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Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

ALMOST A PANIC.

The Courthouse in Cork, Ireland, Set on Fire.

All the Occupants of the Building Escaped Without Injury—Many Documents, Some of Them Containing Old, Were Destroyed.

SET ON FIRE.

CORK, March 28.—While the judge was summing up Friday in the court-house here in the case of the government against Mr. Michael O'Brien, Dalton and others, charged with assaulting the police and with rioting at Tipperary at the time of the trial of Misses William O'Brien and John Dillon, the courthouse was suddenly set on fire and a scene of alarm and confusion followed. All the occupants of the building managed to make their way safely into the street. The police are investigating the affair. The fire was discovered by a barrister, who noticed the reflection of the flames on the glass dome of the roof. The court was packed at the time and only the coolness of the judge and the police prevented a panic. Despite all efforts to extinguish the fire the flames spread rapidly and the building was soon all ablaze. The courthouse, including the municipal council chamber and the city and county offices, was totally destroyed. The intense heat melted the lead on the roof of the building and the molten metal poured to the ground in streams, hindering the work of the firemen. During the height of the fire the roof of the courthouse suddenly fell in with a crash and the walls collapsed, to be replaced by a large number of bystanders who had ventured dangerously near to the burning building. Some of the archives were saved but many documents, some of them being of great value, were destroyed. When the flames subsided the building was a mass of ruins and the union jack fell into the flames the onlookers set up a great cheer. The trial which was so disturbed will be resumed at a later date.

PAYMENT STOPPED.

Indiana Has Already Received a Part of Her Share in the Direct Tax Fund.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 30.—Gov. Hovey is in receipt of a telegram from Secretary of the Treasury that payment of the draft for \$760,144.00, direct tax money, had been stopped pending an investigation of the discovery that some \$68,000 of the money had been used for the purchase of state during Gov. Gray's administration. The governor thinks that the secretary is mistaken, as the money referred to was returned under the swamp land act and had no connection with the direct tax. The stopping of payment on the draft complicates matters considerably, as there is no money in the state treasury.

Twenty-One Years in Prison.

CHICAGO, March 28.—At 10 o'clock Wednesday a peddler entered the house of a farmer near Bethesda, in Williams county, and the farmer's wife being startled at his appearance, he attempted to restore her to consciousness the farmer entered, and seeing his wife in a stranger's arms, he raised the peddler with a club. The woman stated on her recovery that she did not think the stranger intended her any harm.

Guilty of Murder.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 28.—At 10 o'clock Wednesday a jury returned a verdict in the case of Adam Volk, charged with the murder of Daniel Abrams, of murder in the second degree. The jury deliberated about three hours, and was sentenced to fourteen years at hard labor. The convicted man is about 45 years old and has a wife and six children living. The crime was the result of a drunken row July 4 last. It was claimed the killing was in self-defense.

Death of a Prominent Mason.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Norman T. Gault, an old citizen of Chicago, and well known in Masonic circles throughout the country, died at his home in this city, aged 82 years. He was a prominent member of the Immanuel Baptist church, and at one time held the office of recorder of Cook county.

Accused of Murder.

LAYTON, Ind., March 27.—Capt. Daniel Drew was acquitted of the murder of John McKesay, August 3, 1887. Thursday the crime was committed at Drew's home during a drunken brawl. Drew was convicted of the crime and given a life sentence, but the supreme court gave him a new trial.

Took Her Own Life.

FORDSVILLE, Pa., March 27.—Miss Le Cappee, aged 16, committed suicide at her home here Thursday. The girl's parents wanted her to marry an aged sailor, and Miss Le Cappee was in love with a young man, took the matter so much to heart that in desperation she took her life.

The Failure Record.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 256, as compared with a total number of 275 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 248.

Five Job Printing of all kinds at the JOURNAL OFFICE.

Money to loan on Real Estate and personal security. F. D. Egan, Agent.

THE FATAL GRIP.

Fearful Ravages of the Disease in Chicago.

Last Week Over 200 Persons Died—The Epidemic Paralyzes Business in Pittsburgh—10,000 Cases Reported.

MORTALITY IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 28.—The deaths reported from pneumonia and kindred ailments for last week number 220, the largest number ever recorded in this city. A careful estimate justifies the statement that nearly 250,000 people in this city are under medical treatment. Every branch of business is crippled by the prevailing sickness. The officials in the department of health say that the number of deaths reported last week is without precedent. There have been single days in the history of the department when the number of deaths reported was unusually great, notably a day in July three years ago, when so many people were overcome by the epidemic. The number of deaths since the 1st of March, compared with the number for a corresponding period in 1890, illustrates the present condition of things very clearly. The table is made up by weeks:

Table with 4 columns: Week, 1890, 1891, Total, and Remarks. Shows a significant increase in deaths in 1891 compared to 1890.

WILL TALK ON COMMERCE.

List of Speakers for the Congress to be Held at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 30.—At the meeting of the executive committee of the commercial congress of the western states the following speakers and subjects for discussion were agreed upon: 'Improvement of Waterways,' Gen. T. J. Henderson, of Illinois, and Newton C. Blanton, of Missouri; 'The Cotton Question,' Gen. O. O. Roberts, of Missouri; 'The Promotion of Manufactures,' C. H. Breckinridge, of Arkansas; 'The Tariff,' J. H. Brown, of Ohio; 'Taxation,' C. H. Breckinridge, of Arkansas; 'The Bankruptcy Law,' J. H. Brown, of Ohio; 'The Railway Transportation,' George R. Cook, of Texas; 'The Cotton Question,' Gen. O. O. Roberts, of Missouri; 'The Cotton Question,' Gen. O. O. Roberts, of Missouri; 'The Cotton Question,' Gen. O. O. Roberts, of Missouri.

IN GREAT DISTRESS.

Starving Kansas Farmers Seeking for Assistance.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 27.—A committee reached here from Wallace county, Kan., Thursday afternoon in search of aid for the starving and freezing farmers of that region. When it was decided to send a committee here a mass meeting was called to raise money to defray the expenses of the delegates. Twenty dollars was needed, but that sum could not be secured. The committee took their horse to Sharon Springs and mortgaged it for the sum. The 2,400 people of Wallace county are hovering about fire made of buffalo and cow chips, and their daily fare is not enough to suffice a family for one meal. Last year was the fourth successive crop failure in western Kansas.

SHOT TWO ACTRESSES.

Jealousy Causes a Double Murder and Suicide at Spokane Falls, Wash. SPOKANE FALLS, Wash., March 28.—A double murder and suicide occurred early Friday morning at the Casino variety theater. Charles Elliott, a faro dealer, who was occupying a box near the stage, drew a pistol and fired several shots at the people on the stage. One bullet took effect in the breast of Mabel Debbian, killing her almost instantly. Another bullet lodged in the back of Carrie Smith, also a variety actress, inflicting a fatal wound. Elliott then placed a muzzle of his revolver in his mouth and blew his own brains out. His shots were intended for an actress named Lulu Durand, who was on the stage at the time, and of whom Elliott was insanely jealous.

A Colored Man's Bequest.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—John D. Lewis, colored lawyer of this city who recently died, bequeaths \$100,000 as a fund for the Lewis Protective Bureau of Civil Rights, the object of which is to protect and to secure to colored persons in the United States their civil rights as applicable to all their classes of American citizens, how and wherever the same may be denied one or more of them by reason of race, color or condition.

Married Forty-Three Men.

PARIS, March 28.—A handsome Englishwoman named Evaline Neal has been arrested in this city for marriage frauds. She inveigled forty-three men to marry her by advertising herself as a wealthy widow. Her last victim was a vicar who almost ruined himself by gambling.

Counterfeit Silver Certificates.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The treasury department is considerably worried over the discovery of a new and dangerous counterfeit two-dollar silver certificate so nearly perfect as to be almost impossible of detection.

Tin Plate Works.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—The St. Louis Tin Plate Works is now in the erection of the first tin plate works in this country. The capacity will be between 100 and 150 boxes a day.

THEY HAVE NEVER FAILED!

I have been sick more or less for the last ten years, which has cost me many dollars in doctors and druggists' bills. The last two years it only cost me three dollars. Why? Because I used SUIVOR'S Bitters instead of employing doctors. They cured me of Jaundice—P. F. Ford, Hoboken.

BOOTH'S WORK IS OVER.

The Great Tragedian Is Said to Be a Physical Weak.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Edwin Booth is the talk of the theatrical town. That the illustrious tragedian is at the end of his career is regarded as certain. He has gone wearily and wearisomely through the final week of his season here, with repetitions of several of his famous roles, delivering the blank verse of Shakespeare blankly indeed, and presenting so weak a sight physically as to be pitiful. He omits whole lines from his parts and speaks with only an echo of the former vigor of his voice. He is so uncertain on his legs that he walks shamblingly and can hardly get up from a kneeling attitude without help. Nobody except his physician, who will not take the matter with him, the surmises are many, and some of them are malicious. The indisputable fact remains, however, that he is a complete wreck and will not act after this engagement.

AN ALLIANCE MAN BUNKED.

The Treasurer of the Arkansas Organization Lost \$2,000. FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., March 27.—Capt. W. D. Dowell, a well-to-do farmer and state treasurer of the Farmers' Alliance of Arkansas, was bunked out of \$2,000 Thursday morning by three sharpers. It was the same old game. Dowell loaned one of the men the money with which to cover a wager on a game of cards made up by an apparent stranger. The stranger did not finish the game, but shot and killed the man who was playing as a pistol as though he was going to shoot and depart. The other two men were captured and gave their names as Dr. Howard and Judge Baker, of Springfield, Mo.

STATUTE TO BEECHER.

It is to be Unveiled in City Hall Square, Brooklyn, June 24.

NEW YORK, March 28.—A statue to the memory of Henry Ward Beecher will adorn the City Hall square, Brooklyn, and will be unveiled June 24. The day is the seventy-eighth anniversary of the great preacher's birth. Mayor Chapman will preside at the unveiling, and ex-Mayor Seth Low, L.L.D., the president of Columbia college, will be the orator. Rev. Dr. Charles H. Park will turn over the statue to the Hall of Records. The statue will be a work of art, and will be placed in the city hall square. The statue will be a work of art, and will be placed in the city hall square.

SILVER COINAGE.

No More Dollars to Be Made by the Mint After July Next.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Director of the Mint Lewis said that after July next it would be probable no more silver dollars would be coined, but silver certificates printed instead. Congress had given the secretary of the treasury the power to recall about \$2,000,000 of the subsidiary coin now in the treasury, and that too would probably be done as soon as possible after the beginning of the next fiscal year. This will in effect put just so much more money in circulation now. There are also about \$2,000,000 of silver certificates in circulation, which will all be recalled.

Hanged for Murder.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 27.—George Washington Moss, the wife murderer, was hanged in the prison here yesterday. Moss killed his wife Rhoda in the night of October 10, 1880, by shooting her with a pistol. MARCH 27.—Oliver W. Stangley, who murdered his landlady, Mrs. Sybilla Walbert, in Weatherly on October 1, 1889, was hanged in the jail here yesterday.

A Fool's Lover's Dred.

BOSTON, March 28.—Robert Cunningham, colored, shot his sweetheart, Elizabeth Castin, a 19-year-old white girl, Thursday, and then fired three shots into his own head, leaving this up by cutting his throat with a common table knife. Cunningham will die but the girl will recover. He will give no reason for the crime.

Indians for Soldiers.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—Orders have been issued from Gen. Meritt's headquarters here to begin enlisting Indians in the regular army. The Indians are to be enlisted for five years, and to receive the same salary as other soldiers.

THE MARKETS.

Table of market prices for various commodities including Live Stock, Flour, Wheat, Corn, and other goods. Lists prices for different grades and quantities.

SICK HEADACHE.

LOVE'S RED CLOVER PILLS CURE SICK HEADACHE, DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, CONSTIPATION, 25c per Box, 5 Boxes for \$1. Sold by all druggists.

A BARK WRECKED.

Eight Lives Lost Off the Coast of Virginia.

A Vessel Wrecked, and Despite the Efforts of Life-Savers Six Sailors and the Captain's Wife and Child Are Drowned. FOUND WATERY GRAVES. NORFOLK, Va., March 28.—The Norwegian bark Dickator, from Pensacola, Fla., to West Hartlipport, Eng., laden with pine lumber, with a crew of fifteen and the captain's young wife and little boy of 3 years came ashore in a strong easterly gale Friday morning four miles south of Cape Henry and two miles north of Virginia Beach hotel. Full crews from two life-saving stations were promptly on hand and began firing lines to the ill-fated bark. The guns could not deliver the line so far, though they were repeatedly fired. The ship finally succeeded in getting a line ashore tied to a barrel, which the surf carried to the life-savers. The breeches buoy was quickly rigged and sent to the vessel, but unfortunately the bark's crew was ignorant of its use, and the rescue was delayed until Capt. Drinkwater, of the life-saving station, wrote instructions, put them in a bottle and sent it to the bark by two life-savers. The captain had urged his wife all during the day to take the buoy and come ashore, but she steadily refused, as she would not leave her husband and child, and only one could take the buoy at a time. The bark went to pieces Friday night and the seven that remained on her have been lost, including the wife of the captain. The captain just before the ship went to pieces sprang into the sea with his son strapped to his back and reached the shore alive, but the boy was lost, making a total loss of eight lives. The Dickator was trying to make Hampton road having been disabled by hurricanes since the 11th inst. All that could be gathered from the half-drowned sailors was that they did not know where the treasury agent was not having been seen for four days and the weather so thick that they could see the coast. The life-savers worked all day and night, but the apparently slow progress of the work of rescue due to the fact that a lifeboat could not live in the surf.

HE YELLED KEMP'S BALSAM.

I yell 'Take Kemp's Balsam, the best cough cure I know of when I hear a man cough, and I can't help it. It saved me and it will cure you. I was threatened with pneumonia last winter and it broke up. It helps the children out when their throats are sore, cures their coughs, and tastes so good. The first dose helps you. So writes A. R. Arnold, engineer on the West Shore Ry., at Canajoharie, N.Y.

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A WOODEN WORKER.

Mr. Frank Huffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment unavailingly. He was then cured by Electric Bitters. He pronounced his case to be Consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds and at the time was not able to walk across the street without resting. He found, before he had used half a dollar bottle, that he was much better; he continued to use it and in ten days enjoying good health. If you have any Throat, Lung or Chest trouble, try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free at Hunt & Hunsner's Drug Store.

MAY THANK HER STARS.

The narrow escape of Mrs. B. M. Searies, of Elkhart, Ind., from a premature death is wonderful. She states that for twenty years her heart troubled her greatly. It became worse. Had another spells, short breath, fluttering; could not sleep on my left side, had all the time a broad shoulder and stomach. Ankles swelled. Had much headache and dizziness. Treatment did me no good until I tried Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure. Restored me to my normal condition. The first bottle helped me, and I was soon virtually cured. For sale at Yetter & Lusk's Drug Store. A fine book on the HEART and NERVES free.

Charged with Mince of Trust Funds.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 30.—A suit of great importance to the persons who lost money by the defalcation of county clerk John E. Sullivan has been filed against the Meridian national bank of this city. The demand is for \$55,000, being the amount of trust funds, with interest from January 1, 1888, which it is charged, Sullivan used to pay off his individual debts to the bank.

Cost of the Cotton Quota.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The detailed figures of the cost of the new Cotton quota just published show a total of \$24,767,417. The legal expenses consequent upon the litigation with contractors will amount to \$200,000 a year.

Twenty-Five Years for Murder.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 28.—John Brown, who killed Minnie Martinson, his mistress, last December, and whose trial has been in progress for two days, was found guilty, and the penalty fixed at twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

Women Getting Tired of Voting.

TORONTO, Kan., March 28.—Reports from numerous cities and towns in Kansas show a falling off in the registration of women voters. In Toronto, however, 25 per cent. of the 9,000 voters registered are women.

Death of John Plankinton.

MILWAUKEE, March 28.—John Plankinton, aged 79 years, the millionaire banker, died of pneumonia at his home in this city yesterday after an illness of five days. His fortune was estimated at \$10,000,000.

Lowlands Under Water.

CARLEISLE, Ill., March 28.—The Kaskaskia river is rising rapidly. It is overflowing the lowlands near here. A great many large raft of logs have been washed away, causing heavy damage.

New Route East and West.

The Lowell & Hastings Rail Road has been opened for traffic and are now in position to handle both freight and passenger business to and from Grand Rapids, Chicago and all points east. Lansing, Detroit and all points east. Next time and Union depot changes en route passengers to reach their destination with comparative ease. For further information call at Passenger Station, foot of Washington St. W. H. CLARK, Agent.

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What is more appropriate for a Birthday wedding present, or for any gift, than a nice piece of Jewelry or Silverware. Young man, a present of an engagement ring or any nice piece of Jewelry will bring joy to the heart of your best girl, or your mother or your sister or some other fellow's sister. Father, just remember the partner of your joys and sorrows, by making her a neat little present of a ring, a gold or silver trinket, a brooch, collar stud, earrings, or anything of that sort and see how much joy it will bring you both. Has the boy got a watch? what do you suppose he would like better, just try him on one. Do you know where to buy these things and many others, where the best and most complete line of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware ever brought in this town is kept? Ah Yes! Why of course it is at H. A. SHERMAN'S.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Kindale.

Geo. Gardner moved north, to near Crapo, last week.

John Lenhart unloaded a car of cedar posts, Friday.

Mrs. C. S. English has not improved this week.

Geo. Leece's horse upset his buggy, at the Depot, one day last week, without doing much other damage.

Down the River. The meeting of the Literary Society, held at Mrs. Frank Ernest's, was a very enjoyable one.

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Very many, of this vicinity have been, and some are suffering from quite a severe attack of the La Grippe.

Miss Jessie Epley returned, last Friday, from Stanton, where she has been making an extended visit with relatives and friends.

It is now in order to wish Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens much joy, as it is announced that they are to be married this evening in Grand Rapids Township.

The excuse for short items this week may be told in these words: "La Grippe," "bad roads," and house cleaning.

South Boston. A good many are complaining of feeling less ambitious than usual.

The next meeting of the Lowell Dist. Council, will be held at South Boston Hall, on the first Saturday after Town meeting.

The friends of Rev. J. M. Fuller, in South Boston, were notified on Sunday that he was very low.

Mr. Rogers of Hastings, was visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. C. L. Parsons, and brother, T. H. Parsons, the first of the week.

Thomas Westbrook, one of the old pioneers was buried in the Fox Corners burying ground last Thursday.

Wesley Jones, from near Stanton, but formerly of this place, visited his brother-in-law, Orren Ford, last week and bought S. Christmas's horses and harness for \$255.

John Wabz spent the last of the week and ever Sunday in Grand Rapids, visiting his old friend, J. D. Frost and family.

Rosie Beere has gone to work for Daniel Anderson.

Mrs. Wm. Bliss, from Felling, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. Orren Ford.

Mrs. Wm. B. Brown, from Grand Rapids, is visiting her parents and other relatives here.

Arzno Church, from N. Y., but formerly of this place, is visiting old time friends again in this vicinity.

Josee Frost, J. H. Andrews, E. Keech, Orren Ford, S. Christmas and Geo. Bradish joined the G. A. R., at Lowell last Wednesday evening, the 25th. Their wives were also invited to accompany them and join in the feast which was served.

Chaple Chet. An old landmark in this vicinity went up in smoke the 24th, last trifling. This was the residence built by John McNaughton about 40 years ago.

Mrs. Martha Goodrich, of Grand Rapids, and baby Julian, are guests of parents and friends here.

A family by the name of Jackson, have moved into the house with A. J. Swan.

Mrs. Samuel Beach is preparing to have the inside of her house remodelled.

Wm. Collins does not refuse to speak to his friends, even though he rides in a bran new wagon.

Ray Gray commences this week to work for Will Dick, in West Canton.

Did you hear the frogs on Easter? we did.

Elsworth Spence works the John Grove farm another year.

Morse Lake Ripples. The Easter exercises at Morse Lake were interesting and were listened to by a very large audience.

Mr. Gardner, of India, recently one of the prison officials there, was at Alto the forepart of last week, looking around with a view of starting a store.

Mr. Hancock, of Segwun, was moving out onto his farm the forepart of last week.

There is to be a sugar social at D. Bryant's next Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the Baptist society and one at C. O. Hill's next Friday evening for the benefit of the M. E. society at Sweet's School house.

One of our farmers spoiled several gallons of nice maple syrup, by putting it into a beer keg to convey from the woods to the house, and this after the keg had been well boiled out. We trust our farmers will soon learn that a beer keg will do an honest man every time, no matter what use he makes of it.

Mrs. W. Johnson and daughters returned last Friday evening from their trip, having visited at Hampton, Iowa, Albion, Whitewater and Milwaukee in Wis., and at Chicago.

The voices of the frogs were first heard on Sunday last.

D. M. Skidmore started his saw mill on Tuesday.

Jemie Graham closed a very successful term of school, in the Merriman district, on Friday. A good program was rendered and quite a number of visitors were present.

Wm. Denise, who has been sick for some time, is able to be around again. Theodore Stewart and family have had a pull at the grip, this winter. They escaped it last year, but it did not overlook them this time.

Morgan Boyce is hauling wood from Elkerton's mill, near Alaska.

Bertis White, of Bowne, unloaded two car loads of cedar posts at Alto.

Mrs. Adela Morse, of Grand Rapids, is visiting friends and relatives around Alto.

What has become of Bridget and Bopepe, we do not see their names so regularly as we used to? Made a mash?

Charles Winks and wife spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. J. Churchill.

Nathan and Eugene Bryant are cutting wood for George McKee.

Your correspondent, Peter, chopped, split, and paled 43 cords of 18 inch wood in 9 hours.

Ada Items. Miss Hattie Nelson and Warren Cole, from Grand Rapids, have been spending several days at George LaBarge's.

Chas. Cole and wife, from Grand Rapids, were here last Tuesday.

Amos Abbott, from Keene, visited at H. C. Nairson's last Tuesday and Wednesday, and also made a business trip to Grand Rapids.

The ladies of the M. E. church gave a donation, last Wednesday night, at the residence of Rev. Mr. Slyter.

Miss Mary Folston is spending a week at home.

Lawyer Wisner, was at Grand Rapids, on business, last Monday.

Bethel Bristol is here visiting relatives. John Watson has closed his school for this week's vacation, and will spend the week at home.

Mrs. Wright and her son, Alonzo, were at Grand Rapids, on business last Thursday.

Misses Nettie and Lizzie Narason will dress-make at their home hereafter.

Mrs. Gordon Chaffee, one of the oldest settlers here, died at Grand Rapids, Sunday, March 23d, and was brought here for burial Tuesday. The funeral services were held at the Congregational Church.

Mr. Duff has been visiting friends at Grand Rapids for the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Angell were at Grand Rapids, last Saturday and Sunday.

Great Gathering. Bert Lester was in Lowell, Saturday, on business.

Arthur Howard has returned from Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Wakeman has been enjoying a week's visit with Saranac friends.

Born-To Mr and Mrs. Arthur Byrne, March 26th, a son.

Lon Smith is putting in a furnace for the future warmth of his house.

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