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"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NOTHING"

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WHOLE NO. 286.

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 Pocahoutas Coal Will Not stop up your stove pipe with soot like high grade soft coal, nor burn out your grates near 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.

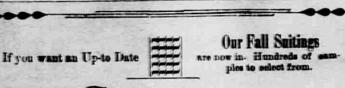
holiday

100 Watches

to select from. Tea Sets, any number of pieces.

Siver Novelties, Rings, Chains and Bracelets. Childs Sets 1847 Rogers Bros. Tableware

HIGBYS, The progressive Jeweler.



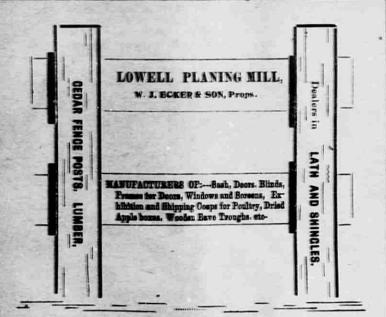
Suit of Clothes,

PAIR OF PANTS FALL OVERGOAT.

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

B. C. Smith.

"If Smith mekes 'em they fit."



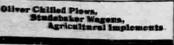
ANELEGANT LOT OF

Carriages, Buggies, Phaetons Surrey's and Family Rigs

Just received, as fine as silk and we will sell them at prices that will astonish the oldest inhabitant,

H. NASH. On th Bridg.

LOWELL, MICHIGAN



WILL PLAY SANTA CLAUS

Lowell School Children to do practicel Christmas Giving.

The Lowell teachers at their regular meeting, last Saturday, acted upon the suggestion of the LEDGER in the matter of accepting contributions from the children in all departments of the village schools for distribution among the needy. For this purpose and occasion the business men have agreed to sell goods at cost; and it is believed that there need not be a lates at Bush's bakery. house in Lowell without its "Christmas." In almost every house where there are or have been children are accumulations of toys and colored icture books that are simply in the way. Let these be gathered up together with such provisions and clothing as can be spared and we predict J. E. Lee's meat market and shoe that Supervisor White will need an store are now illuminated by arc sistant or two in his great Santa lights. Claus act. The contributions made by the children are to be taken to a new (?) firm in the Lowell ice besischool Friday and Mr. White will ness next season. see to their distribution on Saturday. One hundred

Worked it Both Ways.

It is hard to get the start of insurance companies. If you don't believe it, try it sometime.

We heard an incident the other day that illustrates the point. Before the Lowell waterworks were constructed, one of its advocates, a local insurance agent, called upon a

doubtful business man and said: "B-, we are compelled to have the water works for fire protection electric lights. Who is next? and we can afford to have them, because it will reduce our insurance rates more than enough to cover the

increase in taxes." Well, the water works were put in and taxes were correspondingly in-

Finally, B's insurance policy had to be renewed; and the agent came in to do the business. Then it was discovered that the insurance rate stayed week but the thaw has spoiled the right where it was before the water fun.

"How is this Mr. Agent? Didn't you say our insurance rates would be

lowered when we got water works?" -, you must know "Now, Bthat if you have a fire and the department comes and turns the bose on your goods, the water will do more damage than the fire. we lessen the rate?"

And they didn't. 6. A. R. Officers.

Joseph Wilson Post, No. 87, G. A. the interest of that order. R., have elected the following officers for 1899.

Com.—Benj. Morse. S. V.—John R. White. J. V.—M. J. Painter. Surgeon-A. M. Barnes. Chaplain-D. O. Shear.

Q. M .- E. G. Patrick. O. of D.-W. R. Andrews. O. of G. -Jesse Frost.

Delegate to state encampment Reuben Quick. Alternate-A. M. Barnes. Officers elect to be installed al the

first meeting in January.

Notice to Tax Payers.

able at my office in the store of A. L. John Millis, Harry Williams, Frank HARVEY J. COONS.

Township Treas. Excursion Rates for Christmes

and New Year. December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, Jan- Buy him a watch that's always rightuary 1 and 2 at one and one-third He will stay at home and roam no fare on account of boliday season.

d21 GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

Millions Given Away. It is certainly gratifying to the public to known of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great at the Baptist church Saturday evenmedicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thou-sands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bron-chitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on L. H. Hunt & Co., druggists, and get a free trial bottle. druggists, and get a free trial bottle.

Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle and bring gifts. guaranteed or price refunded.

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 Elm-dale Elevator. A No. 1 Flour, Mill Feed, Seeds and Salt constantly on hand at A WEBSTEL & Co. L.F BROWS, Mgr. dec22

2 cakes of Castile Soap at Blain's and Treas. Charles Green.

HOME NEWS.

Gossip and Chat about People and Things You Know.

Silverware galore at Higby's. A fresh line of Christmas candies at Bush's.

BOY WANTED at the LEDGER office to learn the printer's trade.

Lowell school children will enjoy

a brief vacation next week. Lowney's Bon Bon's and choco

Fred Bruner and wife of Freeport visited in Lowell last week. Sheriff John Whitbeck of Allegan

was in town on business last Friday. Our Christmas candies are strictly fresh. No old goods. D. T. Bush.

We understand that there will be

One hundred watches at Higby's. L. Severy and wife of Lansing are the guest of their daughter, Mrs. A.

Husted. Miss Steketee of Fallasburg was the guest of Miss Dottie Buckley one

day last week. Best line of box papers, purses, children's books, bibles in town at

Look's drug store. Superintendent English has wired the residence of H. A. Peckham for

Your friend would like a box of Lowney's Bon Bon's for Xmas. You

can get it at Bush's. Deck Look says that's a mistake about his having "millions of books" but that he has plenty of them.

See Higby's boliday stock.

Dolls all kinds at Alexander's.

The entertainment and juvenile cake walk given by Band No. 1, will be repeated by request in the near future.

Mrs. E. R. Craw has returned to her home. Miss Emus who is teachg at Elgin, Ill., h for the holidays.

N. B. Sweet, of Detroit, state commander of the Woodmen of the world. was in town Thursday looking after

For Christmas presents and R. B.

Boylan. Rev. E P. Smallage of Fowler-

ville and Mr. Andrews of Grand Rapids reorganized the Good Templar's lodge last Wednesday.

On Xmas morn when you awake And presents from your stocking take, You'll find a bracelet, key and lock: It came from Williams' jewerry stock. Charles Quick is making a quick recovery from his recent injury and promises to be hobbling around on

crutches in the near future. Advertised letters-Miss M. A. Black, Miss Bertha Harnington, Mrs. The township taxes are now due and pay- Lorinda Smith, Milford Jackson,

Zeigenfurs.

WANTED-A man to do collecting and act as salesman for the Singer Mfg. Co., in Lowell territory. Good opening for a hustler. Address The C. & W. M. Ry. and D., G. R. & Singer Mfg. Co., Grand Rapids. 2w W. Ry. agents will sell tickets on If your hubby stays out late at nights

All tickets good to return until Jan- They're sold at Williams' jewelry store.

All those owing the LEDGER on subscription or job work account are respectfully urged to settle the same at once as we have bills to meet that cannot be avoided. Please heed this

ing. The program consists of a Santa Claus nome, with gift distribution and a literary and musical program. Parents and friends of the Sundayschool scholars are invited to attend

The township Sunday school convention that was held last Wednesday at West Lowell was a success and the best convention the township has ever held. Rev. A. B. Johson, paster of the South Lowell and South Boston churches, was present and brought out many good practical thoughts. The officers for the ensuing year are

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LAST CHANCE

That we will have to mention 1898 Xmas Goods by the time you receive this notice' What we have left in Holiday Goods must go at some prics.

Stoves?

Big-Yes, Great Big Bargains.

Feed Cookers.

A comparison of quality and price assures us of a sale.

Announcememt

for 1899 will appear in the next issue of the Ledger. We shall of course continue our policy of being "Price Makers" on Hardware.

KLARK & KLARK.

K-K-K-K HARDWARE.

Holiday Candies.

Newest of Novelties.

Largest Stock.

Lowest Prices.

AT RICKERT'S.

bly think of for CHRISTMAS.

People who Fill Stockings

Are invited to seek their gifts here. Certainly, there is everything in sight which one could possi-

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.

----A pickle dish, a butt r dish,

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

Look's drug store for perfumes as follows: Pres. Leroy Chambers, lots of books or nice Christmas Vice Pres. Walter Houghten, Secy. presents of any kind. We not only give satisfaction but the most change

A elegant present for your husband, it may prove an opening wedge for that ring or one of our gold watches that your heart is set upon. CHAINS Quality beyond question.

Get it at WILLIAMS.

to appreciate success. it is seldom contagious.

wagon is usually in the van

may get fat while wasting away.

life as a lottery the chances are he has sey, a leader of the underground raildrawn a blank.

It's positively cruel to keep up the He passed through various changes jokes at the expense of the dude when up to 1871, when he became associated be isn't capable of understanding with Bodine, the then well-known politician, publishing the Michigan Trib-A man never fully understands the for president and became the organ of

The constant duty of every man to entire country.

en them for the help of others. It is the road we are traveling, the political arena for the newspaper field. everyday tread of our lives, which de- Up to this day the venerable composievery day tread of our lives, which de-cides our moral and spiritual quality. tor, heavily burdened with years and for whom a home is sought are nonre-The ends which we propose to ourselves are but points in our lives,
whose life itself is made up by the means we take to further them. All in a rapid and accurate manner. neglect of these means, all indifference to them, all undue haste to get through them, or to brush them aside as tiresome or unimportant, must therefore

be fatal to the value of life and the

growth of character. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."-James 1, 27. We know that the word -----translated "religion" means "outward service." It does not refer to the man's belief, but to the way in which it ought to be shown. There are various forms of worship whereby Christians display their faith. Religious ritual has many shapes. These give prominence to one feature or another of our Creed, according to the mind of the worshiper. St. James does not here trouble himself about these. They may legitimately differ. Whatever they may be. he points to that which should always mark the outcome of our faith and is "undefiled before God and the Father." The true notes of our outward Christian service or observance are "sympathy" and "purity." These are required by God of all, and they are illustrated by a man's visitation of widows and fatherless in their affliction, and also by a keeping of himself unspotted from the world.

Newspaper correspondents in Berlin report that Denmark is beginning to retaliate upon Germany for the expulsion of King Christian's subjects from Northern Schleswig. The activity of the Prussian government since these evictions began has been unparalleled. Hundreds of persons-men, women and SCANDAL IN THE CONSULATE. | Russia, and for a hundred years have ones but not very large, and these were children of all ages-have been forced to give up their homes and fice over the frontier into the northern peninsu-Danish press is urging the striking of D. Barlow, the consul general, has susa blow at German trade. Denmark imports from Germany goods to the value of not less than \$35,000,000 annually. more than half as much as from all the rest of the world. Danes are urged to stop the importation of German manufactures, and the temper of the people is favorable to the proposition. An association of merchants has been formed in Copenhagen, the members of which are pledged to buy nothing that is imported from Germany. The threat is not lost on Germany. Berlin merchants are tremendously stirred up over the prospect of losing so good a customer. Already Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, has received scores of communications—some of them numerously-signed petitions— begging that the persecution of the Schleswig Danes may be forbidden.

There is an electric fire in human nature tending to purity, so that among human creatures there is conanches there is continually some birth of new heroism. The pity is that we must wonder at it, as we should in finding a pearl in rubbish. No doubt, thousands of people never heard of have hearts completely disinterested.

WICE CONSUL GENERAL BENNETT. The pity is that we must wonder at it, and forbidden him to enter the pagodas of superstition, the Brahminic tortures, the infanticide of the Ganges, the bloody wheels of the Juggernaut to prove that of the light nature is not sufficient.

WICE CONSUL GENERAL BENNETT. Fence posts can be securely anchorising the pagodas of superstition, the Brahminic tortures, the infanticide of the Ganges, the bloody wheels of the Juggernaut to prove that of the light nature is not sufficient.

Star. "My lustiand Consul." Chicago, Ill. Imperial Russian Consul. The pity is that we must wonder at it, pagodas of superstition, the Brahminic tortures, the infanticide of the Ganges, the bloody wheels of the Juggernaut to prove that of the leight some birth of new heroism.

Fence posts can be securely anchorism the heights of ida or Olympus? No! I call upon the pagodas of superstition, the Brahminic tortures, the infanticide of the Ganges, the bloody wheels of the Juggernaut to prove that of the light nature is not sufficient.

Fence posts can be securely anchorism the heights common as a hen house. It kept the biddles comfortable and happy all winter, and they made us happy by keeping the consultant of the pagodas of superstition, the Brahminic tortures, the infanticide of the ground by the egg basket filled.

I have forgotten the neights of ida or Olympus? No! I call upon the pagodas of superstition, the Brahminic tortures, the infanticide of the ground by the egg basket filled.

I have forgotten the number of days' work required to build it, but if made of a cast-iron cone with a shank at the of have hearts completely and the pagodas of superstition, the Brahminic tortures, the infanticide of the dwithout driving into the ground by and the pagodas of superstition, the Brahminic torture

Zowell Zedger. A WELL SPENT

- MICHIGAN Sixty Years As a Newspaper Compositor. | Ne Has Seen Many Changes.

A good example may be a disease, but any paper in the United States is Wal- by the department of state at Wash- mania, G. M. Barnard said: Cows wished two or more stout posts must be remonettes and club papers—have ter W. Woolnough, the "veteran of the ington, and it is said that Powell Clay- must be fed regularly, and their rations be used Michigan press," as he has been called ton, the United States minister to Mex- evenly adjusted. When first starting The man who drives a furniture for years. The venerable typo began ico, is looking into the scandal. Barlow to feed at the beginning of the winter the work as a boy and throughout his is a young business man of St. Louis, weigh the contents of their different A gentleman relates to the Farmers' years as editor of many well-known Mo. Paradoxical as it may seem, a cook papers retained his skill with the "stick," it being his peculiar fancy to

Signal of Liberty, a vehement apostle Whenever you hear a man refer to of anti-slavery, edited by Erastus Husway system for assisting runaway

slaves to escape. une, which supported Horace Greeley meaning of court costs until he has the liberal republican wing of the debeen the defendant in a breach of the most forcible and pungent editorials, which were in demand over the

his fellow is to ascertain his own pow- Together with a long career of muers and special gifts; and to strengthleading member of the Michigan legislature before the civil war, but left the

Probably the oldest compositor on | Vice Consul Bennett must be approved | At a convention of farmers in Tas-

TO COME HERE.







by the doorkeeper. The cause of the trouble is not known. Consul General

light of nature sufficient? Could the ancients see heaven from the heights ancients see heaven from the heights so common as a hen house. It kept the Chicago, Ill. Imperial Russian Consul. ed, "my husband never talks back to me." "Of course not," said her com-

It sometimes happens that when a Barlow keeps his own counsel, but the High Enough to Cause Anything. If the accidental holes are kept filled wire running to the top of the post to When the railroad across Siberia is man arrives at home at about 2 a. m., friends of Bennett declare the latter "Is Mr. Buck's gout the result of as fast as made. The window was steady it. and his wife tells him to go straight has not been treated with justice by his upstairs to bed, she is asking the calcial superior. The suspension of They live in a flat twave stories up." was directly beneath it, where the sun to go flat superior. They live in a flat twave stories up."

LIFE. DAIRY AND POULTRY. on top of the roof were used to prevent the hens scratching the thatch off, as WOMAN'S IDEA OF REST OUR RURAL READERS. it if possible. If it should get

and Poultry.

Feeding and Testing.

reversed the fact that the best cow was so; making eight pounds and the worst three and one-half pounds per week;

tion under 4d, per pound to produce. ty-two pounds, or a value of £3 12s.; turkey. but the twenty cows cost f3 to feed, and the eight fl 4s., so really the eight

way, and while we are preparing for very detrimental to the health of all she has ten minutes to spare, she sits his advent in other ways, let us prepare the animals in the barn. A disease bolt upright, closes her eyes, folds her a warm place for the biddies. They once started in a crowded stable is hands and prepares to take a siesta. will repay us, I am sure. For two likely to prove very expensive to the To be sure she opens her eyes every winters we had as warm and cozy a owner of the stock. Every consideratime a skirt swishes by her, but she house as any hens need wish for, and that with but little outlay in cash.

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tion should lead stockmen to give their feels much refreshed nevertheless and when she finally leaves only comes. Poles were cut from the woods, stout The Egg and Sex. Trouble has developed in the United

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States consulate in the City of Mexico

States consu States consulate in the City of Mexico esting himself in their behalf and has in the form of a square, twelve by at the narrow ends produce cockerels, caped the embrace of her encircling la. Germany, however, is not invul- which is attracting a great deal of at- the support of quite a number of prom- twelve feet, and six feet high. After says the Country World. To the stu- arm and fell to the floor. And (this nerable, and the Danes know it. The tention in the southern capital. Andrew inent people in this country and Eu- one course was driven another was dent of embryology this fallacy is at is not a moral, only a question from a driven one-half foot inside the other. once apparent. For the first few days puzzled member of the sex, who is just "The idea is to secure a large tract Space was left for a door and the poles the chicken is sexual, and then to about as restless as the others) why don't of land in this country and establish were sawed out to permit of a window the seventh day it is distinctly herma- women, active, bustling, busy women, the colony, which numbers 10,000 per- being inserted. The space between the phrodite and contains within itself the rest when they get the chance-and sons, upon it. It will be similar in most rows of poles was filled with straw, elements of both sexes. After this stage when they seek snop-pariors, seaside respects to the quaker and Moravian tightly packed, a rough casing made it verges in one direction, one set of resorts and other busy places, with the settlements. No place has been decid- for the window and door, the window organs developing and the other dimin- avowed purpose of resting? ed upon yet, although several points in placed in position and the door hung, ishing, according as to whether the the south are under consideration. when the walls were ready for the roof, germ is going to produce a male or a Notable Weighing Machine. A large pole, rather post, was set in female. So that if the germ had a liv- A weighing machine which will the center of the hen house, projecting ing conscience, it would not know at weigh accurately either 1 pound or 150 Men strike their knife through the
Bible because they say that the light
of nature is sufficient. Indeed! Have
three feet above the top of the walls, the sixth day which sex it would ultitons has been built for navy work.
The scales are 48 feet long and 12 wide.
The machine will be used in great.

Bible because they say that the light of nature is sufficient. Indeed! Have the fire-worshipers of India, cutting themselves with lancets until the blood spurts at every pore, found the light of nature sufficient? Has the Bornesian cannibal, gnawing theroasted flesh from human bones, found the light of nature sufficient? Has the Chinese nature sufficient nature sufficient. Indeed! Have this post, the other ends placed at regular intervals on the walls close enough together to prevent the straw room from falling in. Straw was laid in courses on these poles until it was a foot thick, then other poles or wire were wired to this post, the other ends placed at regular intervals on the walls close enough together to prevent the straw room from falling in. Straw was laid in courses on these poles until it was a foot thick, then other poles or wire were used to keep the straw from blowing off. When completed it was a nature sufficient. Indeed! Have the other ends placed at regular intervals on the walls close enough together to prevent the straw room from falling in. Straw was laid in courses on these poles until it was a foot thick, then other poles or wire weights of two of these monogeneous that there will be used in great parties that there will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, an international provide in the machine will be used in great parties that there will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, an international provide in this post, the other poles or wire weights of two of these monogeneous that there will be used in great parties that there will be held in St. of this there will be used in great parties that there will be used in great partie nature sufficient? Has the Chinese blowing on. When completed it was a by the Russian by the Rus formed into a cow's hoof, found the said it looked more like the cottage on by addressing this consulate. Respect-

> of hay they will last a long time. One top on which a short post is placed to made of straw will last several winters drive it into the ground, a strand of

would warm the bath. The wires placed tables for the long winter months.

NTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR seemed determined to go through CHATTERBOX OF THE VACUE, WEARISOME SORT.

Bints as to the Care of Live Stock times they are built wigwam style, the Doctor Is Called in to Prescribe for hay or straw piled around and over it. That "Tired Out" Condition.

Volumes-in disconnected essays,

been written on the average American woman's ability to keep still, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. She is usually a chatterbox-if not of the measures, so one can give each cow the Review a story of the destructive work rambling, vague, wearisome sort, of proper quantity. The full rations that done by a pet bantam. The man in the alert, chipper, pepperbox variety my cows get when little or no grazing question had about twenty-five hens -but even when she is not a talker Dr. N. O. Nelson, president of the is available, are six pounds bran or sitting, most of which brought off she is a fuss, a bundle of nerves, en-Torking man and a working politician.

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Mr. Woolnough, who is now nearly N. O. Nelson Manufacturing company, politician. There is a big difference between a working man and a working politician.

A man often has more respect for his servant than his servant has for the man.

A man often has more respect for his servant has for the man.

An actor makes a hit when he strikes the manager for an increase in salary.

Some people flatter themselves when they are unable to get others to do tt for them.

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There is a big difference between a matter.

Mr. Woolnough, who is now nearly inner years of age, began his news is one nearly inner years of age, began his news is one age, began his news is of aparty of American men of means who are arranging to bring to mean who are arranging to b He then came to Michigan and took they are unable to get others to do it they are unable to get others.

The Ohio man who hanged himself out the grazing is of the week, and it the grazing is of any consequence the proportions of any consequence the proportions are reduced, and given a good season the content of the colicks and their mothers are reduced, and given a good season the content of the colicks and their mothers are reduced. The proportions of the week, and it the grazing the ration would not be compensated bantam. The old hen being unable to frescoes on those mantel vases and for by the value of the increased yield. move from her position, by reason of the design of the chandelier. But sha for by the value of the increased yield.

To go and put good food down the scrub cow's throat is the surest and scrub cow's throat s easiest way of proving that winter dai-rying won't pay. I have done it and in trampling to death several chicks. wanders around the room, gazing in-tently at the pictures, anxiously exdon't want to do it again, as the following incident will show. Some years ago, when first using the Babcock Tester, it was during the winter bantam was immediately killed and the walks up and down, her skirts brushmonths, eight cows were being milked, losses stopped. This illustrates the ing the ends of the rug up as she goes. and their average was five pounds per necessity of using great care to protect When she walks up and down, she week; when the tester got to work it the broods from intrusion by quarrel- puts the rolled-up end in place with the tip of her patentleather boot. She sinks into a big chair and watches the women who

The Guinea Fowl. the cost of feeding was 4s. per head, It would be a good plan for all poul- pass in and out of the room. She wighs and the price of butter 1s. 2d. per try raisers to have a few guinea fowls gets up again, looks toward the elepound; one left 5s. 4d. profit while about their poultry premises, says vator and when she sees Mrs. Blank the other had only one penny to her Poultry Herald. They are hardy, good coming does not wait for her, but credit, or, to put it another way, the natured and beautiful. It is well to sweeps off to meet her. The other side in the extreme eastern part of the week's butter from eight cows totaled 73% pounds, or an average of tryman's greatest enemy in the south parlor to rest a bit, take an inventory 9.2 pounds per cow. The feeding, principally grazing, came to 3s. per head, so that quantity of butter cost a fractional fractions of the sparrow hawk, and our neighbors have lost as many as a dozen time. She has bundles. Why do suburbanites burden themselves with we never lost but three chicks from bundles? Express companies are To show that a few good cows will that source, and we believe all credit cheap and reliable and many shops yield a higher profit than a lot of inyield a higher profit than a lot of in-ferior or medium ones, take as an ex-ample a farmer milking twenty head with an average of five pounds per week and getting 1s, per pound for his butter; say the feeding expenses are 3s, per head. Those twenty cows pro-3s. Per head. Those twenty cows pro-2s. per head. Those twenty cows pro- to waste, costing almost nothing to squeaks or catches in the rug and she duce 100 pounds of butter to the value raise, and no better meat can be found gets up to investigate. Then she site of £5, the eight head yield, say, seven- in the poultry line, unless it be the down again and begins to write. Scratch, scratch, scratch! What a pen! What an awful pen. Please get her another. The white-capped attend-

vermin-infected the house could be

Such a one, while not as lasting or as neat, is comfortable and requires much

cows show 8s, more profit per week | Cattle should never be overcrowded ant opens the table drawer and the than the twenty. A great many people in their winter quarters. In the sum- suburbanite picks out a stub. It takes look upon this testing the cows as a ser the case is not of so great import- a good while to "break in" and she dulged in if you have the time to waste, are wide open. But in the winter the of paper before she begins her accounts and they quite fail to see its value. stables must be kept so tightly closed and inventories. When she starts to Its value is that you find out what cows | that all the carbon emanating from the work the clock strikes. Goodness pay and what don't; and another thing, breath of the cattle accumulates in gracious, so late! She consults her it will be found that there will be a their sleeping quarters and poisons and watch. It agrees with the clock. It growing desire to improve when once | weakens the systems of all. When the can't be so late. She consults the atthis sort of thing is begun. I am cer- cattle are not overcrowded this is bad tendant. Is that clock fast? Her tain that there is more money to be enough, but when packed in closely the watch is the same hour, but riding on made out of a first-class dairy herd than out of any other branch of farming, and more to be lost if you own scrubbers.

A Straw Hen House.

From Farmers' Review: Cold win is remind us that cold winter than out of a first-class dairy herd inconvenience becomes positive dantinconvenience becomes remind us that cold winter is on the are created that are likely to prove principle, perhaps—and, seeing that back twice, once for her glove, which she left under the writing table, and

Shortening a Long Journey. completed it will be easy for a person to go from London to Japan in thirteen

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Are your nerves weak?
Can't you sleep well? Pain
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Appetite poor? Digestion
bad? Boils or pimples?
These are sure signs of From what poisons?
From poisons that are al-ways found in constipated

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They daily insure an easy You will find that the use of

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VERY LOW HATES.

Rallway.

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An unwelcome guest is one of the pout, half indignant, as is the manner best things going.

Lane's Family Medicine. Moves the bowels each day. In order the little assumption of dignity, and over the fire all morning has made me the two older girls and, just rising safe without it. to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c. the mother, more observant, passed it by, saying: 'She has been round helping the Fairlee girls. Tom's daughters.

Paradoxical as it may seem, silence to a decorate for a peaks for itself.

Paradoxical as it may seem, silence to a tomorrow night. Did you have a pleasing fire when the doorbell rang. Miss Patience."

Miss Patience. speaks for itself.

KNOWING HOW PAYS.

Will Save a Heap of Trouble

and a Pile of Money.

This anecdote clearly demonstrates that it pays to know how. Engineer J. J. Jeffries, of the Royal Cycle works at Marshall, Mich., residing in that city at No. 141 S. Marshall St., tells in the following of his experience with the little conqueror; it will pay you to know how he got rid of a troublesome of the marshall st., tells in the little conqueror; it will pay you to know how he got rid of a troublesome of the marshall st. a girlhood as gay and impulsive as know how he got rid of a troublesome of the marshall st. a girlhood as gay and impulsive as know how he got rid of a troublesome of the marshall st. a girlhood as gay and impulsive as know how he got rid of a troublesome of the marshall st. a girlhood as gay and impulsive as know how he got rid of a troublesome of the marshall st. a girlhood as gay and impulsive as know how he got rid of a troublesome of the marshall st. a girlhood as gay and impulsive as the following of his experience with the vindow—not at the holiday sights without, but down a long vista of years at a girlhood as gay and impulsive as the following of his experience with the vindow—not at the holiday sights without, but down a long vista of years at a girlhood as gay and impulsive as the following of his experience with the vindow—not at the holiday sights without, but down a long vista of years at a girlhood as gay and impulsive as the following of his experience with the vindow—not at the holiday sights without, but down a long vista of years at a girlhood as gay and impulsive as the following of his experience with the vindow—not at the holiday sights without, but down a long vista of years at a girlhood as gay and impulsive as the following of his experience with the vindow—not at the holiday sights without, but down a long vista of years with the vindow—not at the holiday sights without, but down a long vista of years with the vindow—not at the holiday sights with the vindow—not at the holiday sights with the vindow—not at the holiday sights with the vindow—not at the holiday s Gracie's and Nellie's own. It was not so strange that they should laugh at the idea of any one caring to surprise She had been proud of him, ambitious for him; but how proud of him and him a companion. He says: to give up locomotive engineering on account of the jarring of the train, and seek employment as a stationary engineer. When the attacks of lidesy complaint occurred I could not rest or lie comfortably in any position and often in the morning after a restless night I was more tired and worn out than when I went to bed. When the attacks were at their height I was more tired and worn out than when I went to bed. When he attacks were at their height I was more tired and some tired and some tired and some tired and sensitive, had misunderstood.

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When he attacks of him and how dear his success would be to her she had not let him know. And he, high spirited and sensitive, had misunderstood.

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se of every remedy that came to my notice. Reparations recommended to me by my accompanies and always been, the touch of years falls and he had gone off West somewhere.

The letter she was tempted to write and which, she left sure, would have brought him home again fast enough, she had been a little too proud to write, she had been a little too proud to write, she had been a little too proud to write, and now she did not even know where

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persons who must say the truth and the whole truth even at a venture of saying a little more, on meeting her for the first time after a lapse of years, had followed up her first greeting with.

"Married, of course, long ago. And one would think me pining because I be something the matter with the horse from him for a long time.

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jokes at the expense of the dude when longer young."

be isn't capable of understan(ing them. | Miss Patience, who would never | She laughed a little scornfully at | can; jes' like I did.

died away, and she studied in her mirror.

clouds of smoke It was a pleasant face and a youth
door brightened when she saw who her

nothing in his appearance to especially distinguish him from the many men She wasn't weaker than most of us, perhaps. Yet she had closed the blinds would enjoy her call the more, knowwho passed along the same streets, He a little sadly. who passed along the same streets. He was simply a gentlemanly appearing man, no longer young, tall and well formed, resolute of face, and with hair among us who would not for its beautiful and a precious added, with a laugh:

"I suppose every one almost is busy excepting myself this afternoon, and it is the same streets. He was not an interruption, and added, with a laugh:

"I suppose every one almost is busy excepting myself this afternoon, and it is the same streets."

to breathe, in all its sweetness, the brought? pure air free from the dust and smoke On that other day she had folded "There are no gifts to prepare.

She hastily gathered up the green for the wreath not yet begun, and went to work making it as carefully as if that work making it as carefully as if that were the day before a rather pretentious house just long enough for a glance at all the windows, and shortly afterward a trim windows, and shortly afterward a trim dering if Robert Bently would linger maid opened the door in response to maid opened the door in response to maid opened the door in response to following the maid's anouncement, following the maid's anouncement, following the maid's anouncement, following the stairway and a woman who, in a the stairway and a woman who, in a feeting in the stairway and a woman who, in a the stairway and a woman who, in a feeting in the stairway and a woman who, in a the stairway and a woman who, in a feeting in the stairway and a woman who, in a the stairway and a woman who, in a feeting in the stairway and a woman who, in a the stairway and a woman who, in a feeting in the stairway and a woman who, in a the stairway and a woman who, in a feeting in the poor woman was crying hysters ically now, and Miss Patience stroked were the day before a Christmas of the work-worn hand in silent sympaths.

Mary Robertson had always been so proud and reserved. It must be a sore the care the knew he wanted to tell. He had wasted. Stamp it as "THE FOREMOST BAKING POWDER IN ALL THE WORLD."

As a rule men laugh and women weep at a wedding. The fact that they are not the principals in the affair probably has something to do with it.

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Who are injured by the use of coffee. feminine way, was like the man waiting in the drawing room, rushed into the room and into his arms with a welcome full of tears and smiles and exclamations of "Oh, Bob! Bob! Why and it was a side the chandelier, and she had somest thought him surely the handsomest thought him s didn't you let us know? I am so glad mistletoe. It's my right to kiss you, Mother love was stronger than pride. delicate stomach receives it without agents Chicago & North-Western R'y distress, and but few can tell it from for full particulars. to see you!"

know really that I would come until come crowding upon her after all these ing her purse and her heart were alike great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents ing her purse and her heart were alike an hour before I was off. I thought, too, it would be pleasant to surprise The most profitable teaching is the you all, and then when I was here I lesson of the moment. It was almost uncanny, as if I had been dead, coming along the old streets and finding them all changed and meeting only strangers along the way." The reunited brother and sister, for

union, unparalleled as to resources and products and with an area exceeding all the Eastern and Middle states. The statistical reports of products as comestatistical reports of products as comestation of the past and information of the present, until the products and products and with an area exceeding and information of the present, until the products are considered as the products are considered as the products and products are considered as the products and products are considered as the products and products are considered as the product statistical reports of products as com-piled by the commissioners of Texas cheeked and bright eyed, came trip-"This is Nellie, Robert, your eldest

"Not baby Nell!" exclaimed the genlady in question released herself from his embrace with something like a of very young ladies at being regard- YOU NEEDN'T SAY A WORD, PATTY "I wonder who it can be?" thought

The uncle was quite unconscious of street dress and went out. "Sitting tieres.

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and I were making some little joke about Miss Patience under the mistletoe, and we thought she heard us. We her face brightened as she glanced at the card the servant brought in. But toe, and we thought she heard us. We her face brightened as she glanced at the card the servant brought in. But toe, and we thought she heard us. We toe, and we thought she heard us. We her face brightened as she glanced at membered very well. His hair was went into the library for some wreaths | the elegant script. Many a hungry man wishes he were she was making for us, and we imag- "Oh, it's Miss Fairlee! Show her be looked as if time and fortune had ined that she looked flushed and hurt. right up here."

ined that she looked flushed and hurt.

Isabel was real cross with Grace and me about it, and we were sorry as could be, for she is so sweet and nice."

"You girls I fear are very theaght. think any one else would be quite so that the came to ward her with outstretched hand there was something in his face that carried her back to that other Christical Christica "You girls, I fear, are very thoughtless," said her mother, soberly, looking across at her brother, who had
picked up a newspaper with which to happy, and I am very happy indeed."

Vision in the control of think any one else would be quite so welcome as yourself this afternoon.
You always seem so glad to see people handsomest lover in all the world.

"Don't you know me?" he asked Something had gone wrong with some simple part of a stationary engine and the stoker could not fix it. After spending a day or two on it he was forced to ask the aid of a more competed to ask the aid to a more competed to ask the aid to a more tent workman. He failed also, and Fairlee's, mere babies, and now they tention to the ring that sparkled on the and-thirty years, the color heightened WANTED-Case of bad besith that R-I-P-A-N-S

years? In the afternoon she donned a

CHAPTER III.

less words. She handed over the shin- failure. ing garlands on mistletoe to the merry There was a flurry of snow in the old roguishness: "You needn't say a

all thought of romance.

When hearts are fresh and sympather, thetic and loving, as Miss Patience had always been, the touch of years falls had opened that breach between them, had opened that breach between them, had opened that breach between them, his return to Oregon, and that Aunt

WHAT XMAS BROUGHT have thought of denying it, although it herself, and changed her mind about had scarcely occurred to her before, going home. said she did not doubt that she had "I shall just make a different round

changed. HE heavy rumble Alone in her own room, she fastened decided. of the long passen- her door and threw the blinds wide The next bell that she rang was that ger train from the open that the unpitying light might of a plain, little house on a plain, nar-West had not yet fall as severely as possible on the face row street. The weary face of the

still marked its on-ward course, as a the coming of the crows' feet around visitor was.

"I hope you will excuse me," show ward course, as a the crown got the crows feet about the corners of the tiny lines settling about the streets of a busy Eastern town. There was of a few gray threads. town. There was of a few gray threads.

ing that it was not an interruption, and that was turning gray.

It was well but quietly dressed, and ty, its hope and even its ignorance.

The was well but quietly dressed, and give in exchange a goodly portion of ting the finishing touches on a few litwalked with the step of one tired from such store of knowledge, experience or the gifts, but I thought I could do it totravel, the chest thrown forward as it success as the added years have night. Are you quite ready for your little opes?"

of calls from that I had planned," she

away a favorite gown or two as no don't much mind telling you. Patty we It was Christmastide. At no other longer suited, with their touches of have been friends so long. This year season are shop windows so enticing, nor so many people on shopping bent, to her sober years. But now she tried with Nellie's illness in the fall, there wearing that conscious look betraying the purchases that are meant to be to put away in some secret chamber was only enough left for the bare nectative purchases that are meant to be memories and a few fond hopes. For, Christmas was always such a happy All this, to say nothing of the ven-All this, to say nothing of the venders of evergreen and the heaps of pine and cedar about church doors telling of the Christmas trees within. Once when opposite one of the best looking when opposite one of the best looking across the street, as if in expectation of seeing some one.

Like that revelation of her lost youth, came the consciousness that the sweetest things that had come into her life—set thi

"Just started on an impulse. Didn't "Why should these old memories uptown establishment late in the even-

A turkey and cranberries, a big package of toys dear to the hearts of A turkey and cranberries, a big children, with a couple of new books of business and more business for men of leisure. and a bunch of hothouse flowers had been sent to the little house on that back street. A bundle of warm flannels had gone with a basket of fruit
to an invalid girl in a poor tenement.

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at once. Go to your druggist today
to an invalid girl in a poor tenement.

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druggists refund the money if it fails to cure
and get a sample bottle free. Told in

Sec. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tables. As Miss Patience fastened up her | 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; dewraps for the homeward walk some- lays are dangerous. thing very like happiness shone in her

above the back of an easy chair the

(promptly)-Sell him as quickly as you

top of a man's head.

As she entered the hall one of the ple seem to have been broken off. little girls was scurrying upstairs, a mysterious something hidden in the "I had a running, itching sore on folds of her dress.

you come home, I must tell you to parlor," and she was off to the nur rank were it not for the officers.

stings, sprains. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric There were her brother and his wife, Oil relieves the pain instantly. Never you see in the comic papers.

A woman looks into one glass to

ing the Fairlee girls, Tom's daughters, decorate for a party they are to give In another handsome home a young Fairlee; "we were just speaking of you several to paint his nose.

CHAPTER III.

"Here she comes now," said Mr. paint her face, but a man looks into paint his nose.

It is sometimes easier to gain the daughter hand than the father's eas.

DEWEY'S PROJECTILES struck to knock out. So do the pains of NEURALGIA.

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Then he said, with something of the

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"Aunt Patience," called the child Ointment took away the burning and been seeing them ever since. over the balustrade, "Papa's brought itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, vou come home. I must tell you to Bowling Green, O.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O.

come right on in. They're in the back Our standing army would be simply usually the less intelligible a signature is the

"I wonder who it can be?" thought
Miss Patience, as she parted the portieres.

Accidents come with distressing frequency on the farm. Cuts, bruises, The harder times are the more tramp joke

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Fairlee's, mere babies, and now they someone suggested the employment of a local celebrity, a sort of tinker at any mechanical job. There is generally one in every locality. He gave two or three raps with his hammer and touched up a rod or two, when the pounding, or whatever ailed the machine, ceased. When asked to make out his bill, it read as follows:

To Fixing Engine.

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CHAPTER II.

Miss Patience had heard the thought-real machine, ceased and now they are giving parties!"

A little later Miss Nellie went into the ring that sparkled on the third finger.

"You see," as she grew more confidential, "Will said he meant to wait until tomorrow, but he couldn't, and—" as the bright color rose in her face—as the color heightened by the dark fur trimmings of her dress, and the eyes full of a shy, sweet glad-ness at his coming that he had scarce-will not benefit. Send Section to the ring that sparkled on the third finger.

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"I am very glad he did not, for I am so happy."

Miss Patience went down to the string fine dark fur trimmings of her dress, and the eyes full of a shy, sweet glad-ness at his coming

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and patriotic reception during his tour enough and was instructive to the through Dixie. The bloody hatchet of children present. Her manner of re the sixties is buried forever, when the ply to respectful questions solicited by presset father at Washington smokes herself does not evince a high grade

right. He enlisted for war and stood for missionary work among them. her sister for several weeks. ready for service until peace was ac. The first thing would be to remove Miss Bookey of Cannonsburg is teaching complished. He can do his country them from that God forsaken region, this term of school. greater service by other than garrison fit only for the polar bear, and place Dexter Jones and wife of Hesperia visit-

THANKS! thanks!! The good ladies parts would be a paradise for the Warren Ford has of Lowell, who so kindly removed their hats at the lecture last Friday there is enough of it for all the heath. J. Goble's brother of Traverse City evening, deserve a hearty vote of ed on earth. thanks; and in behalf of the long suff-

TERRITORIAL expansion has come to stay. It is a stone wall upon which statesmen will crack their skulls if they butt to hard. It may grindstone a little bit. Our friend meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Cary, Jan. several days last week. Bryan should take warning.

WE ARE apt to think that with meetings at the school house. the advantages of rapid transit have P. Thompson returned home some increased risks to life and limb from his visit in Ionia. and that, in this regard, the "good A. Rolf spent Sunday with his daughter pot site now. old days" of slow but sure were the in Grand Rapids. best after all. This view, however, Mrs. J. Gulliford has been visiting is not well founded; for the fact is tives in Grand Rapids the past week. that travel by steam and electricity methods in matter of speed, but is also much more safe and comfortable. in revolutionary times the overland journey from New York to Boston consumed from ten days to two weeks and that, considering the number of people traveling, accidents were far more frequent than to-day when so many lines of railroads are carrying thousands of people between those great cities every day.

have been taught that doubt and unbelief are the greatest of sins, will be interested in the following from John Bascom in "Sociology;" and those who are willing to learn may perhaps modify their views. "The unbelief which has attended on the development of faith is not rightly regarded.

They cure with unanting certainty Nervousness, Physical Debility, Kidney and Liver troubles, Catarrh, Emanci pation, Stomach troubles, etc. As a blood purifier and enricher their equal has never even been thought of. Again ment of faith is not rightly regarded as an alien and conflicting term: it is rather a subordinate and concurrent one. Decomposition attends all growth. It is an aspect of growth.

Doubt, making way for inquiry, is a moving power in philosophy. There is no transition effected without it. Unbelief is the occasion of deeper belief. The history of the world everywhere verifies the assertion. The time is one of extended unbelief. It Lowell church. are incidents of one process. There evening. is no instance in history in which ex- Orrin Wheland was buried Monday. He tended unbelief has not given the condiced at his home in South Lowell. ditions and causes of a decisive growth | George Oberly has left school and of faith. Christianity came in with, and partially by means of, such a period. So also the era of the Reformation was one of unusual skepticism.

George Cobery has let school and learning telegraphy at the Alto depot.

Born—To Will Kinyon and wife, a baby girl.

BECKY. \* \* \* Unbelief needs no distinct treatment. It has no separate productive tendencies. It arises from and returns to faith as a process of growth. Its presence simply indicates the vigor and rapidity of the changes

IN THE December number of the Review of Reviews is an article, "Recent Events in China," which shows why the governmental reins have been removed from the hands of Emlease of life." Only 50 cents at L. H.

Sunday at H. Moe's.

D. Sheldon and will move to Belding peror Kuang Hsu. It seems that the Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store. Every bottle young man was much mortified over the poor showing made by his country in the war with Japan. Then he fell to comparing China and its methods Neath the snow-clad hills of Alton Mrs. John Crawford of Grand Haven is centuries A thousand governmental hangers on were discharged at one stroke of the imperial pencil. The press was declared free; schools, where the "foreign devils"—as English and Americans are styled—could teach, Example to hand the property of the imperial pencil. The come and taste our bread from Flour made at Alton mill G. C. Norton, Prop.

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F. L. Fallas wants your poultry.

so many revolutionary measures in a Tsi An, was induced to assume control once more. If the young man had tempered his zeal with discretion, | his rule would have been longer. As it is, the shaking up he gave the SUBSCRIPTION ONE DOLLAR YEARLY. without good result. The schools remain and the people have found some posit. Deposits of \$1.00 and upward received in Savings Department, on which

their dead and profitless past THE LECTURE by Miss Olaf Karer partial payments allowed of any amount at at Music hall last Friday evening any time. was far from being a "feast of reason and flow of soul;" and it is evident ORTON HILL, that the "education" she claimed to have received in Iceland was anything but "finished." Her facts were E. W. BOWMAN, almost without exception already known to her adult hearers who are at all given to reading. However, as a memory refresher, it was well

the pipe of peace with the erring ones. of culture. But, after all, Miss Kar-MR. BRYAN's resignation of his position in the volunteer army is all

there would seem to be a good field

Alton.

Ethel Weekes returned last week from East Lowell where she has been visiting British America in its northernmost cently.



4. at 10 a. m.

The U. B. class are holding a series of of the day.

RUMOR.

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world has ever known. It makes no positively help and cure you.

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Lowell Center-Alto. There will be an oyster supper at th more active the unbelief, the more home of Willis Merriman, Friday, Dec. 30, rapid the transfers of faith. Our given by the young people of the South

is also one of surprising development of faith. The two movements meet tist church, Alto; M. E. church, South

Brave Men Fall Victims to stomach, liver and kidne

Where the Alton Flour is Made.

with what he could learn of other countries, and realized that great reforms were necessary. So he started where the ducklings like to paddle in the countries, and realized that great reforms were necessary. So he started where the ducklings like to paddle in the countries, and realized that great reforms were necessary. So he started where the ducklings like to paddle in the countries are necessary. to reform everything, and to abolish pond above the mill. 'Tis a town for gen. Nellie Hanks was at home Sunday. customs that had prevailed for many erosity, especially to the poor Andy Fyfe, centuries A thousand governmental He gave three dollars to get a pair of rub-

ORTON HILL, President.

lump; and the Empress Dowager, Responsibility, \$100 000.00.

W. A. WATTS, Cashier.

thing to think and talk about beside 3 percent interest will be credited semi-an-

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them within reach of civilization. ed with her mother, Mrs. J. Mosher, re-

for John Martin this winter. lar's house since he burned out. Fred Ford was in Detroit recently. R. Ferd was in Smyrna Monday.

Col. Porter and wife visited in Belding grindstone; but it don't hurt the The ladies' aid will hold their next burg visited his sister, Mrs. D. Church, Fishing through the ice is now the order

> railroad and it looks as though it would be a sure thing. They are looking for a de

We are sorry to hear of the illness A. Blosser at his daughter's, Mas. Fred Wingier, home in Bowne. Mr. Oursch of Alto is visiting relative

Wish you all a Merry Christmas.

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Town Line Tidings

Ross and Charlie Kinyon spent Sunday with their brother, Bert. Laura Wesbrook of Middleville visited tie retainers, pocket combs, with her mother from Friday until Sunday bag checks, envelope openers, Christmas exercises will be held at the sterling mounted ebony brushchurch Saturday evening.

Mrs. H. Wesbrook and daughter, Laura

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Dan Skellenger of Belding spent Sunday

with his mother, Mrs. S. Skellenger.



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at LEDGER office. Ypsilanti to spend her holiday vaca-

Albums cheap at Alexander's E. O Mains and wife are spending the holidays with his parents near

Mrs. C. A. Slade is sick, unable to teach her school at Grand Rapids.

Olive visited two days last week in Grand Rapids with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs. Archibald.

several days with relatives there.

The best 40c tes in Michigan at Bergin's Try a pound and if not satisfied get your money back.
This is "straight goods."

Zour distribution extended to all desirate ing intellectual and moral improvement. All such should decide to participate.

Genelli stamps given with holiday

J. S. Hooker had the misfortune of the to fall and break a rib while choring

Monday in the case of Peter Me. Invitations are out for the dancing was held Friday. Obituary next week, with regret that she is at the home of her Pherson and other taxpayers of Vergennes vs. the Township Board of Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, '98, by Vergennes, compelling the latter to Miss Daisy Crawford, of Grand Rap-set aside its settlement with the for-ids Dancing promptly at 8:30. mer treasurer, John Dennis, and em-powering McPherson and the other dancing lessons which will be contintaxpayers to bring suit in the name ued through the winter and in which of the township against Dennis' bonds- the German and many other pleasaat men to collect about \$600 of the features will be introduced. A large tewnship's money which he deposited attendance is desired at the opening in the defunct Lowell bank and lost. of the children's class, Tuesday at 3 -[Grand Rapids Democrat.

Block, Lowell, Mich. Special attention Has also qualified and been admitted to practice in the Interior Department and all the

16 00

Children's toys all kinds Alexander

Mrs. S. P. VanDine, deputy commander of the L. O. T. M. of Grand

Christmas eve, the M. E. Sunday bicyclers.

to Detroit to spend a few weeks with their son, Will, and wife.

Take gitts to hopeful feeling among the settlers in Next Sor.

Mrs. E. B. Hunter, Carrie and Ona will go to Three Rivers to attend her sister, Mrs. Trall, who is Rapids last Friday.

All kinds of wood proceeding from an operation for the Rapids last Friday.

All kinds of wood proceeding from an operation for the Rapids last Friday. tend the wedding of May Perrine and George Hunter, Monday.

recovering from an operation for the removal of a 13½ lb cancer, which Handkerchiefs lady's and gent's at Bush's bakery. Mrs. Hildreth and granddaughter Detroit, some time ago.

Those sleds for Christmas are made ents at Alexander's, ents, Mr and Mrs. Archibald.

Mrs. Jane H. Church attended

of good hardwood and well braced at Boular's,

Call at Behl's city bakery for bak
watering. Call and see them. the Christian conference in Grand Rapids last week and will spend be organized immediately after the A debating society for adults will be organized immediately after the Christian Conference in Grand be organized immediately after the Christian Conference in Grand B. Hash.

I have a few good horses for sale Christian Conference with every purchase:

J. S. Hooker had the misfortune purchases at Look's.

Judge Adsit granted a mandamus beauties at Boyland and picks are by Rev. L. N. Pattison.

The funeral of Mrs. M.

Genuine home-made bread "like Rogers 1847 Silver K and F are mother makes" at Bush's bakery. the nest at R. B. Boylan's. The musical entertainment and The subject Sunday morning at the Chas. Jakeway and wife made a business Capital,

juvenile cake walk given in Music M. E. church will be "The growing hall last week Tnesday evening by Christmas Spirit in the World." In J. Malone is erecting a new house. Band No. 1, of the Congregational church is highly spoken of by those Christmas Story" illustrated with church is highly spoken of by those Christmas Story" illustrated with week after spending several days with CHAS MOCARTY. beautiful views and sacre t songs. All relatives in Grand Rapids. Have you seen Blain's Brooklyn are cordially invited and a very

Rapids was in Lowell Wednesday in School will have for the children and School will have for the children and Asa and Nina Vandenbroeck and consin.

4. H. Force E. i. Benn Asa and Nina Vandenbroeck and consin. afternoon and evening she gave the Santa Ciaus. A program of songs day evening at P. W. Byrne's. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Sara law and Mrs. John Smith of Sara law ac visited last week with her sister, tion.

L. J. Post has returned from Ossome farcoda county where he did some farmer's institute work. He reports a some farmer's institute work. He reports a forman law and many some farmer's institute work. He reports a forman law will introduce the good St.

Nicholas who will aid in the distribution of the treat and presents.

Take gitts to church early Saturday

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Detroit Tuesday. He doesn't intend to

Readers of the Ledger will find a well selected stock of holiday-goods at Look's drug store and selling prices that will please you.

Subjects at the Baptist church Sunday morning "The Star of Bethleham," in evening, Program and song service by the B. Y. P. U.

Mrs. E. B. Hunter, Carris and Readers of the Ledger will find a well selected stock of holiday-goods at "blanket sale day" with H. S. Schreiner, as he sold an even hundred, with whips a good second. He has some left yet and 25c whips still go at 10c while they last. Train's block is the place.

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Mrs. H. S. Schreiner was called to Belding Monday, where she will at the Congregational the Congregational church and in the evening at 7:30 there will be given a new Christmas crewise entitled "Christmas Crowns" in which the nations of Christ's king. dom are represented by nations and continents, also bringing their tributes to him as their King. The music is of the finest. You are cordially invited.

Mrs. F. R. Ecker was in Grand to him as their King. The music is of the finest. You are cordially invited.

All kinds of wood promptly deliver.

she suffered at St. Mary's hospital, Alexander's, headquarters for Santa. 3000 cake of white Castile soap Headquarters for Christmas pres be sold for 24c a cake at Blain's.

ed goods and lunches.

Island City Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. ting a school bell, was a success. F., will hold its next meeting, Wed- The Gleaner's held an interesting sto fall and break a rib while choring about the barn one day last week. He is making a quick recovery.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. sent a box to the Home and Hospital at Grand.

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The Gleaner's held an interesting session at the school house Thursday even ing.

Alpheus Bowen died at his home in the school house Thursday even ing.

There will be a Christmas tree at the tree to be a constant to the Home and Hospital at Grand.

Get it at WILLIAMS

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special invitation is given to all visting her mother, Mrs. Frost, in Keene. Francis King, Chas. McCarry

Merry Xmas to ail.

the interest of that order. In the their friends a Christmas tree and Ross Bignell, of Grand Rapids, spent Sun Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Sara- local L. O. T. M. a school of instrucviews will introduce the good St. slip, Monday, and injure his side quite

Mrs. Nellie Hine Kitchen of Georgia is making an extended visit with her father, M. N. Hine.

Mrs. Nellie Hine Kitchen of that new region. He says there were 100 deer shot in the vicinity of Mio this season.

Next Sunday morning Rev. Mar. Chas. Jones and Maggie Byrne called on this season.

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from the secretary shows it was thankfeller received.

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Replace the old man's loss.

Keene, Dec. 15, at the age of 74 years.
Funeral services were held at the feature of the evening.

Keene church on Sunday, conducted
There will be a box social at J. de Hom-The funeral of Mrs. Melissa Taylor The friends of Edith Davis will learn

> Some dainty designs, made to please the ladies, in fine gold filled cases, with Elgin or Waltham movements, at prices that will prove a
>
> The L. A. S. gave a dinner at the town hall and invitations for the gentlemen to bring stove wood for Elder Findley, were liberally responded to.
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> The toe social at Mrs. Jas. Larraway's kind but are a practical pen for practical purposes at a practical was well attended and a very enjoyable practical purposes at a practical time reported. The only drawback was

that we didn't get our "Sunday girl's" toe.

present, something BUITO S men. Our stock embr Quality beyond q ear Get it at WILLIAMS.

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Closing out price...... All Ladies' \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 kid shoes Men's Itasca low sock rubber, snag proof, former price \$1.75 Ladies' kid bal and button, good style, the best on the market for our Closing out price..... former price \$1.50, Men's oil grain bals and congress, heavy sole and tap, extension edge, the best shoe on the market, former price \$2.00, Men's Hurons, low sock rubber, former price \$1.50, Closing out price.

Ladies' dongola bal and button, good style, regular \$1.25 goods
Closing out price.

Men's oil grain, bal, congress, creole and seamless cut, the easiest work since on the market and a good wearer, former price \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00, Closing out price..... Men's snag proof perfection, for felt boots, former price, \$2.00. Closing out price..... Men's snow excluder artics, former price \$1.60, Closing out price..... SI 18 Boys' and Youths', Misses' and Children's shoes, of which we have good durable shoe, former price \$1.50, Men's artics, former price \$1.35, Closing out price..... the most complete stock in Lowell, every pair to be Men's oil grain creole and plow shoes, all solid, and good value at out All Men's rubbers that formerly sold for 75cts, former price \$1.25 Closing out price ..... Boys' rubber boots, former price \$2.25, closing out price ... ..\$1.60 All Men's 50 and 75c socks to go at..... Boys' and Youths', Misses, and Children's rubbers at cost to close.

We have any number of other Great Bargains that we have not space to mention, but all must go at first cost and below. It will pay you to put in your Spring stock of Boots and Shoes now.

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STATE GOSSIP.

North American Chemical Co.

The Grange adopted the recommendawhich were very similar to the resolu ions of the Farmers' clubs. The Agricultural college was given an enthusi astic indorsement, and the legislature tracks near a curve. was asked to make an appropriation for a building that will accommodate

a joint opening meeting in Represent- house. Frange presided, and addresses were one day. made by Thomas Mars, of Berrien Springs; President Cook of the Farm- at Alpena. ers' clubs; State Librarian Spencer; A. C. Bird, of Highland; A. E. Palmer, of Kalkaska: Miss Jennie Buell, of Ann Arbor; K. L. Butterfield, of Lansing, and Gov. Pingree. The governor struck by a falling tree and fatally in-

Ridge, unanimously re-elected for the National Guard, has established head-Carlisle, Kalkaska; assistant steward, likely to be a long one. Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, Battle Creck; sec- law building at the U. of M. has been Mills. retary, Miss Jennie Buell, Ann Arbor; set ahead to Feb. 10.

And "Hom a blackscath was helded at Landing, nearly all levels was held at Landing, nearly all of the 12st dulub belonging to the sociation being represented. Secretary of the constitutional revision was specified in the case of the constitutional revision was specified in the case of the constitutional revision was specified by the constitution of 3s new clubs in the state during the past year; and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions, and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions and the revival of a number of dormant sub-conditions and the revival of a number of the part of the sub-conditions and the revival of the sub-conditions and the revival of the sub-conditions and the review of the sub-conditions and the r

while dressing suddenly dropped to the floor and expired. He had just been joking and laughing with members of the family.

The officers elected are: President, Mills general merchant of Prescott.

While dressing suddenly dropped to the awarded a special medal.

Emma Thompson, aged 21, committed suicide on a farm near the village of the streets and some were swept from the lower floors of houses. Five persons were killed outright and fully 30.

The deep swept through the streets of the neighborhood carrying death and destruction. People were caught in navy deficiency bill.

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The U.S. peace commissioner.

Gent, Mrs. II. N. Garmer, Davidson; Greenbary, A. D. Code, Women, Carley Canaly, and the two barrs shall be two hearts already of the barry for the barry of the barry for the barry for

One Bullet's Work,
Private Thos. J. Collins, Co. E, 7th burned to death at her parents' home
TICKINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH
Detroit. U. S. infantry, at Ft. Wayne, Detroit, near Alpena. was cleaning his Krag-Jorgenson rifle Nathan Fine, a merchant tailor at

when it was accidentally discharged. falling on the sidewalk. and passed through the ceiling and John McAilen, farmer near North

State Grange Hold Profitable Con- through, breaking the bone. It then President McKinley, together with the ventions at Lansing — Three Killed passed through another two-inch oak floor and finally landed in the base—Henry Campeau, a miner, died at ment. The hole in Collins' foot is not Sebewaing from the effects of a blow larger than a lead pencil, and both by a falling stone in the Michigan floors are cut through without hardly Standard coal mine.

a splinter being torn off the sides of Leroy W. Midlam, a former post-

were added during the year. The total number of subordinate granges total number of subordinate granges in the state is now 270. The increase in membership has also been considerable.

The dead are: Mrs. John Yerkes' son, aged 12 tered in Michigan for the month of the same product marketed the same than beyond the same than the first common at an our territories at home and beyond the same than the first common at the larger cities of Brandon and Recommon at a formal to the same than the first control of entry there in the Pacific ocean at the larger cities of Brandon and Recommon at a formal to the same than the first control of entry there in the Pacific ocean at the larger cities of Brandon and Recommon at a formal to the same than the same than

county, Miss Louise Woessner; Stock-Wm. Robertson, Newago; chaplain, The date of the delication of the new bridge, Ingham county, Clarence S. Former Ohlo Senator Dead.

The officers elected are: President, L. D. Watkins, Manchester; vice-president, Mrs. H. N. Garner, Davisburg; dent, Mrs. H. N. Garner, Davisburg; secretary, A. D. Cook, Owosso; directors, C. S. Johnson, of Vassar, and M. H. Crafts, of Leoni.

Henry Zeran, postmaster, and J. B. Fruitport, by cutting her throat with a razor. She nearly severed her head from her body. The act is the result of a quarrel with her mother and was witnessed by her husband, mother and to a neighbor.

Henry Zeran, postmaster, and J. B. Mills, general merchant, of Prescott, a razor. She nearly severed her head badly injured. The loss to business houses, factories and homes will be heavy. The tank which went down was 178 feet in diameter, 100 feet deep, and only power.

Walter O. Roberts, aged 22, a brake
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Three voung men of Benton Harbor.

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Doings of the Week Recorded in a on the upper floor of the barracks Kalamazoo, was fatally injured by News of the Day as Told Over the acquisition of a right of way and the fields of western Canada during the Slender Wires.

a splinter being torn off the sides of the hole. Sands may not recover. Collins didn't know it was loaded.

Worthy Master George B. Horton, of Fruit Ridge, delivered an annual address full of important facts and recommendations. The treasury is in good condition now, and the prospects are good for undertaking some new lines of work. Thirty new granges were added during the year. The

son, the driver.

The party in the sleigh had been visiting at Mrs. Robb's farm and were visiting at Mrs. Robb's farm and were for the Bay City Sugar Co. has been since June.

Since June.

Since June.

Senator Proctor (Rep., Ver.) intrough this third crop of wheat from the farm new glories which your sons and ours have this year added to its sacred folds.

Senator Proctor (Rep., Ver.) intrough the strip intro returning home when the light engine, running backward, struck the rear end of the sleigh as it was crossing the of the sl ment and feeling under the providence ments necessary to establish and main-Henry A. Goodyear, aged 81, of Hast- of God, when in the spirit of fraternity tain order in those islands until civil farming on a large scale an easy matings, was a member of the 1847 legis- we should share with you in the care government is inaugurated." Mr. Hale ter. There was an abundance of en Antrim county wants a new court lature, which held its sessions at De-

Arbor; K. L. Butterfield, of Lansing, and Gov. Pingree. The governor talked on state affairs, and captured the audience.

The report of Secretary Euell, of the state grange, shows that the total receipts of the year were \$5,089.97, and the total disbursements \$4,159.33. During the year 15 entirely new grange were organized and 17 surrendered charters were put in use again, thus making an increase of 32 subordinates. The following officers were elected: making an increase of 32 subordinates. The following officers were elected: Master, George B. Horton, Fruit Master, George B. Horton, Fruit Ridge, unanimously re-elected for the Ridge

Ridge, unanimously re-elected for the fourth successive term; overseer, E. B. Wational Guard, has established head-fourth successive term; overseer, E. B. The lockout of the freight handlers was the retention of the eastern possessions wrested from Spain and the president's addresses was the retention of the eastern possessions wrested from Spain and the speaker's table, but it was defeated the applause of the multitudes indi-Saunders, Kent; steward, George L. by the F. & P. M., at Ludington, is Dahlberg; Stephenson, Menominee cated their most hearty approval.

vote was 100 to 103. Mills.

Ex-U. S. Senator Calvin S. Brice died gua canal bill Mr. Money urged postton, a town of 5,000 people situated ponement of the question in order to on the north Saskatchewan river. The treasurer, E. A. Strong, Vicksburg; Another coal mine is to be opened in gate keeper, M. H. Foster, Kent.

Another coal mine is to be opened in Monitor township, Bay county, by the gate keeper, M. H. Foster, Kent.

Another coal mine is to be opened in Monitor township, Bay county, by the Wm. Alden Smith, of Grand Rapids, cold one week before. At Mr. Brice's with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted a severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with Great Britain for a modification senting very much the apparature of the contracted as severe with will enter the race for the U. S. sen- bedside when he died were Mrs. Brice, of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and Mr. many sections in central and southern The sixth annual session of the Michigan State Association of Farmers' by an F. & P. M. train while walking the holiday adjournment to look over Brice, Misses Helen and Kate Brice.

The house surpassed all previous re
Wisconsin. The people are engaged in raising wheat, the holiday adjournment to look over Brice, Misses Helen and Kate Brice.

The house surpassed all previous re-

TELEGRAPHIC BITS.

Walter O. Roberts, aged 22, a brakeman, who was making his fourth trip,

Three young men of Benton Harbor, was 178 feet in diameter, 160 feet deep, extending 50 feet above the earth, and cided not to sell the Caroline islands any power.

THE HOPE OF THE CONTINENT.

CONGRESS AT WORK AGAIN.

Western Canada the "Bread Basket of Rep. Corliss, of Michigan, introduced a comprehensive bill providing for the The attention directed to the wheat construction of an inter-oceanic canal past year has caused thousands of setby the United States. The bill pro- tlers from different parts of the Unit-CONCISE AND INTERESTING, plaster and struck Private Sands, of plaster and struck Private Sands, of concentration of the United States shall act of the Unit and passed through the ceiling and plaster and struck Private Sands, of plaster and struck Private Sands, of plaster and struck Private Sands, of thom his wagon by a runaway team.

Co. H, in the neck, passed close to the bone, went into his arm and passed through, breaking the bone. It then passed through another two-inch oak passed through another two-inch oak of floor and finally landed in the base.

Branch, was killed by being thrown from his wagon by a runaway team.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS strip of land sufficient for a right of the canal and the necessary port that their experience corroborates what had been told them of that won-derful country, and they are sending back to their friends most favorable reports. During the past summer a number of Wisconsin, Michigan and Michigan was reviewed by port that their experience corroborates what had been told them of that won-derful country, and they are sending back to their friends most favorable reports. During the past few months. They re-Pinar del Rio Province in Bad Shape concession which that company now Minnesota editors visited western Canholds. It guarantees to Costa Rica ada, and the following extracts are McKinley Cheered by Georgians.

President McKinley participated in and harbors and authorizes the issue for the Germania of Milwaukee by its

Antrim county wants a new court house.

Hart shipped 40 cars of potatoes in one day.

A 40-foot vein of coal has been struck at Alpena.

Wm. Bain, aged 16 years, of Morley, was accidentally killed while hunting.

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Charles Olds, of Traverse City, was struck by a falling tree and fatally injured.

Antrim county wants a new court house.

Inture, which held its sessions at Delature, which held its sessions at Delature,

during the current year."
"From this city (Calgary) our party During the discussion of the Nicara- was taken north 200 miles to Edmon-

James Grieve, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., or D. L. Caven, Bad Axe, Mich.

GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR THE VETERANS.

Became Responsible for Starting the troubles the smaller ones, says Lippin-

Three Score and Ten. Who reach their threescore years and ter As I have mine, without a sigh, Are either more or less than men— Not such am I.

I am not of them; life to me I thought, I hoped, I knew one thing,

The impulse and the power to sing. To have a place in the high cheir

Of poets, and deserve the same. What more could mortal man desire Than poet's fame? I sought it long, but never found; The jubilant voices there, they drow

Men would not hear me then, and now Crowns come too late!

The best of life went long ago

From me; it was not much at best; Only the love that young hearts know, The dear unrest.

Once more I cast my eyes and see Bright shapes that in my better years They left me here, they left me there,

The wise, the great, the young, the fair; And I go on! And, bad or good, The old allotted years of men I have endured, as best I could-

Threescore an ten! -R. H. Stoddard. Gen. Sherman's Gallantry.

"General, I never understood how it

solved into wrinkles, and, after laugh- always led the way to it with his

ing in his silent way for a minute or blacks, whom he loved like children

you in mind?"
"I told him I had fixed upon nothing as yet, but would try to do so. Meanwhile I asked for his help. He said over the comfort of the wounderly has been unable to secure the release the muzzles of the enemy's rifles, charging bareheaded and cheering on his blacks, going without his rest to watch over the comfort of the wounderly has been unable to secure the release

and he was sure I would appreciate the | Chillingworth, by whom they were met kindness.

on arrival and accosted in their native
tongue, has just died at Schloss Sayn, schmidt committed suicide, being Fifteen minutes elapse, and the need any urging. The whole thing near Coblentz, at the age of 82. Her found in his room with the gas turn- waiter returns with one egg. was heralded from one end of the husband, a Swiss, was at the time of ed on. He was the son of a million- "Very sorry, sir, our eggs is out. country to the other, my first knowl- the war professor at the college of aire dynamite manufacturer in Sie- This is the only one we had left-but edge coming from the papers themselves. I saw through the whole thing,
though. Grant tried to play innocent.
Ah he was a sly wag, but," added

This is the only one we had left but gen, Germany.

New York—Henry Walke, a member of one of the most prominent families in Virginia and a wealthy merchant

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New York—Cattle Sheep Lambs Hogs gen, Germany.

New York—Henry Walke, a member of one of the most prominent families in Virginia and a wealthy merchant

Never Swore. Sherman, "I forgave him, and I find visit them afterward. Besides talking the work of trying to live up to the to them and being the means of companying the work of trying to live up to the mand being the means of companying the work of trying to live up to the tothem and being the means of companying the manufacture of the work of trying to live up to the tothem and being the means of companying the means of c the work of trying to live up to the reputation he made for me the most municating to their friends in England delightful pursuit of my life."

The work of trying to live up to the mand being the means of combunity and being the me delightful pursuit of my life."

municating to their friends in England the news of their safety, she took them all the comforts she could—clothes,tea, of the trial court of the charge of "No, sir," replied the witness, "I best grades...400617, 430 Lower grades...400617, 430 Lower grades...400617, 250 Lower grades...400617, 250 Lower grades...400610, 325 Lower grades...

Joe Wheeler in Alabama, but it is just as good as if I did swear to it, so what's the difference? It seems that once the general, who you all know is only a boy's size and not a big boy at that, had, in the course of his travels, on had, in the course of his travels, on one of his electioneering tours, brought up at a remote schoolhouse, where, of President McKinley. course, he was called upon to make a During the late Spanish-American deathbed in the Presbyterian hospital few remarks to the scholars.

"This he did in his best style, and ed all through the civil war and who his brother is suffering. when he had finished he stood by the teacher when that worthy said a few things among them that the things among the things, among them that time-worn cause he was put aside as physically by taking morphine, her reason besuggestion to the effect that when the boys of the school grew up they, too, might be congressman, like Gen.

Wheeler: such are the wonderful no.

Wheeler: such are the wonderful no. Wheeler; such are the wonderful pos- Filled with wrath he journeyed to Newport News, Va.-Sam Hall, the Wheeler; such are the wonderful possibilities of this great and glorious country of ours.

Filled with wrath he journeyed to Washington, bent on having a personal interview with the president. He such and Sixtieth Indiana regiment, has

CAMPFIRE SKETCHES. amidst the embarrassment of the Shelbyville, Ind .- While hunting Al-

A Home Guard.

The grosbeak is a pugnacious fellow Gen . Sherman's Gallantry—How Grant with birds of his own size, but he never train on the Florida Central and Pen-Story on Him—Joke of a Country cott's. A good many birds found the Madison by a collision with cattle on Schoolboy at Gen. Wheeler's Expense. nest from time to time, and, bird-like, Madison by a collision with cattle stopped to gratify their curiosity constopped to gratify their curiosity con-cerning it. A little song sparrow, who had lost his tail feathers and who led a sort of bachelor existence in the greasewood all the springtime, used to some specific the post. So sit and sing close beside the nest. So
persistently did he flit about that I
Acme Roofing and Supply company
The loss is escame to regard him as a friend of the was destroyed by fire. The loss is esins been a strange, bewildered dream, family, but the grosbeak never molest-timated at \$50,000, with about \$20,000 ed him. Once, when a saucy insurance, little thistle bird (Lawrence's Mechanicsburg Ohio-Fire destroy-

stration. One morning, however, a male oriole insurance. The total loss is about \$50,came down into the greasewood and 000, with \$20,000 insurance. seemed disposed to remain. It was one Harvard, III.-Isaac D. Knicker of the occasions when the mother bird booker, who resided about six miles was on the nest. She half arose and east of this city in Alden, was killed uttered a loud whistle, their common on the railroad track. a hurry, all ready to up back males seemed pretty fairly matched, but the oriole is not a malicious bird, and the intruder withdrew. Once this grosbeak, with half a dozen orioles and finches, made common cause against a California jay that had apparently attempted to raid the nest of one of the tempted to raid the nest of one of the Utila birds. The jay is a thief and a on other buildings in the vicinity. Total loss, \$100,000; insurance about I care not, I accept my fate.

a hurry, all ready to do battle. The and Supply company was destroyed by when white hairs thatch the furrowed males seemed pretty fairly matched, fire. The loss is \$50,000, partly insur-

> A Splendid British Soldier. as the Sirdar is its brain. Mr. Stee- ance, \$20,000, vens writes of Maj.-Gen. Hunter: Sacramento, Cal.-The Union iron

fighter. For fourteen years he has been destroyed by fire, which started to come out and say that he has done aged. been in the front of all the fighting on in the engine-room. Loss, \$60,000; in- the right thing-when you will have a Out of all the millions who traveled was you came to gain the reputation the Southern border. He was governor of the Great American Beau; won't of the frontier at Halfa, governor of Burgettstown, Pa.—Carl McBride Editor of the Weekly Hidebound— claimed 94 victims for the season of the Southern border. He was governor of the Weekly Hidebound— claimed 94 victims for the season of the Southern border. He was governor of the Weekly Hidebound— claimed 94 victims for the season of the Southern border. He was governor of the Weekly Hidebound— claimed 94 victims for the season of the Southern border. the frontier at Dongola, governor of and his wife were instantly killed by "Oh, yes, I've got an article in type navigation just closed. Of these 81 The question tickled him, says the the frontier at Berber-always on the ar express train at Raccoon station, now, in which I praise him very high-were drowned. No passengers were Chautauquan. The seamed face dis- frontier. When there was fighting he or the Panhandle road.

and who love him like a father. "Well, now, you will be surprised "Fourteen years of bugle and bullet Malaga—The Spanish transport St. when I tell you that that whole thing by night and day, in summer and win- Augustin has arrived from Cuba with when I tell you that that whole thing was the work of Gen. Grant, but it's a fact. Just after the war closed Grant asked me to take a ride with him in Washington behind a horse he had just bought and of which he was very fond. As we spun down the avenue I said: 'See here, Grant, now that the said: 'See here, Grant, now that the principle of peace have come, we related that that whole thing was that the was the work of Gen. Grant, but it's a ter, fighting Dervishes year in and ter, fighting Dervishes has come to be a holy mission pursued with a burning zeal akin to fanaticism. Hunter Pasha is the crusader of the nineteenth century. In all he is and does he is the true knight-errant—a significant times of peace have come, we related that whole thing times after the war closed Grant ter, fighting Dervishes year in and ter, fighting Dervishes has arrived from Cuba with two open containing eight persons board. Two died on the voyage and eighteen were sick when they arrived with a burning zeal akin to fanaticism. Hunter Pasha is the crusader of the nineteenth century. In all he is and does he is the true knight-errant—a identification in the Pennsylwas truck Bottom.

Not Down to the Bottom.

"You boast of your greater civilization!" exclaimed the Indian contemptuously.

"Haven't we a right to?"

"No, sir. The Indian has been dragged down by your influence, but he is ged down by your influence, but he is defined into the wrong central complete the proposition in the Pennsylwas struck Bottom.

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upon something, the public will do it for us, and it may not be pleasant.'

""Well, it is pretty generally known that I am fond of horses; I suppose that will answer for me. What have you in mind?"

"Reconnoitering almost alone up to the muzzles of the enemy's rifles, charging bareheaded and cheering on his

while I asked for his help. He said he would be glad to serve me.

"Now, what do you suppose Grant did?" asked Sherman, with pretended indignation. "Why, he made straight for the newspaper correspondents and told them that I had formed the rest-lution to devote the rest of my life to lution to devote the rest of my life to life. A Memory of the Crimea.

Over the comfort of the wounded, he is always the same always the same impossible hero of a book of chivalry. He is renowned as a brave man even among British officers. You know what that means."

The French government ordered the temporary release of Col. Picquart. Demonstrations resulted on the streets which spread to the chamber of deputies. In the chamber the Dreyfus discussion caused a violent uproar, during which the deputies engaged in a series of fights. At least two duels will be divided and the statue of the same always the same always the same impossible hero of a book of chivalry. He is renowned as a brave man even among British officers. You know what that means."

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A Memory of the Crimea. earning the name of a gallant for all Mr. C. M. Courtenay writes a letter of Columbus there. the young ladies in the country. At the young ladies in the country. At the same time he intimated to the same time he intimat

as a personal favor if they would do marched to Kharkoff, who will regret insurance companies in Prussia. what they could to spread the news; it to learn that the bright, kindly little would be doubtless of assistance to me Inglishwoman, Mme. Braillard, nee tobacco, books, writing materials, etc. accepting a \$50 bribe from an em-On Gen. Wheeler.

"You can't most always swear to the stories you hear," remarked the Philadelphia drummer to the Washington Star man, "and I am not swearing to the one I heard the other day on Gen. Joe Wheeler in Alabama, but it is just as good as if I did swear to its swear. But I am willing to bet Cover grades 300(10) 3 23 4 25 3 20

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war a certain old colonel who had serv- James confessed the crime for which

bert McCabe shot at a rabbit. The bullet struck a rail, glanced off and killed Ira Wilder instantly. Jacksonville. Fla.-A passenge insular railroad was wrecked near Witty Sayings. When you come across the ocean,

Do not like the strong attention Which we might expect from thea. We're averse to being treated. goldfinch), alighted close by the ed the Farmers' Bank buildings, inDest and peered in the head cluding Posterfeld's carriage works.

That our morals are all fetid had one gift, when I was young- nest and peered in, the head cluding Porterfield's carriage works, In the social garbage can, While we know you are a wonder, of the house flew down with a warning the Central Whip company's works "tsip," but made no further demon- and halter factory, with their contents. Mister Zola, and a wit, If you soil us, well, by thunder! Loss on buildings, \$15,000, with \$8,000 -Cleveland Plaindealer.

> call, and her mate was on the scene in Canton, Ohio-The Acme Roofing a hurry, all ready to do battle. The and Supply company was destroyed by

Back on my past, through gathering little birds. The jay is a thief and a on other buildings in the vicinity.

ceived bitter punishment at the bills one-hair.

Winfield, Kan.—Fire caused a loss of the feathered vigilance committee of \$85,000. It started in the dry goods house of A. F. Dauber & Co. and house of A. F. Dauber & Co. and spread to the adjoining building, occupied by P. H. Albright & Co., ab-Mr. G. W. Steevens, in his book on stracts and loans; thence to the gro-Mr. G. W. Steevens, in his book on the Suracts and loans; thence to the ground the Soudan expedition, depicts Major cery stores of D. H. Sickafoos and M. General Archibald Hunter as the E. Hanlon, and the feed and seed store I know he doesn't belong to your party,

The U. S. cruiser Cincinna

"First, and above everything, he is a works of Root, Nielson & Co. have come a time the will ever clearly defined in the charts, but not

· FOREIGN.

print it."

does he is the true knight-errant—a plping times of peace have come, we must choose a fad.'

"What are you driving at, Sheman?' he asked.

"I mean to say that if we don't fix when nature has made all in one piece—consistent, simple, unvarying; everything he does is just like him. He is the true knight-errant—a plaid of the Swiss confederation.

London—According to the Paris correspondent of the Daily News, the late better class of Filipinos are disgusted with Aguinaldo and request that he better class of Filipinos are disgusted with Aguinaldo and request that he bottles on the ashphalt for bicycles to run over."

The national heard of trade at Wash-

"They say that music stimulates the follow. -

CRIME.

giary which his brother- James and two other men committed. On his Wheeler; such are the wonderful possibilities of this great and glorious sibilities of this great and glorious country of ours.

At this point a long, good-natured, gang-ling gawk of a boy, about 14 years old and about 14 feet tall, stuck up his hand, grinning sheepishly the meanwhile.

"'Me, too?' he inquired.

"Certainly, Henry,' replied the teacher, assuringly, 'just as much you as any other boy. 'I reckon I'll have for unor that ther ticket,' nodding toward the general in a way that brought down the house,

"Bazar.

Washington, bent on having a personal interview with the president. He succeeded in galning an audience, and the great and glorious directly from Maj-den, who while isane poisoned her child, life of these will receive ernor, but all of these will receive their instructions directly from Maj-den, who while insure poisoned her child, like dividing the safe in the world would not part with your little wifey for all the money in the world, would you, my dear?'

Tracy—'Not much! Money talks, but there is not enough of it in the world to take your place.'

PISO'S CURE FOR The world would not part with your little wifey for all the money in the world, would you, my dear?'

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OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED. executive order establishing a customs \_\_\_\_

Mister Zola, kindly say

A Useless Ogestion

Jetsam from the Tide of Humor-

tariff about to go into force, with some Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills. 25 cents. few exceptions, are greatly below the rates now in force at Santiago. The Activity of Baby Crocodiles. new tariff has been framed with a view The moment a young crocodile to the rehabilitation of the island. The breaks its shell it is to all intents and duty on paving stones, which are purposes as active as it is at any time likely to cut an important figure in the during its life. It will make straight sanitary rehabilitation of Havana, has for the water, even if it be out of sight been abolished, and the duties on and a good distance off, and it will purchemicals, tar and pitch and crude oil sue its prey with eagerness and agility heavily cut. The iron ore and steel during the first hour of its free existrail duties have been reduced 50 per ence. cent. Coal and agricultural imple-

Will Encourage Commerce.

ments are put on the face list.

Resolute have sailed to Havana. The President will submit the peace treaty to the senate during the present

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Edward G. Mason, a Chicago attorney who was proposed as a successor to President Dwight, of Yale, is dying of Bright's disease. The Mexican government has submitted a colonization scheme to the Spanish authories in Havana, for Span-

ish soldiers evacuating Cuba William Black, the novelist and associate editor of the London Daily News, is dead in London. He was born in 1841 at Glasgow. The transports Mobile and Mohawk

are under orders to sail as soon as possible for Manila, via the Suez canal, sword arm of the Egyptian army, just of H. Silver & Co. Aggregate insurbut really he doesn't deserve all the U.S. cruiser Cincinnati ran full harsh things you say of him in your speed upon a rock in Santiago harbor, come a time when you will be pleased buoyed. She is probably badly dam-

ly; in which I say that he never did a lost.

dishonest thing in his life and ought | It cost the war department \$513.860 to be numbered among our greatest to send Spanish soldiers home from men. He'll die some day and then I'll Cuba, and it is expected that to return ENSIONS, PATENTS, CLAIMS. the 15,000 Spaniards garrisoning the

The national board of trade at Washington adopted resolutions advocating | Toll main the nearest practical approach to complete reciprocal trade relations between the United States, Canada and Newfoundland; also, a resolution in favor

aragua canal by the U. S.

| Germany is supported by the fact that | -Count von Munster, the German am-"Walter," said the bicyclist at the bassador at Paris, gave a dinner at the little country inn, "bring me three German embassy in honor of M. Delcasse. French minister of foreign

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Good President McKinley has signed an executive order establishing a customs

Digestion

tariff for the island of Cuba, to go into | Walts on appetite, or it should do so, but effect Jan. I next. It is a revision of this can be only when the stomach is in a Original and Select d-Flotsam and the temporary military tariff adopted healthy condition. Hood's Sarsaparilla so by the war department for the port of tones and strengthens the stomach that it Santiago, which was a general reduc- digests food easily and naturally and then

tion of 62 per cent on the tariff imposed all dyspeptic troubles vanish. by Spain on all imports into Cuba from the United States and all other countries Hood's Sarsaparilla tries except Spain. The rates in the Is America's Greatest Medicine. Price \$1.

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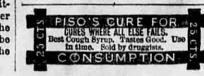
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| ning, K. N. & F. made. Former price \$12.50.  (2 weeks only) For this Sale                                                                                                                                                                     | Lot No. 26,453-13 Suits only, Imported all wool French back, 20 oz, heavy Italian lined, extra fine, sack suits fancy striped sleeve lining. K.                                                                                                                                       | (2 weeks only) For this Sale.  Lot No. 26,446—16 Suits only, Imported all wool black Clay worsted,  3 button cutaway, 20 oz, extra heavy farmer satin lined, fancy striped sleeve lining, K. N. & F. made. Former price 10 40 |
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Ask any man or woman what store it is of which the above can be said, and is being said, and every one will answer,

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If your desire is a tasty, stylish suit, which was cut by a skilled designer and not by a man with a meat ax, which is honestly stitched, instead of being pasted with sealing wax, every taste and purse will



LOWELL, MICH.

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# Mens' and Boys' Clothing

This city has ever seen! A volley of values that wil vibrate through every economical purse for miles This means a great deal when we make up our minds to use the knife. An old clothing merchant looks over these goods and asks how these things can be. A clothing manufacturer from another city gazes and says: "If I were to offer such goods at such prices at home, they would think I was preparing to fail." Take all this seriously and get your share in the savings. We are not on our vacation when we quote such prices as these—you might as well save from \$1 to \$10 as not—that's the way they're going.



# SANTA CLAUS' NEW MISSION.

A certain New Yorker, whose it come permits the gratification of his generous impulses, wanted to send a substantial gift to an old friend, a substantial gift to an old friend, a clergyman, whose small parish in a distant community vouchsafed him more of love and reverence than salary, says the New York Times. "I am going to send B——\$100," the New Yorker announced to his wife one day in December.

"Are you?" she said. "I'm glad.'
Then after a minute she asked: "How will you send it?" "By check, of course," was the reply. "How else could I?"
But the wife demurred. "It seem a little too—too sordid, doesn't it, for a man like Mr. B——? Let me manage, may I?" and the husband con-

On Christmas morning a registered express package was delivered at the little western parsonage to Mrs. B.—. She opened it wonderingly and found a little flat box. Going further, a mat of silk paper was removed and a dainty booklet of Christmas remembrance was disclosed. This was taken out and admired and the card beneath it read for the givers. Something still showed under a second mat of paper, and, when that had been put aside, there, fitted neatly in the bottom of the box, were five tiny silken bags, each tied close with a little bow of ribbon. Each contained a \$20 gold piece. This was the wife of the New Yorker's delicate way of eliminating the check element.



Perdita-With as many admirers as you have, it must have been a rather expensive Christmas for you. Penelope-Oh, not at all. I merely

SINCE Uncle Sam has gained new lands
By forceful acquisition.

Which snow has never whitened

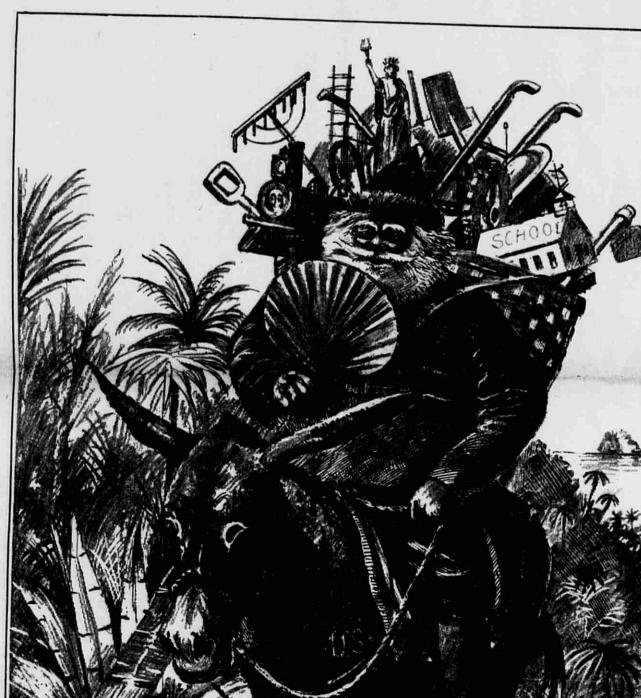
Our good old patron Santa Claus

To tropic isles he now must go.

Where children of the soil exist

In manner unenlightened.

Has now a wider mission:



"He mounts a beast whose ways are trying."

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St. Nick will bring to suffering souls

Good things in fullest measure

Will bear to these new lands of ours

As great a load of treasure.

His pack which bears to our own homes

Relief from tribulation;

The sleigh and reindeer which convey

Are here discarded, and he mounts

But safely through the hidden paths

Nor stops at steeps and angles.

Of tropic forest tangles

The lowly burden bearer plods,

A beast whose ways are trying;

The saint when northward flying

always settle well in advance what our presents will be. All we have to think about now is a doll for the little girl and a tin wagon for the boy."-Wash-She Knew



Invades our new possessions, Regardless of professions: Good gifts and plenty bringing,

The jolly saint with right good will Intent upon the weal of man To high and low alike he comes His mission in all lands fulfills

ast, and from the sense that another notch has been cut for us on the stick of time. The delight arises from the periences of the year to come. What interest any rational person could have in having his fortune told is a mystery. The zest and charm of life consist largely in the fact that largely in the fact that each day is like a new page in the story. If you wish to enjoy your book you do not, when it is half-read, turn to the closing chapter to discover how it turns out. You do not thank anyone for telling you the plot. It is so with life. There is infinite satisfaction in each day's contribution to the wead each day's contribution to the record You do not want to anticipate it. It would be a curse if anyone could tell you just what the year would bring. It is just as reasonable to suppose that the year will be happy as sad. Who can tell? Who can control that? Are the reason for a happy New Year's day.—Boston Watchman.

For the Children.

"Yes," said Mr. Blykins, "we always celebrate Christmas for the children's sakes. They expect it, you know, and I wouldn't have the heart "But you and Mrs. Blykins always remember each other." "Oh, yes. I am going to give her a \$200-coat and I have reason to think she intends to give me a \$50-chair. We always settle well in adversable."



Tom gave me as a Christmas gift, dear. wonder if it's genaine? May-Oh, yes, dear. I know it is.





Blessed voice of God's own angels, Echoing word of His evangels, Hark! they fall again. or souls that toll and languish,

Lift the tear-worn, furrowed faces; Christ the Lord is born. Born to bear our cross and sadness; Born to change our gloom to gladness

oft the music grows and tender, oving hearts, what can ye render To the Christ, your King? raising voices fall and falter, what that's worthy of His altar Can His children bring?

ly on the huge tags adorning the op-posite wall, and he evinced no interest

in the tin kitchen. The lamps in the great storeroom were lighted, and the tables were heaped with a brilliant mass of Christ-

Mrs. Brown went anxiously from one table to another, her eyes bright with excitement. At length she held up a tiny ship and viewed it smiling-"It's just what Harry has wanted all the time," she said softly to her-self. "Say, George!" she called. "George, look a-there. Wouldn't

"I s'pose so," grumbled Mr. Brown, house now." Mrs. Brown would "shut up" and leave him alone.

"But Bessie hain't got any," said Mrs. Brown, reproachfully.

"I don't know what difference that

Mrs. Brown would "shut up" and leave him alone.

Finally she laid the ship down and went over to the book counter. Mr. Brown followed her slowly, and stood looking on sullenly, while she turned over page after page of childish literature. "You know, I must get a book for Benny," she said, by way of explanation; "he don't seem to do nothin' but read now since he's been sick. He's rather have a nice new this; but it's too much money



as long as I'm able to earn 'em." book than anything else. He's read "I hope you'll feel satisfied when the last red cent of it's spent," grumthe old ones time and ag'in." She selected one with a pretty, bright | bled Mr. Brown, angrily. "You needn't cover, and had it wrapped up; then she went over to look at the dolls. come a-askin' me for none when your n's gone," he called after her There were all kinds of dolls, from fiercely, as she made her way back little china and bisque babies two inches long to great wax dolls, that

A tear fell on the little white sail, would laugh and cry and that were as she took it once more in her trem-

in the tip of her woolen mitten.

as I see fit. You can spend your money

as you're a mind to, but them younguns'll have their Christmas presents



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Old Santa has spoiled this little boy's fun By making the slightest mistake —

A doll in his sock instead of a gun — Now he says that Old Santa's a "fake."

"George, look a-there. Wouldn't Harry be tickled t' get that?"

"I do' know," grunted the man at the table, shifting his position uneasily.

"She picked up a little bisque baby, easily.

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Them little sails can be put up or down; h'isted, I think they call it. Said Mr. Brown, crossly.

Say! he could sail it splendid on our duck pond, couldn't he, George?"

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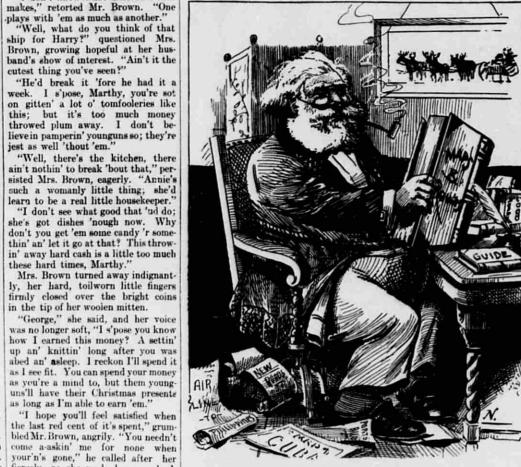
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"But our boy Harry—" She did not finish her sentence, but her eyes how with a renewed determination as she counted out the money for the pretty toy, and handed it to the wait-

:. A PERPLEXING QUESTION. :.



"Of course," he said, reflectively, "I am not making any complaint about it. All I desire to say is that I can't understand it." "You can't understand what?" inquired his wife. "Why you can put gilded spheres and gaudy fabrics all over a Christmas tree six feet high and four feet thick for 75 cents, when it costs at least \$18\$ to trin a when it costs at least \$18\$ to trin a least \$18\$

Washington Star. The Best Christmas Present. The best of all gifts at the present time is yourself. Make yourself in some way more pleasant and helpful to others. You may have been neg-lectful of them; be mindful henceforth. You may be quick in temper and have spoken hastily; put on re-straint and speak kindly now. Re-strain all evil habits and make yourself

bonnet four inches in diameter."-

joy and a help to others. They will oless you.-United Presbyterian. Her Little Surorise. Mr. Snobbs-I suppose this bill is for my Christmas present. But where on carth is the present?

Mrs. Snobbs—I thought I would sur-

prise you with the bill first.-Up to Too Suggestive. Don't spell it Xmas. It is too suggestive of the good X dollar bills that

Where Extension Was Craved.



If you are going to be married at Christmas, light the Yule-log with the other girls' letters.

Don't call yourself unlucky just be-

out of the Christmas grab-bag.-Judge.

cause you fail to pull the gold watch

"Papa," said little Petie, "does Kriss Kringle bring little boys toys ahead of Christmas?" "No, my son," replied the father.
"Why do you ask?"

Wise Precaution.

wife, as she looked over the Christmas ing clerk.—Maude Morrison Huey, in decorations, "I think that will do very nicely. Only we must not forget to nicely. Only we must not forget to take the mistletoe from the chandelier and move it to different parts of the

It really requires a marvelous amount when it costs at least \$18 to trim a of tact to appear thankful at Christmas for something you didn't want. Cincinnati Enquirer.



were broken and wasted.—Atchison several times yesterday and really I had

"He had a sprig of mistletoe fast-"You wish your stocking was bigger, don't you, dear?" asked mamma of ed on keeping it hoisted whenever no-





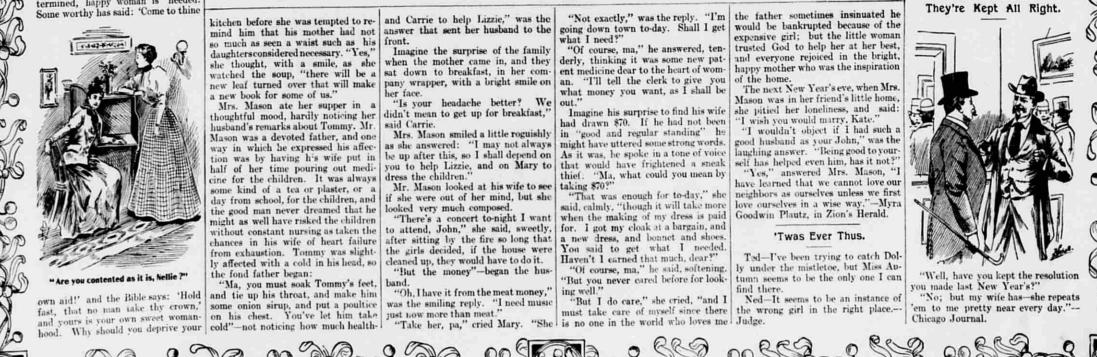
base-burner. Open doors showed a pretty little bedroom and a neat kitchen, which was dining-room as well, with a teakettle singing on the shining bit of a stove. There was that exquisite sense of order so rest-

ful to one who is wearied by continually picking up after others.
"Icameacross this to-day," said Miss Hadley, bringing out a photograph of two pretty, blooming girls, leaning "Did I ever look like that?" said

Mrs. Mason, tears springing to her eyes as she gazed at the thin, faded woman reflected in her friend's old-fashioned mirror. "You have held your own, but I haven't, Kate."
"Nellic, you are just the one to resolve to-night to be more patient and unselfish the coming year, and, if possible, drive a few less nails in your coffin. Now I want to ask you to turn over a new kind of a leaf. Be good to yourself,' as the colored peo

"But the duties of a wife and mother-" began that personage.
"Are first to be her best self," interrupted her friend. "Are you con-tented as it is, Nellie?" Mrs. Mason colored. She had been secretly envying this cozy little home, large enough to give one the housekeeper's enjoyment without the weariness of a large establishment. The quiet where one could read or think undisturbed seemed almost heaven to

the tired woman.
"Nellie," said her friend, divining her thoughts, "your mistake is in trying to be an angel, where a strong, de termined, happy woman is needed. Some worthy has said: 'Come to thin



THROUGH THE HOOP OF TIME.

Where was the weary traveler now? And lo! before me, by the bed,

I prayed. "I did not let Thee in

dlm. Whate'er I do, I do for—Him. —Laura Rosamond White, in Leslie's Weekly.

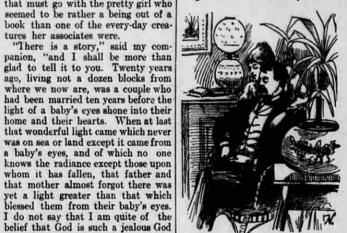
The Christmas Atmosphere.

Getting ready for Christmas makes these weeks in December full of pleasant labors and anticipations. The majority of people are not millionaires. They do not have full purses with which they can go to the shops and buy their Christmas presents without regard to cost. They have a little money, and it requires a good deal of planning, of invention and loving thought, to make it go around. Oftentimes the money is only enough to buy the raw materials from which patient and skillful fingers will fashion the gifts. If we could look into many a home we should see the children planning some surprise on Christmas morning for fathers and mothers, and the parents in turn consulting how to manage to give the boys and girls what they want. It is this mu-tual thoughtfulness for others that imparts to these December days a pe-culiar atmosphere. It will soften the heart of the crustiest old bachelor to go into the Christmas shops and overhear the consultations among pur-chasers as to what they shall get. Even as you walk along the streets you ob-serve a peculiar light in the eyes of the women shoppers. They do not have it at any other season of the year, except perchance when they are

making ready for a wedding.-Boston They're Kept All Right.







that He will break the hearts of His

creatures to gratify His pride, but I

am quite content to believe that we

and spend two or three days, but they am quite content to believe that we should not worship any gift we may receive to the exclusion of our duty and debt to the giver, and particularly the Great Giver. Whatever my opinion may be, it has naught to do with the case, and for four years this fa-

after the doctor then. And I dull to I simply picked up the basket and carried it back to where the stricken mother lay, with her husband over her, chafing her hands and kissing her

white face as his tears fell upon it. "Without a word to him, I opened the white silken flannel which was folded thickly all over the precious package within, and as I dug down into the soft folds I found something warm, and then I came to a bit of filmy lace, and under that the sleeping face of a baby, six or seven months old. I turned up the light and the baby opened its big blue eyes wonderingly and, with a chubby fist held

our minds away from the tabernacle of flesh, the least real thing in our lives, and think a little of the inward growing old. For the body every added period is a loss; for the soul every added growth is almost incalculable gain. How old are we? How much older than a year, two years, ten years ago? How much quicker to recognize the Divine voice? How much stronger our hand and clearer our voice against evil? How much swifter our feet to bear the message of good will to men? How much gain has there been in pow-er and willingness to serve? How much more faithful are we in the chaos of small and common duties and cares How much truer are we in friendship,

Mrs. Crawford-I always thought oking was such an expensive habit. Mrs. Crabshaw—Well, isn't it? Mrs. Crawford—Why, no; I bought my husband a whole box of cigars for Christmas, and all they cost was 69 cents.-N. Y. World.

baskets and heavy burdens of Christ-mas greens jostle each other with good-natured banter—nobody is ever cross down here in the holiday season ross down here in the holiday season—it is good to take a stroll through "the Farm," if one has a spot in his heart faithful yet to the hills and the woods in spite of the latter-day city. But it is when the moonlight is upon the water and upon the dark phantom forest, when the heavy breathing of some passing steamer is the only sound that breaks the stillness of the night, and the watchman smokes his lonely pipe upon the bulwark, that "the Farm" has a mood and an atmosphere all its own, full of poetry, which some day a painter's brush will catch and hold.

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JAN THE INTERPRETER. XXX

THE NEW YEAR ON THE THRESHOLD STANDS WITH THE KING'S MESSAGE IN HIS HANDS; FOR SO A THOUSAND CAME BEFORE, AND A LIKE ROYAL MESSAGE BORE.

AND WHO, SAVE LOVE, DESERVES TO READ THIS GOSPEL, IF THE WORLD GIVE HEED? FOR ONLY SHE, BY DAY AND NIGHT, MAY TELL TIME'S MYSTERY ARIGHT. "I AM THE LAW FULFILLED," SHE SAITH, "COME PEACE OR WAR, COME LIFE OR DEATH." HE DOTH UPBUILD WHERE OTHERS MAR. AND HATE AND FEAR FALSE PROPHETS ARE. HROUGH ALL THE EARNEST YEARS THAT WERE, OVE HATH BEEN LIFE'S INTERPRETER;

OF ALL THE GOLDEN DAYS TO BE, Y XL LOVE HOLDS THE KEY, LOVE HOLDS THE KEY.



# Lowell Ledger Supplment.

LOWELL, MICH, DEC. 22, 1898.



came in to see about it, and happened to get here in time."

"Oh, he's gone," said Kola, grimly.
"He is a coward. He knew what I was
going to do in regard to the dead-fall
and was too chicken-hearted to face it."

"Kola," said Hendricks, "it can do you no possible good to keep back information in regard to Gielow's whereabouts."

"You will never know that from me," answered the Indian.

Hendricks' face fell. He signaled Dr. Lampkin to follow and led the way downstairs.

In the basement they found nothing of note except a trunk bearing the initials of Weldon Caruthers.

"That's what he brought the body in," said Hendricks.

In the big cellars below, they found, directly under the trap Kola had arranged, the yawning opening of a deep pit.

"An awful hole," said Hendricks, as he turned away. He pointed to some large steel vessels and two large copper cylinders such a are used for making lime light in the theaters.

"That's where he cremated the body section by section," he said. "He thought, as most murderers do, that his secret was well guarded."

They searched through all the rooms of the cellar, and then Hendricks stopped.

"We are losing time," he grunted, in disappointment. "I believe Kola told the truth about his being the only one who knows the secret of Giclow's hiding-place. I am also sure that Ciclow is somewhere under ground. We have seen one covern, and it is not unlikely that there are others. It has long been believed that they are under this bill.

an't you think of some plan to wring the truth from that imp?"

They had paused before the door of a little room where a dim light shone over the transom. Lampkin tried the latch, and, finding the door un ocked, he pushed it open. The room had shelves on all three of its walls, and these shelves were well filled with all sorts of bottles.

"His laboratory," said Lampkin.
"No, I cannot tell you what to do. Ah! I have an idea."

The doctor took down a bottle and read the label and then uncorked it and applied it to his nose.

applied it to his nose.
"Ether," he said. "This bottle reminds me of an experiment I once saw

performed at a medical college. A thief was made to confess under the influence of ether. In the first stages of anaesthesia a subject almost invariably becomes talkative and will talk about exactly what he desires most to keep back."

"Bring it upstairs, for the love of mercy," cried the detective. "It can't do any harm."

As they entered the reception-room Kola's questioning glance became fixed on the bottle in the doctor's hand.

"Huh!" he grunted, "you need not try to give me that. I won't take it."

"Find me a towel, Hendricks," was all the doctor said. He spoke like a determined man who is thoroughly angry. Hendricks darted into a bathroom

Hendricks darted into a bathroom near by and returned with the required article.

"Now lay his lordship on the floor,"

Kola wriggled like an eel, but, with Hendricks at his head and Sergt. Denham's determined hands at his feet, they soon had him laid out. Dr. Lampkin folded the towel into the shape of a funnel and saturated it with the fluid from the bottle. Then he started to put it over Kola's mouth and nose.

"Hold on, give him one more chance," ordered Hendricks. "Where is Gielow, Kola?"

The only answer the Indian made was to close his lips tightly.

"The devil is trying to hold his breath!" cried Lampkin. "I'll show him a trick that will beat that. I can make him take it."

And, holding the towel over Kola's nose with his left hand, he began to punch him violently in the chest. This proceeding made the Indian gasp for breath, and forced him to take deep drawable of the other.

draughts of the ether.

"Good, good!" approved Hendricks,
as Kola's body began to grow limp.
"Give him some more!"

"Oh. no, he must not be too deeply under it," objected Lampkin. "He is just right now. Let him loose. I'll manage him as easily as a rowboat downstream. Now, if he will only talk!"

Kola's face was bloodless. For a moment there was no sound inside or outside of the house. Lampkin raised the towel a little, for the lips of the Indian were moving.

A barsh laugh broke from the death-

"It's the wisdom of the east," chuckled Kola. "I'll never be suspected, and when Hendricks is out of the way, I shall be free. Yes, free, and rich, and as powerful as a king."

There he paused. Lampkin held up his hand to warn the others not to speak, and in a distinct voice said:

"But Gielow-will he be found?"
"Never!" burst impulsively from
Kola's lips. "No one else knows the secret door. No one would think of the
head of the dragon."

The eyes of Hendricks and the doctor met. Hendricks' flashed knowingly, and he grunted as he turned and ran into the hall. A numeri later Lami-

kin followed, finding the detective examining the walnut dragon at the foot of the stairs.

"I believe on my life that the head of the thing unscrews," Hendricks exclaimed, excitedly. "See where it has been rubbed by use. By Jove, I have it!"

Grasping the head in his hands, Herdricks gave it a powerful wrench, and i began to turn. In a moment it cam: off, and they saw, protruding from a hollow tube in the neck of the dragon. a steel rod with a ring on its end. Hendricks tried to push the rod downward but it resisted his efforts. Then, ascending the steps till he was above the ring, he pulled it steadily upward. A little bell inside the dragon rang. Thi. was followed by a creaking sound under the ball floor, and a tall gilt-framed plate-glass mirror in the brick wa!! near by leaned outward on one side. Running to it. Lampkin pulled it out and found that it turned on hidder hinges. And behind the mirror was revealed a doorway and a narrow flight of stairs leading downward into the darkness. There was a lantern on thfirst step, and Hendricks lighted it, and holding it above his head he hurried down the stairs. At first the steps were of wood, but deeper down they were of unhewn stone.

Perhaps 40 feet from the surface of the earth, they found themselves in a long, narrow cavern, which wound abount like a serpent's trail. And when they had gone perhaps 200 yards from their starting point they found themselves stopped by a brick wall in which was a rusty iron door. The door was locked, but a bunch of keys hung on a hook near by.

"We have found .im," said Lampkin. Hendricks nodded as he began to try the keys in the lock. After many failures, the door was finally opened, and in the combined light of the lantern and a streak of daylight that came in at a tiny crack in the rock, they saw, crouching in a corner, a white-faced creature with walling eyes and disheveled hair.

"Who is it?" came from his lips in a rasping whisper.

"Friends," said Hendricks.

Gielow tried to rise, but fell backward.

"In God's name—water!" he gasped.
"Here, drink this first," said Lamplin,
kneeling and drawing out from his
pocket a flask of brandy. Girley wied

to take the bottle in his hands, but his fingers were too stiff from cold. Dr. Lampkin placed the bottle to his lips, and Gielow drank.

"Oh, thank God!" he said. "Is it true, are you friends?"

"This is Mr. Minard Hendricks," answered Lampkin, with a glance at the holder of the lantern, "and Miss Huntington is outside in a carriage waiting to take you home."

"Oh, no, really?" cried the prisoner,

knees and laughed like a happy child. "It seems like years since I came here."

He tried again to rise, but Lampkin stopped him.

"You must first drink some of this liquid food," he said.

As he opened the bottle, Gielow eyed it like a famished beast. As he was taking it from a spoon from the doctor's hands, Hendricks peered out through the crack.

"I have the solution now," he re-marked. "In cutting the new road along here, they came within a few feet of chopping the end off this cavern. The blasting caused the crack. He must have thrust his message through it."

Gielow nodded as he ate, but he made no comment.

"Now, that is enough for the present," said Lampkin. "We must get you out of here and warm you up before we do anything else."

They raised the artist to his feet, and bore him slowly between them along



"WE HAVE FOUND HIM."

the dark passage, and up the dark stairs to the ball above.

"We'll take him straight to Kola's room and wrap him up," sa'd the doctor.

### CHAPTER XXL

When they had put him in a bi + soft bed in the chamber adjoining hola's reception room, Hendricks went out to the carriage. The green curtain was still down, but he saw that it was pulled aside, and that the occupant was peering cautiously out. When she saw him coming, she opened the carriage door and looked anxiously into his face.

Hendricks smiled.
"Gielow is safe," he said. "He is weak, of course, but he will pull through all right."

She seemed unable either to acswer or to move. The stare of her eyes seemed to indicate doubt on her part as to the verity of the news.

"I think you might come in, if you wish," added Hendricks, "We have pu-

him to bed, and the doctor is preparing something warm for him."

Without a word, she got out of the carriage, and dumbly followed him As they were ascending the steps, she paused balf-way up the flight and looked at Hendricks pitifully, and then down at her feet. Her knees bent and she clutched his arm.

"I-I don't know what's the matter with me," she faltered. "I don't secm able to move. Oh, please pardon my weakness."

"It's the shock," said Hendricks, almost tenderly. "You must try to calm yourself. All the trouble is over, you

know, and the prisoner is in chains." "I thought something serious had happened," she said, slowly recovering. "I heard the crash, and then, as you did not appear, and the sergeant remained. I thought something was wrong."

"Perhaps you had better go back to the carriage and not try to go in," sug gested Hendricks.

The remark seemed to rouse her to

"Oh, no, I must see him! I can help," and, releasing his arm, she mounted the steps unaided.

Lendricks led her to the door of the room where they had taken Gielow. Lampkin appeared on the threshold.

"He's begging to see you, Miss Huntington," said he.

He pushed the door open, and when she had gone in he closed it and stood facing Hendricks. For a moment they looked into each other's eyes without Then Hendricks turned speaking.

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