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## DECORATION DAY.

How it was Observed in  
Lowell.

ORATION OF HON. MOSES TAGGART.

Doings of the Forest City  
Wheelmen.

MEMORIAL SERVICES ON SUNDAY LAST.

Geo. Gramer takes a Cold  
Bath.

ONCE WEALTHY MAN DIED IN POVERTY.

A Common Nuisance--The Village  
Croaker.

DECORATION DAY.

A large crowd gathered in Lowell Wednesday to attend the services held in honor of our patriot dead. The procession formed at the park and headed by the Lowell band marched to the cemetery where the order of exercises previously announced was fully carried out. The music rendered by the quartette was fitting to the occasion and well worthy of the excellent singers who rendered it, Messrs. Fisher and Chapman, Mesdames Anna Stone, L. M. Peck and Eva Look and Miss Annie Hunter, with Mrs. E. H. Shanks as organist. After the prayer and music and a recitation by Ellis Faulkner, President Stone introduced the orator of the day, Hon. Moses Taggart of Grand Rapids, who spoke in part as follows:

My friends, it is with pleasure that I greet you in the celebration of this Memorial Day, a day around which clusters the dearest as well as the saddest of sacred recollections of the past.

We lay aside the pressing cares of bustling life, that our thoughts may turn backward to those who have gone before, comrades of days that tried men's souls.

We remember the clarion call to duty, to arms; the ruddy cheeked youthful boys as they parted from the loving embrace of parents, sisters and friends, donned the blue and marched forth to battle for human liberty.

Where are the multitudes that went forth under the star spangled banner, to victory or death?

Some fell upon the battle field, where brothers struggled with brothers for the mastery, amid shouts of the victors, groans of the wounded and dying, the noise of tumult and conflict. Some gave up their lives and sank to rest in the army hospital; and many, after heroic struggles of years, have been the premature victims of disease, from the exposure and unnatural drain upon physical endurance, that sapped the vitality of the hardest. As bravely as they fought the enemy, did many of those surviving the war, battle with disease, and surrender only when nature failed.

They have passed from our earthly vision; from the seen to the unseen; from the narrow plane of human life and opportunity, beyond the veil that limits human sight and knowledge, a transition, we may well believe, from a lower to a higher plane of existence. Their example and yours yet live, and will live as long as men love noble deeds, and God blesses noble, self sacrificing efforts of man.

Time may blot out earthly existence; generation succeed generation in the possession of this fair land; but brave deeds, the fruit of heroic resolve and patriotic endeavor, still live to enable future generations that fill the land and enjoy the rich inheritance saved for their use. Their acts and yours were not of impulse, but reason, fired by love of country, a determination to preserve unspotted the liberties handed down by our forefathers, that the world should be blessed by

this home of the free, founded upon the continent discovered by Columbus.

At times clouds may seem to gather above you, and if the gloom the Nation appear to have lost sense of gratitude for its brave defenders.

Party strife may obscure the horizon; lead those temporarily in power to forget the boys who made it possible for the stars and stripes to float from ocean to ocean, from the Gulf of Mexico to great Superior. The Country's debt to its citizen soldiery can never be fully paid. The pension laws may be made the screen for perpetration of frauds by a few tramp soldiers. It is always the genuine diamond, gold and silver that are counterfeited, and because there are a few wolves in sheep's clothing, is no reason why there should be a wholesale slaughter of the deserving.

Standing upon Little Round Top, the scene of the most desperate conflict in charge and counter charge for the key to Gettysburg's battle field, towards the "Devil's Den," appear the great boulders still showing the marks of leaden hail rained upon them in the battle; to the right the peach orchard site, the field of Sickie's heroic struggle against overpowering numbers on July 2nd; and still further to the right, the line of march of the men on July 3d, in their charge into the jaws of death. Over this entire field, and beyond the reach of the eye, the land is dotted with monuments, indicating where regiment, brigade, or division met and struggled with men of their own blood, enemies worthy of their steel. The record of this battle, written in granite and marble, marked by natural monuments of hills, valley and streams, now historical, pointed out as the sites of the series of bloody struggles constituting the one great effort of the contending armies on these memorable July days of 1863.

It tells only in small part of what the Union armies did and suffered for the country, is but one sentence in the history of the four years marching, counter marching, and hand-to-hand contests, but it refreshes recollections of those old enough to have memory of those dark days, and tells the tale of war and sacrifice made, to the new generation who inherit the priceless boon secured by the fathers, upon whom in large part rests the duty of keeping it unswayed.

Numerous small stone heaps appear upon the face of Little Round Top, a part of the Gettysburg battle ground, piles made up from one to a dozen stones, some of them consisting only of a few stones turned on edge so placed to protect and sufficient to shield one to three men from the bullets or an attacking enemy. Here it is said our boys waited and watched for the enemy the long night through, it being expected that they would seek to take and hold this mountain, as they did Little Round Top. If those stones could speak what pathetic tales they could tell, of the thoughts of those who waited, of home, of kindred, of their hopes of the morrow, a morrow which to many of them meant Eternity. The survivors of these are the ones to whom the Nation's debt should now be paid.

Rest assured, my friends, denial of full justice is only temporary. Your work and that of those comrades who rest so peacefully beneath the sod, shall not, cannot be forgotten, but will survive, and, like the lustre of heroic Washington and his Continental army, become brighter and brighter as ages shall pass, generations come and go.

You have been permitted to behold much more of the blessings for which you wrought on battle fields than ordinarily falls to the lot of a country's defenders. You have not to wait for future generations to justify your work.

The people of the South, the very bravest of the defenders of the "Lost Cause," while as yet not fully satisfied to accept the logical consequences of defeat, confess that you were right

and they wrong; that in their defeat was their and your victory. That their prayer for victory was best answered by an all-seeing Father in its refusal, and by the granting of yours.

Were war's alarm to be again sounded throughout this fair land (which may God forbid), and foreign or internal foe strike a blow at National existence, or insult that emblem for the defence of which so much blood has been shed, so many sacrifices made, so many hearts and homes made desolate, brave hearts and willing hands of our Southern brethren would hasten to its defense, the patriotic sons of the South would vie with those of the North in valiant deeds for its preservation, and the supremacy of their and our flag.

Some of this material progress can be attributed to those not actual participants in the deadly struggle. The watchful care of the wife, mother, father brother and son, for the dear ones at the battle's front, and whose thoughts and heart-felt longings borne patiently and prayerfully, were with those battling for right, made strong, enduring character, better manhood and womanhood. This experience for themselves and their children has been felt was a strength to the Nation's growth and prosperity. To keep up their spirits, they lived for the return of the Soldier, and sang "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again;" and when such song was realized fact, they, with renewed vigor and strength of character, applied themselves to the ordinary work of life.

That which makes our country, and attracts to its shores multitudes from foreign lands and forces praise from many of the grandest minds that Europe has produced in this century, is not alone the material part with which a kind Providence has so blessed us, but laws that give such freedom and privileges to those within our borders, what we are pleased to call our institutions. These are what stamps our National character, and raise our Government above all others, are the most valuable.

It is the execution of rules and laws adopted by the wisdom (or unwisdom perhaps) of Congress and State, that gives stability to American institutions, and creates respect for law. This practical test, sifts the chaff from the wheat, and will have the effect of perpetuating laws, both needful and wise.

In the celebration of the Discovery of America by the World's Fair in our Sister State, and the borders of that wonder of the world—Chicago, the people of this great country bubbled over with a patriotism which handed down to future generations should perpetuate this Government until the hand shall have moved far along the dial plate of time. Whether these patriotic impulses and outbursts of enthusiasm are of that practical character that will stand the test of time, is a problem perhaps that time alone can solve.

No foreign foe tramples our shores, and claims dominion over us and ours. No internal strife between the brothers of this great Nation threatens to dissolve the bonds of Union, now more closely knit than ever before. No sound of martial music is in the land as of yore, to strengthen and call for the love of country and patriotism, and which nerve our noble citizen soldiery to do and dare, and give their life blood for country's sake. Yet with all these favoring conditions, these blessings preserved by the blood of the fathers and sons, the cheek is often made to blush, the heart to cease its pulsations, as a few of our countrymen at times forget all law but mob law, the honor of State and Nation, run riot in their thirst for vengeance, act the part of the uncivilized savage.

Verily, there are battles yet to be fought. None can be more influential and powerful for good influences in the work, than the survivors of the Country's brave defenders, and the memory of departed comrades cannot the better be honored, than by the crushing out of such lawlessness that brings disgrace and dishonor upon the land for which they fought and died to save.

A silent army is passing by. We see the banners floating in the air. We hear the triumphant music. Note the proud bearing of the victorious heroes, their firm tread, and again the old words of the song, "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching," are born to our ears. While this army vanishes from our sight, these sad but richest memories throng in upon our minds with such power as for the time to absorb our entire being, and thrust out the common things of life. Such thoughts will shortly give place to present reality. Yet we are better for the experience saddened as we will be thereby. It is well with them:

"On Fame's eternal camping ground,  
Their silver tents are spread;  
And glory guards with solemn round,  
The bivouac of the dead."

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NEWS

TOO MUCH RAIN.

Condition of Michigan Crops as Reported to the United States Weather Bureau.

NORTHERN SECTION: The progress of last week started in with normal conditions of weather and temperature...

CENTRAL SECTION: Conditions throughout the week were generally favorable for the growth of crops...

SOUTHERN SECTION: The past week in this section, though the weather was generally favorable...

Michigan Supreme Court has had an opinion in the case of Gov. Rick against the board of state examiners.

Young Parks Found. James H. Parke, the 25-year-old son of Hervey C. Parke, of Paris, Davis & Co., manufacturing druggists of Detroit...

Two Girls Sifted for One Man. Gerlie Morris and Nellie Peck, aged 19 and 16 respectively of Grand Rapids...

Democrat, Grand Rapids, June 22. The meeting of the Democratic State Central committee for the purpose of naming the time and place of the state convention was held at the Hotel Cadillac, Detroit.

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BLOODSHED AT MINES

FIGHTING AT THE COAL MINES IN ILLINOIS.

Troops Called Out to Prevent Further Bloodshed—Cokes Strikers and Deputies Have a Fierce Battle in Pennsylvania in Which Five Were Killed.

Strike Troubles in Illinois Coal Regions. LaSalle, Ill.: A mob of 1,000 coal strikers, none of them English speaking, raided the shaft of the LaSalle County Coal Co. here.

Articles of association of the Burns Union Mining company have been filed at Jackson. The capital stock is \$50,000. The company proposes to mine coal on the Burns farm, near the Clinton house of rivalry.

Rescoe Peterson, of Coldwater, has received a notice to attend a cadet naval examination at Annapolis, as Charles Harpham, of Quincy, had been killed in the explosion of his father's dyling of lung troubles.

Jack Davis, a laborer, while walking on Chicago & Grand Trunk track at LaSalle, was struck by the cars and his head was smashed, leg broken and neck crushed. Recovery is impossible.

Millan's hotel at Wolf Lake, near Jackson, was burned with all its contents. The hotel was located on an island on the east shore of Wolf Lake and was one of the finest summer resort hotels in the vicinity.

Miss Cora Warner, of Woodland, took two large doses of rough on rats with the intention of committing suicide. Her journey over the river was completed in the afternoon of Thursday, June 7.

Moses Oshier, a deckhand on the tug Benham, was instantly killed at Marquette, Wis., when the tug struck a low sea-became disabled and was run into by a schooner, the falling smoke-black, striking Oshier and crushing his head.

Henry M. Marvin, the Angusta banker, and his venerable wife celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Chicago, where they had been married for 50 years.

More Bloodshed in the Pennsylvania Coke Regions. The day's strike of the coke workers in Pennsylvania has again been the scene of bloodshed.

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THE MAGIC TOUCH

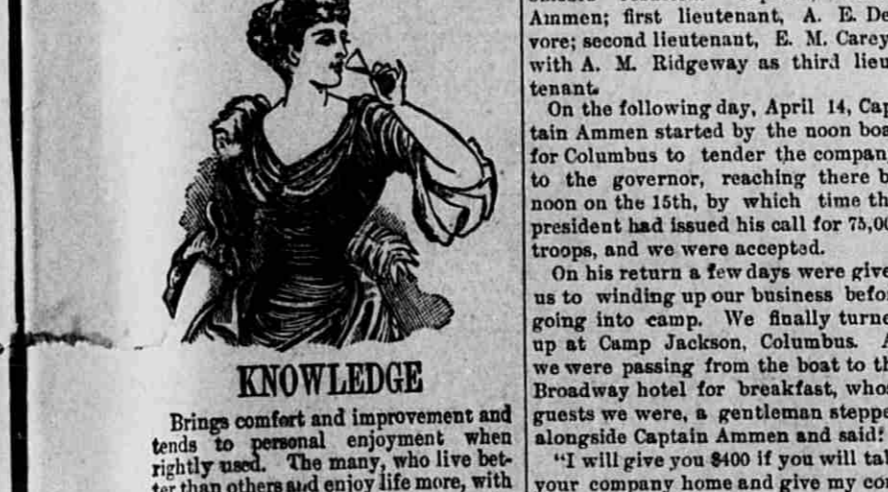
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As rule flowers are more effective when grown in beds or masses, each variety by itself, except in the case of hardy perennials, which may be sown in background beds or long narrow borders, where they may be indiscriminately mixed.



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REIGN OF TERROR

ON LAKE ERIE'S SHORES.

An Authentic Report of an Extraordinary Cure of Kidney Complaint—Fully Attested to by an Affidavit. Almost everybody in Essex County knows Samuel Black, who has resided on the shores of Lake Erie, in the town of Kingsville, Ont.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1894

DECLARATION day will soon super-  
cede Independence day in the hearts  
of the American people.

CHILDREN born this year are for-  
tunate. They will probably live to  
see the tariff bill acted upon.

These flowers will fade, these words be  
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Immediately after the close of the  
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Then came the tug of war between  
man and horse. George Hunter went  
in a half mile dash against R. D.  
Stocking's mare and the horse won.  
Time 1.31 and 1.32.

The event of the afternoon was the  
contest between McCarty's Montgom-  
ery and George Morse in a half mile  
race. It was an exciting race and  
terminated with the man just a half  
second behind. Time 1.21 and 1.21.

A LOWELL DIRECTORY.  
Messrs. Patterson & Reynolds of  
Grand Rapids are engaged in writing  
a directory for this village. They  
showed us a copy of the form in which  
they intend writing it, and it seems  
as if it would prove satisfactory and  
a convenience to our citizens.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.  
The union memorial services held  
at the M. E. church last Sunday were  
very largely attended. Not only  
were the pews filled, but the aisles  
as well. The music was appropriate  
and well rendered. Elders, Provan  
and Shanks took part in the exercises  
and Rev. A. P. Moore delivered one of  
his very best discourses in the course  
of which he compared the life of the  
soldier to that of the Christian, show-  
ing the similarity and differences  
drawing therefrom valuable lessons  
which it is to be hoped sank deep into  
the hearts of his listeners. Altogether  
it was a pleasant and profitable time,  
not only for the veterans but for the  
rest of us as well.

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One cycle has passed into history, and  
as the Great God has blessed us with manifold  
blessings in the past, may we not well  
believe, as years pass by in this beautiful  
land, and generation succeeds to generation,  
that the seed of patriotism, so well  
and deeply planted by its fathers, watered  
by the blood of our citizen soldiers in the  
war of the Rebellion, shall bear fruit, that  
will give constant, continuing support and  
vigor to a national life and national impul-  
ses, and when the tenth grand cycle of time  
shall come, and the sun in the heavens  
cast his smiling rays upon the graves of  
the Nation's heroes, its happy people may  
well and truly, in the words and sentiment  
of the old song, sing:  
"A thousand years my own Columbia,  
Thy face shall be as glad as mine."  
If we are but true to the example of  
those for whom this day both mourns and  
rejoices, whose graves we bedew with our  
tears and strew with our flowers, but mark  
follow and emulate the lessons of patriot-  
ism set by the soldiers of the Nation, keep  
alive that sentiment of love for country  
that makes us great in the eyes of the civi-  
lized world, then with the blessing of Pro-  
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the realization of the grandest hopes of  
Washington, for the success of the great  
Republic, of which he may truly be said to  
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race. It was an exciting race and  
terminated with the man just a half  
second behind. Time 1.21 and 1.21.

A LOWELL DIRECTORY.  
Messrs. Patterson & Reynolds of  
Grand Rapids are engaged in writing  
a directory for this village. They  
showed us a copy of the form in which  
they intend writing it, and it seems  
as if it would prove satisfactory and  
a convenience to our citizens.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.  
The union memorial services held  
at the M. E. church last Sunday were  
very largely attended. Not only  
were the pews filled, but the aisles  
as well. The music was appropriate  
and well rendered. Elders, Provan  
and Shanks took part in the exercises  
and Rev. A. P. Moore delivered one of  
his very best discourses in the course  
of which he compared the life of the  
soldier to that of the Christian, show-  
ing the similarity and differences  
drawing therefrom valuable lessons  
which it is to be hoped sank deep into  
the hearts of his listeners. Altogether  
it was a pleasant and profitable time,  
not only for the veterans but for the  
rest of us as well.

A QUARTER CENTURY TEST.  
For a quarter of a century Dr. King's  
New Discovery has been tested, and the  
millions who have received benefit from  
its use testify to its wonderful curative powers  
in all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs.  
A remedy that has stood the test so long  
and that has given so universal satisfaction  
is no experiment. Each bottle is positively  
guaranteed to give relief, or the money will  
be refunded. It is admitted to be the most  
reliable for Coughs and Colds. Trial box  
sent free by Hunter & Son's drug store.  
Large size 50c. and \$1.00.

Look at your label and see when  
your subscription to the Ledger expires.  
Extra copies of this issue for sale at  
the Ledger office.

climbed up them, and from thence he  
managed to scramble up the bare face  
of the wall to safety. In looking at  
the spot we cannot understand how he  
succeeded in getting up unaided.

GRAND DAILY DAY.  
is coming. All the Sunday schools in  
Lowell township will be there. Ar-  
rangements have been made with the  
Lowell & Hastings and Detroit Lan-  
sing and Northern railways for an ex-  
cursion train to leave Lowell at 8:00  
a. m. June 28 to Grand Rapids.  
Fare for round trip, adults 40 cents,  
children under 12 years, 20 cents.  
Everybody invited. For full par-  
ticulars ask your Sunday school tea-  
cher.

DEATH OF RICHARD HORN BROOK.  
Richard Hornbrook died at the  
county home last Saturday morning  
and was brought to Lowell Monday  
and buried from the so-called Dupree  
school house. Richard was a well-to-  
do farmer at one time but being sub-  
ject to frequent epileptic fits, his mind  
became effected so that he became an  
easy prey to Hungarian art swindlers  
and others of like import. Richard's  
health became badly impaired, his  
property becoming diminished by bad  
bargains, it was thought and attempt-  
ed by friends to have him sent to the  
Kalamazoo insane asylum for treat-  
ment hoping thereby that he might  
be helped. But examination before  
the Probate court failed to show in-  
sane, in which case he would not be  
received there. Mrs. Hornbrook  
preceded her husband to that unseem-  
ly country only two or three weeks, and  
left two or three small children to be  
cared for by a sister, Mrs. Kelsey  
Denton.

A COMMON NUISANCE.  
May the saints have pity on a town  
or city with a croaker in it! If it has  
two, three or half a dozen croakers living  
in it, it is to be commiserated that  
much more. The croaker comes in  
two forms—dead and alive. The  
croaker has moss on the north side of  
him, no matter whether the winter be  
mild or severe. The moss indicates  
nothing especially, except that he  
should be removed from the commu-  
nity at once. The croaker always  
views his own town from a pessimistic  
point of view. He has no word of  
praise for any one nor anything that  
tends to assist in the progress of the  
community. You tell a croaker that  
much is going to be done to boom the  
town and exploiting its superior ad-  
vantages, and he will say: "Well,  
you go ahead—advertise it, boom it,  
I'd like to see you do it," with a shrug  
of the shoulders. "You'll never  
boom this town."

The croaker is generally too lazy to  
labor under an impression. He may  
have made some money in his life, but  
he does not live—he simply exists. If  
he is in business and is asked to ad-  
vertise, he says his goods do not need  
advertising, and besides he is located on  
a prominent corner, and everybody  
sees his goods as they pass. Yes, "as  
they pass," for they rarely go in.  
The croaker never gives his neighbor  
or fellow man credit for anything he  
accomplishes.

If you go to a local merchant and  
show him a plan or suggest to him an  
enterprise which if carried out will be  
of great benefit to all concerned and  
ask his co-operation and he says:  
"Well, who is this? Go and see the  
other business men, and if they go  
into it I may do so, too," look out for  
him. He may not be a croaker, but  
he has dangerous symptoms. He is  
vaccinated, and the probabilities are  
that it will take unless something is  
done for him. He needs a hypodermic  
injection of "enterprise" to cure  
him of the "follow your leader" habit.  
He is the first to expect benefits that  
accrue from the united efforts, energy,  
and enterprise of others, but is the  
last to lend a hand. The croaker is  
a pusillanimous, insignificant, inconsis-  
tent encumbrance. [Exchange.]

IT MAY DO YOU MUCH GOOD.  
Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes  
that he had a severe kidney trouble for  
many years, with severe pain in his back  
and also his bladder was affected. He tried  
many so-called kidney cures but without  
any good result. About a year ago he be-  
gan use of Electric Bitters and found relief  
at once. Electric Bitters is especially  
adapted to cure all kidney and liver  
troubles and often gives instant relief. One  
trial will prove our statement. Price only  
50c. for large bottle. At Hunter and Son's  
Drug store.

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Lend me your ears while I put in a flea!

Don't Buy Any Agricultural Implements!  
Until you have seen me, Dollars are worth saving these  
times. I can save them for you, and don't you forget it.

H. NASH.

MCCARTY'S  
IS THE PLACE TO

Buy Groceries, Produce and Crockery  
OF ALL SORTS AND KINDS, FOR HE IS THE

FARMER'S FRIEND  
Pays Cash for everything a Farmer can raise, beg or  
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ARE YOU THINKING?  
—OF—  
Erecting a Monument?

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Manufacturers of Marble and  
Granite Cemetery Work.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP  
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# VICTORS are Standard Value.

The standard price of Victor Bicycles is \$25.00. No deviation,  
and Victor riders are guaranteed against cut rates during the current year.



OVERMAN WHEEL CO.  
BOSTON, NEW YORK. PHILADELPHIA, CHICAGO. DETROIT, DENVER.  
SAN FRANCISCO.

made the recipients of a great many fine  
presents from their children.

Mr. Workman of Muskegon was the  
guest of Bert Campbell last Sunday.

Norton Breckenridge and wife are expected  
this week to visit their daughter,  
Mrs. E. Campbell.

Peter Corrigan had a stroke of paralysis  
last week.

Peace and quiet seems to reign once more  
in Alton as the church war seems to have  
been amicably settled and each denomina-  
tion furnish his own organ.

The nip of a poisonous snake is but a  
slight remove from a more dangerous than  
the poison of arsenic in the blood. Ayer's  
Sarsaparilla purifies the vital fluids, expels  
all poisonous substances, and supplies the  
elements of life, health and strength.

Mr. John Christy and wife spent Satur-  
day and Sunday with Mr. Christy's sister  
near Grand Rapids.

A. P. Barr and wife are spending the  
week at Ionia.

Mr. W. Renger sold his clip of grade  
Shropshire wool last Saturday for 18 cents  
per pound, the best in the neighborhood  
this season.

The most of the corn will be planted  
this week, with good weather.

Earl Engle is exhibiting a very fine red  
poll calf 10 months old that looks as if  
it might be a 10-year-old if size was  
taken into consideration.

There are a good many that planted  
their corn before the cold spell that will  
have to plant a good share of it over.

To restore gray hair to its natural color  
as in youth, cause it to grow abundant and  
strong, there is no better preparation than  
Hall's Hair Renewer.

List of Unclaimed Letters  
Remaining in the Post Office at Lowell,  
Mich., week ending May 29, 1894.

Ladies—Mrs. Moloney, Mrs. Malinda  
Taylor, Miss Sarah White.

Gents—Jay Boyer, Eli Cummings, Chas.  
Goodell, John Howard, Lewis Quere.

Foreign—Mrs. Christopher Weiland.  
Foreign—F. Croalin.

Persons claiming the above will please  
say "advertised" and give date of list.

LEONARD H. HUNT, P. M.

Methodist Episcopal Church.  
No service in the M. E. church Sunday  
morning on account of quarterly meeting  
at South Lowell.

A. P. MOORS, Pastor.

The theme for Sunday morning will be  
Sanctification, its Place in the Christian's  
Catechism.

The evening theme will be, Moral Ex-  
travagance.

The B. Y. P. U. will meet at 8:30 p. m.  
Lecture on Christian Evidence on Mon-  
day evening. Subject, Internal and Ex-  
ternal Evidence—argument first—analogy.

cordial welcome to all.  
ENRIST H. SHANKS, Pastor.

BOOKLETS' ANNUAL SALVE.  
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts,  
Bruises, Burns, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever  
Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Childbirth  
Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively  
cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaran-  
teed to give perfect satisfaction or money re-  
funded. Price 25c. per box.  
FOD. SALTER HUNTER & SON, L. 72

# LOWELL PLANING MILL,

W. J. ROKER & SON, PROPS., DEALERS IN

Lumber, Lath, Shingles and Cedar

Fence Posts,

MANUFACTURERS OF BASH DOORS, BLINDS, DOOR AND WINDOW FRAMES  
AND SCREENS, MOULDING, EXHIBITION AND SHIPPING COOPERS, DRIED  
APPLE BOXES ETC. MATCHING, RE-SAWING AND JOB  
WORK, WOODEN BARRICADES.

ROKER & SON, LOWELL,

# Lowell Markets.

Unusually corrected every Friday morning.

Wheat, white, 48 00  
Wheat, red, 46 00  
Corn, 30 00  
Oats, 18 00  
Rye, 40 00  
Barley, per hundred, 40 00  
Four, per hundred, 1 40  
Hops, per ton, 14 00  
Middlings, per ton, 14 00  
Corn Meal, per ton, 20 00  
Corn and Oats, per ton, 8 00  
Butter, 20 00  
Eggs, 10 00  
Poultry, 30 00  
Beans, 12 00  
Beef, 4 50  
Pork, 5 50  
Chicken, 8 00  
Wool, washed, 10 00  
Onions, 60 00

# PROBATE NOTICE—State of Michigan,

In the Matter of the Estate of Lynette  
A. White and Lucy L. White—Minors:  
On reading and filing the petition, duly ver-  
ified, of Arthur L. White, guardian of said  
minors, praying this Court for license and  
authority to mortgage the real estate of said  
minors, therein described, for reasons and  
purposes therein set forth. It is ordered  
that Friday the 22nd day of June 1894 at ten  
o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate  
office be appointed for hearing said petition  
and that the next of kin of said minors and  
all persons interested in said estate appear  
before said Court at said time and place,  
to show cause why a license should not be  
granted to said guardian to mortgage the  
real estate as aforesaid for the purposes  
and for the reasons therein stated.  
And it is further ordered that a copy of this  
order be published three successive  
weeks previous to said day of hearing, in  
the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed  
and circulating in said County of Kent,  
CYRUS E. PERKINS,  
Judge of Probate.  
HARRY D. JEWELL, Register.

# Business Directory.

J. HARRISON RICKERT,  
Dentist. Over Church's bank, Lowell.

E. E. BURT,  
Notary public. Your business solicited. Of-  
fice in Graham block.

S. P. HICKS,  
Loans, Collections, Real Estate and Insur-  
ance. Lowell, Mich.

O. C. McDANIEL, M. D.,  
Physician and Surgeon. Office, 46 Bridge  
street, Lowell, Mich.

M. C. GREEN, M. D.,  
Physician and Surgeon. Office at Residence,  
E. Bridge street, Lowell, Mich.

W. F. BROOKS, M. D.,  
Physician and Surgeon. Office hours, 10 a.  
m. to 3 p. m., and 7 to 8 p. m.

FARMERS HOTEL,  
Lowell, Mich., G. F. Lane, Proprietor. Rates  
\$1.00 per day, \$3.00 per week. Good meals  
and clean beds.

MILTON M. PERRY,  
Attorney and Counselor at Law, Train's Hall  
Block, Lowell, Michigan. Special atten-  
tion given to Collections, Conveyancing,  
and Sale of Real Estate.

Has also qualified and been admitted to prac-  
tice in the Interior Department and all the  
branches thereof and is ready to prosecute  
Claims for those that may be entitled to Pen-  
sions and Bounties.

J. C. TRAIN,  
Proprietor of Hambletonian Horses and Pro-  
prio of TRAIN'S HOTEL.

Accommodations first class, rates reasonable.  
Also proprietor of  
TRAIN'S OFFICE HOUSE,  
Seating capacity 700, lighted by electricity.

Mains & Mains,  
Attorneys at Law,  
Lowell, Mich.

We respectfully solicit your  
business.

# LOWELL BUS LINE.

Calls are collected from the established  
stages of the Line 50 minutes before D.  
G. H. & M. trains are due and I will not  
be responsible for calls left after that time.  
The bus is timed to leave the Davis House  
35 minutes before D., G. H. & M. trains are  
due and Train's Hotel 25 minutes before  
said trains are due. Notice of 50 minutes  
must be given if Baggage wagon is re-  
quired. CHAS. WEBBROOK, Prop.

# FOR FIRE INSURANCE!

CALL ON  
F. D. EDDY & CO.,  
Office of Town Clerk.

I have a flock of about one hundred fowl  
and have been using your Poultry Pro-  
tective Food. I am satisfied it is a good thing.  
Mrs. W. J. Keyes Manchester N. H. The  
No one ever used it according to directions  
without being satisfied that it is all the  
proprietor claims for it. L. B. Lott, Burling-  
ton Vt.

Whoever has Fits, Epilepsy or St. Vitus  
Dance can be cured by using Dr. Bell's Ner-  
vina. You will find it is all represented. It  
will cure you. It is also a nerve tonic and a  
cure for all nervous diseases. We have sold  
it for some time and can give you references  
here at home if you are a sufferer. Call and  
see us. Hunter & Son.

# The Fair Announcement!

This is our Busy Day. Join the crowd and come in  
and see our new

Hair Ornaments from 5cts to 75cts,  
And those beautiful

Satin Spar Pins at 25 cts. each.  
Linens and Hosieries as Usual.

O. G. HALE, on the Bridge.

# MURPHY

IS THE DEALER IN  
Fresh Cured Meat,  
Poultry, Etc.

"GOOD MEAT, LOW PRICES"

IS HIS MOTTO.

Highest Market Prices Paid  
for Stock.

# A Large Stock of Wall Paper And Window Shades.



MARK'S

# SPECIALS SALE!

For the Next Thirty Days

Every Suit And All Other Goods in My Entire Stock will be Marked Down

"With Specif Ticket" at Reduced Prices that will Astonish You, and they will be sold Just as they are Marked. Here are a Few Sample Prices:

|                     |       |             |      |         |
|---------------------|-------|-------------|------|---------|
| Mens' Suits         | Worth | \$ 5 50     | Only | \$ 3 50 |
| "                   | "     | 6 50 & 7 50 | "    | 4 50    |
| "                   | "     | 9 50        | "    | 6 90    |
| "                   | "     | 10 00       | "    | 7 00    |
| "                   | "     | 12 50       | "    | 8 90    |
| "                   | "     | 13 50       | "    | 9 50    |
| "                   | "     | 15 50       | "    | 11 25   |
| "                   | "     | 18 00       | "    | 13 50   |
| "                   | "     | 20 00       | "    | 15 75   |
| Prince Albert suits | "     | 22 00       | "    | 16 75   |
| Men's Working Pants | Worth | 75          | "    | 57      |
| "                   | "     | 1 25        | "    | 88      |
| "                   | "     | 1 50        | "    | 1 17    |
| "                   | "     | 1 65        | "    | 1 20    |
| "                   | "     | 1 75        | "    | 1 25    |
| "                   | "     | 2 52        | "    | 1 69    |

|                            |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Celluloid Collars          | Only 15 cents.                        |
| Celluloid Cuffs            | Only 30 cents.                        |
| Linen Collars (All Styles) | Only 9 cents.                         |
| Linen Cuffs                | Only 15 cents.                        |
| Box Collars                | Worth 10 cents Only 7 cents.          |
| Socks                      | Worth 10 cents per pair Only 5 cents. |
| Socks                      | Worth 15 cents per pair Only 9 cents. |
| Good Outing Flannel Shirts | Worth 35 cents Only 21 cents.         |
| Good Outing Flannel Shirt  | Worth 50 cents Only 35 cents.         |
| Amoskeag Shirts            | Worth 50 cents Only 35 cents.         |
| Blue Overalls              | Worth 50 cents Only 35 cents.         |
| Blue Overalls              | Worth 75 cents Only 55 cents.         |
| Painters Overalls          | Worth 50 Only 35 cents.               |
| Painters Jackets           | Worth 50 cents Only 35 cents.         |
| Good white Handkerchiefs   | Only 4 cents.                         |
| Suspenders                 | Worth 35 cents Only 18 cents.         |
| Suspenders                 | worth 25 cents Only 15 cents.         |
| Suspenders                 | worth 50 cents Only 31 cents.         |

Everything in my Stock will be Sold in Proportion. It will be for Your Interest to Call in and Look My Stock Over. Seeing is Believing. See for Yourself.

## MARKS RUBEN, THE CLOTHIER,

LOWELL, MICH.

EAST SIDE.

### HOME NEWS

Chas. Gleason of Greenville was in town Tuesday.

Claud Coppens of Bowne was in town Wednesday.

J. L. Thomas of Cannonsburg was in town Thursday.

A. O. Gibbs of Casnovia visited Lowell last Saturday.

W. H. Walls of Bowne was a Lowell visitor Wednesday.

A man that is hung is generally a high strung individual.

Bert Hine and wife of Grand Rapids spent Memorial day.

F. Eddy and F. Halpin were over from Ada last Saturday.

Two children of Edward Harrison are sick with diphtheria.

G. A. Myers of Freeport called on Lowell friends Wednesday.

Wm. Murray of Grand Rapids visited his brother Dan on Tuesday.

John Mooney and William Gasper of Belding were in town Wednesday.

Jay Frost and wife of Alto spent Decoration day with Lowell relatives.

Fred Stone and family of Grand Rapids were in Lowell Decoration Day.

E. B. Lovett spent a few days visiting old friends at Grand Rapids this week.

Mr. W. Unit spent last Sunday with Mr. Wallace Davenport near Saranac.

M. Manks, G. M. Woodman and W. H. Whifers of Saranac visited our town Thursday.

Lyman Taft and wife have set up housekeeping by themselves in rooms over W. S. Winegar's drug store.

D. G. Look and family have returned to their newly repaired and rebuilt family residence on Hudson street.

Will Watt of Bowne Center rode his wheel down in one hour and ten minutes, Wednesday, a distance of 11 miles.

McNaughton & Pardee have rented the meat market building of J. E. Lee, on the bridge and have removed their market there.

R. Benedict, E. Few, Elmer Lawrence, Theodore Findlay, James E. White and H. Lindley, all of Ada, were Lowell visitors last Sunday.

John Nickerson was over from Lake Odessa last week Friday.

Carl Peckham and mother of Grand Rapids spent Decoration day here.

Base ball Wednesday, Lowell Athletic club 14, High school club 10.

Milton Friedly and Miss Lizzie Miller of Lake Odessa visited Miss Nettie Miller Sunday.

A philosopher says: Man was born to rule in this world. It is believed that the philosopher was never married.

The Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary societies will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Pardee next Tuesday afternoon June 5. Every member should be present.

The graduating classes of 1894 of Belding, Greenville, Ionia and Lowell are today (Friday) enjoying at the city of Ionia, a grand union literary rally and a sumptuous banquet.

Frank Olmstead, wife, and their son Max of Saranac spent Sunday with Mrs. Ernest Bailey. Max is 2 months old and weighs 18 pounds. How is that for high?

McNaughton & Pardee hope to see all their old friends at their new place of business, and also many new ones. Fair square dealing and sixteen ounces to the pound is their style.

Last Friday was George Taylor's birthday, and in the evening about thirty of his friends surprised him at his home, passing the time pleasantly with cards and dancing and the discussion of refreshments.

A wheelmen's organization, under the name of Forest City Wheelmen, have rented the basement of Train's Opera house for a place to hold their meetings and store their wheels. New floors are being laid and the rooms will be made pleasant.

A union normal class of the superintendents and teachers of the different Sunday schools of the town has been organized to better prepare them for the work of instructing the classes and scholars. The first meeting was held at the Baptist church last Sunday p. m.

The graduating class of the union school for 1894 is composed of six ladies and two gentlemen. The class has an organization under the following executive officers: President, Ellis Faulkner; vice president, Louisa Barber; secretary, Clara Walker; treasurer, Kate McMahon.

Buy beech, maple and oak wood of Ecker & Son.

Chocolate and vanilla ice cream at Rickett's Saturday and Sunday.

Repairing and re-upholstering of furniture at Yeiter's.

A great many citizens carried flowers to the cemetery, decorating graves of their friends and relatives; but who decorated graves with stolen roses?

D. C. Watters our east side liveryman has sold his saddle horse, Gipsy White Stockings to Miss Evelyn Calkins of Grand Rapids consideration, \$150.

C. P. Cranch, flagman at Hudson street crossing has gone to Detroit to accept a similar position. P. Finan will relieve him temporarily.

Be sure and get some of the bargains in wall paper at Will M. Clark's May 16, 17, 18 & 19.

M. Langworthy, of Lowell, can lay your tile, and do it right. Give him a trial.

The first foot race of the season, came off last Monday, between E. Anderson and John Clark. E. Anderson won the race.

A fellow by the name of Carton fell into Flat river one night last week while attempting to get into Train's barn and had to swim for his life. He landed near the grand stand and spent the night there.

Bed room and parlor suits delivered free of charge to our customers in the country. J. P. Yeiter.

The third quarterly meeting for Lowell charge M. E. church, will be held at South Lowell Saturday and Sunday next, June 2 and 3. Service Saturday p. m. at 2:30. Love Feast Sunday morning at 9:30. Preaching at 10:30 followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's supper. Rev. J. I. Buell will officiate at all the services. He will also preach in the M. E. church in Lowell Sunday evening.

See Ecker & Son for wood and kindlings.

My friends wishing anything in the meat line will find me at the stand of James Murphy & Son where I will be pleased to see them. H. ZIEGLER.

"That tired feeling" gives way to perfect health when one takes the Royal Remedy Beef, Wine and Iron. Only 50 cents per large bottle at McCarty's. Best spring medicine on earth. 43 tf

Lowell fair, October 9, 10 and 11. Low prices and quick service on job printing at the LEDGER office.

### STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF The Lowell Building and Loan ASSOCIATION,

of Lowell, Michigan, at the close of business, Saturday, April 14, 1894.

| RESOURCES.                          |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Due from Stockholders               | \$ 1,054.94 |
| Cash on hand                        | 1,181.18    |
| Bills receivable, bonds & mortgages | 33,854.63   |
| Books and blanks                    | 14.45       |
| Real estate                         | 440.48      |
|                                     | \$36,545.68 |
| LIABILITIES.                        |             |
| Advance payments                    | \$ 1,427.00 |
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State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss.

Otto C. McDannell, President, and Chas. Quick, Secretary, of the Lowell Building and Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the condition of said Association, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

O. C. McDANNELL, [L. S.]  
CHARLES QUICK, [L. S.]  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of May, 1894. EDWARD O. MAINS, Co. Secy., attes.  
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## A MOMENT OF ANGER;

—OR—

The History of Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow's Quarrel.

BY ROBERT HOTE.

This story was commenced in No. 49 of THE LOWELL LEDGER. Back numbers may be obtained at the office.

"I have nothing more to tell you, Mr. District Attorney, than I have told already to the persons who have questioned me on this subject. I do not know where my wife is."

"Under what circumstances did she leave your house?"

"That does not concern you."

"How, sir?" exclaimed the lawyer, confounded. "You forget that you are speaking to the representative of the law. Let me remind you of it."

"I do not know by what right you question me upon what passes in my house, and I find your inquisitiveness offensive."

"There can be no offense in the exercise of a legal mission. I invite you to answer me and to do it politely."

"Set me the example by not mixing yourself in my affairs without being asked."

"I am obliged to mix myself in your affairs," answered the prosecutor, becoming impatient; "before going farther in this affair I had a wish to talk with you in the hope that the explanations that you might have given me would put me in a position to calm the anxiety of a justly alarmed family; but your answers justify all suppositions."

"What suppositions do you allude to?" asked Gustave Brownlow.

"You have killed your wife."

"You are impudent, sir."

"Take care, sir; you insult me."

"It was you who insulted me first by throwing in my face an allegation unbecoming among well-bred people. Name two of your friends; I will put them in relation with my own and to them we will submit our difference."

"What! A challenge! You may retire, sir. I shall find a way to make you speak."

"It was not worth while to disturb me if you had nothing else to tell me."

The two interlocutors coldly separated.

The public prosecutor was indignant and exasperated. He was used to speak to humble people who endeavored to please him and always were respectfully submissive in his presence, and he could not admit the pretension of this man to treat him as an equal. He had been on the point of having him arrested on the spot, upon the accusation of insulting a law officer in the exercise of his functions; then he was afraid to open a prosecution on a personal incident. It is always disagreeable to acknowledge that we have been treated disrespectfully. He had, besides, a perfectly regular means at his disposal to make his adversary understand that one can not thus attempt to baffle justice; it was to allow the proceedings to follow their normal course. The very same day he sent the papers to a judge, with his own brief to the court, and the next day an inspector of police, accompanied by two detectives, presented himself at the house of Mr. Brownlow with a warrant of arrest. The prisoner made no resistance and no observation. In conformity with the law he was taken within twenty-four hours to the Tombs and submitted to a first interrogatory.

Asked as to whether he wished to answer the complaint, the prisoner declared that the warrant of arrest had modified the situation. So far he had been a citizen acting

in the richness of his liberty; he had determined not to be forced to answer questions which no one had a right to ask him; he had become angry at his visitors. Now, as he was in the hands of the law, he had no reason for refusing to answer. He did not consider himself when before the judge as a man in the presence of an equal, but as a prisoner standing before the representative of the law, and he was disposed to answer the questions that might be addressed to him in so far as they bore directly upon the accusation.

Consequently he told his name, first name, age, profession, his address and place of birth. He affirmed to the judge who questioned him that he could read and write, and that he had never been arrested before, and that he had satisfied his obligations as a citizen. But when the magistrate asked him if he had killed his wife he simply answered:

"No."

"Where is she?"

"I do not know."

"When did she go away?"

"On Tuesday, the 14th, between seven and half-past seven o'clock."

"What circumstances have caused her departure?"

"As to that, I do not owe any account to any one."

The judge remarked to him that this systematic refusal to answer singularly aggravated his case, and even constituted, to tell the truth, the only serious charge against him. He replied with an imperturbable coolness that he could not be prosecuted for the simple fact that his wife had left his house and that was the only fact he acknowledged.

"You accuse me of having killed my wife," said he. "I deny it. It is for you to furnish the proof. Show me her body. I can not prove that I have not killed my wife. Prove to me that I have killed her."

"But what reasons have you to refuse the explanations which would save you from an indictment of murder? If there is any thing of a delicate nature concerning the honor of your name you must have confidence enough in the justice of your country to know that it will not be divulged. The personal duty of the magistrate, as well as his professional honor, is a guarantee to you. If you do not answer it is because you have something to hide. It is in your own interest to speak, for whatever you have to hide could never be as grave as that of which you are accused."

"I shall answer no question which has not a direct bearing on the act of which I am accused. State your proofs; I shall discuss their value. My wife's disappearance is not a proof that I have killed her."

After this interrogatory the judge made out a warrant of arrest against Brownlow, who was committed to prison.

### CHAPTER III.

As soon as it became known that Brownlow had not only been arrested, but that he was under formal accusation, and that his trial for murder would soon take place, the excitement which pervaded the neighborhood of his handsome house on Fifth avenue abated. But the newspapers threw themselves with all the more earnestness into the mystery of clearing up the disappearance of his wife. Their reports were sent out in every direction, and at times they supplemented the work of the detectives, and at times they went into investigations on their own account in a characteristic way. The families of both Brownlow and Champion were successfully interviewed and emissaries of the press were constantly dogging the heels of the police and presenting themselves at headquarters to find the latest clew. Certain enterprising reporters visited the morgue from day

to day and tried to identify bodies as the remains of Mrs. Brownlow, and many a sensational story produced good returns to its writers by the space given to the matter by all the principal papers in the city. The private life of Champion was laid bare before the public in a way that was little gratifying to that gentleman. Meantime the police continued their investigations by themselves, and gave as little information to the reporters as possible. The detectives called upon the servants of Mr. Brownlow, and used all the devices in their power to induce them to give testimony which should lead to a definite clew. The servants admitted that they had been present at some pretty lively discussions which were brought about by the jealousy of Mrs. Brownlow or the irritation of Mr. Brownlow against her parents. But the disagreement had never, apparently, gone further than high words between them.

In these disputes Mrs. Brownlow never hesitated to give vent to her anger in the presence of the servants. As to what might have taken place on Tuesday, the 14th, they knew nothing except that when they left the house at seven o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow were dressed to go out, and that when they returned both the master and the mistress were still absent, and further, that Mr. Brownlow returned alone at three o'clock in the morning. Although no definite facts, therefore, were developed in this testimony, the tenor of it was decidedly unfavorable. Whether they disliked their master or whether they had some foolish pride to satisfy in seeing the accusations of which they had furnished the first elements corroborated, they certainly expressed the moral conviction that in their absence something terrible must have passed between the couple.

As for the neighbors whom the detectives interviewed with unceasing perseverance, none had remarked whether Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow had gone out on that evening separately or together. The difficulty of establishing this first point was one which caused the detectives the keenest anxiety. Brownlow in the few words which he had consented to utter had declared that his wife had left the house between seven and half past seven. It was this point that several of the detectives who were employed on the case discussed most seriously when they met one morning for a consultation in the chief's office. One of the most enterprising and successful of the detectives on the regular force was Mr. Seth Ketcham. He had worked longer than any of the others upon the case, and on the point at issue said to his chief and colleagues:

"Inasmuch as Brownlow declares that his wife left the house between seven and half past seven, it must be a falsehood. A man in his grade of society and of his peculiarly stubborn pride of character could not let any thing escape through inadvertence, and if he had furnished this indication it could only have been with the purpose of misleading justice. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that Mrs. Brownlow did not leave the house in the way in which her husband indicated. In all probability the deed was done indoors, and the body thereafter concealed in some way that we have to find out. In my opinion, therefore, we should search the house. In all probability Mrs. Brownlow was murdered without premeditation, probably in a moment of anger. Between seven and midnight, the hour when the servants had returned, the assassin had five hours to cover up all traces of his crime."

"But," suggested the chief, "it is not conceivable that, having committed the crime in the house, he could have carried the body on his back through the streets of New York. He would have been obliged to take a carriage. He could not have put the

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body into a carriage and taken it out again without making the coachman his accomplice. Now, he had had no time to prepare for this complicity, as he did not know an hour before seven o'clock that all the servants were to be out that night. There is just a bare possibility, however, that he may have planned this thing deliberately, for you will remember that he permitted his own coachman to go to the theater of his own free will, and it looks as if he had dismissed him for the evening with a special purpose. It certainly follows that his coachman was not the one who conspired with him to dispose of the body. Therefore, although I



"IT SEEMS PROBABLE NOW," HE SAID.

agree that the house should be most thoroughly searched, it is highly important that we should look after all the hack-drivers in the neighborhood, if not all in the city and vicinity."

The next day the search was begun as Ketcham had suggested. Almost all the detectives were confident that in the thorough search men of their calling know how to make they should find some direct clew to the crime in the house. For although a hackman might have been in complicity with Mr. Brownlow in the terrible affair, every thing pointed to premeditation, inasmuch as he had arranged matters so that he could be alone with his wife for several hours.

The police searched not only every corner, every armoire and cupboard, from cellar to garret, and all the barrels and boxes and packages; they sounded the walls; they dug up the stones of the cellar that seemed to be loose; they ripped up the floors and the steps of the stairs; for three days they devoted themselves to a systematic and unremitting search, and literally left no stone unturned that might by any possibility conceal a clew to the crime. They found nothing.

They had to come back to the first hypothesis that Mr. Brownlow had induced his wife to leave the house and had led her to some out-of-the-way spot and there murdered her, where eventually they would find the body in such a state of decomposition that its identity could not be established. It would only be one more body to add to those which are found daily in the river and by the docks and in out-of-the-way places. Another consultation was held in the chief's office, in fact, they were held every day, but at this one a new theory was suggested, this time also by Ketcham.

"It seems probable now," he said, "that this deed could not have been committed in New York at all. Brownlow must have known how difficult it is to hide for any length of time the traces of a murder upon ground which is traversed daily in all directions and watched over by a police whose effective force is the standing admiration

of the entire country. He had plenty of time not only to get out of the city but to go for a long distance. There are a great many railroads running from New York with frequent trains in the early evening. He could have taken any one of those and gone out as far as from fifty to one hundred miles and yet have had two hours or more in which to carry out his purpose and return to the city by the last train and reach his home, as the servants will testify that he did, at three o'clock in the morning. It will be necessary, then, to have the search proceed until all ground is covered within a radius of one hundred miles from New York."

This plan of the campaign was so expensive and so difficult that if the murder had not been one of unusual interest the detectives would never have thought of undertaking it. But the popular clamor was so great, the newspapers were so constant in their publication of sensational clews, and editorials were hurled in such volume upon the department as to compel it to take every chance, no matter how chimerical it might seem, to ferret out the truth of this mystery. The general cry was: "Let there be the same law for the rich man as well as for the poor." The wildest sort of stories were circulated and even published to the effect that the wealthy friends of Mr. Brownlow had bribed the police, from the chief to the humblest patrolman, not to find evidence in this case. Smarting under this sort of criticism, therefore, and with a natural pride in their work, the detectives put their most earnest endeavors into the case and studied and worked night and day to get at the truth.

One of the detectives who had been authorized to make special investigations into the family of Mrs. Brownlow reported one day that the theory of sudden anger would really not hold in this case; that there must be some other satisfactory motive for the deed, and that he believed that it would be found by examination of the papers of Mrs. Brownlow. Up to this time all the private documents found in the Brownlow mansion, when it had been searched, had been carefully kept without examination. The detective averred that the Champion family felt so strongly that Mr. Brownlow had married their daughter for the sake of her money that he now believed that he had been instrumental in putting her out of the way for the sake of getting a secure and undivided hold upon it. Accordingly, an examination was made of the property which Mrs. Brownlow held. It was found that nothing had been touched by Mr. Brownlow, and that the property which stood in her name consisted almost entirely of unregistered bonds, which, as everybody knows, are good for their face value on presentation.

Among the papers, however, was a will made by Mrs. Brownlow, in which her husband was nominated as her sole heir, and this will bore a date six days previous to the crime. The finding of this testament created a sensation among the detectives, but its discovery was for a considerable period kept from the public. They knew now what interest the husband had in the death or disappearance of his wife. There was only one objection to this theory: In order to inherit this property he must produce a certificate of death of his wife. But after her disappearance this was impossible. However, it would have been comparatively easy to overcome this, for as long as the death of Leonora was not regularly proven Mr. Brownlow remained in practicable possession of the fortune as the administrator, and it would have been very difficult to oust him from his position. If, later on, her death should become an established fact, the will would then set aside any adverse claim. It seemed to be a cleverly executed scheme.

## CHAPTER IV.

As time wore on the situation of the accused became more serious. It was more and more impossible to believe that Mrs. Brownlow had left the house of her own free will. After discussion of all the theories they could possibly evolve, the reporters, in order to keep the matter well before the public in an attractive shape, originated this theory: That Mrs. Brownlow had simply gone with her husband's consent to take a journey, the object of which they did not care to reveal. Although this theory gained credit in the papers, especially because of efforts on the part of some of Mr. Brownlow's friends to substantiate it, the detectives paid little attention to it. It was so evident that Mrs. Brownlow, had such been the case, would have returned as soon as she had heard the accusations directed against her husband, that the theory seemed to be of no importance. Day after day, of course, the detectives gave Mr. Brownlow every opportunity to talk and state his side of the case, but he obstinately remained silent. It was disappointing to the detectives engaged upon the case that they could not get direct and incontrovertible evidence of the fundamental fact in the case, namely, that Mrs. Brownlow was dead. The fact of her disappearance needed no proof; the object of the accused in committing the crime was established; he had refused to account for the time passed, where and how no one knew, during the evening and part of the night of Tuesday, the 14th. And his attitude from the time of his arrest had been compromising in the extreme; but there was still no evidence that seemed to justify conviction. One day the detectives found just the clew that they seemed to have been waiting for so long.

It came partly as chance and partly as the result of keen detective work. Seth Ketcham had reasoned with himself that as Mrs. Brownlow had left the house, or had at all events been last seen in evening dress, and as those garments were not found in the house at the time of the search, she must have had them on whenever the deed was committed. Next to the difficulty of hiding the body would be the difficulty of disposing of this peculiar clothing. He had made tireless searches among the second-hand clothing stores and pawn-shops of the city to see if therein might not be found some of the garments which Mrs. Brownlow had worn, his idea being the vague one that perhaps Mr. Brownlow had taken that means to disguise any trace of the crime that might be found on the clothing. Having found nothing in any of those places that he went through, he thought over the possible ways in which the crime might have been committed. Any noisy violence in the city would be liable to attract attention; therefore he concluded that the deed must have been done some other way. In the course of his investigations he found that the deck hand of a ferry-boat that had been crossing the North river upon that night about ten o'clock had seen a man and woman quarreling in low tones upon the after part of the boat.

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## SPECIMEN CASES.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Eward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by Hunter & Son, Drug store.