

BACKBONE AND GRIT

The Story of a Brave Boy's Struggle with Poverty.

The stage has gone, sir, but there's a widow lives here, and she's got a boy, and he'll drive you over. He's a nice little fellow, and Deacon Bell lets him have his team for a trifle, and we like to get him a job when we can.

Sometimes I wish I could have sprung all the way from a baby to a man. It's such slow work growing up, and it was while mother was waiting for us to grow up that she worked so hard.

THE CENSUS RETURNS.

Official Bulletin Issued as to Ontario's Population.

THE GAINS AND THE LOSSES.

From these figures the first official data as to the movements of the farming population in the last decade are obtainable. The census was taken on April 1st, and the first official bulletin was issued August 27th.

For the purpose of comparison the statistician has grouped the counties according to their geographical position, those contiguous to Lake Ontario being called the Lake Ontario group, those bordering on the St. Lawrence and Ottawa being denominated the St. Lawrence and Ottawa group, and so on.

The figures given of the population of the counties of Ontario (including the cities in them) in 1891 as compared with 1881 and 1871 are as follows:

Table with columns for Counties, 1871, 1881, 1891. Rows include Lake Erie Group, Lake Huron Group, Georgian Bay Group, West Central Group, Lake Ontario group, St. Lawrence and Ottawa Group, Northern Group.

REASONS ASSIGNED FOR DECREASES. The reasons given by the statistician for the decrease in the 21 counties in Ontario, which aggregate 42,800 since last census, are:

Arrested in Ontario.

William Duplex and Joseph Maroney, two of Gurney's moulders, were found guilty of intimidating their fellow-workmen in May, 1890.

Salt the Best Moth-Killer.

For moths salt is the best exterminator. The nuns in one of the hospital convents have tried everything else without success, and their experience is valuable, as they have so much clothing of the sick who go there, and strangers when dying often leave there quantities of clothing, etc.

TOLD BY PERSONALS.

The Pathetic Tale of a Domestic Quarrel Told in Little Ad.

"GEORGE'S" APPEAL TO "JULIE."

New York, Oct. 17.—During the past ten days a series of peculiar personal advertisements has appeared in the World addressed to "Julie" and signed "George." The first appeared on October 7th. It was this:

JULIE—The uncertainty of where you may be is breaking our hearts; come back to a better home and husband. Geo.

George evidently feared that this appeal would not be strong enough, for he inserted another in the same edition of the World.

JULIE—Do not believe malicious falsehoods. I said what was not so, and can prove it to your satisfaction; do not break up our home, but come back to the babies and me. Geo.

Mother was gone and the little babes were crying for her. George couldn't soothe them. They wanted a mother's caresses to quiet them and a mother's soft voice to sing them to sleep.

JULIE—George will be ruined unless you return; he has had to close business, as all property is in your name. Alfred.

Notes are coming due which cannot be paid. There is money in the bank; there are houses and lots, but George cannot touch a penny, because it is all in his wife's name.

Oct. 9 George inserted these two new personals in the World:

JULIE—The uncertainty of where you are is turning my heart; can you no longer baby talk continually for me; come back to a repentant husband and your neglected babies; letter at New York Postoffice, general delivery, G.

JULIE—I told you untruths; can you any more; am in despair; I am awake at last and find the world a blank without you; come back and the future shall be as the first years of our married life. GEORGE.

George's father also takes a hand. He does not want to see George a bankrupt, so he inserts this stern personal, which he thinks will bring Julie home:

JULIE—I have obligations to meet that necessitate your signature at once. Do you wish to ruin him financially and destroy children's support? All property and securities are in your name. Father-in-law.

But if Julie could withstand the piteous appeal of George and the motherless babies, the stern command of a father-in-law would not move her.

JULIE—Send for letter to-day. GEO.—

away so much. On Oct. 5th Mr. Payne returned home about 10 o'clock at night. One word had been said in the conversation that followed, until Mrs. Payne accused her husband of neglect and not loving her. He retorted, hotly:

"Have it so if you wish." "If it were not for our children I would leave you," exclaimed Mrs. Payne. "I will take care of them," answered the husband.

Finally George sent a letter to the General Delivery Postoffice in this city for his wife, and advertised to that effect in the World. He went to Postmaster VanCott and readily obtained permission to stand near the general-delivery window.

A History Behind Three Lines. St. Catharines Standard: A three line item in yesterday's issue of the Standard had hidden beneath it a story which is seldom met with in real life.

A wolf was one day standing high on the roof of a shed when a kid came trotting by. The wolf thought the kid would make a nice dinner.