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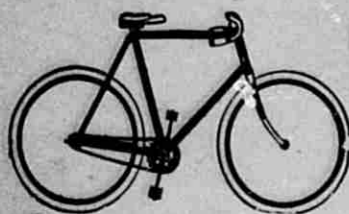
LOWELL, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1901

FIVE CENTS.

The Sturdy Oak

Has its beginning with the implanted acorn. Likewise, the Tree of Fortune takes root with the opening of a savings account with us. **One Dollar** is sufficient to start an account—smaller or larger sums may follow.

THE CITY BANK,
HILL, WATTS & CO



Closing

We have a few bicycles left which we will close out for less than cost

Ladies' Crescent Bicycle \$27.00
" Hudson " 19.00
Men's Wheels from \$15 up to \$30

Yours truly,

R. B. BOYLAN.

Made With a Brownie

You can do it, so can anyone with our Kodaks and Supplies for we have the best line obtainable and at prices that will make your pocket-book smile.



Come in and look them over and see sample picture

We also have the best selected stock of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry that can be purchased.



The People's Store,
The White Front.

A. D. Oliver

Ladies' Tan Shoes

At Easy Prices

Only a Few Pairs left so we Make Them a Special.

MARVIN SHOE CO.'S MAKE.

No. of pairs 2 - 1 Regular price 3.00 at **2.00**
Sizes 3 1/2 - 4

J. KELLY MAKE.

No. of pairs 2 - 2 - 1 Reg. price 3.00 at **1.98**
Sizes 3 - 4 1/2 - 5

J. KELLEY'S SUPERLE.

No Pairs 1 - 2 - 1 - 1 Reg. price 3.50 at **2.50**
Sizes 3 - 3 1/2 - 4 - 4 1/2 - 5

PINGREE & SMITH'S MAKE.

No. pairs 2 - 1 - 1 - 3 - 2 Reg. price 3.00 at **2.25**
Sizes 3 - 3 1/2 - 4 - 4 1/2 - 5

Tan Oxfords, Regular Price 2.00 at 1.50
" " " 1.75 at 1.25

E. V. Abell Co...

OUR HOME RULERS.

A SERIES OF PICTURES OF OUR LITTLE PEOPLE

Who Lord and Queen It Over Our Home Circles.

With this we present the first of a series of photographs of "Our Home Rulers," the dear little people who lord and queen it over our homes; and hope to continue the feature indefinitely.

Our friends in Lowell and vicinity are invited to call at THE LEDGER office with photographs of their little folks and arrange to have them printed in this paper for the pleasure it will give their friends everywhere. Mrs. Johnson will have charge of the feature and any desiring information regarding it will please call up Bell phone No. 53.



PAUL GLENN, SON OF DR. AND MRS. G. G. TOWSLEY.

Master Paul was nearly three years old when this picture was taken, but will be a four next September. He is a lively little fellow and is the author of many amusing pranks. Perhaps Grandma McCarty might be induced to relate some of them.

DIED WITH STRANGERS.

Charles DeVriendt, an Ada Farmer, Dies While Peddling Butter and Eggs.

About noon Saturday an unknown old man staggered into the residence of John Stoneburner, 647 South Ionia street, fell into a chair and in less than twenty minutes died. He had not given his name or uttered an expression by which he might be identified.

Coroner Maurits was summoned and had the remains removed to Sprattler's undertaking establishment, and then made a searching inquiry for identification. Late that evening the man was identified as Charles DeVriendt of North Ada. He had driven to the city yesterday morning with butter and eggs and had left his horse and buggy in front of the residence where he died so suddenly.

Coroner Maurits ordered an autopsy, which disclosed that death was caused from organic heart trouble, superinduced by over heat. Mr. DeVriendt was upward of 70 years of age. Undertaker Sprattler drove to his Ada home that night and notified his family of his death. —[Grand Rapids Democrat.

Old Farmer's Mind Unbalanced.

Jacob Landon, an old and well-to-do farmer of Ada township, who lives by the old ferry where the new Grand river bridge is being built, was in town last Saturday in a shattered condition mentally, and Deputy Sheriff Morse took him in charge and telephoned to Ada authorities. Late that night, Mrs. Landon came after him and took him home. She says he was all right apparently when he went away for a walk Friday. Evidently the extreme heat was too much for the old man. He came to Lowell on a load of wool with a neighbor and when he got here he imagined that the team, wagon and wool belonged to him.

Household Furniture For Sale.

Parlor stove, folding bed and other household articles for sale. Mrs. E. B. Hunter.

For Sale or Rent.

Two farms, one mile east of Lowell on the D. & M. R. R. on Sec. 7, Boston, Ionia county, Mich., two houses and barns, peach and apple orchards and well watered. Would take Grand Rapids or Lowell property in part pay. Sept. 25 Wm. Cheatham.

OLD PAPERS AT THIS OFFICE

ALMOST A SHUT OUT.

For Hastings in the Ball Game Last Thursday.

The game of base ball between the Lowell and Hastings teams on Train's grounds last Thursday afternoon resulted in a victory for the home team nearly as decisive as its defeat at Greenville the previous week.

Up to the first half of the ninth inning, Hastings did not get a score and it looked like a "shut out" for the visitors. With their last chance, however, they rallied their forces and squeezed in three runs.

Faulkner and Bemway and Krum and Jakeway were the batteries for Hastings and Lowell respectively.

The score by innings:
Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—Totals
Hastings 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3
Lowell 1 0 0 0 7 0 4 12

THE ROUND STONE TANK.

Visit to J. C. Train's 30 Barrel watering Place.

The editor of THE LEDGER rode out to the farm of J. C. Train yesterday to see the round stone watering tank recently built by Grove & Mosher. It holds 30 barrels and is fed by a spring. As it is 60 feet higher than the farm house, Mr. Train could easily have ample fire protection.

About fifty horses quench their thirst at this tank, and from its massive and substantial appearance we do not see why it should not be doing duty a thousand years from now. Certainly there is nothing about it that can wear out and the makers warrant it against injury by freezing. We understand that of 200 that passed through last winter not one was injured in the slightest.

Messrs. Grove and Mosher bring testimonials of a high character from previous operating points and their work and conduct here have been such as to entitle them to respect and confidence.

The machine for making the tanks is thoroughly covered by patents and state and county rights are finding ready and pleased buyers.

From what we have seen, it seems to us that farmers and others needing watering tanks can make no mistake in having one of these stone tanks made to their orders. Wooden tanks rot and require frequent painting and metal tanks rust and corrode. Cement stone gets harder and harder as the years go by, with no rust or decay and no painting to be done.

The round stone tank is certain to come into general use as its merits become understood.

HOW TO KEEP THE HOUSE COOL.

What Can be Done to Make it a Comfortable Resting Place in Hot Weather.

"Many things can be done to make even the small house a comfortable resting place in hot weather," writes Maria Parloa, in The Ladies Home Journal for August. "Of course the windows must be properly shaded with blinds or awnings and also well screened. All the heavy hangings should be removed, and when possible the carpets should be taken up or covered with linen. Cool colors, such as white, gray, light greens or blues should take the place of the warmer colors. The house should be well aired and sunned at least once a day. The early morning is best for this. Open all the windows and let the sun and air pour through the house. At nine o'clock close the blinds and all the windows except one or two down stairs and two or three upstairs. In the open windows place wet grass screens, or cover the regular screens with wet flannel. When the sun goes down open all the windows and blinds. A skylight or window should be kept open night and day in the attic, except, of course, when it rains. The cellar windows should be open only at night. If they are not closed during the heat of the day the warm, moisture-laden air enters and the cellar and condenses on walls, pipes, metals, etc., and in a few days will make it so damp as to be an unsuitable place for keeping food."

A large force of men and teams is working at the city plant and additional help will be on hand Monday. Everything is progressing favorably and while the committee is not making any further promises as to when the work will be completed, it is hoped that the troubles are nearly over and that light and power will soon be turned on.

Come in and see our new...

Imported White Ware

just received, made in Germany... We still have a few

Blue Flame Oil Stoves

left, also some good Steel Ranges.

We have some good bargains in Screen Doors and Window Screens.

Spraker & Cambell.

Closing Out Sale

OF BICYCLES

Beginning Sat. June 15th

I will offer my entire line of High Grade Wheels at greatly reduced prices. Remember, that no more will be offered at these prices after those in stock are sold. Tires and sundries also going cheap. Remember the place and date.

R. D. STOCKING.

P. S.—Inquire what I am going to do with those fine Rambler Chainless Wheels.

Our Boys All Wool

Cheviot and Cassimere

Suits at \$3.75

Sizes 12 to 19 years—Coat, Vest and Pants—is the best value of all values—Suits that we have been selling at \$5.00, 6.00 and 7.00. They must all go. Nothing must be left to tell the tale.

If you find prices below us you'll find quality below also.

W. W. Pullen.

The Clothier.

YOU

WE HAVE SOME NEW CRASH SKIRTS FOR HOT WEATHER.

will find a fine line of

SUMMER GOODS

both white and colored, at our store to make your selections from. These goods must be sold and cleaned up within the next few weeks. You will find assortments good and prices low. Don't fail to look over our line before purchasing. You will feel well paid for your trouble.

NICHOLSON

The annual rebuilding of the wooden bridge over Flat river is in progress. What an insatiable money devourer that bridge is. Stone and iron would stop the everlasting rotting and ripping up and continual expense, if the village could only get into shape to build such.

A Poor Millionaire

Lately starved in London because he could not digest his food. Early use of Dr. King's New Life Pills would have saved him. They strengthen the stomach, aid digestion, promote assimilation, improve appetite. Price 25c. Money back if not satisfied. Sold by L. Hunt & Co., druggist.

THE LOWELL MARKET REPORT.

Wheat	68
Potatoes	40
New potatoes	75
Beans	1 25
Pork	6 00
Corn	43
Oats	32
Bye	45
Butter	12
Eggs	10
Wool washed	13
Wool unwashed	10
Beef	5 00
Veal	6 00
Flour per cwt	2 00
Bran per ton	16 00
Middlings per ton	16 00
Corn meal per ton	20 00
Corn and oats per ton	20 00
Clover Seed	5 00

The Arkansas river is 2 1/2 miles long, but at various points in its course is very narrow for its length.

No British ship is permitted to carry a deckload of timber into a British port between the last day of October and April 30.

Emile Zola has just refused an offer of \$100,000 for the three books. "I once walked the streets of Paris in danger of starvation," he said, "but I am not starving now at the age of 51."

Bermuda's receiving ship, the Terror, has been put out of commission after perhaps the most eventful career of any naval vessel. She was an iron floating battery built in 1856 for the Crimean war, but was sent the following year to Bermuda without having seen service, and for forty-four years remained moored off the Naval club there.

George Gould, like his father, is a stout man. He divides his secrets with no one. Taught in a practical school, he has the ability, the wealth and the experience to develop his plans on a scale of great magnitude. He predicted he will make a greater fortune as a master financier than his father left, and that he will accumulate his property in a much larger form.

Vice President Roosevelt recently said in an interview with the Cherokee Indian that the greatest of the Indians in the world was the one who had been in the first battle of Guantamo. He was wounded eight times before he gave up, and as soon as he was released, the hospital he was back in the ranks, ready for more fight. I had about fifty men who were either whole or part taken in my regiment."

Accredited Russian officials have just made overtures to a Philadelphia firm to establish a plant on the line of the Trans-Siberian railway for the making of steel and the construction of cars and locomotives. A tree site has been offered, lumber, coal and iron available as soon as granted, while the government guarantees to purchase a certain number of cars and locomotives annually. The capital of \$10,000,000 is to be raised in the United States. The original plan shipped direct from America ports. This is but one of the many indications that the Russian government is willing to do any conceivable thing to get the hard transportation broke down altogether.

On the 14th day of November a terrible storm wrecked the railway bridge at Bulechava Bay, bearing for British men ammunition and warm clothing and other necessities for the winter which settled with unusual severity upon the beleaguered garrison.

A swarm of bees had up the business man of Watworth, Conn., the other day. The bees swarmed a day before the schedule date, and as they made for the business district there was great excitement. Five doors and windows were closed and the children screamed and fled to the side streets. There was a general scampering down South Main street as the swarm descended on this thoroughfare, and although the most traveled in the city, it was here of everything but bees in a few minutes. Electric cars and all other vehicles went into retirement, and the bees were attacking 50 persons, climbed onto the awnings and the lively stridals until they threatened to destroy all business.

When the excitement was at its height, the bees, attracted by timers repairing a roof, made a dead end for the bees, and the way the men slipped down the ladders would do credit to acrobats. The bees sought the position of the housewife, where that owner, with the usual blameworthy succeeded in coaxing the bees into a chimney. After a general attack on the swarm, the man loaded the bees brought along in anticipation of success.

If a loaf of corn is in its dormancy, it is the same as a mouth-bite, one-third of the loaf is lost. If a ton of coal is placed on the ground and left there and another ton is placed under a sheet, the loss is worth the cost of the sheet.

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MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Negamee is having a building boom. It is now equipped with 1888. The United States owns 402,745 acres of land in Michigan.

The salt and lumber mills of Manistee are shut down by a strike. Detroit will be in a strike during the Cadillac celebration on July 25, 26 and 27.

The first puncher from the Michigan belt were shipped from St. Joseph Monday.

The Michigan Salt Association has resumed the price from 70 cents to 45 cents per barrel.

The Bunk, aged 18, was drowned in Dickinson's mill while bathing. The body was recovered.

Londoning is getting up a hand fight for a new fish hatchery, with good prospects of securing it.

Van Duron county voted by about 300 majority to appropriate \$35,000 for a new county building.

Francis Howell, of Deerfield, has been held for trial in \$1,000 bail on a charge of criminal assault.

Andrew's hotel barn and contents, including his horse, at Holly, Wis. \$500; insurance \$200.

The Plated Food Co. has been organized at Battle Creek, capital \$500.

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Afternoon

From the window of the chapel softly sounds an organ's note.

Through the peaceful Sabbath gleaming drifting shadows of music.

And the quiet and the freight and the sweetly solemn tones.

Bear me dreamlike back to boyhood and its Sunday afternoons;

When we gathered in the parlor, in the parlor and the grand.

Where the haircloth chairs and sofas stood arrayed a gloomy band.

Where each quiet girl perched watching us with a countenance of wood.

And the girl who sat on the sofa in a dainty splendor stood.

Then the quiet old parlor, with the quaver in its organ.

Seemed to tremble in its furrow as the sacred songs were sung.

As we sang the hymns and psalms, and the glad revival hymns.

Of the glory of the story and the light no sorrow dim.

While the sun grew even deeper and the evening settled down.

And the lamp it twinkled in its gleam and the shadows grew.

Old and young we sang the chorus and the echoes told it o'er.

In the dear, familiar tones, hushed or scattered evermore.

From the windows of the chapel faint and low the music died.

And the organ in the dreight faded before my tears dimmed.

But my wistful fancy, listening here the night wind hum the tunes.

That we sang there in the parlor on these Sunday afternoons.

She had never heard such a laugh.

The allowance to Bessie, Mrs. Abbott, when he was away had been changed.

With a short sigh, she had accepted his name to Frederick, who had never traced him, though his invariable legal name had once carelessly come to her.

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HOME NEWS.

W. O. Brown is in Detroit this week.
 Walter Gibson is working in Ionia.
 W. A. Watts was in Lansing on business Tuesday.
 H. M. Wardle of Detroit was in Lowell on Friday.
 Mrs. Milo Hart visited friends in Grand Rapids last week.
 G. W. Parker is confined to the house with a sprained ankle.
 Hugh Conklin of Owosso visited last week at Mrs. Belle Hodges'.
 Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schopp were guests of Ida Denick of Ada Sunday.
 Miss Agnes Perry has resumed her duties at the Citizen's telephone office.
 The pension of Luther Densmore of Ada has been increased to \$8 per month.
 Clara Findley now gets his LEDGER at 217 Fourth street, Grand Rapids.
 Mr. and Mrs. Will Walker spent last week with relatives at Lake Odessa.
 Develly Langworthy left Sunday day for a visit to the Pan American exposition.
 Geo. Winegar and family of Saranac took dinner with his parents yesterday.
 D. E. Rogers and family have moved into the Wilhelm house on Main street.
 Lloyd L. Perry is spending his vacation in Albion with his uncle, G. W. Schneider.
 Attorney F. W. Hine of Grand Rapids called on his father, M. N. Hine, one day last week.
 J. C. Hatch and lady spent Sunday at Murray's Lake and took a sail in Earl Speaker's new boat.
 Theo. Mason, who has been quite sick for a week, having been overcome by the heat, is considerably better.
 Bert Burdick of Grand Rapids and May Burdick of St. Thomas, Ont., were guests of M. M. Perry and family Sunday.
 Chas. McCarty received a letter from Will at LaJunta, Cal., Monday with news that Leon is recovering from his recent illness.
 Mr. and Mrs. El Speaker and son Earl and Mr. and Mrs. Owen and family returned Sunday evening from a few days outing at Murray Lake.
 Mrs. Henry Schreiner is enjoying the cool breezes at Baldwin Lake while Mrs. Nellie Mosher is keeping house for Mr. Schreiner and Willie.
 C. Guy Perry was in Grand Rapids Friday visiting with the special agent of the Niagara Fire Insurance Company and viewing the ruins of the Luce block and Barrel Co.
 J. Goble of Alton made this office a call Tuesday. He had the misfortune to get his face badly poisoned and working in the heat in haying and harvesting has not improved it any.

Mrs. Geo. Wilson is ill.
 Harry Hunter and wife of Mt. Pleasant are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Milo Hart.
 Misses McDonald of Chicago and Hathaway of Ionia are guests at Benj. Terwilliger's.
 Clara and Clinton Hodges spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gullford of Detroit.
 Loveland & Force have begun work on their warehouse, just west Price & Covert's store.
 Mrs. F. M. Schermerhorn of 42 North Valley Avenue is visiting her sister, Mrs. John McCall.
 Wheeler Hull is going west soon to accept a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale firm.
 See THE LEDGER'S beautiful new wedding script before getting your invitations and announcements.
 W. R. Blaisdell is quite ill in consequence of poor circulation, indigestion and the excessive heat.
 Paul Gramer, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. John Randall, has returned to Ambersburg, Ont.
 Master Floyd Hodges who has been visiting relatives here has returned to his home in Grand Rapids.
 Mrs. E. R. Craw left for Petoskey Friday morning, to spend the rest of the summer with her son, George Craw.
 Miss Oneta Hodges, daughter of Alderman Hodges of Grand Rapids, is visiting friends and relatives in Lowell.
 The Citizen's Telephone company have a force of workmen erecting a rural line to the center of Keene township.
 Miss Hattie Blakeslee went to Ottawa Beach Monday to take a position as attendant at a soda fountain.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. DeYoung and daughter of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Weldon Smith and family.
 Village President VanDyke and wife will spend next week in Cleveland, Buffalo and at the Pan American.
 Mrs. J. H. Wesbrook has been failing during the past week but at last reports was feeling more comfortable.
 Miss Grace Gardner went to Grand Rapids Saturday to accept the position of governess in the family of Lawyer McGarry.
 Mrs. A. P. Hunter attended the Greenville Ladies Club meeting at Baldwin lake, Greenville's Summer resort, Tuesday, July 23.
 Wayne Pardee got too much heat last week and is still looking a little peaked, but is able to get about and sit in the shade.
 Unclaimed letters at Lowell post-office for F. M. Barber, Dug Hill, D. M. Osborne & Co., Mrs. Jane Bliss, Mrs. Ida Hill, Mrs. Tohl.
 Lightning struck a tree in Will Worden's yard, Tuesday evening. Mrs. I. B. Malcom who was in the adjoining was quite seriously shocked.
 Friends of THE LEDGER having business at the Probate court will confer a favor upon the publisher by requesting the Judge to send the advertising to this paper. tf
 E. O. Mains and family returned Tuesday from a ten days visit in Chicago. They brought with them their sister, Mrs. Frederick Mains, who will visit friends here and in Saranac.
 Mrs. W. A. McWilliams of Grand Rapids and niece, Miss Dastha Luscomb of Bellevue, were guests of Mrs. Bert Vanderlip last week.
 A. H. Peckham's health is somewhat improved. He was able to be removed to Macatawa Park where with his family it is hoped he will recover his health.
 W. A. Watts spent last week in the Upper Peninsula, most of the time at the "Soo." He says the days were very hot—100 in the shade—but the nights were comfortable.
 Jud Tinkler has had a cement walk laid in front of his west side residence and will make extensive improvements on the latter, including the raising one story of the wing and alterations throughout the house.

Preacher
Advised 'em to
Buy Alarm Clocks

Not a thousand miles from Lowell one Sunday morning less than 100 years ago, the greater part of the members of the What You May Call It church were nearly half an hour late. Before beginning his sermon, the minister spoke at some length on the bad habit of tardiness and advised the members of his flock to "buy alarm clocks!"

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Death of Mrs. Bryant of Boston Township.

Mrs. Emerett Bryant, an old resident of Boston township, died at her home on Sunday, July 21, of a cancer.
 Emerett Crawford was born in Ohio in 1823. In 1854 she married George S. Bryant and in 1857 they came to Michigan. Six children were born to them, four sons surviving. Two of them, George and Charles live in the West, Fred lives in Mecosta and Alira lived with his mother. Mr. Bryant died Feb. 25, 1893.
 Funeral services were held at the residence on Tuesday at 10 a. m., conducted by Rev. Fleming, pastor of the United Brethren church.

Fire Insurance Rates Advanced 10 Per Cent.

Local fire insurance agents have been advised that the 10 per cent reduction in insurance rates made in 1899 will no longer be given, except in cases of churches, school-houses, court-houses, and other public buildings and their contents (excepting penitentiaries, infirmaries, work houses, county poor houses, and insane asylums), and brick or stone Mercantile buildings (not contents) occupied exclusively for mercantile, office, public hall (without stage or scenery) and dwelling purposes.
 Advisory rates upon dwellings and private family barns and upon risks protected by an approved system of automatic sprinklers, remain unchanged.

His Honor Let Him Go.

Village Marshal Edmonds took an ordinary drunk before Justice Hicks Saturday morning. He was surrounded by an atmosphere that suggested that the opportunities of the Grand river valley had not been improved and his whiskers were full of chaff and other things. His Honor said:
 "Mr. Marshal, what is the charge against this man?"
 "Just a plain drunk, sir."
 "What is your name?"
 "C. B. Johnson, sir."
 "Are you guilty?"
 "Oh, I was drunk all right, but I didn't do any damage. Let me go, boss."
 "Mr. Marshal, take him down stairs and if you find him anywhere in town in an hour bring him up here and I'll sentence him."
 "Thank ye boss," and Mr. Johnson went down stairs as if he had been going to a free lunch counter.
 The court then opened the doors and windows and lighted a fresh cigar to get the taste out of its mouth.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES

Methodist.
 There will be an ice cream social at Mrs. Mary Kerr's in Vergennes Thursday evening, July 25. Everybody invited. Bill 10c per dish.
 Class No. 7 of the M. E. church will give a measuring social at the residence of S. F. Kinsey Wednesday evening, July 31. Two cents a foot or fraction thereof. Come and be measured. Fine musical program.
Congregational.
 Christian Endeavor meeting July 28. Topic, "Missions True Philanthropy," Gal. 6:1-10. Leader, Mrs. Hooker.
United Brethren.
 The fourth quarterly meeting of the church of the United Brethren in Christ will be held at the McIntyre school house Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28. The presiding elder, C. D. Jarvis will be present. E. J. Fleming, pastor.

Societies.

The regular communication of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O. E. S. will be held Friday evening, July 26.
 July 31st, artist comes with proofs. All having cards come that date. John Giles & Co.

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BIBLE FOR GOOD ROADS.

Commanded That Valleys Be Exalted and Mountains Loved.
 Speaking at a good roads meeting at Grenada, Miss., the Rev. W. A. Hamlett said:
 "The subject of good roads, now being agitated, is worthy the profoundest consideration. The necessity of such improvement is so potent that he who would oppose it would only advertise his star against progress. This matter of good roads improvement is not without its precedent, both anciently and scripturally. We in this modern age of energy and invention, are rather inclined to scoff at the people whose existence is but a dim historic memory. Nevertheless, on the subject of improved, well kept highways, we may well sit at their feet and learn. A mere glance at Rome teaches us that.
 "What would Rome's senators or legions of war have done for the City of Seven Hills had it not been for her splendid system of good roads? Having conquered an outlying province, she linked it to herself by one of her enduring highways, over which social and commercial communication was established or over which an army could march with ease in time of rebellions. Today traces of these roads still exist, and, having endured the ravages of weather and time, they remain to remind us of that principle of Rome worthy of imitation by any nation. Rome would never have been what she was had it not been for her roadways. A system of good roads makes a good city or nation. This is axiomatic.
 "Moreover, Scripture uses this principle as a figure: When the Almighty, through prophecy, had promised a Saviour, he likened him to a king who was about to visit his people and in honor of whom the highway should be put in perfect order. 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low' (Isaiah xl. 3). Even so there is another king, though an uncrowned one, who wishes to visit our cities, but who is hindered by the unsatisfactory condition of our roads. If he comes, he will bring plenty with him: I refer to his majesty the farmer. He can exist in his independent way without the cities, but the cities can't exist without him. Prepare your highways, exalt the valleys, bring low the hills, and let this king come in. Citizens, build good roads!"

FREE MAIL DELIVERY.

Will Give Impetus to Good Roads Movement.
 Now that the postoffice department has announced that the continuance of free delivery of the mails in rural districts depends upon the maintenance of good roads the question of the keeping up of the roads is of more importance than ever, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Free mail delivery has been of great benefit wherever it has been tried. It means a saving of time and money to the people. It is the use of well organized effort for the desultory and wasteful method of each man going for his own mail. In many cases it may save individuals of families much money and suffering. There are plenty of instances where the prompt delivery of a letter was a matter of life or death.
 When it is understood that those sections that maintain good roads have free delivery, while those that allow the roads to become impassable are cut off from its benefits, it can hardly be doubted that we shall see a great improvement in roadmaking. Country people do not like to pay for something which they do not get.
 If young ladies think sores, pimples and red noses look well with a bridal veil and orange blossoms, it's all right. Yet Rocky Mountain Tea would drive them away. 35c. Ask your druggist. D. G. Look.
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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT.
 This year's annual convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, beginning in Cincinnati on July 6, must prove a source of pride to President Clark. When the Rev. F. E. Clark started the Christian Endeavor society, in Portland, Me., in 1881, in his own church, he could have had but little idea of the future spread of his work. The Christian Endeavor societies now number more than 60,000, with an estimated membership of 3,500,000. The Endeavorers are to be found in every part of the globe, civilized or barbarous.



SURVEYING THE VENEZUELA-BRITISH GUIANA BOUNDARY.
 The surveying of the boundary line between British Guiana and Venezuela is of interest to the American public, for it marks the final settling of the matter that so thoroughly stirred up the Yankee spirit a few years ago. This illustration shows a group of surveyors, with their assistants, now engaged in surveying the line. The boundary dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain was long in evidence as an international question, dating back to previous centuries, and was only brought to arbitration through the interference of the United States. A final decision was reached early in October, 1899, and soon after surveying parties took the field to delimit the international boundary and establish pillars of stone and masonry as permanent memorials. The line is being run through a country that is mostly primeval forest, hitherto untouched by civilized man.

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SYNOPSIS.

Chapter I—Maj. Goddard makes unfortunate investments and loses almost entire fortune. His wife's actions at this time lead him to believe she married for money. She had been a poor milliner with whom he had become infatuated. She never allowed him to learn certain things connected with past life.

Chapter II—Arriving home from business Goddard learns his wife has left for city. Missing considerable sum of money from safe of which she knew leads him to conclude she means desertion. Telegram comes asking him to see her at Palace hotel in New York.

Chapter III—Mrs. Goddard formulates plan by which she and Goddard can come into fortune of his ward Blanche. She will go abroad, while abroad report will come back of her death, he will marry Blanche who loves him but who has fatal heart trouble and will not live two years; on Blanche's death she will prove false report of her own death. To this plan the major is brought to reluctantly consent.

Chapter IV—Mrs. Goddard returns to Lyndhurst, but before doing so secures a Mrs. Nolan to go abroad with her as maid and play important part in disappearance act.

Chapter V—Mrs. Nolan, according to arrangement, comes to Lyndhurst to apply for position of maid with Mrs. Goddard, and of course is accepted.

Chapter VI—Blanche is innocently drawn into plot by Mrs. Goddard who tells of foreboding that she will die abroad. Blanche is told that Goddard had loved her before meeting Mrs. Goddard, and Mrs. Goddard knowing of Blanche's affection asks her to marry him should she never return.

Chapter VII—Mrs. Goddard gives her husband London address where she can get letters (addressed to Mrs. Nolan), and gives him key to private box where he can get letters from her.

Chapter VIII—Major goes to boat with his wife, and learns of arrangements she has made for her own comfort en route. She will have the chief stateroom which is somewhat separated from the other rooms. She points out closet both keys to which she has secured. She says if later there is anything he cannot understand to "think of" this closet and its two keys and the puzzle will be solved.

Chapter IX—The third day out Mrs. Goddard attracts attention of boat captain and appears deranged in mind. She says she is always seeing dead bodies floating by in the water.

Chapter X—On evening of eighth day a bad storm arises. At worst of the storm Mrs. Nolan is heard to scream at top of her voice. She points to the water indicating her mistress has plunged overboard. Mrs. Goddard is locked in the closet of her stateroom.

Chapter XI—On reaching Liverpool Mrs. Goddard emerges from closet and is landed in the hurry with the second-class passengers without arousing suspicion.

"It is indeed fatal," he said. "She can't possibly live long, and if I only knew that she would be happier as my wife for the remainder of her life Jeanne might have her wish. It would make Jeanne happier, too, and perhaps she does deserve better luck than to be the wife of a poor man."

Had he been as suspicious and as observant as many detectives he might have noticed that the words "aortic aneurism" had been pressed into the surface of the paper across the text, as if some one had written them with a pencil on a piece of paper resting on the page. The formation of the letters resembled the handwriting of his wife, but he noticed none of these points, and closed the book.

Just then the footman brought in a small parcel and placed it on a table.

"What is that, James?" asked the major.

"A package of medicines for Miss Briscoe, sir."

Goddard went to the table and took the parcel in his hands. Just then Miss Dean entered the room.

"I have been looking for it," she said, indicating the parcel. "Blanche's



"DID YOU WANT TO SEE ME, GUARDIAN?"

medicines gave out last night, and I promised to send them up as soon as they came."

"Is Blanche so very bad off, then?" he asked, his mind full of the grewsome article he had just read.

Miss Dean looked at him steadily.

"I think she needs great care and attention, Maj. Goddard," she said, softly. "I wish I could be brave and speak out my mind to you, as I have imagined myself doing a good many times."

"Well, I am sure you may," he returned. "In fact, if it is anything touching my ward's welfare I should want very much to hear it."

"Then it is not a physical disease that is wrong with my dear friend so much as it is—something else."

"Go on, please," said Goddard, mystified.

"She never will get well or be her old self till—pardon me—till you cease to treat her as you do."

"I don't follow you," said the major, slightly embarrassed.

Miss Dean sat down, holding the parcel in her lap.

"I am saying something Blanche would never forgive," she went on, "but you are not blind, Maj. Goddard. You must have known that Blanche's whole life was wrapped up in you before she left school."

The major was looking at a particular figure in the carpet with unnatural steadiness, and he did not raise his eyes.

"Do you think so, Miss Dean?"

"I know it," declared the champion of one woman's rights. "She and I were intimate in school. She knew my heart—I knew hers. I hated you, sir, when I heard you had married a—the woman you did marry, after having led such a confiding young creature as Blanche to believe you were in love with her and spoiled the life intrusted to you. You did this, sir!"

Goddard started. He had never imagined such strong condemnation could come to him from such source. He found himself unable to formulate a reply. Miss Dean, now hot and flushed, continued:

"You might at least treat the poor child decently. She will never get well as long as she frets about you as she is doing. She has hardly slept an hour any night since your sad news arrived. Don't you see she can't put out the fires you kindled in her heart? If you were happy she might do so, but seeing the man one loves in constant misery is enough to kill any organization as sensitive and delicate as Blanche's. If she could only see you once a day and feel that you look upon her as a friend she would not suffer so, but you are always away."

"I thank you for—for speaking so plainly and showing me my duty," stammered Goddard. "I have been very selfish."

He was about to make a reference to the dread malady which was laying siege to the life of his ward, but, remembering his promise to Jeanne not to speak of it, and fearing Miss Dean's indiscretion, he held his tongue on that point.

"Could I see her now, do you think?" he added, contritely.

"Yes; let me send her down to you," said Miss Dean, impulsively.

"I shall wait here," he said. And as Miss Dean left the room he decided no

longer to try to stem the tide which seemed bearing him, he knew not

whither. He walked the floor till Blanche came. Her sweet young face showed the ravages of a tortured spirit, but it now shone with a light of anticipation.

"Did you want to see me, guardian?" As she spoke, she held out her hands. He took them and stood for a moment gravely looking into her eyes.

"You have been unhappy, Blanche?" he said.

"How could I be otherwise, and you—" her voice failed her and she coughed to disclaim that it was due to rising emotion.

"I know I have not done my duty," he said. "But I want to begin. Blanche, would you like to have me stay more at home than I have since—since Jeanne went away."

"Oh, I wish you would!" she answered, quickly. "You can't imagine how I have worried. You know I could not tell what might have happened to you."

"Blanche." He felt something grasp his heart as he hesitated. It may have been the hand of his conscience—the revolting of his better nature. Then something like the worst form of his recent despair seemed to settle on his brain. He felt that he was groping towards the accomplishment of an unpardonable deed.

"Blanche, if I were to ask you to be my wife, would you consent—could you, knowing how I feel about the—the other?"

He felt her soft warm hands grasp his tightly. For a moment she stood with eyes downcast, then she looked up and said frankly:

"If you wished it I should be so glad, for something tells me I could then help you, and to do that is what I am certainly praying for."

"Would you consent to an early marriage?"

"I should want to do as you liked about it."

"Would you not care for what people would say about our haste in such a matter?"

"I should not care at all." She was breathing rapidly. "I should feel that I was acting right."

He hesitated a moment; then he said:

"Will you marry me to-morrow? Rev. Mr. Strothers lives about a mile from here, along the river. Talley can first see him and make the arrangements. Will you drive there in the morning and become my wife?"

"If it is your wish, yes."

He drew her head towards him and for a moment it rested on his shoulder.

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For an instant a memory of his courtship of her during her school days flashed into his mind and the experience of the old thrills which had made him feel so much like a boy again. Then he put her from him.

"Be ready, then, by 11 o'clock," he said. "I shall speak to Talley at once."

When she had left the room, a strange, glorious light in her young face, he began again to walk the floor. He was tingling in every vein. His heart had begun to beat excitedly. He tried to think of Jeanne, the awful disease which was eating Blanche's life away, but he could only feel the pressure of his ward's hands, the warmth of her breath on his face, the gleam of her great, trustful eyes.

"Great God! what can this mean?" he exclaimed.

He continued to walk back and forth across the room for half an hour, then he stopped suddenly and rang.

James obeyed the summons.

"Where is Mr. Talley?" he asked.

"In the study, at work, sir." James saluted in military fashion.

"That is all." The major went to the study, where he found his private secretary at work at a typewriter.

"Talley," he began, "you wanted to see me yesterday, I believe?"

"I did, major. I believe the amount you were keeping for me is exactly \$5,000?"

"You are right, Talley; that is the amount, and, as I told you, you can get it at any time you wish. All you have to do is to draw the check. I will sign it."

"I have it ready now," said the young man, handing Goddard a slip of paper.

"I hope you are not thinking of leaving me?" said the major, as he signed the check.

"Not that, but I am fastly disobeying your injunctions, major. You have tried to keep me out of speculation, but the temptation is too strong to resist. This check covers all my savings, and yet I am going to put every cent of it into G. N. & W. railway stock."

"Oh, you can't be so foolhardy, Talley!"

"I am fortunately on the inside as to the future outcome of the stock," declared the young man. "I have a young friend, Hubert Johnson, the son of the Wallstreet Johnson. You know him by reputation. Well, this friend of mine happened to overhear a conversation in his father's office which set him on to an important secret. His father and other big speculators have formed a syndicate to depress this stock. It has been going down like lightning for the last two months. It has reached its lowest notch. They

are certainly buying all they can lay their hands on. I know I cannot be running any risk. I am in a sure deal. I tell you this because I hope that you will take a hand. I had rather see you make money than anyone, major, for you have been the best friend I have ever had."

"I shall not invest," answered Goddard; "but I wish you luck, Talley. I hope it will make you rich."

"Thank you major." The secretary put the check into his pocket.

"I have an important commission for you, Talley." The major cleared his throat, sat down at his desk, turned in his revolving chair and crossed his legs. A slight color had risen in his face. Talley had never seen him look so handsome.

"I am at your service, major."

"What if I were to tell you I am going to get married, Talley?"

The secretary stared. The carriage of his typewriting machine, with which he was toying, fell with a sharp click.

"Are you in earnest, Maj. Goddard?"

"Quite in earnest, Talley. I have decided to marry my ward."

"Miss Briscoe?" exclaimed Talley, his face suddenly falling.

"Yes, Miss Briscoe. And we have decided, under existing circumstances, that we will have the affair take place in as quiet a manner as possible. I want you to drive over to Rev. Mr. Strothers at once and see if we may come to his house to-morrow morning. If he consents, then I want you to attend to any other arrangements without delay."

The private secretary had turned quite pale. His eyes were expanded and fixed in a helpless stare on the face of his employer.

"Have you thought over this well, major?" he blurted out, suddenly.

"Why do you ask that?" asked Goddard, suspiciously.

"Pardon me," stammered Talley, "I only thought—but it was not clear to Talley what he thought."

"I do not understand your—your question, Talley," insisted the major.

"You know Miss Briscoe is young," answered the secretary, "and—and she has been so upset over your recent bereavement that I was afraid that, through sympathy and vast interest in you as her father's friend and her benefactor, she might—"

"I see," broke in the major; "you think she may hastily take a step that might be regretted later, but you need not be afraid, Talley. The truth is, Blanche and I once thought of marrying before I met Mrs. Goddard. I think you need have no fears on that score."

"I did not know of that," said the private secretary, his face still set and white. "I beg your pardon. I shall carry out your instructions. I hope you can overlook my remark just now."

"Easily," said the major, "for it shows your interest in me and Blanche is more than skin deep."

When the major had left the room the young man lowered his head to his desk. He heard the major ring and order the horse and cart.

"God have mercy on me! What have I been allowing myself to think about?" he muttered. "I might have known there was something—behind that awful suffering of hers. I ought to have seen that she loved him!"

CHAPTER XIII.

During that night a light snow began to fall, and as the bridal party left the next morning to be driven to the house of Rev. Mr. Strothers a thin white carpet lay on the earth and fine feathery flakes continued to fall.

The servants had been apprised of the astonishing event and they gathered at the windows which look out upon the drive.

"A very sensible thing for 'em to do," said James. "She is the sort of mistress I want to work for. I should have left the other if she hadn't gone to the bottom of the Atlantic. I haven't lived with the aristocracy for ten years without knowing a sample when I see it. The good Lord has been kind to the major."

"I wish she had waited awhile, just for the locks o' the thing," said Katie, Blanche's favorite maid. "Then she could have had a swell wedding, plenty of presents, and—"

"And give you all her old clothes," sneered James, who was too fat to make use of the major's discarded apparel.

"I get everything I want anyway," was Katie's defense. "It is only because I think she deserves all that any rich young lady has that I object to this kind of a marriage; but if she is only happy, I won't complain."

These gossiping hirelings were at the windows when the returning carriage appeared in sight an hour later. The bride's beautiful face was flushed by the contact with the wind, and she had never looked so happy or moved with so much grace. Talley and Miss Dean had very serious faces as they came up the veranda side by side.

"Well, it is all over," said the major to his bride when they were alone in the luxurious company chamber, where a red fire glowed. He had never been such a mystery to himself as now. He felt as if he were drunken with de-

licious memories of their old courtship.

"Yes, I am your wife at last," she said, with a smile. "I am your wife, and I am going to make you happy. I feel it away down in my heart."

"You feel it," he repeated, as if in a dream, and he helped her to take off her cloak. He felt her warm breath on his face. He laid the cloak aside, then drew her into his arms and kissed her. "And so do I, dear girl. And so do I."

At that strange moment Jeanne Goddard and all her evil plans seemed as much removed from his life as if she had never entered it. It was as if the old life had come back to him—the life in which his love had for its object a creature so pure and undefiled that it lifted him up and opened his eyes to spiritual possibilities.

"I was at first afraid you would not consent so soon after her death," he said.

"I felt that it was my right to have you now," said Blanche, frankly. "She told me how she had deliberately beguiled you from me when she discovered that you loved me. The night before she sailed she confessed she had resorted to every trick and artifice within her power to make you cast me aside."

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