So terrified was she at the result of her gross carelessness and its disastrous result that she dared not mention the fact to her husband whose dismay at what he considered discoloration and destruction of the entire lot of paper made from the mass was his worry for months.

He considered the paper spoiled and an entire loss, but suffered it to remain in an out of the way place as unsalable stock for four years, when in order to get it out of the way and to make room for better stock, he sent it to his agent in London asking him to get rid of it at any price. To the paper maker's utter surprise, in a short time he received from his agent an order for a great quantity of bluish paper and found upon inquiry concerning the sanity of the agent that the bluish paper being a novelty had taken wonderfully with the public But he was in a dilemma, for he had no idea as to how to give the blue tinge to the paper ordered by his agent and wearily tried without result for many days and nights

Mentioning his trouble to his wife one day she admitted her carelessness and told of the way in which the pulp happened to become spoiled by the bag of bluing. The paper maker was overjoyed at the revelation, found it an easy task to give the tinge to his white paper and until the time of his death, which occurred many years after, he was unable to supply the great demand for blue paper, so acceptable and relieving to the eye of the writer. Boston *Herald*

THAVELED MICROBES.

It may cause a slight sensation among stamp collectors, though nothing can wean them from their idols, to learn that the latest French science declares postage stamps to be one of the most favorable *media* for the transmission of contagious diseases *L'Illustration* (Paris) comments on the facts in its "Documents and Information" column. It says "The mouth offers through the saliva vehicle for the propagation of infectious germs as those of diphtheria, pneumonia, erysipelas and as stamps are most often moistened with the tongue, it is not difficult to perceive how contagion becomes possible among collectors. It is the effect of the contagious kiss at a distance. In truth, a curious instance of such contagion has recently become the personal experience of a medical man the case of a physician whose beard was touched with a parasitic disease called "piedra," found only in Colombia This gentleman had never been to Colombia, but frequently received letters from that place, and amused himself detaching the stamps by soaking them to water Evidently he had stroked his beard with the fingers wet with the infected water, and so contracted the disease From this positive contagion, infer possible ones, and avoid not only Colombian stamps but all stamps

MOLTEN METAL AS A BRIDGE

The Cleveland *Leader* says Great [illegible] molten metal go daily skimming along the Erie Railroad from the Cleveland Rolling Mills Company's central blast furnace to the Newburg mills as sedately as if this traffic were of long standing The plan, put into operation last Monday, is a perfect success It takes just fifteen minutes for the metal after it is poured into the big ladle cars, to reach the mixer in the mills, some five miles away Eight trips are made a day as follows at 6 20, 8 20 and 11 20 o'clock in the morning, at 2 10 and 4 10 o'clock in the afternoon, and three trains at night. These trips are made at a time when the tracks are practically cleared Thus delays are avoided, which would be expensive, for if long continued the metal would cool and the purpose of a special delivery thus be defeated At the rolling mills the ex is raised on a trust to the mixer, the ladle is tipped by machinery and the liquid metal poured into the mixer Relieved of their load, the cars amble back to the furnace at their leisure, in time for the next trip About five hundred tons of hot metal is thus carried every day over this long railroad route

COURTNEY TEACHES HIS MASTER.

He had his legs stretched across across the aisle of a street car when a man who had just got on gave them a kick which nearly slewed him off his seat He recovered himself and turned and demanded

"Did you do that on purpose, sir?"

"Yes, sir" was the prompt reply

"Wanted to pick a fuss, did you?"

"I wanted to teach you manners. It isn't manners for a man to stretch his legs across a car"

"Manners! You talk to me about manners! Sir, do you know who I am?"

"No, sir and I don't care!

Do you know that I've rid on a street car more'n twenty times?

"I thought this was your first trip

"Oh did ye; Waal, it hain't, not by a long shot' I was right on this car last night, and I not only stretched my legs across the car and ate a pint of peanuts but laid down on the seat when I got tired and went to sleep I guess I know how to behave myself as well as most folks, and if anybody kicks my legs again he'll want to bet his will made in advance!" Detroit *Free Press*

FACTS ABOUT THE DEVIL.

The devil likes to be called by names that angels would be willing to take

The devil works hard to keep men from getting to God with their money

The devil leads the man who hesitates about doing what he knows is right.

The devil feels at home in the house of the man who does not put up a fence that tells him to keep out.

The devil's great aim is to make it easy for men to do wrong and hard to do right

The devil will not care who does the preaching, if his plans for raising money are adopted by the church.

If the devil had to work without a mask he wouldn't leave the pit.—*Rev's Horn*

A SONG OF ISMS.

Sing a song of isms,
Of fads and follies past,
Sing a song of crazes
Too ludicrous to last
Sing of old sensations,
Inspiring social cliques,
Sing of wild sensations,
Of silly whims and freaks.

Sing a song of isms
And when this song is done
Let us sin another
Of the latest one,
Showing how each ism
Even age of yore,
Always in succession
By one ism more

A REMARKABLE TROLLEY LINE.

From Harper's Weekly

Among all the new railways made possible by the use of the trolley none is quite so wonderful as that now building close to the water's edge along the American bank of the Niagara gorge. Here the electric current is about to make travel possible and easy between points never before covered by man's footsteps. This road, now in course of construction, is expected to be open for travel early in August, for the portion of the distance it covers Now the roar of the dynamite blasts echoes and re echoes between the rocky cliffs as the road bed is dug out along the debris slope Bowlders which have remained for centuries undisturbed have been blown to pieces to make way for the trolley's march, and trees of the beautiful bank have also unfortunately fallen victims of man's invasion

This has been done to order that curious humanity may the better view Niagara at its wildest and best scenic points as it rapidly flows between the high cliffs toward Lake Ontario. When the road is first operated its upper end will be at the Battery elevator, where the whirlpool rapids toss highest Its lower end will be on the dock in Lewiston

The road bed is about twenty feet up from the water's edge, and wide enough to accommodate a double track. The centre pole system will be used. The rails will be of extra heavy weight, and the line will be rock ballasted from end to end.

Starting where the waters of the rapids run wildest, the sight-seers will be carried along to full view of the rapids, and past the whirlpool, across the broad and dangerous expanse, of which they will have the best view ever afforded visitors to the Falls They will pass through portions of the gorge where for centuries the caw of the crow and the occasional flight of the eagle have been undisturbed. The thickly wooded banks of the gorge will have added attractiveness from the delightful point of view, and at the Lewiston end of the road they will look upon peaceful waters which form a marked contrast with the fury displayed at the starting point

"TAIL PIECE" HOGARTH'S CURIOUS PICTURE

"Tail piece" This title Hogarth, the celebrated English painter, gave to his last work Grouped in an ingenious manner, he printed the following list to represent the end of things a broken bottle, the butt end of an old musket, an old broom worn to the stump, a bow unstrung, a crown tumbled to pieces, towers in ruins, a cracked bell, the sign post of an inn, called the "World's End," falling down, the moon in her wane, a gibbet falling, the body gone, and the chains which held it dropping down, the map of the globe burning, Phœbus and his horses lying dead in the clouds, a vessel wrecked, Time with his hour glass and scythe broken, a tobacco pipe with the last whiff of smoke going, a play book opened, with the *exeunt omnes* stamped in the corner, a statue of bankruptcy taken out against nature, and an empty purse

Hogarth reviewed this work and with a sad and troubled countenance. Alas! something lacks Nothing is wanted but this, and taking up his palette, he broke it and the brushes, and then with his pencil sketched the complete "Finis, its done!" he cried! It is said that he never took up the palette again, and a month later died. *Harper's*

GETTING A DEAD MAN OUT OF A HOTEL

I was stopping at the United States hotel in New York several years ago, said Mr William I Montague, "and while there formed a very pleasant acquaintance with the chief clerk We were chatting one afternoon when a bell boy came to him and stated the man in No. 36 was dead. He had been ailing for some time and had probably died of what doctors now call heart failure The hotel was full of guests, and how to remove the man without arousing their suspicions was a puzzling question The deceased had a sister living on Thirty first street, and it was decided to carry the body to her home A hack was called and two of the stoutest porters were called upon to dress the body in everyday costume, and with one on each side walk him down stairs as if he was in a maudlin state of intoxication Everything worked to perfection, and in a half hour the dead man had been seated in the back and driven away, none of the guests being the wiser for what had happened St Louis *Republic*

WEED SEEDS IN WINTER WINDS

It is well known that winds play an important rôle in the distribution of seeds Prof. Bolley, in the *North Dakota Experiment Station Bulletin*, records that in two square feet of a three weeks' old and three inch deep snowdrift upon an ice pond ten yards from any woods, he found nineteen weed seeds, and in another drift quite similarly situated thirty two seeds, representing nine kinds of weeds While the wind was blowing twenty miles an hour a peck of mixed seeds was poured upon the snow crust, and ten minutes after 191 wheat grains, 54 flaxseeds, 13 buckwheat, and 91 ragweed seeds were found in a thirty rods from where they had been poured upon the crust. *Science*

The Queen's Boudoir.

Specially favored visitors were recently allowed to penetrate the Queen's boudoir at Windsor Castle Its state has remained unaltered since Her Majesty's widowhood. On the door is inscribed "Every article in this room my deeply lamented husband selected for me in the 20th year of my reign." The Queen's bridal wreath, with the first bouquet Prince Albert sent to her, lies within a glass case and on every side are evidences of thought and devotion of the Prince Consort to Her Majesty