

# WANTLES

Mr. Rainey, of Uxbridge spent Sunday in town. MARKET REPORT.—The day was crisp and lovely, roads solid and the turnout good. Produce was offered in abundance. Prices were: butter 17c to 14c, eggs 18 to 20c, chickens 80 to 40c turkeys 8c, geese 7c, beef 4 to 5 1/2c. Scarcely cured.

DEAR SIR.—After I had doctored for two years for scrofula all over my body and could get no benefit, I tried a bottle of B. B. P. and was cured very quickly, and I am completely cured. H. B. B. very truly yours, Toronto, Ont.

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One of the greatest sufferers from imported pests during the last quarter of a century has been Jamaica. To rid the island of the black and brown rats that were destroying the sugar cane and other crops, the mongoose was brought from India in 1872. The result was disastrous. The mongoose multiplied with frightful rapidity, destroying the rats, then preying upon poultry and even pigs, lambs and puppies, and apparently exterminating the birds, with the harmless birds and snakes that had kept down the ticks and other troublesome insects. It devoured the fruit and vegetables and even rivalled the former ravages of the rat in its destruction of sugar cane. With the disappearance of the reptiles, the ticks began to multiply, not only swarming on cattle, but becoming a plague to the human race, and these with the mongoose have long held the field in the strange battle for supremacy. A new phase in the struggle is now reported by Prof. V. E. Euerdon, curator of the museum of Jamaica. In recent months the mongoose has been found to be suffering from attacks of the ticks. Species of birds and reptiles supposed to have been exterminated have reappeared. The most striking change seems to be the abundance of the ground lizard, formerly supposed extinct, but snakes are more numerous, game is increasing, poultry and domestic animals are molested less often, rats are increasing in the cane and ticks are diminishing. The dynasty of the mongoose is waning, the cause, however, being unknown.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.—The Markham Township S. S. Association will meet in annual convention in the Methodist Church, Stouffville, Thursday and Friday Jan. 21st and 22nd next. President H. B. Reeves, Marlham, will take the chair. On Thursday forenoon Rev. P. C. Cameron, B. A., Stouffville, will deliver an address on "Should we have religious teaching in our public schools?"

On Thursday afternoon Mr. Geo. Pitt, Stouffville, will speak on "Home Classes and their utility." Thursday evening, Mr. M. Flint will give the "Address of Welcome," which will be read by Mr. Chas. Reed, M. A., Markham, will give an address on "Child salvation." Rev. L. L. Huson, B. A., H. Th. Lindsay, will speak on "Our Sunday Schools and Canada's future." Friday morning, Rev. F. W. Stevenson, Unionville, will treat the subject. To what extent, if at all, should denominational teaching be introduced in our Sabbath schools. On Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock praise service led by Mr. D. Stouffer, a mass meeting of children will be addressed by Revs. G. W. Stevenson, Unionville and T. W. Pickett, Willowdale. The Heavenly Pattern, by Rev. J. A. Brown, Agincourt, and address "The Devil's work—of combating Sunday School work," by Mr. F. S. Spence, of Toronto.

This promises to be one of the most interesting conventions ever held by the association. It is to be judged by the all-important questions to be discussed and the ability of the gentleman who are to take the lead in unfolding them. Every person has an interest in it and may they show it by their presence at the different sessions. All are cordially welcome.

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S. Burkholder,  
Main St., Stouffville

Miss Frankish and her sister Kate, of Uxbridge, have been visiting their uncle, W. P. Widdifield.

Our old friend Mrs. Johnson is very ill. We hope she may soon recover. The Ladies' Aid held at Mrs. Brynes was said to be very well attended. We understand the oyster supper at B. Widdifield's is the next.

For several years our young people have been doing but little skating. This year, however, every person has skates and very large crowds assemble every evening on Mr. Widdifield's pond. The seats by the fire on shore furnish a very acceptable resting place.



"MIRA, THE WONDERFUL."  
She is the Most Freakish of All the Variable Stars.

The principal objects of interest to the naked eye star-gazer this month (November), aside from the constellations, which may readily be located with the aid of the planisphere, are the variable star Mira, the Leonid meteor and the planet Mars.

The star Omicron Ceti, better known as Mira, the Wonderful, one of the most freakish of the variable stars—particularly interesting because of the great range of its variability—is now on the point of coming into visibility to the naked eye, and will probably reach its maximum of brilliancy some time next month for the particular time of observation for the particular place.

no one who is interested in celestial phenomena should miss this opportunity of forming at this point of view and noting its peculiarities. The peculiarity of Mira is this: Ordinarily it is invisible to the naked eye, being when at its faintest of between the ninth and tenth magnitudes. Having remained at this point of faintest brilliancy for some weeks it begins slowly to brighten, and after awhile it becomes visible to the naked eye. It continues to brighten for a month or six weeks longer, when it attains a maximum of brilliancy, which is usually that of a star of about the third magnitude. In this condition it remains, sometimes fluctuating in brilliancy, for a fortnight or so, and then begins to lose its lustre, and in about three months it is again beyond the reach of the naked eye.

Mira runs the cycle of its changes in an average period of about 11 months, though there is a considerable irregularity in its period, as well as in its brilliancy when at its brightest. Its last maximum occurred some time in January last. Owing, however, to the prevalence of cloudy weather during that and the preceding months observers were not able to fix upon the precise date of the occurrence, nor to determine exactly the star's greatest date of the occurrence as to fall short of the third magnitude.

The cause of the singular deportment of this and similar variable stars among the originals which science is still attempting to unravel. Upon Mr. Lockyer's "meteoric theory" Mira is not strictly speaking, a "star" but is a sun. It is simply a condensing ball of meteors, its light being due to heat engendered by the collisions of these meteors, which are assumed to be in motion among themselves, owing to their mutual attraction for one another. There are here, according to Mr. Lockyer's theory, meteor shoals, circling about each other in orbits of such eccentricity that, while ordinarily the two masses of meteors do not interfere with one another, yet when they are the nearest together one of them grazes or passes partially through the other. As a consequence the collisions become more numerous and more violent, and we see the "star" increase in brilliancy. The spectroscopic shows that the star's increase in splendor is due mainly, if not wholly, to an outburst of glowing gases, a fact which is quite in harmony with Mr. Lockyer's theory. Indeed, this theory was based originally upon experiments made with the spectroscopic. When shining only faintly the star is decidedly red; but as it brightens it loses its redness, and its spectrum shows bright lines, indicative of luminous gases, among which is the ever-present hydrogen.

Mira is now at 9 p.m. in mid-heaven in the southeast. To find it—or its position, for it is not now visible—first find Menkar, the second magnitude star in the snout of Cetus. This star forms with the Pleiades and the pair of stars in the head of Aries a triangle with nearly equal sides. To the right of Menkar is a group of three stars, as shown on the planisphere. The middle one of these is Gamma Ceti, of the third magnitude. The lowermost of the fourth magnitude, is Delta Ceti. This star Delta is almost exactly midway between Menkar and Mira. With an opera glass a small triangle of seven magnitude stars may be seen in the spot here indicated. Mira will make its appearance at the centre of this triangle. Keep a watch upon it.

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## THE TRIBUNE.

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LOCAL ITEMS.  
His many friends will be pleased to know that John LaFrough, our popular produce buyer, is now improving nicely in health.

POSTPONED.—The annual meeting of the Whitechurch Agricultural Society has been postponed till Thursday next, Jan. 21st, 1897, when it will be held at the Mansion House at 2 p. m. A full attendance of all interested is specially requested, as important business will be discussed.

Mr. John Anderson, Grassmere, Ont., writes: "The Vegetable Discovery, you sent me is all gone, and I am glad to say that it has greatly benefited those who have used it. One man in particular says it has made him a new man, and he cannot say too much for its cleansing and curative qualities."

Grenville Forsyth, son of VanBuren Forsyth, of Glasgow, started for Chicago on Monday, where he has secured a situation. Quite a number of our boys are now located in the "White City" and are doing well and we are sure that Grenville will fill with satisfaction to his employer and credit to himself any position to which he may be called. The Tribune wishes him abundant success.

Methodist Mission.—One of the largest undertakings in the way of missionary meeting ever attempted in Toronto, will be commenced by the Methodist body on Sunday next. On that day visionary sermons will be preached in thirty-five Methodist churches, and missionary addresses delivered in all the Sunday schools belonging to the denomination.

On Sunday afternoon a great assembly meeting will be held in Victoria College, the speakers for the occasion will be—Dr. Hart, of China; Rev. Wm. Williams of Buffalo; Rev. J. H. Galloway, of Toronto; and Mrs. Wellington White of New York. On Monday evening the Epworth League will hold a moister missionary meeting in the Metropolitan Church. On Tuesday morning a missionary breakfast will be held in the Metropolitan Church, and in the evening a mass meeting will be held in Massey Hall. The chairman for the evening will be Mr. J. J. MacLaren, Q.C., and missionary addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland the Rev. Dr. Leonard, missionary secretary, of New York and Bishop Galloway.

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