

Close of the Assize

Hodgson vs. Currie.—This was an action brought by a Miss Hodgson, of Tara, against her cousin, Mr. Currie, who was formerly on the staff of the local post office, and who is now assistant post-master at Walkerton, for a breach of promise of marriage.

Catarrhal Poisons and Their Remedy. The poisonous secretions from Catarrh are dangerous because they affect the stomach and bowels, giving rise to an unhealthy condition of these organs.

MAPLE PARK

Mr. Archie McMillan, accompanied by Miss Hattie Hearn, of Dawson, visited at Mr. D. Ferguson's recently.

Misses Sarah C. Ferguson and Ellie McCormack left for the Queen City.

Miss Mabel Knox returned home from visiting her aunt near Goderich.

Mr. Archie McDonald and his sister Miss Tena, of Top Cliff, spent an evening at Mr. D. Ferguson's lately.

Richardson Bros. finished the contract of building the bridge across the Sauguen on the twelfth sidroad.

Mr. Wm. Richardson took a business trip to Owen Sound this week.

Mr. Louis Frooks is again in the butcher business.

Mr. W. G. Porter had a wood bee one afternoon and a large party at night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Runciman, of Boothville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Phillips lately.

Miss Florence Mr. McKechnie is spending two weeks' holidays at her home.

Miss Archie Campbell and Miss Ethel, of Swinton Park, were guests at Mr. D. Ferguson's lately.

Mr. Den Ferguson spent a few days with his daughter, of Willow Grove.

Miss Martha Parter, were glad to report, is improving under the skillful treatment of Dr. Dixon of Priceville.

A number of young girls spent a pleasant day making mats for Mrs. Phillips.

Wm. McCormack & Co. completed the job of the bridge across the Sauguen at nineteenth con.

A number of Mr. Frooke's friends assembled at his father's residence for the celebration of his birthday.

Mr. Archie Ferguson, Jr., left for "Below" where he intends spending the summer.

A Gentle Hint

In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperature,—rain, wind and sunshine often intermingled in a single day,—it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the deaths resulting directly from this cause.

Alabama's Capitals

When Alabama was a territory its capital was at St. Stephens, in Washington county. The convention that framed the constitution under which it was admitted into the Union was held in Huntsville, where the first legislature met in October, 1819, and the first governor was inaugurated.

Odor of Metals

Gold and platinum have little or no odor, but the smell of newly cut tin and of other metals is very pronounced. It is suggested that uranium furnishes a clew to the odors of metals, as this is a very strong smelling substance, and it is always giving off the so called Bequerel rays, consisting of streams of minute corpuscles.

To Judge an Opal

An expert on opal mining has recently explained how the opal is judged as to quality and desirability. First, he says, color is of the greatest importance. Red fire, or red in combination with yellow, blue and green, are the best.

Pattern is described as being an important factor, the several varieties known as "pin fire" when the grain is very small, "harlequin" when the color is all in small squares, the more regular the better, and the "flash fire" or "flash opal" when the color shows as a single flash or in very large pattern.

An Object Lesson to Grant

This story is told of the first time Grant ever had charge of a large body of men sent out to give battle. He was colonel in the early part of 1862, detailed to go to the relief of an Illinois regiment, supposed to be surrounded by Confederates at Palmyra, Mo., but when he arrived the regiment had relieved itself by retreating.

At Second Hand

A Highland laird who could not afford to keep his own piper was accustomed to employ the village piper when he had company.

His Idea of a Sermon

Robert Morris, a man celebrated for the part he took in the American Revolution, was once asked by Dr. Rush: "Well, Mr. Morris, how did you like the sermon? I have heard it highly extolled."

Measuring the Heat of the Body

By means of an ingenious instrument invented by Dr. Lombard of New York it is ascertained that a woman's body is warmer than that of a man by about three-fourths of a degree and sometimes as high as one degree, while in no instance has the warmth of a man's body been found to be greater than that of a female.

An Advanced Course

"Oh, Mr. Johns," exclaimed Miss Gush, "I heard you talking to pa about plants, and I do so want to talk to you, for you know, I am very interested in botany."

And He Felt Injured

Bill Borrower—I'm in a deuced hole, Tom. If you can, I wish you would help me out.

Between Tips

Facetious Diner to very tall and exceedingly procrastinating servant—For more than one reason you might be called a long waiter.

A Saving Man

"Bilkins got married rather suddenly, didn't he?"

Gluttonous Bass

"Talk about sharks," said an Orange county lake fisherman: "I don't believe they are in it for promiscuous diet with the black bass."

"I was fishing one day with a very large minnow on a big hook. I had a bite and hooked a bass. It was a big one and gave me as pretty a fight as I ever saw till it broke the leader at the point where it is attached to the line and got away."

"We fished in other parts of the lake after that and finally started to the landing, the guide rowing while I skittered with a minnow. We were passing close by the place where I had lost the fish in the morning when I saw a bass dart for my bait. I gave it time to swallow and then struck. When I got the fish into the boat, I saw a three foot leader sticking out of its mouth. It was the leader I had lost in the morning. When I cut the bass open, there was the same big chub it had taken from my line, and it came so nearly filling the fish's maw that the tail of the last minnow was sticking out of the mouth. There wasn't room for it in the interior of the bass."

Smoking Under Water

Says an expert swimmer: It looks very strange to see a man go under water with a lighted cigar in his mouth, smoke calmly at the bottom and come to the surface with the cigar burning as nicely as if he were smoking in his easy chair.

A Little Too Late

The minister of a Scotch parish had a great wish that an old couple should become teetotalers, but they were in no wise eager to comply.

Japanese Fern Balls

The lack of success of which some people complain in the care of fern balls is due probably to one of the following causes: Either a cheap and worthless ball was purchased or it has not been kept properly damp, says Home Notes.

For Sale

14 CHOICE AND VALUABLE building lots, in one of the most desirable parts of the town.

Money to Loan

I AM AGENT FOR ONE OF THE best Land and Loan Companies, and am now prepared to loan money or buy mortgages on farm security at lowest rates. Apply to

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A HOUSE AND LOT ON QUEEN Street, the property of Mrs. J. L. Browne. The house contains 12 rooms, conveniently situated, and quite new.

Sows for Sale

SEVERAL WELL BRED WHITE Young Sows for sale. Apply to WM. MATTHEWS, Con. 3, Lot 68, Glenelg, Feb. 25th.

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Money

TO PATENT Good Ideas may be secured by our aid. Address, THE PATENT RECORD, Baltimore, Md.

He Was Selfish

An Arabic anecdote illustrative of the subtleness of selfishness, which embels it to glide into the heart of a saint, is told of the holy Mohammedan Sakati.

He said that for twenty years he had never ceased imploring divine pardon for having once exclaimed, "Praise be to God!" On being asked the reason for such persistent praying he answered:

"A fire broke out in Bagdad, and a person came to me and told me that my shop had escaped, on which I uttered those words, and even to this moment I repent of having said so, because it showed that I wished better to myself than to others."

Beware of the Cold Bath

The cold bath in the morning is not so popular as it was formerly. There is much energy expended in the reaction and just at the time of day when this energy is at its lowest ebb. Then, too, cold water has very little cleansing effect. Very hot water stimulates the nerves, which is the effect that we are seeking from the cold water, while it does not demand the energy of reaction of the latter.

A Death "Dodger"

Chronicle all the escapes from death and put them in letters that all the world can see, and you'll find if history were written faithfully, Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart will hold the record for having "balked death's rampage."

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MRS. THOMAS JACKSON, formerly Mrs. Middaugh, Clinton, Ont.

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THE POPULAR CASH STORE.

Carpet Specials

Beautiful Wool Face Tapestry Carpet, 3-4 width, warranted to keep the color, in seven patterns, regular value is 75 cents,

To Clear at 50c Yd.

All Wools, 1-yard wide, in the newest shades and patterns, and are selling fast

From 80c to \$1.25 Yd.

GROCERIES.

- 23 lbs. Extra Granulated Sugar for..... \$1.00
26 lbs. Extra Brown Sugar for..... 1.00
3 lbs. Choice Prunes for..... .25
6 lbs. Rice for..... .25
2 lbs. Cheese for..... .25
3 Cans Tomatoes for..... .25
2 Cans Baking Powder, 1 lb. in each, for..... .25

CROCKERY.

- Dinner Sets for..... \$12.00
Dinner Sets for..... 8.00
Tea Sets for..... 3.50
Toilet Sets for..... 4.50
Toilet Sets for..... 2.50
A lot of Fine Glassware to choose from for..... 25c each.

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Goods that Suggest . . the Coming of Spring

Last week we received the first large consignment of SPRING GOODS. We must say that we are highly pleased at the way they have opened out.

STAPLE DRY GOODS.

In these lines of goods which are a necessity in every household, we will endeavor this season to give you exceptional value.

- 33-inch Prints, nice patterns and fast colors, in Dark Reds, Bright Reds, Blues, Pinks, Lilacs and Stripes, both heavy and fine qualities..... 10c yd.
32-inch English Prints, beautiful designs, fine cloths, fast colors..... 12c yd.
Our 8c and 5c Prints are marvels of good value..... 10c yd.
36-inch Heavy Flannelette..... 10c yd.
You will be surprised at the quality of our Bleached and Unbleached Cottons.

FANCY DRY GOODS.

We have also a beautiful stock of these goods, and the patterns and colors have already been much admired.

- 28-inch French Flannel Effects, suitable for Waists and Wrappers, in Red, Blue and Old Rose, very dainty patterns..... 12c and 15c.
30-inch Polka Dot Wrappers..... 12c yd.
32-inch Polka Dot Wrappers..... 10c yd.
32-inch Fancy Muslins, in Stripes and small patterns..... 15c yd.
31-inch Fancy Foulards Patterns, in Black and White, and Blue and White, all new patterns..... 20c and 25c yd.
30-inch Pongee's, the daintiest fabric for summer dresses, all shades and patterns..... 20c yd.

It will give us great pleasure to show you these goods now. We are sure you will be pleased.

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