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GUELPH.

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Satisfactory work always guaranteed and at most reasonable prices

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Cakes,

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Confectionery

Also FRUITS, CANNED GOODS, ICE CREAM, &c.

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P S. Wedding Cakes a specialty.

Poetry.

A NEW SONG OF SIXPENCE.

(Read at the spring convention of the Morris County, N. J., W C T U, May, 1895.)

Sing a song of ways and means,
Nice, good natured men,
With an empty pocketbook,
Hits upon a plan.
Gets a paper and a pen,
Writes an application,
Gets it signed by twelve nice men,
Of decent grade and station,
When the paper's opened,
'Tis clearly understood,
The whole thing is "conducive
To the public good."

Fellow buys his license,
Pays his money down;
Isn't that an easy way
Of lighting up a town?
Make the sidewalks wider
Make our wife and straight,
Sometimes men come reeling
Homeward rather late—
Once were babies cuddled tight,
As though the love would smother,
Isn't this a pleasant sight
To set before a mother?

Sing a song of broken hearts,
Hearts that break for sorrow,
Eyes that look through blinding tears
For a better morrow
When the polls are opened,
The votes and drink go down,
Isn't this a precious sight
To set before a town?

Sing a song of ships afloat,
Starry pennants wearing,
For a distant heathen port,
See them seaward bearing
Tracts and rum casks both aboard,
Whiskey and salvation,
'Tis a most consistent dish
Before a Christian nation

Sing a song of woman's work
Women's faith and prayers
Four and twenty duties,
Four and twenty cares
Girls with sunny faces,
Women with white hats
Colonists in the East and West,
Unions everywhere

Working for a Christian home
Men that cease delaying,
Women with their ribbons on
Hoping, trusting, praying
When the Book is opened,
Where creed and act accord
Won't this be a pleasant sight
To set before the Lord?

Jon, N.J. By Mrs N S

Select Family Reading.

It Might Have Been

BY MRS HAGGIE L. ANDERSON

Out on the November twilight, with its mists and oaks making a crimson canopy of autumnal foliage above her fair young head, Gerty Deane would have made a pretty subject for an artist's sketch as she stood in her pale pink muslin dress, and her petty, silken hair all blown about in the riotous autumn breeze

"Oh, Robert!" she cried, her dimpled face brightening as a tall figure strode up over the slope of the hill, "I thought you would never come!"

Mr Clare surveyed his pretty lover critically

"Don't do that little one," said he, as she tried to relieve him of one of his travelling traps "How you are sunburned! And I think you stoop a little I wish they would look after you a little more

"The sunshine faded out of Gerty's face in a second. It was hard that he should begin to find fault with her in this first moment of their reunion

"I'm sorry I don't suit you," said she in a trembling voice "You used to like me before you got that horrid office in the Custom House and I left Yellow Valley

"A man is not a fossil, child," said Mr Clare carelessly "We grow mentally as physically And no one can help his tastes changing

Gerty Deane stopped short at the gate where the honeysuckles made a natural arch, and the two great columns of velvet green box kept their century old vigil.

"Robert," said she, "your letters have puzzled me of late, and your words and manner puzzle me still more. Do you mean that you—are tired of me?"

"How you do catechise one!" said Clare impatiently "Did I say that I was tired of you" You are a dear, sweet natured little puss, and of course, a man can't expect to have everything at once But the truth is that I have been mixing in rather intellectual society of late and after a taste of champagne it is hard to come down to cold water again

Gerty looked wistfully at him

"I don't venture to ask a peck," she said "But I read a great deal and I try to keep up with the age, Robert I do indeed for your sake

He looked with a sort of patronizing good humor down at her earnest face

"My darling," said he "you are perfect as you are A man does not expect a canary to ape the lofty notes of the nightingale Now run in out of the dew and tell them to bring me a cup of tea

Gerty obeyed docile, but still unconvinced What right had Robert Clare to treat her like a child! She was almost sorry, for a moment almost, but not quite that she was engaged to him And the more she thought of it, the more she was determined to free him from bonds which she instinctly thought were becoming burdensome

He shall not marry me because he is sorry for me, she told herself If he had remained here at Yellow Valley, all would have been right But he has drifted into the wide sea of city society, and it is as he says he begins to perceive the difference between champagne and cold water. No! with the bright tears sparkling into her eyes "I love him dearly, but I will not ruin his future and mine, to avoid being called an old maid

And so that very day, when Robert Clare was dreaming over a book, with the blossoming clouds of the old apple tree framing their soft pink shells down over his head, Gerty came resolutely out to him with a little turquois ring in her hand

"Robert, said she, "I have been thinking the matter over, and I have come to the conclusion that we both shall be happier if our futures separate at this point.

"Gerty!" he exclaimed, in amazement

"Here, the engagement ring, Robert, said she, speaking calmly in spite of the lump in her poor little throat. "Please don't attempt to argue the point, for nothing will induce me to change my mind.

He accepted the tiny blue token relunctantly

"You will remember, Gerty," said he, "that this is your own doing."

"I shall not forget it," said she.

"Seen her! No, of course I haven't seen her," said Mr Clare. "That's the very spice and sparkle of the thing We have corresponded for three years, and I've never set much as looked at her photograph!"

"Incognito, eh?" said Philip Wayne, carelessly

"Something of that sort And I've read her book "A Lost Love," you know. Really, I think it's the most talented thing of the day. "Autumn Leaves," too, the little collection of poems, has had a splendid run. Everyone is reading it And you really know her?"

"I have the pleasure of knowing her most intimately," returned Wayne.

"She is beautiful, of course?"

"Very."

"And her manner?"

"She is quiet and retiring. No one would ever suspect, either that she was a successful authoress, or the most cultivated woman in the State

Clare sprang up from his chair in enthusiasm.

"So much the better," said he. "I hate your blue stockings who go about in tattered frocks and inky fingers!"

"But you haven't told me," interposed Wayne, "how you commenced to correspond with a person whom you confess that you never saw"

"Oh, that is plain, enough I had been reading "A Lost Love," and in the magnetic spell of the moment, sat down and wrote to the authoress directing, of course, to the care of the publishers. She answered my letter in the same spirit and by Jove, old fellow, this correspondence has been a treat all along Her letters are charming

Mr Wayne smiled

"I see that I shall have to introduce you, said he

Clare wrung his hand

"I shall be your debtor all—" he cried, if you will, cried he

"I am going down to see Edith this afternoon, said Wayne, and if you will meet me at the three o'clock train, I will venture to insure you a welcome.

"I'll be as punctual as the clock, said Robert Clare, with sparkling eyes and heightened color

And he kept his word

"Yellow Valley, oh!" said he, glancing at the railway it lets in his friend's hand. "Why! it can't be possible! I was a boy there I know every one in Yellow Valley

"Then perhaps you know this lady,"

Clare shook his head

"All the men at Yellow Valley are born money making machines, said he "All the women are smiling and stupid without an idea beyond croquet and worsted work But perhaps she is visiting there

"We shall see, said Wayne with provoking uncommunicativeness

At the Yellow Valley station a little close carriage met them with a respectful driver in plain clothes, who touched his hat to Mr. Wayne as if he were a familiar guest, and away they whirled under the bending green of the elm boughs, and past the peaceful homesteads that lined the way to the village

"Why!" ejaculated Clare as the carriage drew up in front of a pretty stone villa, "this is the old Deane mansion! What on earth are you stopping here for,"

"Yes, said Wayne, "it is the old Deane mansion and here is your unknown correspondent, the authoress of 'A Lost Love' coming to welcome us

And the next moment he had lifted a slight figure in his arms with a resounding kiss She disengaged herself, laughing and blushing

"Phil, what an uncivilized savage you are!" said she, "And I have not even spoken to Mr Clare

"But Mr Clare seemed transfixed in a sort of incredulous surprise.

"Gerty!" cried he "Gerty Deane

She inclined her head, with a charming dimple in either cheek

"Yes, said she, Gerty Deane Oh, you never dreamed you were corresponding with me, did you! For Phil's sister copied all my letters and posted them from Philadelphia, and Phil didn't object, and

But what business was it of Mr Wayne's rather haughtily demanded Robert Clare.

"Oh, none in particular said Gerty "Only we were in fearful last month

Clare stood aghast Her Gerty the dark eyed little gypsy who had once been a submissive to his every whim the queen of the literary world the unknown correspondent whose glittering intellect had so dazzled him another man's wife!

When a bud is only half open its owner will hum tuneful roses may become And when Clare went back to the city one evening from that night he caught himself repeating Whittier's refrain

Of all sad words of tongue or pen
The saddest are these it might be
For the book and the book maker were
As far as he was concerned a lost love

CHRISTMAS FAIRIES

A secret in one of the magazines is that James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York *Herald*, sits down in his library in Paris and examines critically his great newspaper with a twofold object in view He notes every really good thing and in some way or another rewards the writer, he also notes the mistakes and calls the attention of the conductors of the paper to them Mr Bennett's method might be adopted with advantage by many who consider themselves better christians than he professes to be Some readers of a paper never see anything but the mistakes Some people who go to church on Sabbath professed to worship God look for the faults which no only could see if not looking for them The result is that their souls are lean and their tempers soured

NO DRINKING THERE

The Nickel Plate Railroad has just posted orders in Chicago stating that all employees frequenting saloons, "either on or off duty," will be summarily dismissed. This rule seems to be coming into increasing favor among the railroads.

RECOMPENSE.

So many sorrows had beset my way
I thanked God for the dying of the day
The shadows gloomed above my hopeless path,
And even life a mien veiled red the pts of wrath
So that I railed at Fortune or Fate,
When little feet came pattering to the gate
And lips that came to kiss me sweetly spoke,
And life seemed brighter for a little child!
O truest love that comforts in our need!
Is it not writ, "A little child shall lead?"

FRANK L. STANTON

VARIETIES IN WINTER WHEAT.

Reports of Successfully Conducted Experiments From Thirty Counties in Ontario.

One hundred and twenty two varieties of winter wheat have been tested at the Ontario Agricultural College within the past six years. Some of these varieties have produced yields of grain which were more than double those of other varieties grown beside them on plots of the same area. Not only has there been a great variation in the comparative yields of grain produced by the different varieties, but there has been a marked difference in strength of straw, weight of grain per measured bushel, value of grain for milling purposes, etc., of the different varieties tested. The results of these experiments are published annually in bulletin form and in the College report, and are sent free to all members of farmers' institutes in Ontario, by the Department of Agriculture, Toronto. The bulletin giving the results of the winter wheat experiments conducted in the Experimental Department, the past year is now in Toronto for publication.

In the fall of 1894, nine leading varieties of winter wheat were selected from the kinds, which had been grown from one to five years at the Agricultural College, and were distributed throughout Ontario for co-operative and experimental work. These were divided into two sets, with five varieties in each, the Dawson's Golden Chaff being used in both sets to form a basis by which the results of all the varieties could be compared with one another. Each person wanting to conduct an experiment, stated in his application which set he desired, and the five varieties in the set selected were sent to his address with full instructions for conducting the experiment The grain was sown at the rate of 1½ bushels per acre upon plots 1/160 of an acre in size

Two hundred and forty seven winter wheat experiments have already been reported on this season. Of this number, one hundred favored us with good reports of successful experiments, eighty furnished partial reports, and sixty seven wrote of failure or unreliable results. The names of the successful experimenters and detailed results of the tests will be printed in the annual report of the Experimental Union for 1895 which will be published as an appendix to the Agricultural College report

The following table gives the comparative yields of straw and grain per acre of the winter wheat varieties tested during the past season on one hundred Ontario farms

	Straw per acre tons	Grain per acre bushels
1 Dawson's Golden Chaff	1.29	42.9
2 Early Genesee Giant	1.41	42.8
3 Early Red Clawson	1.23	28.3
4 Jones Winter Fife	1.16	28.8
5 Pride of Genesee	1.41	28.8
6 American Bronze	1.31	28.5
7 Surprise	1.32	28.4
8 Early Ripe	1.06	27.8
9 Early White Leader	1.29	26.1

As none except the most careful experiments have been used in the preceding summary of results, this should be of great value and worthy of the thoughtful attention of wheat growers in Ontario Much credit is due to the careful experimenters who sent us the full reports, which have been used in this summary

CONCLUSIONS OF THESE EXPERIMENTS WITH WINTER WHEAT, ETC.

1 Reports of successful experiments with winter wheat have been received this season from thirty counties in Ontario, nineteen of which are east and eleven west of the City of Guelph

2 The counties of Lambton, Middlesex, Huron, Elgin, Simcoe, and Bruce furnished fifty one of the one hundred good reports received in 1895

3 Of the two hundred and forty seven experimenters who reported the results of their tests, only eight speak of wishing to discontinue the co operative experimental work, and much interest is manifested throughout

4. Dawson's Golden Chaff, Early Genesee Giant, Early Red Clawson, and Jones' Winter Fife gave the highest yields of grain among nine leading varieties of winter wheat tested throughout Ontario for two years in succession

5 In average yield of winter wheat per acre Dawson's Golden Chaff stood highest among eleven varieties tested over Ontario in 1893 nine varieties in 1894, and nine varieties in 1895 also among fifty three varieties grown at the Ontario Agricultural College for four years in succession

6 In the co operative experiments for 1895 Dawson's Golden Chaff, Jones' Winter Fife and the Early Genesee Giant gave the best yield on heavy soils, and Dawson's Golden Chaff the early Genesee Giant and the American Bronze on light soils

7 When the experiments failed to produce a crop, or left fallow Dawson's Golden Chaff gave the largest average yield of grain and when they followed potatoes, Early Genesee Giant came first in this respect.

8 Early Genesee Giant and Dawson's Golden Chaff made the best appearance in the spring of 1895 and Early Ripe looked the poorest

9 American Bronze, Early Genesee Giant and Dawson's Golden Chaff possessed the stiffest straw in 1895

10 Pride of Genesee and American Bronze produced the greatest length of straw and Surprise the shortest length

11 Early Ripe and Dawson's Golden Chaff were the least and Early Genesee Giant and Early White Leader were the most affected by rust

12 Early Ripe and Early Red Clawson were the first to mature, and the Pride of Genesee and Early White Leader were the last to mature.

13 Early Genesee Giant and Dawson's Golden Chaff produced the plumpest grain and Early Ripe and the American Bronze the most shrunken grain.

14 Dawson's Golden Chaff was decidedly the most popular variety with the experimenters in each of the past three years, and during the present season, it was chosen by over sixty per cent of the farmers who sent in full reports, as being the best among the varieties tested.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEED FOR TESTING PURPOSES.

In the following table will be found two sets of winter wheat varieties, which will be sent free, by mail, in half pound lots of each variety, to farmers applying for them, who will carefully test the five kinds in the set which they choose, and will report the results after harvest next year. The seed will be sent out in the order in which the applications are received as long as the supply lasts.

SET 1.	SET 2.
Dawson's Golden Chaff	Dawson's Golden Chaff
Early Red Clawson	Early Genesee Giant
Jones' Winter Fife	Pride of Genesee
Surprise	Bulgarian
American Bronze	Jones' Square Head

Each person wishing one of these sets should write to the Experimentalist, Agricultural College, Guelph, mentioning which set he desires; and the grain, with instructions for testing, and blank form on which to report, will be furnished free of cost to his address, until the supply of grain for distributing becomes exhausted

C. A. ZAVITZ,

Experimentalist and Director of co operative experiments in Agriculture.

A VERY YOUNG DOCTOR.

A physician owning a country seat where his family were accustomed to spend the summer months, taught his boys to swim as soon as they were out of the nursery. His farm bordered upon a lake, where the greater part of the boys' time was taken up with boating, fishing and swimming. One was nine and the other six years old, and they were expected to take care of themselves.

One day the younger child was seized with a cramp while he was in the water, and after screaming for help, sank out of sight. The brother swam out boldly and got an arm under him before the third downward plunge.

The youngster was unconscious and helpless, but the older one contrived to keep him afloat with one arm while striking out with the other for the shore He drew the little fellow out of the water, while motionless and apparently dead

The rescuer had heard his father describe the treatment for resuscitating persons taken from the water when nearly drowned He could not remember it in detail, but he was impressed with the necessity for prompt action

He did not attempt to summon help from the house, which was a long way off Placing the boy on his face with his wrist under his forehead, he paused a moment and then turned the body on its side.

This crude attempt to restore respiration was repeated several times, until he was delighted to find the lips moving and the eyes opening The young physician had not made a strictly scientific application of the rules for artificial respiration, but the little fellow's breath was restored

Then two additional rules mentioned by the father were remembered. The body was briskly rubbed, and then bundled up with jackets and dry clothes which were on the bank

With these measures for restoring circulation, recovery was well nigh complete Then taking the child on his back, the rescuer started for the house where the mother received them with open arms and anxious face

The patient was put to bed and the father was summoned from town but other measures were hardly necessary The nine year old physician had done his work so successfully that anything else was required.

The father was proud of the boy as he had a right to be

"I could not have done better myself, he said to the lad You must be a doctor when you grow up indeed you are one already"

THE TRIALS OF A COUNTRY EDITOR

Whatever may be the truth as to the falsity of the stories that are told of the scarcity of the funds in a country editor's pocket or the scarcity of food in his stomach, the stories are always told, and neither the progress of education nor the growth and development of the press seems to have any effect upon the crop One of the latest comes from Kentucky, where the mountain editor, at least, rarely developes into a Crœsus or an Apicius, and this one is concerning a mountain editor A subscriber had remembered him pretty kindly, and a day or two later a visitor called at his office.

"Can I see the editor?" he inquired of the grimy little "devil" treating on a high stool

"No sir," replied the youth on the stool He's sick

"What's the matter with him?"

"Dun no," said the boy "Come to see about his pay? Guess he'll give him a bag of flour and a bushel of pertaters, I think, and I reckon he's foundered *Harper's*

THE CITY PAPERS NOT GOOD

No man is not poor to take his local newspaper says an exchange editor. How can it do so and keep alive without it? Hardly a week passes that something does not appear in its columns that will be a financial benefit to the subscriber, and by the end of the year he has made or saved from one to twenty times the subscription price The city papers do not take the place of your local paper although some people seem to think they do The city papers are all right in their way but they don't give you what you are most interested in your local and county news You cannot learn from them when public meetings are to be held, who are dying or who are marrying Who are moving out court proceedings Who wants to sell land in fact, hundreds of items which might be of particular importance for you to know Such matter city papers cannot furnish, but your local paper can and does

AN AMERICAN COMPLIMENT

At the Christian Endeavor meeting in Boston recently a San Francisco clergyman, Rev Dr Dillie, said, in the course of his reply to an address of welcome by the Boston people "We are here from every land where the language of Shakespeare and Milton is spoken for our imperial uncomparable race is one, on both sides of the St Lawrence, both sides of the Atlantic and in Australasia, that Greater Britain beneath the Southern Cross. See yonder host hailing from the Dominion of Canada an empire that has an area forty times that of the British Isles, seventeen times that of the empire of Prussia and twelve times that of the republic of France, a land that has rivers and lakes still unknown to song, and valleys untrodden by the foot of civilization, which will yet resound to the tread of a population as vast as that of Europe."

Live a temperate life; better, become a total abstainer

Nearly every one needs a good tonic at this season: Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true tonic and blood purifier

PLAINT OF THE PESSIMIST.

Nothing to do but work,
Nothing to eat but food,
Nothing to wear but clothes,
To keep one from being nude

Nothing to breathe but air,
Quick as a flash 'tis gone,
Nowhere to fall but off,
Nowhere to stand but on.

Nothing to sing but songs,
Ah well! Alas! Alack!
Nowhere to go but out,
Nowhere to come but back

Nothing to read but words,
Nothing to cast but votes,
Nothing to hear but sounds,
Nothing to sail but boats.

Nothing to comb, but hair,
Nowhere to sleep but in bed,
Nothing to weep but tears,
Nothing to bury but dead

Nothing to see but sights,
Nothing to quench but thirst,
Nothing to live but what we regret
Thus through life we are cursed

Nothing to strike but a gait,
Everything moves that grows,
Nothing at all but common sense
Can ever withstand these woes.

BEN KING.

JUDGING BY APPEARANCES

A noted professor in one of our colleges, in speaking of his own college days, said

"I remember a student, Frank W., who sat by me in the lecture room, who fell under grave rebuke, because the lecturer judged by appearances. Frank had a trick of whittling One day he fashioned a small keel of a ship a dainty thing, with a watching figure head. He finished it just as the lecture was finished Dr M., the lecturer, was a reverend man, with white hair and a kind heart But the good man was wounded by the whittler. He was idle, and disrespectful, and he summoned him to his study, to administer a wholesome rebuke

"Young man, said he I am obliged to speak to you about the foolish and trifling way in which you spend your time

Frank looked at him in surprise

"Please take that thing out of your pocket that you made during the lecture

Frank drew forth the keel, he had made it without thinking, and he was hardly conscious of its existence

"You disrespect for me and the students I might pass by, said Dr M "but your irreverence for important subjects I must treat more severely Can you tell me the subject of the lecture this morning"

Frank told the subject readily

"Can you tell me anything about the manner in which it was treated?

"I think so, said Frank

And he began at the first remark of the lecturer, and repeated almost every word of the lecture

"I did not think you noticed anything that I said, Mr W., said the doctor astonishment and respect struggling for the mastery of his mind

"I suppose I was whittling, said Frank "I generally am but I did not know it upon my honor I never was more interested in a lecture in my life

"Appearances are deceitful, said the doctor "You will pardon me for judging you wrongfully

"And I hope you will pardon me for my everlasting whittling, said Frank "I would give it up, but I am afraid I should lose the thread of my ideas if I had not something in my hands

WRINKLES.

Sexton and the grave diggers are good friends together

When we go out to meet trouble we never have a long walk

When the devil can't get behind the preacher in any other way he sometimes joins the choir

Anybody can be pleasant to pleasant people, but it takes grace to be pleasant to unpleasant people

If you want to get in a crooked path just follow the direction of a corkscrew

There are people who hate a thief who borrow books and never return them

He who is hunting a wife without a fault should remember the spouse he is seeking may be searching for a husband of the same sort

The man who is only concerned to speak the exact truth is not apt to be profuse

It is as silly to talk anything but the silly as it would from the wise *Judge's Home*

WONDERS OF PHILOSOPHY

The purpose like the fabled hydra lives new life from the knife lifted to destroy it The fly spider lays an egg as long as itself There are more than forty one muscles in the caterpillar Hook discovered fourteen thousand mirrors in the eye of a drone and to effect the respiration of a carp thirteen thousand three hundred arteries vessels veins, bones etc are necessary The body of every spider contains four little masses pierced with a multitude of imperceptible holes, each hole permitting the passage of a single thread all the threads to the amount of a thousand to each mass, joined together when they come out, and make the single thread with which the spider spins its web so that what we call the spider's thread consists of more than four thousand united

PROMPT PEOPLE.

Don't live a single hour of your life without doing exactly what is to be done to it and going straight through it from beginning to end Work, play study whatever it is take hold at once and finish it up squarely then to the next thing without letting any moments drop between It is wonderful to see how many hours these prompt people contrive to make of a day it is as if they picked up the moments which the drawlers lost And if you find yourself where you have so many things pressing upon you that you hardly know where to begin, let me tell you a secret Take hold of the very first one that comes to hand, and you will find the rest all falling into file and follow after

GOOD SPELLING.

It is well always for boys to learn how to spell, as the experience of a little lad in England recently proved He tried to write a verse to his teacher and in using the word "bonny" to describe her face, he wrote, "And O, your bony face." The teacher did not like having her face referred to as bony, and the poor little fellow was kept in for an hour after the rest of the boys had gone home *Harper's*