

A General

Store is what I am preparing to operate. I will put in stock a complete and varied assortment of General Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, and all those things that are usually kept in a first-class store of this kind. My prices will be Rock Bottom. Take advantage of them.

A. G. BAKER, : HARTLAND.
NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

ST. LOUIS CORRESPONDENT AND HIS LADY FRIENDS.

An Advertisement Which Gets Him Into Trouble, And he Files to The Imp for Relief.—Burglars in Bath.—Fort Fairfield Matters.

ST. LOUIS DU-"HA HA."

DEAR AND GRIMMY FRIEND "THE IMP"
We are in trouble—deep, dark trouble. Our brain is in a whirl, our pulse is throbbing like the exhaust of a triple expansion engine and our heart is thumping against our manly ribs like a double action hammer. The cause of all our trouble lies in a simple little advertisement. We know that "ads" are supposed to be very potent but we never knew just how potent they could be especially for evil. Not long ago we picked up a monthly and the first thing met our eye was "Gentleman—wishing lady correspondents will send name and address to American corresponding agency New York." Of course we were to "send two cents to pay for packing, postage, &c." But we happened to be in one of our reckless moods and so money was no object to us, therefore, in our moment of weakness we sent our elegantly engraved business card and our solid cash. In a few days the card and worries of our every day business life had driven the incident from our mind, only to be remembered when we were particularly thirsty and began feeling in our pocket for the wherewithal to allay it.

About ten days after our folly as we were wont to call it we were one day surprised by the receipt of a daintily scented pink envelope addressed in an unmistakable feminine hand. Visions of lady bookkeepers in several of the tailor shops where we were considerably in arrears floated through our mind and supposing it to be only a gentle hint to call and "settle that little bill" we threw it on our desk—we were pretty busy at the time anyway. Next day we got half a dozen and then our curiosity got the better of us and we began to open our eyes, also our letters.

The first was from a lady in Michigan. In her sweetest words she told how our name had been sent to her as a gentleman matrimonially inclined. She went on to say, "I am twenty-two years old, height five feet four inches, weight one hundred and six pounds, complexion light, hair auburn, and of a sunny temperament &c, &c." She also sent her photo. It said age forty, nose turned up, eyes squinted, temper like a sitting hen, and we found coiled up inside the envelope a single hair. She may call it auburn but any impartial judge would call it red, of the very reddest tint.

Another writes from Kansas, "My father owns a very nice farm and I am an only child and of course all his property would go to me at his demise." Another from New York wrote that she had a neat little shop well stocked with candy, cigars and fruits and that she would like to secure a life partner with a little capital. Another writes from an obscure little town in Ontario that she has saved enough to buy a wedding outfit, and now she would like to meet a congenial spirit with which to mate. She sends her photo, so she says, but had we not her own word for it we would have called it a comic picture out of an almanac. Still another writes, "I am 28 years old good looking, sociable and good tempered, am an accomplished musician, talk French fluently and would like to correspond with some gentleman of means or business."

Every day a fresh batch arrives and much of our valuable time is consumed in reading them and we have to buy a new fifty cent album every day, and at this rate our credit will soon be exhausted. As we cannot possibly find time, paper or postage to answer these many letters we would be greatly obliged and forever indebted to you, if you would publish our reasons (please put it next to reading matter) for not accepting the many flattering offers we have received. We are not situated in a position that will at present enable us to support a family. We cannot possibly out of our vast expenses save enough to buy a dress suit, and we certainly cannot allow our prospective father-in-law to buy us one. We prefer solid boarding house hash and coffee, to bread and cheese and—love. And we distinctly want it understood that so far none of the applicants suit our tastes or wishes. We are strictly averse to snub noses and red hair. They look coarse and awkward on any one, not an heiress. If there is anything we thoroughly detest it is a red hair in our butter. We are not at all inclined toward a farm in Kansas, especially when there is an aged couple of uncertain temperament on it, to bring up and to boss us and our family. If we had that tobacco shop we are afraid we should smoke ourselves to death. We cannot tell one piece of music from another. We do not know a waltz from the dead march in Saul. We have heard French until we are sick of it. Now, we want it distinctly understood that we will not for an instant entertain any leap year proposals unless accompanied by cold cash, or a certified draft. Until we get that we will be content on our generous salary which our kind hearted employers have increased from time to time until it now is \$6.80 a month and two meals a day.

Yours in the flesh,
"QUEBEC IMP."

RICHMOND.

FEB. 12.—Clifford Campbell is improving in health. Miss Mary Hay, Woodstock, spent Sunday at McKenzie Corner.

A party of the friends and relatives of Mr. Chas. Jamieson met at his residence on Feb. 1st to celebrate his seventy-sixth birthday.

Chas. Stokes is home from Fredericton, called here by the illness of his father.

Augustus Hand and his sister, Nettie, called their relatives in Linneus a short visit.

The many friends of Mrs. Joseph Blackmore were grieved to hear of her death on Saturday the 8th instant. Mrs. Blackmore won the respect and love of all who knew her. She was interred at Christ's Church on Monday 10th of Feb.

BATH.

FEB. 17.—Mr. Tracy is in his new hotel and prepared for business. His house is just at the bank of the river and one has a fine view from his front windows. Mr. Tracy knows how to run an hotel, and his wife is an excellent hostess. They ought to do a thriving business.

Charles E. Gallagher, Phillips and Seeley and Mr. Shaw, have each of them moved into their new stores, and they would be a credit to any town. Bath is certainly taking on a metropolitan appearance. Two cash stores are doing business one run by Mike Bohan and one by C. J. Green.

Maggie Giberson aged 7 years daughter of Howard Giberson, was buried on Wednesday last.

The warehouse of E. D. R. Phillips, Bath, was entered by a burglar on Thursday night the 6th who swiped about 150 lbs of pork. Some 25 lbs of

the booty were found next morning under the end of a platform near by which would indicate that the thief had no team with him, but had walked to the warehouse where he had picked out a seamless bag, filled it with pork and started for home. Finding that he had taken more than he could conveniently carry he must have placed the part under the platform intending to call again. Mr. Phillips had just received the pork the day before from a customer and it had not been weighed. He will be much obliged to his evening visitor if he will weigh the pork and send him a certificate of it so that he may know how to settle with his customer, and he might send back the bag if he has no objection. Following so closely upon a similar attention that some socially minded gentleman paid Richard Currie about two weeks ago, the people about here are thinking of organizing a vigilance committee for the protection of private property.

Mrs. F. A. Ryan is lying very ill of consumption.

BRISTOL.

FEB. 17.—On Wednesday evening last, Prince William Loyal Trust, No. 55, was organized in the Orange hall here, by David Hill, well, county organizing officer, and other members of Woodstock lodge. There were 32 names on the application for warrant, and the following officers were elected and installed:—Miss Bessie M. Fraser, W M; Miss Maude Dawson, D M; Mrs. M. C. Atkinson, R S; Miss Blanche Thompson, F S; Mrs. G S Wiggins, Treas; Mrs. W M Wetmore, Chaplain; Miss Cassie Atkinson, D of G; Mrs. Anson Boyer, Mrs. Geo H Boyer, Miss Mabel Adams, Ansley Lockhart, Harry Tompkins, committee; Bart Nesbit, I T; George Davis, O T. The lodge will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. A number of the brothers were advanced to the B. A. degree, and officers chosen. They are Dr G W Somerville, W M; H I Cluff, D M; G T Davis, R S; G H Boyer, Treas; Dr J G Atkinson, Chap; Bart Nesbit, D of G; H Thompson, I T; Anson Boyer, O T. This degree lodge will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Major Vince was in Bristol on Friday. James Baker, Woodstock, was here on Thursday and as a consequence two of our young men mysteriously disappeared.

Mr. Israel Churchill of York County has been spending a few days with his brother Dr. Churchill of this village.

Mr. Daniel Palmer, Fort Fairfield, is visiting his sister Mrs. I. Merritt.

Mr. O. R. Merritt filled Rev. J. Cahills pulpit at Centreville last Sabbath evening.

FLORENEVILLE.

FEB. 17.—We have now lots of snow and are in hopes that business will even up a little.

S. D. Hamilton has been sick for about two weeks with a light attack of pneumonia.

Edward and George Ross are improving slowly if any.

Mrs. Wm. Peters is still on the gaining side.

There was a small attendance at I. O. F. meeting on Monday night last on account of storm. They have rented Kearney's hall to meet in and are fixing it up nicely.

A. Porter the tailor is getting orders for clothes from all over the county even as far down as Woodstock this goes to show that his work and prices are the best. He has at present orders for 10 or 12 suits of clothes ahead.

The following programme was given by S. D. Hamilton's side in R. T. of T. lodge on Saturday evening last, recitation, Nettie Taylor; song, Tom McCain; essay, Mrs. W. A. Taylor; speech, James Jewett; stump speech, Ernest Hendry; recitation, Bessie McCain; reading, Barry Hagerman; recitation, Bertie McCain; song, Hattie Wheeler; speech, D. W. Hamilton; duet, Miss Luella Jewett and Annie Estey; reading, S. D. Hamilton; song, Blanch Estey; reading, Mrs. Henry McCain; reading, Ella Longstaff.

Rev. Mr. Cahill of Centreville preached in the Baptist church on Sunday evening last. Other ministers present were Rev. Thomas Anderson, A. H. Hayward and H. Gillespie.

FORT FAIRFIELD.

FEB. 17.—For a change quite a cold snap has struck this section of the country; yesterday there was a very cold wind and this morning the mercury was from 38° to 45° below zero in the different sections of the town.

Rev. G. B. Nichols preached at Andover yesterday afternoon in the absence of the rector Rev. Scovil Neales.

Mrs. J. S. Hall entertained the young peoples' whist club (Golden Rod Club) on Friday evening last and all had a very pleasant time.

On Monday evening last Mrs. Edward Pond very graciously entertained those attending the rehearsal for the opera, "The Sorcerer."

Herbert C. Holmes, druggist, went to Portland last week to attend the State board examinations. The members of St. Paul's church choir were entertained at a very pleasant supper by the rector Rev. G. B. Robinson, on Thursday evening last.

The ladies of St. Paul's church had a very successful bean supper and apron sale in the Parish House last Wednesday evening.

Next to the Masquerade Ball just past, the greatest event of the season comes off tonight. It is the Oddfellows Annual Grand Ball. Music will be furnished by Palmer's Orchestra of Presque Isle, and everything has been done to make this a very pleasant place.

Yesterday a mixed quartette, taken from St. Paul's choir, and composed of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burpee, Miss Ida Caldwell and Irvine Dibblee drove three miles up the river and sang a funeral.

A party of our young folk drove to Carlton last Tuesday evening, to attend a dance there, which was given by Miss Parker's dancing class.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

FEB. 12.—After hope had almost died out and after an unlimited amount of wishing we have got—snow. The roads at present are merely fit for travelling. Our road master needs to get a move on.

Our trader H. E. Rideout is doing a good amount of business considering the state of times. W. H. Drake is loading a car with oats for the St. Andrews market.

Our school is open again in charge of J. A. Drake, rumor says he is well liked.

Most of our young folks are attending the meetings at Lansdowne. It looks as if there is attractions that some of our young men are contemplating hunting. I guess it is (dear) hunting.

We are badly in need of a bridge in this place. The old bridge was a wooden one. They propose to build a stone one now. This would be a grand season for putting in the rocks.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is acknowledged the best preparation for cure of lung complaints.

To Farmers.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Dear Sir,—Permit me to announce through your columns, that as the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick will not have their proceedings printed in blue book form this year, but will utilize the columns of their official organ, THE CO-OPERATION FARMER, published at Sussex, and have ordered 6000 extra copies for distribution, it would be well for farmers whose names are not enrolled as members of agriculture societies to apply to the paper at Sussex for copies containing the report of the recent annual meeting.

It is proposed as far as possible to send the papers to members of agricultural societies and local dairymen's associations, but in case a man finds his name omitted he should apply as above stated.

H. WILMOT,
Rec. Secty F. & D. Ass'n.

A Big Man's Trouble.

A recent dispatch from London says:—It transpires that the first Lord of the treasury, Mr. A. J. Balfour who is a regular wheel rider had a narrow escape the other day while passing through the main thoroughfare of Whitechapel on his wheel. The road way was greasy with black mud and Mr. Balfour's bicycle slid, and spilled the great lord of the treasury into about as rank a gutter as that part of London could produce. Mr. Balfour rolled completely over in the mud, after having been thrown heavily on his side; but being quite an athlete he succeeded in springing to his feet just in time to avoid a fastly driven butcher's cart, which drove over and spoiled the minister's wheel. Mr. Balfour was in no way disconcerted. He laughingly wiped the mud from his wheel, called a four wheeler superintended the placing of his terrible buckled machine on the roof of the vehicle and calmly ordered the driver to drive to the Treasury where not long afterwards, spotless as a shilling just issued from the mint, Mr. Balfour was attending to business as if nothing had happened.

If the hair is falling out, or turning gray, requiring a stimulant with nourishing and coloring food, Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer is just the specific.

Dominion Dairy school At Sussex.

The Agricultural and Dairy Commissioner, Prof. J. W. Robertson, has arranged for the opening of a dairy school for the Maritime Provinces at Sussex on the 31st of March next.

Two courses of instruction in cheese-making and milk-testing will be given. The first one will open on Tuesday, 31st March, and end on Friday, 10th April. The second course begins on the 14th April and closes on the 24th. Students may take either or both terms if there is room for all during the second term. There will be evening lectures and at least four public meetings at which leading dairymen from abroad will deliver addresses. In addition to these courses Superintendent Hopkins will spend the first week in Wolfville, N. S., creamery to give instructions in cheese-making, and after the 12th May he will supervise butter-making at the Nappan Dairy Station.

Applications for admission to the courses at Sussex, and all enquiries, should be addressed to the secretary of the school.

W. W. HUBBARD,
Sussex, N. B.

DIED.

BIRMINGHAM.—At his own residence Florenceville, N. B., Feb. 5th 1896, of purpura haemorrhagica, Wilford Birmingham, aged 52 years.

PALMER.—At Avondale, on the 11th inst., Marcus Palmer, aged 80 years.

On Thursday evening Feb. 20th, "Jim the Black Diamond Hunter" in original costume will give his experience of Salvation in a Coal Mine. Thrilling adventures—mangled bodies, but joyful spirits—Mysteries of the earth two thousand feet below the surface. Every body come, one night only.

Shore Line Railway.

CALAIS, ME., Feb. 17.—A move is on foot to push the Shore Line Railway in the spring, to Eastport, then to Machias and Portland. The capital will be from Portland, whose monied men will control the road after completion.

THE RING.



True love always has the right ring.

L. N. Fletcher

Makes a specialty of rings, most admired by those who wish to seal their love in this way. He also sells marriage licenses at the

Wholesale and Retail

JEWELLRY : STORE,

L. N. Fletcher, Prop.

80,000 SLEEPERS WANTED.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned at Woodstock will be received until Monday, February 24th, from parties willing to supply cross ties for the Woodstock & Centreville Railway. The ties may be of cedar, tamarack or hemlock and shall be six inches in thickness, eight feet in length and not less than eight inches in width of face on both sides at small end.

Parties tendering will please state the number of ties they will be able to deliver. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Specifications may be seen at the office of the company at Woodstock.

FRANK LAWLOR,
Chief Engineer W. & C. Ry Co.

CHICKETHAWK CASH STORE.

We want to clear out a whole lot of our stock to make room for

SPRING GOODS

and consequently we are selling at even lower than heretofore. Our stock of Staples that a merchant must always keep on hand, is unusually full, and we invite inspection.

Call on us and inspect our stock. Buy from us. There is profit in it for you.

C. A. PHILLIPS,

BRISTOL.

Proprietor.

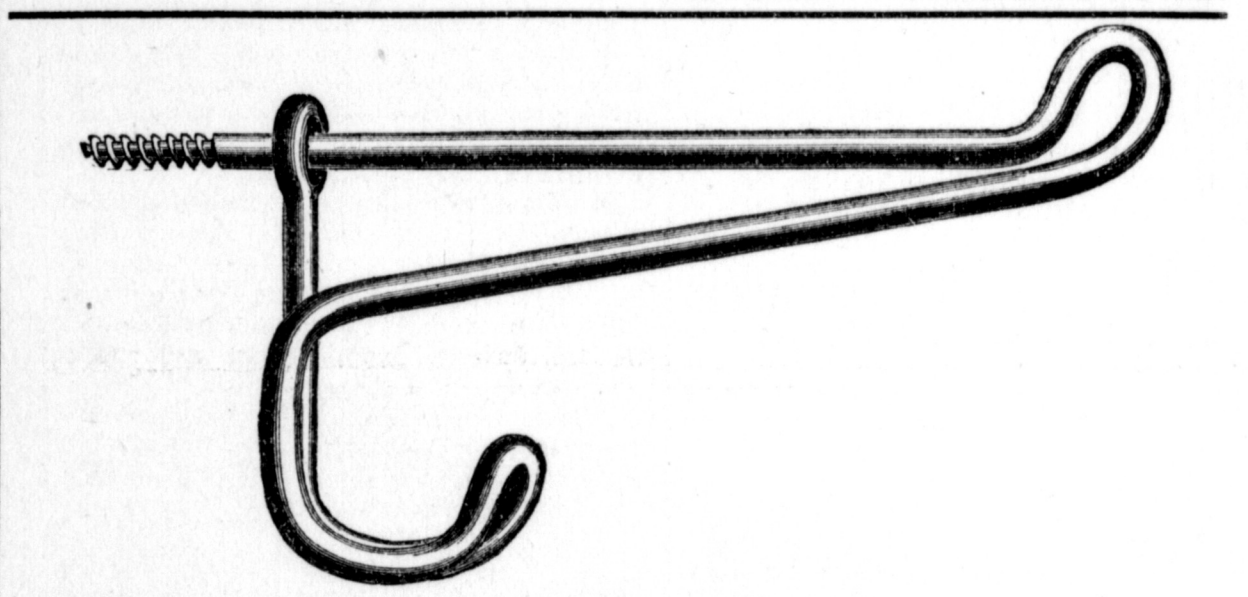
Me Card and Me Visitor

Resemble each other. A stylish and up-to-date Visiting Card indicates a Stylish Person, and a cheap card—but then engraved cards cost so little. A very thin card and heavy engraving are for the fashionable.

Fashionable Stationery of all kinds, either in boxes or by the quire.

Wedding and At Home Cards and Envelopes in all the Latest Styles.

EVERETT'S BOOKSTORE.



We have all the Latest Novelties in

HOUSE-FURNISHING HARDWARE

When you want to get the very best goods for the smallest amount of money, call and see us,

BURTT, LEE & HALE,

22 KING STREET.

LOST!

A small boy about the size of a man, barefooted with his father's shoes on; dark complexion with blonde hair, cut curly. When last seen he was shovelling wind off the court house, trying to get money enough to visit H. V. Dalling's, and secure some of the phenomenal bargains he is offering in WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELLRY and SILVERWARE. A complete line of OPTICAL GOODS and a perfect fit guaranteed.

H. V. Dalling,

MAIN STREET.

WOODSTOCK.

Recent Arrivals: NEW GOODS!

Evaporated Apples,
Evaporated Apricots,
Sultana Prunes,
Plymouth Rock Gelatine,
Wheat Germ Meal, Grits.

NOBLE & TRAFTON,
63 MAIN ST., WOODSTOCK.

E. M. Campbell, Photographer, has secured the services of a first class man at his studio where he is in a position to do better work than ever. The studio will be open at all times during business hours and a competent operator will be in attendance constantly. All orders promptly attended to. The Hartland Studio is closed for the present.

We invite you to come and examine our new stock and get our prices.

Just Received:

40 HF. BBLs.

No. 1 HERRING

Especially selected for our trade. Also,

A quantity of Rolled Oats, Corn Meal, Prunes, Dates, Figs, Evaporated Apples, Quaker Rolled Oats, etc., etc.

C. M. SHERWOOD & BROS.