And ahe a Quernacy Cow.

### THE VICTORY OF THE BPIRIT

Two business men were lunching together in a quiet corner of the Commorcial Club and discussing the son of a inutual friend who was In the employ of them.

"He's a fine fellow," said this gentleman cordially. "Koon, clean and very straightforward. A good mixer, too. Ho'd go a long way-if his father wasn't the richest man in Fox River

Valley." "I should think that might make things all the easier for him," remarked the second man.

"That's just where the trouble comes in," answered the first carnestly. "It will make things too easy. It's the rough uphili climb that develops a man's muscles and will-power, and the principle holds good everywhere. How many of the auccessful men whom you know were the sons of rich men, John?"

"Well-not many, that's a fact." The admission came after several minutes'

surprisingly often in any line of bustness they happen to fancy. Their tions there is a something that is sup- the cruel whoels, both legs were ground struggle to get a place on the ladder posed to prohibit the setting off of off, and he died that night. makes them strong to climb when they precruckers within the corporation once get a foothold," went on the first limits. Never yet have I seen a Craine started shoe making. Here also speaker. "There are any number of twenty-fourth pass by that I did not Wm. Williams commenced his business rich men's sons filling inferior post- hear firecrackers in most every direc- career on his own account. Wm. tions in their middle ago we both tion I turn. I don't believe in break- Gripps used it for a fruit and vegetable

added, "Sometimes I think the pleasant crackers. This one was no exception, path is the most dangerous one that a young man is called upon to travel. It doesn't get him anywhere."

All this is so true that when a rich man' 'son succeeds in overcoming the temptations that beset the pleasant path of wealth, and really does "get somewhere," he is almost as interesting from that fact alone as from what he may have accomplished. Instances of this kind are infrequent, and none are more conspicuous than one of our own time. Marconi, to whom the world owes much as the inventor of the wireless telegraph is a rich man's son who has traveled "the pleasant path" and reached the goal of greatness in spite of its perils.

Guglielmo Marconi was born in Bologna, that beautiful old Italian city five years ago. But the building which on the southern slope of the Apennines, April 24, 1874. His father was fifty years. It now stands on the rear a wealthy man, able and willing to of the lot on Willow Street and housen give his son all the pleasures which the store of the Acton Farmers' Club wealth can procure, but at an age on the first floor, while the second when most boys are playing with toys story accommodates the popular lodge this little lad was interested in something besides hobby-horses and marbles. Before he was six years old he up. Duncan Kennedy built the founand had leisure to, work in his own The idea of applying these Marconi, and the Great Idea, with in recent years, sprang into being then

is claimed now that others had noticed it and experimented along this line, but at that time Marconi could find no journals which he read diligently.

to the house!

fow feet, but it was enough to show the young inventor that he was on the right track. Encouraged by this success he worked harder than eyer. His apparatus was imperfect, but it held the basic idea of the present system | House and the Big Clock Tower. which is so successful—and Gugielmo Marconi was only twenty-four! He had risen superior to the circumstanoce which have been the undelng of many men. The temptations of wealth had not been strong enough to whi him from splendid usefulness to his own age and all succeeding time. After all it is not wealth itself which harms man or boy, but the way in which one chooses to use wealth. The

spirit is the thing. The spirit may, 1 it will, rise in triumph above the fetters of poverty and the fascinations of wealth. We rise or fall, win out or fall, more by the mind than by cir cumstances. Poverty may hamper or help and wealth may hamper or help. just as we look upon one or the other and choose to use the circumstaces in which we are placed. Marconi recognizes the debt he owes to his circumstances and says very frankly, "If I had been poor I do not believe

I should have invented. Or if I had invented I am not sure I should have stuck to it as I did." 'Of the fame which has come to him Marconi says with the same frank-

"I like to be a famous man. It very nicol We may feel quite sure that , the spirit which was trong enough to overcome the handleap of wealth is not going to be spoiled by the accident of famo. Guglielma Marconi is a worker for its own sake, not for what he could get out of it. To such a one other things are of minor importance. . He has won the victory of the apirit .-

### FAMOUS WOOLEN GOODS OF SHETLAND IBLANDS

Dan Warrington.

Far north of Heotland, and but sel dom visited by southern travelers, lie the Shotland Islands. They are a pospession of Scotland, are rockbound and trecloss, and number one hundred or more, although only twenty-three are inhabited. Mainland, the largest island, contains the principal town, Ler-

Post here takes the place of wood and everywhere it will be found burning brightly and giving out a thin blue smoke. The chief industry for the men is fishing for cod and herring and caring for the sheep and ponies, while the women and girls excel in the making of woolen garments. Not knowing how to knit is like not knowing how to read. The yarn from which the famous hosiery, shawls, hoods and even delicate vells are made is spun from the wool of the thousands of sheep seen rouning about the fields. Those islands are also the original home of the Bhetland pony, now fainous throughout Canada.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



I spent the twenty-fourth in Acthr and it was a regular Queen's Hirthday. (Regular, considering the last fow years, I mean.) Of late- years holidays have not seemed to carry the colchration with them they upod to. The day here appeared to almmer down to the homecomings and visits to outside friends, and the juvenile ball game in the park in the afternoon. The big function seemed to be the soldlern' banquet, and not being a veteran of this war or any other, I was necessarily excluded, but from what I heard on the outside it must have been enjoyable.

He stirred his coffee reflectively and a queer Queen's Birthday without fireturn. We can get along very nicely without this part of the holiday. .

I am all bubbling over with incidents of another section of Mill Street and simply can't settle down to write on anything clas, so hear I go at it, lickety-aplit. Watch me closely.

My lofty quarters in the big clock tower are rather a modern habitation. The government building was erected it supplanted has a history of nearly of Acton Oddfellows.

was fascinated by electricity, a sub- dation and it was a job he was very ject then comparatively little known. proud of. I think Cameron and Full-He received the best education the james were the carpenters and Oliver great University of Bologna could give. Lozier did the plantering and roughcasting. It was known as the Post way along the line which interested Office store. Postmaster Matthews. him most. When he was fourteen then in his prime, had fine post price Hartz discovered that a curtain elec- and telegraph quarters in the rear, and trical discharge caused electro-mag- a commodious grocery and crockery netic waves to radiate through the store in front. It was on one side of other, travelling with the speed of this store that Hynds' jewellery business was catablished in 1877. George waves to the transmission of thought Hynds, the present proprietor, had just great deal of difference. Uninterested, at once flashed into the mind of young completed his apprenticeship as a watchmaker at Orangeville, and his ens your powers. You cannot do any which he has wrought such wonders brother Charles, having returned home from Chicago, where he went after the big fire of 1871, a partnership was It was then all so clear and plain to formed-C. & G. Hynda, watchmakers, him that he could not at first believe jewellers, etc. Mr. Matthews sold his that no one else had thought of ap- grocery business when his eldest son, plying the waves to this purpose. It Albert went to Chicago as an expert telegraph operator, and Mr. George McLagen, of Nova Scotla, was the new if their future fortune depended on the proprietor. After a few years he sold outcome. It seems to many a regretmention of it in any of the acientific to J. B. Pearson, who was a member of the drug firm of Milburn, Bentley so to heart, but there is a good deal to The Great Idea filled his mind to the & Pearson, Toronto. Mr. Pearson later be said in favor of being tremendously exclusion of everything else. The bought the J. W. Mann store across in carnest, even in the little things. pleasures which might have been his the street and the new tenant was One who is tremendously in earnest, because he had plenty of money did I. G. Matthews with groceries and a even in trifles, is not likely to meet not for one instant draw him from his bakery. His brother-in-law, P. C. defeat for lack of carnestness when work. He read and studied and ex- Maddock succeeded him and did bus |- big things are at stake.-Frank E. perimented. Times without number ness in dry goods and groceries for Walsh. the willful waves refused to work for some time. Chas. Goodeve, a merchant him, but he was not discouraged. Year of long experience at Durham, followed after year he kept at it, and then, one and he sold out to his son Charles, wonderful day, he succeeded in sending whose firm name was C. F. Goodeve a message from his garden laboratory & Co. He finally disposed of the business and went to Fort William, where Cloveland man, has a winter home at The wave message travelled only a he has since filled a responsible posi- Thomasvilla Georgia. One of his tinued on this site until the Govern-

ment purchased the property for the until they find him. fine new Post Office and the Gustoms Here it was founded on Dominion Day 1875, by the late J. H. Hacking, formerly of the Guelph Dally Advertiser. The Rev. T. Albert Moore, D. D., was the first apprentice. John Kenney later joined the staff but there was too much. night work for John. He always was an "carly bird" anyway. A few months of washing inky rollers, carrying the Furn Parss to the homes of subscribers, rain or whine, and taking orders on the storekeepers for his \$1.50 per week wages sufficed. When in a reminescent mood John delights to tell that the paper was not so dry then as it is now. The foreman, Hob Himpson, on principle, declared it was im-

possible to get out the Weekly edition without a pitcher of Bob Dickie's beer It is actually rehearsed that sometimes at midnight the foreman and his journeymen helpers were to be found lying under the old hand press or on the editorial deak entirely under "the influence." Hut don't tell this yarn on the Park Pursa. An incident of Matthew's hall occurs to me. It was here political meetings were hold in the early days. When D. P Chisholin was the candidate against Dr. Robertson, I think, he was holding forth and as usual endouvoring to impress the farmers of his interest in their welfare. He declared: "I um a native of Malton County; in fact I was born between two rows of corn." Immediately a well-known local Irishman heckled.

lost the crowd, and eventually lost the In 1877 Mr. Hacking decided that an office would be more convenient on the ground floor and Mr. Matthews was persuaded to erect a new building, bealdo the other. Here the Pura Pura was housed for two years. It was here Mr. Hacking sold out to Moore & Galbraith. It was from this office Mr. Galbraith went to assume the editorial chair of the Montreal Daily Post. It was here the new partnership of T. A. & H. P. Moore was formed. In 1875forty years ago last Murch-the office and plant of the paper was moved to its present site. The past office was then moved into the building and remained there until the new post office

"A punkin' head, be Jappers." D. B.

home of the famous Acton Checker The commodious brick residence of Postmaster Matthews was the second other things. What you get out of brick building to be erected in Acton | life in proportioned to what It has been the happy home of this late it, and is of the same kind.

was crected, only it was moved to the

cast of the lot to make room for build-

ing operations. Here it was utilized

as the recruiting station for Acton sel-

esteemed couple, whose wedded life extends over a period of sixty years, for more than half a century.

McLean's barber shop was built for Acton Post Office, telegraph office, and a krocery and often special aundries which attracted Mr. Matthews, 115 brought the first sowing machines to Acton: a dozen of them, and sold them all in a few days. Father bought one of the new inventions and mother's newlog for a large family was thereby greatly reduced. They were a little hand muchine, with a chain stitch. They did rapid work, but won betide the little lad's linen trouters if he

of Parry Sound, Ivan operator and clerk for Mr. Matthews. After's heavy rain, like those we had last week, Mill Street of pants, othr batter, while cream, rewas flooded. Eliza Cameron was in duce pressure in the gas meter, keep the post office for the mail. Tom gal- bills and receipts on file, spread butter. lantly offered to carry her over the cut pattiers, tightes windows, clean street. Promptly Edga retorted, 'You'll watches, until a knot, varnish floors, do very well to paddle your own canoe, do practical plumbing, reduce the an-Tom," and with aprightly grace she lifted her dainty skirts above her trib Into button holes too small for them. ankies and waded across. Ed. Mo-Garvin, who stood in the doorway of the drug store on the opposite alde, tary bottle stoppers, improvine musviewed the situation with characteristic appreciation. .

On the next lot, on which George Havill's stove depot now stands, a dwelling was erected sixty or seventy years ago. Many and many a tonant bile. In short, she can do what she called it home. When Mr. Havill put up his fine brick building the old he use was moved to the rear. Only a couple of years ago it was torn town. About fifty years ago Wm. Baird had a ph tograph gallery there. One day his Jon Alfred, who disliked going to school, played truant and occupied his afternoon in "jumping freights" in the Grand Trunk yards. Taking a more I believe somewhere among the venturesome turn he attempted jumptown's by-laws and rules and regula- ing on an engine. He falled, fell under

It was in this building that Robt. ing the law, but it certainly would be store, and some one also had a meat shop there.

On the next lot Kelso's blacksmith and from Friday night until late on shop was a central point for years, Saturday night I heard them occasion- until Jim Kelso, Tom Dunn, John ally. It is nothing to what it used to Burns, Rubt, Warren, Rasty Hall and be, however, and I hope the former others were attracted to the gold fields times of marred faces, burned fingers of Cariboo, B.C., away back in the and houses burned, that used to be a sixties. The blacksmith shop was then part of the celebration, will never re- closed. Later Alex. Grant, J.P., bought the property and lived in the house adjoining the shop for years. About twenty years ago or more the late Thomas Perryman bought the lot. moved the old house back, put up the brick offices in front, and tore down the old blacksmith shop which had become an eyesore. The late R J. Mc-Nahl, Dr. Hore, Dr. Ault and the late A. J. Mackinnon occupied the premises which are now the office of II. N. Farmer, Barrister. Enough of ancient history of Mill Street for this week.

THE OLD MAN.

### TREMENDOUSLY IN EARNEST

Do not do anything without doing I remember when this store was put t carnestly. Do not play games without giving your mind to it. Do not talk to your friends while thinking of something else. Do not get in the habit of performing your work mechanically.

Home of you will object that a great many things that occupy you are not worth carnestness. . 'What difference does it make whether you . In a game or are beaten? you ask. That saiken no difference at all, but doing a thing while only half in turnest makes a unenthusiastic effort in any line weakthing half-heartedly without sacrificing your ability to do it well.

Bome of you are inclined to laugh at the people who are so tremendously in earnest about everything, even their recreation; the young fellows who play football us if they were engaged in hattle, or who play a game of chess us table waste of vitality to take things

## GOOD ADVICE

Mr. Jeptha Wade, a well-known tion. Noble's flour and feed business is an amateur balloonist, and occasionwas then catablished here and con- ally failing to hear promptly from him.

One day, when the roads were slippery with mud, the automobile skilded Upstairs was Matthews' Hall. Here and slid part way down a bank. It the meetings of the Council were held brought up without damage against until the town hall was built. The a tree. Mr. Wade could not get it back Pers Perss had a chare in the history on the road, and appealed for help to a of this somewhat renowned building, farmer ploughing in the field below. The farmer bltched his team to the front axle, and soon pulled the car out of trouble.

> Mr. Wade looked back and said. That tree saved us from a bad accident; if it had not been there, we should have turned over, and been badly hurt." "Yes, suh," drawled the farmer,

> that cert'nly is a useful tree! This mornin' a young feller in a balloon got stuck in it, and I had to hist him out. "Why, that was our son!" exclaimed both Mr. and Mrs. Wade excitedly.

## A FARM BULLETIN BOARD

A practical lows farmer has not up farm bulletin board that he calls his store window. It is a neatly made blackboard with the name of the furni painted across the top, and the name of the proprietor in amuller letters underneath. The board is divided into two sections, one being given over to articles for sale, the other to articles wanted. In order to attract the attention of those who pass the farm, the blackboard occupies a conspicuous place near the mail box.

It is interesting to watch the people who go by. Just as anyone will stop to look at an attractive store window. whether he wishes to buy anything or not, so the passers stop to read what is listed on the bulletin board. Many city travelers who had no thought of buying, stop, after reading the announcoments, to get a few desen fresh eggs a pound or two of good farm-made blitter, witho fruit or other produce Not a few come back for more when they find that their first purchase was entistactory. The bulletin board also helps to sell stock, seed and machinery

that is no longer needed. When the farmer needs a new cow. or some seed grain, he often gets truck of it by mount of the bulletin board It serves a useful and practical purpose both in buying and selling.

## WHAT YOU GET OUT OF LIFE

"ito are the ones who are chiefly concerned with putting in something. Those who make it their aim to enjoy diers in 1915-16. It since has been the themselves are a generally discontented class, and those who are bending every energy to making others happy, guin the joy they give. Ho it in in

### THE VERGATILE HAIR PIN

Dullards will tell you that women trend no inventive as men; that they ion't take out so many patents as men. They don't have to. With a hairpin all that is dhable can be done. With a hatrpin a woman can pick a lock, pull a cork, peel an apple, draw out a nall, beat an egg, see if a joint of hang up a plate or picture, open a cas, take up a carpet, repair a baby carriuge, clean a lamp chimney, put up a broke a thread or caught a stitch on curtain, rake a grate fire, cut a pla.

a nail. The whole near would ravel make a fork, a fishbook, an awl, a Tom Kennedy, afterwards registrar clothes pin, regulate a range, tinker a newing machine, stop a leak in a roof. furn a flaplack, caulk a Role in a pair thma of tobacco pipes, pry shirt stude fix a horsen' harness, restore damaged mechanical toys, wrestle with refracpenders, hovel bonbons, impect gasburners, naw cake, jab tramps, produce artificial buttons, books and eyes, sett. Furness." knit and data, button gloves and choos, put on awalnes, and doctor an automowants to; she needs no other instru-

### "A PROPHET IS NOT WITHOUT HONOR, ETC."

ment. - New York Hun.

The following is a very truthful renark: "The man who grown up in his native town is regarded as a boy by his olders until he is well started down the declivity of life that ends in a hole. The stranger who comes into a place

### THREE BROTHERS

The following example of ready wit appears in "The Memoirs of Lord! vacant, Bereaford atood for the election, and was opposed by filr Christopher Forness, afterward ford Furne.or. The contest was close and exclement is done, do up a baby, sharpen ing, pn I eventually won by Lord Char a pencil, dig out a silver, fasten a door. her with a narrow, majority of eleven, oleven thousand votes. He says:

My brothern, Lord William and Lord Marcus, Cere helping me. Lord Mac-"I can't," he hald. "I don't know what to bay."

I told him to begin, because he would surely be interrupted, and then, being an Irlahman, he would certainly flud comething to say. Lord Marcus thereupon rose to his feet, and a voice imquedintely shouted:

It was enough. The fire was kindled. "Who are wo?" cried Lord Marcua. Til tell you who we are. We are three Meshach and Abednego. And we have

### A WISE PRECAUTION

Very few people are ambidextrous! man who was careful to cultivate that fond of space, he can live in a newe art. When he was signing articles on pipe-and be at home anywhere. board a whip he begun to sign his name with his right hand, and then changed the pon to his left hand, and finished

the young man who has grown up with! "Ybe, sorr," replied Pat. "Whin

the town. This is the reason why so was a bloy me father (rest bls soull) many young men become dissatisfied salways said to me, "Pat, learn to cut with their home surroundings and long ye finger unlis wid yer left hand, for to cast their lot in other quarters." some day ye might lose yer right!"

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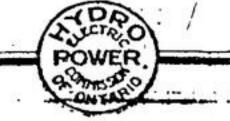
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### THE VERBATILE CHINAMAN

In commenting upon the marvelous adaptability of the Chinese, Mr. Chay. Charles Beresford." When in Decem- Ernest Scott, in his book, "China from ber, 1897, on the death of Sir Frank Within," quotes Blahop Fowler's pic-Lockwood, the sent of York became turesque tribute to our Oriental neigh-

The Chinaman, an Itishop Fowler says, crosses all scan, bucrows into all continents. 'He excels the fiaxon in ability to toll in all climates; he matchon the Russian in enduring Arctic after two counts, on a poll of over atorna; he surpasses to Negro in belowing in the tropics. He is the one cosmospolitan, at home overywhere, as if he owned the world. Ellent, gentle, cus accompanied me to a meeting, and submissive. Industrious, economical, gimlet or a chinel, a paper cutter, a I told him that he thust make d'aposch. temperate, enduring -he thrives every. where, on mountains, in the deserts, on the plains, on the blands of the sea. As the serpent, with his one ability to crawl, competes in all realms,

without fine swime with the figh, without hands climbs with the monkey, without feet runs with the panther .so the Chinaman; with his supreme gift of adaptability, compotes successfully with the natior on the sea, with the frontieruman in the wildernean, with the miner in the earth, with the extle in hid wanderings. He never anks for a fuir chance, and never guts brothers, and our names are Shadrach, it. He takes a chance beneath the come here to put out the burning flery nuccoods. Once landed, he abides. The notice of anyone clac's cert in it, and individual changes, but the kind continues. All governments that let him alone nuit him. He never breeds or joins revolutions abroad. He is versattle; and all industries that have possible margin attract him. Like a that is, able to use the left hand as mongoose, he can run through any readily and skillfully as the right. But passageway. Although fond of a palthere is an amusing story of one Trish- ace, he can live in a but; although

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