VARNEY.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Richard Morrison, who been under the weather for the past two weeks, is now on the road to recovery.

Miss Mabel Hopkins of Proton has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Carrie Wilton, for the past week.

Miss Ruth Stewart of the Durham High school, spent Saturday with Miss Janet Kerr.

law at Grand Valley. Mr. Nelson Eden's sale came off on Tuesday, the 17th, and, with auctioneer Brigham things went at a good price. Mr. Eden intends to leave for the west soon

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PERSONAL

Mr. Robertson of Wiarton visited his son here over Sunday.

Miss Irene Latimer of Owen Sound was home over Sunday. Mr. Frank Vickers of Renfrew was in town last week.

the hospital, and doing well.

Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder spent Mr. Geo. M. Leeson is spending few days in the city last week. a few days with his brother-in-

Rev. and Mrs. Eddy of Mt. Forest visited at the parsonage on Friday last.

Mr. J. Lambert of the Mt. Forest Representative attended the Conservative convention here.

Rev. Mr. Prudham is in attendance at the Dominion Alliance convention at Toronto.

Mrs. C. C. Douglas and baby motor and chemical activity. Dorothy left for Owen Sound last week, after visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Limin

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Watson are in Toronto for a few days, Mr. Watson is delegate to the Dominion Alliance, convention.

Where the Poets Worked.

The sixth grade of a certain school in a foreign settlement in one of our cities was learning the use of posses sives.

The book required the pupils to correct and expand into a complete sentence the following expression: "Milton and Shakespeare's works" Joseph Nikodym handed in this sentence: "Milton and Shakespeare work in a coal mine."

Living With Them.

"I hope you know enough to keep your wife's relatives at a distance." "Hum! My wife's maiden aunt is going to live with us."

"Good gracions, send her away!" "I can't She's going to live with us in her house."- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Buying Books.

To buy books only because they were published by an eminent printer is much as if a man should buy clothing that did not fit him only because Town Agent. made he some famous tailor .- Pone.

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OYSTERS AND DYSPEPTICS.

When the Bivalves May and When

They Should Not Be Esten. It is popularly supposed that the oyster digests himself in the human stomach owing to the great size of the liver, which is crushed as mastication begins and is thought to digest the Mr. Brock Grant is home from mollusk itself. As the oyster, moreover, contains some 10 per cent of extremely assimilable protein, together with phosphorized fats and glycogen, it has always been freely administered to convalescents, while dyspeptic bons vivants have never hesitated to eat it abundantly.

Dr. Pron expresses the opinion that to those dyspeptics whose gastric functions are deficient, in anorexia, gastric atony, ulcer and incipient cancer, and to convalescents from acute disease, as it is likely to improve the appetite and to excite the stomach to increased

tics whose stomachs are hyperacid or for over two years, was picked up in hypersensitive Dr. Pron would forbid the oyster as well as all other stimulating foods. In many of these dys- against hunger. Their sledge dogs peptics the gastric secretion is already dead, their outfits abandoned, every sufficient, and it is unnecessary and unwise to increase it. - New York Press.

Made the Judge Perspire.

Sir John Charles Day, the English judge who earned the title of the "hooligan's terror," died at the age of eighty-two. In the nineteen years Sir John was a judge of the high court from 1882 to 1901-he was noted for his gift of solemn humor and for his drastic flogging sentences. In fourteen years he sentenced 137 criminals to 3,766 strokes of the cat. Once he said to a gang of Liverpool ruffians: "I am not going to give you men long terms of imprisonment, but when you go in you get twenty lashes of the cat; when you have been in nine months you get twenty lashes of the cat; before you come out you get twenty lashes of the cat. And then you can show what you have got to your friends." He was perhaps the only English judge who ever did "hard labor." While on a visit to a gitts. prison be tried the treadmill, but when he asked to be set free the guard preexperiment.

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TWO EXPLORERS.

Their Fight Against Death by Starvation and the Visions That Were Conjured Up by the Torture of the Maddening Pangs of Hunger.

The terrible phantom that haunts the oyster may be allowed, therefore, every traveler in the desert is the possibility that he will not find water. The arctic explorer rarely suffers from thirst, but another danger, equally terrible and menacing, is always on his trall starvation.

in "Lost in the Arctic" Captain Ejnar Mikkelsen, the explorer who. But to the large number of dyspep- after having been given up for dead east Greenland by a sailing vessel, gives a graphic account of his race morsel of food long since devoured. the only hope of Mikkelsen and his companion was to reach 17 Kilometer Nuesset where, on the fall trip, they had left a few tins of food

"Every two hours we make a short hart, but the rest is spoiled by the thought of the uncomfortable quarter of an hour that awaits us when we start and try to get our stiffened muscles into working order again. Our feet especially are very painful; the ankles are swollen and horribly tender.

"The pangs of hunger increase every minute for my own part. I can think of nothing but food. At first my thoughts dwell upon all sorts of dishes. but gradually they concentrate themserves upon sandwiches. Danish sandwiches In particular my fancy turns upon the food that I have seen given away to beggars, and I grow furious at the thought of the contempt with which these gentry often regard such

"Gradually the thought takes possession of me that I am walking in the tended not to hear his request. The streets of Copenhagen, eagerly on the judge was perspiring freely by the lookout for sandwiches Suddenty ! time he was permitted to abandon his spy what I am seeking, a little white object lying to the right of me I turn to pick it up, but as I stop my foot after getting about as liberal a dose strikes against a stone. The shock brings me back to stern reality. take in my belt and stagger on again.

"Iversen is in no better case I notice that he frequently stops and peers through the fieldglass at something on ahead; then he lets the glass fall again, with a shake of the head Once or twice I ask what he is looking at, but the answer is always the same he thought be had discovered a case of provisions, but it turned out to be a rock.

"According to our reckoning, we ought to reach 17 Kilometer Naesset by about 6 in the evening. We keep a sharp lookout for the point and sight something about 4 o'clock that looks like it. Once more, however, we are doomed to disappointment. It is not the point.

"We pass many old camping places. telles of the Denmark expedition; but, although we search long and carefully among the old tins for any remains of food, we find nothing. In the gather

ing darkness every point we approach seems to us the one we seek Encouraged by the thought of food, we redouble our efforts. But when we get close enough to see that it is not the point our flickering flame of energy dies down, and we stagger sullenly glong with bowed heads

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"We have no longer any idea of our whereabouts, and it is indescribably nneanny to see time after time the same headland with the two small billocks at its foot, the ghost of 17 Kilometer Naesset. About 10 o'clock, half mad with hunger and exhaustion, we give it up and, creeping as close together as possible, try to sleep But the pain in Iversen's leg is so great that he cannot sleep, and he is half out of his mind. He wakes me at midnight and begs me to go on

"It is bitterly cold, and the wind has shifted so that it is blowing in our faces. Staggering unsteadily and feeling our way with our sticks, off we go into the darkness.

"Finally, after another long march, we sight a point that resembles 17 Kilometer Naesset, and this time it is no trick of the imagination. The race is won, for at the point we find fuel and tins of soup and peas."

Arcient Memphis.

Over the site of the ancient city of Memphis, once the fair city of the world, now buried by a thick deposit of Nile mud. stand stately paims, which yield a luscious fruit. Over the city the peasant Egyptians carry on their agricultural pursuits, and the paims yield the entire food of the peasants during a large part of the year.-Argonaut.

Carrying a Point. "You made some enemies," said the consoling friend, "but you carried your point."

"Yes," replied Sepator Sorghum, "sometimes a man carries a point with about the same amount of personal comfort that he derives from sitting on. a tack."-Washington Star.

Recognition For the Ghost Story. Elderly lady (partial invalid) requires companion; one who has traveled or can tell good ghost stories preferred - Advertisement in London

They seem to take the can from the world who would withdraw friendship from life Cicero.

BIG CATS AND CATNIP.

Leopard and Tiger Fairly Reveled in the Odorous Plant.

Some one at the Washington zoological park obtained the permission of the authorities to try the effect of catnip on the animais there. So far as known catnip does not grow in the native homes of these animals, and this was the first time they had ever smelled it

The scent of the plant filled the whole place, and as soon as it reached the parrots' corner the two gandily attired macaws set up a note that told fearfully on the nerves of all and made for that side of their cage, poking their beaks and claws through it. When the catnip was brought near them they became nearly frantic. They were given some and devoured it, stem, leaf and blossom, with an engerness that equaled the noise of their cries

Next trial was made on an African leopard Before the keepers had reach ed the front of the cage he had bound ed from the shell whereon he lay, ap parently asleep, and stood expectant. A double handful of cattrip was passed through to the floor of the den.

Never was the prey of this spotted African in his wild state ponneed upon more savagely or with such absolute enjoyment. First the leopard ate a mouthful of the stuff then by flat on his back and wiggled through the green mass until his black spotted yellow hide was filled with the odor, just as you have sen a cat act when it receives some cathlp.

Then he sat on a bunch of the catnip, caught a leaf laden stem up in either paw and ruboed his cheeks, chin, nose, eyes and head. He are an additional monthful or two and then jumped back to his shelf, where he lay the rest of the afternoon, the very picture of contentment

In one tiger's cage there is a very young but full grown animal When this great, surly beast inhaled the first sniff of the catup be began to mew like a kitten. Up to this time the soft est note of his voice had been one which put the roat of the big maned tion hear him to shame

That victous tiger fairly reveled in the liberal allowance of the plant which was thrust into his cage . He rolled about in it and played like a six weeks old kitten. He mewed and purred tossed it about, ate of it and as the leopard had, likewise jumped to his shelf and blinked lazily the rest of the day .- New York Herald

HIS MOST ANXIOUS MOMENT

When Dewey Feared He Might Be Branded as a Coward.

Admiral Dewey tells in his autobiography the story of his most auxious moment. It was when he was executive officer of the warship Mississippi After passing the forts at New Orleans his ship was about to sink under fire. and the crew had to be taken off in boats. There were not enough boats. and the danger of a umgazine explosion became so great that the crews showed increasing hesitation to return ing for another load. On a sudden im pulse Dewey jumped into one of the boats to go after the rowers and compel them to return the continues:

"Not until we were free of the ship did I have a second thought in centiza tion of what I had done I had leftmy ship in distress when it is the rule that the last man to leave ber should be the captain, and I as executive offi cer should be next to the last.

"That was the most anxious moment sink the boat? What if a rifle bullet | to stop."-American Magazine. should get me? All the world would say that I had been guilty of about as craven an act as can be placed at the door of an officer This would not be pleasant reading for my father up in Vermont. He would no longer think that I had done the 'rest' reasonably well If the ship should blow up while I was away and I should appear on the reports as saved probably people would smile over my explanation

As it turned out, however, the maga zine did not explode, and Dewey's presence was needed to bring the boat crews back and save the men still on the sinking ship.

A Famous Year.

It is contended that the year 1809 gave more celebrities and persons of genius to the world than any other year of the nineteenth century. Among those who were born in that memora ble year were Abraham Lincoln, Ed gar Allan Poe, Oliver Wendell Holmes, William Ewart Gladstone, Charles Darwin, Lord Houghton, Alfred Ten nyson, Edward Fitzgerald, Professor Blackie, Mary Cowden Clarke and Felix Mendelssohn.

Alike.

A convivial correspondent wrote to an eastern paper complaining of the condition of the village streets, closing with the statement that "the water lies in the ditch for days at a time."

The editor printed the letter, with the following "Ed. Note:" "So does our esteemed correspondent."-Omaha World-Herald.

Doctors' Fees. "They talk about lawyers' dishonest accumulations, but look at doctors."

"What's the matter with doctors?" "Are not all of their earnings ill got ten gains?"-Baltimore American.

Cured.

"And has this famous doctor cured your friend of the hallucination that she was sick?"

"Oh completely She's really sick now." Fliegende Blatter.

To cultivate good thoughts is to be loyal to one's better self

HE DIDN'T LIKE DRIPPING.

And No Wonder, After He Had Read About Its Strength.

What is dripping? Everybody knows that dripping is supposed to be the juices, the savory

essences, that fall from roasting meats. That is the supposition But what really is dripping the dripping that the poor of England buy by the pound and smear upon their bread in lieu of

The question perhaps will never be answered, but a partial solution is given to it by the fact that a London poorhouse recently bought at \$7 a ton thirty-two tons of dripping from-a soap works.

Alfred Noyes used to tell a dripping

"A little boy," he would begin, "complained bitterly about the bread and dripping that formed his daily break-

"'It'll kill me.' be whined at last 1 know it'll kill me.'

"'Kill you? What do you mean? ". Why, I've been feeling pretty bad lately, and now I know it's all this dripping what's the cause of the trouble. I read it in a book

"Some pure food rubbish, I dare say! And what, precisely, did you read in this vile book, silly?"

"'I read,' whined the urchin, 'that constant dripping wears away & stone." - Exchange.

HUMOR OF A CANVIBAL.

He Enjoyed It Himself, but It Didn's Tickle the Victim.

A number of matives came to greet us when we landed at Bau, a Fiji island, among them a few whom the consul seemed to know They volunteered to act as escorts for us and by various expressions tried to convey the idea that they were glad to see us.

A school forms one side of the square. 'Across from this stands the council chamber, built on the trench where the bodies were roasted for their former feasts. The old headstone against which Cacoban used to dash the brains of his victims still stands. and the anchor and rudder of a French ship wrecked near Ban He beside it.

Beneath a picture of Queen Victoria I saw an old sword swinging. I examined it and found it was a French weapon, no doubt the arm of the unfortunate French vessel's commander

During the time this was going on Jim, Ratu Kadavu's servant, who is a , particularly good type of a large, muscular race, approached me, ran his hand around my waist and slowly down my thigh and smacked his lips with a wicked smile. I laughed at this display of aboriginal humor, but not very heartily, for the sword of the French captain still swung before my eyes.-Christian Herald.

Time For the Actor to Stop. On the subject of playing the same

part over an indefinite number of times David Warfield says: "There is no such thing as playing a part too long. The mellowing process should never cease, but if it does, if spontaneity fails, if the actor feels that he is becoming at all mechanical in the part, he should abandon it at once

-for his own salvation. "The surest danger signal is half hearted applause. From this the actor knows that he has lost an essential quality of the character, and the tragedy of it is he cannot tell what that quality is or how he lost it. An actor may tell a joke a thousand times and provoke laughter, but suddenly it fails of my career. What it a shot should of response. That's the time for him

A Cure For Mosquitoes.

The people of London have learned of an agreeable way to keep their houses free from flies and mosquitoes, They burn sandalwood, which has a pleasing odor, but one that the summer pests much dislike. The idea comes from the orient, where it bas long been practiced.

The sandalwood can be bought at almost any Turkish or Japanese importing house. You prepare it for burning by cutting it into pieces about half an inch thick and three inches long and then bake or dry it in a slow oven for twenty-four hours. You light a piece of the wood and put it in a metal uru or saucer. After it has ignited weil blow out the flame and leave the red ember to smolder until the wood is wholly consumed.

Father's Ultimatum.

The father of a large family of children was trying hard to read the evening paper.

"What's that terrible racket in the hall, Martha?"

"One of the children just fell downstairs." "Well," he replied, turning over an-

other page of the paper. "you tell the children if they can't fall downstairs quietly they'll have to stop it."-Lippincott's.

Showing Him How.

"You young scoundrel!" said the father, seizing his disobedient son by the hand. "I'll show you how to treat your mother!"

And he gave him several bangs on the ears and then shook him until his hair began to fall out.

Her Little Slip.

Departing Guest We've had a simply delightful time! Hostess I'm so glad! At the same time I regret that the storm kept all our best people away - Brooklyn Life.

Ever Present Help.

"They say that a woman's tears come to her aid at any moment." "Yes. Her tears are volunteers, of to speak " Boston Transcript