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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER, 15, 1898.

WHOLE NO. 285.

FIRE SALE!

OF MRS. CARR'S

Millinery Goods,

Saturday, December 17.

OVER COON'S CLOTHING STORE.

Greenville

Feed Cooker.

We sell the Greenville Feed Cooker, that we know by experience is the best feed cooker made. The kettles are made uniform in thickness and are not liable to break and we sell them as cheap as the inferior grades.

For the Next Twenty Days

We will close out a fine line of Cooking and Heating Stoves at reduced price.

I wish to state that Our Pocahontas Coal Will Not stop up your stove pipe with soot like high grade soft coal, nor burn out your grates nearly as quick, no matter what ex-druggists or grocerymen say. A trial will convince you I am right. Yours for square dealing.

R. B. BOYLAN.

Now

For

holiday
Trade.

100 Watches

to select from.
Tea Sets, any number of pieces.
Silver Novelties, Rings, Chains and Bracelets.
Childs Sets.
1847 Rogers Bros. Tableware [1847.]

HIGBYS,

The progressive Jeweler.

If you want an Up-to Date

Our Fall Suitings are now in. Hundreds of samples to select from.

Suit of Clothes,

PAIR OF PANTS
OR
FALL OVERCOAT.

I can fit you out in finest goods at prices that are right.

B. C. Smith.

"If Smith makes 'em they fit."

LOWELL PLANING MILL,

W. J. ECKER & SON, Props.

MANUFACTURERS OF:—Sash, Doors, Blinds, Frames for Doors, Windows and Screens, Exhibition and Shipping Coops for Poultry, Dried Apple boxes, Wooden Bave Troughs, etc.

That Vergennes Lost Money.

Peter McPherson and other Vergennes taxpayers filed a petition in the Circuit Court Thursday asking the court to issue a writ of mandamus compelling the township board of that township to institute proceedings against John O. Dennis and his bondsmen to collect \$690 claimed to be due the township. Dennis was treasurer of the township in 1896 and deposited the money in the Lowell bank that failed. The township board settled with him at the time and took his account against the bank in full payment. The petitioners now want to go back of the settlement.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The township taxes are now due and payable at my office in the store of A. L. Coons. HARVEY J. COONS, Township Treas.

Our Holiday Number

Next week the LEDGER will issue a large holiday number, elegantly illustrated and with a great amount of reading matter appropriate to the occasion. This will be a good number to send your distant friends. We will sell extras wrapped ready for mailing at 5 cents. Supply limited. Get your order in early. Advertising matter for this issue must be in the printer's hands by Monday, Dec. 19. Everybody take warning.

Dancing School Opened

at Music hall by Miss Daisy Crawford of Grand Rapids. The series will be opened by an assembly dancing party Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. Class for children Tuesday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Excursion Rates for Christmas and New Year.

C. & W. M. Ry. and D., G. R. & W. Ry. agents will sell tickets on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, January 1 and 2 at one and one-third fare on account of holiday season. All tickets good to return until January 3d
d21 GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

To Whom it May Concern

ELMDALE, MICH., Oct. 10, 1898.
To whom it may concern:
We are prepared to pay highest cash price for Wheat, Rye and Oats, at Elmdale Elevator. A No. 1 Flour, Mill Feed, Seeds and Salt constantly on hand at lowest prices. A WEBSTER & Co. dec22 L. F. BROWN, Mgr.

Special train Excursions to Mexico January and February.

On January 24th and February 27, 1899, special train excursions under the management of the American Tourist Association will leave Chicago for tours through Mexico. Tourists contemplating a trip this winter will do well to consider the delightful experiences to be enjoyed on such an excursion as this. Full information furnished by agents of the C. & W. M. or D., G. R. & W. Rys. or by Geo. DeHaven, General Passenger Agent, Grand Rapids. 15d

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and ill run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store.

A pickle dish, a butter dish,
A dish that is short or tall,
A cracker dish, an olive dish:
Yes, Williams has them all.

Geo. M. Winegar's great closing-out sale of footwear still continues and great numbers of people are taking advantage of the fact that George is going out of business and must close out his stock at most any price. Just call and see what he can give you for sensible Christmas presents.

H. S. Schreiner has moved into the corner store of Train's opera house block. Some of his stock was badly damaged by water and a portion was burned. He is going to sell 25c whips for 10c and will give great bargains in robes and blankets after his insurance is adjusted. A peculiarity about Mr. Schreiner's misfortunes is that they mostly occur on the 7th of the month. He was washed out Feb. 7, 1887, moved out on account of high water on the 7th since; and burned out on the 7th of this month. His fire of July 4 1892 was an exception.

HOME NEWS.

Gossip and Chat about People and Things You Know.

Albums cheap at Alexander's. Genelli stamps given with holiday purchases at Look's. Skating is in order on Flat river above Main street bridge.

Those nut crackers and picks are beauties at Boylan's.

We are informed that scarlet fever is raging at Ionia and Lyons.

Rogers 1847, K and F are the best at R. B. Boylan's.

Lapeer county people are enjoying a splendid run of sleighing.

Mrs. Carr will have a fire sale of millinery goods over Coon's store next Saturday.

We hear complaints that the janitor of the East ward school neglects his duties.

Miss Midge Giles is sick with the la grippe and unable to go to school for several days.

Palmer's name on a package of perfumes is a guaranty of purity. Sold only at Look's.

Advertised letters—Mrs. Ida Kilburn, L. L. Howe, Dr. Logan, C. A. Palmerton (2), M. Poingler.

For Christmas presents see R. B. Boylan.

The school board is deliberating upon the matter of placing a furnace in the West ward school building.

Best line of box papers, purses, children's books, bibles in town at Look's drug store.

The marriage of Miss Lenna E. Rouse to Wm. H. Taylor, of Pittsburg, Pa., was solemnized at Grand Rapids, Saturday, Dec. 10th.

On Xmas morn when you awake And presents from your stocking take, You'll find a bracelet, key and lock: It came from Williams' jewelry stock.

The Good Templars, of Grand Rapids will give an entertainment in Lowell, Dec. 23. O. W. Blain is one of the speakers and will be assisted by Miss Grace D. Blakeslee.

Look's drug store for perfumes, millions of books or nice Christmas presents of any kind. We not only give satisfaction but the most change back.

The lecture of Miss Olof Krarer on Friday evening will commence at 7:30 standard or 8 o'clock last time. The ladies will be requested to remove their hats. Harvey B. Coons, pres.

If your hubby stays out late at night, Buy him a watch that's always right. He will stay at home and roam no more.

They're sold at Williams' jewelry store.

F. M. Johnson returned Monday from a three days visit with old friends at Almont. Mrs. L. S. Dickerson of that place came with him and will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. F. M.

Children's toys all kinds Alexander

Miss Carrie Potter wishes to inform the ladies of Lowell and vicinity that she is now prepared to do dress-making in the latest styles. Prices reasonable. 1 door east of Nash's res.

Subjects at the M. E. church next Sunday: morning, "Things which cannot be removed"—Heb. 12, 27; evening, "Go and search diligently for the young child and when ye have found Him bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also."

Dolls all kinds at Alexander's.

The Phila Clark Union will meet with Mrs. Adams Tuesday, Dec. 20, to finish packing the Christmas box for the home and hospital in Grand Rapids. Any one wishing to contribute can leave their mite with Mrs. Adams before above date.

One hundred watches at Higby's.

The Fourth U. S. Infantry with which Alge Gardner enlisted has been ordered to the Philippine islands and will leave for that distant place as soon as transports are ready. Capt. E. H. Browne, brother-in-law of F. M. Johnson, is with this regiment.

Silverware galore at Higby's.

Married, Monday, Dec 5, by the Rev. J. T. Hustel in Grand Rapids, Miss Milford Ernst and Charlie Barnes both of Lowell. The bride is one of Lowell's most highly esteemed young ladies, and the groom is one of our popular young men. They will make their home with the groom's parents for a short time.

See Higby's holiday stock.

Have you seen Blain's Brooklyn bridge?



We Don't
Want the Earth

—To Illustrate—

Cross-Cut Saws, 6ft - \$1.65

Henry Diston & Son, extra thin back tittle tooth saws, fully warranted, that means neither to soft or to hard, free from flaws and ground perfectly, or Atkins saws (not warranted) at the same price,

Pocahontas Coal--\$4.00 a Ton

We have a car in transit and make the above price delivered from the car. Leave your orders no .

POCAHONTAS COAL is not a smokeless coal but a strictly high grade of Soft Coal. We do not wish to mislead the public and want to warn them that Pocahontas Coal will smoke and burn out your grates the same as other "high grades" of soft coal such as Laup Creek, Empire, New River and others. Our aim is not to mislead you in our advertising or when selling you goods. We want every article and will make it so, just as represented.

Holiday Goods.

Skates, Sleds, Sleighbells, Silverware, Stoves, Carving Sets, Cutlery and many other articles which makes a present to your friend "which is not for a day but forever."

Best Goods, Best Prices.

KLARK & KLARK.

K-K-K-K HARDWARE.

Holiday Candies.

Newest of Novelties. Largest Stock.
Lowest Prices.

AT RICKERT'S.

People who Fill

Stockings

Are invited to seek their gifts here. Certainly, there is everything in sight which one could possibly think of for CHRISTMAS.

Oranges, Nuts, Dates, Figs, Candied Cherries, Liberty Bell Seeded Raisins (The finest made, put up in packages of One Pound each.)

Bon Bons, Fine Souvenir Chocolates,

Christmas Candies of all kinds at prices that will astonish you.

AT RICKERT'S.

It will pay the reader to read over Mark's mammoth announcement in this issue. Marks has been looking over his stock and finds he has too many goods of the sort advertised. There was only one thing to do—use the big knife and slaughter the prices. Perhaps it was a mistake on Marks' part to overload so; but now the unloading takes place and people who want to save money on clothing necessities will find this a golden opportunity. Island City Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold its next meeting, Wednesday evening, Dec. 28. All members requested to be present. 25,2w

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Business locals 5 cents per line each issue. Legal ads at legal rates.

Rate in directory columns \$1.00 per line per year. One inch 40 per year.

Cards for larger advertisements made known at the office.

Orders of thanks, 50 cents. Resolutions of condolence, \$1.00.

Job printing in connection at lowest living rates. "Always Prompt," is our motto.

Dewey's fate is assured, now that A. Vergennes buck sheep has been named in his honor.

THERE are some people down east who view Piore's presidential aspirations as a serious matter. It is hardly worth worrying about.

IF ROOSEVELT proves a success as governor of New York, President McKinley will do well to keep an eye upon him. He is likely to be a popular candidate for the presidency.

THE war has settled the tariff question for some years to come. A large revenue will be required to support the large army and costly navy now maintained by the results of the war with Spain.

THE request that ladies remove their hats at the lecture course entertainments is eminently right and proper. There is no good reason, and never has been, why people who pay to witness entertainments should be compelled to torture themselves into dry necks and aching eyes trying to look around a stack of ribbons and feathers. Oh, woman, lovely woman! Don't be so 'tartarion' aggravating.

PREVIOUS to Thanksgiving, Miss Lammann, teacher of the East ward school, inaugurated a movement that is worthy of emulation.

THE D. WOOD daughter, Mrs. H. Haskin, was in the Valley City Monday.

MISS Ethel Findley of Cascais is giving Winnie Pindson instruction in music.

Water Clark and Will Thomas who are engaged in the meat business, took 4800 lbs of pork to Grand Rapids Tuesday and 2000 lbs of poultry to Freeport Friday.

A few of the many friends of C. L. Blakelee and wife helped to celebrate the 15th anniversary of their marriage.

CLARENCE THOMAS who has been telegraph operator at Delta for the past month visited his parents Mr. Thomas and wife Thursday.

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WHITNEY, WATTS & CO.

Responsibility, \$100,000.00.

LOWELL, - MICH.

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W. A. WATTS, Cashier.

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Town Line Tidings.

Sherman Reynolds has returned from Grand Rapids and begins school at Alto this week.

Mrs. George Murray is seriously ill.

Mrs. Bert Wilson of Lowell has been spending a few days with Mrs. George Murray.

Jack Lewis came home Sunday with his bride.

L-race who lived on the river road a couple of miles west of the town line has been sick for several weeks and about two weeks ago he was shipped and fell with a kettle of boiling water, scalding herself so bad that she is unable to use her right arm yet. Last Friday their house and a Grand Rapids and is now at her home.

Frank Brown was in Freeport Wednesday.

U. S. Filkins went to Chapel Monday.

John Vanduyke has given up her position at Grand Rapids and is now at her home.

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URA.

ROYAL NEURALGIA CAP.

A new, novel and effective cure for NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, RHEUMATISM, SCIATICA, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, AND ALL HEAD TROUBLES.

DISCARD ALL MEDICINE.

Which for above diseases are not only painful, but expensive and often result in permanent disability.

THE ROYAL CAP.

25 Lafayette Ave., Detroit, Mich.

CHAS. ALTHEN, CLOTHIER.

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S. B. Parker and wife of Lowell were guests of their brother William and wife, Sunday.

Mrs. Sell VanWormer visited in Grand Rapids last week.

Lettie Mueller and Besie Tate of Lowell were guests of Mrs. Frank Fox last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Lee in Lowell helping to care for her sister, Mrs. A. Krum, who is very low with consumption.

Dora Rosen and Ruth Hudson are sick with chicken pox.

Wm Krum and Prof Hodges have each lost a horse and both VanWormer has lost a very valuable beef calf.

T. B. James has just purchased a very nice blue topographical map. It arrived last Friday from Kendallville, Ind., and they have named him Geo. Dewey.

BRIDGE.

Hammack's Iron Nerve.

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels are out of order.

If you want those qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life-Giving Syrup.

Only 25 cents at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store.

Overguarantee with every purchase: Ours the best, prices the lowest. Bergin, the reliable grocer. 254 1/2

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SYNOPSIS

Chapter I.—Minard Hendricks, great detective, just returned from Boston, is awaiting him an unexpected typewriter letter directing him to apartments in Palace hotel, where he will find remains of Mr. Weldon Caruthers—currently reported for past two weeks to be out of town. Detective seems to connect letter with apartment made on his own life some time previous. Goes with friend, Dr. Lamplin, to investigate.

Chapter II.—Upon search of Caruthers' apartment remains cremated body and jeweled hand of victim are found in a vase. Hand bears marks of finger nails marked over to sharp points. Lamplin recalls reports of a row between Caruthers and Arthur Glor, both sailors for hard of Dorothy Huntington, who is heiress to several millions should she marry Caruthers, unconditionally in case of Caruthers' death.

Chapter III.—Late that night Hendricks and Lamplin call at home of Miss Huntington.

Chapter IV.—Dorothy shows detective typewriter letter, which was an invitation for herself and aunt to occupy with Count Bantini, Italian nobleman, his box at horse show, as he was called out by pressing business.

Chapter V.—She recalls Glor had expressed hatred murder intense hatred for Caruthers and believes him guilty, yet decides to help him, and with her aunt goes to his studio.

Chapter VI.—Glor has fled. His servant, Earl, tells of overhearing confession of Kingdon. Henri thought his master had fled, but Hendricks concealed in room, hears upon.

Chapter VII.—Hendricks goes to countess at Indian interested in occult. He had helped him in much of the past work, and located in assistance for someone among the palace.

Chapter VIII.—Lamplin is summoned someone will be has been shot. Bullet in the large artery of neck was not penetrated by Hendricks' unknown enemy before him in his sleep. Section of ear just in time, but was shot before he could "glimmering."

Chapter IX.—The request confirms the supposition their hate at the last.

Chapter X.—There is no danger to anyone never has been, why Hendricks never to witness entire case, S. C. tall, compelled to for anatomical examination. Dr. Lamplin calls on Dr. Hendricks, who comes into police department. Hendricks writes in blood over Glor's name. Hendricks that he was innocent, starting and ending.

Chapter XI.—Going to Glor's studio, Hendricks identifies out his master. He tells of strange influence Bantini had over Glor. Hendricks comes to realize that Bantini was the murderer, and through hypnotism made Glor confess back to person to Henri and by letters to Glor.

Chapter XII.—Hendricks and Lamplin go to Kola's retreat. Kola tells them Glor is dead and approves his superior powers. Hendricks goes to detective's home in his study, body and bring back a Bible, which is handed to Hendricks' master. He is of occult balderdash. Kola warns detective an attempt is made on his life.

Chapter XIII.—Hendricks, who has learned how Kola received him when he makes tell of disappearance of Bible after one of Kola's calls during his absence in Boston.

Chapter XIV.—Countess now to Glor's appearance, the story goes back to night of murder, when Bantini by his strange power abducted his victim with very little difficulty.

Chapter XV.—Glor wakes in narrow cell and realizes he is starting. Bantini tells his prisoner he is in his power, and how during three days of unconsciousness he had been used to write letters to Miss Huntington and the police.

Chapter XVI.—Hendricks' arrested manages to loosen a stone in side of cell. Through this opening he manages to get his feet out with his bloody message to the other world.

Chapter XVII.—Sergeant Denham, not having known of Hendricks' connection with the affair, comes to him for advice. This brings out fact that cell was found near palace. Detective is now convinced of identity of Kola and Bantini, and with Denham and Lamplin, joined by Miss Huntington, who bears company to them, set out to rescue Glor.

Chapter XVIII.—My mother tells me that Kola called to ask about me every afternoon during my absence, and he never let a day slip during that time without dropping in this office. Why, every time he came he saw his letter to me lying unopened on my desk. Oh, the whole thing bears the imprint of the Indian, and I could make it clear to you if I had time. In his role as psychic adviser to the rich set he got acquainted with their ways, and, being desirous of getting rich suddenly, he resorted to the Italian nobleman's ruse. He felt that I knew him better than anyone else in New York, and tried to blow me out of his path. Failing in that, he may have decided to let me exist awhile longer. But when he had stained his hands with human blood he became shaky and made another trial at my wimples.

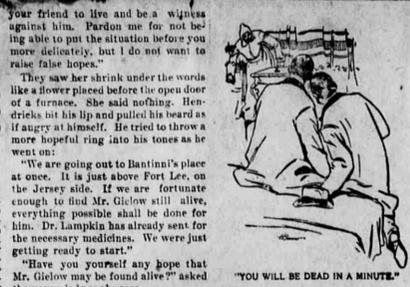
Chapter XIX.—At this juncture the office boy returned with the parcel for the doctor, and they saw that he was accompanied by Miss Huntington.

Chapter XX.—"I do hope you will pardon my intrusion," she said humbly, to Hendricks, who had hastily risen to meet her. "But it seemed impossible to wait longer at home. Won't you tell me if you have made any progress?"

Chapter XXI.—"We've made some in the right direction," said Hendricks, reflectively. "Come, sit down a moment. You look awfully cold. You have been out in the snow, and this is Dr. Denham, of the detective bureau. We are all working for you."

Chapter XXII.—"You say you have done something?" Hendricks asked the young lady, as she sat down near the radiator. "Oh, I do hope—I am almost afraid to ask."

Chapter XXIII.—In her agitation she seemed unable to articulate her remark. "You know where Bantini is," exclaimed Hendricks, "and, as you know, have reasons—strong reasons, in fact, for believing that Mr. Glor was his power only a few days ago. You must not be too hopeful, however, for you must realize that it would be best Bantini's interests to allow



"YOU WILL BE DEAD IN A MINUTE."

"We are going out to Bantini's place at once. It is just about Fort Lee, on the Jersey side. If we are fortunate enough to find Mr. Glor still alive, everything possible shall be done for him. Dr. Lamplin has already sent for the necessary medicine. We were just getting ready to start."

"Have you yourself any hope that Mr. Glor may be found alive?" asked the young lady as she rose.

"I am going to ask a great favor," she said, tremulously. "I want to go with you. If he is dead, I should like to be there at once, you know, and if he is alive, I could help."

"I really don't see why you should care," he said. "I have ordered a closed carriage to meet us at the elevated station. You could remain in the carriage as long as you wish, and make the arrest and then you certainly would come in handy."

"Oh, you are so good!" she exclaimed. "Please do not lose any time."

At the carriage was ascending the gradual incline of the rugged road through the woods surrounding the old mansion, the four occupants agreed that, to prevent any suspicion of their intentions entering the mind of Kola, the sergeant and Miss Huntington were to remain inside the carriage with the blinds down while Hendricks and Dr. Lamplin went in. And just before getting out, when the door was reached, Hendricks said to the sergeant: "Keep a good lookout, and if he should escape us and make a break for the front, stop him."

"All right," agreed the officer, and he smiled apologetically at Miss Huntington as he took out a big revolver and laid it on the seat between them. Lamplin and Hendricks had their revolvers cocked ready for use in the pockets of their overcoats. It had been agreed that they were to take Kola by surprise, get him well under fire and then calmly demand the restoration of the prisoner.

Going up the steps, Hendricks and Lamplin found the big front door open, and as no one came to answer their knock they were hesitating as to what course to pursue when Kola thrust his cowed head through the curtains and called out, cheerily: "Oh, hello! Come right in, gentlemen."

When they went into the room in which Kola had entertained them the night before, they found the windows darkened and the same dim lights burning overhead.

"I have just got up," said the Indian, with a smile. "That performance last night took all the strength out of me. I hope I'll never have to go through that sort of thing again to convince anyone of my ability in that line."

"You won't have to, my boy," replied the detective. "But I want to have a talk with you."

"I know—I know, sit down," and Kola waved his hand at the lounge on which he had been reclining the preceding night, but it had been moved against the wall. He sat down in a chair at a table. Hendricks and Lamplin both followed. The former thrust his hand into the pocket of his overcoat and grasped the butt of his revolver.

"Kola," he began, "I have reasons for thinking Glor is alive and—"

"Hold on!" the Indian broke in with a laugh. "Listen to me, Hendricks. What if I should tell you that you are absolutely in my power—you and your friend—that simply by pressing the electric button under my hand could I turn you both into eternity?"

A startled look flashed into the face of the detective. He looked above him and then down at his feet.

"I should believe you," he said. "My God, do you, he has trapped us!"

"Don't make a muscle or raise a finger if you will give me time to say your prayers," chuckled Kola, "for as sure as you sit there you will be dead in a minute. The rug under your feet has never seen this boards over a cavern two feet deep. With all your shrewdness you have never suspected me, but you do suspect Count Bantini, and it does not suit me to have you prying further into his affairs. I have tried twice to get you out of my way, and I do not intend to fail this time. Now, get ready. I assure you it is a genuine delight to see that expression on your face. I'd get you a mirror, Hendricks, but to do so I'd have to take my hand off the button."

"I can ask only one thing," said Hendricks, calmly, and a perspiration broke out over his face. "What is that?" asked Kola, with a smile.

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