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- Scotch Tartan Plaids 40 ins. wide 25c

### REMINDERS

Get one of our 40c Brooms for 23c. Try McKechnie's Pure Soap, 8 cakes for 25c. See our Women's flannel lined shoes for \$1.75. See our new Fur Sets which we are selling at 25% reduction. Try our Light of Asia Black Tea at 35c. See our stock of Woolen Underwear. A fine stock of Men's and Boy's Lumberman's rubbers.

## The Highest Prices for Butter, Eggs and Dried Apples

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### EASY TO GUESS IT.

### MEREDITH AS A CHILD.

#### What Do You Think is the Answer to This Puzzle Question?

With the rent six weeks in arrears Scribbler sat trembling lest the landlady should hear the beating of his heart and call for a reckoning. Presently there reached his ears the sound of fierce words, as of two striving together in deadly argument. Scribbler became aware that Mr. and Mrs. Slumpkins were engaged in unraveling one of their domestic tangles.

At length there came a light tap on the door. Scribbler looked toward the window as a possible avenue of escape. However, before he could make up his mind to try the ransport route the door opened cautiously, and first Slumpkins' bald head appeared and then the rest of him crept slowly in.

In a whisper he advised Scribbler not to pay Mrs. Slumpkins, inasmuch as she was not the head of the house. Scribbler acquiesced and Slumpkins disappeared.

A little later another rap on the door, this time more insistent, caused Scribbler to look up. It was Mrs. Slumpkins. "Say, don't pay my old man any money, Mr. Scribbler. He won't do nothing but drink it up. This morning I had to let him know who runs this house. We ain't speaking to each other now."

Again Scribbler acquiesced. That was six months ago. They haven't spoken to each other yet, and Scribbler goes on his way rejoicing.

Puzzle question: What will be the first question they ask when they start speaking again?—Satire.

### TINY ELECTRIC IONS.

#### Science Says They Are the Smallest Units in the World.

We used to think that about the smallest thing in the world was an atom of hydrogen. In fact, it was taken as the unit by which the atomic weight of all metals was expressed. For instance, the smallest possible division of the metal lead was found to be 206 times that of hydrogen, gold 196 times, etc.

Hand in hand, however, with the modern conception of the nature of the electric current, has come a new conception of infinitude in small things. Now, they say, the smallest thing in the world divisible by the hand of man is the electric ion. This is the individual unit of electricity, the moving part of a current when it passes through a wire. It is so small that it can run through a copper bar at a speed of 186,000 miles a second without turning corners. Electric ions trickle through a copper wire in much the same way as grains of sand through a sieve.

Scientists, armed with instruments considerably finer than grocery store scales, have isolated and measured them and found that their relation to that lightest of all gases, hydrogen, is as one to the seventeenth power of ten, or, in other words, the fraction representing their relation to an atom of hydrogen is expressed by a million-millionth. — Chicago Record-Herald.

#### Generous Soul.

"Now, Jim," said the old lady to her son, who was about to leave the countryside to try his luck in London, "there's plenty of money in that big city, for the streets are said to be even paved with gold."

Jim "had his doots," but these were quickly removed, for he had barely got out of Euston station when, to his surprise, he espied slyly reposing on the kerb a bright, glittering sovereign. Eagerly he picked it up and walked a little farther on, when he came across a blind man who was begging.

At once his sympathetic heart went out to the unfortunate man, and as he put the sovereign into his hand he said: "Take this, my friend. I can see 'em, tha' can't!"—London Globe.

#### Scared Both of Them.

When Justice Maule was on the bench a bullying counsel was one day browbeating an elderly female witness in a case before him. Having badgered her into a state of utter speechlessness, the lawyer appealed to the judge to make her answer his questions. "Why do you not answer, madam?" "Why do you not answer, madam?" asked the judge. "Because, my lord, he scares me so," replied the trembling woman. "So does he me, ma'am," said the judge. —Law Notes.

#### Like the Mythical Dragon.

In the Malay archipelago is a reptile much like the mythical dragon. It has false ribs that extend the loose skin and form its wings. There is also a frog with spreading feet that makes a parachute which enables it to flit from tree to tree, and a flying lemur that can spread out its whole body like an umbrella and leap and fly a hundred feet at a time, from the top of one tree to another.

#### Preaching and Practice.

"Isn't it horrid," remarked Miss Swyftly to her friend—"Isn't it horrid that men will put these nasty old pipes into their mouths?" "Yes," said her friend emphatically as she stooped and tenderly kissed the black face of her pet pug—"Yes, indeed it is."—Pearson's.

#### A Suggestion.

"John," said Mrs. Sillithers, "where can I get a set of resolutions passed by our Civic Sorority yesterday engraved?" "I really don't know, my dear," said Sillithers. "Why don't you have them embroidered?"—Judge.

Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty.—Simmons.

#### When Only Two Years of Age He Had an Air of Superiority.

As is generally the case with an only child, brought up entirely in the society of his elders, George Meredith developed early and always had something of contempt for juveniles of his own age. He was a reserved and acutely sensitive boy, afraid of ghosts and being left alone in the dark, and was perhaps a trifle spoiled by his mother, a refined woman, whose love and care he lost before he reached his sixth birthday. There is still living a gentleman who well remembers George Meredith at the age of two years. This was about 1830, and Mr. James Price relates of his visit:

"I went up to the large front drawing room, where I found the boy and a lady who must have been his mother. The boy did not seem to care much about playing with me, and I was rather shy. He brought me his toys and picture books to see, and I was mightily pleased, I remember, with a horse and cart (not like the many cheap ones that I had seen), a beautiful, lifelike white horse, and the cart of superior make, and as George drew it along it made music as the wheels went round. What I remember of the child's appearance is somewhat hazy—a boy in white frock and blue ribbons tied up his sleeves, but he was certainly a pretty child. I spent the afternoon with him, but we did not get on much together, as he assumed a sort of superiority."—Fortnightly Review.

### MAKING WATCHES.

#### Wonderful Feats That Are Performed by Modern Machinery.

The rapidity with which watches are nowadays manufactured has been made possible by the ingenious machinery designed within recent years for the making of all parts of a watch. The speed with which these various parts are turned out is little short of marvelous. Great sheets of brass and steel are cut and rolled into ribbons and punched out in wheels at the rate of 10,000 a day from each punching machine. Workers drill the thirty-one holes in the roof of the watch as fast as they can count.

Brass wire glides into a machine that measures off the length of a part, turns it, puts a screw thread on each end and actually screws it in at the rate of 2,000 a day.

The screws are of such tiny size that fifty gross of them may be put in a woman's thimble, while of others there are a thousand gross to the pound.

Balances are cut from the solid steel, ground down, worked up and drilled with their twenty-five screw holes apiece at the rate of 100 wheels a day from each machine.

Wheels have their teeth cut, a couple of dozen at a time, some with from sixty to eighty teeth, at the rate of 1,200 wheels a day from each machine. —Harper's Weekly.

#### The Physiotype.

This is an English invention for making pictures by impression of leaves, ferns, lace, feathers and various other objects. It depends upon the chemical action of a fine powder. The object which a representation is to be made is placed upon white paper and pressed, either by the hand or by other means. When the object is removed no impression is visible on the paper, but upon sprinkling the powder over the paper the picture at once appears, sharply defined, and remains permanent. Sections of wood and designs of coins and medals can thus be represented, and the prints can be transferred to lithographic stone, zinc or aluminum, thus producing records from which any number of copies can be taken. —Chicago Record-Herald.

#### Economy and Consolation.

Her discovery in its way was not less than epochal. "It is so easy to save when you know how!" she exclaimed. "Oh, so easy! Do I wish to save \$25? Very well. I go down town and find something I would like that costs \$25, and then I don't buy it. Nothing could be simpler."

She did not deny, however, that her method involved a sacrifice. "But if the sacrifice is too painful," she went on to explain, "I go and find something my husband would like that costs \$35 and don't buy that!"—Puck.

#### Knew Her Hubby.

Mother—is your letter to your husband ready to mail?  
Married Daughter—It's all done excepting the postscript telling him to send me some more money. I'm looking for another sheet of paper.  
"Write it across the lines."  
"No, indeed. He'll pretend he couldn't read it."—New York Weekly.

#### It Was Dangerous.

"So you think that kissing is dangerous?"  
"Indeed, I do."  
"You must have kissed the wrong girl."  
"I know I did."  
"Her brother landed you a wallop?"  
"No; she married me."—Houston Post.

#### Sign of Popular Affection.

Weren't you indignant when people you didn't know called you by your first name?  
"No," replied Senator Sorghum, "but I've worried a great deal since they've shown a disposition to stop it."—Washington Star.

Power is a fretful thing and hath its wings always spread for flight.—Walton.

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### TELLING THE BEES.

The custom of "telling the bees" is often referred to by those interested in curious happenings. It has always been the habit to inform the bees whenever there is a death in the family, particularly when it was that of a master or mistress. Some one raps upon the board supporting the hives, and says, "Mourn with us, the master—or mistress—of the house is dead." It is thought that if this duty is neglected, the bees will fly away, and many old servants are very when no one thinks to give them the sad message.

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### NEWS

Live hogs are \$5.50. Don't miss the late scenes in the Union town hall this evening.

Wednesday morning be the coldest of the season. Some of the local registered 4 below zero.

Miss Lizzie Hunt, of the Trinity church, "Prayer service," and the evening service.

The Rev. W. H. Hays for his subjects next morning service, and the evening service.

A box social and be held in Mulock's day, February 21st. Program is being provision 15c. Ladies bring free.

All parties owing Matthews & Latimer call on A. H. Jackson same at once, as the firm must be closed delay.

Mr. Malcolm Clark, of the Trinity church, "Prayer service," and the evening service.

Funeral procession be held at Latona cemetery, Monday, February 11th, 10 o'clock.

We regret to learn of the illness of Miss A. Aberdeen. She is suffering from pneumonia, and her father's death that she is unable to view the remains.

Last week we referred to the sudden and unexpected death of Rev. Mr. McGregor. The funeral service was held on Sunday, February 3rd, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of the deceased near Ottawa, on Main street.

The members of the Guild will present a play, entitled "The Union Depot," in the hall this Thursday night. The scenes and events are just such as are familiar to all, and are presented in a most interesting and humorous way.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on the marriage of last week. Both are residents of this town, and are well known to the community.

On Monday night Prudham gave an entertainment on Japan, where he was missionary for a number of years. The address was very interesting, and was well received by the audience.

The letter boxes for the rural mail of Lambton street, concession of Glen line of Holland, returning by way of the post office at distribution to the regular service of the first of March. Mr. McFayden has the route, the Durham post office week, as soon as the arrival of the due here at 10 o'clock along the station, connecting mail courier from Dornoch.