W IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor

Thursday, June 7th, 1917.

## DO WE NEED THE MIDDLEMEN?

We hear a great deal of talk about the middleman, and much is said in condemnation of him and his services. That he is often a costly link between producer and consumer in one case, and manufacturer and consumer in the other, needs no great amount of argument. After all, would things be any better, and the high cost of living made any lower if we had no middlemen to handle the commercial commodi-

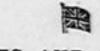
The consumer to-day, who buys his food products from the producer has to pay as much, and often more, than he would pay for the same article to the middleman. In many cases, too, the producer does not find it convenient to sell in small quantities to suit the requirements of the consumer, and in peddling or distributing his products from house to house in the community, converts himself into a middleman and delivery boy for the time being. The transfer of a product of any kind from producer to consumer is sure to cost time, and the time should be regarded as an added cost to the production.

In a factory of any kind, time is saved, and the factory is made caman does a certain part. When the often much wider. chair is completed, it is the output of many hands, and no one man can claim to have made it. Each bework he performs. In this way, any number of men who specialize on the parts can get a greater output than the same number of men doing all the parts in succession.

Middlemen in business are merely the distributors, and being specialists, should do the work cheaper than the individual producers. It seems to us it would be a great inconvenience to compel the consumer to go to the producer every time he wanted a pound of butter. or a dozen of eggs. In many cases, the middlemen are a very necessary link in the chain of commerce.

### QUIT THAT NAGGING

happiness of a home more effectu- pearance of respectability to have ally than the nagging habit which influence. is far too common in many homes that would otherwise be peaceful and happy. The grouchy, growling The straightforward, honest man, husband, or the petulant and peev- who is willing to admit of human ish wife will soon come to the end frailties and the possibility of huof reasonable and patient endur- man weaknesses in himself, is more ance. No man or woman, even if in keeping with our idea of a perhe knows his petty failings, wishes fect man. Humility in the individto have them dinning in his ears ual will bring exaltation of opinion morning, noon and night continu- from outsiders. The possessor ally, to be repeated next day, and true spirituality doesn't need to again the next ad infinitum. Once keep his horn tooting constantly to a husband breaks the spirit and pa- get the people to know about his tience of his wife, or vice versa, by Virtues. dinging eternally at little mistakes or wrong-doings, the time will never come again when the wounds will be entirely healed. The irritation and annoyance at first may seem but a trifle, but the trifles grow and the harm is done, never to be repaired. The happiness of many a home is wrecked by indulgence in little annoyances, often re- holdings of the Ontario Power Co., peated. Little jealousies are prolific sources of domestic trouble, and the wreck of many a home. We can see evidences on all sides.



# HITS AND MISSES

good church member.

It is usually well-bound, gilt-edged, a law unto himself. and often occupies a conspicuous place in the best room. It is frequently covered with a crocheted doyley, and shows no signs of internal abuse. Though carefully safeguarded against usage, it gives its best and perhaps only service Guerre spent the week-end with when the preacher drops in una- friends in Durham. wares. It saves time, and a long and annoying search. It costs a ronto over Sunday. He has taken good deal of money that might be service in the Royal Flying Corps. many cases, and we say this with- awa, after spending a couple

Denominationalitm, it seems to attended the concert there. us, doesn't amount to very much | The concert in the hall last Fri- catching the slack after each pull with of Christianity his chances are good. There was a small expense. Heaven is as near to one church as | Miss DeGuerre has resigned her and all churches profess to be aim- Rev. J. W. Hunt and family of ing at the same mark. Heaven is Norval are the guests of Holstein a wheel-the people of the world auto on Tuesday. occupy the rim, and the spokes all | Two of the district officers visited they occupy their positions on the celebration. rim their denominational differenc- Mr. John Manary met with quite cylinder and thereby forces upward a inational differences will be en- ue the trip home. tirely forgotten. We don't believe The executive board of Egremont pound exerted on the smaller piston they have Methodist and Presby- patriotic societies, or any interested will create an upward force of 100



HISTORIC CITY HALL WANTONLY DESTROYED. The Hotel de Ville, Arras, from an official photograph taken on the Western front.

pable of a bigger output by special- the key to the situation, and de- stein, on Wednesday, June 13th, at izing on the work. To make a table nominationalism doesn't cut much : 2.30 p.m., for the arranging for canor chair, for example, in a furniture of a figure. The real doctrinal dif- vassing township, and other busi- be done at home as easily as the factory, would cost much more if ferences between the orthodox ness ... each man had to make all the parts. churches isn't very much. The Mrs. L. Morrison went to Owen To reduce the cost of manufacture, different opinions held by two Sound Tuesday to assist her brother have whole wheat flour, freshly ground, the work is distributed and each members of the same church are who is moving from that town in a thing that is usually difficult to ob-

If a church member says he loves held here this week. God, and cherishes a grudge a- Rev. and Mrs. Ibbott returned on comes a specialist in the part of the gainst his neighbor, we haven't Tuesday evening from Conference. much faith in his Christianity.

It is possible for a preacher to be so good that he loses influence over his congregation. He may be perfectly right, but the difference between him and ordinary people goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew together. A minister may be of their daughter, Annie. the "holier than thou" type, and most ministers are, but care should be exercised in parading the virtue. The holier the life he leads, the greater will be his influence for good, and this is what people look for in a minister. The good man is always esteemed more highly than the bad, and this is true, even There is nothing will dull the An evil man has to put on an ap-

We never did like a Holy Willie.

# HELPLESS ONTARIO

(London Advertiser.)

Without a word of advance notice or a scrap of legislation, Sir Adam Beck has undertaken to purchase for this province the plant and paying approximately \$23,000,000. No matter what the benefits might be, should any one man in Ontario have the power to pledge the province to such a transaction without a word in the matter of consulting the people?

Ontario comes very near to the paternalism that placed Germany in A dog-eared Bible, well-thumbed the hands of a few men, when any and text-marked, is an indication of individual can put through such a some one who would likely make a deal. The public is asked to accept the word of one man that the undertaking was wholly in the inter-We have never been able to get ests of the province during war at the real value of a family Bible. time. Sir Adam most assuredly i

HOLSTEIN

Mrs. W. T. Petrie and Miss De-Lindsay Irvin was home from To-

put to a much better purpose in | Miss Doris Irvin returned to Oshout any reflection on the Bible. The weeks' vacation with her parents. Bible, as a counsellor and guide, is | Several of the young folks drove a wonderful book, but we never and autoed to Hayward's Falls Moncould see its value as an ornament. day and returned by Durham and

after all. If the Christianity is day evening was a grand success. taken away, the denominationalism The I. O. F. and Patriotic Society the other, so that the coils were quite alone will never take a man to hea- secured good talent from Durham neat."-London Globe. ven. If a person loses his denomina- a full house greeted them, and the tionalism and retains the right kind financial end showed about \$73.

another if you go in a straight line, position as teacher in the school. sometimes compared to the hub of friends at present. They came by

lead straight to the hub. The spokes L.O.L. No. 2296 Monday evening, changed in amount in every direction may be painted differently, but the There were two initiations. On difference of color makes no differ- account of not being able to secure ence in the distance. The Metho- train accommodation for the 12th tion of Pascal's law is the hydraulic dists may travel by one spoke, the of July it is likely that other ar-Presbyterians by another. While rangements will be made for the

es may cause them to be widely an accident at Dromore Tuesday. He large piston, which compresses whatseparated, but as they travel tow- was putting on a load of trunks, ever is placed between the platform of ards the goal on the spokes, they when the team moved and Mr. Man-continuously get closer and closer ary overbalanced and fell to the together. When they reach the bub ground. He was a second to the top of the press. If the area of together. When they reach the hub ground. He was unconscious for they'll be all mixed, and the denom- some time, but was able to contin-

terian and Baptist corners in heav- in patriotic work, are requested to pounds upon the larger piston. en. Right and righteous living is meet in the agricultural hall, Hol-

the near future.

## DARKIES' CORNERS

The sympathy of the community

elg, on Tuesday evening, which was dispensable. fairly well attended.

The Red Cross workers met at the home of Mrs. James Hopkins Friday last. Besides the work done, towels, 12 pairs of socks and Clocklin were appointed collectors.

around the orchard and garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weir, also the

Misses Weir, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Weir, Egremont, to say good-by to Miss Bessie, who A. D. left on Monday for the west.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGirr spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Weir, Egremont. Miss Bell McGirr is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew

west, in company with Mr. and of the lunar scene. Mrs. Neil McCannel.

Teaching Birds Tricks.

A professor of natural history refutes the statement so frequently made that teaching a bird to draw water needs apparatus and that the learning is cruelty to the bird. "The following experience of mine,"

he says, "proves that it is not so by any means. We bought a young bird last January, so wild that on our approach it flew madly round the cage. We hung the cage low and by patience, after the bird got used to our proximity, induced it to take groundsel, first fingers, finally from the lips. We used to let him out freely, and he would perch on the loaf next me at breakfast. His perch projected through the he pulled it up with his beak. On lengthening the string with a fresh bit of his preferred weed I had the pleasure and interest of seeing him pull up the string with his beak till the flower head was within reach, one foot and then transferring it to

# Water Pressure.

As early as 1648 a Frenchman of science named Pascal experimented with pressures applied to liquids and discovered the following law: A pressure applied to any part of the surface of a liquid is transmitted unthrough the liquid.

Perhaps the most familiar applicapress. In that machine a pump having a small piston drives water into a large the larger piston is 100 times that of the smaller a downward force of one

Home Ground Flour. Grinding wheat to make flour may grinding of coffee. Thus a family may | Creamery, prints ..... .38 tain. The New York Medical Journal A couple of weddings are being advises its readers to buy their wheat from seedsmen rather than from grocers or feed stores because it will be cheaper and more efficient.

The grinder can be used also for cracking wheat, corn, barley, oats, rye and other grains for use as breakfast cereals. And the cereals will need chewing, which will not only strengthof the world is so great that there Scott and family in their hour of en the muscles of the chewers' jaws, isn't much chance in drawing them sorrow, who mourn the death of but will keep their teeth from decaythat is, if they begin as children.

Rev. Mr. Whaley conducted a Homemade cereals need long cookprayermeeting in No. 9 school Glen- ing, so a fireless cooker is almost in-

### Greek Fire Gunpowder?

M. Zenghelis told the Academie des 18 Sciences in Paris recently that he had Prospital shirts were packed. Collec- been studying the "Greek fire" used in in the lower elements of society. tion \$4.50. It was decided at this war by the Byzantines. The descripmeeting to canvass the section for tions of this say that it was hurled money to carry on the work. Mr. from a copper tube with a sound like Wm. Weir, and Mr. Arthur Mc- thunder and with a great cloud of Mr. John McGirr is improving his smoke. From this he concluded that premises with a new wire fence the Byzantine Greeks had real cannon in which they used explosive mixtures Mrs. Jas. Lyons of Toronto visited with nitrate as a base. Therefore the last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. honor of the discovery of gunpowder must be given to the engineer Callinicus of Heliopolis, who first used it, destroying a Saracen fleet with it in 670

# The Silent Moon.

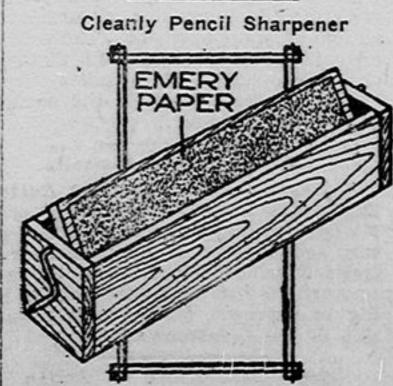
Dead silence reigns on the moon. A thousand cannons might be fired and a thousand drums beaten upon that airless world, but no sound could come Mrs. McMillan of Swinton Park from them. Lips might quiver and spent Monday with Mrs. Flora Mc- tongues essay to speak, but no action Lean, who left Tuesday for the of theirs could break the utter silence

# HUGE RAILWAY SHOPS

Efficiency in Repair Work Sought by Canadian Roads

The principal car repair plant of the Grand Trunk Railway for the lines west of the St. Clair River at Port Huron for many years, was destroyed by fire during the winter of 1914-1915. Their old plant was of limited capacity and located at what was the old terminus of the line previous to the construction of the tunnel under the St. Clair River. After the fire negotiations were carried on between the town of Port Huron and the railroad, resulting in the acquisition of the property vaheld at stem's length, then between the cated by the Port Huron Thresher Company, which property was very much more advantageously situated, being near the tunnel line.

The plant was first planned to consist of a power house containing 6 wires, and here was his favorite seat | 150 h.p. boilers serving double turbowhen at liberty. Then I tried hanging steam generating units of 300 k.w. for a bit of groundsel by a short string to developing the electric power for lightthe projecting stick. After inspection ing and operation of machines, all motor driven; a passenger car shop accommodating 27 modern passenger cars; a freight car shop accommodating 70 freight cars; and other buildings. These buildings, including trackage, were to take a space of approximately 55 acres; arranged for economical operation, special attention having been given to this feature to ensure maximum efficiency. The total cost was estimated at \$700,000.



Pencils may be pointed without poreading the dust from them by the uses of the device shown in the illustration. A piece of emery paper is fixed to one side of the cover of the box. By turning over the cover with a handle, after a pencil has been pointed, the dust may be dropped into the box and removed from time to time-Popular Mechanics

# MARKET QUOTATIONS

Toronto Cattle Market Choice heavy steers ...\$11.85to\$12.25 do. good ......11.50 Butchers' choice handy.11.75 10.25 do. cemmon ..... 9.50 11.00 Butchers' bulls, choice..10.25 do. good ..... 9.80 do. medium ..... 9.00 Butchers' choice cows.. 10.25 do. good ..... 9.75 do. medium ..... 9.00 Feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs. 9.25 do. med., 700 to 800. 8.00 Stockers, 700 to 900 lbs. 7.25 do. medium ..... 6.50 Canners . . . . . . . . . . . 5.50 Milkers, good to choice. 85.00 do. com. and med....60.00 Springers . . . . . . . . . . . . 60.00 Calves, veal, choice ....12.50 do. medium .......10.00 do. common ..... 6.00 do. grass ..... 6.00 do. heavy fat ..... 7.10 Sheep, yearlings, choice 14.50 dos elipped .........12.50 do. common, unclip'd 13.50 do. culls, unclipped... 9.50 Sheep, ewes, light, un-do. heavy and bucks. 9.00

do. culls ..... 4.00 Hogs, fed and watered 16.50 \*Unclipped sheep are selling at \$2.59 to \$3 per cwt. higher than clipped. Wholesale Produce Toronto wholesalers are paying: Eggs-

Current receipts, cases returnable . . . . . . . . . 37 to \$ . Lutter-Creamery, solids ..... .37 Wholesale prices to the retail trade: New-laid, cartons .....\$ .45 to \$ .46 do. ex-cartons ..... .42 Butter-

Creamery prints, fresh.. .42 Creamery solids ...... .41 Choice dairy prints .... .38 Ordinary dairy prints.. .34 Cheese-New, large, 25c to 26c; twins, 25% c to 26% c; June, large, 50½c; twins, 31c. Live Poultry-Buying price deliver-

ed Toronto. Chickens, milk fed ..... .22 do. ordinary ..... .20 Hens, under 5 lbs. .... .23 de. over 5 lbs. ..... .25 Ducks . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 20 Spring chickens ...... .45

el, \$6.50 to \$8; Canadian, hand-picked, bushel, \$8.75; prime, \$9.25. Maple Syrup-Pure, \$1.65 to \$1.15 per imperial gallon.

Beans-Japanese, hand-picked, bush-

Maple Sugar-1:c to 18c a pound.

Toronto Gr. . Marketa Toronto Board of Trade market quotions:--

Manitoba Wheat-No quotations Manitoba Oats-No quotations. American Corn-No. 3 yellow. 1.77, nominal.

Ontario Wheat-No. 2 winter, \$1 o \$2.50, according to freights outside; No. 3 winter, \$2.43 to \$2.48. Ontario Cats-No quotations.

Peas-Nominal. Barley-Malting, nominal.

Rye-No. 2 new, \$1.95, nominal. daniloba lour-First patents. e bags, \$13; seconds, in jute, \$12.50; rong bakers', in jute, \$12.10. Ontario Flour-Winter, new, track, oronto, prompt saipment, according sample, \$1675 to \$10.85. treal freights; Shorts, \$41; bran \$85; revised, and it now is proposed to middling, \$45; good feed flour, per require 625,000. To secure this

bag, \$2.70 to \$2.80. -Carlots, \$9.

Dressed Meats-Wholesale Toronto whelesale houses are quoting to the trade as follows: Boef, forequarters ....\$15.00to\$17.00 do. hindouarters ... 20.00 Carcasses, choice .... 18.00 do. common ...... 14:00 Veals, common ...... 11.00 do. medium ..... 14.00 do. prime ...... 17.50 Heavy hogs ......... 17.00 Shop hogs ..... 21.00 Mutton, light ..... 16.00 18.00 do. heavy ..... 12.00 16.00 Lambs, yearling ..... 24.00 Spring lambs, each ... 8.00

Chicago Live Stock Cattle-Receipts, 2,000; market steady; beeves, \$9.25 to \$13.70; stockers and feeders, \$7.40 to \$10.60; cows and heifers, \$6.25 to \$11.75; calves, \$9.50 to \$14. Hogs-Receipts, market unsettled, shade higher; light, \$14.85 to \$15.90; mixed, \$15.40 to \$16; heavy, \$15.35 to \$16.10; rough, \$15.35 to \$15.50; pigs, \$10.50 to \$14.75; bulk of sales, \$15.60 to \$16. Sheep-Receipts, 4,000; market weak; lambs, native, \$10.55 to \$15.

East Buffalo Cattle Cattle-Receipts, 5 cars. Market steady. Hogs-Receipts, 25 cars. Marstrong. Heavy, \$16.40 to \$16.50; Yorkens. \$16 to \$16.30; pigs and lights. \$14.50 to \$15. Sheep-Receipts, cars. Market lower. Top lambs, \$15 to \$15.25; yearlings, \$13 to \$14; wethers, \$12.75 to \$13; ewes, \$11 to \$11.25. Calves - Receipts, 1,200. Market strong. Top calves, \$15.50; fair to good, \$12.50 to \$13.50; fed calves, \$5

Cheese Markets

Cowansville, Que.-Fifteen factories offered 1,175 packages of butter. Eleven factories sold at 37%c, three factories sold at 37%c, and one unsold. Forty boxes of cheese were boarded, and sold at 20c.

St. Hyacinthe, Que.-At the Cheese Board 425 boxes were offered. All of butter sold at 37%c. London, Ont.-1,945 boxes offered; Butter .....

1816c bld. No sales. were offered; 181/2c bid; no sales. vales.

Nothing Helped Him Until He Took "FRUIT-A-TIVES"



Buckingham, Que., May 3rd, 1915.

For seven years, I suffered terribly from Severe Headaches and Indigestion. I had belching gas from the stomach, bitter stuff would come up into my mouth after eating, while at times I had nausea and vomiting, and had chronic Constipation. I went to several doctors and wrote to a specialist in Boston but without benefit. I tried many remedies but nothing did me good. Finally, a friend advised "Fruit-a-tives". I took this grand fruit medicine and it made .39 me well. I am grateful to "Fruit-atives", and to everyone who has miserable health with Constipation and Indigestion and Bad Stomach, I say take "Fruit-a-tives", and you will get well". ALBERT VARNER.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

### TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION

In a terrific natural gas explosion which totally wrecked the Salvation Army barracks at Paris, Ont. on Monday, at 8.30 o'clock in the evening, the ten-year-old son of Jas. Etherington of Paris, was instantly killed. Lieut. Hill, a woman officer, was probably fatally hurt, and several other persons more or less seriously injured. More than 300 men volunteered to the call for help and literally lifted the entire roof of the caved-in building off those caught in the wreckage.

Buildings adjacent to the barracks were badly damaged. The cause of the explosion has not been learned

### WILL INCREASE SIZE OF FIRST UNITED STATES DRAFT

Plans of the United States war department to draft from 900,000 to 1.500,000 men of the 10.000,000 who. it is estimated, would register on Tuesday for the new army, have been disclosed by Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder, to the senate military affairs committee. Exemptions, he said, probably would result in reducing the number to 625,000 men for immediate service.

While the war department had originally planned to first select 500,000 men, General Crowder told Millfeed-Car sets, delivered. Mich. the committee the plans have been number, he said, it would probably Hay-Track, Toronto, extra No. 2. be necessary to draft at least 900-\$13 to \$14; mixed, \$3 to \$11.50. Straw | 000, and possibly 1,500,000 because of expected exemptions.



Owen Sound's total assessment is \$8.153,990, an increase of \$41,397 over last year.



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# DURHAM MARKET

and Place Viger Stations.

Corrected June 7th, 1917 Wheat ...... 2 25 to 2 35 Oats ...... 75@80 Peas..... 2 00 to 2 00 sold at 18 3-16c. Sixty-five packages | Barley ...... 1 15@1 20 Hay..... 8 00 to 10 00 Eggs ..... Belleville, Ont.-2,555 boxes white Live hogs ................ 15 10 Hides ..... Listowel, Ont. - 1,860 boxes of Sheepskins ...... 1 00 to 2 50 cheese were boarded; 19% c bid; no Tallow..... Tard.....

SCHOOL REPORTS

June 7th, 1

Durham Public School

Jr. Primary:

A-Ina Milne, Jasp Newton Clark, Marti Christine Goodchild, F B-Lizzie Hinds, S:

Laura McFayden, Sar

C-Jean Harding, E

Falkingham.

Helen Knight, Rita I Burnett, Raymond M Kelsey. Aggregate attendanc attendance 46.3, admitt

Miss M. Middle Sr. Primary: A-Stewart McIlrai Vessie, Jaffy Elvidge, V ald, Elysbeth Livingst

Aggregate attendance B-Cecilia McAuliffe, Seaman Havens, Beryl ion Search. Aggregate attendance Total aggregate attend room, 43; average 37.

Miss M. MacKer Room III; Jr. II-Isabel Keisey Girr, Helen Pilkey, Violet Brooke.

Aggregate 26, averag I—Irene Moyer, Iva i eline Collinson, Will M vin Snell. Aggregate 18. avera Total aggregate for a

age 38; admitted 3.

Room IV-L. M Ritchie, C. McCrae, M Lauder. Jr. II-Janet McFa Fadden, S. Hartford.

M. Burnett. Enrolled 50, averag Miss L.B. Wa Room V:

Sr. III-W. Collinso Falkingham, A. McCa Jr. III-M. Saunder K. Hughes, M. Orr, E. Aggregate 23. Aggregate 13, total age 35. Miss A. C. Mack

Room VI-

Sr. IV-Ward Koch Lawrence Chapman. Essel Edwards. Aggregate 20, avera Jr. I - Catharine Snell, Mae McGirr,

Roydon Burnett. Aggregate 20, avera Total aggregate 40. Andrew S. M

No. 6. Bentinck.

T\_Walter Boyce. Jr. IV-Fred Asht Sr. III-Geo. Torn Jessie Twamley, Re Brunt Jr. III-Geo. Brown

Sr. II-Blanche Brunt, Lavern McC McCallum. Jr. II-Stanley Re Edward Unruh. Ja Willie Murdick, Me Noble, Mildred Bro Sr. I-Cecil Nobl Adeline Unruh,

Jr. I-Elton Adla Sr. Pr. Geo. 1 Boyce, Hazel Torry,