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**Mrs. G. S. Burnett Wins the Silk Waist**  
The Tipperary Tea contest closed on Saturday night. Mrs. Geo. S. Burnett handed us One Hundred and Six Tipperary Labels, which was the largest number received from one person, consequently she was entitled to the Silk Waist which we offered as a prize to the person returning the largest number of Tipperary labels in one month.

### GREETINGS

With hearty good wishes  
The watchman comes by  
A clear frosty morning!  
Rings out his loud cry;  
When this cheery season  
Old friends you recall,  
May this be his greeting—  
Good luck to you ALL!  
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### Honor Roll

#### No. 3 BENTINCK

SR. IV—B. Mather, T. Corbett, S. Adlam.  
JR. III—M. Alexander, R. Livingston.  
SR. III—V. Reay, V. Reay.  
SR. II—H. Milligan, M. Mighton, M. Mighton.  
JR. II—D. Mather, M. Alexander, A. Reay, O. Livingston.  
PR. II—S. McCulloch, A. Bartman, W. McCulloch.  
Average attendance for Nov-53.

JESSIE SHORTT, TEACHER

#### No. 9 GLENELG

JR. IV—J. Mather, M. Charlton.  
SR. III—V. Ritchie, M. Haley, M. Atkinson.  
JR. IV—M. Davis, A. Ritchie, A. Lindsay, D. Bell, G. Bell, M. Newell, M. Whitmore.  
JR. III—A. Horst, G. Lindsay, K. Davis, R. Davis, M. Aljoe.  
II—R. McFarlane, J. Bell, M. Bell.  
I—E. Hargrave, M. Horst, S. Lawrence and H. R. Ritchie, equal.  
PRIMER A—D. Lawrence.  
SR. PRIMER—Isabelle Davis, and M. Hargrave, equal.  
JR. PRIMER—R. Arnett, A. Lawrence.  
E. SCOTT, Teacher.

### EDGE HILL

Born on Saturday, December 18th to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Firth, a daughter.  
Miss Mortley is enjoying her holidays at her home at Latona.  
Miss Maggie A. Ritchie has secured a position in Mr. W. F. Buchanan's store in Durham.  
Mr. J. G. Firth is busy these days roofing his silo.  
Misses Mary and Alice Edge are home from Drayton and Lindsay.  
Mesdames Alton and Burnside drove over from Markdale on Wednesday to visit their brother, Mr. Fred Staples. Their little niece accompanied them home and will remain in Markdale until after Christmas.  
Miss Ethel Greenwood, who is teaching at Tara, arrives home to-day for the Christmas holidays.  
Mr. D. Edge and daughter, Miss Edith were in Markdale on Saturday.  
The Misses Ramage of Holstein, were the guests of Miss Valerie Edge the beginning of the week.  
Mrs. C. H. Moffat and little daughter Mary, are spending the remainder of this week with her mother, Mrs. Greenwood in town.  
The Red Cross sewing at Mrs. Moffat's was a decided success. Twelve shirts and two pyjamas were made, and a dozen pillows were filled. There was also a cash contribution of \$4.25 towards the funds of the society. We trust the good work thus inaugurated may continue from time to time.  
Mr. Thos. Greenwood made several sales of pure bred stock recently. He sold a couple of pure bred heifers to a man in Hanover while the sire of his herd has been disposed of to Mr. A. Crutchley at Durham.  
A very successful entertainment was given in the school on Wednesday. Although there is only seventeen or eighteen pupils Miss Mortley prepared an excellent program. A Christmas tree was loaded with gifts for scholars, and the teacher was given a Waterman pen. Mr. J. G. Firth made a capable chairman. We congratulate the teacher and pupils on the success of their entertainmet.

"Your wife's dinner parties are always beautiful affairs."  
"Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox. "At first people didn't seem to want to come to 'em, but I guess mebbe the high cost of living is making a difference."—Washington Star.

### CASTLE OF DESPOND.

It Got Its Dismal Name From a Tragedy Born of Love.

One of the finest French renaissance buildings in France is the Castle of Despond, famous in the legendary lore of the Toulousian country in which it stands. Over the window of one of the inner courtyards is sculptured in the stone a head above the motto, "Plus d'Espoir." These were the last words of Rose de Martial, whose story has been sung by the poets of Toulouse.

Rose de Martial was the daughter of the house of Martial, to whom the castle belonged, and she was courted by the lord of Castelnat, whose manor she could see from her window. But, although she was beautiful and tender hearted, the lord jilted her, and she fell into a melancholy. She sat every day by the window, whence she could see the fickle lord of Castelnat's manor. One morning he passed by in the valley below. She sang to him, but he never looked up. "Plus d'Espoir!" she cried and threw herself out of the window on to the flags below, where she was killed. The manor of Martial was known thenceforward as the Castle of Despond.

The fine building was falling to ruins when M. Fenaile bought it, and he had it completely and skillfully restored before making a gift of it to the nation.

### DEEP SEA FISHES.

Some That Get Along With Only One Meal or So a Year.

There are more than 50,000,000 square miles covered by a depth of three miles of sea, but even at this great depth—where the pressure of the water above would instantly crush a man's body to pulp—there is a great world of life. Many of the fish and other creatures of the deep are blind.

They are, however, able to see by means of the lights which they carry themselves.

The "lamps" are little organs dotted over the body, and with the light from them, which is made in much the same marvelous way as the glow worms, they can use their bulging eyes to see what is going on about them.

But even with the ready made lighting apparatus and telescope eyes it is a difficult business finding a dinner, so the fish have jaws with an enormous gape and a stomach so elastic that they can accommodate a larger fish than these voracious eaters themselves.

When they have made such a capture they retire for something like a year's meditation to digest the meal, two or three of which are sufficient to last an average lifetime.—London Answers.

### First Straw Hats.

The first hat of straw to be worn in the United States appeared in 1800. Straw had been used before to thatch houses, but not the heads of civilized citizens. It made comfortable bedding for cattle and was stuffed in sacks to increase the softness of the pine boards used by men and women to sleep on. But straw for the head? Never! It might do for the tropical savages, but not for the inhabitants of the great zone in which the progressive nations lived.

Previously to 1800 men had worn felt and cloth hats. And it was not till the time of Elizabeth that men began to wear hats at all, in distinction from caps and bonnets. The blossoming of literature in the Elizabethan period was contemporary with the building of brims on head coverings and their transfiguration into hats.

Little Elsie entered the parlor one morning and her quick eye discovered that the slip coverings had been removed from the furniture.  
"Look, mamma!" she exclaimed. "Some one has taken the nighties off the chairs."

### HYMENEAL

#### MATTHEWS—GORDON

The marriage of Miss Minnie Gordon, and Mr. Geo. Sterling Matthews was quietly solemnized Monday evening at the parsonage by the Rev. W. A. Lewis. Mr. Matthews is a popular barrister in Vermilion, and has many friends in Edmonton, having been connected with the firm of Parlee, Abbott and Freeman for some years.

The bride was attired in a navy blue serge tailored suit, with black velvet hat and mink furs. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews left last night for Vermilion where they will make their home.—Sask. Journal.

The young groom was born and bred in the vicinity of Durham, and the news of his matrimonial venture will be interesting to our readers.—Ed Chronicle.

Wm. S. Lucky, winner of the New York Times Aerial Derby, on the 13th of October 1913, is dead at Montreal, as the result of injuries received at Sturgeon Falls on September 6th last, when he fell and broke his back. Lucky is the man who gave an exhibition at the Fall Fair in Walkerton a years ago.

### MUST PAY FOR FUN

Costs in connection with the mandamus proceedings re local option at Stratford, (amount to somewhat over \$200, not including the fees of J. C. Makins, K. C., who represented the city. This means about \$30 against each of the seven aldermen who opposed having the by-law go to the people themselves.

### THIS WILL MAKE CHARLES DESERTERS

Reformers fixed a town with laws which bade each frivolous impulse pause; And then they moved elsewhere to find. Some relaxation for the mind. —Washington Star.

### TIME'S CHANGES

"I see that Fifi Flubbub, the actress, is so temperamental that she swoons at the odor of tuberoes. So her management has to watch her constantly."  
"Um. Time brings great changes I knew her once. She was raised in a block next to a gas house."—Kansas City Journal.

### HIS OWN PRIVILEGE

Manager—What do you mean by talking like that? Are you the manager here, or am I?  
Clerk—I know I'm not the manager.  
Manager—Very well, then if you're not the manager, don't talk like an idiot!

### CRITICISM IMPLIED

"He doesn't like my cooking," sobbed the three months bride, a tear on her lashes. "I just know he doesn't. So there?"  
"What makes you think so?" her mother asked. "Has he said he doesn't like your cooking?"  
"No-no-o," said the bride.  
"Nonsense, child, it's just your imagination. I felt there was no basis."  
"There is a basis, the bride insisted tearfully. "I had been cooking the loveliest things for him for about two weeks and then he told me he had decided to become a raw food faddist. Bo-hoo-o!"—Judge.

### DARKIES CORNERS

Mrs. Ross and children, of the west, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Joseph Sharp, and other friends.

Mrs. Chas. Ritchie and daughter Edna May, also Mr. Murray Ritchie, were present at the wedding of Miss Sarah Jack to Mr. Cushine at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. McKechnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Sara Patterson. Mrs. Henry Tucker, of Paisley, visited last week with Mrs. C. Ritchie.

Miss Peters was the guest of her cousin, Miss May Patterson for a few days.  
Born—On December 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jacques a daughter.

### SPOILED IT ALL

A famous preacher was preaching a sermon, and a farmer, who was not particularly generous, was listening to it.

"Make all the money you can," the preacher insisted. "It's legitimate to make all the money you can."

"Well," thought the countryman, "here is a great preacher, one who has the same ideas as I have myself."

And the preacher went on; "Save all the money you can," he cautioned, "You should save all the money you can."

"This man has the right way of looking at things," the farmer thought. "That's what I've been doing all my life."

"And," continued the preacher, "give all the money you can."  
"Oh shucks, groaned the farmer, "he's gone and spoiled it all."

### HE HAD FOUND OUT

Jinks—She's decidedly against vivisection.

Jenks—I found it out the minute I tried to open my heart to her.—The Club-Fellow.

### BORN

FIRTH—In Glenelg on December 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Firth a daughter.

### MARRIED

RIFE—WHITMORE—AT TORONTO, on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, by Rev. S. Cleaver, pastor of Central Methodist church, G. C. Rife, to Miss Gladys Whitmore, both of Durham.

McKNIGHT—HAVENS—At the Presbyterian manse, on Tuesday November 30th, 1915, by the Rev. J. G. Miller, Miss Bertha Irene Havens, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Havens, Durham to Mr. Freeman McKnight, of St. Mary's, Ont.

KELSEY—CAMERON—AT THE residence of Henry Cameron, Esq. 137 Macpherson avenue, on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 2.30 p.m. by the Rev. Alex. Winchester, Margaret Isabell Cameron, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron of Durham, Ont., to Norman Cuthbert Kelsey of Chicago.

Large Sales

Small Profits

## McKECHNIE'S WEEKLY NEWS

### Just Arrived

A fine stock of Men's All Wool Undershirts and Drawers, which, notwithstanding the advance in price of wool we are selling at \$1.00 per garment.

### Flannelettes

A very large stock of Flannelette, 36 inches wide, in a fine assortment of patterns at from 9c per yard.

### Flannelette Blankets

A large stock of Flannelette Blankets at from \$1.19 per pair.

### Linoieums

A new stock of Linoieums in the newest patterns, 2 and 4 yards wide. The 4 yards wide is from \$2.00 per yard up.

### Wall Paper

A pretty stock of Wall Paper in all the new fall styles, durable and having a nice appearance, but not too costly.

### Fall Shoes

Our Shoe stock is being replenished weekly, so that we have the most approved styles, made on easy fitting lasts.

### Brooms

We have just received another consignment of the 28c Brooms.

### Blankets

Don't forget to see our new Scotch Blankets, they are \$4.50, \$5.25 and \$6.00 per pair.

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