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THE MAN OF CHEER

I don't know how he is on the I nover heard him say; But he's got a umile that fits his . And he wegte it every day.

If things go wrong he doesn't com Just trien to nor the loke. .

Of helping other folk. He sees the good in every one:

He had a lot of confidence In people's good intentions. No matter if the sky is gray.

You get his point of view, And the clouds begin to scatter And the sun comes breaking through

You'll know him if you meet him, And you'll find it worth your while To cultivate the friendship of The man behind the amile.

News of Local Import Points on Judging Debates THE FREE PRESS has been repeatedly asked for rules to be observed in Judging debates. Usually, the following percentages are observed by the

platform manner and delivery, 10%;

presentation of argument, 10%; epun-

ciations and choice of words, 10%.

No Better Place All Around Acton is bly enough to be convenient and is so situated that it is a pleasant place to live in. This winter has been almost as mild as California. and when it comes to summer, well, you can't beat it. It is true there are no houses vacant. Here's hoping that at least twenty-five new houses will be built again this year, as there were

The Rat Post is Berious In the stock barn with its store of fodder crops, and commercial feeds, this winter season heralds the approach of the rat pest. Rats, in addition to being the cause of an annual loss of millions of dollars' worth of feed, are carriers of disease, and means of exterminating them are well worth the best consideration of all farmers who set store by the health of their herds and docks. Trapping or poisoning are the most approved methods of getting rid of the rodents, and the former method being the sufer deserves first consideration.

Native Wines Not to be Advertised It has been decided by a delegation representing the manufacturers of native wines, following a conference with Hon. W. F. Nickle, K. C., that, in compliance with a hint given out by the Attorney-General, the distribution of advertising matter of any kind would be discontinued. They had been notified by the Ontario License Commission that they were offenders against the O. T. A. by sending out circulars and price lists. It was intimated that unless they kept within the letter of the law there might be additional restrictions put upon

It's Only Too True The man who handles the loca department of a newspaper learns after held, away with painful persistence. due experience not to expect even briefly expressed thanks from column of pleasant things, but knoweth as surely as cometh winter that a single line in which there is an unintentional representation will cause someone to be heard from as if from a house top. And we may add that when he has made pleasant mention . 999 times of some I've had ample time to think of the person, place or, thing, but, on the old days, when the world and I were thousandth time falls to do so, he younger, in the winter time. We had must not expect to be forgotten. The storms then, real once, and cold omission may have been from socident | weather too. I remember a great storm inadvertance or even an entire lack we had in this wection, let me see, yes, of knowledge. It matters not. The just fifty-four years ago this month-

Get News Items in Early People who think that a local news- to be seen here and there. I can paper like THE PRES PRES is set up recall speing Mr. Robert Little, the in a day of two bave small conception teacher of that time, laboriously makof the amount of mechanical work ing his way up to the school. Those required to get out a paper. Even with the fast linetype machine it means that punctillous he was in getting to school work is going shead all week in the every day, and getting there on time. preparation of the paper, and in order | Well, he was not there that morning to avoid an unseemly rush in the last 'hour or so, reports of meetings and impossible. When he did reach the events happening in the week, have to school, he found John Vincent, the be handled, and set up in type as soon faithful old janitor, there, with fires as possible after they have been held. on, and the snow shovelled a few lf our friends would bear this in mind feet away from the front door. Only they would not defer handing in two scholars braved the banks of snow hours, and expect to see it in print half-holidays of those old times folthe same week. Often enough the item is left out and the contributor is surprised, and sometimes "hurt.". If week-old material on publication day

thoughtfulness help wonderfully? GOOD HUMOR AT HOME.

Good humor is highly reckoned have a little fun along with the humknow how it brightens up things generally to have a lively witty companinto an occasion for laughter. It does shoveliers three days to dig out the a great deal better to laugh over engines and snow plows and get the some domestic mishaps than ito cry or road opened up. scold over them. Many homes nad lives are dull because they are allowed hundreds of sight-seers from the vilto become to deeply impressed with a lage and the country during the three sense of the cares and the response days of snow-shovelling. Rev. W. J. ibilities of life to recognize its bright Piggott, was the incumbent of St. and especially its mirthful side. Into Alban's Church at that time. He such a household, good but dull, the came up with his two boys to view advent of a loutly, humorous friend the great banks where a way had is like sunshine on a cloudy day. While it is always oppresive to hear glistening bank of twenty feet of snow, persons constantly striving to say which had been worked through by witty or funny things, it is comfortable the snow plow and the, shovellers, seeing what a little fun is, to make remarked in his churacteristically an effort to have some fun at home. English expression: "My eyes, but It is well to turn off an impatient there was a great full of the beautiful question sometimes and regard it from along there. The bottom must have a humorous point of view, instead of dropped out of the heavens for sure being trritated about it. "Wife, what yesterday." is the reason I never find any clean A third big snow storm which imshirts " exclaimed a good but rather pressed my memory came about thirty impatient husband, after rummaging years ago this winter, I think it was. all through the wrong drawer. His It ulso blocked the trains for about wife looked at him steadily, half in three days: This was before the era colined to be prevoked; then with a of Acton High Hehool, and there was comical look she said: "I never quess an unusually large number of Acton light Hehool, and there was conundrums; I give up." Then he boys and girls attending Georgetown laughed, and she went and gut him High Hehool that winter. The big his shirt, and be felt ashamed of storm came on during the day, and himself and kissed her; and then she when the school sessions were over felt happy, and so what might have for the day, and the Acton, Milton, been an occasion for hard words and other outside students wended

culty for giving a hamorous turn to or thirty inexperienced boys and girls things when they are reproved. It to be marooned away from home, and does just as well sometimes to laugh most of them with meagre funds .in

ter is better than tears. . JOHNNY'S WAY

ny." said the master. . "What would the U. T. H. agent hare, and Mr. Chus. you say if I came to school that way?" Ryan, the agent at Georgetown, were "I wouldn't say anything," replied kind in using their talegraphic wire. Johnny 'I am too polite to pass re- freely in giving anxious parents in-



Judges: Matter used by debater, 70%; Homespun Lines-Then and Now

Just five and fifty flooting yours Bince you first sheel your happy tes And raised your red lips bashfully, Upon my shoulder laid your head, My hungry heart with Joy you fed, A sacred vow you pledged to me; Old-fashioned posles saw you blush And on the garden wall a thrush As you sat there upon my knee-

then home to mother strolled we t Confessed our love as sweethearts true Our world was made forevermore; ture under her winter hobd of white. Her dear awest face was wreather smiling us friendly ut man as when in amiles As she recalled the old turnstiles she wears the blossoms of spring; and And tryating-place of yore; everywhere the children, the first to As she looked back through by-gone

In memory of the cares she bore.

Old garden baths have given place

To the town streets-brick buildings he spots where once were apple trees To-day we live our lives so fast Our sontiments too weak to lust Would even crush the honey bees: Old family customs disobey, We really haven't time to pray, instead our solfish whims we please.

Upon swift wings of time, they say, That love belongs to children's play, Parental warnings have no hold; No sacred vow withstands the test 'Tis Violated like the rest Of promises made rash and bold; The ancient charms of home are lost Through years of chaos, those days

This last week of this January of 1924 has been a trying one for the old folks. With the snow storms every day, the long-continued blustering winds, and the moreury down about zero, neither Mary nor I have venturned out from our ballywack, and have been very little out of the house, even. Besides, this zero weather seems to have gotten into my old bones, and my old enemy, the rheumatism, has To tell you the truth, I can hardly make my pen go at all, and I am seriously considering taking a rest for a few months. I don't suppose many would miss it if my corner here were

While I have been kept through the snow and stormy weather. simple fact remains and he will be in January, 1870. I think there was judged by that.-Carleton Place Her- the heaviest fall of snow we ever had in this community in my time. The snow, four, five and six feet deep. Only the top of a garden fence was who knew him well remember how

vacant for a month or so,

on time, but that was because it was lowed in the afternoon.

I remember another bly storm about we were to attempt to handle this fifteen years later. I think it was in 1885. There was not so much snow us it would mean holding-over an equal in the former case, but the wind atvolume of last minute news. When tending it blew a hurricane, and the you realize the situation as outlined snow was piled in great drifts, and here, in a few words, wouldn't a little the crust was so hard they would bear walking upon anywhere. The biggest drifts seemed to form along the line of the Grand Trunk Rallway. From the Main Street orosaing, up past the old apple tree, there were drifts from six most valuable aid to happy home life. to twenty feet deep. Snow plows were An equally good and useful faculty is brought both from Toronto and from a sense of humor, or the capacity to Stratford to open up the line. The angines on the snow plows were stalled drum cares and works of life. We all at both ends. They could neither plow through the drifts, hor back out from the cutting into which their impact ion who sees the ridiculous points of had taken them. It took all the secthings and can turn an annoyance tion men available and scored of extra

> This big drift was the objective for been cut through, and looking up the

unkind feelings because just the con- their way to the station to take the trary, all through the little vein of evening trains back home, they found humor that cropped out of the sur- no trains were running, and there was no prospect for any for hours to come. Home people have a peculiar fa- This was a predicament, for twenty things off as to scold them off. Laugh- their pockets. But kind-hearted Georgotown citizens chine to their resous and took them to their homes, where they were treated as honored guests for the day or two until the "What dirty hands you have, John- trains got moving again. Mr. Holmes,

what shake the windows and the snow made a good long visit there the last for of the storm that shuts off fro: how it is; my old remembered is no: coins to increase his appreciation e thankful it is as good as it it. he warmth and conhess enclosis dm. . And if the winter darkness

great as to compet him to turn o be lights in the middle of the mornin. ir afternoon, he is likely to notth lown to his work with a special xest 'or it-or to give bimself uf to con-'emplation. When the lights glow in he store, or office, or factory, the whole tmosphere of business seems to take pn & friendlier aspect. But with beople who have to make tielr way with bundles, or with young bildren, through the streets or over ountry roads, or who have to git in talled cars, or trains, or trolleys, or for he teamsters or motor drivers, for the rulnmen and the sallors, the farmers with their outside work, the winter storm may be anything from a vexution to a tragedy! The indoor worker. enjoying his snugness, thinks of there admetimes with vague compassion, and then turns busily to more agreeable thoughts. Why shouldn't he? There le nothing that he can do to alleviate the discomfort or the suffering that

respond to her smile, tumbling in the snowdrifts, happy with the very joy Say, the editor cast a reflection upon my memory the other day, and Justly During the sunshing hours the mer-He recalled to me the fact that cury climbed up from below zero about entirely forgot to say anything about fifteen degrees.

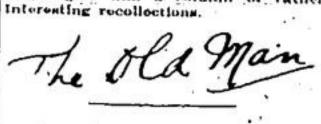
trees, roofs, fences and hodges. Na-

marooned Mrs. John D. Brown being a niece of my friend, the late Mrs. Warren Tobey. Of course, in my time, we've bud whose passing I referred to in this many stories with deep falls of snow, column last week. I wonder if it was and accompanying burricanos; but the became I really knew Lettie so well three I have written about eclipsed that I forgot about her in this conthem all, so far as my recollection pection. Why, I comember her as a little toddler about the home when

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openking of winter storms I find and to call upon my old school friend, swell mordising in these quiet days her father. Tommy Cameron, out on aries. in which I am kept indoors hugging the farm there where she lives w the Quebec heater. For the indoor happily now, with her husband and votker the stories of winter furnish daughter, Adabelle. Now that I think mild and not altogether disagree of h. I remember that Mrs. Tobey alable excitement. Contentedly warri ways went out to the farm when she and comfortable, he caleys hearing the came to Acton, and of course she and alset drive against them; the gray time she was in Acton. Well, you see the view all but the neurest object always to be relied upon, but I'm

I notice to last leave that "The Young Fellow on the Bank Stobs" has not gotten over the use of slang, and that he is all gone on bockey now Not much chance of getting real well acqualated with that new library of his at the rate he is going. I'm afraid I can't enlighten him much about the hockey game. It's rather too modern for me. And it hasn't attracted me much in my old age, because so far as I can hear, it partakes ton much of what the sporting people call profendonallem. It doesn't Jibo very well with my ideas of roat, enjoyable home spert, to hear so much about bringing here at home with their fathers and and the toe, mothers, who would make first-class players, if they got half a chance. No, advertising by putting up a notice to I can't tell him much about hockey. If he had asked for a story about the people's curiosity would be aroused real old game of shinny, which every- to the extent of paying a visit to the people out of doors are going through body played when I was young, and shoe repairer, and we realize that . Then comes the morning after the which afforded more real fun in one storm, a still morning, with the sun good Haturday afternoon's game on shining, the air clear and dry, the the old mill bond, than a whole winter snow smooth and sparkling on fields,



of hockey such as is played now, I

might give him a column of rather

-Sunday's sunshine was bajoyable.

SOLE READING OR PALM READINGT

published by one of our contempor-

long narrow streak down the middle the wearer is economic and likely to become wealthy. He is immessed of 10 \$193,000,000. on notive brain, which is his greatest source of recreation A small irregular hole near the too

time of trouble. versationalist, a poor listener, and is shows and increase of \$7,139,424,

shallow and unrellable. A Bernon whose whole sole is wor at the too, mour the outside of the sole, according to Hole Helence, is of a musical temperament, is witty and has a keen sense of humor, is optimlatic, and an interesting, "worth-listuning-to" talker.

observing and broad-minded. A person of an affectionate disposiin Mayers from Milton and Toronto and tion, well liked, and very kind to the the effect that he reads soles. Many

A sole that is worn off near the

t."-Shoe Repair Shop.

Is relished by the best of men."

Therefore we advise you to "go to

als from the Arabs, our calendar from up and down the principal streets or sixteen, should have mastered the the Rumans, and our baking from the with a hand-cart peddling Corman lesson of controlling irritable speech, Itulians. Can any one think of any marks at twenty cents for a ton- and conquering foolish fears, and be has done much to beautify that city. other examples." from the Smith's, our snow shovel every sale, and his load sold like het asked a few years ago, it is clear that beautified with flowers, and in other

The shoe repairer in in possessio of an almost infallible means of telling the Character of his customers by the way they wear out the soles of their shoes, according to an article

indicates a quiet and retiring disposition, but a cool and, practical head in 1922 is over six million pounds. In phone users is as follows: British A sole that is worn out at the ball of between 4,500,000 and 5,000,000 Atheria, 10.89; Bankatchewan, 12.24; of the foot indicates a person who is pounds. The total value of the export Manitoba. 10.78; Ontario. conceited and domineering, a poor con- from Canada for the same period Qualice, 6.58; New Brunswick, 6.96;

Kitthener, and other places, and get- poor and afflicted, is reflected by a waters that have hitherto-flowed toting jobs for them here, when he have sole that is worn at the outer edge, ward the Mississippi. This grises from scores of young fellows living right about half way between the shank the fact that the lilus fildge, instead of cow that Jumed over the moon after taken one bottle, but the results are A repairer might get quite a little | each side, is an escarpment separating "An extra ducat now and then,

OUR COMPLETE DEBT

from the Jones, and our baby carriage cakes. Before the war ten thousand your spiritual life has come to a respects the appearance of the city

Value of Canada's Dairy Products An Increase of \$7,139,424 During the 13.59 per 100 of Population in Ontario:

the Year 1923 At the convention of the Eastern

ininion Dairy Commissioner, histed in telephones in use in Canada per 100 an address he gave that the total in of population than in any other 1922 of all dairy products in Canada country of the world, except the Unitwith the value of dairy butter and ed States, and Brifish Columbia's avermilk consumed, estimated, amounted age is higher than any other Province trade for 1933 are yet available, be Canada is 10.53, while Brtish Columbia

said, but it is estimated, the advance has 15.19 telephones per 100. compared with the name period of Provincially the number of the case of butter there is a decrease Columbia, 15.19 telephones per 100; Professor Ruddick referred to the land, 5.80. fact that in the markets of the world | The high rating in telephone usage competition in dairy products was is accepted as indication of the high growing keener every day, but he saw standard of living in Canada as comno reason to believe that Canada would pared with other parts of the world. not be able to find a market for All her surplus dairy products if the

quality was right. OCEAN'ROBBING RIVER

shank tells of a popular person, thoughtful and attentive, who is very A curlous study of the Blue Ridge mountain, region in North Carolina and Virginia is the showing that the Atlantic is slowly gaining some of the mother being a crest with strong slopes on all. It must have been a kangaroo." a mountainous upland on the southeast, and the high-lovel headwaters of the streams that flow toward the Mississippi. These are continually losing length by the retreat of the escarpment, through the retrogressive eresion of the low-level headwaters of the Atlantic-seeking streams. From a practical point of view, of course, the change is very slow.

marks worn \$2,300.

Telephones in Canada

10.78 in Manitoba Ottawn, Jan. 22. According to a Ontario Dairymon held at Kingston report recently issued by the Dominion recently Professor J. A. Huddick, Do- Bureau of Statistics there are more

in the Isominion. The average num Only partial figures of the export bor of meet per 100 of population in

Nova Scotla, 6.87; Prince Edward Is-

sond in natural history, and her throat. It finally, settled in my mother wanted to know how she was stomach. I think most of my troubles getting on. . . history lesson to-day, dear " asked harsh laxutives to keep them open. "Well, I'm beginning to think, from down and I felt miserable. what the teacher sald, that it wusn't a

ASKING HARDER THINGS OF YOURSELF

The child who attends school, each treatment." year has burder tasks. He is given onny duties, and goes on to those which are harder." If our character-building is progress-

A young fellow in New York went selves. Those of you who are fifteen thousand mark one. He made over ready for harder things. If you are Shrubs have been planted to hide un-Willie Willie-"Our lawn mower nineteen and three-quarter cents on asking no more of yourself than you sightly places; boulevards have been

Could Hardly Stand the Pain

Digestive Weaknesses Torturer Mr. Hicks Till Dreco Came to Help Him. Wonderful Improvement Results from One Bottle of this Grand Remedy

----Mr. Allan Russell Hicks, of 24 West Lynn Avenue, Toronto, was having a terrible time of it when he fortunately heard of Droco and decided to try it. Hort is his experience with this great natural health-bullder.

"My stomach was in bad shape," anys Mr. Hicks. "After eating my food didn't seem to properly digest causing a lump in my stomach. I would beich und bloat and had heartburn from the gas. My kidneys wore in Mad shape and at times I could hardly stand the pain across my back. especially when bending over. Catarrh of the nose annoyed me terribly. Little Madge had begun to take les- I was constantly trying to clear my came from my bowels, as I was always "What did you learn in your natural constipated and had to be taking My system became very weak and run very noticeable, as I have greatly improved in every way. I feel much stronger and las bowels, are very regular. I am much picaged with Dreco and intend to complete the

Drecq contains no mercury, potash, more difficult assections to road, harder or habit forming drugs. It is a reliable problems to solve. The beginner in the corrective for digestive disorders, business world, starts out with doing made from berbs, roots, bark and leaves and has brought better bealth to thousands of sufferers.

in Acton by A. T. Brown, and is sold

FOOTWEAR Real Old-Fashioned Sale February--MID-WINTER--1924

This is not a Sale by name only, but one in every sense of the word, where you come expecting big bargains, and you will get them. So-called Sales are very common these days, but we are going to give you something, by way of a change, and hand to you REAL LIVE BARGAINS that will make the people of Acton, and surrounding country, talk about them. As you know, our stock is NEW and up to date, there is no old stock to dispose of, so you can rest assured that anything you buy here is reliable in QUALITY and STYLE.

OUR REASONS For this Sale

Since starting in Acton, nearly two years ago, business has been better by far than our expectations, but there are people who have not had the pleasure of looking over our up-to-date stock, so after careful consideration we have come to the conclusion that the most inviting way for you to meet us, is to launch a sale with prices so low that you will give us a call, if you are in need of Footwear, and you will surely buy. a good supply at much smaller cost than you will be able to in

Big Discounts---the Whole Stock is on Sale

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Women's Strap Slippers

Patent, Calf, Kid, Side and Dongola. All sizes in the lot. Regular \$3.50 and \$3.75. Sale

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* From 65c to \$2.25 regular, discounted at 10 to

20 per cent. off.

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On all Leather Footwear not already especially priced.

We offer from 10 to 20 per cent off. HOCKEY BOOTS

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In Felt and Leather, with soft soles. Black, Brown and Red. Regular \$1.50. Sale Price

MEN'S AND. WOMEN'S FELT BOOTS

With leather foxing.

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In Black, Fawn and Grey, for 85c a pair. These are real

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Men's 12 inch, tap top, red sole, snag proof, first quality lumbermen's rubbers. Regular \$6.00 and \$6.35. Sale Price

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