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## .. MONEY TO LOAN ..

We wish to make a few more mortgage loans. The property offered must be first-class and located in this vicinity.

Our Terms are Liberal.

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## SUGAR MAKERS' SUPPLIES.

We will offer you while they last a No. 1, 12 quart Tin Sap Bucket at \$12.25 per 100. Syrup Cans correspondingly cheap.

We have a few Heaters left at cost. Now is the time to buy.

Yours Respectfully,

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## MUSIC

Is the fourth great material want of our nature—first food, then raiment, then shelter, then music.—Bovee.

### Lyon & Healey's Celebrated Washburn Guitars and Mandolins

and others of lower grade and cheaper prices, also

### Violin Strings and Trimmings, Harmonicas, Auto Harps, Victor Talking Machines and Records,

Columbian Zithers, Harmonicas, and Metallochords, all sold at FACTORY PRICES, saving the transportation charges to customers.

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But I go on forever."

Give your meat trade to a man who has shown his faith in Lowell by buying both business place and home here, and whose flag waves the year round.

Choice Meats and Fish

Always on hand in their season, at

WEYRICK'S.

## SUCCESS PEDRO CLUB 100 ACRES TOMATOES

### SECOND PARTY A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

Prize Winners. What was Done and Who By.

The second monthly meeting of the Success Pedro club was held at Train's opera house Monday evening. Nothing succeeds like success, and if its first two gatherings are any criterion, the club has been well named.

Pedro was played from 8 to 10 o'clock. Dr. McQueen and Miss Marsh won first prizes, G. H. Peckham and Mrs. Van Dyke the seconds, while Charles McCarty and Mrs. George Morse captured the consolation.

Refreshments were then served at the card tables by the club committee, assisted by Weldon Smith—twenty-three tables, four to the table.

Dancing followed supper. Stocking's orchestra furnishing the inspiration, and continued till one o'clock.

The following were in attendance:

Messrs. and Mesdams F. T. King, R. VanDyke, C. C. Winegar, G. O. M. Winegar, W. A. Watts, Geo. Wilson, V. S. Ward, E. O. Wadsworth, D. R. Whitney, James Murphy, Weldon Smith, Chas. Doyle, H. W. Hales, George Morse, J. F. Thomas, J. E. Lee, James McPherson, W. S. Winegar, D. G. Look, Dr. O. C. McDannell, T. A. Murphy, J. A. Maters, Dr. E. D. McQueen, Charles McCarty, Arthur McMahon, F. B. McKay, G. W. Parker, H. A. Peckham, R. Ryder, Amos Smith, E. S. Schreiner, A. A. Stone, Chas. Althen, B. B. Boylan, A. E. Cambell, Clyde Collier, F. W. Davey, F. R. Ecker, L. T. M. Foster, S. P. Hicks, Dr. M. C. Greene, W. S. Godfrey, Dr. E. A. Hodges, M. N. Henry, Fred J. Jacobi;

Also Misses Minnie Blakeslee, E. Loren Marsh and Alice Morris;

Mesdames Agnes Wiley, A. P. Hunter, A. L. Peck, W. N. Price and L. P. Hodges; And Messrs. R. E. Springett, C. G. Stone, W. E. Marsh and G. H. Peckham.

The next meeting of the club will be held Monday evening, March 9.

### TWO ARE DEAD.

#### Mrs. L. W. Loomis of This Village.

Mrs. L. W. Loomis died Monday afternoon after a two years' illness of consumption. Funeral services were held at their home in this village yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. H. Westbrook; interment in the Lowell cemetery.

Sarah Hines was born in New York state Jan. 26, 1837. In 1882 she married Mr. Loomis. They moved to this township about 1837 and have lived in Lowell about two years. She leaves two sons, Eugene of Flushing, and James of southern Michigan, two brothers and one sister.

#### Mrs. W. H. Clark, a Former Lowell Resident.

Mrs. W. H. Clark, wife of our former townsman, the manager of the Lowell & Hastings railroad, died at the family residence in Grand Rapids, Friday, Feb. 6, at the age of 36 years. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. J. Bergin and Mrs. Orton Hill of Lowell, attended.

Mattie Thompson was born in Grand Rapids. She married W. H. Clark in 1887. They lived a year or two at Big Rapids when they came to Lowell where they lived for about nine years. Their removal to Grand Rapids three years ago was regretted by a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Clark leaves besides her husband, a son, Irving, mother, three brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Orin Sturtevant and Mrs. I. A. Anderson. The bereaved are assured of the sympathy of their Lowell friends.

### Societies.

The Thursday club will meet with Mrs. John Hooker, Feb. 19.

The Maccabees contemplate changing their night of meeting. Saturday night is a bad night for business men to attend lodge.

The Clover Leaf club will meet with Mrs. R. VanDyke, Feb. 17th.

### TAKE NOTICE.

Section 8 of an ordinance of the Village of Lowell relative to Nuisances, etc., passed Sept. 14, 1873, provides that it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to deposit ashes in the streets of said village. Any one violating this section of said ordinance will be liable to prosecution.

NEWELL HALL, MAR-HAL.  
Lowell Mich., Feb. 10, 1903.

Trade with LEDGER advertisers.

Bargains galore. Look over our bargain tables. D. F. Butts.

### WANTED BY LOWELL CANNING COMPANY THIS YEAR.

Contractors Now Ready. Factory to be Run to Full Capacity.

The directors of the Lowell Canning company had an enthusiastic meeting Tuesday and elected the following officers: President, J. C. Train; vice president, John Kellogg; treasurer, R. W. Swayze; secretary, A. A. Husted.

The directors agreed that the outlook is much brighter than it was a year ago, with the year's experience and knowledge and the more complete outfit. The past season has been disastrous to all the canning factories in the state, even those long established meeting with heavy losses.

The Lowell factory paid \$5,200 out for labor, which was circulated through our merchants. This was a good thing for the town and the directors are determined to make it paying investment for the stockholders as well; and say they have no stock for sale below par.

It is proposed to run the factory to its fullest capacity next season, and the company will contract for 100 acres of tomatoes. Plants will be furnished growers at a nominal cost. Contracts can be made with John Kellogg or A. A. Husted.

### BITTEN BY A DOG.

#### Aged Mr. Hall's Hand Badly Toru.

A. A. Hall, an aged resident of the South side, had a hand badly toru by Wm. Cheetham's dog, Tuesday. Dr. M. C. Greene dressed the wound.

Mr. Hall had been in the habit of going to the Cheetham place for butter and was acquainted with the dog. Yesterday the animal met Mr. Hall, was patted on the head and followed him to the door. Just as he rapped, the dog seized the other hand, tearing it badly.

The doctor does not fear serious results. Mr. Hall is said not to be the first victim of this dog; but he certainly should be the last.

Put the pet to sleep, friend Cheetham.

### LADY MACCABEES TRIP TO ALTON.

The following Lady Maccabees accepted an invitation to a sleigh-ride and dinner at Alton and attended initiatory exercises there in the afternoon yesterday:

Mesdames Minnie VanDyke, Gertrude Crawford, Mary Scott, Mary Coates, Sophia Hoffman, Agnes Stephens, Julia Hamilton, Cora Cramer, Hanna Flynn, Dolly Hearkness, Hattie Morse, Sarah Wallace, Hattie Speaker, Edna Pinckney, Jennie Covert, Anna Norton, Catherine Heffron, Adella Kellogg, and Lillian E. Adams, of Grand Rapids.

### Union Meetings Closed.

The union meetings closed at the Methodist church last Sunday evening with a rousing meeting and a splendid sermon by Rev. Geo. L. Sprague on the topic, "Behold your King." Much good has been done by this series of meetings.

The practical demonstration of the spirit of unity among the churches is alone worth all the effort. It is proposed to have a union meeting on Sunday evening about every fourth week. Good idea.

### A 1/2 off shoe sale at Godfrey's.

If you are tired of coughing get a bottle of Look's Syrup of White Pine and Tar at Look's drug store. Money back if it fails.

Small pox is said to be very prevalent in Grand Rapids. We learn this from people who have been there, not from the city papers. People not having business in that city will do well to stay away from there, until the disease is wiped out. We don't want it in Lowell.

Last Wednesday evening, at the home of Miss Letha McLain, the E. G. S. installed the following officers: President, Emma R. Warner; vice president, Grace O. Evans; secretary, Libbie L. Raymond; treasurer, Letha C. McLain. A musical program was rendered in the presence of a few guests and light refreshments were served. The rooms were prettily decorated with butterflies in the colors of the German merchants' flag.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat SPECIALTY,  
G. G. TOWSLEY, M. D.

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## The LAMB WIRE FENCE

is made of the best quality of galvanized hard steel wire and is the most durable and efficient wire fence on the market—(a trial will convince you.)

## THE PRICE IS LOW

at present, but as the prices on the raw material is advancing, so must it on the fence very soon. Take advantage of this opportunity and order now.

## SCOTT & WINEGAR,

Successors to Scott & Cambell.

Special prices on the celebrated WASHBURNE

## Guitars and Mandolins

Be sure and get my prices before purchasing.

## Stocking's Music Store,

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# BUTTS' BARGAINS BEATS

Them All.

BUY NOW AND SAVE MONEY.

### New Dress Ginghams, White Waist-

ings, Dress Trimmings, Dress

Percales, Dress Prints.

A lot of REMNANTS of DRESS GOODS and SILKS left from our SALE to close out at cost.

New Idea Patterns, 10 c.

J. B. NICHOLSON, LOWELL, MICH.



WORK DONE IN CONGRESS.

Lawmakers in the Senate and House Discuss Matters of Importance and Make New Laws.

STATEHOOD BILL KEEPS SENATE LIVELY

Senator Hanna Introduces a Bill to Give Honories to Ex-Slaves...

Washington, Feb. 3.—The senate yesterday had the army appropriation bill under consideration for some time.

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EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Portions of Illinois and Kentucky Are Well Shaken By Recent Earthquake.

GOES TO THE VENEZUELA

President Roosevelt Again Declines to Act as Arbitrator in Venezuelan Dispute.

Final Arrangement with the Powers Regarding the Venezuelan Dispute...

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WAGE SCALE ADOPTED.

Miners and Operators Reach an Agreement on a New Wage Scale.

DEATH OF H. L. DAWES.

Veteran Statesman Closes His Life at His Home in Pittsfield, Mass.

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Some Old-Time Laws in New England Which Harassed the User of the Weed.

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IS RUSSIA BORDERING ON A REVOLUTION?

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT SEEMS PROBABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

FROM St. Petersburg have lately come news which indicate the near approach of an epoch in Russian history.

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EMPTY PIPE BRINGS SLEEP.

Old Remedy for Inebriety Suggested by One Who Has Tried It.

Jack Westcott recently checked the long line of figures before him with the aid of a little good pencil case.

After giving a fair and patient trial to each of many alleged cures for sleeplessness, the writer stumbled across a simple method of inducing somnolence.

Having retired for the night, the sufferer arose when the coming of midnight had discarded pillow rests and put back the empty pipe until he fell thoroughly drowsy.

Those capable of great concentration of thought should, if smokers, imagine they see volumes of smoke, and that the coming of midnight would have manifested itself in the establishment of some sort of national government.

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Making Gentlemen. The recent hazing scene at the Naval Academy recalls the unpopular letter of the late Admiral Sampson.

Who is the bigger man, John D. Rockefeller or the President of the United States? All doubts will be set at rest.

Churches & Societies. The usual services next Sunday. The themes of the sermons will be as follows.

Another Miracle Explored. The subject on Sunday morning, "The Mount of Teaching," of a series of sermons on the Mountain Scenes in the Life of Christ.

Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. It now looks as if Rockefeller's attempt to dictate to the Senate would result disastrously.

Swiss Buns. They are not very large but—oh, they are good. Flavored with that old fashioned seasoning—nut-mace.

Smith's Bakery. Say! Get a loaf of Hearth Bread, too.

West Loosens. The Ladies Aid society will be entertained at the home of Mrs. J. Green.

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COLLAR'S MID-WINTER CLEARING SALE.

Having just completed our inventory, we find many goods that we must clear out and make room for the New Spring Goods.

- 1 Lot 10 and 12 1/2 Dress Goods, Plain and Fancies, at 5c. per yard. 1 Lot 20 and 25 c. Dress Goods, Plain and Fancies, at 13c. per yard. 1 Lot 40, 45 and 50 c. Dress Goods, Plain and Fancies, at 25 c. per yard.

AMAZING SACRIFICE—The Slaughter is Terrific.

Many other Bargains too numerous to mention. One consolation is, our customers get a benefit; so "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good."

THE PRESS MEETING

BATTLE CREEK DID ITSELF PROUD. Newspaper People Magnificently Entertained in the Pure Food Town.

The 30th annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association at Battle Creek, Feb. 4th, 5th and 6th was one of the most profitable and enjoyable in history.

WOMEN'S VERSION

OF 'A VERGENES CASE,' IN REPLY TO J. A. LYON.

Mrs. Peter Esterie's Story as Discussed by Our Reporter. I was brought here Dec. 15, after the accident, the walks being very slippery.

1000 Men Wanted

Good, Responsible Persons, Weighing Less Than 500 Lbs. for steady customers, to use good home-raised

MEATS

None over 500 lbs. weight need apply. Chas. McCarty & Co. Meat Market.

COAL TRUST.

Our business is to furnish to the good people, first-class

GROCERIES

at reasonable prices. Fresh goods, prompt and courteous service are winning us a good business.

WANT COLUMN.

Advertisements of "Wants," "For Sale," etc., run under this head at 50c per line per issue.

NOTICE.

My moving to my new location, necessitates the use of quite a sum of money and I earnestly request those indebted to me to call and settle as soon as possible.

THE LITTLE GIANT OF THE WEST.

Illinois Life Insurance Co. JAMES W. STEVENS, President, Chicago.

SMITH'S BAKERY.

They are not very large but—oh, they are good. Flavored with that old fashioned seasoning—nut-mace.

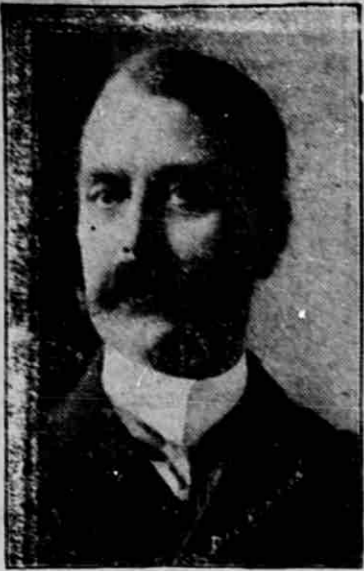
DR. PORTER'S COUGH SYRUP.

BEST for Croup and Whooping C









This space is ours and I suppose we ought to fill it with some sort of an ad., but the fact is we haven't the time—we are too busy selling

# DRY GOODS

to spend our time trying to tell the people what they already know, that when they come to our store we show them a much Larger Stock of High Grade Dry Goods and at Lower Prices than can be found anywhere else.

## A. W. WEEKES.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

### THE LOWELL STATE BANK

#### AT LOWELL, MICHIGAN,

at the close of business, Feb'y 6th, 1903, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES.		DOLLARS.	CTS.
Loans and discounts,		27,146.75	
Bonds, mortgages and securities,		91,085.92	
Premiums paid on bonds,		1,257.09	
Banking house furniture and fixtures,		6,700.00	
Due from other banks and bankers,		13,712.45	
U. S. Bonds,	2,500.00		
Due from banks in reserve cities,	51,512.99		
U. S. and National Bank Currency,	9,455.00		
Gold coin,	4,490.00		
Silver coin,	624.60		
Nickels and cents,	76.64	68,659.23	
Checks, cash items, internal revenue account,		1,548.02	
Total,		210,108.76	

LIABILITIES.		DOLLARS.	CTS.
Capital stock paid in,		25,000.00	
Surplus fund,		3,100.00	
Undivided profits, net;		3,996.28	
Commercial deposits,	32,836.08		
Savings deposits,	110,312.20		
Savings certificates,	34,864.20	172,012.48	
Total,		210,108.76	

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF KENT, ss.  
I W. E. Marsh, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. E. Marsh, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Feb. 1903.

David G. Mange, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

Chas. McCarty,  
Geo. W. Parker, } Directors.  
Frank T. King,

All the reliable Patent Medicines advertised in this paper are sold by D. G. Look—the Lowell Drug and Book Man.

### HOME NEWS

A off shoe sale at Godfrey's. Mrs. Allie Godfrey is convalescing from her recent illness. Chas. R. Richmond, of Smyrna spent Monday at S. P. Hale's. Bargains in fine watches at Williams'.

Mrs. Farrington of Saranac visited Mrs. A. L. Peck last week. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Atwater spent Monday in Grand Rapids. Butts will save you money on footwear. Try him and be convinced. D. F. Butts.

Miss Clara Hodges will give a piano recital, Friday evening at her home.

Mrs. James H. Schafer of Mason is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George L. Sprague.

The Lowell Dancing club will give a masquerade party at Train's opera house Feb. 13.

Mrs. Wm. Delaney visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of West Lowell.

Miss Carrie Scott, of Grand Rapids, has been spending two weeks with her brother, Jas. Scott.

New stock of Washburn Guitar and Mandolins at Stocking's.

The Kerekes case was begun Feb. 6, but soon adjourned till February 16, because one of the jurors had symptoms of small pox.

W. H. Pierce and son, who have been in the employ of the Lowell Specialty company for the past two years, have returned to their former home at Lake View.

Unclaimed letters at Lowell post office for S. N. Vinton, Edward Kellogg, Joe Froot, E. W. Adams, Mess. Brason-Sechert & Co., C. Crookston, Wm. J. Monks and Mrs. Martha Barber.

\$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1.25 warm lined shoes 98c. D. F. Butts.

Miss Fannie Roth is ill with scarlet fever.

Misses Mary and Ellen Babcock moved this week into S. B. Knapp's house.

Best 8 day clocks at \$1.88, \$1.98, \$2.23 at Williams'.

Mrs. A. W. Burnett of Saranac spent last Thursday with Mrs. Wm. Burnett.

Mrs. Edward Everit, of Lake View, visited Mesdames Lura Vining and T. A. Murphy.

Mrs. Weldon Smith returned Friday from a two weeks visit in Grand Rapids.

All shoes reduced in price during our sale. D. F. Butts.

Mrs. Lottie Wilson has been spending a few days at Pratt Lake, with her son, who is very ill.

Mrs. E. R. Pickard and son, Norman, of Grand Rapids, spent part of last week with W. H. Eddy.

Mrs. W. N. Price and daughters, Ione and Helen, left yesterday for Vassar where they will make th in home.

The new Citizens' Telephone directory will be used from THE LEDGER job office this week. They have the extension index, a convenience which some printing offices have been unable to supply.

Lowest prices on rings, quality considered at Williams'.

Miss E. Loreene Marsh, of Constantine, has been visiting her brother, W. E. Marsh, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Tilden leave Saturday for Oregon, accompanied by Mrs. A. W. Weekes, who will visit her daughter, Mrs. E. Anderson, at Renton, Wash.

H. Peters and family remove to Pontiac this week, where he will engage in the laundry business with his brother. Mr Peters has been employed by the Grand Trunk railway as section head for twenty years, fifteen years as foreman, and has lived in Lowell for the past eleven years, residing in the McIntyre district.

FOR SALE—4x5 Folding camera, Mess. R. R. lens, plateholders, tripod, etc., nearly new for \$15.00. J. S. Adams, LEDGER Office.

The City Bank pays 3 per cent on savings deposits.

Ionia fair dates are September 22 to 25.

Miss Phoebe Tate has returned from a visit at Hudsonville.

Mrs. H. C. Petit, of Grand Rapids, called on Lowell friends Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Fox have moved from Coldwater to Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The City Bank wants to make a few more loans on good real estate.

Judge F. M. Davis of Ionia is a candidate for the Republican nomination to the supreme bench.

D. B. Davidson attended the meeting of the Michigan Press association at Battle Creek last week.

The ladies of the Spartan band, Baptist church, were entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Eliza Baneroff.

One lot of ladies \$3.00 shoes 1.98. Only a few left. D. F. Butts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kresbaugh of Grand Rapids visited S. O. Littlefield last Friday.

J. C. Hale of Coral, who has been spending some time with Lowell friends, returned home Saturday.

Men's heavy socks, regular price \$1.00, now 79c. D. F. Butts.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hale and daughter, Alberta, have been visiting friends in Lake View, Hinton and Milbrook for a few days.

Felts and rubbers \$1.48. D. F. Butts.

Dry maple, beech and pole wood for sale. H. Vanderwall, Citizens phone.

All who wish to attend the Lincoln club banquet will leave their orders for ticket with D. G. Look before Saturday night.

C. O. Lawrence was in Brantford, Canada, last week, with a view to locating in business there in the near future.

AJ off shoe sale at Godfrey's.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Palmer, Feb. 11, a pair of twin girls, weighing 7 1/2 pounds each. The father is employed as tinner by Scott & Winegar. He is happy over his double blessing.

## REMOVAL

## SALE

of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, and Silverware . . . . .

Before removing to my new location, first door east of Colar's Bazaar, I am going to run a clearance sale. This will embrace all my stock, and the price will mean a saving to you if you can use anything in this line.

It will pay you to call and investigate my prices on everything in this line.

This is a BONA FIDE sale to turn the stock into money and you can look for bargains.

An inspection solicited.

Williams THE JEWELER.

### WELSH WOMEN AND ENGLISH.

Their inability to speak the Language Accounted For in a Singular Manner.

Rev. A. N. Cooper gives the following amusing explanation of why Welsh women in a certain valley in the Snowdon district do not speak English, while their husbands have a facility in the Saxon tongue, says the Yorkshire Post. He lost his way and called at a farmhouse.

The farmer could speak English, and his wife could not. That was the rule in Wales, and if any explanation is asked I prefer to give the farmer's rather than my own. A determined effort was made to get rid of the Welsh language some years ago when my farmer was at school. When school began one boy and one girl wore a board round their necks marked "W. N." (Welsh note.) If either heard one of their sex speaking a Welsh word, the board was passed on to the culprit, who passed it to another culprit, and so on. At 12 o'clock the master called up the possessor of the board and flogged him severely.

"Did they flog the girl, too?" I asked.

"No; he just tapped the girl on the hand, and they did not care if they got the board or not, and that's why the women in our valley cannot speak English and the men can."

Good Enough for Him.

"Sorry, sir," apologized the waiter, "but you wanted to be called early, and we have nothing in the house this morning but breakfast food."

"What kind of breakfast food have you?" asked Cholly, languidly.

"Any kind, sir."

"Well, you may bring me some ham and eggs, fried potatoes and a pot of coffee."—Chicago Tribune.

Convicted of Larceny.

"I hear your engagement with Miss Boodle is off. How did it happen?"

"In strict confidence, my friend, she got mad because I stole a kiss."

"I don't see why that should provoke her—when you were engaged."

"Well, you see, I stole this kiss from another girl."—Tit-Bits.

The Holy Estate.

"They had one of the strangest marriages recorded for a long time."

"In what respect?"

"In every respect. Why, both parents on both sides were present, there was nothing sudden or secret about it, and their own clergyman performed the ceremony."—Judge.

Accounted For.

Ethel—What a melancholy chap your friend is!

Jerrold—Yes; he married in haste and is repenting at leisure.

Ethel—Indeed?

Jerrold—Yes; he is an artist and wedded to his art, you know.—Judge.

An Jack Saw It.

Jack, who is five years old, came home one day last week crying that another boy had hit him.

"Why didn't you hit him back?" he was asked.

"I did," he answered. "I hit him back first."—N. Y. Times.

A Pleasant Prospect.

Mrs. Wayupp—Rev. Dr. Orthodox says that he believes all people in the hereafter will continue the work they began on earth."

Mrs. Highupp—That's just lovely. Then there will be dry goods stores to go shopping in.—N. Y. Weekly.

More Than Enough.

Judge—The jury has found you guilty of bigamy. Have you anything to say before I pass sentence upon you?

Prisoner—Well, judge, I'll leave it to you if havin' two wives ain't punishment enough.—N. Y. Herald.

Only Possible Reason.

"Yes," said the sweet young thing, proudly. "I've never been kissed by a man in my life."

"You ought to quit eating onions," said the old bachelor, sourly.—Chicago Tribune.

A Cruel Stab.

"Yes, Miss Searenyellow's poodle died yesterday. It was awfully pathetic. She kissed it good-by."

"Kissed it, eh? Well—er—was that before or after the doctors had abandoned hope?"—Baltimore News.

Economy of Railways.

The United States has 200,000 miles of railways upon which there are 548 employes for each 100 miles. The cost of operating these roads with steam power is \$502,500,000 a year, but to carry on the same amount of work with men and horses would cost the country \$11,308,500,000.

### WOMEN'S VERSION

(Continued from page 5.)  
Mrs. Geibe's Statement, as Dictated to Our Reporter.

I went to Lowell the night of Dec. 15, and unexpectedly met Mrs. Esterle in Giles' store, where she was taken after the accident.

Dr. McDannell said it would be impossible for her to be taken home that night, and there being no place to keep her, I said she might be taken to my home, supposing she could be moved the next day. As she has been unable to be moved, I have taken care of her these eight weeks. My husband went to Mr. Alger Dec. 17 and asked him if he would assist Mr. and Mrs. Esterle.

He refused to make it a town charge and said Mr. Geibe was sent by my father, Mr. Sargent. This was false. Dr. Greene set the limb Dec. 16, January 12, a cold and windy day, Messrs. Alger, Potruff and Esterle came to move Mrs. Esterle. They brought a large sleigh, small feather tick, two quilts, pillows and blankets. I did not think it right to move her after the doctor said she was unable to be moved. We did not know they were coming and were unprepared.

I have taken the best of care of her, as far as my means allow; and as for Messrs. Lyon and Alger proposing to pay me \$5 a week for keeping her, it would no more than pay the wood bill. I have had to pay for help while Mrs. Esterle is here, for her washing and milk and I think \$15 is not too much to pay expenses, besides a good deal of bedding was spoiled and had to be destroyed.

Mr. Sargent talked with Mr. Lyon about the case and the latter promised to take me up to Mr. Alger's. On the way we met Mr. Alger, turned and followed him back to Lowell. He offered to bring Mr. A. to me if I would wait in front of VanDyke's store. They met on the corner and went into Heffron's saloon. When Mr. Lyon came out he said that Mr. Alger did not wish to see nor talk with me. So I did not see Mr. Alger that day.

A week or two after that I met

Mr. Alger downtown; asked him if he was going to help Mrs. Esterle, and asked for \$15 per week. He said it was not his business, and that I wanted too much. I assured him that this amount was no more than was necessary to pay expenses.

Dr. Greene was in Ann Arbor from Jan. 26 to 29 and during that time she suffered so much that I sent for Dr. Towley, Jan. 28. It is true that Mr. Alger provided two cords of wood and \$2 worth of groceries per week, after Jan. 30.

Mr. Lyon had nothing to do with the case and I do not know why he interfered. I have said this so that the people of Lowell and Vergennes would know the truth.

Mrs. Valentine Geibe.

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