The Acton Free Press

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING.

Free Press Steam Printing Office, MILL STREET. TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION-One dollar per year

strictly in advance. All subscriptions discon-tinued when the time for which they have been paid has expired. The date to which every subscription is paid is denoted on the address ADVERTISING PATES-Transient advertise-ments, 10 cents per Nonparell line for first in-sertion, 3 cents per line for each subsequent juscrtion. CONTRACT RATES-The following table shows

| 1 TR. | 6 MO. | 8 MO. | 1 MO

O inches O inches o inches 1 inches 7.00 2.00 Advertisements, without specific directions, will be inserted till forbid and charged accordingly. Translent advertisements must be paid a savance. Advertisements will be changed once each month if, desired. For changes oftener than ence a month the composition must be paid for

Changes for contract advertisements must be n the office by neen on Tuesdays. Accounts payable monthly. H. P. MOORE Editor and Proprietor

Business Directory. MEDICAL.

F. UREN, M. D. C. M. Office and residence-Corner Mill & Frederick

S. ELLIOTT, M. B., M. D. GRADUATE TORONTO UNIVERSITY. OFFICE-Main Street, third door south of Presbyterian Church, Acton.

R. DRYDEN, EYE, EAR, THROAT AND NOSE, McLeau's Block, Douglas St., near P. O., GUELPH. OFFICE Houns-10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. BUNDAYS-10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VETERINARY SURGEON.

LFRED P. HUSBAND, V. S. Graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College. Honorary member of the Veterinary Medical OFFICE-Wm. Husband's, lot 24, con. 4, Nass-Calls day or night promptly attended to.

DENTAL. L. BENNETT, L.D.S., DENTIST,

DR. F. S. MERCER. Graduate of Toronto University and R.C.D.S Office over Drug Store, Acton. VISITING DAYS-THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

T M BELL, D.D.S., L.D.S. DENTIST, BROOKVILLR HONOR GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY Work made Satisfactory. Prices Moderate. VISITING DAYS .- Tuesday and Friday of each

DR. G. H. COOK, Cor. College St. and Spadina Ave.,

day of each month.

OFFICE-Agnow's Hotel. LEGAL. MoLEAN & McLEAN

Will visit Acton on the first and third Satur

Barristers, Bolicitors, Notaries, Conveyance to. Private funds to loan. Office: - Town Hall, Acton WM. A. MOLEAN. JNO. A. MCLEAN.

DOUGLAS & MURRAY,
BARRISTERS, SOLICITOES, NOTABLES, ETC. OFFICES:—1296 Queen St., Parkdale.
Victoria Chambers, 61 Victoria St. JOHN DOUGLAS. A. G. MURBAY.

J. MACKINNON. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, CONVEYANCES. OFFICE-Mill Street; in Matthewa' Block,

G. MATHESON, & J. B. McLEOD ARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, CONVEYANCERS Georgetown and Milton. Money to loan at lowest rates.

R. J. MONABB, Ulerk, Fourth Division Court County of Halon, Convoyancer, Agent Fire and Life Assurance Heal Estate Agent, Money to loan, etc.

OFFICE-Porryman's Block. MISCELLANEOUS.

HENRY GRIST. OTTAWA, CANADA. Solicitor of Patents, for Invention, etc. Prepares Applications for the Canadian, American, and European Patent Offices, and for the Registration of Trade Marks. Send for pamphlet. Thirty-two years experience.

TRANGES NUNAN BOOKBINDER Wyndham St., (Over Williams Store.) Guelph, Ontario,

Periodicals of every description carefully bound Bullny neatly and promptly done MARRIAGE LICENSES. H. P. MOORE. ISSUED OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Account Books of all kinds made to orde

Private Office. No witnesses required. Issued Free Press Office, AUTON

MONEY. HARMERS, if you wish to reduce your interest or secure a first-class loan of money at

low interest and on easy terms of repayment ball on me. I make a specialty of lending money and have plenty of funds. I also lend on village property. W. C. JACKSON. CONVEYANCER AND MONEY LENDER, OFFICE: Wyndham St., near City Hall, GUELPH

Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company BSTABLISHED 1840

I NSURANCE on Cash and Mutual plan. Any communications forwarded to my address, Box 628, or telephone 58, will be promptly attended to. JOHN TAYLOR, Agent, Guelph.

ATM. HEMSTREET. LICENSED AUGTIONEER

For the Counties of Wellington and Halton. Orders left at the Fame Pages office, Acton, or at my residence in Acton, will be promptly at-\$5.00 FOR FARM SALES. Also money to loan on the most favorable sums, and at the lowest rates of interest, in sums of \$500 and pwards.

JOB PRINTING. I NOLUDING Books, Pamphlets, Posters Bil Heads, Circulars, &c., &c. executed in the best style of the art, at moderate prices and on H. P. MOOBE

FREE PARSE office, Acton

WE ARE CERTAIN IF YOU NEED A ROOM OF

Wall Paper, A Baby Carriage, A Hammock, Lawn Tennis or Base Ball Goods, A Book For Summer Reading. A Toy of Book For your Boy or Girl.

That we can show you The best stock to select rom and our prices are far the lowest

DAY'S BOOKSTORE. GUELPH: Day Sells Cheap."

If every Cook knew what every cook should know, every cook would know

enough to use

STEWART ALEX. Family and Dispens-ing Chemist, Cuelph - Ont.

We Keep Things Moving

By Keeping Things That Move.

A stupid fellow who guages the quality of. Boots and Shoes by the price has no business to be married. Yet one of this class directed his wife to buy footwear for herself and the children from another firm because they charged more for them, and "they must therefore be better.". His better half bought several pair from us and several ings for business wear. rom the other house and showed her husband they were identical, being even manufactured by the same people. This proved conclusively how foolish a man can be when he really tries. The lady of the house gen erally knows where she can get the most and the best for her money, and if you were | Merchant Tailors, to ask the ladies of Acton the question Where can I get the best value in Boots and Shoes? The answer in nine cases out-of ten would be "At W. Williams'." Our prices are hard to beat. Try us for anything you want in our line.

W. WILLIAMS,

Mill Street . - - Acton

Binder Twine IN Leading Brands

.... AND CLOSE CUT PRICES

Is now in stock at Acton Flour

Feed Store Call and examine before you bny. FRANK HARRIS, Manager

Acton Saw Mills,

and Wood Yards.

JAMES . BROWN MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN

Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Wood, Etc.

kinds of Wood in stock and promptly delivered to any part of the town at Hardwood and slabs out stovo length always

Telephone communication.

-ACTON-

LIVERY BUS LINE The undersigned respectfully solicite the patron age of the public, and informs them that

Well Equipped and Stylish Rigs can al ways be Secured t his stables. A comfortable bus meets a trains between 9 a.m. and 8:18 p.m.
Careful attention given to every order
The wants of Commercial Travellers fully met.

JUHN WILLIAMS PROPRIETOR

Guelph **Business College** Will commence SEPT. 18t.

-THB-

TRADERS' BANK OF CANADA Authorized Capital..... \$1,000,000

Cuelph Branch

Sume of \$1 and upwards received on deposit and highest current rate of interest paid-or opmpounded half-yearly.

Deposit Receipts issued for lar

payable in Guelph.

Advances made to responsible farmers No charge made for collecting Sales Notes

A. F. H. JONES.

Refrigerators These hot days emphasize your need of a Refrigerator The Iceland Refrigerators are simple, easily cleaned, thoroughly well made ice savers. Our prices start as low as \$6.75. others up to \$15.00.

J. M. BOND & Co.

HARDWARE, GUELPH.

Three Points.

There is a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that your clothes FIT you and LOOK well. It is as imporoant as the WEARING QUALITIES, and when the three points are combined, you have just the kind of Clothing we are selling.

Our price is in strict accord with the quality and is the Special line of Tweed Suit-

> SHAW & TURNER, Guelph

1897-98 WALL PAPERS

Styles and Prices

to Surprise you.

Frames, Pictures, Artists' upplies.

Headquarters for Presents,

WATERS BROS. ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE GUELPE

We bought our

Before the price raised. You get the benefit by

buying from us now.

T. C. Moore & Son South Cor. Mill and Main Streets.

FRUIT & ORNAMENTAL TREES 700 ACRES

SHRUBS, ROSOS, VINES

AND SOOD POTATOOS WE have the largest assertment and employ the very latest and most improved meth-ods for propagation. All stock carefully packed under our personal supervision, and all new varieties tested at our trial farms before being catalogued. These are the only testing orchards connected with any Nursery in the Dominion. Agents Wanted to Represent Us Special attention given to Park, Cometery, and boulevard orders. Estimates furnished for supplying entire orchards.

why buy of foreign concerns or of middlemen.
Why buy of foreign concerns or of middlemen.
when you can purchase as cheaply from us and
get better value.
Our stock is Canadian grown and acclimated.
Catalogue (English or French) free on applica Stone & Wellington, onthill Nurseries - Toronto, Ont The Leading Canadian Tree Men.

WANTED Agents for "Queen Victoria, Hor Reign and Diamond Jubileo."
Overflowing with latest and richest pletures. Contains the endersed biography of Her Majesty, with authentic history of her remarkable reign, and full account of the Diaremarkable reign, and full account of the Dia-mond Jubilee. Caly \$1.50. Big Book. Tremon-dous demand. Benenya for a great for the consion 80 per cont. Credit given. Freight paid.
OUTFIT PARE. Duty paid. Write quick for
outfit and territory. THE DOMINION COMPANY, Dept. 7, 336 Dearborn St., Chicago. Poetry.

A SONG OF THE FARM. word to the restless people-to the fast and foverish ago: perfect manhood is better than any wealth of

ome are for gold-some glitter; but tell me tell mo, when Will we stand for the farm and the college, the go for the making of men? fea, what is the old farm fit for ? The word

wisely said ; . . There may be stumps in the pasture, and the house may be a shed ; . But what if a Lincoln or Gladstone be this boy of lon? And what should the farm-be fit for, if raising of men? Tis a scanty soil for the seeding, but here

win our bread, And a stout heart may grow stronger where plow and harrow are sped; A General Banking Business transacted. Then break up the bleak, high bill-side, trench the swamp and fen .or what should the farm be fit for. I

raising of men? The crop by the frost is blighted, a niggard the Yet the ready hand finds duties, and of youth has droams.

the bar and the senate, to-morrow; to-morrow the sword or the pon; for what should the farm be fit for, if raising of men? and what If our farm abido? There is room for noble living, and the

thought is wide; A mind enriched is a fortune know it-when You see that the farm noble men. We tread the hills that the Holy, that the Beautiful has trod;

Ve till the fields of the Infinite, we dress

gardons of God The soor, the sage, and the post-they utter word again, And ask what the farm is fit for, if not the rea ing of mon.

Select Family Reading.

A Mountain Rose.

"I reckon it's true that there is at least one romance in every life. From personal its inspiration in truth."

was without a quiver.

the little tot on his knee as he stroked her | seizing the bag from under the hearthstone curls. Then it took a request for the story | hurried from her prisoner and his bloo to call the old man from his dearest mem- | curdling threats. ory. "In those days," he began, "there was more family pride than there is new. | was as conragous morally as physically Perhaps I should say that family preju- | She was not fitted for my station in life. dices were stronger. We had a caste as Wait two years and see if I still wanted her. wellfdefined as that in India. For one to marry in a 'lower' class was social suicide, for a time: I protested, but she went, and and my folks, being of the so-called I only heard occasionally through her aristocracy, were among the stalwarts of father, that she was well and happy. One the stalwart in upholding this intolerant | night eighteen months later I was at a creed. I became something of a heretic while in the north completing my education, but it takes time and experience to

get rid of a strong hereditury bias. "We were fairly well off for those times, more than cumber the world as a mere consumer. This inclination rather troubltations it was reluctantly admitted that I in a mountainous section of the state and still retain my social prestige.

"I went at the enterprise in earnest, inal picnetrs. The miners had their she was your beautiful grandma, little families with them, and all supplies one."-Detroit Free Press. had to be brought fifty mi'es over the mountain roads. The foreman was a big hearted but shrewd and fearless Scotch-Irshman, who was just to the men secured by over-leniency any more than by and loyal to my interests. His home was looked after by a daughter who had lost her mother years before. The men used allowed to "outdress' her mother. In to call her the Mountain Rose, for she had every family the mother should be the best all its delicate colorings and was just as | dressed member. fresh and dainty and graceful. Though strong and lythe, because of the manner of never constitute a mother's wardrobe. No her life, she looked the patrician from head one feels especially dignified in the presence to foot and had an innate refinement of of one whose old clothes she is wearing, character that no culture can supply. Her | and a mother should at all times preserve voice was musical, and to me her simple her dignity before her children. The songs were more charming than the usual mother who never loses the queenliness, efforts of a prima donna. Her education | will never lose her grown. was of hor own acquiring and was strangely out of the conventional lines. Her knowledge in some directions only sur-

prised you less than her tact in acquiring information in others. But I would never tire of talking of her. "After our rough colony had become settled and was progressing finely undesircharacters were attracted to the vicinity. Some men put up a shanty just off my land and stocked it with mountain dow. Numerous rough looking characters came there for the estensible purpose of hunting and fishing, pitching their tents in our vicinity,

I heard stories of gambling, and the men were not as regular at their work as they were before these interruptions. Rosser, the foreman wanted to adopt heroic measures for getting rid of these posts, but I saw no way but to wait for some breach of the law and then secure the intervention of the authorities.

"Our pay day came every two weeks, and I brought the money from the nearest bank, in a town some distance away, havtwo good men go with me as a guard. On one ocasion Nettle, the foreman's daughter. met us ten miles from the settlement, guiding us in a circuitous route, for she had heard from a wild young girl at the drinking don that there was a plot to waylay and rob us. Nettie had promptly pushed her way through the dangers of the mountain paths to warn us, feering that delay in securing some other messanger might be fatal to us and at the same time endanger her informant. On the way in I learned more of the girl and her life than I had ever known, and she aroused that interest which is so likely to eventuate in love. "It was a month later before we were

did not give me the pleasure afforded by ULTIMATE COLONIAL SOVERthe joyous welcome of the girl who had so evidently been in dread while I was gone. "It was just coming dark when I tosse

the canvas bag containing the money to the foreman, for he was the custodian and would pay off at noon hour next day. never felt afraid when he was on guard That night the storm was on us again, and with a view of making some arrangements for the better protection of the mines sent for him. I never thought of the money till he appraged at my-door, shorty before eleven o'clock, covered with dripping snow. Then he assured me that the treasure was safe with Netfie, as no

"We had been talking nearly an hour

when there was the sound of a muffled ory

would think of injuring her.

and a body falling against the wdoor. Rosser reached it with a spring and threw it open, to find a woman stretched scross the step. Quickly he lifted her in his strong arms and laid her gently on the rough couch I had pulled before the blazing loge. It was Nettie, unconscious and apparently more dead than alive. Her long, waving hair was loose, disheveled by the wind and wet with snow that melted to glittering drops in the warm glow of the room. Her upturned face, with its perfeetly chiseled features, had the unattainable beauty of the artist's dream. Through call that terrible storm she had made her way for half a mile without a wrap or even the slippers in which she sat while awaiting her father's return, for they had been lost in the first few steps. As I grasped her pretty hands to chafe them they tightly clutched the capyas bag to her bosom. and only when the half crazed Rosser forced come brandy down her throat did

she relinquish her hold. "Trying to rise, she said rapidly "Hurry, father, hurry. It was Black Jos He's looked up in the strong closet. brought the money. You said you knew would protect it. There it is. How Black Jos did ourse and swear to kill us both But I captured him.' And her unnature laugh told how intense had been the strain

upon her nerves. "We found the villain vainly trying t batter his way out, and in due time a long knowledge I can only cite my own case, sentence put him out of the way. He had but I'll venture that there was never a stolen in on Nettie shortly after her father good strong story written that did not find left. No threats could induce her to betray the hiding place of the money till she sud The author of this oracular deliverance | deply devised a scheme to keep both it and eat with his children and his grandchildren | the robber. Appearing to yield she told on one of those great, vine shaded veran- Joe look behind the chest in the closet das that belong to every pretentions which which Rosser had built of strong country home in Tennessee. He was a oak planks as a place of safety for his few giant, slowly going down under the weight | valuables. He made her hold a candle of years, yet to live in the past was to while he searched. As he leaned over the recall some of its vigor. Now his eyes | chest Nettie summoned all her strength brightened, his form straightened, his and courage, threw the door shut, clapped broad shoulders went back, and his voice the hasp over the staple and closed the hook that was attached. This she "You took the picture of her," he said to strengthened with an iron poker, and then

"I loved her and told her so. But Her father was going to send her away pretentious social gathering in Memphis. I was not a society man, but had gone as. an old friend of the family. Some one sang and I thought it the divinest music I had ever heard. As the singer rose from but I had an ambition to do comething the pixuo I got a view of a regal beauty who seemed familiar to me, but I only know her when that voice I had learned to ed the family, but after numerous consul- | know so well in the mountains responded to an introduction. It was Nettie, who some coal and iron interests that we had had woman accomplished more in the same length of time. She was the belle of the aristocratic circle in Memphis, but when I bringing a lot of men from Pennsylvania | ted that I had the refusal of her and that to eat, I stole two chickens, and the cir- is a great opportunity. Every responsibilthat understood the work and founding a she was just the same honest girl she used | cumstances attending the theft are still ity thrust upon your strength and honor is primitive village of log cabins in a region | to be. I protested so vigorously that we as wild as any encountered by the orig- out the probationary period short. And

> TRUTHS TOLD IN A FEW WORDS. A child's respect for its parent is no

over-severity. A daughter should never seek to nor be

The discarded finery of a daughter should

Preventable misfortunes consist, chiefly of manifold things, little to do, but immense things to have done. The man who earns one dollar and spends two, and the man who carns two and spends one, stand on either side of the

hair line between heedlessness and disore tion, between ruin and safety. Parents generally receive that measure of filial respect they deserve-not always, perhaps, but very generally.

When a mother allows her daughter to appropriate her wraps, gloves, veils, or other articles of personal attire, she begins a policy of familiarity which sooner or later breeds contempt. A respect for one's belongings engenders a respect for their

TOO AWFUL A PROSPECT. A German peasant family had made a their arrangments to emigrate to the United States. The day before the family was to take its departure the eldest son Hang, who was an tuormous eater, inti mated that he did not care to go West. "Has some village maiden beguiled thee o remain behind ?" aske I the father.

"Why then clost thou not wish to with us?" "I've been talking with the school master aud--"Well, what did he say?"

."Nothing of the kind."

with us here in Germany, that--' "That what." "When it is twelve o'clook with us, that in America it is nine o'c'. ck in the even-

freed from a snow blockade, and the next "I don't want to go to a place where I the usual amount. I took more men and the poor fellow completely broke down at things they knew better than do their I tains 100 doses and will average to last a For a sluggish liver or for constipation. we returned without accident. Even this the mere thought of it.

EIGNTY.

Mr. Laurier has lost no popularity is England by asserting that Canada considers herself perfectly free to come or 'go' at her own pleasure. It is significant that nobody in England has denied this propo sition. If Canada should wish to cut the slender thread that now joins her to the British empire, it is conceded that she may do so without let or hindrance. Canada, however, is only a loose Tederation of self-governing States. It Canada may leave England at her own pleasure. is it not equally true that British Columbis, or Manitobs, or Quebec, might at their own pleasure withdraw from the Canadian confederation and resume their direct relationship with England, having precisely the same status that Newfoundland now has, or the same as that of Victoria. New South Wales, New Zealand, or Tasmania? Certainly Canada postesses no right of withdrawal from the British Empire that Newfoundland does not also possess, and it is hard to see what right of withdrawal Newfoundland possesses that is not also nherent severally in Quebec, or Manitoba. or British Columbia. It is to be remembered that the line which now separates Canada from the United States is purely arbitrary, and that it does not correspond with any sharp division, whether of physical geography, of commerce, or of racial characteristics. Furthermore, the confederation of provinces which now has its seat of government at Ottawa is also rather an arbitrary than a natural grouping. When therefore, our friends in England are dis oussing the future of Canada, they are forgetting the fact that Canada is a designation which does not of necessity correspond to any permanent, integral fact Even if the Canadian Government desired annexation to the United States, and the proposals were received with good-will at Washington, it does not follow that the Dominion Government could be competent to make delivery. It would probably turn out to be a question which the individual colonies would insist upon deciding for

themselves. We are not likely to face any annexation problem along our northern boundary for many years to come; but it any case Englishmen seem to forget tha annexation would probably occur, not at galp, but by individual provinces. There ave been times when Manitoba was ver near withdrawing from the Dominion, and tranger things might have happened than her application to be admitted as a State n the Union. Newfoundland, in exchange for some substantial relief two or three cars ago, might readily enough have sought and accepted political union with the United States for the sake of the advantages of commercial union. Our Eng. lish friends do well to consider the organization of their empire; but they will not be able to invent any machinery of imperial federation that will be strong enough to thwart manifest destiny. The fature o the great English speaking colonies musbe worked out by processes which no man by taking forethought, however anxiously can control.-From THE PROGRESS OF THE

World," in American Monthly Review of Reviews, for August.

HE YEARNED FOR CHICKEN. Colonel Henry A. Newman confesses to normal liking for the good things of life, among them such edibles as are calculated to tickle the inner man. He tells with gusto a story of his efforts to gratify this

"In the eyes of superior officers I may opportunity. Every examination is have lacked a good many essentials as a chance in life. Every patient is an opporsoldier of the Confederacy, but no one can tunity. Every newspaper article is an eay that I ever lacked an able-bodied opportunity. Every client is an opportunappetite," says the colonel. "During my ity, Every sermon is an opportunity. service nothing after the success of the Every business transaction is an oppor-Confederacy so much worried me as my tunity-an opportunity to be polite-an appetite. Toward the close of the war I opportunity to be manly-an opportunity suffered very much on this account. One to be honest-an opportunity to make had drawn her apart she laughingly admit- night, after a long day's march and nothing friends. Every proof of confidence in you

fresh in my memory.

"It happened in the Tennessoo mountains. The country had been pretty well foraged by both sides and there was not much chance to find anything. Passing by a humble log house after dark, I observed a few chickens rocating in fancied scourity on the fence enclosing the house and a small patch of ground. A hungry soldier has little conscience, and I didn't waste any time indebate with mine about taking a pullet. I had intended to grab the chichen by the throat so as to shut off its wind, but missed calculations and squawked leadly. With the first squawk the cabin door flew open and a woman came out. Taking in the embarrassing situation at a glance, she shook her fist at

me and apprily said : "You thist, you'll pay for stealing my oblokens on the day of judgment. "Madam," I said, with my accustomed politeness, "if I am to have that long

credit I will take another one." "And so it happened that I arrived in camp with two chickens .- St. Louis

"The careful shelter of the girls of the

THE SWEET TIE BETWEEN MOTH-ERAND DAUGHTER.

stately Colonial days in American history is as possible with us to-day as it was in the olden times," writes Edward W. Bok. deprecating in the August Ladies' Home Journal, the too great liberty given young girls by their parents. "Not in the letter. perhaps, but in the spirit. But before we can bring back those ideal influences it is necessary that we should return to one or the relation. The colonial mother lived in | the load the more you have to hump yourof the mother : the daughter of to-day is | The tire is absolutely punctureless, so you all too often the last thought of her won't have to take a pump and repair his mother. Such changes in home affairs with you. By the time you have removed are not marks of progress. In fact, it re- that pile of ashes I think you will have quires a reading of old books sometimes to see how little actual progress we have really made. More often, the wisest prog ress would be for us to go back a bit, and see whence we started. There are potent lessons for us in the past. Our grandtime I went to the bank it was for double have to wait that long for my dinner," and mothers knew a thing or two. Some Hood's Sarsaparilla. Every bottle con- always attended with marked benefit,

grandchildren."

THE YOUNG MAN AND THE OPPORTUNITY.

Weak men wait for opportunities, strong "Oh, how I wish I were rich!" exclaimel a bright, industrious drayman in Philadelphis, who had many mouths to fill at home. "Well, why don't you get rich?" asked Stephen Girard, who had overheard the remark. "I don't know how, without money," replied the drayman, "You don't need money," replied Mr. Girard. "Well, if you will tell mis how to get rich

without money, I won't let the grass grow before trying it." "A ship-load of confiscated tea is to be sold at auction to-morrow at the wharf." said the millionaire. "Go down and buy it and then come to me." "But I have no money to buy a whole ship-load of toa with," protested the drayman. "You don't need any money, I tell you," said Girard sharply; "go down and bid on the whole

cargo and then come to me." The next day the auctioneer said that purchasers would have the privilege of taking one case, or the whole ship-load, buying by the pound. A retail grocer started the bldding, and the drayman at once named a higher figure, to the surprise of the large crowd present. "I'll take the whole ship? load," said he coolly, when the sale was annonneed. The auctioneer was astonished, but when he learned that the young bidder was Mr. Girard's drayman, his manner changed, and he said it was prob-

your tea," said the great merchant the next day. The young man secured quick sales by quoting a price a trifle below the market rate, and in a few hours he was worth fifty thousand dollars. The author does not endorse this method of doing business, ont tells the story morely as an example of seizing an opportunity.

There may not be one chance in a million that you will ever receive aid of this kind; us in supplying the European market. but opportunities are often presented which you can improve to good advantage, if you bring relatively good prices: and this will only act.

my life," said Owen, blushing. "What salary do you ask?" "Three hundred pounds a year," "Three hundred a year ! Why, I have had I don't know how many after the place here this morning, and all their askings together would not come up to what you want."

"Whatever others may ask, I cannot take less. I am making three hundred a higher than a year or more ago .-- From

The youth, who had never been in a large

year by my own business."

cotton mill, was put in charge of a factory employing 500 operatives. By studying machines, cloth, and processes at night, he mastered every detail of the business in a short time, and was soon without a superior in his line in Manchester. "The best men," says E. H. Chapin, "are not those who have waited for chances but

who have taken them ; besieged the chance ;

conquered the chance; and made chance

the servitor." The lack of opportunity is ever the excuse of a weak, violilating mind. Opportunities! Every life is - full of them. Every lesson in school or college is an priceless. Existence is the privilege effort, and when that privilege is met like. a man, opportunities to succeed along the line of your aptitude will come faster than you can see them. If a slave like Fred Donglass can elevate himself into an orator. editor, statesman, what ought the poorest white boy to do, who is rich in opportuni-

ties compared with Douglass, who did not even own his body .-- Pushing to the Front.

HOW THE CAME IS WORKED. Here is a little drema in two acts, which has been enacted in many New York households within the last few months by clergyman read the services for the dead several different teams of artists : over it. Act I.-Enter a young man, who bege

the privilege of making a crayon drawing gratis, from any photograph. No, the-Portrait Company does not expect order for a frame. It merely requests the acceptance of the finished portrait, in the hope that it will prove a valuable advertisement. (Takes photograph with him giving receipt.) Act Il. (Several days later) .- Another

man is discovered with the crayon portrait, but without the photograph. That will be returned with the frame. What frame? The \$6 or \$8 or \$14 frame that the-Portrait Company expects to sell. No frame, no photograph. (Exit taking

Act III .- Portrait, gaudily framed delivered, with photograph, and \$6 or \$14 Act III may be varied or omitted.

HE WANTED A WHEEL "Well my son," said the editor to his two of the conditions which existed and son, who wanted a wheel" you'll find one space of time be made equal to new. No made those influences possible. Our in the front end of that wheel-berrow, and garments or materials need be thrown mothers should be more familiar with their | there in a big pile of coal ashes back of the away or sold to the second hand dealer daughters than they are. The multifarious | house that will have to be moved. The | because of lost or dingy colors. An outoutside duties into which women of this handle bars are of white ash and are ad- lay of from ten to twenty cents for Diamond latter day have gone have not served to justable, so you can get any style of hump Dyes will recreate every piece and gave strengthen the tie between mother and on that suits your fancy. It is regulated | many dollars. daughter. If anything, they have loosened | largely by the load you put on. The bigger

her home: the mother of to day lives too | self. Be careful and don't mar the ename! much outside of it. The daughter in the on the frame and keep the ball bearings Knickerbooker home was the first thought | well olled, so they wont out into the cones. made a century run; also the perspiration You had better come in to dinner now."

> Experiment on a small scale, if you do not wish to lose in a large way. . Economy and strength are combined in

IN CLOVER.

Some sing of the lily, and daisy and rose. And the panies and pinks that the summertime in the green, grassy lap of the meadow that

Blinkin' up at the skies through the sunshing But what is the lily and all of the rest Of the flowers to a man with a heart in his That has dipped brimmin' full of the honey and

nover set eyes on a clover-fight now,

Or fool round a stable, or climb in the mow. But my childhood comes back, fuet as clear and ss plain As the smell of the clover I'm spittin' again! And I wander away in a barefooted dream,

Where I taugle my toes in the blossoms that - gloam' With the dear of the dawn of the Ero it wept o'er the graves that I'm weepin

And so I love clover-it seems like a part Of the sacredest serrors and loys of my heart; And wherever it blossoms, O there let me bow, And thank the good God-as I'm thankin' blu

To go out in the clover, and tell it good-byo, and lovingly nestle my face in its bloom, While my soul slips away on a breath of -perfume.

And I pray to him still for the strength, when I

-JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY, THE HARVEST AND ITS REWARD. There are some welcome signs that business conditions throughout the country The news spread that Girard was buying | are on the mend. It cannot be said that tea in large quantities, and the price rose there is any prospect of a great return several cents per pound. "Go and sell tide of prosperity, but the coming year promises to be better than its immediate predecessors. The American farmer is getting higher prices, and existing crop . conditions are especially favorable 9to our own producers. This year's wheat crop will have been larger than the average in the United States, while much smaller than the average of several preceding years in the countries that compete with Thus it is certain that our good crop will means better days for the Western farmers, "You are too young," said the advertiser | whose reasonable prosperity is fundamental for a factory manager in Manchester, Eng- to the business welfare of the country at land, after a single glance at an applicant. large. India, with her great famine still "They used to object to me on that score raging, will have no wheat to send to four or five years ago," replied Robert Europe this year. It is said that the Aus-Owen, "but I did not expect to have it tralian crop will barely suffice for home brought up now." "How often do you get | consumption. The Argentine export has drunk a week?" "I never was drunk in almost reached the vanishing point, while that of Southern Russia and the Danubian States is also, this year, a smaller factor. The prospect, therefore, is for a very large European demand upon the crop of the United States, which is expected to be at least 80,000,000 bushels larger than that of last year, and the average price is likely to continuo at least twenty cents a bushel

"The Progress of the World," in American Monthly Review of Reviews for August.

GOLDEN MEDICINE. A poor woman, understanding that the post Goldsmith had studied physic, and hearing of his great humanity, solicited him in a letter to send her something for her husband, who had lost his appetite, and was reduced to a most melancholy state. The good natured poet waited on her instantly, and, after some discourse with his patient found him sinking into sickness and poverty. Goldsmith told them they should hear from him in an hour, when he would send them some pills, which he believed would prove efficacious. He immediately went home and put ten guineas into a pill box, with the following directions -"These must be used as necessities require. Be patient and of good heart." He sent the servant with the prescription to the comfortless mourner, and his golden pills no doubt cheered the drooping and despondent patient, and brought hope and

gladuess to a heart bowed down.

IN A STRANGE COFFIN. one of the strangest coffins ever told o s that for which the British war department is said to be responsible. The story is that a workman engaged in casting metal for the manufacture of ordnance in the Woolwich arsenal lost his balance and fell into a caldron containing twelve tons of molten steel. The metal was at white heat and the man was utterly consumed in less time than it takes to tell it. The war department authorities beld a conference and decided not to profane the dead by using the metal in the manufacture of ordnance, and the mass of metal was actually buried and a Church of England

FASHIONABLE MONEY-SAVING WORK.

Home dyeing is now one of the true home arts, a work that is artistic, an occupation that has become pleasant and fashionable. People in easy circumstances who give their attention to the work of home dyeing also find it a. most profitable

This increased interest in dyeing work

and the great success that attends it, comes

from the use of the celebrated Diamond Dyes that are so easy to use, so true to color, so pure and brilliant, so fast and unfading. A costly wool or silk dress that has become spotted or faded can in a very short

If you have not yet begun the easy work of home dyeing, let us assure you that you miss a pleasure and lose money as well. Look up your faded and discolored garments at once, and use the Diamond Dyes

Doctor, asked the seeker after knowledge of the clergyman, why do people get on their knees to pray, instead of standing? They want to save their solos.

you will be surprised with your success.

Noither colomel nor any injurious drug is contained in Ayer's Pills. They are composed of the active principles of the best vegetable cathartics and their use is nothing surpasses Ayer's Pille.

"He says that when it is twelve o'clock