Wimmin-they don't under say, "You keep on land." a swim'il make me sick. be drowned in the Crick. paper what she nees . 'n drowned an thick an fleau. ads the plece out loud to me No more awimmin', Oh. Goe the papers wouldn't prent nuch bloomin' accordent.

m I can awim; why, onct I awum a the pond and back, by gum; Liv. somehow, she heard of it. lee, she nearly had a fit 'got my whirt newed on me can get it off pomehow; ed a needle 'tother day can new it back nome way. there was Mrs. Jones come in low the rag with Man-let's akin

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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arm weather given the butter nce to spread lineif. he hand of the 20th Lorne Hifler play at the military tateo at Hans Point on the evenings of the and 28th Inst.

bile Roy. Father Feeny wan retreat with the clergy last week Berlin, the ladies of St. Joseph's ish prepared a very agrecable sur se for their pantor by placing a carpet in his parlor. urch held a very enjoyable lawn cial on the grounds of Mr. Hugh ann on Monday evening. Mr. George

eir popular numbers, and solos and lets were rendered by Rov. J. T heyne and Mrs. Macpherson. Last Friday Knox Church Bunday hool held an excursion and picnic Howltt's Grove, Guelph. One hunred and fifty-four adults and one undred and eighteen children attend-Mayor Nelson gave evidence of kindly feelings for the old home his attention both at the park and

escorting the picnickers around the The fall- wheat harvest is in ful peration: hereabouta. The crop is airly good on most farms.

WHEN I AM OLD

When I am old I will observe t following items (perhaps): I will not try to act nor dress no talk so as to make people think I am younger than I am. I will not pretend to be young, no be angry when called old, nor ashamed

of my ago. I will not continually remind people progress! f my old age to secure their sympathy, or to hear them may I am not old after all, or do not seem so. I will not form the habit of indulg-

otherwise afflicted I will not advertise my infirmities, but avoid obtruding them upon the notice of others as much as possible. I will not talk of mysolf, my works or my achievements, even of my mis-

I will speak cheerfully or keep still. I will never indulge in synicism always to appreciate what younger

never say I am bored, nor, if possible, act as if I were bored. I will not give advice unless it asked, and not often then.

I will not be irritable. I will not be offended by neglect, but I will remember the words of the sage: | cultural representative had foretold "Those who come to see me do me The boys hailed it as a welcome break

. I will be as little disagrecable as to finish. They slept in an old sawpossible, and will never use my natural mill and ate in a big tent which they disagreeableness as a means of gettira; fitted up with a plank table and benchcompanionship of young children, who boys took turns in getting the meals alone understand old age. I will learn to love to be alone. An of the work involved in getting "a

Ibaen, says: "The freest soul is the good dinner!" soul that is alone." physical calamity.

Porced to become a by-stander, I of satisfaction. They stayed to dinshall try to be a hopeful one. I shall try to aweeten like a pear tive observed something else-some-Doctor Holmes describes that mellows and becomes full flavored before it drops from the stem, and shall try not to sour and dry and rot.

be to grow triumphantly, victoriously In a word, I shall try to adjust myself to old age, as to all other facts of

Hfo .-- Life. Hweet and palatable, Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is acceptable to

and promptly.

THE PERFECT PUN A perfect pun makes good soure both ways: the edges meet with a click like without comment. The agricultural the blades of a sharp pair of shears. representative's friend nudged him Sometimes the very thoughts fit tight | under the table and said to him in a together in antagonistic identity, as low tone. when the man said of the temperance 'Did you get that, Purvis? Another exhorter that he would be a good fel- illustration of the point of view. 'Is low if he would only let drink alone: there any milk in that pitcher? Please and when Disraeli (if it was he) wrote pass the creatil! One fellow cheerfully to the youth who had sent him a first assumes that he's going to get the best novel "I think you very much. I shall there is out of the pitcher-and the lose no time 'n reading it;" or as whe i other wonders if he lan't going to lose a man, seeing a poor piece of carpen- out altogether." try, said, "That chicken coop looks as if some man had made it himself." blaces besides this perticular hay Exquisite perverse literalness of camp," said the agricultural suprescuthought! And the some absolute pun- tative a little soberly. "Which fellow, ning, the very self-destruction of a do you think, is going to get the best proposition, was the old death thrust out of the big pitcher-which we call nt a poor poet by the friend who said. Life?" "His poetry will be read when Shakes--- was a fine, double-edged blade of himself to a second doughout. speech until some crude fellow-liche. by addleg, "and not till then" -- a ban .

The Pill That Leads Them All another man from going through life I'llis are the most portable and com- with such a disposition? What can I pact of all medicines, and when easy do to make Direk Ledbetter believe to take are the most acceptable of there is cream in his pitcher?" And preparations. But they must attest this was the study he worked upon as their power to be popular. As Par- the days came and went,-Dan Warmelee's Vegetable Pills are the most rington. popular of all pills they must fully most all requirements. Accurately compounded and composed of ingredients proven to be effective in regulat- Holloway's Corn Cure stands at the ing the digestive organs, there is no head of the list so far as results are Melne to be had anywhere concerned.

-J. A. Macy, in the Atlantic.

WHAT'S IN YOUR PITCHER !

Acton Bree Press It had been a windy summer as well as a warm one. Day after day the sun had shone, forcely bright and hot. Day after day the wind had swept up from the south, stealing from the a good band means to a town. parched earth the scant moisture which dry spell reduced the hay crop of the lows: bill farms to the danger line, and there was grave talk of selling the stock-

"Better sell 'em now than starve 'em later," said Phinean Ledbetter, looking gloomly at the handsome pure-bred yearlings which were his especial pride and joy. "Farmin's a gamble against wind and weather, anyway-when it ain't a straight-out fight against cutworms and potate bugs. I've just about made up my mind to sell out, lock, stock, and barrel, and move to the

"Nonsenne, Phin!" protested his neighbor, Mahlon Brice. "You've been born and raised on a breezy, far-lookin' hill farm. How'd you feel, shut up between walls in the city? You'd think it was a prison before you'd been there a month."

"Lake enough," was the answer. bunch o' hungry critters on my con- their civio demonstrations from time

during the process.

find him uneful." "A book farmer!" acoffed Phineas

Ledbetts: "Mighty little chance o' gettin' help from that quarter!" "He's a likely-looking chap," observ-

ouglas discoursed Scottish airs on pert on agricultural affairs listened to them courtequaly, and contrary to Mr. Ledbetter's expectations, had a remedy right at hand. "Last year there were tone and tone of hay that went to waste on the river flats," said he. "If you fellows will get

together and cut it before it gold too tough and wiry it'll make good fodder

keep on growing all winter and come out sleck and fat in the spring."

no farther than this. worth trying at a pinch, though, 'Most | KNOCKER OUT. any plan's worth tryin' once." Which

was a terse statement of the world's "Can't get onto that marsh with a mowin' muchine,' 'objected Mr. Lod-

tative, "you can't. You'll just have to night's eleep nor an appetite. Many whet up your good old scythes for this a millionaire is a sufferer from dysrepeat the same anecdotes over and Jub. It'll be a mighty fine thing for pensia and insomula. Money cannot your boys to learn to use them, too, it buy friendship, nor peace of mind, nor they haven't learned before. Now, if a tranquil conscience. The best things then burst out with, "And hung your I were in your place, I'd make one in life may be had by the podrest, . If I am deaf, weak-eyed, lame or grand big picule out of the whole busi- bought without money and without ness. Something like this."

He outlined another plan, and though Mr. Ledbetter had grave doubts of the advisability of trying to make play out of the perious business of haying, a week later the "Hay Camp" in the little grove just above the river flats; was organized and in full swing. All never smeer at youth, and I will try farms went marching up and down the green swaths. The hill farmers relieved each other, those who stayed at home coing double duty at "chores" and field work, and gradually the yawning mows of the big red barns

were alled with fresh, sweet-scented in the usual order of things and made a lark of the hay-cutting, from start es. The mothers sent in hig baskets I will cultivate the friendship and of food, cooked and uncooked, and the ready-and ever after had a better idea

The agricultural representative and I shall try to show the world that o'd a friend dropped in at the Hay Camp age is spiritual opportunity and not one day and observed the working out of the former's plan with a good doul ner, and the agricultural representathing which made him smile and at the same time shake his head regretfully. Dirch Ledbetter looked across a wellfilled plate as he stirred the sugar into

I shall conceive my life's triumph to his coffee. "Is there any milk in that pitcher?" he asked doubtfully of a tanned young mower on the other side of the table. "Guens so," was the cureless unswer, and the pitcher was pushed across to Direk who poured the contents into

his cup saying. "I only hope it lan't sour!". At the other end of the long table children, and it does its work surely Cavir Brico was eating his dinner to a brisk accompaniment of jokes and funny stories which were always flying

about in Cavin's immediate neighbor-"lio, there, you fellows!" he called. "Please pass the cream!" Dirck sent the pitcher on its way

"I don't need three guesses to unpeare and Homer are forgotten." It swer that," said his friend us he helped But the agricultural representative. I think-sharpened it to a wire edge remembering l'hineas Ledbetter's very gloomy face as he had seen it in his ality that dulled its perfection for ever. office a fortnight before, said to himwolf, "What can I do to prevent another face like that from growing up in this community? How can I keep

There may be other corn cures, but

WHAT A GOOD BAND MEANS TO A TOWN

We publish here an article that

to go unanswered. But regarding the may to the trader, "What have you to dren's Hospital; then, reaching on the remark more seriously, let us say that say?" a good band is one of the most uneful things a town or community can ponnegs. It is one of the bent adverthements a town can have. Emerson. says something about the world making a beaten path. Well, a good band will make the roads leading to the town beaten paths, even though the town's other attractions may not be orormous. Every merchant is benefitted by a good band. Many people come to town to attend the delightful enter-

"Like enough. But I shouldn't have a have the satisfaction of knowing that do." Mahlon Brice reflected, rubbing a they have a first-class hand to lead 12. it. ... in The Canadian Magazine. stubby chin with one hard forefinger the way and attract the crowd. The churches are provided with orchestras and special musical numbers. The

representative. We're payin' out good band composed of able players, is a freely with the Oil and the result will money in taxes to keep him here. It tower of strength of any town or sec- be the prevention of pains in the 'pears to me now's the time we might tion of the country. It cultivates the muscles, and should a cut, or conand does it right at your door, too. Every enterprising citizen will boost the band of his town wherever he goes. P. T. Barnum the once great showman, remarks in his book, "Every vilband is the very best asset you can Bo to the agricultural representative have, If you can't have a good band have a bad one, but have one anyhow, an a helpful booster .- Canadian Bandu-

THE "TOWN KNOCKER"

"Marsh hay's mighty poor stuff, to an epidemic all over the community. my thinkin'," grumbled Mr. Ledbetter. He is the original "Calamity Howler" "It is, the way it's usually put up." and "Rird-of-Ill-Omen." He is never agreed the agricultural representative so happy as when he can persuade cordially, "but you cut it and feed it other people to think the same way as in the way I'm going to tell you about he does. If allowed to "get the floor." and I'll guarantee those yearlings will he will knock the pins from under the against every form of improvement He outlined a feeding plan which and if he converts enough people to made both practical farmers open their HIS way of thinking, the town will of Rochester, and Mr. Gladstone!" "First time I ever heard o' feedin' KILLED everything, he glories in the critters on molanses." Phineas Led- fact that nothing can be done for the better's tone said that felly could go town. It is doomed. The only thing to do with the "Town Knocker" is to "I've heard of it," admitted his head him for the cemetery. His habit neighbor cautiously. "One o' my papers of knocking is so infectious that it advertises stock molasses, but I never has been known to spread among some starting them on an argument. One s'posed I'd be driven to usin' it. It's of the BEST PEOPLE, KICK THE day "patron saints" was the subject,

WHAT MONEY CANNOT BUY

"No," said the agricultural represen- everything. It cannot purchase a good Harry Lauder!"

> cause. There are many mothers that rejoice that they found available no

TO SETTLE A HORSE TRADE.

On neveral occasions I have had disthe horse was sound and a good work-The Perth, Ont, Courier evidently er, and afterwards the purchaser

> too to the subscription box the little He would reply. "The horse is all fellow looked for a moment at the right." I would say, "You are sure silver coin, and dropped it in. of that?" "Yen." "In It worth \$100?"

"Yen." "Are you sure?"

take your horse back, and give the complainant the \$100," The man would object. I would remand the case for a few days and tainments, and they combine shopping say, "If you don't do that, then I will with pleasure. The promoters of busi- know you intended to cheat him from

Useful in Camp-Explorers, arrvey. social functions of a community are ora, prospectors and hunters will find "Tell you what, I'hin, I'll hitch up the more satisfactory and decidedly more Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil very uneful sorrer mare and we'll drive into town pleasant because musicians equal to in camp. When the feet and legs are and talk it over with the agricultural any occasion are just close by. A wet and cold it is well to rub them public car to a high class of music, tusion, or sprain he sustained, nothing could be better us a dressing or lotion.

WHO STOLE THE GLASSES ?

account should have a band. A good tense respectability of the Athanaeum Club will reliab this story from Frank Boyd's "A l'elican's Tale." It appears that Bishop Thorold was one day lamenting to a fellow-churchman the loss of his gold-rimmed glauses. They were old friends, and he

felt their going keenty. "I can't think how it happened," said he. "I had them with me when went into the reading-room of the him for a minute, and he spreads like for a second or two while I searched my pockets to find a letter I wanted. When I looked for them they were

Then the good Hishop was asked That's the dreadful part of the best proposition on earth. He is dead story,' he said, "for there was only present the Bishop of London, the Binhop of St. David's, the Archbishop

PATRON SAINTS

Two sattors, on Irishman and Scotchman, could nover agree, and the rest of the crew had become adepts in of which the Scotchman knew nothing and the Irishman just a little. "Who was the patron saint of Ire-

land?" nald Jock. "Do you mean to may you don't tones, "hang your St. Patrick." In a towering rage the Irinhman healtated a second while he thought of something equally offensive and

DECIDEDLY MATTER OF FACT

demand everywhere, can be got at any for his patriotic fervor. One day in more, Md. chemist's or drug shop, at very small class, while in a particularly unlifted cost. They are a standard remedy for mood, he turned to one of his pupils. worm troubles and can be fully relied an average boy of twelve. "Now, upon to expel worms from the system Tommy," said he, "tell us what you and abate the sufferings that worms would think if you saw the Union Jack | Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, after waving proudly over the field of an operation has been advised that it battle." "I would think," 'replied will pay any woman who suffers from effective a remedy for the relief of Tommy, "that the wind was blowing."

"I WAS IN THERE ONCE MYSELF"

A group of acrobata were performputes about horse trades. A man not ling in a side street in Bloomsbury. appeared some time ago in the Cana- knowing much about horses would buy among them a little fellow whom dian Bandsman and Musician, on what a horse from a trader who would may looker-on thought to be unfairly treat remained. Clouds that gathered with has been much impressed by the would find that the horse was un- the looker-on, with a word or two of the promine of rain dispersed again, article as they reproduced it in full in sound and not able to work. He would encouragement, dropped a coin quietly leaving the promise unfilled. The long their issue of May 2. The article foi- complain that he had been defrauded. Into the little fellow's hand. Instantly, He would get a summons, and the case with a fervent "Thank you, sir," the In speaking about bands and town would come before me, charging the boy disappeared. The gentleman, curibands in particular, we sometimes hear trader with defrauding him by false ous to know how the boy would spend a desperate remedy, as every farmer people carelessly say, "What good is pretences out of the price of the horse, the money, followed. It was not easy a band in a town, anyway?" Well may \$100. The facts would come out to keep sight of the boy, who ran first take the inventory of the fellow before me and the evidence of veter- quickly until he came to Great Ormand who makes the remark. You may harry surgeons would prove that the Street, passing by the shops. He did have reason to allow the silly question horse was worthless. I would then not stop until he reached the Chil-

> The astenished gentleman ran up "Why did you do that?" he anked "I was in there once, sir," the boy replied, 'a'nd they were very kind to

> > A. VALUABLE GEM

Bam, the chore man, returned from the city with a scarf pin that contained ness and municipal enterprises always the beginning, and I will know what to a diamond of no small size. It was the pride of his heart, and the envy of This scheme generally put thipgs his village companions. He treated to time will be successful, because 11:11: r t no one was wronged .- Col. all inquiries from them as to its value and its authenticity with high scorn. His employer, after a week of banking in its rudiance, asked Sam about Its history.

> "Wal," said Sam, with calm confidence, "If it ain't, I've been akun out of a half dollar."

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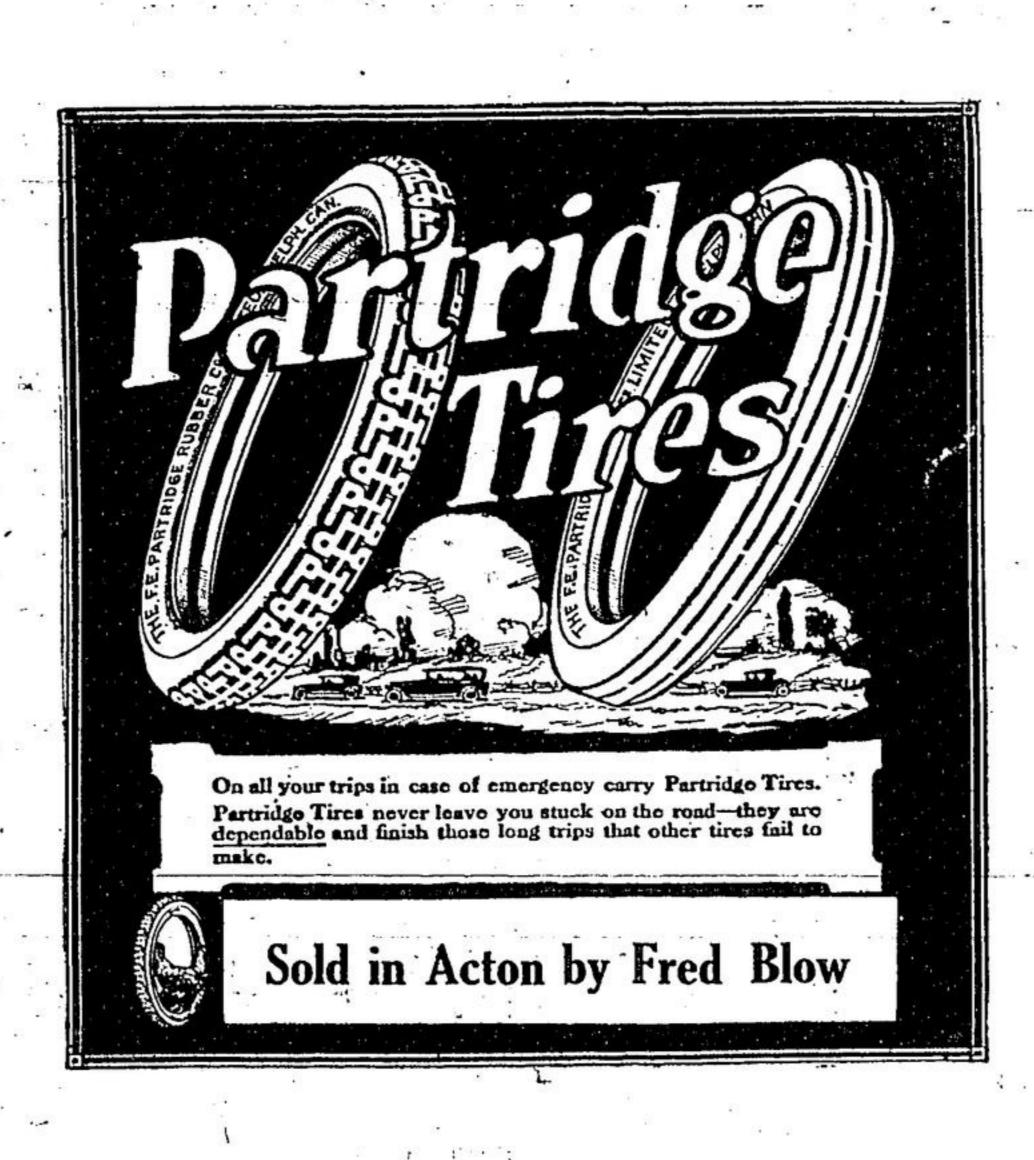
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