

The Lowell Ledger.

"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NOTHING"

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, FEBRUARY 16, 1899.

WHOLE NO. 294.

The City Bank.

OTTON HILL, Pres.
W. A. WATTS, Cashier

Responsibility
\$100,000.00

Commercial and Savings Departments Interest paid on time certificates.

Co-partners—P. H. Gilkey, Asa Stratton, Orton Hill, W. A. Watts, E. W. Bowman, R. S. Wilson.

HILL WATTS & CO.
Lowell - Mich.

Drafts sold on Grand Rapids, Detroit and New York.

Half Rates to Detroit for Michigan Club Banquet.

D. G. R. & W. agents will sell tickets for all trains February 21st and for morning trains February 22d at one fare rate to Detroit and return; all good to return February 23d.

Geo. DeHaven, G. P. A.

Special Offer to our Readers.

The Lowell LEDGER, Twice-a-Week Detroit Free Press, and the Free Press Annual Year Book and Encyclopedia for 1899, a valuable book of over 550 pages that tells you all you want to know. Over 35,000 of the 1898 issue were sold at 25c each. It is the most popular book of the kind ever published. For further particulars see advertisement on another page of this issue.

GOOD NEWS

FOR THE TAXPAYERS OF LOWELL.

Contract to Lease Surplus Electric Power to Belding.

An informal meeting of Lowell business men and citizens was held at the council rooms yesterday forenoon, agreeably to call by the Village Council.

President Bergin called the meeting to order and the object of the call was stated to be to obtain an expression of approval or dissent on the action contemplated by the council to contract to furnish the Citizen's Electric Lighting company of Belding with our surplus electric power for a period of ten years.

S. P. Hicks moved that such action be approved and the motion was supported.

Trustee F. T. King then stated at some length the proposition and situation. The municipal plant has now a single waterwheel capable of furnishing about 320 horse power, with the anticipated additional head, which is probably amply sufficient for present and future wants in Lowell. The Belding people will put in their own water wheel and make all other necessary extensions and alterations at the plant and run their own line to Belding. Lowell is to be at no expense except, possibly, \$200 or \$300 for raising an additional head of water.

The present help at the plant has plenty of time and can take care of the additional machinery without any increase of expense, and this extra labor goes in with the contract and will be done by Lowell as at present. For this service, Belding people are to pay \$1,000 a year for five years and \$1250 a year for the following five years, and they acquire no property rights, except as to service.

Some discussion followed this statement, participated in by Trustees Lee and Look and Citizens A. L. Coons, R. B. Boylan, S. P. Hicks, F. L. Fallas, W. H. Clark and others; and the motion to approve was adopted without a dissenting vote.

The following "special" from Belding to the Grand Rapids Herald is interesting in this connection:

Belding, Mich., Feb. 14.—The granting of a franchise to the Citizen's Electric Lighting company of Belding by the city council has stirred up the Spencer Electric Light and power company and the matter is the talk of the town. The latter company does not think the council has given them fair play in the letting of the contract and believes that underhanded means have been employed in wresting from them the job of city lighting. It is understood that the new company has or is about to enter into a contract with the city council of Lowell for a lease of water power for ten years, the first five years at an annual rental of \$1,000, and the second at \$1,250, the Lowell people to furnish labor to run the plant after it is completed by the Belding company. Representatives of the Spencer Electric Light and Power company were in Lowell yesterday for the purpose of endeavoring to head off the scheme which they claim is a shrewd trap which the Lowell people are being drawn into by which they are selling a water power for a mere song.

Card of Thanks.

To our friends and neighbors who assisted us in our recent sorrow we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks.

R. D. Bancroft,
James D. Chambers
and Family.

Household Goods Cheap.

Am going away. Must sell my household goods before Feb. 25. If you want bargains, see

F. W. TARLETON.

A man might as well try to put a quart of water into a pint measure as to make a better harness than our famous Oak Tanned hand made harness. Before purchasing it is for your interest to call and look at our goods.

Brown & Schler.

THEY ARE AT REST.

A Young Wife Gone.

Died at her home in Lowell, Saturday, February 11, Mrs. R. D. Bancroft, aged 25 years. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church on Tuesday; conducted by Rev. H. Marshall.

Sadie G., daughter of James and Louise Chambers, was born November 12, 1873, at Macon, Mich. She experienced religion and united with the Congregational church at Fruitport at the age of 15 years. October 31, 1892, she came with her parents to Lowell, which has since been her home. On July 18, 1895, she was united in marriage with R. D. Bancroft, who survives her.

Mrs. Bancroft has been in ill health for several years and has been confined to her bed since last summer; but her death was peaceful and serene.

The bereaved husband, parents and numerous relatives have the sympathy of their many friends in their sorrow.

Wallace Annis.

W. Wallace Annis died, of consumption, at the home of his father, Solomon Annis in this village, Thursday, February 9th, at the age of 51 years. Funeral services were held at the house, Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. Marshall.

Deceased was for a number of years the faithful employ of Francis and Frank T. King, and was a familiar figure about town.

Boston Pioneer Gone.

Elbridge G. Williams died at his home in South Boston, Monday night, Feb. 13, at the age of 79 years. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church in that vicinity, Wednesday, conducted by Rev. Johnson.

Mr. Williams was probably the oldest pioneer resident of Boston township, having lived on his farm there for about sixty years and he was well known by most of the people for many miles around. He was in Lowell for the last time, Wednesday, February 1, and was taken ill on his way home, from which sickness he never recovered.

Mrs. Elmer Richmond.

Mrs. Elmer E. Richmond died of consumption at her home in Vergennes, on Monday, February 13, at the age of 22 years. Funeral services will be held at the M. E. church in this village today and the interment will be at the Snow cemetery. A husband and two small children are left to mourn the loss of this young wife and mother.

Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Retta Newman died at the home of Mrs. Kellogg in this village, Thursday, February 9, of pneumonia, at the age of 50 years. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church on Saturday, conducted by Rev. L. N. Pattison.

Mrs. Edson A. Jepsen.

Hattie Beattie, beloved wife of Edson A. Jepsen, was born in Keene, Mich., Sept. 29, 1860, and died Jan. 2, 1899, aged 38 years. The deceased was the fourth child of James and Drusilla Beattie. She lived on the farm where she was born until Nov. 19, 1879, when she was united in marriage with Edson Jepsen and settled in Easton, Mich., where they lived for about six years and then moved to their present home one-half mile north of Saranac. To this union eight children were born, two of them dying in infancy. The funeral was conducted by Rev. L. B. Kenyon assisted by Rev. W. Earle.

For Sale at a Bargain.

One new 4 hole range and some household goods that will be sold at a bargain if taken at once.

J. Jay Evans,
4 miles west of Lowell.

The Puzzle of Life

is how to sustain life.

We can help you keep warm by selling you your COAL.

We have both Soft and Hard Coals.

We deliver to any part of the city.

TAKE A PEEP AT OUR
'99 CLEVELAND BICYCLE.

Your Friends,

KLARK & KLARK.
K-K-K-K HARDWARE.

Don't Forget

BICYCLE RIDERS.

March 1st we will have for your inspection the

Crescent Rambler
and **Columbia Bicycles.**

They are all Up-to-date and Beauties.

The **STEEL RANGE** sold by R. B. Boylan is a better Range and sells for less money than the range sold at Grand Rapids and is fully warranted and sold on easy terms.

Yours,
R. B. BOYLAN.

Silverware,
Jewelry,
Clocks and
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100 Watches

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

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The progressive Jeweler.

If you want an Up-to Date

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

Suit of Clothes,

PAIR OF PANTS
or
FALL OVERCOAT.

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

B. C. Smith.
"If Smith makes 'em they fit."

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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.

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On the Bridge,
LOWELL, MICHIGAN.

Oliver Chilled Plows,
Studebaker Wagons,
Agricultural Implements.

LOWELL PLANING MILL,
FRANK R. ECKER, Prop.

GEAR FENCE POSTS, LUMBER.

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LATH AND SHINGLES.

BOUND TO MAKE HIM PAY.

Vergennes People Bring Suit Against Ex-Treasurer Dennis.

The township of Vergennes, through its attorneys, Walker and Fitzgerald, began suit in the Circuit Court yesterday against John O. Dennis, former treasurer of the township and his bondsman, Owen J. Howard, Thomas S. Lally, Chas. S. Beckwith and Edmund M. Alger to recover \$690 of the township's money that Dennis deposited in the Lowell bank previous to its failure and was lost. Dennis made a statement of the loss at the time and turned over the certificates of deposit of the bank to the township and the matter was placed before the voters and they voted to accept the securities on the bank and release Dennis from further obligation. Notwithstanding this settlement a few of the townsmen have taken the matter up and are seeking to set aside the settlement of the town board and the vote of the electors and make Dennis pay the money. Dennis is a poor man and acted honestly in the matter and has the sympathy of his neighbors and townsmen with the exception of a few who have instigated the proceedings.—[Grand Rapids Democrat, Feb. 15.]

Frank Tarleton Goes to Idaho.

Frank W. Tarleton has decided to remove to Idaho and will leave with his wife's brother, Fred W. Hastings, for that country about the first of March. Frank has been in the employ of Lowell business men, namely D. E. Murray and A. J. Hawk and Son for a number of years and was always a favorite with patrons of those stores and the public generally; while his skillful manipulation of the violin has enlivened the enjoyment of scores of merry parties. He and his good wife will be missed, and Lowell people will hope that their loss will prove to be substantial gain to Frank and his family.

HALF RATES TO DETROIT.

The Grand Trunk Railway System will issue excursion tickets from all its stations in Michigan to Detroit and return at a Single Fare for the Round Trip on account of the Michigan Club Annual Meeting and Banquet at Detroit, February 22. Tickets will be sold for all trains on February 21 and for the morning trains of Feb. 22 and valid to return on all trains up to and including February 23, 1899. This gives a good opportunity to visit Detroit at a cheap rate this season of the year and the public should avail themselves of the opportunity.

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

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Card in directory column \$1.00 per line per year. One inch \$5.00 per year. Cards of thanks 5c.

Resolutions of condolence, \$1.00. Positively, no deviation from these rates.

An up-to-date Job Printing Plant in connection. Work done neatly, quickly and cheaply. A trial order solicited.

"WELL DONE GO-D AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS."

The news on our first page relative to the contract making between the Lowell Village Council and the Citizens' Lighting Company of Belding is the best that has come to our taxpayers for many long months.

For many weeks the council has been industriously "sawing wood," and their success in bringing about the present proposition is creditable alike to the council's zeal and judgment.

If this contract is closed, as expected, the "kick" against the paying qualities of the municipal plant will be forever done away with and a fund will be provided almost sufficient to pay one half of the bonded indebtedness of the plant.

We congratulate the council upon its creditable work, the village upon its good fortune, and earnestly hope that there may be no "slip 'twixt the cup and the lip."

Rev. (T) Gulp, of Grand Rapids fame, is going to Nebraska to preach in a country church. By fumigating well between sermons perhaps the poor folks can stand it; but the brethren had better be about home when pastoral calls are in order.

According to a writer in the Review, Aguinaldo, the leader of the Filipino insurgents, is a remarkably bright and talented young man, who has made the most of every opportunity for intellectual advancement, and is well qualified for the position he occupies with his people.

The market for good horses seems to be "looking up," and breeders will be interested in knowing that Chicago dealers have an order for 10,000 coach and bus horses to be shipped to London, Liverpool and Antwerp. Prices ranging from \$150 to \$500 for best coach horses and from \$100 to \$250 for bus horses. Horses should be encouraged.

The LEMMEN has been urged to score the legislature for its do-nothing, spendthrift junketing operations; but the request comes from one who voted for the old granny who is supposed to represent this district in the house.

We plead not guilty; and as long as we expect just such "dumphy" work.

Grattan-Vergence. Those on the sick list in P. W. Byrne Mrs. J. D. Frost, Eva Andrews and Walter S. Perry's youngest daughter.

Delia is better. Barto school is closed for a week on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Ollie Roach of Cannonburg.

Chas. Franklyn is on the gain. Frank Franklyn has just completed an ice house and filled it with bugs and ice. He intends to keep cool next summer if we do have hot times.

John J. Avey is drawing sawdust from Homer Andrews to preserve his little nearly everybody's collar is frozen.

Ros Kamerer is visiting in Grand Rapids. Owen J. Byrne, of Grand Rapids, spent last Sunday with his parents, P. W. Byrne and wife.

South Boston - Elmido.

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The Treasure of Santa Rosa Reef

CLARENCE HERBERT NEW.

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It just where the galleon went down. I'd very likely get myself into a serious scrape, but just suppose I should manage to see the document after all.

"That depends how often Padre Julian has talked off his top."

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NEWS FOR MICHIGANERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

What Crop Weather Damaged by the Season?—A Man Made 120 Revolutions Per Minute Around a Wheel—Other State News.

"Mother" Arcambal Dead. Mrs. Agnes Arcambal, of Detroit, whose health has been failing for the past two years succumbed to death at the age of nearly 71 years.

Miss Octavia Roberts, of Erie, aged 42, got a judgment of \$8,000 against Ed. J. Drullman, aged 61, of the same place, in a breach of promise suit.

Wm. O. Kozlitz, of Menominee, who went to Klonkine in search of a fortune, has been recently driven to death in his tent.

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STATE GOSSIP.

St. Joseph has voted \$10,000 for a new school building.

Frank Habel, of Detroit, who was giving a law sentence at the Jackson prison for murder, is dead.

The above statement of R. C. Farrand at Port Huron has been damaged to the extent of \$20,000 by fire.

The West Bay City Sugar company, capitalized at \$200,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

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FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

By Telegraph Giving a Brief Review of the Week's Events.

RELIABLE AND INTERESTING.

Brief Account of the Filipino-American War Up-to-Date Carefully Compiled—The American Casualties So Far Reported—Is 62 Killed, 257 Wounded.

War Notes.

Gen. Miller's forces have taken Holo, the capital of Panay. The insurgents were given until the evening of the 11th to surrender, but their hostile actions brought on an engagement in the morning. The insurgents fled to the native portion of the town, but without much loss to property of foreign inhabitants.

The present indications are very bright for a large building boom at Cebu. The country is recovering from the effects of the war, but no American casualties are reported.

The average rate of sickness in some of the U. S. regiments has been as high as 100 per cent, according to a statement from the surgeon-general.

The death rate for July, August, September and October was 100 per cent. More than half of the deaths were caused by typhoid.

The Filipinos have been again defeated. The attack was made upon Zamboanga, but only later at Little White when the insurgents were driven from the place and the rebel flag hauled down. The insurgents were very much demoralized.

It is now known that the Filipino loss is fully 2,500 killed with wounded. The loss of the Americans is about 1,000 killed and 2,500 wounded.

The senate in committee of the whole approved the bill for making an appropriation for the state library and for the purchase of books.

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"Better Be Wise Than Rich."

Wise people are also rich when they know a perfect remedy for all annoying diseases of the blood, kidneys, liver and bowels.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is perfect in its action. It so regulates the entire system as to bring vigorous health. It never disappoints.

It is an extraordinary fact that the Spanish government, while purchasing or building the ships, took no steps to train the men.

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HOME NEWS.

Gossip and Chat about People and Things You Know.

Sewing machings, needles and oil at Stocking's.

Clarence Long was in Grand Rapids last Friday.

J. S. Adams spent Sunday with Portland friends.

Harry Gardner, of Muir, is visiting his uncle, Perry Gardner.

C. W. Wisner registered at Sweet's hotel, Grand Rapids, Friday last.

Closing out sale of organs at Stocking's now to make room for bicycles.

Mrs. Chas. J. Armstrong of Cannonburg died, February, 9, at the age of 21 years.

J. S. Johnson of Almont spent several days of this week with the family of his son, F. M.

Supervisor White is "grandpa." It is a ten pound girl at Robert's in Grandville, Feb. 11.

The Congregational missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. R. W. Graham, Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 3 p. m., fast time.

Rev. L. N. Pattison and daughter, Josephine, were called to Indianapolis, Monday, by the death of the elder's father, T. T. N. Pattison.

Frank Clark, C. Orrin Hill and W. E. Eddy were Lowell delegates to the Republican county convention at Grand Rapids yesterday.

Marriage licences were issued Saturday to John Noble, Jr., and Orie A. Robinson, both of Cascade; and to Delakie Snyder of Oakfield and Mary I. Close of Cannon.

You can get a sewing machine of the best kind of R. D. Stocking just as cheap as the department stores sell one of unknown make.

The General Grant, upon which the Fourth U. S. Infantry sailed for Manila, January 18th, passed through the Suez canal Saturday night and down the Red Sea Sunday morning.

The Vergennes dancing club will give a masquerade ball at Train's hall, Lowell, Wednesday evening, Feb. 22. Music by Adams full orchestra. Bill 50c including horse care.

E. A. Hodges, D. D. S., of Grand Rapids has located in the pleasant quarters recently vacated by Dr. J. H. Rickert and which have been put into nice shape for his use. Read his card elsewhere in this paper.

Next Sunday and Monday will be the second quarterly meeting of the Methodist church. The presiding elder, Rev. Dr. John Graham, will preach Sunday morning, and quarterly conference will be held Monday morning.

Stocking is making preparations for a large bicycle business the coming season and says he will only sell wheels of known reputation with full man's guarantee and at prices that defy competition of even the department stores of Chicago.

The second quarterly meeting service of the Vergennes and Keene charge will be held Feb. 18 and 19. The quarterly conference will be held at the home of the pastor, Saturday, 2:30 p. m. The Sunday service will be held at the Keene church at 2 p. m.

A first-class paper cutter has been added to the LEDGER'S facilities for doing job printing, which will enable us to turn out work more expeditiously and neatly than in the past. We hope this enterprise will be appreciated with a largely increased job printing patronage.

Deputy Sheriff Morse yesterday arrested Wm. A. Lally of Vergennes at the instance of Humane Agent Randolph. Lally is charged with leaving his team exposed to the bitter cold for several hours in this village last Saturday.

The Kent county Democratic convention will be held at the auditorium in Grand Rapids, February 25. Each township is entitled to five delegates. This convention is for the purpose of electing forty-seven delegates to the Democratic state convention to be held at Kalamazoo, March 8.

Earl Hunter, who has been employed in the Winegar shoe store for the past six years, will leave Lowell about February 22 for a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, with a view to locating where the weather clerk does not try to knock the bottom out of the thermometer for three weeks in succession. Earl has a host of friends in Lowell who will regret his departure and wish him God speed where ever he may go.

New song: "Her name is Mandy" at Stocking's.

C. H. Alexander was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Dr. S. S. Lee of Marquette has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lee, and other Lowell friends this week.

The Lowell Maccabees had three initiations Monday night and a good time generally. A delegation of Freeport Maccabees came over to assist in the work and the Lowell & Hastings ran a special train to take them home. Interest in the Maccabees is looking up and a new impetus will be given to the work in the future.

Clubbing List.

We will furnish THE LOWELL LEDGER in combination with the following papers for 1899, the price given being in each case for two papers, ours and the one named:

Michigan Farmer (weekly)	\$1.50
New York Tribune (weekly)	1.25
Detroit Free Press (semi-weekly)	1.70
New York World (tri-weekly)	1.70
Grand Rapids Herald (semi-weekly)	1.60

Other papers and magazines furnished to our patrons at wholesale rates.

WEATHER BROTHERHOOD.

City Dwellers Take Great Joy in the Bulletin in the Neighborhood Post Office.

A city dweller who had read in the papers about how in distant parts of the country, where there were no daily papers, the government weather report was posted daily in the local post office, where the farmers and others interested could see it, was himself interested to discover that that same weather report, or the one for this locality, is put up in the post office here; he has found it regularly in the branch post office where he goes to buy his stamps and mail his letters, says the New York Sun.

There is very little farming land around the branch post office, the land thereabouts being devoted principally to bricks and mortar; but the city dweller who reads the notice there feels himself thereby put quick in touch, as the saying goes, with the agricultural interest, and he feels himself impelled, if not to go and get in his hay, at least to get out his goloshes.

Though he may already have read it in his evening paper, the weather report seen here appeals to him with a new and novel interest. As he turns in here from a busy thoroughfare and walks up to the bulletin, he can't help thinking of the man in cowhide boots and slouch hat stepping, at that very moment perhaps, from a muddy country road into some far-distant post office to send the bulletin there. And this sort of thing makes him feel that we're all citizens alike in this big outfit; and that, while the government may not always perhaps get the prediction exactly right, there's nothing mean or skimp about the distribution of the bulletins.

Keeping Dogs Quiet in Japan.

When a dog barks at night in Japan the owner is arrested and sentenced to work for a year for the neighbors whose slumbers may have been disturbed.



WALK IN LADIES

and inspect our line of Belt Buckles

They are the latest in fancy designs in gilt and enamel.

They are the strong made-for-service kind—something that will suit. The prices seem to catch the favor of our customers.

We shall endeavor to keep a complete line of Buckles, Shirtwaist goods, etc., during the season.



CHEAP STAMPED ENVELOPES.

Under New Contracts the Government Can Sell Them for \$1.20 Per 1,000.

Within a short time it is expected that the postmaster general will issue an order reducing the cost of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers. This is made possible by the extremely low bids received for doing the work. The government does not seek to make money out of the people in the sale of envelopes, but endeavors to put their price near the cost, reports the Washington Star.

It is interesting to note the immense sums paid by the government for envelopes in the past. Thus in 1874 the price of the envelope most used by the public was \$2.90 per 1,000 to the government, and the people had to pay \$3.20 per 1,000.

Four years ago (and the department is now operating under this contract) the department awarded a contract upon a bid of \$1.30 per 1,000 for the same envelope, and figured on selling them to the people at \$1.50 per 1,000.

The government will be enabled to furnish envelopes under the new contracts at a much lower price. It is understood that the reduction will be in the neighborhood of 50 cents per 1,000.

Under the new bid a man can go to any postoffice and purchase envelopes at \$21.30 per 1,000 already stamped with two-cent stamps. This is approximately but 13 cents per 100 for the envelopes, or, to get it down much finer, only four cents for a package of 25 envelopes of the best government grade.

TO WOMEN BICYCLISTS.

An English Authority Declares That Riding Makes the Feet Much Larger.

Mark some of the attributes of the cycling heroine as she will be, and compare with the languishing sisters of a past decade, says St. Paul's.

We find already a muscular, healthy, practical creature, whose dread is not of cows or mice, but of the puncture fiend. Her figure is naturally well developed, in consideration of which home truth let us pray for the ultimate removal of the "lissom form" and "willowy waist" from the storied page. It will follow, as a matter of course, that "toying with the wing of oriolan" will go hopelessly out of fashion, for it is an accepted fact that the appetite of the bicycle heroine is "rudely healthy."

Moreover, we mention it with bated breath, we are told that the feet of the bicycling girl are gradually increasing—in size, not in number—although considering all the marvels which are attributed to the bicycle, we should not be surprised to hear that it had effected the development of a third limb.

This last fact, however, we should advise the novelist to ignore. No lady likes to have the size of her feet over-estimated, and the nearer her size approaches to seven the more rooted is her objection to having even the bare truth hinted at. Once let the idea take root that cycling has this effect, and from that hour the number of fair cyclists will dwindle.

The Most Warlike Land.

Turkey, partly from necessity and partly from choice, is the most warlike of the European nations. Her record from the beginning of the century to the end of 1896 was 37 years of war to 65 of peace; Spain, with 31 years of war to 65 of peace, has second place; then comes France, with 27 years of war and 69 of peace. Russia, during the 96 years, had 24 years of war; Italy, 23; England, 21; Austro-Hungary, 17; the Netherlands, 14; Germany, exclusive of Prussia, 13; Prussia, 12; Sweden, 10; Portugal, 12, and Denmark, 9. There was peace for European powers in the periods of 1816-18, 1841-47, 1879-81, and from 1886 up to the war between Turkey and Greece.—Keystone.

From a Forthcoming Romance.

Hand in hand they stood at the bow of the steamer as it plowed the placid surface of the great lake.

Hand in hand they looked at the sky line formed by the towering buildings of the vast city to visit which had been the dream of their young lives.

Hand in hand they watched the shore draw nearer, and with swelling heart viewed the enchanting realm where they were to spend the golden days of their honeymoon.

A few moments later they let go of hands and held their noses.

They had entered the Chicago river.—Chicago Tribune.

BALLAST ABOVE DUCKS.

A New Idea That is Recieving Attention in Marine Circles—A Successful Test.

It is only within the last few years that sailors have discovered the great advantage of carrying ballast on the decks of empty ships, says the Manchester Guardian. In sailing ships, of course, it is necessary to have the weight as low down in the hull as may be, for the object is to give the vessel "stiffness" and to counterbalance the pressure of the wind on her sails. But in steamers the weight of ballast needed to prevent the ship from capsizing is small; most of it is carried to immerse the propeller and to reduce roll, and as a steamer's center of gravity is generally nearer to her deck than to her keel, ballast on deck steadies her more than ballast at the bottom of the hold. Some captains, it is true, still refuse to believe that it can be safe to carry weight so high up, but the number of tramp steamers that go to sea with rubbish on their decks is steadily increasing.

The Mancunia, which has just had her first experience of the Atlantic, is the first steamer in which provision for carrying water ballast above the water line. The sides are double, and the space between the inner and outer skins can be filled or emptied at will, so that there is no occasion to lumber her decks with solid ballast. Her captain's statement that this voyage of 12 was by far the most comfortable of 12 made by him across the Atlantic "in ballast," confirmed as it is by the record of the ship's clinometer, is certainly remarkable.

CARTRIDGE BEER MUGS.

The Brass Shells Must Have Been Used in the Late War to Be the Real Thing.

Of all the war relics which have deluged the country, the new cartridge beer mugs are the most unique. A fashionable New York jeweler has discovered that large cartridges lend themselves to this purpose, and has prepared several attractive designs, says the New York World.

The cartridge beer mugs are made from empty six-pound shells. The cartridges are a little more than three inches in diameter at the base and slightly narrower at the top, where the shell was placed. The opening is large enough to drink from comfortably. It is the same size as the hole made by these six-pounder shot in the sides of the Spanish warships.

The cartridges are made of brass in order that they will stand the strain put upon them at the moment of explosion without bursting. This quality of brass will take a higher polish than poorer grades of the metal. When polished, the mugs glisten like gold.

Some of the new mugs are arranged with detachable handles, so that the cartridge may be used as a vase. The only other decoration is a silver band on the front setting forth the history of the cartridge. The inscription records the name of the ship.

HARD ON HIS NERVES.

A Chicago Proof Reader Who Could Not Stand for Badly Punctuated Signs.

The old proof reader, who had been for more than a score of years correcting the thousand and one minor errors which the haste of newspaper-making allows to creep into "copy" before it reaches the printer's hands, was a most methodical man, as proof readers are likely to be. He came to work at the same hour and minute every evening, worked in the same methodical way and knocked off at the same time, starting immediately for home with one particular chum. But one night he made a change in his mode of procedure, which was the more remarkable coming from him.

It was the end of the week, and like all well-regulated printers, he borrowed his weekly dollar and started for home. But instead of taking the nearest road he struck off on a roundabout course.

"What's the matter?" inquired his partner, "why don't you go down Twelfth street to-night instead of taking this long route?"

The proof reader hesitated a moment and then said:

"Well, I'll tell you. I'm getting so I can't bear Twelfth street any more, the signs over the stores are so badly spelled and punctuated."

FOR OLD HARVARD.

The Singular Method Selected by an Enthusiastic Student to Show His Pride.

While a crowd of Harvard boys were celebrating the Pennsylvania game in the cafe of a Boston hotel one of the students became infatuated with a gorgeous white waistcoat which was worn by one of the colored waiters, says the New York World. He called the colored man and said to him: "I want to buy that waistcoat!" "What you want of that waist, boss?" said the man. "I just want to buy it. What will you take for it?" After a good deal of guffawing and some hesitation the colored man allowed that he would take \$5 for it. "Done," said the Harvard man, and he pulled out a \$5 bill and gave it to the negro, who began to pull off his waistcoat. "Oh, you needn't do that," said the student. "I don't want you to give it to me—I just wanted to feel that I owned that waistcoat." The negro went on to wait on his table, when the student called to him: "Come here!" "What do you want, boss?" The student called the negro up close, dipped his own fingers into a plate of cranberry sauce that he had and with them proceeded to mark a big "H" exactly on the middle of the front of the white waistcoat—his waistcoat!

TERRIBLE JUDICIAL ERROR.

How Lying Servants Caused the Execution of an Innocent Man in Russia.

A terrible judicial error is reported from Bychawa, in Russian Poland. In February, 1892, a merchant arrived at an inn there and took a room for the night. In the morning he was found dead in bed and had every appearance of having died a natural death. The "boots," Ivan Paschatka, and a servant, however, both swore that they had seen the innkeeper, Czek, strangle the merchant, take money from his pockets and bury it near a certain tree in the garden. Their evidence was confirmed by the discovery of 50 rubles buried at the spot mentioned by them. The judge held that Czek's guilt was now conclusively proved and sentenced him to death. Czek was shortly afterward hanged in spite of his protestations of innocence.

Ivan Paschatka married the servant and Czek was almost forgotten, when Paschatka and his wife recently quarreled and made accusations against each other, which led to investigations being made. It has now transpired that Czek was in the habit of hiding his own savings near the tree in the garden. Paschatka and the servant discovered the hiding place and stole all the money except 50 rubles.

They were, however, terribly afraid of being detected, and when the merchant happened to die in the inn just at the opportune moment for them they concocted the story of murder and caused the innocent Czek to be found guilty of murder and hanged. The two unscrupulous perjurers are now awaiting trial for their awful crime.

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