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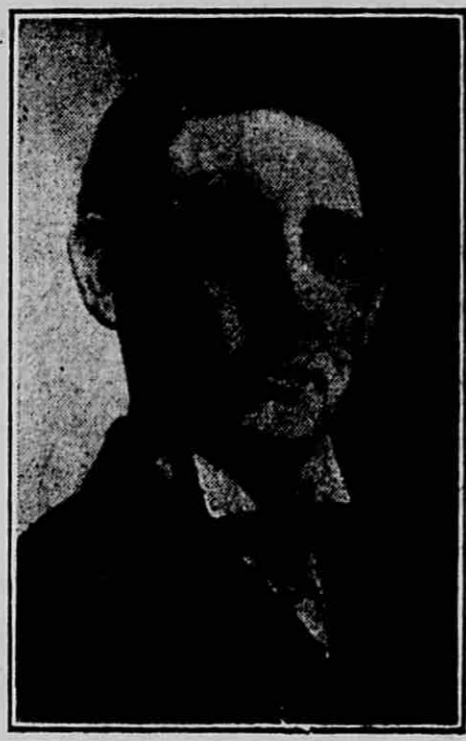
PASTOR W. D. OGG MADE HAPPY

PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENT AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Valuable Articles Done up in Small Parcels—Faithful Service Fittingly Appreciated.

On Thursday evening Dec. 3, a very pleasant social gathering was held at the Congregational church. Notice was given from the pulpit of a business meeting of church and society, and the Pastor added that the married women would bring a lunch and the gentlemen would have an opportunity to contribute to the purchase of coffee, etc.

The married women and unmarried as well, like all good church women fell obediently in line and there was no lack of refreshments for the goodly company assembled, for the Congregational ladies have a reputation for thoroughness in their official capacity as ministers to the interior.



REV. W. D. OGG

The meeting was called to order and after the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds," Pastor Ogg gave a brief address on the social life of the church, following which Harvey Godfrey asked the privilege of speaking for a few moments, and in a few well chosen words presented the Pastor on behalf of the donors, with the smallest parcel of many brought by his people, not in the line of a donation, but simply to express their appreciation of the faithful and tireless work he is doing for the church. The Pastor taken completely by surprise, yet responded in his own happy vein. Another small parcel, evidently of like nature was handed him during the evening; these mysterious envelopes bringing a glow to the Pastor's face, though only the modest givers, the happy receiver, and the loving Father who seeth in secret knew of their contents.

A suggestion made by a good brother, quickly endorsed by the little group of hearers, word passed along the line, the frequent ringing of many telephone bells, culminated in the well filled baskets hidden beneath the refreshment table; baskets filled with future refreshment for the worthy Pastor and his family.

A little side meeting of business followed by half a dozen brief talks on the different phases of social life of the church, a vocal duet by the singing brothers, Archie and Vere Campbell and the bountiful lunch made a full and happy evening.

These social gatherings are to be held once a month during the winter, "and when they do meet again, may we all be there to see."—(Com.)

OLD LANDLADY GONE

Mrs. Ann Lane Former Hostess of Hotel Central Dead.

Mrs. Ann Lane died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. P. Morse, 16 River avenue, Grand Rapids, December 4 after an illness of several months, aged 75 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. Talbot and Mrs. R. P. Morse, both of Grand Rapids two brothers, James Coakley of Hersey and Keryan Coakley of Lansingburg, N. Y., and three grandchildren, Miss Mae Talbot, Frank Talbot and George Morse of Grand Rapids. She came to Michigan from Troy, New York, in 1864 and one year later married Geo. Lane. They built Hotel Central here and were proprietors for 14 years, after which Mrs. Lane lived with her daughter Mrs. R. P. Morse till her death.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. James church in Grand Rapids at seven o'clock and interment in the Catholic cemetery in Lowell.

Mrs. Warren B. Hoag of Twin Falls, Idaho, is visiting her mother Mrs. Wm. Gott.

BURGLARS AND LOOT RECOVERED

SCOTT HARDWARE CO. REGAINS STOLEN GOODS.

Lowell Honored by Expert Professional Thieves who did a Wholesale Business.

Goods taken from the Scott Hardware store the night before Thanksgiving have been recovered and the alleged burglars arrested by detectives.

Entrance to the hardware store was made through a rear basement window and goods to value of from \$75 to \$100, mostly cutlery and guns were taken.

Frank Nelson and Tim Riley were arrested in Grand Rapids for breaking into a Michigan Central freight car and stealing a quantity of shoes. They waived examination and were bound over for trial in the Superior court. Among a miscellaneous lot of goods recovered by the detectives was the property stolen from the Scott hardware.

Of the further operations of Nelson and Riley, the Herald of Tuesday morning says this:

Evidence regarding the operations of Frank Nelson and Tim Riley, who were arrested by Detectives McDonald and Sturgis last week, charged with robbing a Michigan Central freight car a large amount of shoes and other merchandise, continues to pile up at police station and the officers now think that the men under arrest have been operating on an extensive scale.

Deputy Sheriff Dornbos of Holland was in the city yesterday and identified a large quantity of goods taken from the men as stolen from cottages at Macatawa park several weeks ago when nearly all the cottages were broken into and looted.

Officers from the north are expected in the city within a day or two and they have written that they think the men are responsible for a number of burglaries and thefts committed at the northern summer resort cottages. Through the Bertillon system an effort is being made to fully identify the men.

LOWELL LITERARY CLUB

Held a Pleasant Session Last Wednesday Afternoon.

The program for last Wednesday of the Lowell Literary club was in charge of Mrs. Fred Oliver. Miss Edith Stone, pianist, opened the program with the club song. Mrs. E. O. Wadsworth read an interesting paper on Louis Pasteur, his life work and its value to the world. Mrs. A. C. Stone read one of Mark Twain's after dinner speeches, which was very entertaining. Miss Carson had charge of the vocal numbers. The program Wednesday Dec. 16 will be in charge of Mrs. A. L. Knapp, at the home of Mrs. Hugh Young.—(Com.)

A NARROW ESCAPE.

C. D. Miller Nearly Lost His Right Arm at Cutter Factory.

C. D. Miller, machine man at the cutter factory, had his right hand jammed quite badly Tuesday night and will be unable to work for a while. While arranging a band on a pulley his hand was drawn in between and had not the machinery been going at low speed, his whole arm would have been crushed.

East Side Eucher Club.

Messrs. and Mesdames D. R. Whitney, R. B. Boylan, F. R. Ecker and R. D. Stocking entertained the East side afternoon eucher club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, Monday evening. This was the third in the series of parties given by this club. Thirty-six guests were present. An enjoyable evening was spent and a fine supper was served.

Jim McMahon spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Sixth annual December watch sale now on at R. D. Stocking's.

Miss Lucetta Nicholson has been ill and out of school this week.

Miss Rhea Peck is spending two weeks with friends in Grand Rapids.

R. B. Boylan is attending a meeting of the winners, in Grand Rapids today.

Miss Mabel Scott is in Grand Rapids caring for her grandfather, W. D. Scott who has been quite ill.

Silverware, rich cut glass and high grade jewelry cheaper at Stocking's than elsewhere.

John Bebler of St. Louis visited his brother Adam Bebler and family in South Lowell last week.

M. K. Jopson, Treasurer of Keene Township, will collect taxes at the Lowell State Bank on Thursday, December 17th, and on each Thursday thereafter up to and including January 7th, 1909.

C. F. Clark has traded his house and two lots to Alfred F. Dalquist, for a farm in Allegan county. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will remain here till spring.

HERALD-LEDGER BARGAIN DAYS

OPEN DECEMBER 17 AND CLOSE DECEMBER 31.

Great Literary Bargains Open to Village People as Well as Rural Routers.

The annual bargain days combination between the Grand Rapids Daily Herald and Lowell Ledger opens December 17 and closes December 31. This time it is the literary bargain of the age. The Grand Rapids Daily Herald, the Lowell Ledger, Uncle Remus's Home Magazine, Farm Press, the Fruit Belt, Vick's Magazine, and World's Events, all for one year, and the Home Herald for sixteen weeks, all for \$2.90.

This is an ideal combination. The Grand Rapids Herald is West Michigan's best daily. The Lowell Ledger is far and away the best home newspaper in this section, unexcelled in its class. The six magazines contain matter of interest to every member of the family. Sample copies of these may be seen at THE LEDGER office. See our west window.

The management of the Grand Rapids Herald assures us that the mail price of that paper will be advanced after January 1 to \$2.50 per year.

This offer is open to everybody in the village, township, state or nation, old subscribers and new. If your subscription is paid ahead on one or more of the journals, all will be advanced one year on payment of the combination price \$2.90.

Your last chance at the great literary bargain. Don't delay, but mail or bring in \$2.90 to the Ledger.

THE LEDGER office will be open evenings during bargain days until 8 o'clock.

LOWELL CHURCHES

Program of Events for Current and Coming Weeks.

CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, Dec. 13, a year's end sermon in which the Pastor will preach an appropriate message in closing his first year. Subject: "Not Logic but Power, or Paul as a Preacher."

All who have attended any of the services of the past year are especially urged to attend and to any who have contemplated doing so, we extend a hearty welcome.

For the evening subject: "Hard Questions Answered." If you have any come with them. We may have to discuss them in our list. Any way be on hand looking for light.

Wednesday evening 7 to 8:30 p. m. teacher's meeting. Lesson for Sunday the 13th studied subject: "The Dedication of the Temple," to be followed by the study of the Book of Revelations, the seven stars and seven golden candle sticks or lamp stands. Who are the stars? And what are the lamp stands? Come out and you will understand the study of this book. Everything made clear.

METHODIST

10:30 a. m. public worship and sermon. Sunday school at noon. 8 p. m. Epworth League, 7 p. m. evening worship and sermon. Rev. Matthew W. Duffey of Sparta will officiate at both services next Sunday in the absence of the Pastor.

The Pastor will lecture at Bannock Sunday to assist in raising the money for a new parsonage, going from there to Big Rapids, where he will lecture in the Ferris Institute Tuesday evening, and will be in Lowell Wednesday evening for callers at the usual hour.

Special music at both services next Sunday, besides the usual anthems Miss Chappell and Miss Carson will sing solos.

BAPTIST

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday, Preaching Service at 10:30 a. m. Subject, "The Potter and the Clay." Evening, 7 o'clock, "Salvation out of works." All welcome.

The Pastor will preach at West Lowell at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday.

Vergennes Bailey Church

2:30 p. m. public worship conducted by Rev. M. W. Duffey who will preach special music by the choir.

The next number on the lecture course will be a lecture delivered by Henry S. Pattengill, Jan. 6th subject announced later.

SOCIETIES

Regular meeting of Island City Rebekah lodge no. 282, Friday evening, Dec. 18. Degree work. Call to order at 7:30.

The regular meeting of the L. O. T. M. M. will be held next Wednesday evening Dec. 15 at which time the special music by the choir, all members requested to be present. Refreshments will be served.

The regular meeting of the L. O. T. M. M. was held Wednesday evening Dec. 2, at which the following officers were elected: Com., Katherine Stone. Past Com., Agnes Wiley; Lieut. Com., Miss Randle; Chaplain, Roxie Towns; Rec. Sec., Alice Morse; Finance Keeper, Alida Oliver; Sisters-at-arms, Hattie Morse; Sergeant, Julia Hamilton; Sentinel, Carrie Scott; Pledge, Jessie Oliver; Organist, Edith Stone.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the friends who so kindly assisted us in our sad bereavement in the loss of our beloved one, Mrs. Harry Pettit and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Green.

JOS. WILSON POST

Honors Its Late Commander Benjamin Morse.

At a meeting of Joseph Wilson Post No. 87, G. A. R., last evening, the following memorial reported by the committee appointed at a previous meeting was unanimously adopted:

In memory of Comrade Benjamin Morse.

Born at Livingston county, New York, September 20th, 1844. Enlisted at Grand Rapids, Kent county, Michigan, June 2nd, 1861, in Company C, Third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infy.

Veteranized December 21, 1863. Discharged at Jeffersonville, Ind., July 5th, 1865.

Served as Commander of Joseph Wilson Post No. 87, G. A. R., Dept. of Michigan, twenty-two years.

Died at Lowell, Michigan, November 24th, 1908, aged sixty-four years, two months and four days.

A good citizen, a kind neighbor, a devoted husband and father has gone. A brave soldier, our beloved Commander, has finished his service here and reported to the Supreme Commander. We look at the vacant chair and are grief stricken; our tears flow; we are encompassed by sorrow. He whom we loved and honored has passed through the valley of the shadow, nor shall we again see him until we have travelled the same pathway.

With faltering, broken voices and streaming eyes we laid him away. On his breast was the badge he honored, and over him the flag he fought for and loved. May our trust in the Great Commander teach us to say, "God knoweth best. He doeth all things well."

Comrades, we are listening to the roll call. Whitedlocks and faltering steps are ours. Soon the call will be completed and the last comrade borne to the grave.

"When death comes, as come it must. To dissolve this Union band. It's life shall not return to dust. They'll be joined at God's right hand."

Those who knew our comrade best, loved him most. No braver man ever shouldered a musket. His record as a private soldier is unsurpassed. A grateful country has recognized his bravery. His devotion to the Grand Army and this Post was known outside our ranks. May our organization, which was as "the apple of his eye" be maintained as a monument to his memory and of those gone before until old age and death make it no longer possible.

We offer our deepest sympathy. May the memory of a devoted husband, a kind father, who has left as a legacy a name written high in the list of the bravest, be to them not only a guide but a benediction.

"Close his eyes; his work is done. What to him is friar or foeman; Rise of moon, or set of sun, Hand of man, or kiss of woman.

Leave him to God's watching eye. Trust him to the hand that made him;

Mortal love weeps idly by. God alone has power to aid him."

Post rooms, December 9, 1908.

(S. P. Hicks, Committee; H. W. Booth, Geo. Lehman.)

LEAGUE STARTED.

Indoor Base-Ball Season Now Under Full-Sway.

In their first game the Business Men, under the management of M. E. Simpson, were forced to concede the initial victory to the IXL's (so far champions of the league) by a score of—as near as may be determined 42 to 18. Murphy and Walsh formed the winning battery, while Collar and Flynn officiated for the City Fathers.

The double header of Dec. 4 gave the Specialty Co., 1 13 to 14 and let the Carving works down with a loser—13 to 24—Shiels' team winning.

On Monday night the Specialty Co. through misunderstandings and faulty umpiring won from the Butchers 11 to 6. The second game was easily taken by the IXL's when they won from the Cutter Co. 34 to 4.

IXL's and Shiels' Butchers Thursday night.

STANDING OF TEAMS.

Games played	Wins	Losses	Pct
IXL's	2	1	.667
Specialty Co.	2	1	.500
Butcher	2	1	.500
Cutter Co.	2	0	1.000
Business Men	1	0	1.000

Vergennes Taxes.

I will be at the Cit. State bank on Saturdays to receive taxes.

John Krum, Treasurer Vergennes Township.

Mrs. N. A. Grinnell of Benton Harbor spent Sunday with her aunt Mrs. Nellie Beadle and cousin Claud.

LOOK SAYS

He has never shown a more wonderful line of gift goods. Just such fine things as it is a pleasure to give and a pleasure to receive. Something for every age and wish. The stock is new and complete.

Comb and Brush sets, large assortment from 25c to \$2.00. Manicure sets and separate pieces—all prices. Fancy box papers—an immense assortment 10c to \$2.00. Palmer's perfumes—always the best. In bulk or pretty packages from 10c to \$4.00.

Post card albums—over 400—bought for less and selling for less than ever before. Books for boys, girls, men, women or any member of the family. Largest stock ever shown in Lowell. Traveling cases—handkerchief and glove boxes—dollar and cuff boxes—mirrors—brushes—booklets, bibles and lots, lots more things—too many to mention in this space. See the goods, note what you would like to give and let us show you how easily you can give because of the low cost.

You can always do better at Look's than elsewhere.

D. G. LOOK, The Rexall Drug Store. Lowell and Alto.

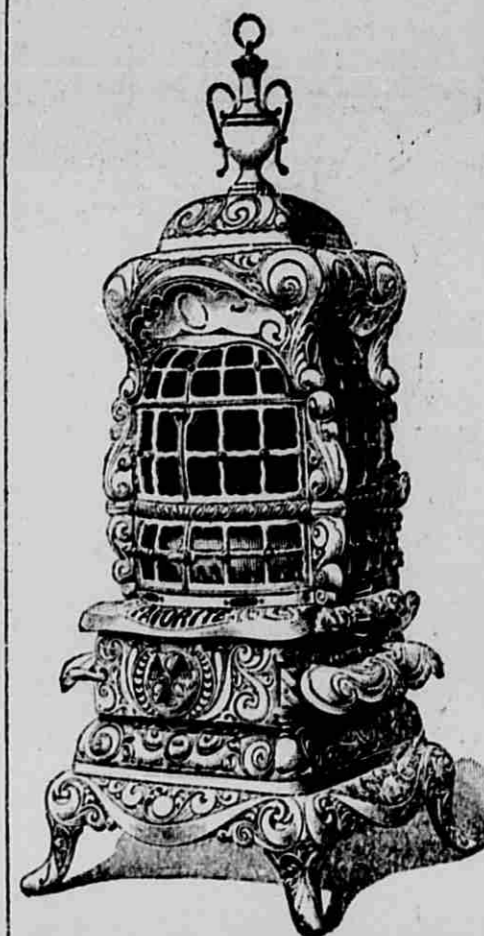
A CHRISTMAS AT HOME

How much pleasanter it is when the gifts are appropriate and well selected. Such a selection is easy when made from our stock which consists of the latest and only the best of

Cut Glass Diamonds Phonographs
Watches Silverware Jewelry

Fountain Pens, Sterling and Plated ware, Engraving free.

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You are secure in not obtaining a poorly made stove or range if you buy a Favorite—the quality of workmanship and material being unequalled.

Scott Hardware Co.
Lowell, Michigan.

YOU DON'T MIND SHOVELING COAL

into furnace or stove if it only gives you the heat necessary to keep your buildings comfortable in zero weather. Hunter's coal gives you your money's worth of heat, honest quality, honest weight.

EARL HUNTER.



Christmas

Goods now in, a nice variety of presents to select from, suitable for old and young at all prices. A fine line of

Lamps, Dishes, Toys, Dolls, Books, etc.

And a score of other useful presents.

See us when you are making Christmas purchase

Scott & Macham.

AMONGST THE BULL-ROUSERS.



Lazy Larry—Wool! Just to think, with all this wasted effort, I could have won the Marathon race!

Why He Remembered. By some shuffling of the social cards the clergyman and the dog fancier were at the same afternoon tea. The wandering talk unexpectedly resolved itself into the question. Who were the 12 sons of Jacob? Even the cleric with the reversed collar had forgotten, but the doggy man recited off the names without error, from Ruben down to Benjamin.

The clergyman looked surprised. "Oh, I'm not great shakes on Scripture," said the man with the fox terrier, "but those are the names which some chap gave to a dozen puppies I'm willing to sell."

Kicks. Harry Payne Whitney the day his own and other noted horsemen's racers were shipped from London on the Minnehaha, said of the death of racing in New York:

"A good many jockeys have been hard hit. A jockey told me last week a very sad tale of misfortune. I listened sympathetically."

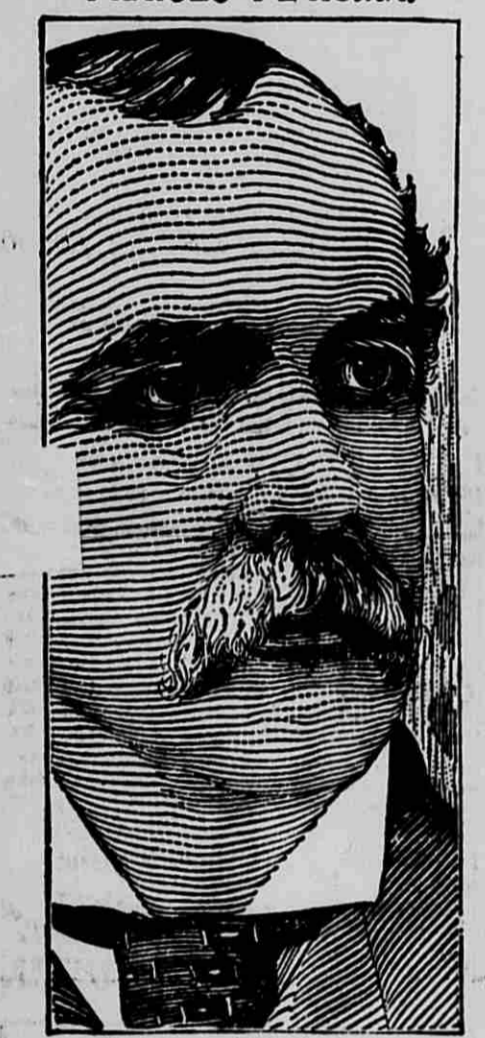
"Ah, Joe," said I, "when a man is down, few hands are extended to him."

"The jockey as he chewed a straw, smiled bitterly."

"Few hands—yes—that's right," he said, "but think of the feet."

The Changing Times. Times have changed since 450 years ago, when Halley's comet, for whose reappearance astronomers are now looking, was in the heavens. Then the Christian world prayed to be delivered from "the devil, the Turk and the comet." Now it says the devil is not as black as he has been painted, the Turk is a negligible quantity and the comet would be rather welcome than otherwise.—Boston Transcript.

UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM SOUTH CAROLINA PRAISES PE-UNA.



Senator M. C. Butler.

Dyspepsia is often caused by Catarrh of the Stomach—Peruna Relieves Catarrh of the Stomach and is Therefore a Remedy for Dyspepsia.

Hon. M. C. Butler, U. S. Senator from South Carolina, in two terms, in a letter from Washington, D. C., writes to the Peruna Medicine Co. as follows:

"I can recommend Peruna for dyspepsia and stomach trouble. I have been using your medicine for a short period and feel very much relieved. It is indeed a wonderful medicine, besides a good tonic."

CATARRH of the stomach is the correct name for most cases of dyspepsia. Only an internal cathartic remedy, such as Peruna, is available.

Peruna Tablets can now be procured. Ask your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1909.

320 Acres of Wheat Land IN WESTERN CANADA WILL MAKE YOU RICH

Fifty bushels per acre have been grown. General average greater than in any other part of the continent. Under new regulations it is possible to secure a homestead of 160 acres free, and additional 160 acres at \$3 per acre.

The development of the country has made marvelous strides. It is a revelation, a record of conquest by settlement that is remarkable. Extract from correspondence of a National Miller, who visited Canada in August last.

The grain crop of 1908 will net many farmers \$20.00 to \$25.00 per acre. Grain-raising, mixed farming and dairying are the principal industries. Climate is excellent; social conditions the best; railway advantages unequalled; schools, churches and markets close at hand. Land may also be purchased from railway and land companies.

For "Last Best West" pamphlets, maps and information as to how to secure lowest railway rates, apply to Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or the authorized Canadian Government Agent.

H. V. McHUGH, 176 Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan; or C. LAUZIER, 201 St. Mark, Mich.

PISO'S Keep it on Hand! Cough and cold remedies. Piso's Cure is a household necessity. At all druggists, 25 cts.

SANTA CLAUS' FACTORIES IN TOYLAND

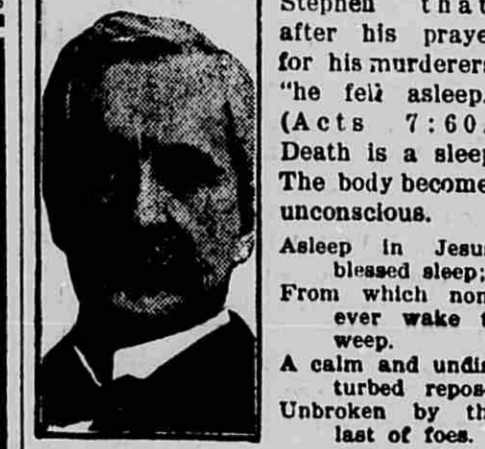


JUST LIKE REAL AUTOING

JUST come for a trip to Toyland and take a peep at the many delightful presents which Santa Claus prepared for enriching the youthful Christmas. His enchanted castle, brilliantly lighted, is filled with an endless variety of toys; and as the visitor passes through the main avenues in this wonderful world the spectacle becomes more and more entrancing. Numberless fairy-lamps lead the way to where the mechanical and electrical toys are stored; and what an imposing array they make! The place seems full of motor cars, motor omnibuses and motor boats, darting here, there and everywhere, at the bidding of their miniature drivers. The wireless telegraph is busy sending messages, and the Wimshurst machine with its gisser tube is producing the most beautiful colors as though by lightning. Close at hand are scores of different kinds of steam engines—models of perfection—together with railway carriages, stations, tunnels, signals, and all the rest of it, just like a real railway. Over there we catch a glimpse of the X-rays, a complete plating machine, and hundreds of electrical toys which are going to be all the rage this season among those who can be favored with costly playthings. Some of the engines come to as much as ten guineas; but the smaller models can be had for a very trifling sum. An adjoining room wears quite a military aspect, with its thousands of leaden soldiers in full dress, looking very fierce and brave. No doubt they will be pleased to receive marching orders, and show what they can do with their rifles, swords, and real cannon. You can tell they are like real soldiers, because they don't seem to mind a bit being placed in the midst of all sorts of animals, such as elephants, lions, tigers, bears, leopards and monkeys. The elephants trumpet, the lions and tigers roar, the bears growl, the horses neigh, the donkeys bray, the dogs bark, the cats meow, and all the rest do their full share towards swelling the uproar, but it makes no difference to the soldiers. A little further on taxicabs dodge in and out of miniature garages, and skillfully steer their way between London county electric trams. All the drivers are really very clever in Toyland. A long line of spirited rocking-horses and dancing geese marks the way to the dolls' palaces. This is essentially the girls' domain; it is scarcely possible to conceive anything which is not here represented. Some of the houses are large enough to be called mansions. They are provided with a complete staff of servants, an ample larder, a thousand and one little comforts and to round off the luxury of it all, a smart motor car stands at the front entrance, awaiting the appearance of my lord and lady. Was there ever such a show of dolls seen before? They seem to be everywhere, displaying their finery. The undress doll is away on a top shelf, because the popular doll must be in the fashion in the way of dress. The adult doll, with hair done in the latest style, is one of the features of the place. Baby dolls are apt to be tiresome, but the grown-ups are always on their best behavior. Of course, the universal ambition to soar in the air is represented in Toyland, otherwise the place would be incomplete; tops which fly up to the ceiling, tops which sing in the air, piums, apples, pears, and other fruit dance

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

By REV. A. C. DIXON, D. D., Pastor of the Chicago Ave. (Moody's) Church, Chicago.



It is said of Stephen that, after his martyrdom, "he fell asleep." (Acts 7:60.) Death is a sleep. The body becomes unconscious. Asleep in Jesus, blessed repose, From which none ever wakes to weep. A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of foes. As one lies down to sleep at night expecting to awake in the morning, so may we lie down to die expecting that the body which loses consciousness shall awake in the morning of the resurrection.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Our friend Lazarus is fallen asleep, but I go that I may wake him out of sleep." So our Lord will one day say to the angels in heaven: "Our friends on earth have fallen asleep. Let us go and wake them out of their sleep." I see grassy mounds heaving and marble shafts tumbling as the waking sleepers throw off their covering. From beneath those grassy mounds and tumbling shafts the bodies of saints are rising, roused from their sleep by the touch of God.

It was no poet's fancy, but biblical teaching, which led Bryant to write: By an unfading trust, approach thy grave Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams. "Not Dead But Asleep." When Jesus said: "The maid is not dead, but asleep," the mourners laughed him to scorn. They knew that she was dead and death to them was a hopeless finality, but to Jesus raising the dead was as easy as waking one out of sleep. And so with Jesus at all times the impossible is as easy as the commonplace. The death of our friends is to the eye of sense a hopeless finality, but to Jesus raising the dead is as easy as waking out of sleep. He will say: "Arise," and their bodies will come forth.

It is plain, however, that the soul does not sleep with the body in the grave. Dust thou art to dust returneth Was not spoken of the soul. An Incongruous Doctrine. "That the thinking, loving, worshipping part of us, though unconscious, should be compelled to remain chained in darkness to the decaying body is, to say the least, incongruous. And yet there are some who persist in believing and teaching this gruesome doctrine. When the body of Adoniram Judson is buried at sea, eaten by fish and its particles scattered, just what portion of it the soul will remain with or whether the soul will distribute itself among the scattered fragments, we are not informed. And when the body is cremated and only a handful of ashes remains, will the soul sleep in this bed of ashes or rove through the air with particles that have gone up with the smoke?"

I rejoice that we are not called to answer these puzzling questions, for the symbol of sleep does not exhaust the Biblical definition of death. For the body, death is a sleep, but for the soul it is a "departure." Just before Stephen fell asleep he looked up and said: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Death was a yielding of the spirit to Jesus. And this prayer of Stephen was the echo of the words of Jesus on the cross. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Jesus and Stephen were going out of their bodies. Our Lord took another with him, as we learn from his words to the penitent thief: "This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

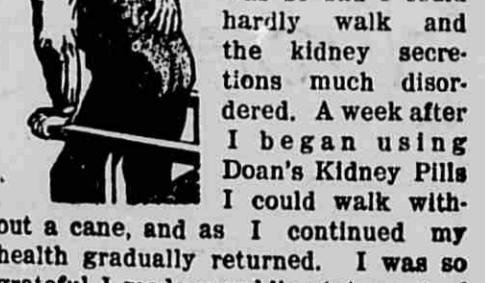
The aged Simeon, after he had seen the infant Jesus, exclaimed: "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." To this aged saint death was a going somewhere. As I stood by the bedside of a dying child, just before the last breath, he reached out his hand and said "Good-by." He knew he was going somewhere. The sum of it all is that the Christian's death is a sleep for his body and a continuance of happy existence for his spirit, as expressed in the words: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth." (Rev. 14:13.)

Liquor Legislation. In the Review of Reviews Mr. F. C. Igberhart has an interesting summary of the results of liquor legislation. The saloon has been abolished in two-thirds of all the territory of the United States. Of the total population, 36,000,000 are living under prohibition law, 10,000,000 protected from rum by state legislation and 26,000,001 by local option. Within eight months the temperance wave has cleared the extent of France. If the moral effects of this prodigious temperance wave are to be lasting, the rising generation should be greatly superior in physical and mental strength to the present. There is no denying the evil of alcoholism. There is no doubt that there has been a great awakening of the public conscience, especially in the south.—New York Times.

Movements Shaping Art. There are at present two definite movements which are clearly shaping the course of American art. One is the movement of expansion, which has fostered the creation of many different and widely distributed centers of interest; the other is the tendency to concentrate official activity in a single typical spot. Owing to the callousness of New York, the retrospective habits of Boston, the avowed internationalism of Pittsburgh and the fact that Philadelphia has always had a special mission to fulfill, these cities must in time give place to some more logical focal point, nor is it a very difficult matter to designate that particular locality.—Century.

PROVED BY TIME.

No Fear of Any Further Trouble. David Price, Corydon, Ia., says: "I was in the last stage of kidney trouble—lame, weak, run down to a mere skeleton. My back was so bad I could hardly walk and the kidney secretions were much disordered. A week after I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I could walk without a cane, and as I continued my health gradually returned. I was so grateful I made a public statement of my case, and now seven years have passed, I am still perfectly well." Sold by all dealers. 50c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



THE TIE THAT BINDS (SOME). Affecting Reconciliation Between Two Really Loving Hearts. There is a certain couple who decided to separate awhile ago. It seemed that they were not amittible, after all, and life together was unendurable, so the wife packed up her belongings and was preparing for a trip home. At the time of parting she picked up her little pet dog and tucked him under her arm, while her other man managed the car case.

"Why, you're not going to take 'Tricky'?" exclaimed the husband. "Of course I am," she announced. "I couldn't live without him." "Well, I can't let the little fellow go," he insisted. "And I simply won't leave him," she declared. So they argued for half an hour, at the end of which she decided to stay, and unpacked to cook dinner, at which Tricky was the guest of honor.

OF TWO EVILS, ETC. Youngster Evidently Had His Own Idea as to the Choice. My neighbor, writes a correspondent, has four young sons, whom he and his wife fully lead to church every Sunday. Just as the sermon was about to begin last Sunday one of the boys was observed to look very uncomfortable, and, having explained the nature of his sufferings, was sent home. His younger brother, in an urgent whisper, demanded of his mother: "Where's Tom gone?"

"He's gone home." "What for?" "The mother whispered, low: "He's got toothache." And the lad, as he sat up to listen to the preacher, muttered, in a stage whisper: "Lucky dog!"



THE QUARREL. Her—Why on earth did you ever marry me? Him—Oh, don't be so bromidic! That's what everybody asks.

Optimist and Pessimist. Sydney Rosenfeld once wrote a comedy, entitled "The Optimist," which achieved success after the production, but was a long time reaching the stage. Manager after manager refused the manuscript, and one day Mr. Rosenfeld, whose patience was exhausted, blurted out to his sole auditor: "Of course you don't appreciate the play! You don't even know the meaning of its name!" "Yes, I do," protested the impresario. "Well," insisted Rosenfeld, "what's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?" "The manager barely hesitated: "An optimist is an eye doctor," he said; "a pessimist is a foot doctor."—Sunday Magazine.

Ready with the Answer. Miss Baxter, feeling the effects of a torrid afternoon in June, was attempting to arouse the interest of her languid class by giving, as she supposed, an interesting talk on the obelisk. After speaking for half an hour she found that her efforts were wasted. Feeling utterly provoked, she cried: "Every word that I have said you have let in at one ear and out of the other. You—pointing to a girl whom she noticed had been particularly inattentive throughout the entire lesson—"tell me, what is an obelisk?" The pupil, grasping the teacher's last words, rose and promptly answered: "An obelisk is something that goes in one ear and out the other."—Success Magazine.

CAUSE AND EFFECT Good Digestion Follows Right Food. Indigestion and the attendant discomforts of mind and body are certain to follow continued use of improper food. Those who are still young and robust are likely to overlook the fact that, as dropping water will wear a stone away at last, so will the use of heavy, greasy, rich food, finally cause loss of appetite and indigestion.

Fortunately many are thoughtful enough to study themselves and note the principle of Cause and Effect in their daily food. A N. Y. young woman writes her experience thus: "Sometime ago I had a lot of trouble from indigestion, caused by too rich food. I got so I was unable to digest scarcely anything, and medicines seemed useless. "A friend advised me to try Grape-Nuts food, praising it highly, and as a last resort I tried it. I am thankful to say that Grape-Nuts not only relieved me of my trouble, but built me up and strengthened my digestive organs so that I can now eat anything I desire. But I stick to Grape-Nuts." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. Ever glad the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

The Smuggler

BY ELLA MIDDLETON TYBOUT
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SYNOPSIS.

Three girls—Elizabeth, Gabrielle and Elise—started for Canada to spend the summer there. On board steamer they were frightened by an apparently demented stranger, who, finding a bag belonging to one of them, took enjoyment in scrutinizing a photo of the man who had introduced to Lord Wilfrid and Lady Edith. A cottage by the ocean was rented by the trio for the summer. Elizabeth learned that a friend of her father's was being the queer-acting stranger on the steamer. The girls were "not at home," but discovered by the cards left that one of the men was Elizabeth's father's friend. The men proved to be John C. Elise and Gordon Bennett. The party was told of the search for smugglers in the vicinity of the cottage. Elise visited Mrs. Graham to learn how her life was not the happiest. She learned that the Grahams and Lady Edith were acquainted. A wisp of yellow hair from Mr. Graham's pocket fell into the hands of Elise. Mrs. Graham's hair was properly introduced, explained his queer actions, returned the lost bag and told of mysterious doings of a year before connected with the cottage. Exploring the cellar, one of the girls found a sphinx cut-button, the exact counterpart of which both Gordon Bennett and Lady Edith were found to possess, also, Elise, alone, explored the cellar, overhearing a conversation there between Mary Anne and a man.

CHAPTER VIII—Continued.

There was silence for a minute, and then the man spoke again.

"I tell you there's no use talking any more. I've begun the thing, and I'm going through with it."

"But the danger, Willy, the danger!"

"I'm used to danger."

"Aye, worse luck, that you are! And me like to break me 'eart w' thinkin' of you o' nights."

"Then don't think."

"Ah, 'ow can I 'elp it? Me that carried you in me arms when you was a little baby!"

"Well, now, will you do what I ask, or won't you?"

"Don't ask it of me, Willy—don't now."

"I do ask it."

I forgot all honorable scruples against eavesdropping, and listened with all my ears. I can only add in self-defense that I believe any one else in my place would have done the same.

He muttered something I could not hear, however, and Mary Anne gave a stifled sob.

"Oh, you didn't use to be so 'ard!" she exclaimed. "It's she 'as changed you. It's 'er fault—with 'er soft 'ands and 'er 'ard, cool 'eart."

"Don't you say anything against Nell. I won't have it."

"Oh, it's allus Nell nowadays. And what does she care what 'appens to you, so long as she's safe 'erself? If only you'd look to the fishing trade, Willy, and lived respectable 'ow 'appy we might 'ave been, and Sarah Cushley ready to marry you if you'd said the word."

"Sarah Cushley indeed!"

"It's the books—that's what done it. Many's the time I've been sorry I ever let you go to school. Many's the time I've wished I'd listened to yer uncle when 'e wanted to take you on 'is sloop 'ard the mast. Fur 'e said good 'ard work, with a rope's end now and then, would make a man o' you. But you'd a look o' yer father, and you 'ad 'is fine ways—"

He interrupted her with an unpleasant laugh.

"Fine ways, indeed! That's all he ever says to me. Don't blame me for anything, mother—look nearer home. I'm not saying it to any of your fault. You thought you were married."

"God knows I did, Willy!"

"You brought me into the world, and found you were deceived, like many another fool of a girl—and serves them right, too, for thinking a gentleman would marry them."

"Oh, my boy!"

There was real tragedy in the exclamation, and I found myself wiping away a tear, but the man's voice was as cold as ever.

"So I started life under a handicap—a thoroughbred mongrel, made up of the worst of you and the worst of him. And I turned out a bad lot, didn't I? But whose fault was it?"

"Mine, Willy, mine."

"Yes, yours. Branded from the beginning with the bar sinister—different from other children. Don't I remember it all? Growing up with his aristocratic tastes and your environment; born with the instincts of his class, which make luxuries necessities, and no money to gratify them. And then the cold shoulder everywhere—contemptuous pity from his class, open ridicule from yours."

"I sent you away, Willy. I took the bit of money he gave me and sent you to the state school, where you could be a gentleman and no questions asked. And I loved you, darling; I always loved you."

"You gave me what you could, I suppose. I'm not blaming you for that. But you turned me loose with a little learning and no money—a dangerous combination, mother. So I went to the bad, preferring a short life and a merry one. Then I met Nell, and was happy, for she loved me. Don't say she didn't—she did, I tell you; she does."

"And so do I, my boy. Who could love you like your mother?"

"Then, mother, do as I tell you, without any more fuss. Come away from this place—it gets on my nerves—and give me something to drink, for I was up all night, and have more work ahead of me."

Their voices died away, and I sat for some time longer meditating upon

what I had heard, and, if the truth must be told, afraid to emerge from the cellar while the man was on the premises. At last a sound in the kitchen indicated that Mary Anne had returned alone, so I went boldly up the outside steps and around to the kitchen door.

She sat on a chair near the table, her apron thrown over her head, the picture of despair, and I advanced quietly and laid my hand upon her shoulder, for my heart ached for the poor soul.

"Mary Anne," I said, very gently, "I was in the cellar just now, and heard you talking."

She stared at me with widely distended eyes and trembling lips.

"Miss Elise!" she gasped. "You here?"

"I didn't go with the others, because my head ached. You have not been honest with us, Mary Anne. We didn't know you had a son."

She rested her head in her hands and burst into tears.

"Oh, Miss Elise," she sobbed, "don't look at me that way—I'm un'appy enough without that. Yes, miss, I 'ave a son, and if you 'eard us talkin', you know all about it. He took to drink, miss, and was allus in trouble. And last year 'e got to quarrellin'—in Montreal it was—and e stabbed a

man. And the man up and died. So they're after 'im fur it, and they'll 'ang 'im, miss, they'll 'ang my boy if they catches 'im."

She rocked to and fro a moment in speechless misery, and then continued:

"And I give 'im money, Miss Elise, but I don't let 'im come up 'ere, except to-day 'e followed me unbeknownst, miss, and I let 'im go in the coal 'ole. God forgive me for the liberty I took! Mostly 'e comes down the shore in 'is boat, and I meets 'im quite private. But I've give 'im all the money I 'ad, and my brother's give him money, too, and 'e's goin' back to the old country to live a decent life."

"Where were you when I heard you talking?"

"In the coal 'ole at the back o' the cellar. And I beg your parding fur the liberty I took, but don't lay it up agin me, miss, fur what else could a mother do? And, Miss Elise, darlin', you'll keep a quiet tongue in yer 'eart, won't you, and let 'im git away? Fur 'e's shipped as a sailor and sails on Sunday mornin'."

I said I would talk it over with the others, but I thought if she promised never to allow him near the house again, we would say nothing, as he was really going to leave the country and reform. She quite cheered up then, and insisted on getting me a lunch, waiting on me with a humility and sincerity I found most touching. This vagrant son explained various little mysteries about Mary Anne which had puzzled me a good deal, and I felt very sorry, indeed, for the poor creature with her secret trouble.

I had been so excited that I quite forgot my own ill, and longed for the return of the girls, that I might talk the matter over with them. They could not get home before six o'clock, however, so I went out on the veranda to wait for them and enjoy the salt breeze.

To my surprise, I found Lady Edith Campbell reclining in the hammock, reading the morning paper. She laughed as I exclaimed in astonishment, and came to meet me with a kiss of welcome.

"You did not expect me," she said, "and I certainly did not expect to be here, but I woke with such a wretched

headache this morning I simply could not go."

"Why, so did I."

"I know—Gabrielle told me. They wanted to put it off again, but Wilfrid had already gone, and I knew he would be disappointed, so I persuaded them to go. About noon my head got better, and my room felt so close and stuffy I longed for your cool breezes and lovely view, so I managed to dress and walk up here, thinking we might compare symptoms. I rang, but no one came, so I appropriated the hammock, as my walk had used me up completely. I hope you don't mind very much."

I hastened to assure her I was delighted, as I had had more than enough of my own society. So we had a long, comfortable afternoon, and by Mary Anne brought us tea, with an appealing glance at me which I interpreted as a plea for silence, and I am glad to be able to say I kept her secret inviolate.

"I envy you your complexion," I remarked, as I admired the rosy tints of my guest's face. "Now, I am quite pale and heavy-eyed, but you look as fresh as a daisy, yet you have had just as horrid a day as I."

"It takes a great deal to make the Campbells lose their color," she replied, "or rather, to make it stay lost. I was pale enough this morning, but as soon as the pain left me the red returned. I am shockingly healthy, you know—good, sturdy old Scotch blood."

"But Lord Wilfrid often looks very pale."

"Oh, Wilfrid is an alien—we all tell him so, much to his disgust; and he is far from well, poor fellow, although I think he is improving. Have you noticed that he seems brighter and better of late?"

I made an appropriate reply, and the conversation drifted to other things. As we sat together in the hammock, awaying gently to and fro, I happened to notice that in the lace

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THE BISHOP RIGHT?

Evidence That Restrictive Legislation Is Not Enslavement.

Some years ago when there was a strong movement in England in favor of a more strict regulation of the liquor traffic, some favoring out and out prohibition, one of the bishops declared himself opposed to the measures advocated because he would rather see England drunk and than enslaved. His view was that men should not be forced into sobriety and that any legislation that compelled men to give up drink would be oppressive. Men should be left free to use it or not as they pleased. If they were compelled to stop using it they made slaves of them. He would rather see a nation of drunkards than a nation of slaves.

This utterance has often been quoted, and by many people has been regarded as containing great wisdom. It is presumptuous to declare now that it was a most unwise utterance, and that it will stand any careful consideration? asks Temperance. Let us look at it.

First of all there is a wide space between slavery and drunkenness. If the latter is put down it does not follow that the nation is to be enslaved, for there can be no restriction of the liquor traffic, severe or mild, without the consent of the people. The majority of the people have to approve or condemn such legislation before it can be made effective.

Then restrictive legislation is not something new, for the state urges the passage of very stringent laws whenever public health and public safety are put in peril.

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The KITCHEN CABINET

A TOAST.

HEN Sancho Panza said: "God bless the man who first invented sleep!" He uttered words which, for all time, His name and fame alive will keep.

By gods and mortals shared alike, Sleep is a blessing none despise; Oppressed with heaven's not care, perhaps, They seek oblivion in the skies.

But with all due respect to sleep, Another toast we can't decline: It is to him—priest, bard or sage, From whom the world learned how to dine.

What matter though we eat of herbs Or peacock tongues, 'tis not the question, Both plain and Sybaritic fare, Are welcome when we've good digestion.

So, while we've strength and appetite, His praise we well worth repeating: Here is a health to him—God bless The man who first invented eating!

Deviled Kidneys.

Hoping to give variety in meats, the housewife will try to make her family eat kidney—generally without success. The following is, perhaps, the best way to serve them:

Put two ounces of butter in the saucepan, and when hot add the meat, chopped fine and dusted with pepper. Cook quickly. Four over this a tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce, one of onion juice and a dash of sherry. Garnish with cheese—the latter to be served directly on the meat. This preparation sounds troublesome, and a trifle expensive, but kidneys are cheap and nourishing and afford a much desired variety.

Cuisine Queries.

What is a casserole? A small baking dish; deep, well-covered, and used for baking meats, chiefly.

How do we obtain cream of tartar? It is a product of grapes and settles in the bottom of wine casks. It is then refined for market.

Is allapice a mixture of "all spices"? No; it is the berry of the pimento, an evergreen tree found in the West Indies.

What is mace? The outer coat of the nutmeg.

Is alcohol a stimulant? No, it is now agreed by scientists that it is a poison, a narcotic, with a pseudo-stimulation of the nerves.

THE DYSPLECTIC.

M JONES is on a diet. He's careful what he eats. Yet, each day, at the table he performs alarming feats.

And while he's growing thinner at a most appalling rate, It's all because his food, you see, He can't assimilate.

He can't eat white bread, so his wife Makes cakes of Graham flour, And at his place stacks up As high as Babel's Tower.

We ordinary mortal folk Who try to normalize, Consume not half the amount that this Dyspleptic stows away.

And yet, he doesn't seem to know (He didn't eat the Dutch) He didn't assimilate it if He didn't eat so much.

French Mustard.

The ordinary bottled mustard spoils so easily that even the cheap bottles are expensive, and certainly not so good as the home-made article. Yet if mixed in a hurry, just the mustard and vinegar, it is too strong, with no flavor. The French recipe is as follows: One egg, one teaspoon mustard, one of sugar and one-half of oil. Beat all to a cream, add one teaspoon vinegar, put on the stove and stir until it thickens.

A Tasty Snack.

Eating late at night is, at best, a risky experiment with the stomach, but if one must "piece" let it be wholesome, easily digested food. A sandwich with tang and taste and yet simple is made of white bread, buttered and sliced thin, and spread lightly with extract of beef, well salted. A tiny ring of dill pickle slipped in is an improvement.

A Friday Dish.

This is an old Scotch recipe for finnan haddie:

Found the meat (after removing bones), in a mortar, add pepper, salt and a spoonful of lemon juice, an ounce of butter and a tablespoon cream. Cook and stir until thick, when pour over slices of buttered toast which has been dipped for an instant in hot water.

Bridget's Beattitudes.

Blessed is the lemon juice used occasionally on pickled beets instead of vinegar; it affords a pleasant change.

Blessed is the vinegar and salt applied with a woolen rag to spots on brass or nickel faucets.

Blessed are the chopping bowls which, before using, are filled with boiling water, and rinsed with cold. Then they will not break.

Blessed is the teaspoon of vinegar added to huckleberry pie.

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Reducing Weight.

Racehorse Owner—"William, you are too heavy. Can't you take something off?" Jockey—"I'm wearing my lightest suit, and haven't tasted food all day." Owner—"Then, for goodness' sake, go and get shaved."—Tit-Bits.

Perhaps.

"He caught me in the dark hall last night and kissed me."

"I guess that will teach him to keep out of dark halls!"—Houston Post.

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RECIPE FOR REAL TROUBLE.

Cheerfully Contributed to an Already Unhappy World.

Trouble making is an older industry than the manufacture of steel. Cain, the trouble maker, got into action before Tubal Cain, the iron worker; and Eve got Adam into hot water long before the Boller Makers' union began business.

There are three kinds of trouble—imaginary, borrowed and real.

Imaginary trouble consists of railroad accidents, earthquakes, fires, suicides, the poorhouse, death, and the grave, carefully mixed and taken after a late dinner, or a drop in the stock market.

Borrowed trouble is the kind we get from our relatives. Its principal ingredients are visits, borrowed money, birthday presents, advice and expectations. But the real article is produced as follows: Put the sandals of endurance on your feet, take your life in your hands and follow by turns the How-to-be-Happy Philosopher, the Preacher of Physical Culture and the Apostle of Diet.—Puck.

TORTURED SIX MONTHS.

By Terrible Itching Eczema—Baby's Suffering Was Terrible—Soon Entirely Cured by Cuticura.

"Eczema appeared on my son's face. We went to a doctor who treated him for three months. Then he was so bad that his face and head were nothing but one sore and his ears looked as if they were going to fall off, so we tried another doctor for four months, the baby never getting any better. His hands and legs had big sores on them and the poor little fellow suffered so terribly that he could not sleep. After he had suffered six months we tried a set of the Cuticura Remedies and the first treatment let him sleep and rest well; in one week the sores were gone and in two months he had a clear face. Now he is two years and has never had eczema again. Mrs. Louis Leck, R. F. D. 3, San Antonio, Tex., Apr. 15, 1907."

English Humor.

She—Poo! What is a kiss it is nothing.

He—Well you once said you could refuse me nothing, you know.—Chips.

A Multiplicity of Fathers.

Ardaye had been learning to sing "America" at school and was trying to teach it to brother Wayne. One morning his father heard him shouting: "Land where my papa died, land where my papa died."

Ardaye interrupted: "Oh, no, Wayne, not that way. It is 'Land where our fathers died.'"

Wayne's expression could not be described as he tipped his head sideways and in a very surprised tone gravely asked: "Two of 'em?"—DeLineator.

Grown-Up Children.

It is not only the frivolous whom the spirit of childishness is just now leading astray. Silliness is the fashion even among the wise. Women especially affect a kind of childish shrewdness in talking of serious subjects. Like children who have the habit of romancing, they lose the sense of reality, and because they never talk exactly as they think they begin to think exactly as they talk.—London Spectator.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any man of Color that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to meet any obligations made by him.

WALTERS, KIRKMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

This is the Family Pill for constipation.

Reducing Weight.

Racehorse Owner—"William, you are too heavy. Can't you take something off?" Jockey—"I'm wearing my lightest suit, and haven't tasted food all day." Owner—"Then, for goodness' sake, go and get shaved."—Tit-Bits.

Perhaps.

"He caught me in the dark hall last night and kissed me."

"I guess that will teach him to keep out of dark halls!"—Houston Post.

One Thing That Will Live Forever.

PETTIT'S EYE SALVE, first sold in 1807, 100 years ago, sales increase yearly. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N.Y.

Good temper is like a sunny day—it sheds its brightness everywhere.—Pascal.

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YOU'LL find yourself dressed for the most fashionable surroundings, or for the ordinary affairs of your business life if we once get you into a

Hart Schaffner & Marx suit and overcoat. The reasons for selling these clothes, for saying so much about them, for urging you to buy these particular clothes, are all reasons in your direct interest.

It's a good thing for us to have you buy your clothes here; our reasons for telling you to buy Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes is that it's a good thing for you to buy them.

Special things in new models; overcoats, suits; blue and black suits.

\$18 to \$22.50

We have the All Wool Clothcraft Clothes from

\$10 to \$18.00

This store is the home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes.

A. L. COONS

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A Happy Medium for Husbands and Wives.

Here is a news item from the State press that is worthy of more than passing attention:

Benjamin D. Livingston of Ada is suing his wife Alameda for divorce alleging that she devoted so much time to the Women's Christian Temperance union that she neglected to get his meals and make his bed. He also charges desertion.

Of the truth of the allegations in the case mentioned THE LEDGER has no means of knowing but if the facts are as stated the plaintiff will have a host of sympathizers among long suffering families.

That the editor of this paper believes in "women's rights," in temperance work and in literary and social activities by women, our columns for these many years have abundantly testified.

However, it must be admitted that there is a limit beyond which wives and mothers should not pass, in these matters; and that limit is reached when home duties are threatened with neglect.

A reasonable degree of fair-mindedness on the part of husband and wife, father and mother, will obviate any such unhappy condition as is indicated by the above clipping.

No sensible man expects his wife to spend all her time in the kitchen, or will deny her time for mental culture and social pleasures. He knows that she will be the better companion for himself and a better mother to his children, by reason of such diversions; and no sensible woman will deny that her first and greatest duty is to her home and family.

There is reciprocal obligation between husband and wife that is too often lost sight of. The man who uses his home merely as a boarding house in which to eat and sleep and who spends all of his evenings and Sundays at the lodge, the club or the bar room, has no right to complain if his wife leaves the home and children to care for themselves while she gads and gads and gads again.

On the other hand, the woman who is club crazy or who is so bent on saving the nation or the heathen in foreign lands that her own home looks like Bedlam—whatever that is—whose meals are mostly water-soaked potatoes, sour bread and frowy butter, whose children go snarly-haired and ragged clad to school and roam the streets at night at their own sweet will, is a disgrace to whatever, unworthy the name of wife and a dead weight to whatever worthy cause she may espouse.

For husbands and wives, for fathers and mothers—if our homes are to be worthy the name—there is in club and lodge life, in social pleasures, yea, even in church work, important and legitimate though they be, a HAPPY MEDIUM!

Blessed is that home, whose makers have found it.

An Appreciation by One Who Knows.

"Toot your own horn if you want it tooted," says someone; but while a proper amount of self-esteem is commendable and necessary, in newspapers and individuals, modesty suggests that words of appreciation, if merited, should come from others.

Newspapers makers are admittedly the best qualified judges of newspapers; and in order that its readers may know how THE LEDGER stands in its class, the following fac-simile letter is submitted in evidence:

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BUSINESS OFFICE

The Johnstown Democrat

W. W. BAILEY, Editor and Proprietor

Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 27, 1908.

F. M. Johnson, Editor Ledger, Lowell, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Allow me to extend congratulations. Your paper is a corker for a town the size of Lowell. It is not only worth more than \$1 a year, but \$2. I used to be a country editor myself and feel that I am competent to judge.

Very truly,
EDWARD H. BAILEY.

IN ANOTHER sizzling letter President Roosevelt has added two important personages to his already large Amnias club. This time it is the editors of the New York Sun and Indianapolis News who have incurred the president's wrath. He calls them "liars, low, shameless, infamous." In his abusive letter-writing habit, Mr. Roosevelt shows himself in his poorest light, and his warmest defenders have a hard job on their hands, when the president begins to hurl epithets in true ward-heeler style. It is expected that this sort of White house output will cease after the fourth of March text.

"CHRISTMAS in Foreign Climes" is the title of a special feature story that will have a prominent place in the next issue of this paper. Another splendid feature "The Child Jesus in Art," by Rev. Ellis E. Drake will appear in the same issue. Both articles are appropriately illustrated. Don't miss them.

You can do your Christmas shopping now much more satisfactorily to yourselves and to the dealers and their clerks than if you wait until the last day in the afternoon.



Everything new in fancy work for holidays. Myrtle Graham.

Special bargains in Hilo floss, pillow tops etc. Myrtle Graham will be given to every customer that trades to the amount of twenty-five cents or more at Rutherford's Variety store, (first door east of Look's drug store.) Customers may choose the present from a collection of over three hundred useful articles. Everybody go and get a present.

An exceptional opportunity to see an exceptional Christmas gifts at economical prices, by visiting Henry's drug store.

Mrs. Geo. Willard has been in town several days this week, called there by the serious illness of the six-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Worthy Willard.

Burt Charles and his trick dogs and Ernest McCarly are exhibiting in vaudeville in Belding and other places this week.

Over 2,000 good books to choose from at Henry's drug store.

Medicine That Is Medicine.

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters; a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kiesler, of Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at D. G. Look's drug store.

Marked For Death.
"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams of Isaac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored. This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at D. G. Look's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

EPWORTH LEAGUE GROWING
Added Twelve New Members and Banqueted Last Evening.

The Epworth League held its regular monthly business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cholerton last evening, with an attendance of about twenty-five. Twelve new members were added and an oyster supper was served followed by a program.

Miss Ethel White spoke on the topic "The Place of young people in Religious Thought." Rev. Russell H. Sready gave a talk on "Why We Are Here." A musical number was given by Misses Chappell and Andrews.

Mrs. Peter Zylstra is ill. H. J. Booth spent Tuesday in Ionia. Regular meeting of the Woodmen next Monday evening. Degree work. Good milk cow for sale. Inquire at this office.

Mrs. E. J. Martin is recovering from a few days illness.

E. J. Booth is visiting friends in Grand Rapids.

Dean McCarty was in Grand Rapids on business Monday.

Mrs. O. C. McDaniel was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Watches and diamonds cheaper at Stocking's than any competitor.

Come to our store and look at our holiday display and you will be as enthusiastic over it as we are.

Henry the druggist.

Miss Edith Mangle and Mrs. J. W. Lyon spent yesterday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kelley spent several days last week in Grand Rapids.

Fancy Christmas cakes during Christmas week at Uglov's bakery.

A. Talbot of Grand Rapids is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hoxie visited friends in Bowne Sunday.

If you don't believe we have the most complete Holiday line you haven't seen our display.

Henry the druggist.

Uglov's bakery for cream puffs every Saturday a dandy line of special fancy cookery.

Mr. and Mrs. Will White went to Ionia last week where the former has accepted a position.

Mrs. Tubbs of Belding was in town Tuesday.

House and lot on East side, close in, 7 rooms and large barn. \$850 takes it. Lowell Real Estate Co.

All accounts owing the late Chas. M. Edelman may be paid to M. P. Hicks, who is authorized to collect and receipt for the same. Said accounts are in his office, and should be paid within ten days.

Arthur Nerreter, Adm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kniffin of Detroit are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kniffin. They will remain until after the holidays.

A Dangerous Operation

is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c at D. G. Look's drug store.

Election of officers at the Woodmen lodge last Monday evening resulted as follows: Consul, Walter Morgan; Advisor, Guy Fletcher; Banner, Harold Hiller; Clerk, Harvey J. Coons; Excort, Harvey L. Godfrey; Watchman, Ed. C. Walker; Sentry, Porter Saylor; Mgr. for three years, T. A. Murphy; Physicians, Dr. McDaniell, Dr. Towlesley, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Eaton.

There is one thing about St. Cecilia's rolls, French rolls or Coffee loaves that we don't want to learn and that is how to make them poorly. We prefer to study—as we do to find ways and means to improve them and thus keep them worthy of Uglov's bakery.

FARM WANTED NEAR ALTO, east preferred. The Lowell Real Estate company has a buyer for a good 40, 60 or 80 acre farm. Persons in that vicinity wishing to sell will do well to see us at once.

Best Stomach Remedy Free

It is an old saying that if the stomach is sound the whole body is safe, because so much depends upon the proper working of the stomach. Many persons find themselves with a disorder of the stomach which produces dyspepsia or a peculiar state of biliousness.

If you suffer from both stomach trouble and constipation you are on the way to a very serious disease. From just such conditions, appendicitis, rheumatism, skin diseases and similar disorders, because the waste matter that should have been expelled from the system through the bowels has found its way into the blood and vitiated it. That is why at this point is not simply a violent cathartic tablet or salt, which usually does more harm than good, but a gentle laxative tonic like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which people have been using for these ailments for nearly a quarter of a century. It cured J. C. Lanham of Warrensburg, Mo., of stomach trouble and constipation, also William Vol, of 903 Ellington St., Louisville, Ky., who had the trouble for fifteen years.

However, if you have stomach trouble you want to know from personal experience what Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will do for you. If so, send your name to the doctor and a free trial bottle will be sent you. You are urged to send the free bottle, as the results from it will be the best recommendation of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Then you will do as over two million people did last year—no to your druggist, and buy a regular bottle at once or if, according to the size you prefer. We could mention hundreds and hundreds of families who are never without it. You can never tell when some member of the family will need a laxative, and they no one should be lost taking Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 500 Caldwell bldg., Monticello, Ill.

What Ails You?

Do you feel weak, tired, despondent, have frequent headaches, coated tongue, bitter or bad taste in morning, "heart-burn," belching of gas, acid risings in throat after eating, stomach gnaw or burn, foul breath, dizzy spells, poor or variable appetite, nausea at times and kindred symptoms?

If you have any considerable number of the above symptoms you are suffering from biliousness, torpid liver with indigestion, or dyspepsia. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is made up of the most valuable medicinal principles known to medical science for the permanent cure of such abnormal conditions. It is a most efficient liver invigorator, stomach tonic, bowel regulator and nerve strengthener.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" is not a patent medicine or secret nostrum, a full list of its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper and attested under oath. A glance at these will show that it contains no alcohol, or harmful habit-forming drugs. It is a fluid extract made with pure, triple-refined glycerine, of proper strength, from the roots of native American medicinal forest plants. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

The Hotel Lowell

is prospering under new management.

Satisfied patrons our best advertisement. Those who come once come again. Isn't that proof?

Farmers especially invited to try our 25c meals. Come in and get acquainted and enjoy the comforts of our home-like accommodations. 4-w

Sunday Dinners at Regular Price a Specialty.

Headquarters for Christmas Goods.

It will lighten the burden of your Christmas shopping if you will come at once to W. S. Winegar where you will see that Santa Claus has dumped a dandy line of Christmas goods. Here you will find books galore, the latest copyright books, story books, A B C, books, picture books, painting books, drawing books.

Post cards and post card albums and boxes in endless variety.

Perfumes and toilet water, True odors from the natural flowers both in bulk and fancy boxes from 25c to \$5. New Art Calendars, Farmers' goods, cigar smoking sets, manacure sets, teddy bears, dolls, of all kinds, military brushes, toilet sets, fine hair brushes, and combs, glove and handkerchief boxes, Collar and cuff boxes, fine stationery both in boxes and bulk, Christmas tags and seals, work boxes, games, etc. Don't wait too long, time is short. Come in and let us help you. Wishing you a merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I remain very truly

W. S. WINEGAR.

This is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zelnicki, of 68 Gilson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when, every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at D. G. Look's drug store. 25c.

Mrs. G. A. Peckham was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Miss Maude Ainslee has returned from Moseley where she has been nursing for the past three weeks.

R. H. Baird and wife of Hopkins are spending a week with their uncle D. P. Atwater and wife.

FOUND—a hound. Owner inquiry of Chas. McGrath. 1wp

OUR OLD FRIENDS ARE THE BEST.

Because they have stood the test of time and are known to be reliable. Dr. Herrick's Sugar Coated Pills have been used by three generations. They will cure liver complaint, sick headache, bowel troubles and colds. They purify the blood. Try them. 25c per box. Ask for a free sample. Sold by D. G. Look.

LOCAL.

Ray Leacy went to Chicago Monday to visit relatives.

Earl Starboard left Monday for Chicago where he will enter the Bethany Bible School for a few weeks training in Bible study.

Volney M'lar sold his house, lot and elder mill to Joe Berkey and will start with his family to their home Tuesday at Fair View, Mich.

Cyrus Weaver who has been ill for the past six weeks is no better.

Leomot Taylor of Alaska, Mich. called on friends here Saturday.

Mr. Shrock and family of Alberta, Mich. visited at the home of John Leonard Thursday and Friday.

Special meetings are being held at the old Menomonic church.

Mrs. N. Ford and children were Sunday guests at the home of the former's son Robert Ford at South Lowell.

Mrs. N. Ford visited at the home of her daughters Mrs. E. Pottruff and Mrs. Don Smith at Lowell Friday.

Ole Pardee returned Saturday from his northern hunting trip. He with his party captured twenty-two deer in all.

F. L. MANNING, JACKSON, MICH., WRITES:

This is to certify that I have been a constant user of Rene's Pain Killing Oil in my family for the past 29 years, and would no more think of being without it at all times in the house, than I would without food. I know that by having it at hand to apply at once, we have saved much suffering and doctor bills. Get it—keep it handy at all times, study the directions closely, follow them and you will never regret it. Sold by D. G. Look.

THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT THINGS

To think about in buying a watch—one is the MAKE of the watch, and the other is the JEWELER who sells it to you. The right watch for you is worth all it costs. The right jeweler for you is the one that has the best make of watch and who will take a personal interest—advising you honestly as to the case, movement, etc., best suited to your needs.

You want all you pay for. The man who gets less is the one who shops around with the one idea of price in his mind. He always finds someone to sell him a slightly inferior watch at a slightly inferior price. How many men do you know who could sell the watch they own for anything like what they paid for it? Yet a watch ought to be a safe investment. It's rarely one of our customers care to dispose of their watch for what they paid—there's a reason. And the best of it all is that we have priced them exceedingly low. If you are "thinking watch" favor us with an inspection.

Lasting Christmas Presents

Bracelets, Locketts, Chains, Fobs, high grade Gold Rings, Rich Cut Glass, Cuff buttons, Pins, Silverware, Novelities, Fountain Pens, etc.

See our display of Sterling Silver Spoons, the finest line of \$1.00 spoons ever shown in Lowell.

Remember a piece of good jewelry will last for many years, and will be more highly appreciated as the years pass by.

A gift for DISTANT FRIENDS from our stock can be safely and cheaply sent, allowing more value in the gift and less for transportation. A fine job of engraving free of all articles purchased of us.

Williams THE JEWELER.

SENSIBLE ... CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS ... CHEER

The question uppermost in the minds of the people at this time of year is

What can I get my friends for a gift that will be sensible, satisfactory and practical?

Here below are a few suggestions that are good serviceable gifts.

Men's Suits and Overcoats.	Young Men's Suits and Overcoats.	Furs for Those Who Need Them
We have a fine line of Suits and Overcoats in all the new styles and colors. Either the conservative style or ones that have the extreme style in them.	Besides buying just what the older men want, we pay particular attention to the young men's trade. If it is in style you can find it here.	The men who have more or less out of door work to do need warm clothing and the following make good Xmas gifts: fur coats, caps, gloves, mittens and warm work coats. Ask to see them.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats

What can we get the boy for Christmas? That is right: We can get him one of those XTRA GOOD Suits or Overcoats at Tailors'. He has a fine line and at special prices until Christmas.

Mufflers	Handkerchiefs	Neckwear
A large line of all styles, some fine presents at small expense	Dozens and dozens of them, from the cheapest to the finest linen ones.	Ask to see those new Christmas ties in separate boxes. This is one of our specialties, high in quality, low in price.

Here are some more suggestions, Pants, Hosiery, Gloves, Mittens, Caps, Trunks, Bags Suit Cases, Umbrellas, Underwear, Dress Shirts. We have taken special pains in our Christmas selections and will be pleased to have you call and see our lines.

Extra for Saturday Another shipment of those heavy lined corduroy pants just received and will go on sale Saturday at \$1.98.

HARVEY J. TAYLOR
SUCCESSOR TO M. RUBEN

The Sincerity Clothes Shop. Lowell, Mich.

WASHBURN-CROSBY'S

GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

But the Grocer has more—Thank Goodness.

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

Lowell Center.

Carl Graham has come to live with his brother Frank for the winter. Mrs. David McConnell is ill.

EAST PARIS—WEST CASCADE.

Last week's letter, crowded out of last issue.

The Misses Eda and Bertha Timmer and friend Miss Ellinwood visited at Mr. and Mrs. George Timmer's from Wednesday till Sunday.

Robert Slater who has had two operations for cancer will have to undergo another.

Mr. W. L. Sawyer was the guest of his brother-in-law last Sunday.

Mrs. G. M. Smith is somewhat better.

Miss Mary Green is about the same. Mr. and Mrs. Miner Davis were callers at the home of Mark Davis last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nutty were called to Chicago by the death of Mrs. Nutty's cousin.

Miss Helen Shaaf is home for Thanksgiving.

The many friends of Mrs. Wm. Troy will hear with regret that she is very low. Her mother Mrs. John Lennon is with her at St. Mary's hospital.

Mrs. Mark Davis has returned from a visit in Grand Rapids.

PARNELL.

Last week's letter, crowded out of last issue.

Miss Maggie Byrne is visiting relatives in Lowell.

Michael Rowe is in St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, having his eyes treated.

Chas. Fingleton of North Dakota is visiting relatives here.

Frank Doyle has returned home after spending the past three weeks with relatives in Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Malone and daughter Florence of Grand Rapids attended the Downes-Jakeway wedding Wednesday.

Mrs. T. Lally of Lowell spent Sunday with her daughter Mrs. M. McCarthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gehan spent Sunday with relatives in Smyrna.

Steve Murphy who has been traveling in the West the past six months has returned home.

Eugene Lally of Lowell was here on business Thursday.

FALLSBURG.

Last week's letter, crowded out of last issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers and daughter of Lowell were guests of Mesdames Denny and Sherrard for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Albert Ratner is on the gain and able to be out again.

Stanley Parker is working for Frank Sayles of Keene.

Mrs. J. E. Tower and little son Otis returned from the Rapids last Saturday having spent Thanksgiving at the home of her sister Mrs. A. G. Steketee.

Lee Stanton spent Thanksgiving at home with his father and sister and now has gone to Cheboygan.

Little Gilbert Halsted is under the doctor's care.

Misses Etta and Allie Chapman of Belding visited their brother Frank Jones and family last Wednesday and Thursday.

J. E. Tower was in Grand Rapids on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Halstead entertained their daughter from Detroit last week.

BEST CATARRH DOCTOR.



This is the little Hyomei inhaler, a doctor that has cured many thousands of sufferers from catarrh, bronchitis, asthma, hay fever, coughs, colds, grip and croup.

It's easy to cure yourself with Hyomei. Pour a few drops in the little inhaler, and breathe it in. The healing, soothing and antiseptic air will reach every nook and crevice of the mucous membrane of the nose and throat; will stop the irritation almost immediately; will allay the inflammation; drive out the foul odor; kill the germs and cure the disease.

"My wife has been using Hyomei for two months for catarrh. She has received more relief and benefit than from any other treatment."—E. S. Parrett, Jeffersonville, O.

M. N. Henry the druggist, sells Hyomei (pronounced High-o-me) and guarantees it. A complete outfit, including inhaler, only costs \$1.00.

While in Grand Rapids Mrs. Tower took Otis Powell to see his brother Stanley who is now at the Denton hospital suffering with very sore feet caused from wearing shoes too large for him while on the farm where he worked last summer. He is in a pitiful state as his one good eye left is gradually failing.

BOWNE.

Last week's letter, crowded out of last issue.

Miss Josephine Salisbury spent Saturday in Grand Rapids with her sister Pearl.

Mrs. Will Murphy and daughters of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vanlyke returning home on Saturday.

A family reunion at Guy Smith's of Freeport Thanksgiving. Present: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and son Howard, Watterman Thomas and wife of Carlton, Kay Thomas, Orpha Groft, John Thomas and Ila Jordan of Clarksville, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas.

Frank Colson and wife of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Colson's mother Mrs. Jas. Morgan.

Mrs. Dell Johnson of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Calkins of Hastings were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Benton Thanksgiving.

Scott Lowe, wife and two children were in Sparta for Thanksgiving, will return home sometime this week.

The young people of this place met at the Parsonage last Friday night to surprise and welcome Miss Lillian Brown to their circle. Had very pleasant time.

Clayton Johnson and wife spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Johnson's sister in Irving.

Thanksgiving guests at Arthur Clark's were Rev. C. F. Brown, wife and daughter Lillian, Ward Boulard, Luella Pender, and Miss Mary was at home with her parents.

The Ladies' Aid will hold their next day meeting at their new hall Dec. 9. All are cordially invited.

Jay Livingston was at home from Ann Arbor for Thanksgiving.

Watt Thomas and wife of Carlton were Sunday guests of Frank Brew and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stauffer visited at Alfred Muller's Sunday.

Albert Stauffer, wife and son Eddie were seen on our streets Sunday.

RECORDS.

Last week's letter, crowded out of last issue.

Miss Ladona Burt of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with her cousin Esther Clark.

Mrs. H. Brown who has been making an extended visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Waterson returned to her home at Ada Sunday.

Mrs. J. McCord is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Lewis Richmond of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Walter Clark was called to Freeport Friday by the death of her mother Mrs. Joseph Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pattison and two children visited Mr. and Mrs. Freely Sneden of Alaska Sunday.

Harman Clark has purchased forty acres of land of Charles Campbell, consideration \$800.

Mr. Rockefeller of Chicago spent last week with his family in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ellis spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Ellis' mother Mrs. J. H. Donaldson of Union St City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark visited over Sunday with Mr. Clark's sister Mrs. Clair Yelter of Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson attended the family reunion at the home of his mother Mrs. C. C. Patterson of West Cascade Thanksgiving day. Covers were laid for twenty-three and all partook of a bountiful feast prepared by the hostess and although she is 79 years of age she is equalled by few and excelled by none in the culinary arts. After dinner a musical treat was rendered by Mrs. Wm. Eardley, Irving and Fred Patterson which was much enjoyed by all. Those present were Mrs. Wm. Eardley and sons Chauncey and Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, Mrs. Mae Kennedy and children and Ralph Patterson of Cascade, Fred Patterson and family, Byron Patterson, John Patterson, Francis and Harry Blain and Harry Wagner all of Grand Rapids.

Sleepy Hollow—Bowse.

Last week's letter, crowded out of last issue.

About thirty of the friends of Alvin Bergy gathered at his home Friday evening and gave him a complete surprise, the occasion being his 20th birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in singing. Refreshments were served after which the guests departed wishing him many more bright and happy birthdays.

Will Burns of this place and Miss Graham of Cascade were united in marriage Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bergy visited relatives in Caledonia Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Slocx, daughter Mary and Miss Lucille Hutchinson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNaughton.

Married in Grand Rapids, Nov. 18, John Murray of this place and Mrs. Howard of Grand Rapids.

Geo. Huntington and Stewart Draper were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson John McCullough Mrs. Farrel Burns and daughter Effie attended the Burns-Graham wedding in Cascade.

P. J. Sinclair of Alto called on John Watts Sunday.

John Livingston and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of West Bowne.

SOUTH LOWELL.

Last week's letter, crowded out of last issue.

Rev. Braund assisted by Rev. Manning of Cedar Springs will begin revival meetings at this place next Sunday. Some of our former pastors will also be here to assist. Rev. A. T. Luther of Lake Odessa will preach Sunday at 10.30. Rev. Westbrook and Davis will be here during the week.

John O'Harrow and family ate Thanksgiving dinner with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Edson O'Harrow of Alto.

The Ladies Aid society dinner at Chas. O'Harrow's was enjoyed by all present. Those from a distance were Mr. Chapin of Lake View and Earl Behler of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Kinyon entertained Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kinyon of Lowell and Mrs. Laura Hughson and children of South Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Brew and daughter Zella of N. Campbell visited A. Hood and family Sunday.

Mrs. John Atchison is entertaining her niece Miss Atchison from the north.

Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. Elias McDiarmid entertained the families of John Schwader, Elroy Schwader, A. O. Hood and T. C. Willett.

Vincent Graham died Saturday morning Nov. 28. Funeral services Tuesday at 1 o'clock at Alto Baptist church.

Guests at E. P. Ewert's over Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McEwen of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Geo. Simpson and daughter Rosa of Freeport spent a few days last week with her sister Mrs. Klipher and family.

John Atchison and family spent Thanksgiving day with her sister Mrs. Lewis of South Boston.

Mr. Robins of Spring Lake is moving onto his farm formerly owned by Mrs. Kingnsmith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murphy spent Thanksgiving day with his brother Chas. Murphy and family of Bowne.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor spent Thanksgiving day with Will Tredelick and family.

L. Blakeslee and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Daley of Alto Thanksgiving day.

Fred Kilgus and family and Mr. and Mrs. G. Tissue spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gehrler of Lowell.

A Word of Wisdom.

People are always happier for having been happy; if you make them happy now you make them happy 20 years hence by the memory of it.—Sidney Smith.

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International Live stock exposition 1/4 fare for the round trip children half rate going Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 inclusive. Going Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 inclusive returning limit, Dec. 12. Tickets valid going on all trains Nov. 29th to December 4th inclusive, scheduled to stop at starting point, and will be honored for the return passage from Chicago up to and including Saturday, December 12th, 1908, on all trains scheduled to stop at destination.

Tickets limited to continuous passage in both directions and require to be validated by Agent of the Grand Trunk Railway System at Chicago being honored for return passage. Tickets must be used for return trip on date of validat on.

Stop over allowed at Battle Creek on tickets reading via that point. Apply to any agent of the Grand Trunk Railway System for tickets or further information.

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Open Evenings When the Big Sign Shines.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Default has been made in the conditions of payment of one certain mortgage bearing date September 16th, 1904, made and executed by Hendrik Kooy and Aaltje Kooy, husband and wife, both of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, as first parties, and Silas Braisted o Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, as second party. Said mortgage was recorded at the office of the Register of Deeds, Kent County, Michigan, on the 17th day of September A D 1904, at 2 1/2 o'clock P. M. in Liber 307 of Mortgages on pages 46 and 47.

Said mortgage contains a clause which it is expressly agreed by the parties thereto that should default be made in the payment of the principal sum in said mortgage, or in interest or taxes or insurance premium or any part thereof, when the same are payable as provided for in said mortgage, and should the same or any part thereof remain unpaid for the period of thirty days then the principal sum with all arrearages of interest, taxes and insurance premiums shall, at the option of the said party of the second part his legal representatives and assigns, become due and payable immediately thereafter. The conditions of said clause have not been complied with and said second party declares the whole of said principal sum of said mortgage due and payable forthwith in accordance with the conditions thereof.

There is claimed to be due and unpaid at date hereof the principal sum of Seventeen Hundred Dollars and the farther sum of Nineteen and 84-100ths dollars interest at date hereof; making the total sum of Seventeen Hundred Nineteen and Eighty-four one-hundredths Dollars (\$1719 84) due on said mortgage at date hereof. Also the farther sum of fifteen dollars as an attorney fee is stipulated for in said mortgage.

And whereas no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has 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 pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, on Friday the 19th day of February, A. D. 1909 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the north front door of the Court House in the city of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan; said Court House being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Kent is held.

Said premises are described in said mortgage as follows: "All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the township of Lowell in the County of Kent and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The East half (1/2) of the North West fourth (1/4) of section numbered six (6), Town six North, Range Nine (9) West. Said described piece of land containing eighty-two and 90-100 acres more or less."

Dated November 25, 1908.

Silas Braisted,
Mortgagee.
S. P. Hicks,
Attorney for Mortgagee.

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Good 40-acre farm 4 1/2 miles south of town, 38 acres cleared, 2 acres timber, surface level, small apple orchard, good well, good 7-room, 2 story house, good barn 45X38 and other small buildings suitable for small farm. One-half crops goes with this place. Price \$1800 if taken soon.

Eighty acres north from Lowell, good sandy loam soil, small apple orchard, good well in house, first class 7 room house, good horse barn, good grain barn, ice house and all other buildings needed on a farm \$3000 will buy this place, say \$1500 down and balance on easy terms.

Good home within the village limits, 2 story, 7 room house, 5 acres good clay land, all kinds of fruit, including vineyard, barn, poultry-house, etc. Owner going to move away. Fine chance for someone. Lowell Real Estate Company. See Johnson.

Eighty acres 12 miles from Lowell 1/2 mile from good market and school. Clay loam soil, surface level, 2 acres, all kinds fruit, good water, windmill and tanks, good 10-room house, good barn 36X40, good chicken house large hay house built new last year. These buildings could not be put up for the price asked for the farm, but as the owner wishes to go west he has put the farm in our list for quick sale at \$1200. Here is a bargain for some one.

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA

By GORDON ARTHERTON

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In June, 1892, the United States steamship Visitor sank on a reef off the southern coast of Florida with all on board. Half of the passengers were saved by efforts directed from land, and the bodies of half the remainder were found. But one-fourth of the people of the Visitor lay, undiscovered and unburied, in the waters of the gulf.

A few days later divers were sent down with a view of raising the steamship if she were found to be in good enough condition. Among these divers was one Joel Vaughton, a hardy, worn veteran with the scars of the civil war on his body and the signs of toll and hardship on his rough, honest face. Vaughton was 45—possibly a bit over. He did not know, but he remembered enlisting in '63 as 16 years of age. He had not brilliantly distinguished himself in the war—as so many luckier ones had done—but he had fought hard and well. No opportunities had been given him of leading a desperate charge or of capturing an enemy's flag. He had been twice wounded, at Bull Run and at Gettysburg. The surgeons had decided the last time that he was to die, and they had given him up. But he had determined to live, and live he did. He was discharged from the hospital just in time to join Sherman in his march to the sea. After the war he drifted around doing nothing, and yet doing everything. There was no occupation that he did not try his hand at, and there was none that he tried longer than a week. Finally he drifted south, and in '82 started farming on a small scale. This evidently proved the exception to the rule, and he stuck to it for seven years, making a modest income thereby. But it was too monotonous for him. He lacked the excitement which hitherto had never failed him, and in '89 he discovered the work that suited him. He became a diver. He was well fitted for it physically, with his sound heart and his good lungs, and he made a success of it almost immediately.

Three days after the Visitor had sunk Joel Vaughton and one of his comrades were fitted into their suits and lowered down to the wreck.



Caused Him to Utter a Cry and Step Quickly Backward.

Vaughton had long ago got over the singing in his ears and the sickness that is first incurred by divers, and he was steady as a rock when he was lowered cautiously on his rope. Looking down he saw the deck of the Visitor looming up beneath him. Already it was covered with weeds and green slime. As his feet touched the boards he gave the signal to stop lowering, and, slowly and cautiously, made his way to the forward hatchway, taking care to lay his rope and supply-pipe in such a fashion that they might not become entangled in the stray wreckage, of which there was a great quantity.

His inspection of the forward part of the ship showed him that it was in no condition to be raised. The bow had been shattered by the contact with the reef, and the grinding had worn away the entire plankings of the forward decks. He returned slowly to the stern of the vessel and climbed over the remains of the rail down to the sandy bottom. Then he walked along the stern of the ship, keeping a sharp lookout for any damage done in that direction.

As he did so he beheld a sight that, cool veteran as he was, caused him

to utter a cry and to step quickly backwards. Staring at him through the porthole, his face livid and sunken, his eyes bloodshot, but gleaming with excitement, his hair matted over his forehead and his lips moving in what must have been outcries or entreaties, was a living, breathing man. Vaughton, at first, thought that his senses had left him, and he turned away to see if the apparition would have gone when he next looked around. But no—the pale, excited face was still there, and this time the hand was beckoning wildly to him and the eyes supplementing the movements. Then, as soon as he realized that he had attracted Vaughton's attention, the man disappeared, only to show himself again with a sheet of paper covered with writing. This he held up against the porthole, motioning Vaughton to approach and read it. It ran as follows:

HELP!!!
When the ship sank I went down with it, locked up in this watertight compartment. Have had hardly anything to eat, and the air is giving out. I cannot last an hour more. If you open the door, however, I shall be destroyed by the water which will rush in.
FOR PITY'S SAKE, HELP ME SOME WAY!!! I AM STARVING FOR FOOD AND AIR!

The words were written in a fairly legible hand, and Vaughton had no trouble in making them out. But the question was, what to do. How should he save this man? There seemed to be no means of doing it, unless the entire ship were raised, and this, as he had seen by his inspection, was impossible. Then, suddenly, another plan flashed through his brain—a plan that was, really, the first thing that should have occurred to him. Why couldn't the man trust to his chances of reaching the surface before his breath gave out? He, himself, could take down a rope and tie it around his body while the men above hauled him up by it as quickly as they could.

Vaughton motioned to the man, who had been gazing anxiously at him, and, nodding to assure him of his assistance, gave the signal to be hauled up. As soon as he was above the surface and had been stripped of his helmet, he told the men, as briefly and as quickly as he could, the strange sight that he had seen. A long rope was secured and Vaughton wrote out his plan on a piece of cardboard, so that the man might understand exactly what was to be done.

Then he dived down a second time, taking with him the extra rope. He found the man occupying the position he had left him in, only staring upwards, watching for the help that he knew was to come from above. Vaughton held the sheet of cardboard close

up to the porthole, and, as the man within read, his face lighted up in comprehension. Then, upon a signal from Vaughton, the prisoner threw open the door of the compartment, and, quick as thought, was bound around the waist with the rope. The sign was given to the waiting men above, and he was hauled up as fast as human sinews could do it.

The stranger reached the surface in an unconscious state, but was soon revived, and, after having eaten all the sandwiches that were to be procured, he showed great willingness to tell his remarkable story.

"I was sleeping," he said, "at the time the ship foundered, and it was by a miracle that the door of the water-tight compartment was closed, else I would not be here to tell the tale. You may wonder at the fact that I slept so soundly that the hurry and confusion on the decks did not awaken me. I will answer that simply by telling you that I regularly roll off my bed at night and never wake up. When I did wake up, however, imagine my astonishment upon glancing out of my porthole, to find that I was entirely surrounded by water—water to left of me, in front of me, above me, and to right of me. At first, as you may surmise, I could not realize what had happened. Then, gradually, it dawned on me that I was at the bottom of the sea. This idea was immediately strengthened by the sight of a couple of lazy fish, swimming up and down in front of my porthole. I believe that no one has, hitherto, equaled my adventure. No human being that I have ever heard of has lived for two days, clad in his ordinary costume, at the bottom of the ocean, except, of course, in a submarine boat. Well, to continue: About the second day I realized that my supply of air was giving out—the compartment was not so very large—and I became oppressed in breathing. It was lucky that I was the only one down there to use up the air. Finally, it occurred to me that divers might be sent down to the ship, and I prepared the sign that I showed at the porthole. If it had not been for your timely assistance, I should have been a dead man by this time."

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KENNIC CENTER.

Mr. Wilkinson returned from Chicago last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bowen visited Saturday and Sunday at Mark Brown's in Muskegon.

M. J. Titus spent Sunday at the farm.

Frank Raymond, wife and son Philip visited at Lowell Sunday and Monday and are visiting at George Raymond's this week.

Mrs. Shores entertained fifteen ladies Dec. 3 at a dinner party.

Railroad Trains Leaving Lowell.

PERE MARQUETTE.

For Saginaw: 7.50 a. m., 5.55, p. m.
For Grand Rapids: *10.43, a. m., *3.50 p. m., 8.45, p. m.
For Freeport: 10 a. m., For Freeport 3.50 p. m.

*Connect at Elmdale for Detroit

GRAND TRUNK.

Time Table in Effect Sept. 28, 1908
Going East: 6.56 a. m., 9.38 a. m., 1.00 p. m., 7.28 p. m.
Going West: 9.38 a. m., 12:12 p. m., 5.09 p. m., 8.23 p. m.

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CASCADE.

The remains of Mrs. S. A. Laraway were brought from her late home on Lake avenue, Grand Rapids, Dec. 2, and buried by the side of her husband James Laraway in Cascade cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Quiggle will entertain Cascade Ladies' Aid society Thursday Dec. 17 at dinner.

Dinner was served for 55 at the Ladies, Aid society at H. A. Coger's Dec. 3.

Miss Nettie Howard of Hesperia is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. Lillie.

Mrs. Ella Buttrick is now able to be about the house a little.

Misses Lura Slater and Alice Geib visited Miss Bessie Slater's school in East Paris Dec. 5.

Messrs. Stanton and Doane and family have rented and moved to the farm recently vacated by Mr. Gillis across from Geo. Gohram's.

Thomas Nipress is quite sick.

Mrs. Hiram Gregory of Grand Rapids has the sympathy of many old friends in Cascade in the death of her husband Hiram Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarence Thlyer have returned from their wedding trip to Canada and other eastern points.

Mrs. Ella Buttrick entertained the following guests last week Mrs. E. R. Jackson and daughter of Grand Rapids, Grant Frazier of Ada, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Schenck and Mrs. C. F. Holt.

PRATT LAKE—SOUTH BOSTON.

P. C. Freeman is spending a few days of this week in Lansing.

Jess Fleming returned from his hunting trip bringing two deer.

A company of nine of the young ladies of this community met at the home of Miss Ida Taylor last Saturday.

Mrs. F. W. Morton slipped on ice last Friday night and broke her hip Her sister Mrs. West of Grand Rapids is helping care for her.

A company of six young people were given the first and second degrees at Grange last Saturday night. A special meeting is called for next Saturday night when the 3d and 4th degrees will be given. Miss Jessie O'Harrow furnished the music for drill which was given by the two degree teams together, which was certainly very nice.

Mrs. W. H. Draper received a card telling of the marriage of Miss Ethel Stannard to Roy C. Herald of Tucson, Ariz. Nov. 26. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dogger returned Friday from a visit with Mr.

Dogger's relatives in Holland and Grand Rapids.

Rev. and Mrs. Braund of Alto called at Ruben Lee's Sunday.

James Groom returned to his home at Crystal after a visit with his sister, Mrs. M. D. Sneathen.

MORSE LAKE.

Annis Forte has completed her work with Miss Frances L. Sheedy and returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Yelter spent Saturday and Sunday recently at the homes of Messrs. Isaac Moore and Jacob Reuter at Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Yelter and son of Freeport visited at the homes of S S Yelter and John Clark a week ago.

Esther Klel has been numbered on the sick list.

Last Wednesday Albert Gosch and Glenn Yelter drove to Freeport with a load of poultry and while there Mr Gosch was taken seriously ill and has not yet returned home but is reported to be improving and is expected home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blakelee spent Sunday as the home of the former's sister Mrs. Alda Seeley.

Mrs. Nina Hartley and daughter Winnie called on Mrs. Amos Havens Wednesday.

Claud Longstreet of Greenville is visiting at the home of Edward McCue.

The Clark reunion was held at the home of John Clark Thanksgiving day.

Miss Rose Krebs is visiting at the home of Mrs. Will Klann.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hill spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Will Klann.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Yelter in Irving for a few days.

Miss Addie Yelter visited at the home of her cousin Lena Yelter a week ago Sunday.

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LOWELL WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Corrected Dec. 10, 1908.

Wheat 60 lb.....	1 00
Middlings per ton.....	23 00
Corn Meal per ton.....	31 00
Oats.....	49
Corn.....	70
Rye.....	70
Buckwheat.....	80
Corn and oats per ton.....	\$32 00
Bran per ton.....	27 00
Baled hay.....	8 00
Flour.....	3 00
Buckwheat flour.....	3 50
Eggs.....	28
Butter lb.....	-24
Lard.....	10
Beans (hand-picked basis).....	1 90
Potatoes.....	55-
Timothy.....	2 00-2 25
Clover seed per bu.....	5 00
Beef live per cwt.....	2 50-3 50
Beef dressed.....	5 00-6 00
Veal dressed.....	7 00
Sheep live.....	3 00-4 00
Lambs live.....	4 00-5 00
Calves live.....	-5 00
Pork live.....	4 50
Pork dressed.....	6 00-6 50
Fowls dressed.....	8-9
Hides.....	-07

Clubbing List.

We will continue our former custom of supplying LEDGER subscribers with outside reading matter at clubbing rates.

Ledger and New York Tribune Farmer.....	\$1 50
Ledger and New York Three-a-Week Tribune.....	1 75
Ledger and Michigan Farmer.....	1 50
Ledger and Grand Rapids Daily Herald, rural routes only.....	2 50
Ledger and Grand Rapids Daily Press, rural routes only.....	2 50
Ledger and Toledo Blade Weekly.....	1 25
Ledger, Review of Reviews, Woman's Home Companion and McClure's Magazine—total value \$6.75, our price only.....	4 00
Ledger and Success Magazine.....	\$1 65
Ledger and Detroit Journal semi-weekly.....	1 70
Ledger and Cosmopolitan Magazine.....	1 65
Ledger and Detroit Daily Times, new and rural routes only.....	2 60
Ledger and Detroit Free Press, rural routes only.....	3 50
The Ledger and Grand Rapids Daily News.....	2 20

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BOWNE.

Henry Johnson, wife and two children were in Grand Rapids Friday.

Bowne M. E. Sunday school will have a Christmas tree Thursday evening Dec. 24. All are invited.

John Nash and son Owen returned from their deer hunt Saturday bringing each a deer as a reward for their work.

Sunday guests at Wm. Stauffer's were Scott Lowe and family.

George Salisbury went to Chicago last Wednesday for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich will attend State Grange at Saginaw this week as delegates from Bowne Center Grange.

Mrs. J. S. Thomas assisted Mrs. McDiarmid in settling in their new home at Alto last week.

FALLSBURG.

A. G. Steketee of Grand Rapids visited at the home of his brother-in-law J. E. Tower from Wednesday night until Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Jones entertained her parents from Greenville from Wednesday until Saturday last week.

Mrs. Fountain, mother of Mrs. Halsted, is ill with grippe.

Henry Scott of Belding, a former resident here, called at J. E. Tower's recently.

No Reason For Doubt

A Statement of Facts Backed by a Strong Guarantee.

We guarantee immediate relief and a positive cure to all sufferers from constipation. In every case where we fail to effect a cure, we will supply the medicine free. That's frank statement of facts, and we want you to substantiate them at our risk.

Rexall Orderlies are a gentle, effective, dependable and safe bowel regulator, strengthener and tonic. They re-establish nature's functions in a quiet, easy way. They do not cause any inconvenience, griping or nausea. They are so pleasant to take and work so easily that they may be taken by anyone at any time. They thoroughly tone up the whole system to healthy activity. They have a most beneficial action upon the liver.

Rexall Orderlies are unsurpassable and ideal for the use of children, old folks and delicate persons. We cannot too highly recommend them to all sufferers from any form of constipation and its attendant evils. That's why we back our faith in them with our promise of money back if they do not give entire satisfaction. Two sizes, 25c and 10c. D. G. Look, Lowell.

Dr. J. H. Rickert writing from Treherbert, Wales, intimates that LEDGER readers may learn of his impressions of that part of the Old World. He is assured of an interested hearing.

Hiccough.

A newspaper quotation claims that relief from hiccough can be obtained by holding the arms straight above the head, and keeping up inspiration as long as possible so as to retain the air in the lungs for a long time.

What Are Your Boys and Girls Reading?

They are bound to read something. They will read trash unless you give them something better that is equally interesting. TRY THE YOUTH'S COMPANION. There is plenty of adventure in the stories, and the heroes and heroines are of the real kind, finding in the line of duty opportunity for courage and unselfishness. More than 250 such story will be published in the 52 issues of the new volume for 1909. There will be fully as many articles, sketches and reminiscences to impart useful information in the most agreeable way, familiarizing THE COMPANION'S readers with the best that is known and thought in the world.

Full illustrated Announcement of THE Companion for 1909 will be sent to any address free with sample copies of the paper.

The new subscriber who at once sends \$1.75 for 1909 (adding 50 cents for extra postage if you live in Canada) will receive free all the remaining issues of 1908, besides the gift of THE COMPANION'S Calendar for 1909, entitled "In Grandmother's Garden," lithographed in 13 colors. THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

Don't miss The Grand Rapids Herald's Bargain Day offer. Last chance to subscribe at this price. Place your order with The Ledger today.

Danger in Idleness.

By doing nothing we learn to do ill.—Watts.

Calling cards for men, professionals, misses and mesdames, in linen, lawn, puritan plate and colonial kid. Your choice of many lines of types engravers scripts, etc. We have pleased patrons from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Lakes to the Gulf. Price 50c per hundred. Call at LEDGER office and see samples. tf

Fools and Wise Men.

Fools will ask waht time it is, but the wise know their time.—From the Spanish.

Your name, business and address printed on 100 good white business envelopes, only 35c. While the supply lasts we will throw in a large tablet of good pen-writing letter paper. The Ledger office. tf

Early Days of Railroadng.

When the first passenger train in England took its trial spin along the tracks of the Stockton & Darlington railway in 1825, a horseman, bearing a red danger flag, galloped along just ahead of the engine to warn the crowds of spectators, and to act as part of what was intended as a railway pageant.

October dailies, good clean newspapers for shelves—25 for 5c. tf

Newspapers for shelves, carpets, packing, etc., 25 for 5c at LEDGER office. tf

Keenly So.

"Are you interested in the vital issues of the hour?" "Intensely. Say, can you lend me 50 cents to get some lunch?"

Teachers, get your report cards at the Ledger office. New stock from new type form on hand. tf

Noiseless Skate.

As yet we have waited in vain for the genius who will win wealth, fame and the eternal gratitude of thousands by inventing a rubber tire for the roller skate.

Phone your local news items to THE LEDGER. Call Mrs. J. at No. 239 for this service, the oftener the better. tf

This Store Has A Thousand Practical Answers to the

CHRISTMAS GIFT QUESTION

For those who wish to give some substantial, sure-to-be-needed present, this store has a Thousand Practical Answers to the **CHRISTMAS GIFT QUESTION.**

Who ever heard of a home with too much Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, etc? Who knows of a home where a new Rug or Carpet, a new pair of Curtains or a new Carpet Sweeper would not be a most acceptable gift? What girl has too many pretty Waists or Ribbons or fancy collars or any of the things to make a girl happy? What mother has too many dresses or cloaks? There is not an article in this store that is not giftable and a sure-to-be-appreciated gift.

In giving you this partial schedule of our value-giving for the last two weeks before Christmas, we prefer to let the prices do most of the talking. Our patrons know that when we quote an article at a reduced price and give a value on that article, that that value is an actual bonafide, fair and proper value, nothing whatever fictitious about it. Hence, this list will appeal strongly to those accustomed to trading here for the price reductions are markedly sharp and big this week.

Every Item Merits Immediate Attention.

<h3>Big Fur Values</h3>  <p>We know our assortment will please you because it is replete with all the best and newest things. We know our prices will please you because they are absolutely the lowest ever offered for good reliable furs.</p> <p>Genuine French Coney Scarf at 50c to 85c Black Coney Scarfs, Throws, Shawls, etc. at \$1.00 to \$12.00. Real Australian Opposum Scarf at \$2.98 to \$12.50 Isabella Fox Shawl Scarfs in the newest shapes \$4.50 to \$25.00. Imitation Chinchilla Furs for Girls \$1.98 to \$15.00. Grey Opposum Scarfs and Throws \$2.98 to \$15.00 Blended River Mink Scarf \$1.50 to \$15.00 All shapes of throws, ruffs, shawls, scarfs, etc. Grey squirrel, sable squirrel, near seal caracul, Krimmer blue wolf, etc., etc. Muffs of all shapes to match nearly every style of fur. Our furs are made from the best quality skins and lined with the best lining possible, mostly Skinner's Satin.</p>	<h3>Skirts</h3>  <p>The newest styles, the best patterns, the largest assortment to select from and all at bargain prices. Just three lots.</p> <p>LOT 1. Ten different styles, 5 black and 5 colors, that sold regularly at \$5.50 to \$6.50. Christmas sale price \$3.95.</p> <p>LOT 2. Fifteen different styles in black and colors, that sold regularly at from 7.50 to 8.75. Gored skirts, pleated skirts, skirts trimmed with folds, bands, buttons, etc., several good flare models. Christmas sale price 5.95.</p> <p>LOT 3. Twenty-seven different styles in black and colors—Panamas, Serges, Chevrons, Voiles, Worsteas, etc.—trimmed with self folds, silk folds and fancy buttons, regular 9.00 to 11.50 values, sale price 7.95.</p> <p>Every skirt is made of All Pure Wool material. Every skirt measures more than 4 1/2 yards around the bottom. Every skirt is a WOOLTEX SKIRT and is guaranteed to give two seasons satisfactory wear.</p>	<h3>Waists</h3> <p>\$1.50 WAISTS 98c Waists of fancy mercerized shirtings trimmed with fancy braids. Waists of embroidered lawns with embroidery collars and cuffs.</p> <p>\$2.00 and \$2.50 WAISTS 1.48 Black pleated waists made of extra quality Brillantine long sleeves, large sizes only a few left.</p> <p>\$4.50 WAISTS \$2.98 Eren Net waists, prettily trimmed embroidered batiste waists, all 4.50 values \$2.98.</p> <p>\$5.00 WAIST \$3.95 Black silk waists, four different styles to select from, made of extra quality black taffeta.</p> <p>Colored taffetas, several waists in plain colors and fancy striped taffeta, made in the latest approved styles. \$3.95.</p> <h3>Dress Goods Silks and Satins</h3> <p>COLORED DRESS GOODS 25c All Wool Flannel Waistings in fancy colors and patterns, an exceptional good 25c value. Sale price the yard 19c.</p> <p>50c FANCY BRILLIANTINE 35c 12 pieces colored Brilliantines, full 38 inches wide, come in all colors and patterns.</p> <p>69c BEAUTIFUL SATIN FACED HENRIETTA 69c Henriettas with a beautiful Satin lustre finish, green, blue, brown, grey, tan and black.</p> <p>BLACK DRESS GOODS. 15c Black Danish Cloth 11c. Plain Black Half Wool Danish Cloth suitable for dresses, waists and children's wear.</p> <p>25c POPULAR CLOTH 20c 38 inches wide, comes in Black, white and colors, all fast colors.</p> <p>50c BLACK DRESS GOODS 37c Black Serge Black Voile, Black Albatross, Black Cashmere all 38 inches wide, regular 50c qualities. Sale price 37c.</p> <p>75c BLACK BATISTE 59c 38 inches wide, fine weave, excellent finish, for waists skirts and suits; 42 inch fine quality Mohair with an excellent lustre finish, regular price 75c. Sale price 59c.</p> <p>\$1.00 BLACK DRESS GOODS 79c Black Voile, the crisp wray kind (imported.) 40 inches wide; Black Panama full 52 inches wide, for skirts and suits; 50 inch Black Brilliantine with a rich lustre Mohair finish.</p> <p>Black Taffeta Silks at extremely low prices. All purest silks and guaranteed to wear.</p> <p>\$1.00 BLACK TAFFETA 69c 35 inches wide, guaranteed leather taffeta, excellent finish.</p> <p>\$1.25 BLACK TAFFETA 92c 35 inches wide, has a beautiful finish and is a quality that can be depended upon to give absolute satisfaction. Sale price 92c.</p> <p>1.35 BLACK PEAU DE SOIR 98c 35 inches wide, heavy weight, high finish, suitable for waists, suits and skirts.</p> <p>Yard Wide Satin 79c BELDING BROS. "YARD WIDE SATIN" This satin is guaranteed to give two seasons' wear.</p>	<h3>Table Linen</h3> <h4>Table Damask</h4> <p>25c Bleached Table Damask 19c. 60 inches wide fair quality.</p> <p>50c Bleached Table Damask 35c. 60 inches wide, good quality, union linen.</p> <p>60c Bleached Table Damask 45c. 58 inches wide all linen good weight, fine patterns.</p> <p>\$1.25 Bleached Table Damask 89c Full 2 yards wide, fine quality, all pure linen, several beautiful patterns.</p> <p>\$1.50 Bleached Table Damask 1.10. Full 2 yards wide, pure linen, heavy weight.</p> <p>25c Turkey Red Table Damask 19c. Good width and pattern.</p> <p>35c Turkey Red Table Damask 25c. 50c Turkey Red Table Damask 35c. Good pattern, red and white and blue and white. Colors warranted good fast all colors.</p> <h4>Napkins</h4> <p>\$2.00 Pure Linen Napkins \$1.35. Size 21x21 inches. Several good patterns.</p> <p>\$2.50 Pure Linen Napkins \$1.69. 22x22 inches, good weight fine good patterns including dot.</p> <p>\$3.00 Pure Linen Napkins \$1.69. 24x24 inches excellent quality for finish.</p> <h4>Fancy Towels</h4> <p>25c Fancy Christmas Towels 17c. Fancy linen towels with hemmed ends. Fancy huck towels with hemmed ends. Fancy linen towels with fringed ends. All linen huck toweling by the yard, 17, 20 and 24 inches wide. Special sale price 30c, 40c and 50c the yard.</p>	<h3>Underwear</h3> <p>and Hosiery for Women and Children.</p> <p>Union Suits for Children 19c. Fleeced lined Union suits for children, good weight, gray color, button down the front, regular 25c quality sale price 18c.</p> <p>50c Unionsuits for Women 37c. Fleeced lined, Unionsuits, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length, cream or gray colors, all sizes. Sale price 37c.</p> <p>\$1.00 Setsung Unionsuits 79c. Women's heavy weight fleeced lined Unionsuits, the best fitting union suits made.</p> <p>\$2.00 Wool Unionsuits \$1.48 Ribbed Unionsuits of fine quality wool with a soft fleeced lining. Sale price \$1.48.</p> <p>25c Ribbed Pants and Vests 19c. Fleeced lined Pants and Vests, Vests made with high neck and long sleeves; Pants made ankle length.</p> <p>Children's All Wool Pants and vests about 100 pieces in the lot mostly large sizes. Sale price just one-half their regular value. 50c all wool garments 25c. 60c all wool garments 30c. 75c all wool garments 35c, etc., etc.</p> <h3>Hosiery</h3> <p>25c HOSE 19c. Fleeced lined hose for women and children, guaranteed fast colors. Ribbed Wool Hose for Misses and Children the best wearing 25c hose. Cashmere Hose for Women the best wearing 25c hose. Extra heavy fleeces lined hose for women, ribbed or plain top regular 25c qualities. Sale price 19c.</p>	<h3>Carpets, Rugs</h3> <p>The best grade two ply Ingrain carpets guaranteed all wool, all good patterns, regular price 75c the yard, sale price per yard 50c. This is positively the lowest price offered for this grade carpet by anyone anywhere.</p> <p>Heavy weight union half-wool Ingrain, an excellent wearing carpet, will hold its color, sale price the yard 45c.</p> <p>All cotton Ingrain carpet regular 30c quality, sale price the yard 25c.</p> <p>\$1.25 quality velvet carpet several good patterns in brown, green and red, an exceptionally good wearing carpet, sale price the yard 92c.</p> <p>What would please the wife or mother more than a handsome new rug.</p> <p>The best quality Sanford Axminster rug size 27x60 regular \$2.75 value sale price \$1.90 Oriental and floral patterns.</p> <p>\$1.12 Velvet Parlor rug regular \$2.20 value, beautiful oriental pattern sale \$1.60.</p> <p>A few 98c anyras rugs left, these rugs are alike on both sides and have beautiful Oriental and floral patterns 98c.</p> <p>Nottingham curtains Christmas prices 89c the pair.</p> <p>\$1.50 Nottingham lace curtains new patterns the pair \$1.10.</p> <p>\$2.25 curtains sale price the pair \$1.48.</p> <p>\$2.50 curtains sale price the pair \$1.59.</p> <p>\$3.50 curtains 6 good patterns all new ones \$2.48.</p> <p>About 20 sample curtains left, no two alike, all good patterns at half and less than half the regular price.</p> <p>15 pairs of Tapestry curtains at greatly reduced prices, all colors and patterns.</p> <p>\$3.50 Tapestry curtain the pair \$2.39.</p> <p>\$4.50 Tapestry curtains \$3.38.</p> <p>\$5.00 Tapestry curtains \$3.98.</p> <p>\$8.00 Tapestry curtains \$5.48.</p> <p>LINOLEUMS. The largest line shown in Lowell. All standard brands. "D" quality the regular 60c kind sale price the yard 49c. "E" quality the regular 50c kind, sale price the yard 41c. Linoleums in stock 6 ft. wide and 12 feet wide.</p> <h3>Domestics</h3> <p>An inspection of the qualities any prices here below will leave no doubt in your mind as to the economy afforded by our sales.</p> <p>7c OUTING FLANNEL AT 4c 40 pieces of good quality 7c outing flannel in all colors, light and dark all good patterns.</p> <p>8c OUTING FLANNEL AT 6c. Several pieces of good 8c outing flannel in pinks and blues, stripe plaids, checks etc.</p> <p>10c FLANNELETTE AT 7c One lot of well fleeced Flannelettes in reds, blues, browns, greys and black and white, all neat patterns sale price 7c.</p> <p>12c FLANNELETTE AT 8c One big lot of Valour finished flannelette all good patterns in light and medium colors.</p> <p>WIDE 9-4 SHEETING 19c. Genuine Lockwood unbleached 9-4 sheeting regular 25c quality sale price the yard 19c.</p> <p>BLEACHED 9-4 SHEETING 22c. Genuine Lockwood Bleached 9-4 sheeting regular 27c quality sale price 22c.</p> <p>YARD WIDE SHEETING. Unbleached sheeting at 5c. Unbleached cotton sheeting full 36 inches wide, good, regular 7c value, sale price 5c.</p> <p>BLACK ROCK AT 7c. Unbleached sheeting, Black Rock and Honest, width brands full 36 inches wide, fine weave, suitable for sheets, pillow cases, etc., will wear, sale price 7c.</p> <p>BLEACHED SHEETING 6c. Good quality bleached sheeting full yard wide, sale price 6c.</p> <p>TICKINGS. Straw ticks 8c. Fair quality ticking in fancy stripes, will hold straw, sale price 8c.</p> <p>FEATHER TICKING 11c. Good quality feather ticking fancy stripes regular 15c value, sale price 11c.</p> <p>FEATHER TICKING 13c. The best quality, plain striped feather ticks A C A quality sale price 13c.</p> <p>PRINTS ALL DARK AND MEDIUM COLORS Black and white, blue and white, reds, greys, brown, etc., including 30 pieces of fancy side bands, prints with silk finish, sale price the yard 5c.</p> <p>Light prints, white with black, blue, red or brown patterns, stripes, checks and fancy figures, sale price 4 1/2c.</p>
<h3>Coats</h3>  <p>Values in Black Broadcloth Coats that positively cannot be quoted elsewhere. Black Broadcloth coats \$5.90.</p> <p>Neat-fitting Coats of Black Broadcloth. 52 inch long made with a collarless front, trimmed with fancy braids and velvete, special sale price. Price \$5.90.</p> <p>Neat-fitting Black Broadcloth coats made in the new Directoire style with high collars and wide revers, lined throughout with good quality Venetian and trimmed with braids, bands of satin and satin buttons. Special sale price \$9.75.</p> <p>\$20.00 New Empire style coats of fine quality Broadcloth trimmed with bands of satin and fancy braids. (Guaranteed Skinner Satin lined throughout 13.50)</p> <p>Children's heavy winter coats at just half price. Good heavy weight coats of all wool serges, etc., in plain and fancy colors at just half their regular price.</p> <p>Children's \$6.00 coats Sale price \$3.00. Children's \$7.50 coats Sale price \$3.75. Children's \$9.00 coats Sale price \$4.50. Children's \$10.00 coats Sale price \$5.00. We are the exclusive agents for</p> <p>Wooltex Styles FOR WELL DRESSED WOMEN</p>	<h3>Wrappers</h3>  <p>Ready made wrappers of Flannelette and Percal in neat patterns. Black and white, blues, reds and greys. These wrappers are cut very full and made in the best styles all sizes.</p> <p>Regular price \$1.00 and \$1.25 Sale price each</p> <p>79 cts.</p>	<h3>Blankets</h3> <p>COTTON FLEECE BLANKETS 45c full 10-4 size blankets, well fleeced in gray, tan and white, all with fancy colored borders.</p> <p>1.25 FLEECE BLANKETS 95c 11-4 size, tan, gray, and white, fancy colored borders, well finished ends.</p> <p>1.40 FLEECE BLANKETS 1.25 Extra heavy weight blankets in white grey and tan colors, these blankets have an excellent German finish.</p> <p>EXCEPTIONAL VALUES IN WOOL BLANKETS 3.25 Values, sale price 2.62 5.50 values, sale price 3.85, 7.50 values, sale price 6.90, 9.00 values, sale price 7.99.</p> <p>1.25 BED SPREADS 87c Pure white crocked Bedspreads, regular size, marcellie patterns, regular 1.25 value, sale price 87c.</p> <p>8.50 SPREADS 2.25 Large size Marcellie quilts with an excellent satin finish, several beautiful patterns.</p> <p>2.50 FRINGED SPREADS 1.69 Beautiful fringed quilts with cut corners, all good patterns. A few extra bargains in slightly soiled goods.</p>	<h3>Knit Shawls</h3> <p>Knit fascinators, Newport, and the new close weave wool squares all prices low.</p> <p>25c SHAWLS 19c. White wool fascinators, an exceptionally good 25c value sale price 19c.</p> <p>50c SHAWLS 37c. White wool fascinators, black wool fascinators, fancy weave shawls in the long Newport styles with fancy fringed ends regular 50c quality, sale price 37c.</p> <p>\$1.00 SHAWLS 79c. White wool Newport, black and white Newport, white wool squares with fancy mercerized stripes and fringed borders, large wool squares close woven, all regular \$1.00 values, sale price 79c.</p> <p>Extra heavy shawls and Newport made of the finest yarns, regular \$2.50 quality, sale price \$1.69.</p> <h3>Knit Gloves and Mittens</h3> <p>for Women and Children. Heavy double mittens for children, regular 15c quality, sale price 11c. Misses gloves in black and fancy colors, regular 15c value, sale price 11c. Women's wool gloves in black, white and fancy colors, regular 25c quality, sale price 19c.</p> <h3>Infant's Mittens 8c</h3> <p>Wool and mercerized mittens for infants.</p>	<h3>Two Big Offerings for Saturday Dec. 12th One Day Only.</h3> <p>Comforter Specials for Saturday. Good soft finish challie for comforters, linings, etc., in light and dark colors exceptionally good patterns. Saturday, one day only, the yard, 4c. 10c. Cotton Batts, Saturday only, 7c. 12 1-2c Cotton Batts, Saturday only, 9c. Excellent quality for comforter filling.</p> <p>Saturday Sale of Flannelette nightgowns at 69c.</p> <p>Heavy weight outing flannel nightgowns made in 9 different styles, all colors and white, trimmed and embroidered in colors, regular 90c and \$1.00 qualities. Saturday sale, one day only 69c.</p>	

Buy Christmas Gifts Now

MARKS RUBEN

The Low Price Store

F. M. JOHNSON, Publisher.
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LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Among the laboring classes in Germany meat once a week is the rule.

A medical "expert" advises women to smoke. Anything to get your name in the papers.

The German emperor is probably ready to join the party whose platform is: "Let us alone."

England, which was 200 years in passing the deceased wife's sister bill, is not likely to grant women the ballot this year.

London did not have an adequate water supply till 1906. Two-thirds of it comes from the Thames, the rest from artesian wells.

The Panama canal is one-third completed. Evidently there is more work going on than talk in the enterprise under its present management.

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Hereafter men will think twice before they spend a half-dime, for the other day a half-dime of the issue of 1802 sold for \$715. But after they have thought twice they will spend it, for there are not any more coins like that in circulation.

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While the southern states suffer the stigma of night riders we cannot justly point the finger of scorn at any nation on earth," says the Pilot. And while there is so much crime and lawlessness here in the north none of us can afford to point the finger of scorn at the southern states.

Every American girl is a queen, according to the old song, but they cannot all have warships to accompany them on their journeys back to the homes of their husbands, like some that might be mentioned.

In the presence of an ordinary crop failure one may remain unmoved, but it is grievous indeed to learn that the recent forest fires will cause a shortage of Christmas trees. The least that Santa Claus can do in such circumstances is to permit good children to hang up more than one stocking.

Modern Way of Looking at It. "The first sign of what we call civilization," says the Philosopher of Folly, "is when a nation stops killing people by hand and starts doing it by machinery."

Before Ripe Wheat Comes. There is a dangerous idea in every one's mind when the birds are afraid to eat their own seed, for fear it will not be ripe.

THREE YEAR OLD BOY CREMATED

HOUSE TOOK FIRE WHILE MOTHER CARED FOR STOCK AND SON PERISHED.

FRANTIC RESCUE EFFORTS

Notes of Happenings Here and There About the State, Worth Recording, Are Briefly Told.

The home of Mrs. Mary Goselin, in Sanborn township, near Ossineke, was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon, and her little son, Felix, 3 years old, was burned to death.

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Civil Service Extended. All fourth class postmasters in the states east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio river have been placed in the classified service by an executive order today.

Over 15,000 fourth class postmasters are affected by the order, 1,324 in Michigan. The postoffice department may fill vacancies in fourth class postmaster positions without civil service examinations and make certification to such positions.

He Did a Dangerous Thing. "I only intended to have some fun," was Albert Kaiser's explanation to Patrolman Jos. Gonieau for turning the block system switch of the street car tracks at Livernois and Michigan avenues, Detroit. The officer caught Kaiser in the act of so manipulating the switch as to turn the block light and show a clear track.

Kaiser is 28 years old and says he lives in Pontiac. His "fun" is likely to turn out very serious, for under the complaint offered Justice Jeffries by Attorney Brennan, for the D. U. R., the penalty for the offense is life imprisonment or any number of years.

P. M. Ordered to Rebate. The Pere Marquette railroad has been ordered to pay the Grand Rapids Plaster Co. a cent and a half per hundred pounds rebate on two carloads of plaster shipped from Grand Rapids to Milwaukee, and, further, not to charge more than 7 1/2 cents per hundred for such shipments for the next two years.

The railroad had raised the rate to 9 cents on the two carloads involved, and the plaster people appealed to the interstate commerce commission, with the above result.

O'Keefe's Reward. Daniel J. Keefe, president of the International Longshoremen's union, was on Tuesday appointed commissioner-general of immigration.

In the recent presidential campaign Keefe came out publicly for Taft, although the Federation of Labor was strenuously for Bryan. For doing this he lost his vice presidency in the Federation.

MICHIGAN ITEMS. Jackson "drys" have started a movement to place the city in the local option column.

Capt. Richmond P. Hobson, the Santiago hero, delivered his celebrated war-with-Japan calamity lecture in a lecture in Hastings Tuesday night.

The Farmers' State bank of Athens will be launched about Dec. 15. Athens has been without a bank since the failure of the Athens State and Savings bank last August.

An unexpected rush of orders has caused the announcement that the Algoma Steel Co. will resume work in its mill at once. One thousand men recently had been laid off.

Grand Rapids being one of the biggest shipping points for hides in this state, the embargo just placed on Kenosha, on all hides, horns and hay, will greatly reduce trade.

Charles H. Chapman's investigation for the state forestry department resulted in the arrests of Armour Yohn and Robert Sweetzer, who are charged with setting fires in violation of the law.

The popularity of the winter short courses at the Michigan Agricultural college has led to the addition of two courses, forestry and poultry. A registration of 300 students is expected on January 5.

Ralph G. Eggleston, a settler, was drowned while attempting to cross on the ice to his home on the shore of Stevens lake. His wife heard his cries and made a desperate but vain effort to save him.

Benjamin D. Livingston, of Ada, is suing his wife Alameda for divorce, alleging that she devoted so much time to the Women's Christian Temperance union that she neglected to get his meals and make his bed.

What is said to be the largest tract of hardwood timber in Michigan, 12,000 acres in Marquette county, has been sold by the Big Bay Lumber Co. a Kalamazoo concern, to the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., of Chicago, for over \$250,000.

A shortage of \$1,300 has been discovered in the Grand Trunk railroad's books kept by Sherwood Clemons, the clerk who confessed to a shortage of \$200. He has already pleaded guilty to arson and an embezzlement charge may now be made.

Two of six young White Pigeon boys who went on a hunting expedition with rifles and revolvers, were wounded by the discharge of a rifle in the hands of one of their number, Clarence Savage, aged 11, who was shot through the hand, the same bullet striking the knee of Ernest Lottridge, aged 12.

A coroner's jury appointed to investigate the drowning of Deputy Sheriff J. C. Hazeltine, of Muskegon; Deputy Game Warden Julius Salmonson and his brother, Martin, found that the men's deaths were accidental. There was considerable suspicion that they were victims of foul play at the hands of Indian fishermen whose nets they had seized.

Many of the men employed in the Grand Trunk railway shops, which recently removed from Port Huron to Battle Creek, are returning. They declare that since going to Battle Creek they have been put upon piece work, upon which they cannot make living wages. Robert Hammond, a foreman in the employ of the company for the last eight years, is the latest to return.

The Masonic home, of Grand Rapids, will lose a legacy of \$11,000 through the recent decision of the supreme court in the case of John T. McCurdy against the county of Shiawassee.

Count Boni Was Expensive. Princess De Sagan's counsel, M. Clemenceau, in defending her in the case brought by her former husband, De Castellane, for possession of their children and a sum of money, made a startling declaration.

NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

Most Important Happenings of the World Told in Brief.

PERSONAL. Stewart M. Brice, son of the late United States Senator Calvin Brice of Ohio, was declared insane in New York.

Rear Admiral Evans declined a tentative offer of a house from admirers in Los Angeles. Frank Spence was convicted at Prescott, Ariz., of the murder of Edgar R. Sullivan and sentenced to death.

Mulid Hafid, the new sultan of Morocco, has definitely accepted the Algerias act and the attendant conditions laid down by the powers for the recognition of his sultanate. Elliott A. Archer, wanted at Newark, N. J., to answer charges of forgery involving \$70,000, was released from custody at Seattle, Wash., Gov. Mead having refused to honor the requisition for him.

President Roosevelt, while driving, narrowly escaped being run down by a fire hose cart. Bishop Hendrix of Kansas City, of the M. E. Church south was elected president of the Federal Council of the churches of Christ in America at Philadelphia.

Herbert L. Satterlee of New York was sworn in as assistant secretary of the navy. Ill health is given as the cause of the retirement of Miss Margaret Illington from the stage, which was announced by her husband, Daniel Frohman.

Representative Theodore Burton of Cleveland, O., has been offered by President-elect Taft the portfolio of secretary of the treasury. Robert F. Maddox was elected mayor of Atlanta, Ga., by a majority of 3,000 votes over James G. Woodward, regular Democratic nominee and twice mayor of the city.

President Roosevelt appointed Daniel J. Keefe of Detroit, Mich., commissioner-general of immigration to succeed the late Frank P. Sargent. Herbert L. Satterlee of New York, son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan, was offered the position of assistant secretary of the navy.

Ned W. Barton, former assistant examiner in the patent office, pleaded guilty to four indictments against him charging fraud in electric light patents and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Samuel B. Donnelly of New York, the newly-appointed public printer, took the oath of office and filed his bond. Wreckage which has come ashore at Cape Ray leaves little room for doubt that the sturdy little steamer Soo City, which for 20 years plied as an excursion vessel on the Great Lakes, went down with her crew in the midst of the gale that lashed the Newfoundland coast for two days.

She was on her way to the Gulf of Mexico and carried a crew of 28 men. Mrs. Abbie Rice completed her testimony in the Davis trial at Omaha by relating the extraordinary agreement which she says Dr. Rustin made with Davis, whereby Davis was to kill the physician in return for poison with which to commit suicide.

The controversy between the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh and the engineers was amicably settled. The United States cruiser Yankee, which had been aground in Buzzards bay for ten weeks, has been floated. A revolution has begun in Salvador under the leadership of former Vice-President Prudencio Alfaro. The cities of Abuchapan, Usulutlan and Santana have been captured by the revolutionists.

The conference of the powers called by Great Britain to frame a code of laws for naval warfare and to form the international prize court recommended by The Hague congress, was opened at the foreign office in London. Standard Oil prosecutions in Hamilton county, O., were dismissed at the request of the prosecuting attorney.

The Round Mountain Banking corporation of Round Mountain, Nev., closed its doors because of bad loans. Lystia Wahoo Winebago, a girl student at Carlisle Indian school, eloped with Joseph Twin, an Indian from the west. British officers working among the Sikhs and Hindus of the Pacific coast, unearthing the details of a proposed uprising against British rule in India, to take place in April.

The business section of Beckville, Tex., was burned, the loss being \$300,000. The Stearns Salt & Lumber Company of Ludington, Mich., was fined \$10,000 for accepting rebates from the Pere Marquette.

While out hunting rabbits, Will Hough, aged 18 years, shot and killed his brother Guy, aged 75 years, near Mason City, Ia. The government refused to let the citizens of Pine Bluff, Ark., cut through a levee to save the town, and every available man was put to work strengthening the river banks.

Race riots in Prague became so serious that it seemed probable martial law would be declared. Dr. Randolph F. Haas of New York committed suicide on the grave of his wife. All fourth-class postmasters in the states east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio river were placed in the classified service by an executive order of the president.

CONGRESS.

Work of the Session Will Be on Regular Supply Bills.

From present indications the concluding session of the sixtieth congress, which convened Monday, will be devoted in large part to the consideration of routine supply bills. Leaders in the senate and house say there will be little legislation of a general character.

There is at least a probability that consideration will be given to measures providing statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, but this is a question upon which no conclusion has been reached. The house will pass a bill authorizing the taking of the thirteenth census in 1910. It will also put through a measure authorizing a revision of the laws of the United States.

President Roosevelt very much desires before his term expires that there shall be a general reorganization of the navy department, establishing in that branch of the service a general staff, patterned along the lines of that now provided in the war department.

Among the other subjects to be considered in one house or the other, are bills providing for the revision of the copyright laws, Panama canal legislation, the measure suspending the commodity clause of the interstate commerce law, the appointment of the inland waterways commission and other measures of a miscellaneous character.

THE DUTCH MOVE.

Warships Make a Demonstration Against Venezuela.

Three Dutch warships, the battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck and cruisers Friesland and Gelderland, have made a demonstration against Venezuela. Together they steamed along the coast from Puerto Cabello to La Guaira at a distance of 3,000 yards from the shore.

The Jacob Van Heemskerck returned later. The two cruisers are going to Maracaibo, where they will make a similar demonstration. The demonstration is regarded as indicating that the preparations for an effective blockade of the Venezuelan coast are completed.

The Netherlands battleship De Bultje left Holland Thursday for Venezuela. When President Castro summarily ejected the Dutch minister from Venezuela, declaring he had been "perniciously" active in the politics of the country, he insulted Holland very much. Redress was demanded, but fiery Castro has defied Queen Wilhelmina and her subjects.

This is one of the things Holland has against Venezuela, and there are others. Castro placed an embargo on the transshipment of cargoes in Willemstad, a Dutch city. Ocean vessels cannot enter Caracas harbor, Venezuela possession, and the custom was to transfer cargoes in Willemstad to smaller boats. This was the chief industry of the Dutch city, and its loss left many of its residents in straitened circumstances. Again Castro defied Holland.

The fiery president is now on his way to Europe to undergo an operation. Vice President Gomes is in charge of the country. THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle.—Good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$4.25 to \$4.50; light to medium heifers and calves, 700 to 900 lbs., \$3.50 to \$4.00; mixed butchers' fat cows, \$2.25 to \$3.50; canners, \$1.25 to \$1.50; good shipper but., \$3.50.

Veal calves.—Receipts, 225; market steady; best grades, \$6.50 to \$7.00; common to good, \$4.00 to \$5.75. Milch cows and springers, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Sheep and lambs.—Receipts, 815; market steady; best lambs, \$6.25 to \$6.50; fair to good lambs, \$4.25 to \$5.00; common lambs, \$3.25 to \$4.00; fair to good butchers' sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.50; culls and common, \$2.25 to \$2.75.

Hogs.—Receipts, 5,174; market 10c to 15c higher. Range of prices: Light to good hogs, \$6.00 to \$6.50; pigs, \$4; light porkers, \$5.50 to \$6.00.

Wheat.—The feeling among dealers in bull and nothing is said on the other side of the question. The bears have had no arguments to offer except the heavy receipts and increasing stocks, and they gave up a few days ago when they found that the crop movement had become more bullish in that receipts decreased. Both northwestern and primary receipts were small, and it is the opinion of those making a close study of the situation that the northwestern farmers will not be able to fill the demand for spring wheat for the remainder of the crop year, not having enough grain in reserve.

Wheat receipts on Thursday were 3 cars, all grading No. 1 red, against 2 a year ago. No withdrawals. Stocks are 616,121 bu., against 372,292 bu. a year ago.

There is nothing doing in the bean and oil and prices are nominally unchanged. Oats are strong. The price gained 1/2c on Thursday and the close was at the highest.

The cash seed gained 1/2c. Receipts of flour were 1,200 and shipments 400 bbls. The corn market was lifeless and unchanged. Rye was in demand and gained 1/2c.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

(Week Ending December 12) TEMPLE THEATER — VAUDEVILLE.—Afternoons, 2:15, 10c to 25c. Evenings, 8:15, 10c to 50c. Valerie Bergere & Co., in "His Japanese Wife."

WHITNEY — Evenings, Matinees, 10:15-25c. "The Gambler of the West." LYCEUM.—Every Night, Matinee Saturday. Fliske O'Hara in "Dion O'Dare."

Holland raised \$2,480.10 for the northern fire sufferers, besides one carload of merchandise and supplies. Timothy L. Woodruff, of New York, is satisfied he did the right thing in giving up his senatorial ambitions in favor of Secretary Root. He says he seeks no office now.

U. S. Senator Simon Guggenheim and his family are to be asked to buy Palestine from the Turks for the Hebrews. The price is only \$53,000,000, or something around that figure. It is planned to settle the Jewish problem in Russia by this plan, the Holy Land being turned over to them.

The design for medals for employees who serve two years on the Panama canal has been completed and dies are now being cut. The medal will be of bronze, an inch and a half in diameter. On one side there will be a portrait of President Roosevelt, on the reverse side a bird's-eye view of the Culebra cut in the finished canal with steamers passing through it.

HEAR MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT

DOCUMENT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE READ IN CONGRESS.

URGES CHANGES IN LAWS

Present Currency System Declared Imperfect—Control of Corporations the Province of the National Government—Conduct of Labor Leaders Criticized—For Postal Savings Banks.

Washington.—In his message to congress, read in both houses Tuesday, President Roosevelt makes important suggestions as to what he considers necessary legislation. The president congratulates the nation on its present excellent financial standing, but calls attention to the need of remedying defects in the currency system. He says:

The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the nation's interests by the government during the last seven years has shown the most satisfactory results. But our currency system is imperfect, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the currency commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to September 30, 1908, there was an increase in the amount of money in circulation of \$902,991,398. The increase in the per capita during this period was \$7.06. Within this time there were several occasions when it was necessary for the treasury department to come to the relief of the money market by purchases or redemptions of United States bonds; by increasing deposits in national banks; by stimulating additional imports of national bank notes, and by facilitating the circulation of broad gold. Our imperfect currency system has made these proceedings necessary, and they were effective until the monetary disturbance in the fall of 1907 immensely increased the difficulty of ordinary methods of relief. By the middle of November the available working balance in the treasury had been reduced to approximately \$5,000,000. Clearing house associations throughout the country had been obliged to resort to the expedient of issuing certificates of deposit, to be used as money. In this emergency it was determined to invite subscriptions for \$50,000,000 Panama canal bonds and \$100,000,000 three per cent. certificates of indebtedness authorized by the act of June 15, 1898. It was decided to reposit in the national bank the proceeds of these issues, and to permit their use as a basis for additional circulating notes of national banks. The moral effect of this procedure was so great that it was necessary to issue only \$23,631,890 of the Panama bonds and \$15,486,500 of the certificates of indebtedness.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to September 30, 1908, the balance between the net ordinary receipts and the net ordinary expenses of the government showed a surplus in the four years 1903, 1906, and 1907, and a deficit in the years 1904, 1905, 1908 and a fractional part of the fiscal year 1909. The net result was a surplus of \$99,233,413.54. The financial operations of the government during this period, based upon this difference between receipts and expenditures, resulted in a net reduction of the interest-bearing debt of the United States from \$871,417,040 to \$877,253,990, notwithstanding that there had been two sales of Panama canal bonds amounting to the aggregate of \$64,631,890, and an issue of three per cent. certificates of indebtedness under the act of June 15, 1898, amounting to \$15,486,500. Refunding operations of the treasury department under the act of March 14, 1900, resulted in the conversion into two per cent. consols of \$190 of \$200,309,400 bonds bearing higher rates of interest. A decrease of \$3,837,956 in the actual interest charge resulted from these operations.

In the three months there has been a surplus of nearly one hundred millions of receipts over expenditures, a reduction of the interest-bearing debt by ninety millions, in spite of the extraordinary expense of the Panama canal, and a saving of nearly nine millions on the annual interest charge.

The message reiterates the well-known views of the president that the control of great corporations, especially the railroads of the country, should be vested in the national government. He says:

I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. I strongly advocate that instead of a wide effort to prohibit all combinations, there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, and that the same time give to some agency in the national government full power of control and supervision over them.

The railroads of the country should be put completely under the interstate commerce commission, and removed from the domain of the trust laws. The power of the commission should be made thoroughgoing, so that it could exercise complete supervision and control over the issue of securities as well as over the raising and lowering of rates. As regards rates, at least, the power should be summary. Rates must be made as low as is compatible with giving proper returns to all the employees of the railroad, from the highest to the lowest, and proper returns to the stockholders, but they must not, for instance, be reduced in such fashion as to necessitate a cut in the wages of the employees or the abolition of the proper and legitimate profits of honest shareholders.

Interests of the Wagerworker. Turning to conditions affecting the wagerworker and the man of small means, the president says:

Postal Savings banks will make it easy for the poorest to keep their savings in an absolute trust law. The regulation of the national highways must be such that they shall serve all people with equal justice. Corporate finances must be supervised so as to make it far safer than at present for the man of small means to invest his money in stocks.

There must be prohibition of child labor, diminution of women labor, shortening of hours of all mechanical labor; stock watering should be prohibited, and stock gambling so far as is possible discouraged. There should be a progressive inheritance tax on large fortunes. Industrial education should be encouraged. As far as possible, we should lighten the burden of taxation on the small man. There should no longer be any patting with the question of taking care of the wagerworkers who, under our present industrial system, become killed, crippled, or worn out as part of the regular business of given business.

As far as concerns those who have been worn out, I call your attention to the fact that definite steps toward providing old-age pensions have been taken in many of our states. These may be indefinitely extended through voluntary association and contributory scheme, or through the agency of savings banks, as under the Massachusetts plan.

Urgent Need of Reform. Our present system, or rather no system, works dreadful wrong, and it is a benefit to only a class of people, the lawyers. When a workman is injured what he needs is not an expensive and doubtful lawsuit, but the certainty of relief through immediate action. No about "freedom of constitutional liberty to be permitted to interfere with similar movements."

I renew my recollection that the should be rapidly and cable be extended to being carried on by the present law should enforce contracts with workers which the present act seems to exalt.

Judges Too Pa Coupled with a e diciary of the nation urges that, beginning preme court, the jud their salaries double As was to be expected assumed by certain ing the recent elect bitter criticism. T sets that demands for legislation were practical and could the cause of labor. that our judicial system effective at core, the

There are certain de courts which have be rimental to the right. This is true of all de that men are, by the anted their liberty" a dangerous occupac under the law, or to or to work in unrea and therefore cannot when maimed in the cannot be forbidden legislature decides is to under conditions wh decides to be unhealth There is also, I thi belief that substantial suffered by employes a custom of courts inflicting without r punishing them for instances where as they have no knowled ing. Organized in the custom of courts inflicting without r punishing them for instances where as they have no knowled ing. Organized in

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Bethlehem.

Sheltered within the hollow of her arm
The Son of Man lay sleeping. On her
shek
She felt his warm breath stirring, like
the faint
And fragrant breeze that fans the
silver leaves
Upon the slopes of Olivet. Her eyes,
Still shadowed with the pains of moth-
erhood,
Dwelt tenderly upon the placid brow
And cherub features of the infant
Christ,
The babe in swaddling clothes, whose
destiny
Led to Golgotha's summit, where the
Cross
Was yet to groan beneath the sacred
weight
Of his perfected manhood. All the cave
Was luminous with starbeams, and her
face,
Like some pale lily, drooping on its
stem,
And washed with heaven's dews,
gleamed pearly white
In that strange radiance. Somewhat
apart
And leaning on his staff, the carpenter,
Joseph of Nazareth, resting, stood:
"Lord, who art thou?" he marveled in
his soul,
"That thou shouldst deign from thy
exalted place
To cast thine eyes upon me and to say
"Behold! he shall be warden to this
pearl,
This pearl of perfect womanhood,
more pure
Than any of the daughters of mankind
From the beginning of the world and
down
Through all the ages that are yet to
dawn!
Lo! shelter she shall find, and sus-
tenance
And one round arm encircled the fair
child
As if the newly-awakened mother love
Lay listless, with transparent fingers
curved
As though she clasped some blossom
in her sleep—
Some rare, sweet flower she was fain
to keep
And cherish always. Joseph took the
hand
And held it in his rough, toll-hardened
palm,
Wondering at its softness, the blue
veins
That threaded all its whiteness, and
the bloom
That made a sea-shell of each finger-
tip.
But he forbore, though sore his heart
did yearn,
To clasp the little sleeping new-born
babe
Whose golden head lay pillowed on
her arm,
Thinking: "It were not well for her
or him
That he should waken suddenly." A
sigh
Heaved the soft breast of Mary, and
her eyes,
Like heavenly blue flowers, opened
wide,
Meeting the gaze of Joseph, as he
knelt
In reverent adoration. Her low tones
Thrilled like aeolian strains; her ten-
der smile
Flooded his soul like sunshine as she
spoke:
"Joseph, my husband, I have dreamed
a dream!
The Angel of the Lord hath been
again,
Saying: "Behold! that which thou hast
brought forth
This night is the Redeemer of the
World—
Even Messiah!" But a grave voice
cried
As she ceased speaking: "Peace to all
within!"
And, lo, there stood upon the thresh-
old one
Who bore much gold and frankincense
and myrrh
In his two hands. And Joseph an-
swered: "Sir,
Peace be unto thee, now and ever-
more!"
And, lo, there came two others bear-
ing gold
And precious spices, who likewise
did say,
"Peace and good will!" And Joseph
made reply:
"Peace unto thee and thine forever-
more!"
Then spake the foremost stranger:
"Where is he,
Born King of Jews this night in Beth-
lehem?"

Three kings are we that come to wor-
ship him,
For we have seen his star in the Far
East
Beyond the deserts. We have jour-
neyed far,
Starred, and, lo, it standeth o'er this
roof,
A sign celestial!" Then each laid
aside
His mantle and his sandals, bowing
low
Before the mother and the holy child,
Crying: "All hail, Redeemer of the
World!
King of the Jews, all hail!" and they
did break
Boxes of precious ointments, and the
air
Was heavy with the perfume of rare
gums
And costly spices, cinnamon and
myrrh,
And sandalwood and cedar, and the
scents
Distilled from blooms in gardens of
the East,
And ambergris and frankincense and
nard,
And they laid down their offerings of
price,
Soft yellow bars and bags of shining
duet,
All intermixed with amethyste and
pearls
And carbuncles and diamonds and the
pale
Lack-luster topaz. And the foremost
guest
Unclassed the heavy chain of beaten
gold
That hung about his swarthy throat
and showed
its curious pendant, fashioned in
strange wise
And hammered from a nugget, soft
and pure,
For uncouth semblance to a rugged
cross,
Speaking in awed, low tones of
prophecy:
"A voice cried in the desert wastes,
"Arise!
Take of pure gold a nugget large and
bright
And hammer it into a massive cross
Such as the common criminal, con-
demned
To die, yields up his shrinking
spirit on,
And hang it to the chain about thy
neck,
And when thou comest to the jour-
ney's end
Lay it within the mother's hand, that
she
May read therein a sign.' Lo, I have
done
According to the word!" And Mary's
eyes
Grew wide with terror, as her fingers
closed
About the gleaming symbol, for she
saw,
As in a dream, three crosses on a hill,
And, nailed between two thieves of
aspect vile,
Upon the middle cross, a tortured form
That moved her strangely with a
sense of loss
And was unutterable, for multitudes
Surged round the sufferer and scoffed
at him,
Crying, in mocking tones: "Hail, King
of Jews!"
But he that hung cast downward titer-
less eyes,
Full of meek pardon and of tender
love,
Gasping: "Forgive them, Father! Oh,
forgive
Thy children, for they know not what
they do!"
And in those dying orbs compassionate
She saw a semblance of the holy light
That shone within the eyes of her
fair babe,
And moaned: "Take it away—the
cross of gold!
I shudder at the phantasies it brings!"
At which the strangers out of the Far
East
Arose and gave their blessing to the
child
And passed into the night. And Mary
slept
The sleep of sweet forgetfulness,
while he
Who stood in place of father to the
babe
Watched the sweet pair until the morn-
ing
awoke
The songbirds in the clustering olive
trees
And tinged with light the roofs of
Bethlehem.

LILITA LEVER.

WHY CHILDREN ARE SPANKED

How the Settler Prepared the Young Ones for Christmas.
On the morning of the day before Christmas I dismounted at the door of a North Dakota cabin to inquire the whereabouts of a man living in that neighborhood, and the sounds from within told me that one of the children was being spanked. When the spanking had been concluded the set-

ter opened the door and invited me in. I saw nine children standing up in a row, and the tenth one sitting down on the other side of the room. The man thought some explanation should be made, and he said:
"It's the way I do every Christmas time, and I had just begun when you rode up. Can you wait till I have spanked the other nine?"
"Of course, but may I ask why you do it? They look to me to be nice, well-behaved children."
"They are as good children as you will find in the state, sir; but the spanking must go on."
"Yes, the spanking must go on," added the wife.
I couldn't say any more, of course, and I went out to the gate and waited. The nine were called up one after another and put through the machine, and then the man, who was breathing hard from his exertions, joined me at the gate and said:
"There, the last one of 'em has been licked, and now I'll show you where Brown lives."
"Thanks, but would you take it amies if I asked what your ten children had done to deserve punishment?"
"You may ask, sir, and I will explain," he replied. "They hadn't done nothing. I was licking 'em so they wouldn't expect any Christmas presents in their stockings to-night!"
All life is music if we but touch the notes rightly and in 'tw—Ruskin.

VILLAGE OFFICERS OF LOWELL, MICH.
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The slaughter is terrible in Ladies' and Children's Cloaks, Ladies Broadcloth Coat Semi fitted, Black and Brown. \$18, sale price \$13.50.
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 Big stock of Misses and Children's Coats at prices you will buy if you see them. One Lot of Misses and Children's Coats to close at 98c values \$3 to 5.
 Special low prices on Dress Goods. They have got to go. Here are a few items.
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 58 " Black Panama 1.25 .98c
 50 " Serge 1.00 .89c
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 One Lot Fancy Suitings 45 and 50c sale price .30c

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Lowell line of white aprons, splendid values for 25c and 50c, Neckwear, Scarfs, Pocket books, Belt Buckles, Belt Pins and other articles for Christmas presents too numerous to mention. Furs are being sacrificed. Scarfs, Muffs, Fur Coats, have all got to go regardless of cost. See us before you buy your furs.

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HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Dr. White, dentist, 'phone 115 Rooms to rent in the Pullen block.

Golden Greene spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Walter Morris has moved into his new house.

See the new Lowell post cards at W. S. Winegar's.

Mrs. R. W. Stone is spending to day in Grand Rapids.

Miss Frances Tubbs of Belding was in town Saturday.

A. C. Stone was in Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.

Glenn Conklin visited friends in Flint a few days this week.

William Conant spent Sunday at his home in Middleville.

Mrs. Chris. Bergin entertains the Sunshine club this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Uglow spent Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Phoebe Tate spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

Terry Yarger of Freeport visited John Roth Jr. Saturday and Sunday.

Earl Caldwell of Chicago visited Miss Anna Stoutenburg over Sunday.

House to rent—Enquire of Mrs. Clyde Collar. 2wp

Get some of those new Lowell post cards at W. S. Winegar's. tf

Frank N. White and Chris. Bergin were in Grand Rapids on business Tuesday.

Miss Edith Stone and Mrs. Harry Kinsley will spend Friday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Geo. White spent Sunday with her daughter in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. C. W. Perry of Howard City spent Wednesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Perry.

A good sensible gifts for father, mother, sister, brother or friend at Look's.

Mrs. Henry Schreiner of Grand Rapids attended the burial of Mrs. Lane here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Glese entertained the former's parents of Freeport over Sunday.

Have you ever tried Liggett's Saturday candy? It's worth 50c and Look sells it Saturdays for 25c.

To rent—7 room house, electric lights in good condition. Enquire of D. G. Mangle, at Lowell State Bank. tf

Prof. J. F. Thomas, formerly of Lowell, now of Detroit, is now located at 141 Melbourne ave., that city.

Mrs. Geo. Oberly and daughter Lucile and son Louis of Grand Rapids spent Sunday at the home of Geo. Blakelee.

Mrs. Lydia J. Gardner writing from Redondo, Cal., renews her subscription to the Ledger and extends holiday greetings.

FOR SALE—two second-hand Portland cutters good as new, also two heavy plumb robes. Inquire of Dr. Towsey. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers of Vergennes have moved into their new home on the west side just purchased of Dan Townsend.

Mrs. Harry Pettit will carry on the cigar business of her late husband over the Ideal vaudeville where the business is being moved this week.

Mary Menzies won the prize of \$1.00 offered by the Nicholson circle to the one selling the most vaudeville tickets on Monday. She sold 42.

Mrs. Fred Charles and Mrs. J. E. Tinkler attended the funeral of Mrs. Ann Lane in Grand Rapids Monday.

Look's says he sold more official seal 10c cigars at 5c each Saturday than were ever sold at any one brand at retail in one day in Lowell before. The sale runs again next Saturday.

Mrs. J. S. Hooker was in Grand Rapids Friday to attend the funeral of a cousin Hiram Gregory, a former resident of Lowell.

Geo. L. McNutt, lecturer, fills second date of U. L. C. course at Train's hall tomorrow (Friday) evening. Reserved seats on sale at Collar's store.

Louis Winger of Sugar Creek, Ohio, has been spending several days at the home of Frank Pickard, returning to his home Tuesday.

List of unclaimed letters at post-office for Isaac Filkins East, J. P. Schuch, Fred Sullivan, Miss Judith Esburn, Miss Ethel Saxton.

The publishers advise us that after January 1 the subscription price of the Grand Rapids Herald by mail will be advanced to \$2.50 per year.

BOUND FOR SALE—Full blood English Fox hound, 1 1/2 years old. John Andre 5 1/2 miles south of Belding. Address K. R. 15, Belding. 2wp

Again next Saturday—Look sells the official seal 10c-3 for 25c cigar at 5c straight.

J. W. Rutherford has opened a bazaar stock in the Fox building formerly occupied by Clyde Collar but recently purchased by Mr. Rutherford.

Twenty of the girl and boy friends of Miss Hazel Stocking gave her a surprise party Thursday night. Games were played and dainty refreshments served.

The subscription price of The Grand Rapids Herald is to be raised after December 31st. Take advantage of their Bargain Days offer and get in on the ground floor.

Uncle Remus's Home Magazine, one of the publications included in The Herald's Bargain Day offer, was founded by Joel Chandler Harris. It retails at 10 cents per copy and is a literary gem. For full particulars inquire at The Ledger office.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lewis entertained a company of invited guests at a six o'clock dinner last Wednesday evening, covers being laid for ten and the out of town guests were Engineer F. E. Crane, of the Burlington railroad, wife and two children of Hannibal, Mo.

Sample copies of Uncle Remus's Home Magazine, Farm Press, the Fruit Belt, Vick's Magazine, World's events and the Home Herald, which are given with the Herald-Ledger bargain-days offer, may be seen at THE LEDGER office. See west window.

One editor relates the following experience in his business. One dissatisfied customer said "I will pay you Saturday, if I live." He's dead. Another said, "I will see you tomorrow." He's blind. Another profane one said, "I will pay you this week or go to hell." He's gone. We have had some funny experiences, but this beats any of ours.—(Ex.)

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LEDGER office on all orders prior to December. Call for them. All who wish to take advantage of the door plate offer must comply with the terms at once, as there are but fifty left.

Dandy line of new Lowell post cards at W. S. Winegar's. tf

Magazine bargain: The Lowell Ledger, Review of Reviews, Woman's Home Companion and McClure's Magazine—total value \$6.75; our price for all four one year only \$4.00. Don't miss this. THE LEDGER, Mail orders taken. tf

For sale—House and nearly an acre of ground, good cistern and well water, house in good condition, reasonable terms. Inquire of Chester Leary. tf

List your property for sale or exchange with the Lowell Real Estate Company. No sale, no charge.

M. W. Morse is no longer employed by the Lowell Lumber Co. and all accounts must be paid at the office. C. S. Travis. tf

New subscriptions are coming in lively at THE LEDGER office and reprints are being sent out.

Not a solitary individual has even hinted at begrudging the price. Our readers are getting their money's worth and more too and they know it. Merit wins.

Charles Werts, who is defendant in divorce proceedings begun in circuit court by Gertrude Werts, has filed an answer in the nature of a cross-bill. The parties are well known in Lowell. Bill of complaint and cross bill allege cruelty.—(Grand Rapids Press.

Photographs sold in easy payments at Stockings.

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

CANNONSBURG.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Charles Hartwell this week Thursday, a picnic dinner will be served.

There is a social held at the Grange hall Friday evening December 11.

John Joyce is making his parents a visit. From here he will go to Racine, Wisconsin.

A number of new telephones are being established north of the "burg" from the Rockford line.

Those who attended the cattle show in Chicago were Bert Hartwell and Charley Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuxbury have returned from Chicago and are now located on their farm.

Jerry Grover and family of Pierson recently visited his aunt Mrs. Kate Schenemhorn.

Clayton Inwood has returned from Detroit where he visited his brother Byrle.

Miss Vesta Sturgis is attending school at San Arbor. Her brother Stanley is attending the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids.

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VENGENERS STATION.

The annual meeting of the Christian church will be held at the church Saturday Dec. 19, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of officers and any other business that may come before the house. Carrie Porter Clerk.

Mrs. S. Berrie lost a valuable horse last week Tuesday.

Rev. L. J. Stimson's family moved to Belding last week. He is still at the Moseley Bros. warehouse.

Mrs. Joe Elmsdorff is able to sit up a little.

Owen Howard had an auction sale Monday. He and his family soon move to Lowell.

Five car loads of wool were shipped from Moseley by Heesler and Brooks of Grattan.

Ed. Godfrey of Grand Rapids is calling on old friends and neighbors this week.

Hattie Culver is laid up with a bad wrist. Game near being broken.

Sam Vanderbrook of Chicago is visiting here.

Burr Davis has had new chimneys put up on his house.

Sawing logs begins next week at R. B. Davis.

Chas. Jakeway's new barn on his lot at Moseley is nearly finished.

Martin Davis fell out of a wagon last Saturday and injured his right wrist.

Herb Jakeway serves meals at his restaurant at all hours. James Phelps is assisting him.

Mrs. Allen Godfrey and daughter of Caledonia visited her parents Mr.

DON'T LOSE YOUR HAIR.

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Fifty acres in Keene, 5 miles north-east of Lowell, clay loam, 6 room house, well, good fences, 6 acres timber, price \$1200. Owner paid \$1400 for same short time ago; but is going away and must sell. Part cash balance cash. See Parker. tf

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and Mrs. H. D. Weekes last week. The Moseley and Alton school both were in session last Saturday.

Geo. Godfrey entertained Glenn Denlee of Grand Rapids Saturday and Sunday.

Joel Gilbert is having a well put down on the Jude Fletcher place.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kysor entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher of Berlin last of the week.

Rev. W. D. Ogg of Lowell was a dinner guest at W. H. Wisner's Sunday and held a meeting at the school house in the afternoon.

The Misses Besse Story, Florence Gilbert and Carrie Conklin attended a quilting at Loyal Taylor's Saturday.

Robert Coles, Benny Hardy and Ward Hubbel attended temperance league at Lowell Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Joel Gilbert has been visiting friends and relatives in Detroit, Leslie and Lansing.

James Hines is entertaining his father Richard of Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Filkins of Bowne are visiting at the home of J. N. Hubbel.

Henry Rowland of Clarkville was a Sunday guest at J. N. Hubbel's.

Tax Notice. 1908 Lowell Township taxes are now in my hands for collection. M. N. Henry, Tax assessor.

GRATTAN CENTER.

John Heeler and E. L. Brooks shipped wool several days last week. Brooks team got scared at some loads of mover's goods and ran away and spilled the wool, broke the wagon and lamed the driver, George Ward.

ADA.

D. Hurlbert of Jackson is recovering from a severe attack of heart trouble; he is visiting in the home of Mrs. W. J. Carle.

The apron sale and entertainment given at the baptist church last Friday evening was well patronized and an all around success; the "trip around the world" was decidedly interesting.

Mrs. Charles Clinton of Grand Rapids is spending a few days with her son Burr and family.

The "Junior" assisted by the intermediate society will give a musical entertainment on Friday evening Dec. 11 in the Congregational church.

Audra Wride has rented Mrs. Eckard's farm for next year.

A number from here attended the surprise party at the home of Robert Hills in Grand Rapids on Thursday.

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