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Warm Footwear.

This week we will clear out all the Felt Boots and Overshoes for men, women and children exactly at cost price. If you need warm Footwear come to this sale before the sizes are broken.

Muslins, Laces and Hamburgs.

New goods are displayed in every store, marked down so low that they won't last long. 2,000 yds. of Colored Muslins to clear at 8½ and 10c. yd, worth 14c. to 30c. yd.

Thousands of yds. of new Laces and Embroideries on sale all this week. All goods previously advertised offered again this week.

Attend this big January Clearing Out Sale at

M. FICKLER & CO.'S BIG STORES DOWN TOWN.

"SCHOOL" GARDENS.

Nature Study Engaging the Department of Education Just Now.

The establishment of school gardens is engaging the attention of the Education Department. Some explanation of their purport was given recently by Mr. John Millar, Deputy Minister of Education.

"School gardens," said the Deputy Minister, "have been in existence in some other countries for several years. In the Eastern States much attention has been given to the movement, and much advantage is said to be the result. Any movement is deserving of consideration which tends to make children fonder of the country and less disposed to feel that everything pleasant is to be found only in the city."

"In the establishment of a school garden a fair-sized site would be desirable, but much may be accomplished with the present school grounds if the matter is taken up with interest. Portions of the school grounds may be cultivated in common by the pupils under the teacher's direction, or, what is probably better, plots may be assigned to different scholars, who will then display much pride in having the price of ground kept in good shape. Flowers and vegetables are grown in such school gardens, and in a few places the products have been sold and have realized quite a little revenue, which is spent for the improvement of the school."

"The subject of Nature Study, which is engaging so much attention, could be taken up with much greater zeal if school gardens became general. It would be exceedingly desirable if the operations of agriculture could be made more attractive to pupils in the rural districts. Nature study will do much in this direction, and, with the establishment of a school garden, a teacher will have additional facilities for making a success of the subject."

"That the Legislature is alive to the importance of this matter is shown by the fact that \$1,000 was voted last year for the purpose of making a beginning. Already much has been done to create an interest in school gardens in the County of Carleton by Inspector Cowley. It is intended to make a grant to each school that establishes a satisfactory school garden. Too often the school grounds are far from being attractive. Much has been done already by tree-planting on Arbor Day, but it still remains for such grounds to be put in still better shape by the establishment of school

gardens. The farmers of the community will doubtless be ready to assist teachers in this movement. Certainly the way is open for doing much for children living in the country."

Hydraulic Lift Lock.

The students of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, recently paid a visit to Peterboro. To them the wonders of the hydraulic lift lock on the Trent Canal, the highest lock in the world, and the peculiarities of its construction and working, were explained fully by the enthusiastic chief of the engineering staff, Wm. Rogers, assisted by his staff, two of whom are graduates of the school, viz., Messrs. Francis and Eason. Standing on the top of the central tower, which has a very pleasing outline, it was very hard to believe that the lift is only 65 feet. It is simply a tremendous height, and it is marvellous to think that it is proposed to lift a vessel up this with one lock. This must revolutionize the system of canal construction, and it is pleasing to think that Canada should be leading the world in its advanced system of inland navigation. This novel lock, with its massive masonry, its graceful lines and proportions, its pretty grassy slopes and tasty white fences combine to make a sight that is very pleasing and impressive.

The Witch Hazel's Gun.

The propulsive power of the Witch Hazel seed pod is extraordinary. It flies open with a click like a rifle, and fires its seed to a distance of several yards. Naturally the Witch Hazel knows its own business, and has sufficient reason for this strange behavior. It desires to start its seeds in new and unoccupied spots, where they will root and start out in life for themselves. It is a cunning plant.

We have got it fixed in our stupid human heads that plants do not think and plan, or have the power of locomotion. Here at our very doors is the refutation of this belief. —Pharos, in The Globe.

Baiting a Gossip.

Miss Kidder—They've only been married six months, but whenever her husband goes away on a business trip she's delighted and prepares to have a good time.

Miss Meanley—Aha! Do you know, I suspected something like that. I always said—

Miss Kidder—Yes. You see, he takes her with him.

How It Affected Him.

Mrs. Brownovich—I understand your husband is seriously ill.
Mrs. Smithinsky—Yes. He's too ill to do anything except make good resolutions.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Croup.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all druggists.

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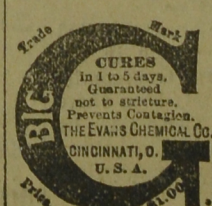
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