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Including carpets, bedroom set, chairs, extension table, etc., used but short time. Can be seen at Wm. P. Perrine's, Main street.

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All goods will be closed out at cost. Come early and make your selections of Flanne's for the winter.

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The finest toned square piano in Kent county will be sold for \$75. Call at this office.

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Cram's unrivalled, mammoth, Geographical, Astronomical and Historical Atlas, Price \$25. First comer with \$5 gets a prize.

Residents between Lowell and Ionia should see a list of the special premiums offered by Lowell merchants in the Ionia fair premium list.

Scott-Morgan Wedding.

Walter Morgan, the jovial stone cutter at Hamilton's Marble Works, and Miss Gertie Scott, were married in Grand Rapids, Sept. 21, at the residence of Bethel McClure, a cousin of the bride.

Rev. G. C. Draper of the Plainfield avenue M. E. church performed the ceremony.

The happy couple are boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Chase on Monroe street for the present.

Don't Tear Down—Build up.

The old-fashioned theory of tearing down disease was entirely changed by the advent of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve and Blood pills, which cure by creating new, rich blood and nerve tissue. Through the medium of the circulation and the nervous system they strengthen and invigorate every organ in the human system.

Good Coal Heater Cheap.

A handsome \$35 coal stove, good as new, only \$12. Inquire at this office.

A Splendid Lecture Course.

The course of lectures and entertainments prepared by the Epworth League society for the people of Lowell next winter is truly a fine one. It consists of the following excellent numbers:

Delmer E. Croft, lecturer, "The Kingdom Beautiful;"
Lovett's Boston Stars Concert company;

Fred Emers in Brooks, Poet, Orator and Reader;

Hervey Smith McCowen, lecture, "The Man Without a Voice;"

Chas. H. Fraser, lecturer, "The World's Tomorrow;"
Hoyt L. Conary, story teller, "A Man About Town;"

G. A. Gearhart, lecture, "The Coming Man;"
Miss Ida Beufry, reader, "Les Miserables;"

Rev. Francis Clement Kelley, lecture, "The Yankee Volunteer;"

The Ariel Ladies Quartet, concert.

Ten numbers, the whole course for \$1.00. Any four are worth the money. The course will cost the League over \$400; and their efforts to give the people a fine lecture course at such a low figure ought to be appreciated by a liberal patronage.

Thrown from a Buggy.

Mary S. Ware of Lowell, 70 years old, who is in the city visiting at the home of Joel Aldrich, No. 55 St. Clair street, was thrown from a buggy at the corner of East Fulton and Union streets yesterday afternoon by the horse becoming frightened and swerving to one side quickly. She was quite badly injured and was taken home in the police ambulance. Bert Nagelker was riding with her and was driving the horse, but he escaped injury.—[Grand Rapids Herald, Sept. 27.]

Lowell and Rockford at Recreation Park Friday.

Manager Force of the Lowell team states that his club has already easily defeated the Grattan team and prefers to pit his club against the Rockford champions in the tournament. They will play Friday morning at Recreation park, game beginning at 10 o'clock. This will leave tomorrow morning for Grattan and Harvard to play, although Harvard has not accepted Grattan's challenge, they will probably play tomorrow. These two games will be very interesting. The four clubs will bitterly contest the county championship and with the crowd of admirers both teams will bring with them, along with the crowd of strangers in town, there ought to be a large attendance.—[G. R. Democrat.]

Just before going to press we learn that Rockford has "flunked" and the above game is off.

\$2,500 Worth of Clothing Damaged by Water.

Last Sunday evening when he closed his office Dr. McDannell inadvertently left the water running into his wash basin. The waste pipe was amply large to take carry off the overflow; but unfortunately during the night the towel fell from the rack above and clogged up the waste pipe. The next morning it was discovered that the flood had gone through the floor and ceiling and wet up a large amount of men's clothing, telescopes and valises for Marks Ruben to the amount of something like \$2,500 worth. These goods are but slightly soiled in the linings and for all practical purposes are as good as ever to the purchaser, while injuring their selling qualities and entailing heavy loss upon our enterprising clothier.

However, Marks has made up his mind to put prices on the damaged goods that will clear the shelves quickly, giving his customers a benefit from his own misfortune. He tells all about it in his advertisement this week in THE LEDGER, "of course."

Married in Rhyme.

Ionia, Sept. 26.—Palmer H. Taylor, the poetic justice of Ionia city, married Norman P. Morse of Lowell and Mrs. May Wildbahn at the county clerk's office today, using the following language:

Our spoken words are sometimes lost,
Like this side down when blown away.
The whispered one is often kept,
Like some rare, precious gem, for age.

You came to have me say these words:
I now pronounce you, husband, wife.
Each be unto the other true—
I speak for you a happy life.

Forbid that in your cottage home
One thought of jealousy arise;
That home so filled with love and joy—
You both shall call it Paradise.

Ionia's big fair will be held next week.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Tendered Rev. and Mrs. Pattison Friday Evening.

The reception given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarty last Friday evening, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. L. N. Pattison was a very pleasing and successful event.

In spite of the pouring rain the capacious dwelling was full to overflowing with friends of the retiring pastor of the M. E. church. The church people were there in force; but the "outsiders," including G. A. R. friends and Masonic brethren and some of the lost sheep were there in equal numbers. The substantial proof of the kindly regard of the people of Lowell must have been very gratifying to Mr. and Mrs. Pattison.

After the arrival and reception of guests, Master of Ceremonies Dr. Greene announced that Mr. S. P. Hicks had some remarks to make; and that gentleman in a speech full of feeling presented to Mr. Pattison from his G. A. R. friends a beautiful watch chain and charm. The reverend gentleman responded in his usual happy manner; and then Mr. Hicks remarked that Dr. Greene had something to say, whereupon the doctor in flights of oratory expressed the high regard in which the Elder is held by his Masonic brethren and in their behalf presented a \$20 gold piece and a Masonic pin.

This called forth another flow from the Elder's barrel of wisdom and wit; and after an instrumental solo by Miss Annetta Watts and vocal selections by Misses McCarty and Maynard, refreshments were announced and were served to 200 guests by the Ladies' Aid society which had so efficiently managed this highly creditable event.

Mrs. Chas. Morse at Rest.

Adaline Rideout was born at Dunkirk, N. Y., August 1, 1825, and died at her home in Lowell, Sept. 21, 1899.

She was married to Charles Morse in 1842, came to Lowell township in 1858 and to Lowell village in 1863, where she has since made her home.

Six children were born to them, two sons and four daughters, of whom one son and three daughters survive with the father to mourn her loss.

She was converted early in life and united with the M. E. church, of which she has been a true and loyal member for more than half a century. Hers was a great nature and her home and family were all the world to her. Her loving devotion can best be expressed in the words of the grief-stricken son as he sat for hours by her dying bed with her hands clasped in his: "Oh how faithful has been the ministry of these hands to us, her family."

Her devoted husband and her faithful daughter, Mrs. Carrie Worden, were for weeks and months her most constant attendants, and by night and by day did everything possible to make her comfortable. As soon as the end of life became apparent the two other daughters, Mrs. P. A. Pierson of Milwaukee and Mrs. L. D. Knapp of Chicago came to the home. Truly, her children rise up and call her blessed. For years she has been a patient sufferer, always meeting her friends with a smile of welcome and seldom alluding to her helpless condition. When the end came and her voice failed she pointed upward and waved a last adieu to her weeping family.

Funeral services were held at the home. Prayer was offered by Rev. Anderson, Rev. Westbrook read the 31st chapter of Proverbs and Rev. Pattison spoke words of comfort and cheer to the bereaved family.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Elder Marshall Goes to Grand Rapids.

The Plainfield Ave. Cong. church of Grand Rapids was so well pleased with the work of Rev. J. T. Husted that it has concluded to call another Lowell preacher to the same field. The church at Laingsburg has released Rev. H. Marshall from his engagement there in order that he might accept one at Grand Rapids. Lowell's loss will be Grand Rapids' gain. Mr. Marshall and family leave none but friends in Lowell. They will move to their new home at corner Kimby and Perry streets next week.

Mrs. Taylor who moved to South Rockwood with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Mattern, is visiting her son Frank and other Lowell friends.

WE WANT YOU To Keep Warm

This winter and have some of the best Stoves to be had that we invite your inspection of. We have

**Wood Heaters Coal Heaters For both Soft and Hard Coal
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and in fact a full line in all the best designs of the foremost makers.

See our Soft Coal Burners that you can use right in the parlor without dust or smoke.

Clark & Spraker.

BANG! BANG!

Big noise but the squirrel got away.
Next time I will use some of R. D. Stocking's

SMOKELESS LOADS

R. D. STOCKING.

and take home some squirrels and a clean gun and a clear head, instead of a dirty gun, no squirrels and a severe headache which always result from using the cheap charcoal powder some use.

HOME NEWS.

Mrs. Will Price is attending the State fair.

The station at Alton will be called Fernald.

Some hot races are expected at the Ionia fair next week.

Mabel Rice of Grand Rapids visited her mother here last week.

A new furnace is being placed in the new school building this week.

"Dud" Crawford broke an arm by falling from a wagon the other day.

Mrs. B. Terwilliger returned Saturday from a visit with her brother at Newaygo.

A big bicycle meet will be held Thursday and Friday at the Ionia District fair.

Ernest Rolf and Daisy Crittendon, nee Cahoon, were married in Grand Rapids recently.

The Ionia fair will be a regular band convention as several bands will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Nicholson of Wixom are guests of the former's son, Superintendent Nicholson.

The D., G. H. & M. sold 165 tickets at Lowell for the State fair this morning. The L. & H. sold 60 tickets yesterday.

Lowell schools will be closed tomorrow to allow the pupils to attend the State fair. A 10-cent admission is made for their benefit.

Peter Dickerson and wife of Morley D. M. Winters of Ada and Mrs. Mary Cox of Grand Rapids were at Freeman Winters' yesterday.

G. J. McConnell has greatly enlarged the ground floor space of his furniture store and thoroughly renovated and refitted the whole establishment. His opportunity for window display is better now and he is justly proud of his fine establishment. Read his announcement in this issue.

Seward Rolf is attending the State fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Marks Ruben went to Middleville yesterday to see Cadet James Ackerson before his return to the Naval academy at Annapolis.

A reception will be given to Rev. and Mrs. J. W. McAllister at the residence of Hon. and Mrs. A. W. Weekes next Wednesday evening. Members of the church and society are invited.

Mrs. P. F. Remington of Lawrence, Kansas, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for the past two months left for home Monday, after spending a short time there will join her husband who is in Oklahoma for the winter.

For Sale at a Bargain.

Horse, buggy and harness. Good family beast, perfectly safe for lady to drive. \$60 Cash takes the outfit. Apply immediately to

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Subscribe at our office for The Michigan Farmer on trial every week until Jan. 1 for only 15 cents. Sample copies free.

The Thrilling Story.

Aunt Geeshaw (of Hay Corners)—Did the story you were just readin' in the newspaper end happily, Joshua? Uncle Geeshaw (approvingly)—Gosh! yes; the beautiful heroine got cured of an incurable disease, an' it tells the name an' price of the pills that did the trick!

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Comfort depends on thinking, not on things.

The church's best ornament may be rags in the pews.

A policeman gives further notice when he tells you to "move on."

Astronomy as a science interests fewer people than gastronomy does.

The man who has a cloven breath is always taking something for it.

All the world's a stage, but only a few of the actors receive curtain calls.

About the only thing a man wants to wrap himself in of a warm night is slumber.

The youth who patronizes the race course is on the wrong track, figuratively speaking.

Ople Read has written a novel called "A Carpet Bagger." Ancient history has a great attraction for Ople.

A patriot uses his private influence for the public good; a politician uses the public influence for his private good.

Cowboys and Mexicans are now having trouble on the border. Perhaps the cowboys think they are entitled to suzerainty.

That alleged trust in photographic paper is likely to produce a negative impression upon the minds of the American people.

There is a moral in the story of the convict who escaped in 1869 and has only just been recaptured—fear of arrest has kept him from committing crime all these years.

The first parcels post between the United States and any European country has been established with Germany, under a convention signed last month. It will go into operation on the first of October, and will allow of the exchange of articles of merchandise by mail between the two countries, provided the parcels do not weigh more than eleven pounds. The postage rate is fixed at twelve cents a pound. Such arrangements promote international friendliness as well as trade.

A great American merchant once treated most generously an English customer whom morally and legally he might have seriously embarrassed in his business. When the Englishman thanked him, the American replied: "My dear sir, I do not mean that this shall be the last transaction between us." It is in such a neighborly spirit that the United States and Canada should treat the settlement of the Alaskan boundary. The people of either country do not want this to be a final transaction between them.

A French scientist has been experimenting with pneumatic tires and gases and has made some interesting discoveries. An automobile club proposed to inflate the tires of its motors with carbonic acid gas, but the scientist discovered that the gas at high pressure would reduce the rubber to a pulp. He, therefore proceeded to investigate the effects of ordinary air upon the tubes, and in the course of his experiments found that the composition of the air in a pneumatic tube speedily changes. The oxygen escapes through the tubing at a more rapid rate than the nitrogen. Even the best tires are permeable. It is now proposed to inflate tires solely with nitrogen in order to save the trouble of frequent resort to the air pump.

M. Jules Roche, the former French Minister of Commerce, and president of the new French Taxpayers' League, has just published a pamphlet on the financial situation in France, which contains some striking figures. He argues that to form a correct idea of the present financial situation in France it is necessary to go back at least as far as 1874, when the interest to be paid on the loans contracted for the Franco-Prussian war was already inscribed in the budget. In that year the budget amounted to 2,623,000,000 francs. The draft budget for 1899 amounts to 3,474,900,000 francs, showing an increase since 1874 of 851,000,000 francs. The average annual increase in expenditure has, therefore, been 24,000,000 francs, or rather, when various considerations of the public debts are taken into consideration, 42,000,000 francs. With regard to the windfall of 610,000,000 francs per annum which the state will have at its disposal in 1950, when the railways of France become its property, M. Roche points out that the profits of the railways in France will have much increased in that time. He estimates from the growth of traffic that the net profits of the railways will be at least 1,042,000,000 francs.

The experiment of enlisting recruits in Porto Rico for the United States army has proved successful, and the Porto Rican battalion of volunteers has been fully organized. The American officers who have recruited the battalion report that the men are obedient and willing to learn, and that they take great pride in being soldiers of the United States army.

A man about to marry a New York girl was arrested and jailed. Of course, there was warrant for it, although it is said he appeared perfectly sane.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

EASY DIVORCES, LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

"What Therefore God Hath Joined Together Let Not Man Put Asunder" Matt. 19: 6—Skeletons All Over the House as Well as in the Closet.

That there are hundreds and thousands of infelicitous homes in America no one will doubt. If there were only one skeleton in the closet, that might be locked up and abandoned; but in many a home there is a skeleton in the hallway and a skeleton in all the apartments. "Unhappily married" are two words descriptive of many a homestead. It needs no orthodox minister to prove to a badly mated pair that there is a hell; they are there now. Sometimes a grand and gracious woman will be thus incarcerated, and her life will be a crucifixion, as was the case with Mrs. Sigourney, the great poetess and the great soul. Sometimes a consecrated man will be united to a fury, as was John Wesley, or united to a vixen, as was John Milton. Sometimes, and generally, both parties are to blame, and Thomas Carlyle is an intolerable grumbler, and his wife has a pungent retort always ready, and Froude, the historian, pledged to tell the plain truth, has to pull aside the curtain from the lifelong squabble at Craigenputtock and 5 Cheyne row.

Some say that for the alleviation of all these domestic disorders of which we hear, easy divorce is a good prescription. God sometimes authorizes divorce as certainly as he authorizes marriage. I have just as much regard for one lawfully divorced as I have for one lawfully married. But you know and I know that wholesale divorce is one of our national scourges. I am not surprised at this when I think of the influences which have been abroad militating against the marriage relation. For many years the platforms of the country rang with talk about a free-love millennium. There were meetings of this kind held in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn; Cooper institute, New York; Tremont temple, Boston, and all over the land. Some of the women who were most prominent in that movement have since been distinguished for great promiscuity of affection. Popular themes for such occasions were the tyranny of man, the oppression of the marriage relation, women's rights, and the affinities. Prominent speakers were women with short curls and short dress and very long tongue, everlastingly at war with God because they were created women; while on the platform sat meek men with soft accent and cowed demeanor, apologetic for masculinity, and holding the parasols while the termagant orators went on preaching the gospel of free love. That campaign of about twenty years set more devils into the marriage relation than will be exercised in the next fifty. Men and women went home from such meetings so permanently confused as to who were their wives and husbands that they never got out of the perplexity, and the criminal and the civil courts tried to disentangle the liad of woes, and this one got alimony, and that one got a limited divorce, and this mother kept the children on condition that the father could sometimes come and look at them, and these went into poorhouses, and those went into insane asylums, and those went into dissolute public life, and all went to destruction. The mightiest war ever made against the marriage institution was that free-love campaign, sometimes under one name and sometimes under another.

Another influence that has warped upon the marriage relation has been polygamy in Utah. That is a stereotyped caricature of the marriage relation, and has poisoned the whole land. You might as well think that you can have an arm in a state of mortification and yet the whole body not be sickened, as to have any territories or states polygamized and yet the body of the nation not feel the putrefaction. Hear it, good men and women of America, that so long ago as 1862 a law was passed by congress forbidding polygamy in the territories and in all the places where they had jurisdiction. Thirty-seven years have passed along and nine administrations. Yet not until the passage of the Edmunds law in 1882 was any active policy of polygamic suppression adopted. Armed with all the power of government, and having an army at their disposal, the first brick had not till then been knocked from that fortress of libertinism. Every new president in his inaugural tickled that monster with the straw of condemnation, and every congress stultified itself in proposing some plan that would not work. Polygamy stood in Utah and in other of the territories, more entrenched, more brazen, more puissant, more bragart and more internal than at any time in its history. James Buchanan, a much-abused man of his day, did more for the extirpation of this villainy than all the subsequent administrations dared to do up to 1882. Mr. Buchanan sent out an army, and although it was halted in its work, still he accomplished more than the subsequent administrations, which did nothing but talk, talk, talk. Even at this late day, and with the Edmunds act in force, the evil has not been wholly extirpated. Polygamy in Utah, though outlawed, is still practiced in secret. It has warped against the marriage relation throughout the land. It is impossible to have such an awful sewer of iniquity sending up its miasma, which is wafted by the winds north, south, east, and west, without the whole land being affected by it.

Another influence that has warped against the marriage relation in this country has been a pustulous literature, with its millions of sheets every week choked with stories of domestic wrongs, and infidelities, and massacres, and outrages, until it is a wonder to

me that there are any decency or any common sense left on the subject of marriage. One-half of the news stands of our great cities reek with the filth.

"Now," say some, "we admit all these evils, and the only way to clear them out or to correct them is by easy divorce." Well, before we yield to that cry, let us find out how easy it is now. I have looked over the laws of all the states, and I find that while in some states it is easier than in others, in every state it is easy. The state of Illinois, through its legislature, recites a long list of proper causes for divorce, and then closes up by giving to the courts the right to make a decree of divorce in any case where they deem it expedient. After that you are not surprised at the announcement that in one county of the state of Illinois, in one year, there were 833 divorces. If you want to know how easy it is, you have only to look over the records of the states. In Massachusetts, 600 divorces in one year; in Maine, 478 in one year; in Connecticut, 401 divorces in one year; in the city of San Francisco, 333 divorces in one year; in New England, in one year, 2,113 divorces, and in twenty years in New England, 20,000. Is that not easy enough? If the same ratio continue, the ratio of multiplied divorce and multiplied causes of divorce, we are not far from the time when our courts will have to set apart whole days for application, and all you will have to prove against a man will be that he left his slippers in the middle of the floor, and all you will have to prove against a woman will be that her husband's overcoat was buttonless. Causes of divorce doubled in a few years, doubled in France, doubled in England, and doubled in the United States. To show how very easy it is, I have to tell you that in Western Reserve, Ohio, the proportion of divorces to marriages celebrated was in one year one to eleven; in Rhode Island, one to thirteen; in Vermont, one to fourteen. Is not that easy enough?

I want you to notice that frequency of divorce always goes along with the dissoluteness of society. Rome for 500 years had not one case of divorce. Those were her days of glory and virtue. Then the reign of vice began, and divorce became epidemic. If you want to know how rapidly the empire went down, ask Gibbon. Do you know how the Reign of Terror was introduced in France? By 20,000 cases of divorce in one year in Paris. What we want in this country, and in all lands, is that divorce be made more and more difficult. Then people before they enter that relation will be persuaded that there will probably be no escape from it, except through the door of the sepulchre. Then they will pause on the verge of that relation, until they are fully satisfied that it is best, and that it is right, and that it is happiest. Then we shall have no more marriages in fun. Then men and women will not enter the relation with the idea it is only a trial trip, and if they do not like it they can get out at the first landing. Then this whole question will be taken out of the frivolous into the tremendous, and there will be no more joking about the blossoms in a bride's hair than about the cypress on a coffin.

What we want, is that the congress of the United States move for the changing the national constitution so that a law can be passed which shall be uniform all over the country, and what shall be right in one state shall be right in all the states, and what is wrong in one state will be wrong in all the states. How is it now? If a party in the marriage relation gets dissatisfied, it is only necessary to move to another state to achieve liberation from the domestic tie, and divorce is effected so easily that the first one party knows of it is by seeing it in the newspaper that Rev. Dr. Somebody a few days or weeks afterward introduced into a new marriage relation a member of the household who went off on a pleasure excursion to Newport or a business excursion to Chicago. Married at the bride's house. No cards. There are states of the union which practically put a premium upon the disintegration of the marriage relation, while there are other states, like the state of New York, which has the pre-eminent idocy of making marriage lawful at 12 and 14 years of age.

The congress of the United States needs to move for a change of the national constitution, and then to appoint a committee—not made up of single gentlemen, but of men of families, and their families in Washington—who shall prepare a good, honest, righteous, comprehensive uniform law that will control everything from Sandy Hook to Golden Gate. That will put an end to brokerages in marriage. That will send divorce lawyers into a decent business. That will set people agitated for many years on the question of how they shall get away from each other to planning how they can adjust themselves to the more or less unfavorable circumstances.

More difficult divorce will put an estoppel to a great extent upon marriage as a financial speculation. There are men who go into the relation just as they go into Wall street to purchase shares. The female to be invited into the partnership of wedlock is utterly unattractive, and in disposition a suppressed Vesuvius. Everybody knows it, but this masculine candidate for matrimonial orders, through the commercial agency or through the country records, finds out how much estate is to be inherited, and he calculates it. He thinks out how long it will be before the old man will die, and whether he can stand the refractory temper until he does die, and then he enters the relation; for he says, "If I cannot stand it, then through the divorce law I will back out." That process is going on all the time, and men enter into the relation without any moral principle, without any affection, and it is as much a matter of stock speculation as anything that was transacted yesterday in Union Pacific, Wabash, and Delaware and Lackawanna. Now, sup-

pose a man understood, as he ought to understand, that if he goes into that relation there is no possibility of his getting out, or no probability, he would be more slow to put his neck in the yoke. He should say to himself, "Rather than a Caribbean whirlwind with a whole fleet of shipping in its arms, give me a zephyr off fields of sunshine and gardens of peace."

Rigorous divorce law will also hinder women from the fatal mistake of marrying men to reform them. If a young man, by 25 years of age or 30 years of age, have the habit of strong drink fixed on him, he is as certainly bound for a drunkard's grave as that a train starting out from Grand Central depot at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning is bound for Albany. The train may not reach Albany, for it may be thrown from the track. The young man may not reach a drunkard's grave, for something may throw him off the iron track of evil habit, but the probability is that the train that starts tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock for Albany will get there, and the probability is that the young man who has the habit of strong drink fixed on him before 25 or 30 years of age will arrive at a drunkard's grave. She knows he drinks, although he tries to hide it by chewing cloves. Everybody knows he drinks. Parents warn, neighbors and friends warn. She will marry him; she will reform him. If she is unsuccessful in the experiment, why then the divorce law will emancipate her, because habitual drunkenness is a cause for divorce in Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, Connecticut and nearly all the states. So the poor thing goes to the altar of sacrifice. If you will show me the poverty-struck streets in any city, I will show you the homes of the women who married men to reform them. In one case out of ten thousand it may be a successful experiment. But have a rigorous divorce law and that woman will say: "If I am affianced to that man it is for life, and if now in the ardor of his young love, and I the prize to be won, he will not give up his cups, when he has won the prize surely he will not give up his cups." And so that woman will say to the man: "No, sir, you are already married to the club, and you are married to that evil habit, and so you are married twice, and you are a bigamist. Go!"

UNIQUE SCHEME.

By Which a Clever Man Made a Living by Eating Oysters.

New Orleans Times-Democrat: "I used to know a young man here who made a living by eating oysters," said one of a little group about the counter of the Grunewald. "Ate them on a wager, eh?" asked an Englishman in the party. "No," replied the first speaker, "he had a much better scheme than that. He would stroll into an oyster bar—you know how many there are in New Orleans—and order a dozen on the deep shell, always selecting a time when several customers were present. After swallowing two or three he—" "Two or three customers?" interrupted the Englishman. "Now!" said the story-teller, frowning, "two or three oysters. After he put them away he would stop all of a sudden and feel in his mouth. 'Look here!' he would sing out to the bartender, 'what kind of things do you keep in your oysters, anyhow? I've nearly broken a tooth!' With that he would take a beautiful big pearl from between his lips. Of course, there was no questioning the genuineness of a gem in that way, and everybody in the crowd would look envious. Some one was morally certain to make a guess as to its value. 'Oh, well,' the oyster-eater would say, 'I don't know anything about pearls, and I'd be glad to sell this one for \$5.' I don't think he ever failed to make a trade on the spot, and as soon as he got the five in his inside pocket he would saunter out and work another bar. He used to find about four pearls a week, and as long as he kept it down to that game was perfectly safe. But he grew avaricious at last, and found so many that folks got suspicious and he considered it healthy to leave for another fishery. He bought the pearls by the gross from a house in New Jersey. They were very pretty pearls, and cost him about 6 1/2 cents apiece net. I have one in a scarf-pin now."

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CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)

"What is the matter, Kitty?" he asked, in a grave, kindly tone, when he had looked at me for some minutes. "Nothing," I returned quickly. "Do I look as though something was the matter?"

"Yes, very much," he answered quietly, after a moment's pause.

I threw my work away from me, and looked across at him defiantly, desperately, with a sudden passionate impulse to pour out in bitter words all my anger and resentment.

"Yes, something is the matter!" I exclaimed.

"I knew that," he replied, in his quiet, kindly tone.

I looked at him quickly, my breath coming and going in little excited, angry gasps. And in a moment, as I looked, my flash of courage vanished. My heart was beating fast still, but beating in a frightened, fluttering way.

"I ought to understand your moods by this time, Kitty," he continued gently. "I knew in a moment that something had worried you. Tell me all about it."

Tell him all about it! I had suddenly realized that nothing could induce me to tell him a word about it. I could only wonder at myself for my own temerity for having said so much. I looked away hastily out of the window at the organ-man and his monkey and the growing troop of ragged children.

"Oh, it was nothing!" I returned hurriedly. "Something vexed me. It was nothing—not important."

It surprised me that he did not urge me any further. He sat regarding me gravely and thoughtfully. There was something of anxiety in his eyes when I turned my head again and surprised his glance.

"Oh, Mr. Mortimer!"

The exclamation came from the doorway. Meg stood there, her hand on the door, and looked in and hesitated, evidently trying desperately to think of some excuse for hastily retreating. As John Mortimer rose and went to meet her, she came in reluctantly, looking at him with a half-deprecating, half-laughing glance, her blue eyes twinkling even as she mutely apologized. She

"Meg, don't!" I cried helplessly. "Mr. Mortimer doesn't want to hear."

"On the contrary, he's looking most eager," said Meg, provokingly calm. "From all we could gather, Mr. Mortimer, Kitty's to renounce the higher education and take to ladylike accomplishments—jam making and the putting of feathers into her hats. Now, what would you say was going to happen? You don't know, of course?"

"I wish I did!"

"Kitty, you know, was destined for a governess—"

"I'm to be a governess still," I interposed. "The plan isn't changed; nothing could change it. I want to be a governess!"

"You want to be a governess?" repeated Mr. Mortimer slowly, in a somewhat puzzled tone. Well might he be puzzled! Times beyond number I had confided to him my utter detestation of the post of preceptress—told him I would rather sweep rooms, make match boxes, sell apples at street corners—do anything! Nevertheless—

"I shall love to be a governess!" I declared, with steady decision.

"Kitty—my dear, dear Kitty!" expostulated Meg.

"I shall love it!" I repeated, with defiance.

CHAPTER IV.

Looking up, I found John Mortimer's eyes still fixed upon me with a steady glance, half puzzled, half troubled. He made a hasty, resolute attempt to change the conversation, and succeeded; in a few minutes Meg was gaily describing our plans for summer holidays in August. She had forgotten me and the pleasure of tormenting me.

"We are going to Cornwall," she sighed. "Cornwall's quiet—that suits father; and Cornwall's cheap—that suits mamma. It doesn't suit us at all. Dora and I hate hills and cliffs; we like promenades and bands and tennis. It's a frivolous thing to confess—we don't care! We detest cheap places, and if there's one thing worse than a cheap place, it's a quiet place! Are you also coming to Cornwall, Mr. Mortimer?"

"No; I am going to Brittany, if my present plans hold good."



I BOWED MY HEAD LOWER OVER MY WORK.

stood in the middle of the room for a minute, as though hesitating whether to go or stay. She took off her pretty, shady straw hat, and shook her hair free into loose, airy, pretty waves and curls; then suddenly she banished the thought of retreating, sat down beside me on the sofa and gave herself up to the pastime of tormenting us.

Bending forward a little, with one elbow on her knee, and her pretty chin on her little pink palm, she could face us both. Now her eyes glanced mischievously into mine, now suddenly, with a swift smile, into his. And how bewitchingly pretty she looked all the while! I found myself wondering with a sudden eagerness, and a strange sickness of heart, what John Mortimer thought of her prettiness.

"Kitty's to leave school, Mr. Mortimer," she told him presently, in an admirably simple, natural tone. "Did you know?"

I bowed my head lower over my work, conscious that my face was growing crimson, and that two pairs of eyes were watching me.

"Is that true?" he asked.

"Mamma says so. For some newly arisen and mysterious reason, Mr. Mortimer, Kitty is to blossom forth at once into a grown-up lady—aren't you, Kitty? She's to turn up her hair and learn how to make jams instead of Latin prose. Mamma, you must know, awoke this morning—or, rather, this afternoon—in a most astonishingly domestic mood. She descended upon us in our sitting-room and took our breath away. What do you think she said?"

"That's where your sister lives?"

"Yes."

"I don't think I would go to Brittany to see my sister if I were you."

"Why not?"

"Oh, she don't deserve it. I don't like your sister, Mr. Mortimer—you don't mind my saying so, do you?"

Mr. Mortimer smiled quickly, yet half reluctantly.

"How did you come to know my sister?" he asked.

"I don't know her; I don't want to know her—I don't like her! I read an article of hers once in one of the dull magazines—the magazines that father takes in. It was on 'Girls of the Nineteenth Century.' I dare say it was very clever—I know it was very horrid, sarcastic, superior, hateful! She was a 'girl of the nineteenth century' herself once, I suppose, once—or is she nearly ninety?"

"She is just thirty-six, Miss Meg."

"Poor thing!"

We both laughed at the long-drawn-out pity of Meg's tone.

"At thirty-six I can imagine that one may feel a hundred!" she said feelingly. "Still one may feel a hundred without feeling so superior about it. Father gave me the article to read; he thought it would do me good, and it didn't!"

"No; you don't seem to have been benefited, I confess."

"It only made me rejoice to think that I lived in the nineteenth century. Girls in the last century were much less frivolous, as well as less independent; they thought less about their hats and dresses—made their things last—spoke when they were spoken to, and

were altogether models of correct deportment. Well, I'm glad I wasn't a last century girl! Besides, I haven't the least bit of a wish in the world to be dead and buried! I'm glad your sister lives in Brittany! Brittany's a good long way off. If she lived in London I suppose we should have to know her?"

"You will be sorry to hear, Miss Meg, that I believe she is thinking of coming to London."

"Oh! To live?"

"Yes—I think so. She went to Brittany ten years ago to live with a very dear friend of hers, who married and settled there. Her friend, Madame Arnaud, is a widow now; there is nothing to keep them in Brittany any longer. They are coming to England in September—indeed, I am going abroad now to help them to settle their affairs before they leave."

Meg was tapping the ground softly with her little pointed shoe, and looking down at it with an absorbed, puzzled air, her brows knit in thought.

"Madame Arnaud—Madame Arnaud!" she repeated. "I have heard of Madame Arnaud!"

He did not offer to quicken her memory. It seemed to me that an expression of annoyance crossed his face.

"What is it that I have heard? I can't remember," said Meg, raising her eyes and appealing to him.

There was a distinct note of impatience in his grave tone as he answered her.

"I am sure I can not say. Whatever you have heard must have been in her praise—that one may safely affirm!"

Meg made a little gesture of disdain. "And does she belong to this century?" she asked, after a pause, her blue eyes looking at him seriously.

"Yes—she belongs to this century," he said, smiling.

But again, in spite of his smile, it struck me that the conversation vexed him. He was impatient, not at ease. I had not spoken, but now I felt a sudden need to ask one question—the same question which indirectly Meg had asked.

"Is she young?" I asked quickly, looking at him.

"Not what you would call young, Kitty," he returned gently, in a different tone. "She is 30—perhaps a little more than 30. I have not seen much of her these last ten years, but I saw her for an hour or two last summer; she was as young then as she was at 20. She is one of those women who will never grow old. When she comes to London, Kitty, you must know her. You and she will be good friends—I think so."

"I don't envy Kitty," said Meg, in a stage whisper to her pointed toe. "Is she a French woman?" she asked in a different tone, looking up again.

"No—English."

"And she married a Frenchman," said Meg. "How horrid! Was he like the Frenchman one sees upon the stage—always rubbing his hands and bowing? Why did she marry him?"

"Because she loved him, I suppose. I never asked her."

"Then why assume that it was love? Very few people marry for love—except in books—or so mamma says. Not that mamma's opinion is worth much; it's her opinion that our dresses should last two summers, and that the second summer, if we look gaily, we should be contented. All the same, all people don't marry for love—for instance, I heard today of a person who thinks of marrying for a very different motive."

He showed no curiosity, nor did he show much signs of confusion. Perhaps he had not heard what Meg said. He did not seem, indeed, to be hearing her; he was rising now to go.

"If one wanted to fall in love," said Meg, "one would never choose a Frenchman. Madame Arnaud—Madame Arnaud? I wonder where I have heard and what I have heard of Madame Arnaud."

(To be continued.)

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West Lowell.
Mrs. Dora Swain and son of Montrose are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

A. Rolf and wife went to Grand Rapids Saturday to attend the marriage of their son, Ernie, to Daisy Crittenden.

A number of friends of Mrs. T. Stove planned a birthday surprise for her Sept. 18. She was the recipient of a very nice Testament.

S. Gristwood has an apple tree which has had two crops of fruit and blossoms at the same time.

Elder Fleming is the U. B. pastor for the coming year.

The Busy Bees will hold their next meeting at the home of Jessie Reynolds, Sept. 30, at 2 p. m.

Mrs. S. Gristwood was pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends last Monday in honor of her birthday. Numerous tokens were received and a bountiful tea was served.

The next meeting of the ladies' aid will be held in Vesper's woods, Oct. 4, 10 a. m., providing the weather be favorable. If not, will convene at Mrs. Mullen's.

RUMOR.

Galvanized steel tanks for stock watering. Call and see them.
N. HARR.

Vergennes.

Delos VanDeusen and family of Grand Rapids were recent guests of Albert Odell and wife.

Frank Devendorf and wife of Grandville spent Sunday at W. J. Botzen's.

Mrs. P. Waters of Chicago is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ed. Dickson and other relatives.

Clyde James is attending the Lowell high school.

Adelbert Odell and wife spent Sunday with John Wooden and wife of Cascade.

W. J. Botzen and family drove to Muskegon Wednesday to attend the wedding of Mrs. B's brother, Henry Vanderveld. They returned Saturday.

BRIDGET.

A CRY FROM NATURE.

A Warning That Should Be Heeded by Every Sufferer.

Nature soon rebels when the human machinery is out of order. Her appeals for help should be quickly answered. Life is too short and dear to us to neglect our health.

When the system becomes run down, the blood impure, the liver torpid, nerves all on a quiver, and the stomach refuses to do its work, then nature utters her warning note. It may be a sick headache, nervousness, dyspepsia, catarrh, loss of appetite, insomnia, languor, constipation, but it is nature's signal of distress.

The human machine should be attended to without delay.

The system needs building up, the impurities must be driven from the blood, the liver made to do its work and the stomach placed in a natural, healthy condition.

Knox Stomach Tablets are a new combination of Vegetable remedies compounded by one of the best chemists in the world; and are guaranteed to build up the whole system. They do not act as a stimulant, but are a sarsaparilla in tablet form, containing twice the medicinal properties of any other combination of remedies known. They give health and strength to the entire body and immediate relieve indigestion and positively cure dyspepsia.

A single box will prove their power to cure chronic invalids and make them strong, healthy men and women.

If unable to secure Knox Stomach Tablets of your druggist, send fifty cents to the Knox Chemical Co., Battle Creek, Mich., and a full sized box will be sent postpaid.

Alton.

Owing to the rain Sunday there were no services held at the church.

James Houlihan is sick.

Mark Hoppough of Smyrna was here one day this week.

Mrs. W. H. Keech, accompanied by Alice Yeiter, visited her son, Frank, in Johnstown Sunday.

Orla Weekes was at home over Sunday.

E. Cambell of Lowell was here one day last week.

Warren Ford is at Grand Rapids on the jury.

Addie Spencer is visiting relatives in Muskegon.

Dr. Greene and B. Cambell of Lowell were here Wednesday night.

Ola Church is sick.

Mrs. Adams of Grand Rapids returned Tuesday.

UNO

Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by L. H. Hunt & Co., Druggists.

THE ALTO NEWS.

Items of Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

Will Lane started for New York Tuesday morning.

Geo. Oberly of Williamston has been spending a few days at home.

Kate Brannan of Grand Rapids visited her parents last week.

Pearl Bates of Whitneyville visited Mrs. Geo. McKee Friday.

John Laver's barn and contents were burned Sunday by being struck by lightning.

Rev. Anderson and Norman Blain of Lowell attended the Harvest festival at the Baptist church Monday evening.

Mrs. A. Herber and daughter, Lynn, of Elmdale were guests at R. B. Sydham's the other day.

Miss Anna Thomas assistant at the Alto hotel has returned to her home.

Alto has a smart old lady in Mrs. Stone, aged 91 years, who thinks little of walking half a mile to call on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wid Holly and Andrew Barrett of Lowell have been visiting friends at Battle Creek.

Oscar Reyberg and Myrt Easterby have been in Chicago a week recently.

Medd, Maggie and Will Bergy have been visiting relatives in Canada.

R. W. Stone and Miss Mamie Detroit took in the Sunday excursion to Waukegon recently.

Miss Nora Hill is teaching the Jennings' district school Ionia county.

Miss Sarah Ross has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Canada.

C. M. Parrott was in Lowell Saturday and put his name on the list for the Lowell Ledger and Alto News.

M. G. Gosch called at Ledger office Monday and subscribed for the Alto News.

Will Yeiter has his cider mill in good shape for business now.

Subscriptions for the Alto News, advertising, orders for job work and items of news for this department, may be left with Mrs. Wm. Yeiter and will receive prompt attention.

PAUL C. KING,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
Office over Lowell State Bank,
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Associated with J. M. Mathewson.

East Lowell—West Boston

C. Conklin and wife visited in Lansing last week.

L. Filkins and wife and Mr. Deyou of West Bowne called on friends in this place Saturday.

Rev. J. G. Mann of Lowell called on friends in this place Wednesday.

DEWEY.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on earth, and the best salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by L. H. Hunt & Co., Druggists.

Pratt Lake.

Rev. W. H. Holcomb preached his first sermon at the M. E. church Sunday.

Fred Carnahan and wife of Lansing spent Sunday at Levi Fletcher's.

P. O. Freeman and family attended the wedding of Alma Hall at Ionia Wednesday.

Rev. A. B. Johnson and family will move to Hastings this week.

Jay Parsons expects to attend school at Grand Rapids this fall and winter.

M. T. Story took a load of choice hogs to Grand Rapids for the fair.

Grace Groom is visiting her parents at Crystal.

The Appetite of a Goat.

Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, good digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store.

Keene.

The next aid will meet Oct. 11 at Mrs. W. Campbell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodell of South Lyon are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Dell Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson spent Thursday in Ionia.

Willie Hull and mother were guests of his cousin, S. Hull, of Keene.

Mrs. Royal Rickert and May Bowen wheeled to Ionia and back again Thursday.

Ima is working at John Robertson's apple dryer in Keene.

Warren Ackley and wife of St. Johns, are visiting their cousins, B. F. Wilkinson and wife.

Mrs. Mesdames Wilkinson and Ackley took dinner Tuesday with Jabez Hull and wife in Lowell.

AUNT.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage making the power of sale therein contained operative. Said mortgage bears date March 11th, A. D., 1892. Was executed March 12th, 1892, by Frank C. Alger and his wife Ella M. Alger, of Vergennes, Kent county, Michigan, to S. E. Moye, of town, county and state aforesaid and recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds, Kent county, Michigan, in Liber 163 of mortgages on pages 482-483, March 14th, 1892, at 8 o'clock, a. m. There is claimed to be due on said mortgage and the note secured by it Four Hundred Fifty-one and 20-100 dollars, principal and interest. No proceedings, either at law or in equity, have been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof. Now therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises, therein described, to satisfy said debt and costs of foreclosure. An attorney fee of Twenty five dollars is also provided for in said mortgage in case of foreclosure. Said premises will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on Friday, November 3, 1899, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the north front door of the County Court House in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for said county is held.

Said premises are described in said mortgage as follows: All those certain pieces or parcels of land, situate and being in the village of Lowell, County of Kent and state of Michigan, known and described as follows, to wit: Blocks seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9) of Fox's addition to said Village of Lowell in said County of Kent and State of Michigan, and containing six, one fourth (1/4) acres of land according to the survey and platting thereof.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1899.

E. S. MOYE.

S. P. Hicks Atty for Mortgagees.

Order of Publication.

State of Michigan. The Circuit Court for the County of Kent: In chancery.

At a session of said court, held at the court house in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 21st day of August, A. D. 1899.

Present, Hon. Allen C. Adsit, Circuit Judge.

LULU MAY PALMERTON,

vs. Complainant,

CLAUD PALMERTON,

Defendant.

In this cause it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant, Claud Palmerton is a resident of this state, but residence is at present unknown to the complainant. On motion of Edward O. Mains Complainant's Solicitor it is ordered that the appearance of said non-resident defendant Claud Palmerton be entered herein within five months from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on the Complainant's Solicitor within twenty days after service on him of a copy of said Bill and notice of this order; and in default thereof, said Bill will be taken as confessed by said non-resident defendant.

And it is further ordered, that within fifteen days the Complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in the Lowell Ledger a newspaper printed, published, and circulating in said county, and that said publication be continued therein in case in each week for six weeks in succession, or that she cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident Defendant at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

ALLEN C. ADSIT, Circuit Judge.
Examined, Countersigned and entered by me.
JOHN A. VAN KENK, Deputy Register.

EDWARD O. MAINS, Complainant's Solicitor.
true copy) JOHN A. VAN KENK, Deputy Clerk.

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Curtis T. Wolford, M. D.

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Canonsburg.

Fred Murray has the scarlet fever.
Warren Wheeler is working for the survivors.

Mrs. Mesdames Waite, Haines and VanOrman attended the sewing society at Mrs. Edith Davies' in Plainfield.

The mill has a new owner, Mr. Jones. DAISY.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Grotton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

Town Line Tidings.

Mrs. J. Thibos returned home from Cadillac Wednesday.

Rev. Bennett of Ada will be our pastor the coming year.

Uriel Snow is slowly gaining.
Bertha Wesbrook is on the sick list.
Lois Batey spent Sunday at home.

X RAY.

Bed Lounge For Sale Cheap.

A plush covered bed lounge cost \$15. No room for it. First corner can have it for \$6.00. Inquire at this office.

LOWELL MARKET

Wheat old	@	67
Wheat new	@	65
Corn	@	40
Oats	@	22
Rye	@	50
Flour per cwt	@	2 00
Bran per ton	@	15 00
Middlings per ton	@	16 00
Corn meal per ton	@	17 00
Corn and oats per ton	@	19 00
Butter	15 @	16
Eggs	11 @	14
Potatoes	25 @	30
Apples per bbl	@	1 00
Beef	60 @	85
Beef	6 00 @	7 00
Veal	6 00 @	6 50
Pork	4 50 @	5 00
Chickens	8 @	10
Wool washed	18 @	24
Wool unwashed	14 @	18

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HOME NEWS.

Hamblen's oysters at VanDyke's.
 Clara Train is visiting relatives in Rockford.
 B. Badgley of Portland was in town Tuesday.
 Chas. Emmons and wife of Bowne have a young son.
 Home made and salt rising bread at the City Bakery.
 William Hull has returned to his home at Rockland.
 Miss Ada Mills visited in Keene with Miss Myrtle Hatch.
 Rev. Holcomb of Bowne will move his family to Lowell soon.
 Girl wanted for general housework. Apply to Mrs. Orton Hill.
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Faulkner spent Sunday with their son Ellis at Hastings.
 Mrs. McCullough of Freeport visited at Solomon Cooper's a part of last week.
 Miss Bessie Faulkner is spending a week with her brother, Ellis Faulkner of Hastings.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fox of Freeport were guests of Mrs. M. J. Kopf one day last week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Keeler of Middleville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Griswold last Thursday.
 Miss Pearl Sayles is home from Kalamazoo for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sayles.
 A marriage license was issued last Saturday to Ernest G. Rolf and Daisy Crittendon, both of Lowell.
 Asa Fletcher expects to move into the village next week. He will occupy Mrs. Graham's tenant house on the west side. Welcome, Mr. Fletcher.
 Mrs. Cora Cuddeback has decided to stay in Lowell and will soon do dressmaking by the day.
 An old customer, bringing his sweetheart that he had not been injured one of the other men started a fire. Obed Rider was evidently mortally wounded, and all that could be done was to make him as comfortable as possible. He was gently lifted and carried inside the hut, while Bowers was secured as soon as he recovered consciousness.
 The mate had been shot through the lungs, and after examining his wound Taylor shook his head and said bluntly: "I might as well tell you the truth. You are a dying man."
 Rider did not dispute him. Perhaps with the approach of death some warning came to him, for he said in feeble tones: "Die! Yes, I feel that I've made my last voyage. Call Scott here."
 Tom came at once, and as he knelt by the dying man and gazed into his pale face, upon which the shadow of death was already beginning to settle, he forgot his long cherished vengeance and said softly: "I'm here, Rider. I can guess what you want to say. It's all right now. Don't fret over what you've done to me. It doesn't matter. Can I do anything to make you any easier? Have you any message to send to your folks?"
 "Tell 'em anything but the truth," said the dying man. "They mustn't know what a bad end I came to. I must tell you something while I can. It's about your father."
 "My father?"
 "Tom drew closer to Rider and exclaimed: "Quick! What do you mean?"
 "Get me some brandy," whispered the other. "I'm getting faint."
 Tom darted off, and soon returned with the stimulant which they had provided in case of sickness. He administered a small portion to the mate, who revived at once and said:
 "Don't interrupt me. I must be quick. This wound is burning me up. Your father got the Alaska fever and left his ship at Frisco. He gave me all the money that belonged to the owners to take to them. I gambled it away. To hide my crime I said he ran away with it. I saw him in Frisco."
 "What!"
 Tom stared at him as if inclined to think his mind was wandering but the mate went on:
 "He's rich. He's struck gold somewhere, and was going home to find you. He was wild when I told him you was dead and started off for Frisco to see you was buried in good shape. That's all, and it's enough, too."
 As he uttered the last words he fell back exhausted. Tom tried to give him more of the fiery liquor, but he could not swallow it. His lips moved feebly and his eyes were turned on Tom in mute appeal.
 "Forgive me! God knows I do!" whispered the young man huskily, and a flash of joy on the dying man's face told him that he was heard and understood. Then a single long-drawn breath

Mrs. Charlie Kopf spent Saturday at Elmdale.
 Mrs. M. C. Griswold was in Grand Rapids last Friday.
 Hunting coats and cartridge bags at R. D. Stocking's.
 Ask your grocer for Behl's home made and salt rising bread.
 Fresh oysters at VanDyke's, 20c. and 30c. per can—Sunday dinner.
 Emmett Chase has moved into Mrs. Weekes' house on Monroe street.
 Advertised Letters—Al Bryan, L. O. Ripping, John E. Heusenga.
 Miss Grace Walker visited LaNora Hill in South Boston a part of last week.

The G. R. B. & S. R. R. Co. are putting in a siding just west of the Flat river bridge.
 R. D. Bancroft expects to return to his old position at the D., G. H. & M. depot on Monday next.
 Did you see the big gun at Stocking's? He also has some smaller ones of first class quality and at very low prices.
 In the report of the school board as published last week the item of amount paid for school building lot should have been \$400 instead of \$40. Just a cipher missing, but it cuts quite a figure in this case.

GRANDMA

HAD
CONSUMPTION
 and I am afraid I have inherited it. I do not feel well; I have a cough; my lungs are sore; am losing flesh. What shall I do?
 Your doctor says take care of yourself and take plain cod-liver oil, but you can't take it. Only the strong, healthy person can take it, and they can't take it long. It is so rich it upsets the stomach. But you can take

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 It is very palatable and easily digested. If you will take of fresh air, and exercise, SCOTT'S EMULSION there is little doubt your re

followed, and with it Obed Rider's earthly career ended.
 There was no desire for sleep in the little party that night. By the light of the camp fire a grave was dug and the body of the unfortunate sailor placed beyond the reach of any wild animals, and by the time this was done the dawn was near.
 Avery dressed Bowers' fingers to the best of his ability, the latter grinding his teeth with pain and rage as he realized how he had been outwitted the second time.
 His partner, however, took the whole matter as coolly as if he had not been caught in any act that might cost him his life. He spoke but once, and that was to ask one of his captors to accommodate him with a chew of tobacco.
 "Wouldn't trouble yer, only yer've tied my hands," he explained.
 When it was fairly light a council was held to determine what disposition should be made of the prisoners. This proved a somewhat difficult matter. To take them to Frisco involved a vexatious delay, for there were no horses for them to ride, and to turn two such desperate men loose seemed a dangerous thing to do. Moreover, they would starve without provisions.
 After talking the matter over some time without arriving at any conclusion, Taylor exclaimed, impatiently: "They ought to be hung, but I don't want the job! We'd better give them grub enough for a week or two and turn them loose. We can't be bothered with them!"
 His advice was agreed to by the rest and the little outfit was at once prepared. When they were ready to start he walked up to the two desperadoes and said:
 "There's your grub. Take it and light out. I shall give a full description of you to the authorities at Frisco and see that it is sent to Dawson. Somebody is sure to hang you both before long."
 As he spoke he cut their bonds and then mounted his horse.
 Half an hour later our friends were well on their way, while the baffled robbers were trudging tediously along toward Fort Selkirk in moody silence. Their plots had failed, and here we must leave them to their fate.
 It was a happy party that rode into Frisco five days later. The capitalist was eager to close his advantageous bargain, and the business was soon transacted. Taylor received a draft for \$100,000 on responsible San Francisco parties, and when the bags of gold dust had been safely deposited on board the steamer all care was at an end.
 It was the first night out from Frisco that Tom Scott found Avery alone on the deck, and in a few manly words declared his love for Clara, asking her father's permission to marry her.
 "What does she say?" asked the old miner, soberly.
 Tom blushed like a schoolgirl and replied:
 "I haven't asked her yet."
 "Then do it, my lad. She's been the boss this long time. Strikes me you're

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R. D. Stocking has a fine stock of guns and ammunition to sell cheap.
 The Lowell W. C. T. U. ladies are requested to meet at Mrs. Reuteler's Sept. 29, at 2:30. Important business.

Mrs. Joe Hamilton, Mrs. Chris Klump and Mrs. Wm. Rexford went to Ionia last Thursday to the street fair.
 Anson Arnold of Boston, Mass., and Wm. Arnold of Saranac were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Barrett last week.

Mrs. McCabe, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Cooper, has returned to her home in Milwaukee.

Charlie Howe is home from Grand Rapids this week, nursing the foot that was injured by a fall from a telephone pole recently.

Bert Ranney has moved from Denver to Cripple Creek, Colorado, and is in the employ of the Cripple Creek and Victor Consolidated Copper Company.

H. M. Newton of Milwaukee, who has been visiting M. M. Perry and family the past week, returned to his home Saturday evening.

Large stock of sewing machines (bought before the advance in price) will be sold at the same low price as ever at R. D. Stocking's.

Flat river railroad bridge was finished Tuesday morning and the bridge gang went forward to Alton. Tracklaying has nearly reached the center of Vergennes.

Mrs. Jane Spencer died in Vergennes, Sept. 22, at the age of 78 years. Funerals were held at the Bailey church Sunday, conducted by Rev. H. Wesbrook.

The LOWELL LEDGER and Michigan Farmer to new subscribers in Kent county only 30c to Jan. 1, 1900. The Farmer alone to any address to same date only 15c.

The Rev. McAllister, the new pastor, held forth at the M. E. church last Sunday. He comes well recommended and those in attendance Sunday were favorably impressed. Rev. Pattison and family left this week for their new field of labor at Marshall. Godspeed the old; welcome the new.

Last Tuesday morning the small addition to the dwelling of Henry Taylor, occupied by Mrs. Taylor's mother (Mrs. Irons) got afire in the roof and an alarm was given. Mr. Merriman, principal of the west ward school, and students were first on the ground and had the fire extinguished before the town people arrived.

Recital.
 The entertainment given at the Congregational church last Thursday evening was a splendid success in every way except in attendance. However a medium sized audience were present to listen to an entertainment that merited the filling of an auditorium.

The church was tastefully decorated with ferns, foliage plants, chrysanthemums, and other beautiful flowers which seemed to harmonize so prettily with the carrying out of the program.
 The vocal solos by Misses Leona Blakeslee and Kate Flint and the violin solo by Mrs. V. H. Church deserve special mention; while Miss Grace Blakeslee, the central figure of the evening, gave a number of readings which were heartily endorsed. Miss Blakeslee's taste in the choice of selections and the splendid training she has received commend her to the public as one of our best elocutionists.

The audience, during the whole program, attentive, and showed their pleasure in the recital such as Clark's music was furnished by the choir.

On their Bridal Tour.
 "Do you mind if I go out into the smoking compartment of the car for a few minutes?" he asked.
 "You'd better not go just now," she replied, suggestively. "We're coming to a tunnel in a few minutes."—Chicago Post.

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State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss. At a session of the Probate court for said county of Kent, held at the Probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, on the 7th day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.
 Present, Harry D. Jewell, Judge of Probate.
 In the matter of the estate of RICHARD GILES, deceased, Agnes Giles having filed in this court her petition praying that the administration de bonis non with the will annexed of said estate may be granted unto Albert Heffron or some other suitable person, it is ordered that Monday the 9th day of October, 1899, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition.
 And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Kent.
 HARRY D. JEWELL,
 Judge of Probate.
 ALVIN F. EWING, Register.
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HOME NEWS.

Hamblen's oysters at VanDyke's.
Clara Train is visiting relatives in Rockford.
B. Badgley of Portland was in town Tuesday.
Chas. Emmons and wife of Bowne have a young son.
Home made and salt rising bread at the City Bakery.
William Hull has returned to his home at Rockland.
Miss Ada Mills visited in Keene with Miss Myrtle Hatch.
Rev. Holcomb of Bowne will move his family to Lowell soon.
Girl wanted for general housework. Apply to Mrs. Orton Hill.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Faulkner spent Sunday with their son Ellis at Hastings.
Mrs. McCullough of Freeport visited at Solomon Cooper's a part of last week.
Miss Bessie Faulkner is spending a week with her brother, Ellis Faulkner of Hastings.
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fox of Freeport were guests of Mrs. M. J. Kopf one day last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Keeler of Middleville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Griswold last Thursday.
Miss Pearl Sayles is home from Kalamazoo for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sayles.
A marriage license was issued last Saturday to Ernest G. Rolf and Daisy Crittendon, both of Lowell.
Asa Fletcher expects to move into the village next week. He will occupy Mrs. Graham's tenant house on the west side. Welcome, Mr. Fletcher.
Mrs. Cora Cuddeback has decided to stay in Lowell and will again do dressmaking by the day or at her home. She will be pleased to meet old customers and new ones will be welcomed.

Mrs. Charlie Kopf spent Saturday at Elm Dale.
Mrs. M. C. Griswold was in Grand Rapids last Friday.
Hunting coats and cartridge bags at R. D. Stocking's.
Ask your grocer for Behl's home made and salt rising bread.
Fresh oysters at VanDyke's, 20c. and 30c. per can—Sunday dinner.
Emmett Chase has moved into Mrs. Weekes' house on Montec street.
Advertised Letters—Al Bryan, L. O. Ripping, John H. Heusenga.
Miss Grace Walker visited LaNora Hill in South Boston a part of last week.
The G. R. B. & S. R. R. Co. are putting in a siding just west of the Flat river bridge.
R. D. Bancroft expects to return to his old position at the D., G. H. & M. depot on Monday next.
Did you see the big gun at Stocking's? He also has some smaller ones of first class quality and at very low prices.
In the report of the school board as published last week the item of amount paid for school building lot should have been \$400 instead of \$40. Just a cipher missing, but it cuts quite a figure in this case.

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and I am afraid I have inherited it. I do not feel well; I have a cough; my lungs are sore; am losing flesh. What shall I do?
Your doctor says take care of yourself and take plain cod-liver oil, but you can't take it. Only the strong, healthy person can take it, and they can't take it long. It is so rich it upsets the stomach. But you can take

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The Lowell W. C. T. U. ladies are requested to meet at Mrs. Renteister's Sept. 29, at 2:30 Important business.
Mrs. Joe Hamilton, Mrs. Chris Klump and Mrs. Wm. Rexford went to Ionia last Thursday to the street fair.
Anson Arnold of Boston, Mass., and Wm. Arnold of Saranac were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Barrett last week.
Mrs. McCabe, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Cooper, has returned to her home in Milwaukee.
Charlie Howe is home from Grand Rapids this week, nursing the foot that was injured by a fall from a telephone pole recently.
Bert Ranney has moved from Denver to Cripple Creek, Colorado. He is in the employ of the Colorado Telephone company.
Rev. Ross Matthews of Paw Paw is expected to preach at the Baptist church next Sunday, both morning and evening and at Alto at 3 p. m.
Vergennes W. C. T. U. will have a tea meeting at the home of Mrs. E. L. Bennett on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 5. Every member is requested to be present.

H. M. Newton of Milwaukee, who has been visiting M. M. Perry and family the past week, returned to his home Saturday evening.
Large stock of sewing machines (bought before the advance in price) will be sold at the same low price as ever at R. D. Stocking's.
Flat river railroad bridge was finished Tuesday morning and the bridge gang went forward to Alton. Tracklaying has nearly reached the center of Vergennes.

Mrs. Jane Spencer died in Vergennes, Sept. 22, at the age of 78 years. Funerals services were held at the Bailey church Sunday, conducted by Rev. H. Westbrook.

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Last Tuesday morning the small addition to the dwelling of Henry Taylor, occupied by Mrs. Taylor's mother (Mrs. Irons) got afire in the roof and an alarm was given. Mr. Merriman, principal of the west ward school, and students were first on the ground and had the fire extinguished before the town people arrived.

Recital.

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The church was tastefully decorated with ferns, foliage plants, chrysanthemums, and other beautiful flowers which seemed to harmonize so prettily with the carrying out of the program.
The vocal solos by Misses Leona Blakeslee and Kate Flint and the violin solo by Mrs. V. H. Church deserve special mention while Miss Grace Blakeslee, the central figure of the evening, gave a number of readings which were heartily encored. Miss Blakeslee's taste in the choice of selections and the splendid training she has received commend her to the public as one of our best elocutionists.
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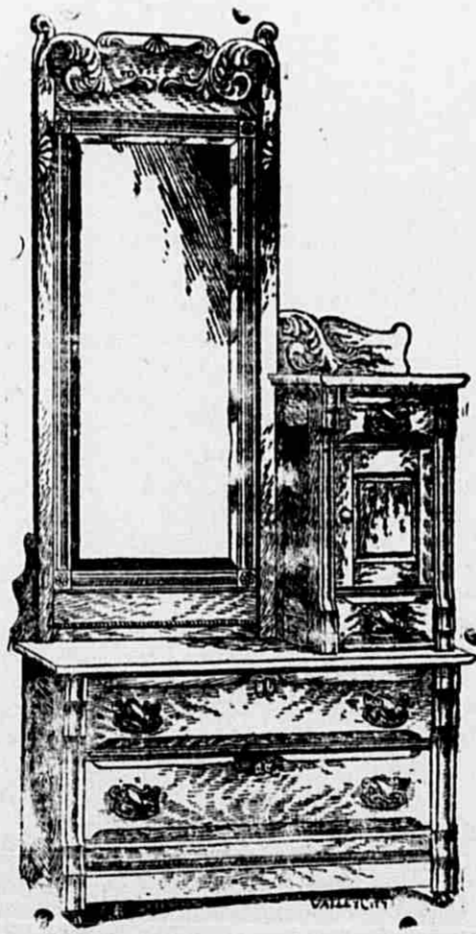
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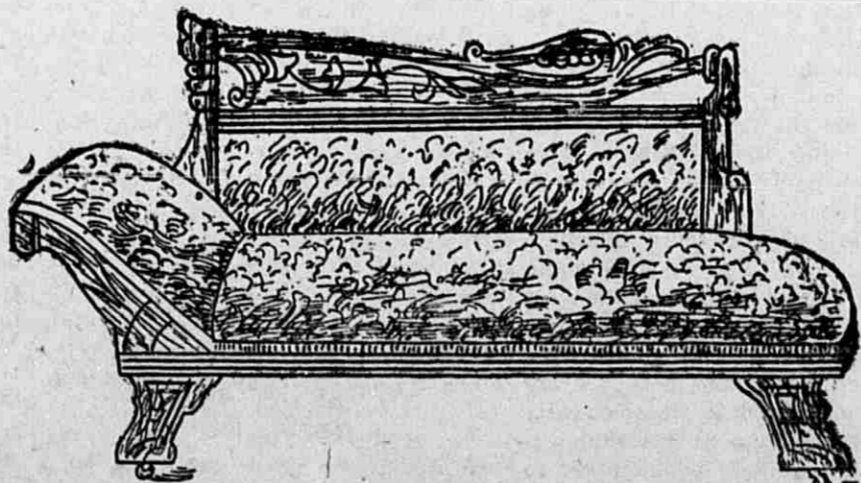
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Game Wardens Busy These Days.
Game Warden Morse has addressed the following to each of his deputies throughout the state: "As the hunting season approaches, we are receiving promiscuous reports that quail and partridge as well as squirrels, are being killed. The season for hunting squirrels opens Oct. 1, while quail and partridge cannot be lawfully killed until Oct. 20. I desire to impress upon you the importance of being very vigilant from now on to the end that these laws may be respected in your county. Report promptly to this office any complaints that may come to your knowledge. Investigate them promptly and carefully and rest assured that every assistance will be given you from this office. I also desire to call your attention to the necessity for watching carefully the lakes in your county, as the temptation to spear will be very strong during these dark nights."

Got 'Em on the Hip.
It looks as if the county treasurers and registers of deeds have the state tax commission on the hip. The state creating the commission is silent regarding compensation for information furnished by these officials, and the law does not compel them to furnish it gratis. Many have already struck, and it seems as though the tax commissions must either have to do without the information or dig it out for themselves. The supreme court has passed upon this question in the case of County Clerk Gardner, of Newaygo vs. the county supervisors. He brought in a bill of \$40 against the supervisors for doing work outside of his official duties for the state tax statistician. The court says there is no law compelling the supervisors to pay for it and that he cannot be compelled to furnish such information to state officials.

Preferred Death to Arrest.
Surrounded by officers of the law who were about to arrest him and with the glow of a dark lantern upon his face, young Hans Roedder shot himself at Ann Arbor on the evening of the 21st, seeing no other way to escape from the penalty of broken law. Roedder is wanted in Grand Rapids on the charge of stealing a number of bicycles, estimated as high as 20. When the boy saw it was all up with him he deliberately placed the muzzle of a 44-caliber revolver against his right temple and pulled the trigger. The ball seemed to have struck glancing, for it did not penetrate the bone, but tore its way out through the right eye. It is believed the boy has a chance for recovery.

Large Grain Shipment Abroad.
The McLane Elevator Co., of Battle Creek, on the 19th shipped over the C. & G. T. R. R., direct to Portland, Me., 30 cars loaded with 30,000 bushels of oats and corn. The cereals will be shipped from Portland to England. This is the largest amount ever shipped from the city. It was a good advertisement for Battle Creek as each car was placarded with large letters, composing the name of the firm and where it was shipped from. The grain was bought in several adjoining counties.

Taxpayers are Pleased.
The taxpayers of Mussey township, St. Clair county, are jubilant over the fact that the supreme court reversed the verdict given Attorney H. P. Jenney in the St. Clair circuit court. Jenney contended that the township owed him \$2,100 for legal services rendered in collecting a drain tax. The circuit court awarded him \$950 and costs. This sum is considered saved by the taxpayers by the decision of the supreme court. It cost the township \$600 to defend the case.

Via Electric Route to Marine City.
The work of extending the railroad on North Gratiot to the city limits of Mt. Clemens was commenced by the Rapid Railway on the 21st with a large force of workmen. When completed, as is expected it will be in a few days, the last gap between Detroit and Marine City will have been closed, thereby affording a continuous route via Rapid and Detroit & River St. Clair lines from Detroit to the up-river ports.

Disease in Michigan.
Reports to the state board of health show that diarrhea, rheumatism, neuralgia, dysentery and bronchitis, in the order named, caused the most sickness in Michigan during the week. Consumption was reported at 203 places; typhoid fever at 94; scarlet fever at 36; diphtheria at 21; whooping cough at 14; measles at 9; cerebro-meningitis at 2, and smallpox at 2.

Heavy frosts in Tuscola county are said to have damaged sugar beets. It costs Washtenaw county about \$2,800 a year to care for "drunks." Kalamazoo's city council has ordered that signs be placed at the corners of the principal streets warning the pedestrians not to spit on the sidewalk. Ludington will undoubtedly have a large sugar beet factory next season. The analysis of the beets grown there shows up well. Eastern capitalists have offered to invest \$100,000 in a factory there, providing local capitalists will put up a similar amount.

WEDS HER PROSECUTOR.

That's What a Charlotte Woman Done After Serving 23 Years.
Mrs. Mary H. Brooks, of Charlotte, the first woman ever convicted of murder in Michigan, has married D. H. Stewart, the complaining witness whose testimony was largely responsible for her spending 23 years in Jackson prison. Simon Brooks, a wealthy resident of the western portion of Eaton county, died March 15, 1876, under mysterious circumstances. His widow, Mary Brooks, was arrested, charged with the murder on complaint of D. H. Stewart, a neighbor. At a special session of the grand jury to investigate the crime Mr. Stewart swore that he purchased a vial of arsenic, properly labeled poison. Mrs. Brooks, who was at his home, inquired as to the contents of the bottle, and he told her it was arsenic. Not having any occasion to use the poison on that day, he put it away. Mr. Brooks died soon afterward, and it was proved that his death was caused by arsenic poison. The bottle containing the poison was missing from Stewart's house, and he reported his loss to the county officials. After a thorough search the empty vial was found in the Brooks residence. After three days' deliberation the jury convicted Mrs. Brooks of murder in the first degree and she was sentenced to Jackson for life, but was pardoned after she had served 23 years.

20,138 Marriages in Michigan Last Year.
There were 20,138 marriages returned by the county clerks to Secretary of State Stearns for the year 1898. This is the largest number ever recorded for a single year and represents a marriage rate of 16.9 per 1,000 population. The largest number of marriages took place in November, 2,264; while the smallest number, 1,302, was in February. Next to November, June and then October, seem to be the favorite months for marriage. The favorite ages were between 20 and 25 for both brides and grooms. Probably the oldest age at marriage on record occurred in a case reported from Washtenaw county, in which the age of the groom was given as 110 years, while the bride was 57.

Still in Need of Food.
If there are any committees in this state that were formed for the purpose of collecting funds for the relief of the Porto Rican sufferers, they are requested to make themselves known. The governor is in receipt of a letter from Secretary of War Root in which he requests information about all such committees in the state. He wants this information because a new central Porto Rico relief committee has been formed. Continuing he says: "The urgent necessity of feeding the great numbers of destitute people in Porto Rico still continues, and I hope the efforts of your state to that end will not be relaxed."

Arrested for an Old Crime.
Abe Truax, of Owosso, was arrested on the 18th charged with the murder of Jack Entwistle, July 28, 1896. Entwistle's mangled body was found near the railroad track one mile north of that city on the above date, and it was supposed that he was walking on the track and was run over. But the appearance of the body and the absence of blood near the track led many to believe that he had been killed and the body placed on the track. Truax lived nearby in a hut in the woods with several women, and the two men were known to have had trouble. His trial is set for the 26th inst.

An Honest Convict.
Two years ago last June, Wm. Roach, of Battle Creek, was sentenced to serve 10 years in the Ionia reformatory, for shooting his wife. Sometime before going to prison, however, he borrowed \$6 from Mrs. Lizzie Rosencrantz. Of course when he received 10 years' sentence she abandoned the idea of ever receiving the money and in fact really forgot that she had that amount loaned on such security. The other day, however, she received the \$6 from Roach. The money was earned by working at two cents an hour overtime and saved little by little.

Terrible Crime at Port Huron.
As a result of a domestic quarrel at Port Huron, on the morning of the 19th, Judson Herrendeen is at the hospital with three bullets in his body and his wife committed suicide by sending a bullet through her temple. The terrible crime was the act of jealousy and was committed by the woman while her husband was eating breakfast, which she had prepared for him. Although the entire three shots took effect Herrendeen was still alive at last accounts.

A Golden Wedding Day Service.
There was an interesting and impressive service at the Central M. E. church at Lansing recently called the golden wedding day service. Sixteen people, most of whom are more than 80 years old, participated, and told how for 50 years or more they had "walked with Jesus," who, during that time had been the "bridegroom of their souls." One old lady testified "that she had been for 65 years the bride of the Saviour and would never ask for a divorce."

Incipient snow flurries have caused the resorters at Mackinac Island to pack up their duds and go south in a hurry. Every inch of show room in the state fair buildings has been taken and late comers will have to be content with tent space. The exhibition promises to be the best ever given by the society. Marshall has finally given a franchise bound in ironclad terms to the Battle Creek, Albion, Marshall & Jackson Electric Railway Co. It runs for 30 years. Work will be commenced at once.

STATE GOSSIP.

Benton Harbor is to have a new \$30,000 opera house.

The Presbyterians of Ypsilanti dedicated their new church on the 24th.

The 2d Michigan infantry will hold its annual reunion at Hillsdale, Oct. 18.

The Michigan school for the deaf opened at Flint on the 21st with 275 pupils.

The annual fair of the Midland County Agricultural society will be held Oct. 4-6.

An alleged wild woman is said to make her home in the woods near Traverse City.

Bishop Foley confirmed a class of 60 at St. John's Catholic church, Benton Harbor, on the 25th.

Cars are now running over the new Detroit, Rochester, Romeo & Lake Orion Electric railway.

The new machinery in the Rapid Railway's power house at New Baltimore will cost \$300,000.

The F. & P. M. Ry. was consolidated with the D. G. R. & W. and the C. & W. M. railways on the 21st.

George Starr and Harry Williams, awaiting trial for burglary, escaped from the Monroe jail on the 21st.

Horse thieves are working in Washtenaw county and farmers are talking of forming a vigilance committee.

The 34th annual reunion of the 20th Michigan infantry will be held at Chelsea, Oct. 18th. Out of about 1,100 originally in this regiment 400 are now living.

The little village of Coloma has made its main street into a fine boulevard. The street is very wide and in the center is a row of fine old maple trees with a driveway on each side.

The vote for water works at a special election in Leslie resulted in a sweepstakes for the boomers. The ballot stood 232 for and 62 against. A two-thirds vote was necessary to carry.

Kalamazoo is going to have a floral parade in connection with her street fair, but as the flowers that bloom in the spring don't also bloom in the fall, the decorations are to be made of paper.

Dr. D. Milton Greene, one of the best known physicians of Grand Rapids, has been arrested on the charge of criminal assaulting his 9-year-old daughter. Feeling against the prisoner runs high.

David Watlin, a farmer of near Lansing, was fined \$100 for killing and selling for food a cow that was suffering with a cancer on its jaw. The meat inspector discovered the carcass before any of it had been eaten.

The low price of wheat together with the difficulty experienced by farmers on account of the dryness of the ground, and the poor crop of the past season, has sharply reduced the amount of acreage of new sown wheat.

Gen. R. A. Alger has been invited to be one of the guests on the occasion of the splendid banquet to be tendered at the White House by President McKinley to Admiral Dewey on Oct. 3.

The union men of Grand Rapids are contemplating building a home of their own. They had a surplus of \$600 from the Labor Day receipts, and propose to use it as a nucleus of a building fund for the erection of a labor temple.

Sportsmen in different parts of the state say quail were never more plentiful than they are this year. Every wheat field and wood pasture is alive with them and the young birds are now full grown. The coming season of shooting will be the best in years.

The October term of the Washtenaw county circuit court will be a record breaker. There are 104 cases on the docket. Twenty-one are criminal, including eight cases from Ypsilanti for violation of the liquor law last Fourth of July. Fourteen dissatisfied married persons want divorces.

One of the features of the fair at Reed City was the work of a hypnotist, who placed an assistant under his influence and buried him. The man was under ground for 48 hours. While he was in the grave some miscreant dropped a stone down the 83-inch air flue and the man's nose was broken.

The decision in the case of Shadford vs. The Ann Arbor Street Railway, in which he obtained a verdict for \$7,000, was sustained by the supreme court. The company appealed from a \$4,500 verdict and got soaked for \$7,000, and then took the case to the supreme court. Shadford was knocked off a platform wagon.

J. Ullerg, a farmer residing near Niles, sold several cattle to a butcher and took the money home with him. The first night he became frightened at the thought of robbery, got up and hid the money in a crevice in the woodshed. The next morning his dog was dead and the money gone. It is thought thieves were watching the house and saw Mr. Ullerg hide the money.

The entire cucumber crops in the district northeast of Benton Harbor, representing over 2,000,000 bushels of small pickles per season for the past 10 years, has in the last 10 days been completely destroyed by a foreign small red bug. The new pest, although much smaller, belongs to the lady bug family. The total loss to growers is estimated at more than \$100,000.

It is estimated that Mason county fruit growers cut down 100,000 peach trees, believing them to have been killed by the cold snap. It now develops that those trees remaining are bearing a fair crop, the value of which is \$2 per bushel. The farmers claim they were induced to sacrifice the trees at the solicitation of nurserymen who thereby obtained an active market for young peach trees. There is waiving and gnashing of teeth in Mason county.

Unless Muskegon county makes settlement soon of her indebtedness to the state, suit will be commenced against it.

TICKINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH

News of the Day as Told Over the Slender Wires.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

76 Indians Were Killed in Two Hard-Fought Battles Between the Mexicans and Yaquis—An Earthquake in Asia Minor Killed 200 People.

Two Sharp Engagements.
Official reports of two battles between Mexicans and Yaquis have been received. Gen. Luis Torres had declared the campaign suspended until October, but the Yaquis were not consulted on that point. Lorenzo Torres also appears to have made different arrangements. On Sept. 14 Lorenzo Torres crossed the river to Vicam, a town supposed to have been captured by Luis Torres in August, and found the Indians. They attacked his rear guard and a running fight ensued. The report says the Indians were dispersed and nine killed. The Mexican loss was five killed and nine wounded, among the latter Lieut. Col. Navarro of the 11th battalion, one of the best officers on the Mexican side. On Sept. 18th another engagement was fought and it is officially announced that the Indians left 67 dead on the field, while the Mexican loss was 14 killed and 36 wounded.

Earthquakes, Floods and Landslides.
Earthquakes, floods and terrible landslides occurred at and near Darjeling, in the lower Himalaya, on the 24th. Great damage was done and no fewer than 60 natives perished. There was a rainfall of 28 inches in 38 hours. Three bad landslides took place between Jerling and Sonada, involving the transhipment of a railway train of passengers. According to the latest reports, nine European children and 20 natives were lost between those two points. The whole Calcutta road is blocked and the Paglajahora line has been seriously damaged. About 1,000 acres of tea have been destroyed from Jalapahar to Burchill. At the latter place some 3,000 feet of water supply pipe have been ruined. The electric plant is in darkness. There is great fear of further rain.

Dewey Week in New York.
Thursday, Sept. 28.—Arrival of the Olympia and welcome by Rear Admiral Sampson and North Atlantic squadron. Illumination of New York harbor by night.

Friday, Sept. 29.—Welcome by the City of New York. Naval parade to Grant's tomb. Fireworks and illumination of North and East rivers by night.

Saturday, Sept. 30.—Presentation of loving cup to Admiral Dewey by City of New York. Land parade, with 35,000 men in line. Review of parade by Admiral Dewey at Dewey arch. Smoker at Waldorf-Astoria for Olympia's men.

Sunday, Oct. 1.—Admiral Dewey rests at residence of George Boldt.

Monday, Oct. 2.—Admiral Dewey departs at noon for Washington.

Four Killed in a R. R. Wreck.
Four men were killed and three seriously injured on the 21st in a rear-end collision of freight trains on a bridge on the Omaha road near Windom, Minn. An engine was pushing a freight train and the second was a double-header, so that three engines were thrown into the river in a badly wrecked condition. One span of the bridge was demolished and 17 cars thrown into the river or along the tracks. These cars took fire and several were burned.

Kruger Must Accept Present Proposals.
The latest concerning the Transvaal situation is to the effect that England has sent a galling reply to Kruger in which he is told that he must accept the present proposals or prepare to accept harder ones. On the other hand President Kruger has flatly refused to comply with the British terms. It is believed at London that the Boers will go to war as soon as the above news is received.

200 Killed by an Earthquake.
The district of Aidin, in Asia Minor, was visited by an earthquake on Sept. 20; and, according to the latest advices, over 200 persons perished. The chief cities of the Vilayet, or province of Aidin, are Smyrna, its capital, Manees and Aidin. The city of Aidin is about 80 miles southeast of Smyrna. It is the residence of a pasha and the focus of a flourishing trade in grain, carpets, figs, opium and sponges.

Rope Broke at a Hanging.
Henry Gardner, a Negro, aged 18, was hanged at Mobile, Ala., on the 15th, for assaulting a white girl under 10 years of age. The crime was committed last June. When the trap fell the first time Gardner's weight snapped the rope and he fell heavily to the ground. Twenty minutes later he was again led to the gallows and executed.

On Sept. 25 the Dewey home fund had reached \$32,768, but the committee still want not less than \$25,000 more.

The state department has received a cable message from United States Consul Jenkins, at San Salvador, saying briefly that the state of siege has been removed and that peace prevails in the land.

Serious disorders took place at Terroll, Spain, on the 23d. A mob of 3,000 stoned the principal Catholic club and the town hall, smashing the windows in both buildings. The municipal guards charged the rioters, but were repulsed. Finally a squad of mounted gendarmes dispersed the rioters. The authorities have proclaimed the city under martial law.

WAR NOTES.

The United States cruiser Charleston, the monitor Monterey and the gunboats Concord and Zafiro, with marines and blue jackets from the cruiser Baltimore, left Cavite Sept. 18 and proceeded to Subig Bay to destroy an insurgent cannon there. Owing to the bad weather the operation was postponed until Sept. 23d, when the warships for three hours bombarded the town of Olangapo and the entrenchments where the gun was situated. Men on the Charleston, Concord and Zafiro were then landed under a heavy insurgent fire, proceeding to the cannon they destroyed it with gun cotton and then returned to the warships. The Americans had one man wounded during the engagement. The number of Filipinos who took part could not be ascertained and no dead were seen. The Monterey fired for four hours 21 shots from her 10-inch guns and 17 from her 13-inch guns. The town, which was riddled with shells, took fire at several points.

The insurgents captured the United States gunboat Urdaneta, in the Orani river, on the north-west side of Manila bay, where she was patrolling. One officer and nine of her crew are missing. The Urdaneta is beached opposite the town of Orani, on the Orani river. She was riddled with bullets and burned and the following guns, with their ammunition were captured: A one pounder, one Colt automatic gun, and one Nordenfeldt 25-millimetre gun. The crew of the Urdaneta are prisoners, or have been killed. Further details are lacking.

Two important dispatches from Gen. Otis at Manila were made public by the war department on the 25th. The first indicates that the insurgents on the island of Negros are about to recognize the authority of the United States. An election in Negros will be held on the 3d of October. The second dispatch says the American flag will be raised in Sulu island. The chief insurgents in Zamboanga are reported willing to accept the authority of the United States, but desire to name conditions which Gen. Otis would not accept.

Word has reached the war department that Gen. Otis has sought to imitate the policy employed in Cuba of buying Filipino arms. The natives were given to understand that on surrender of a gun the military authorities would pay \$10 and guarantee immunity from arrest for previous armed opposition to the United States and protection for the future. Notwithstanding this tempting offer, but one bona fide surrender of a gun is reported.

Recently Commander Davidson of the little gunboat Paragua, had a sharp engagement at San Fabian, Lingayen gulf, with about 300 insurgents heavily entrenched at a distance of from 1,100 to 700 yards. The insurgents fled, their fire being weak and ineffective. On the Paragua there were no casualties. The Paragua is one of the little gunboats turned over to the army by Admiral Watson, and Davidson, the commander, is a young ensign.

A party of insurgents ditched a railroad train a mile and a half south of Angeles on the 22d and then opened fire on the derailed cars from a bamboo thicket close to the track, killing two Americans and wounding five others. Lieut. Lome and five of his scouts, who were on the train, made a vigorous defense and caused the enemy to flee. Six dead rebels were afterward found in the thicket from which the rebel fire came.

The war department has information concerning the escape from Aguinaldo of Dr. Gonzalez and Sr. Ronifacio Arevalo. These men were in the insurgent camp for some time, and being very wealthy they were assessed quite heavily to assist the cause. Gonzalez was offered the position of minister of foreign affairs by Aguinaldo, but declined.

Cable reports from Iloilo concerning the results of Gen. Bates' second trip among the southern islands indicate that about 400 rebels at Zamboanga refuse to recognize American authority. The Moros and Filipinos are unfriendly and disturbances between them are liable to occur. Jolo is quiet and the natives continue friendly.

The war department has issued a general order in regard to the examination of officers of the volunteer army, an important provision of which is that vacancies of second lieutenants are to be filled by promotion from the ranks of the regiments in which they occur.

Ensign Noah T. Coleman, of the battleship Iowa, died on the 21st in a private hospital in San Francisco, Cal., as a result of a complication of troubles and a bullet wound inflicted by himself some time ago in an attempt at suicide.

Gen. Otis has informed the war department that the six or eight days' mail sent by the transport Morgan City was lost in the wreck of the vessel.

Gen. Otis reports that a typhoon has delayed the sailing of the last shipment of returning volunteers.

There is a shipment of Chinese waiting to be landed in the Philippines as soon as the authorities at Washington will give their consent.

The war department has directed the transports Sikh and City of Rio to go to Portland, Ore., and take 1st 35th volunteers to Manila.

The President has issued a proclamation declaring that the local Hawaiian officials are without power to transfer title to public lands in Hawaii pending legislation by congress.

The general opinion in New York is that Pedlar Palmer, who was sure of \$2,500 in his fight with McGovern, had friends bet that amount on McGovern, so he cleared close to \$5,000 on the fight. On the same sort of a deal Mitchell made considerable money by being whipped by Corbett.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

The weekly crop bulletin of the Michigan weather bureau says that during the early part of the week generally cool, dry weather with hard killing frosts prevailed, frosts of greater or less intensity having occurred in most of the counties of the state. In the southern four tiers of counties, these frosts were generally light and their damage confined to low lands, but over the remaining portion of the state they were heavy and killing. Late potatoes suffered the most for the reason that they had made such slow progress during the August drouth, that they were far from being mature when the frost struck them. Corn cutting is nearly completed in all sections of the state, so that this crop suffered very little damage. In the northern and central counties buckwheat harvest is in progress. The yield is very poor as is the prospect in the southern counties, the drouth having greatly shortened the crop. Fall plowing, preparations for seeding, and the sowing of winter wheat and rye, have been quite general, but such work has been greatly retarded by the dry condition of the soil. Sugar beets have made good progress and indicate a fair crop. Apple picking is in progress, but the fruit has fallen so badly that but little remains upon the trees. The yield is light and of poor quality.

Servian Assassins Sentenced to Death.

The court at Belgrade, Servia, on the 25th rendered judgment in the case of the prisoners who have been on trial for some time past charged with the attempted assassination of Former King Milan, of Servia, July 6, when he was shot at Bia Bosnian. Knezevic and Paisitch, the leaders of the conspiracy, were sentenced to death; 10 others were condemned to 20 years' imprisonment, one to nine years' imprisonment, and seven to five years' imprisonment. Six of the men on trial were acquitted.

Declaration From Capt. Dreyfus.

The following brief declaration has been received from Capt. Dreyfus: "The government of the republic has given me my liberty. But liberty is nothing to me without honor. From today, Sept. 20th, I shall continue to seek reparation for the frightful judicial error of which I remain the victim. I wish France to know by a definitive judgment that I am innocent. My heart will only be at rest when there remains not a single Frenchman who imputes to me the abominable crime perpetrated by another."
ALFRED DREYFUS."

Dreyfus Has Had a Reaction.

The Paris correspondent of the London Standard says: "The excitement of meeting his children has produced a serious reaction in the condition of Dreyfus and it is feared that it may be necessary to send him to Malta or Madeira."

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Four new cases of the bubonic plague were reported at Oporto on the 24th. Since the outbreak of the disease there have been 74 cases, of which number 30 have resulted fatally.

According to the Volkstein the Transvaal government has decided to return to the donor the young lion which Cecil Rhodes recently presented to the Transvaal delegates to the agricultural union in Cape Town about 10 days ago, as it declines to have anything whatever to do with that gentleman.

BASE BALL.

The following table shows the number of games played, won, lost and the percentage of each club in the National League, up to and including Monday, Sept. 25th:
NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

Clubs	Games Played	Won	Lost	Per. Cent.
Boston	133	62	40	.607
Philadelphia	133	61	51	.599
Boston	133	53	53	.504
Baltimore	133	78	55	.586
St. Louis	139	77	62	.554
Cincinnati	139	76	63	.547
Chicago	139	70	66	.515
Louisville	139	67	70	.490
Pittsburgh	138	67	71	.486
New York	134	55	79	.410
Washington	137	49	88	.358
Cleveland	145	20	125	.138

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York—	47 00 00	\$4 35	\$5 75	\$1 91
Best grades	2 50 44 50	3 00	4 10	4 75

Chicago.

Best grades <td>5 00 26 00</td> <td>4 41</td> <td>5 83</td> <td>4 75</td>	5 00 26 00	4 41	5 83	4 75
Lower grades <td>4 30 5 35</td> <td>2 25</td> <td>3 50</td> <td>4 15</td>	4 30 5 35	2 25	3 50	4 15

Detroit.

Best grades <td>3 50 24 25</td> <td>4 00</td> <td>5 01</td> <td>4 00</td>	3 50 24 25	4 00	5 01	4 00
Lower grades <td>2 50 23 50</td> <td>2 50</td> <td>4 00</td> <td>3 50</td>	2 50 23 50	2 50	4 00	3 50

Buffalo.

Best grades <td>4 00 44 45</td> <td>4 50</td> <td>5 70</td> <td>4 90</td>	4 00 44 45	4 50	5 70	4 90
Lower grades <td>2 50 24 00</td> <td>3 15</td> <td>4 75</td> <td>4 05</td>	2 50 24 00	3 15	4 75	4 05

Cincinnati.

Best grades <td>4 75 25 50</td> <td>4 00</td> <td>5 75</td> <td>4 65</td>	4 75 25 50	4 00	5 75	4 65
Lower grades <td>2 50 21 75</td> <td>3 50</td> <td>5 00</td> <td>4 30</td>	2 50 21 75	3 50	5 00	4 30

Pittsburg.

Best grades <td>5 50 26 00</td> <td>4 65</td> <td>5 60</td> <td>4 90</td>	5 50 26 00	4 65	5 60	4 90
Lower grades <td>2 50 24 75</td> <td>3 70</td> <td>5 25</td> <td>4 30</td>	2 50 24 75	3 70	5 25	4 30

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,
No. 2 red	No. 2 mix	No. 2 white	
New York	76 7/8	39 3/8	30 3/8
Chicago	74 7/8	31 3/4	22 2/8
Detroit	71 7/8	35 3/8	26 2/8
Toledo	73 7/8	34 3/4	22 2/8
Cincinnati	73 7/8	34 3/4	22 2/8
Pittsburg	73 7/8	37 3/8	28 2/8
Buffalo	73 7/8	36 3/8	27 2/8

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, \$11.00 per ton. Potatoes, 40c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 8c per lb; fowls, 7c; turkeys, 11c; ducks, 8c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 15c per doz; butter, best dairy, 16c per lb; creamery, 24c.

The lockout in the jute manufacturing at Dundee, Scotland, has ended.

Four lives were lost in the fire which destroyed St. Vincent de Paul's hospital at Norfolk, Va., on the 21st and four firemen were injured.

William and Charles Goldston, brothers, living on a farm near New Albany, Ky., engaged in a duel with corn knives in which both were fatally wounded. The men were found lying on the ground by a neighbor who chanced to cross the field. Both were exhausted from loss of blood and died within a short time. The cause of the quarrel is not known.

AN Accident!

You have, no doubt, read in the Lowell Newspapers of the most unfortunate leaking of the water-spout on the floor above our store last Sunday night causing a great deluge!

An Overflow

of water in our store, you can imagine the rest. Our splendid stock of Men's Clothing, Telescopes and Valises.

Damaged

By Water,

damaged, not in worth or value; but in the selling possibilities, damage enough to force us to sell at a big loss—but at one of the biggest gains to you, the shrewdest buyer, can possibly expect.

They Are as Good as New to
You.

Will These Prices Move Them

8 Fat mens suits, sizes 44 to 50, regular price 12 00 and 12 50 Deluge Sale Price	7 80	2 Black Clay Worsted Suits, sizes 39 to 40, regular price 16 50 Deluge Sale Price	9 90
20 suits, sizes 36 to 44, values ranging from 12 50 to 13 50 Deluge Sale Price	8 45	1 Suit Fine Casimere, size 50, regular price 18 50, for fat man Deluge Sale Price	12 00
2 suits, Cheviot, sizes 42 to 44, regular price 7 50 Deluge Sale Price	4 50	3 Suits, Fine French Backs, sizes 37 to 40, regular price 18 50 Deluge Sale Price	12 00
5 Suits, Black Cheviot, sizes 35 to 40, regular price 8 00 Deluge Sale Price	5 20	2 Imported Clay Worsted, Black, sizes 36 to 40, regular price 20 00 Deluge Sale Price	13 00
5 Suits, Cheviot, sizes ranging from 35 to 44, good value at 6 50 Deluge Sale Price	4 00	2 Steel Grey Clay Suits, sizes 39 to 40, regular 15 50 suit Deluge Sale Price	9 80

Marks Ruben,
"OF COURSE"

A Mis-hap!

" 'Tis an ill wind that blows nobody any good." We can't foresee the unexpected—the Accide

The Deluge

that played havoc in our store, Sunday, Sept. 24th, is again to play havoc with prices. We must soak our prices in the waters of circumstance. The rush of water may have

Soaked

the stock, but not their real worth or merit. We'll stand the loss bravely and there should be a great

Out Pouring Of buyers

To This Down Pouring

of profits and loss.

Water Only Damages the Value
to us, Not to you Nor to
The Quality.

6 Suits, Striped Cassimere, sizes 35 to 40, regular price 13 50 Deluge Sale Price	8 75	6 Grey Plaid Suits, sizes 35 to 40, regular 11 50 values Deluge Sale Price	7 20
3 Suits, Brown Wool, Square Cut, sizes 35, 36, 37, 12 00 value Deluge Sale Price	7 80	2 Suits, Splendid goods, regular 12 75 values Deluge Sale Price	8 30
1 Suit, Brown, Square Cut, Wool, size 17 years, value 11 50 Deluge Sale Price	4 75	4 Suits, Sack, in Plaids, regular value 10 75 Deluge Sale Price	6 90
2 Imitation Clay, cotton, sizes 35 to 44, regular 5 75 value Deluge Sale Price	3 45	2 Suits, sizes 35 and 36, regular 15 50 Suits Deluge Sale Price	9 50
5 Suits, Grey Plaid, Sizes 34 to 40, regular 14 50 value Deluge Sale Price	9 25	9 Suits, any size needed, regular price 8 75 Deluge Sale Price	5 00

These are only a few sample bargains, we have many others. Remember these goods are only slightly damaged. The coats have never been wet and the pants and vests hardly show on the linings.

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