WEAVIN'

Fu' mony a mune has clim'ed the sky An' mony a red sun sunk tao rest, Baith rain an' shaw ha'e filled the An' winds ha'e blawn frae cast an

Through a' the putient Weaver stan's Sae tireless at His busy loom, The threids o' life are in His han's, The warp an' woof o' joy an' gloom.

Within ma wab o' life the threids O' changefu' colors glance an' gleam, But glintin' through are orra stran's That fairer than their neebours

Tis this-whene'er a helpin han Ye rax oot tae a brither's need, The Weaver in His shuttle slips A bonnie, shinin' gowden threid,

An' when at length as gloamin' fa's, Comes lowsin, an' the time tae scan Oor wab o' life; like claith o' gowd Wull be kind deeds tae brither man. -Joan B. White.

BURYING A BANK IN A WELL.

How the money of the State Bank of Georgia was successfully hidden during Sherman's march to the sea, and how the entire sum, which was between \$150,000 and \$200,000, was re- The roads where every turn we know turned to the bank virtually intact, makes a strange story. An old sub- The meadow grasses waving, and the

scriber sends us the tale. On the evening of November 28, 1864, Wallace Cumming, cashier of the bank at Savannah, was ordered to take the money out of danger, for Sherman was approaching the city, The little wayside briers that reach Cumming's wife, who subsequently wrote the story of the adventure for The lowly nest, half hidden in her grandchildren, accompanied him on a special train that was hurrying And all the common things that gird to cross the Altamaha River before the Southern troops cut the bridge. The gold was packed in nail kegs. At Thompsonville they hired an empty tore and placed the kegs there. Jerry. one of Cumming's servants, took turns

the store at night. Later they transported the money to Macon, where the State Bank had a branch office. In April, 1865, news The trees, the hills, the pastures, the Of the names for Councillors, ame that another Federal force was making its way southward, and what Of us they are a part, our blood has som and Duncan Kennedy, declined to to do with the money became again

Finally they decided to wear what gold they could, bury some of it and sink the rest in a deep well. Each member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. We love them very dearly, the old Thomas Nesbit, with whom the Cumming family had lived for six months, wore wide belts made of heavy linen, which they had stitched full of twenty dollar gold pieces. That, of course, Of the meadow-lands that hold us took care of a comparatively small sum. Every day Mr. Cumming made several trips between the house and the bank and on each trip he came home loaded with money. Nesbit, who owned a large iron foundry, cast a long, round from bar, about the width proceedings of the new Municipal Smith about forty. of a twenty-dollar gold piece and then sharpened it at one end. One night Nesbit and Cumming went out into the front yard which was a mass of rosebushes in full bloom. They thrust the rod down close to the root of a bush and as deep as their united strength could sink it; then they filled the hole with gold eagles, which they doings, it took me away back to the dropped in one by one, and throw days when Acton first had a Council. loose earth over the top. In that way In those days we had no difficulty in they buried between between \$30,000 getting the best citizens in town to and \$40,000; and they kept a record of give their time for the transaction of Norrish; David Hutcheon. how much was biffied under each the business of the place, and those rosebush. The rest of the money they of you who knew, or know of, the men sewed up in little bags, which they who were elected Reeve and Councilplaced in boxes and let down into a lors in those early days, can readily deep well. Two days after the gold substantiate this was buried the Yankee army took Take our first Council, elected John R. Barber was Reeve

army found in his vault was several were all representative citizens, pion- Young, Reeve of Oakville. Robert barrels of Confederate money and a eers in building up the town, and Melvin was Mayor of Guelph.

The money remained in the garden were elected, after our hamlet had time Council had a busy time that and in the well more than two years, been incorporated as a village. James first week of their existence. They and all of it was recovered and re- Hill, one of the best penmen Acton met at 11 a. m. and at 7 p.m. on tioned on the means of each one who turned to the bank at Savannah ex- ever had, was appointed Clerk and Monday, and again on Thursday evencept one small package of gold one Treasurer, and this office he held until ling. dollar pieces, which was lost in the he left Acton in 1875.

mud and water. IN QUIET ..

about her feelings and preferences. But, seeing that our fire-fighting out- disposal of the Reeve for charitable When she has given up a bad habit fit in town is now complete, I guess purposes. of sweet charity, she talks over the them." discussed until it vanishes in talk, our first Council's doings. and a high resolve comes to nothing! The Council for 1874 was the same disposed with. because the words in which it was to as for 1873; municipal business being ' The Clerk was instructed to keep

Only to grow as the grass grows Prating not of joys or woes,

perhaps even more useful.

is a good metto for July or January at the election; it would be a strange confused world its nose over the hilltop .. Of the great forces of nature it may be truly said, been appointed in his stead." has it:

"They have no speech nor language; their voice is not heard."

SOME APPETITE

Will Rogers, the movie star who has Spaight, that the second report of the been seen on the screen in Acton fre- License Inspector be received and quently, tells a story of a funny-look- adopted. Carried. playing at one time, and said he was lowing is recorded: wanted a job.

"I'm Enoch, the egg man." "What's your specialty?" "I cat three dozen hens' eggs, two ducks' eggs and one dozen goose eggs ed in securing a successor.

at a sitting. Right on the stage." "Do you realize we give four shows a day at this theatre?"

"That's all right, I savvy that." "And you think you can do it?" "I know I can do it." "And on Saturdays we give

"All-right." "And on holidays we give a si and often there is just one thing I upon filing the necessary bonds. want to have understood with you before I go to work, I must have time in struck at this meeting as follows: 7%

A 100 YEAR OLD APPLE TREE

An old apple tree, the oldest on the revenues, \$2,974:02, from the following, Pacific Coast is located in Vancouver, cources: balance from 1874, \$798.66, When but a seedling it was brought taxes collected, \$1,545.65; tavern to the mouth of the Columbia River licenses, \$150.00; Municipal Loan fund. by employees of the old Hudson, Bay \$191.50; Interest on loan, \$75.21; Company, 100 years ago this March. Statute labor, \$36.00, Clergy Reserve.



OLD FRIENDS

the trees that o'er it bend; little flower faces,

We love the soft and springing sod as our footsteps' press it;their clinging fingers out; dusky hedge-God bless lt!

the common day about. There's one wide branching maple that was tall when we were tend-The baby lambs beneath it in the years with a man named Ross in guarding

> tenting shadows below. lanes we oft have trodden, caught a thrill from them. Ve may walk to-day in purple, where

once we walked in hodden,

But the gelfsame soul is in us, we are theirs in root and stem. In heaven I think the road will a look like ours at home; The fields of living green recall the pleasant beckoning faces

-Margaret E. Sangster. FIFTY YEARS AGO AND NOW I was very much interested in the died forty-five years ago, and Mr. Council, and I admired the prompt business manner in which the matters coming-up-for-their-consideration and

fast, how far soe'er we roam.

action were handled. It looks to me as if we now have a good Council of business men who are alive to Acton's As I read the report of the evening's

cossession of Macon and seized the fifty-three years, 180, in 1873. They Georgetown, and Dr. Freeman and Dr. assets of two or three other banks in were: W. H. Storey, Reeve, John Standish Councillors, Speight, Charles W. Hill, Asa Hall and Dr. Roberston, was Mayor of Milton; few hundred dollars in silver that he personally interested in its progress. Now as to the inaugural meeting of

Man's device for progress carry noise column respecting the Council busi- the Reeve; Committee on Finance-D. tendency of speculation to force prices Male Voice, Choir. Mr. Eastburn conand commotion in their train. The ness of half a century ago. I 'phoned D. Christie, C. S. Smith, and the upward in a time of easy money, and ducted, and Mr. H. Grant was at the trolley-car, the steamboat, the tele- the Frest Press Office and asked if I Reeve. phone, the railway are so many might be entrusted with the files of Zalman Hall and Samuel Carter duction at a time when economic inventions that increase the clatter the paper of fifty years ago. "Yes," were appointed auditors. On motion causes are weighing prices down. of the world. Even human char- said the editor, "you may have them, the sum of \$5.00 was placed in the acter in these modern days makes though, we don't often permit them hands of Zalman Hall and George a "to-do" in its growth. The child to go out of the office, as we have but Hynds, Sr. for support of John Mcpasses into girlhood with much talk one copy of each of the first issues. Phee, and \$20.00 was placed at the

or curtailed an indulgence for the sake there will be no danger of losing acts with a dozen intimate friends. Well, the Frees Press files were lating to liquor shop licenses and an-If she contemplates a college course brought over to my house by the of- other on tavern licenses. or a matrimonial venture, she consuits fice's young man, and I think I will both interested and uninterested people be able to glean some facts of in- or more constables and an assessor about it. A religious experience is terest from their pages referring to appointed, and that the services

be framed could not be satisfactorily new to everyone, they were permitted a separate set of books for school and to carry on. The next year, however, village monies If the modern woman were to imi- changes came. The people began to tate less the methods of modern get a thirst for office, and after the seconded a resolution that a by-law science, and take more lessons in the elections in January were over, it was be introduced at next meeting relating

achieve results more beautiful, and as follows: Councillors-John Speight, Charles walk to the railway station;

Asa Hall had evidently dropped out G.T.R. authorities, concerning At a meeting of the Council on July and to obtain their sanction to in which the grass-made a commotion 22nd, 1875, the following minute is building of a sidewalk on their premabout its upward climb, such as a recorded: "In consequence of Mr. lses. The matter was laid over for puffing automobile makes as it thrusts Robert Little having resigned as the present. auditor, Mr. David Henderson has And so the work of the Council

At the same meeting this informaed the hotels in Acton and found them | generations for several weeks. in proper order, and conducted in compliance with the law." Moved by Edward Nicklin, seconded by John

ing rube guy who applied to the man- In the minutes of a meeting of the ager of a little theatre where he was Council, held on August 20th, the fol-

The Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. James W. Hill, stated that being desirous of tor. leaving Acton in a short time, he desired to tender his resignation. The citizen. Council expressed their willingness to accept the resignation, under the circumstances, as soon as they succeed-

At a subsequent meeting, on September 2nd; I find this interesting minute: "The resignation of James G. Hill, as Clerk and Treasurer of this municipality is hereby accepted." Moved by Edward Nicklin, seconded by John Speight, that Henry P. Moore is hereby appointed Clerk and Treasurer of this municipality, that his w salary shall be the same as that of the retiring officer, viz: \$90.00, and that he "Well, if you give shows that fast commence his duties immediately . The rate of taxation of the year was between to go and get my regular mills for school purposes, and 4 mills boy. for municipal expenditures, and county rate, 11% mills for all purposes. The police court

rate raised for the year with the bal-

for the year were \$2,576.20, as follows: School purposes, \$1,676.23 Streets and aldowalks, \$555.07, Officers' salaries, \$127.00; Charities, \$81,-

80, Contingencies, \$136.10 .. Say, there's some difference between the amount of finances handled then and in 1925, 50 years later, when it required the sum of \$63,493.95 to run this little town. Why, last year the schools cost \$11,464.00, and I guess they were worth it, and the county rate was \$5,363.58, but of this latter I

am not so well satisfied. The Eura Press of fifty years ago gives many interesting items of oldtime news. On December 2nd, 1875, we find that the roving dogs of the village did damage to sheep then as now. "Moved by John Speight, seconded by Edward Nicklin, that 'the sum of \$3.66 be paid to Robert Sims, being two-thirds value of a sheep killed by dogs, the owner's of which cannot

o ascertained. In the same meeting it was moved by Dr. McGarvin, seconded by John speight, that leave be granted to inroduce a by-law to appoint a returning officer for the forthcoming election, and that Henry P. Moore be appointed Returning Officer."

The election in January was the irst municipal election by ballot ever held in Acton. Previously they had been by open voting. The first Legislative election by ballot was held the month before, when Col. Clay, of Norval and W. D. Lyon, Milton, were the cardidates. I find that Mr. Moore was the Returning Officer at this election also. Mr. Lyon was successful by a majority of 67. The votes cast were: Lyon, 1363; Clay, 1296. This And the lifted hills benignant, each is quite a difference from the number of votes polled in the election in October last, when Dr. Anderson was given 6,775, and Mr. Duncan Campbell 5,424, Dr. Andersons majority beling about the same figures as the total the vote given W. D. Lyon fifty years ago. For the Municipal election for Acton

For Reeve-David Henderson: Dr For Councillors John Speight, Ed-There's one great shadowy oak that S. Smith, 'D. D. Christie, Horace Hall, stood, its friendly shelter lending Ransom -Adams, Thomas Ebbage, To our parents, when they couried, its Richard Hamilton and Duncan Ken-

fifty years ago this month the candi-

dates were as follows:

Horace Hall, Thomas Ebbage, Ran-

At the élection Dr. McGarvin defeated D. Henderson in a vote of 73 to ure ensues.

lton and C. S. Smith. who were nominated, all have since partment of Aveyron, of which Ropassed away. Some of them many quefort is the principal city. Roqueyears ago. Mr. D. D. Christie was the fort is one of the most prosperous last of the group to lay down life's ac- cities of the world, made so by cheese. tivitles and John Speight and C. S. Smith were among the first of them to go to their reward. Mr. Speight

paper of ours that in Esquesing the

Deputy Reeve-William McEnery. In Nassaguweya the Council elect

Reeve-John Ramsay. Deputy Reeve-James Menzies. Councillors-Dr. T. B. Winn; George The Council in Erin Township was:

Reeve-D. McMillan. Deputy Reeve-J. W. Burt. Councillors-Wm, McDowell; R. Reid and Robert Barbour.

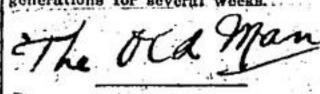
Cumming was captured, but all the Dr. N. McGarvin, Councillors. These P. A. McDougall, Mayor, and W. H. I remember distinctly the days they the new Council for 1876. That old-

> Their docket was a long one. The When I began to think over these Council as a Committee of the whole; other. But properly understood earlier days and the Councils we had struck the two standing Committees: should be a faithful and infallible regthen, I concluded I could give you Committee on Streets and Sidewalks ulator of business. If we were all some interesting information in this -Richard Hamilton, John Secord and thrifty we could quickly check the

Hiram Ryder as liquor detective Mr. Secord moved and Mr. Smit

still workshop of nature, she would found the new Council was composed to the licensing of livery stables.

tion is given: "Mr. Fisher, License fifty-year-old files that I think I can Inspector, reported that he had visit- | glean enough to interest the present



Rolin's father was a knife-maker. Virgil's father was a porter. Homer was a farmer's son. Lucian was a sculptor's son

Mozart's father was a book-binder. The father of Cowley was a grocer. Goethe's father was a tailor. Schumann's father was a book-Shakespeare's father was a w

Oliver Cromwell's father was Glotto, the artist, was a pensan

Dr. Doddridge was the ance from previous year, and other dealer.

Marshal Ney was a cooper's son. Dickens' father was a poor clerk in Martin Luther's father was, a peas- 'It ain't necessary to tell him, son to gain 10 pounds in 30 days, and This partriarchal tree is still bear \$29.25; Government grant, \$123.00; ant and a woodsman. . . . ma'am," said the old skipper, gruffly, for old people with feebleness overfines, \$24.75. And the expenditures! Cardinal Woolsey's father was a "he'll do it." a

Weekly Fashion Hint CHRISTMAS WEEK IN OLD ACTON



PARIS INTERPRETS THE

TWO-PIECE FROCK There has been no smarter contribution to the sports mode than the two-piece frock. A splendid version of this model is pictured to the left, being developed in changeable Balbriggan. The front of the blouse is cut away and finished with a trimming-band of self-material. The back extends over the shoulders, forming a blouse effect. Straight cuffbands finish the long sleeves, and the pockets are stitched on in patched effect. With the blouse is worn a wrap-around skirt. Medium size requires 31/4 yards 54-inch material and 36 yard 36-inch

lining for body of skirt. The second model, also developed in Balbriggan, consists of a blouse and a plaited skirt. The blouse is tucked at either side, of the front, and the back is extended over the shoulders and shaped into an original yoke effect. Medium size requires 21/4 yards 54-inch Balbriggan and 11/8 yard 36-inch

Business in South France Passes Through Generations

The making of Roquefort cheese is of them, of ages ranging from two to technical and the art of ripening-it-ro- thirteen. quires great skill- and care, says the Indianapolis News. The humidity of the air, the temperature and other conditions must be just right or fail-

Yet it is done and has been done The Councillors elected were: John for hundreds of years in the famous Secord; D. D. Christie; Richard Ham- French caves of the Largae cliffs. These caves are in the hills, not far Of these representative citizens from the Spanish border, in the De-All Requefort cheese formerly was made from the milk of goats, but now cow's milk and -also that of sheep is added. A mold, which is cultivated on bread, is mixed with the curd. This gives the cheese its mottled bluish at 6, Shaftesbury-road, a three-storey color and imparts to it also its char-

acteristic flavor. The business in France is handed down from father to son, generation after generation. The United States Councillors-George Wrigglesworth imports \$2,000,000 worth of Requefort present facilities for Jewish children cheese every year.

THRIFT -

Thrift is good husbandry, econom:cal management. It is not extrava- formed the members that it would be gance, of course, but neither is it pen- the last meeting he would have the urlousness. It does not demand that privilege of attending for some months you deny yourself the necessaries or as he was shortly making a journey to even the comforts of life. It merely New Zealand. commands you to consider the cost; spend. You should not buy when the Southborough, Tunbridge Wells. prices are beyond reason or beyond your needs when prices have fallen to

Thrift is a virtue with a decidedly practices it. What is a sensible and reasonable expenditure in one case would be rank extravagance in anwe could as usefully encourage pro-Thrift is the golden means between Heaven.

prodigality and stinginess. HE APPRECIATED THE COMPL

being publicly celebrated, he had as a guest Mrs. Julia Houston West, then the most celebrated oratorio singer in America. After the dinner Whittier asked her to sing. She chose for her selection the ballad, Robin Adair,

"His name is also Robin Adair," exlained Mr. Whittier, "so he takes that song as a tribute to himself. And very evidently he did. From when she went away he carried her so-and now go ahead.

Put not your trust in a foreign lanruage when you are tempted to say "you see, skating is not so easy as fld something about a stranger in his dling!"..... presence. An English writer tells for returned to London after many years

a seat opposite to him. Pretty soon the woman said to her susband in Hindustani: "Dekho Sahib ko kaisa bara nak nose that gentleman has." the lady was no doubt much surprised

lent Hindustani: "Han, Sahib bahut bara nak -hai," which being translated, means, "Yes madam; I have a very large nose."

NATURE WOULD INSTRUCT HIM The new British ambassador Washington, Sir Auckland Geddes, has

sickness. amoked glasses; fasting has its advantages as well; but for my part I Liver Extract Tabets.

"O capinin," mouned the lady pas- your drugglet is authorized to hand senger, "my humband is frightfully sen- you back the money you paid for them. sick! Can you tell him, what to do?" It isn't anything unusual for a per-

Doings During the Holiday Season in Acton Overseas

Conveying his Christmas greetings manded the judge. to "The Acton Gazette" staff and its readers, from India, Sir Harry Brittain interpreter. says he has met the home newspaper at various places on his tour.

A special service of Christmas carols attracted a crowded congregation to Acton Hill Wesleyon Church on Sunday ovening. Mr. A. Pilkington, who used to drive

Acton Fire Brigade, has been taken to with the red bed-curtain round her the 'hospital seriously ill. The Mayor of Acton, who had been duffering from a troublesome cold during the week, was taken suddenly judge, looking a little uncomfortable. worse on Saturday, and had to go

nome for a rest. As Mr. Albert Southall, North Kensington, was engaged on house work in East Acton on Monday afternoon, he put his shoulders "out of foint" while carrying a bag of cement. The Mayor of Acton (in response to the appeal of the Mayor of Ham- clothes. mersmith) has sent a cheque for two

London Hospital. Autograph-hunters found an easy quarry in the genial, good-natured Jack Hobbs, when he visited Acton or Saturday morning to pay a visit of inspection to the West London Indoor, Cricket School.

The Mansfield Boys' Choir paid one of their welcome visits to Acton on Thursday night to illustrate a chatty and the ould woman." lecture by Mr. J. B. Miles, B. Sc., their trainer and conductor, on "Christmas Carols."

Kelly's Directory of Chiswick, Acton and Gunnersbury, comprises a street directory, giving an alphabetical list fo the streets, with the name of the occupier of each private house or place of business, and the profession or trade (if any) carried on there. First to play the part of fairy godmother to the poor children of Acton this Christmastide was the Acton branch of the National Citizens' Union, which entertained nearly 200

curred in the High Street, Acton, between a horse-drawn van and bicycle, ridden by Miss Dorls Perkes, Cumberland Park, Acton, who received abrasions on her left arm and slight injuries to her feet, but declined medi-

To the generally complete organization which exists in Acton for the promotion of the welfare of young people. there will be added next April a body to be known as the Local Mental Welfare Association, which will be chiefly concerned with the after-care of all mentally defective children.

A cat jumping on the table and upsetting a lamp is supposed to be the cause of a slight fire in a top room house, on Friday. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Beall, the occupant, before it had made any progress, and the lamp was thrown out of the house. Acton Education Committee will to be withdrawn from school on Friday afternoons for the Jewish Sab-

At the meeting of the Brentford Board of Guardians on Wednesday in last week, Mr. R, C. Cutler, Acton, in-

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker Stone not to pay more for a thing than your Acton Vale, celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas eve. Mr. Baker waste your means on foolish or trivial who is 71, is a native of Chalsea, and things, and not to spend on anything Mrs. Baker, who is 73, and who was money that you cannot afford to Miss Eliza Puttock, is a native of Mr. A. Sell, a member of the Acton your purse, but you should supply Fire Brigade, who went to a seaside convalescent home after a serious operation at the Acton Hospital, has re-

turned home after a good recovery. The King has sent a gift of game to the Ladies' Home. The pheasants were shot in Windsor Great Park on December 17, and were sent to Miss Hackett, a member of the committee. On Sunday afternoon members of the Acton Brotherhood, presided over by Mr. R. C. Cutler, listened to a carol concert provided by the Acton piano. Among the carols rendered were: "Behold I Bring Glad Tidings."

"Gloria," "Nowell," and "Bread of Mr. James Carter, Shepherd's Bush, was crossing Uxbridge-road, when he was knocked down by a private motor car. On being taken to Acton Hos-An old lady who was a friend of the who treated him for injuries to the

QUITE A DIFFERENT THING which she sang with great pathos and he could look out of his window and feeling. . Hardly had she begun the see skaters enjoying their favorite song when Whittier's pet dog came winter sport. Catching their enthusinto the room, walked over close to lasm, the artist decided, says a Boston her side and stared up at her with paper, to participate. As he stopped every expression of delight. When on the ice an acquaintance came up she had finished, he lifted his paw to to him and asked if he wanted his shake hands, and then, leaping up, he skates strapped on. Joachim

hat moment he devoted himself to on he received the word, "Now, Mr Mrs. West, hardly leaving her side, in- Joachim, stand erect, so-now throw doors or out, during her visit; and out your right leg. so-now your left, over her departure in every way that first with his right foot and then with

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WHAT HE SAID

In an English court a man was on dlesex, England, yields the following once asked him some question, and he but it would not be agreeable. items of interest from its issue of De- replied. The judge interposed sharply.

"Nothing, my lord," answered "How dare you say that when we all hoard him? What was it?" "My lord," said the interpreter, beginning to tremble, "it' had nothing to pose?" he asked.

"If you don't answer, I'll commit you. What did he say?" "Well, my lord, you'll excuse me, the old horse-drawn engine for the but he said, 'Who's that ould woman asked the count. sitting up there?"

> The court roared. "And what did you say?" asked the "I said, 'Whist, ye spalpeen! That's theh ould boy that's going to hang

THINGS WE'VE NEVER SEEN

A boy on a hunger strike. A woman who didn't like pretty 'A man who didn't think he 'was hundred and fifty-two pennies toward indy killer. the Million Penny Fund of the West A car that was as good as the sales

PAT'S FAMILY

"I understand, Pat," said an emloyer, interviewing an applicant for a situation, "that you have a large family dependent on you." "Yes, sor; ten childer, seven pigs,

HONEST CRITICISM If the test that Count Tolstoi aptrial who could speak nothing but plied on one occasion to his sons, were had been detailed to procure the Irish, and an interpreter was celled made universal, criticism might pos- names of prominent persons in atten-The Acton Gazette, of Acton, Mid- and duly sworn in. The prisoner at sibly he more benest than at present, dance at a performance of a grand 'A lady's singing having displeased "I beg your pardon, madam," she "What does the prisoner say?" de- Count Tolstol's boys on one occassion, said, approaching one of the occupants they retired to another room and there of a private box, "but will you oblige

> The question was a close one, but was presently answered by a doubtthe foyer to fan herself.

ful, "Y-yes." "Does not her singing please you? "Well, no. Why does she howl so responded one of the boys. "Do you wish to protest against her singing?" asked their father.

"Then go into the room and say Stand in the middle of the room and tell every one present," replied the count. "That would be rude, but upright and honest. Your present conduct is both rude and dishonest."

ON BROADWAY A couple of whom the Milwaukes in their new and expensive car. "There is a sign, dear," said the lady to her husband, who got out of the car and directed his flash light on the board. "Yes," he added. "We're on the

right road, you see, although we didn't

OF A DIFFERENT FAMILY

The society reporter of a daily paper

they showed their disapproval by me by glving your name?" making a noise. Their father stood "Mrs. Archibald Jo Neeze," replied It for a time, and then followed them the lady. "Pardon me," rejoined the reporter.

"but I did not quite catch the last "May I ask how you spell it?" "Certainly, J.o-p.e-s, Jo Neeze," haughtily answered the occupant of the box, and the reporter retired to

Great Rejoicing by Rheumatic Cripples

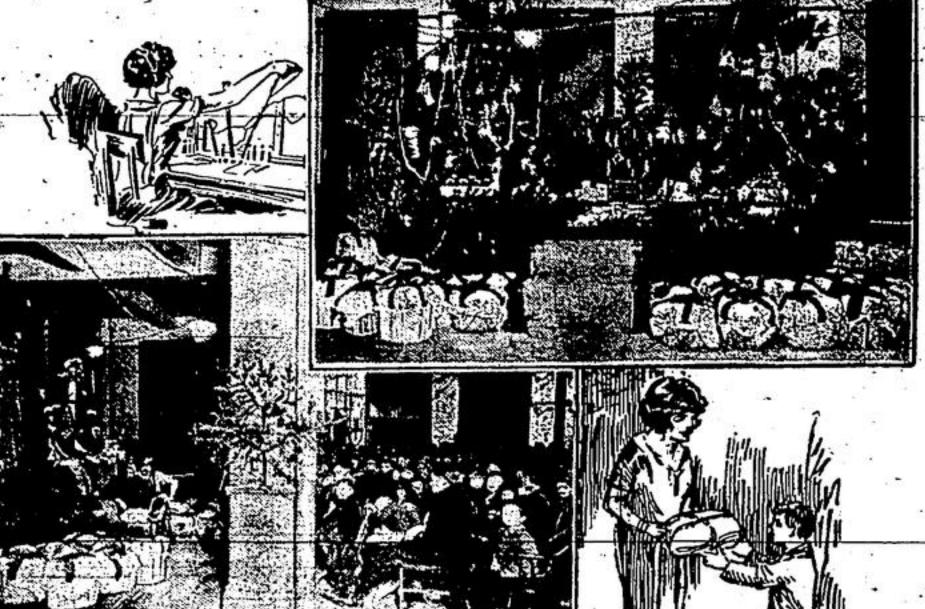
So Grippled You Can't Use Arms or Lege, Rheuma Will Help You or

Nothing to . Pay Get a bottle of Rheuma to-day and wear a satisfied smile on your face tomorrow. It's a remedy that is asionishing the whole country, and it's just as good for gout; sciation and lumbago as for rheu ma tism. It drives the poisonous waste from the joints and muscles-that's the secret of Rheuma's. success. But we don't ask you to take our word for it; go to E. J. Hassard or any good druggist and get a bottle of Rheuma to-day; if it doesn't do as we

promise get your money back. It will

be there waiting for you.

Bringing Cheer to the Underprivileged



he young lady operators in our telephone exchanges are among the busiest of all business girls. often mean more exacting work for them, yet despite this they find time to dispense good cheer to those

In Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Belleville and other places groups of operators have worked for months making gifts and raising funds to provide baskets and trees. The pleasure they get from making others happy is to them ample reward for the hours of patient toil and planning. The Hamilton telephone girls gave an added charm to their efforts this year by putting on a burlesque

I'm too Busy

not been found.

entertainment and Christmas tree for some scores of neighborhood children.

A friend of mine was worn out shopping around---trying to buy a particular

something-or-other. Hours had been spent, also strength and temper---and the desired articles had

I asked if she had read the advertisements to see where it could be found---before wasting hours in fruitless search

The answer was "No, I never have time to read advertisements. I'm too busy.

 Yet, in the first newspaper we picked up, the article she wanted was advertised; its price and merit told; also where to get

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