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In books and booklets for 5, 10c, etc., we have an endless variety. In short if it is anything in books we probably have it. Come in and look them over.

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A BOSTON WEDDING

Marriage of Edward Kyser and Bessie Story.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Story in south Boston was the scene of a quiet wedding last evening at eight o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Bessie Marguerite was united in marriage to Charles Edward Kyser. The ring ceremony was performed by Rev. F. E. Chamberlain of Alto in the presence of only the immediate relatives and friends, after which refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Decorations throughout the house were pink and white. The young couple were the recipients of many pretty and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyser left this morning for a ten days' trip to Buffalo, and on their return will make their home in South Boston, where they have the best wishes of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Vanbensen of Grand Rapids were in attendance at the wedding.

SPENCE--RIBBLE

Lowell Girl Weds Lake Odessa Newspaper Worker.

Married at Clarksville, Saturday, Dec. 11, Miss Blanche Abbie Ribble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ribble of Lowell and Ray O. Spence of Lake Odessa, Rev. Philo of Clarksville officiating.

The bride is one of Lowell's most estimable young ladies and the groom a young newspaper man formerly with the Alto Solo and now employed on The Wave of Lake Odessa, where they will make their home.

As Miss Ribble was employed with The Ledger for a year the young people are well matched and should make a good team. Best wishes.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Newsy Notes About People You Know.

What 25c will do at Coons'.
Born, Nov. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Getty, a girl.
Dec. 20 is the first date of Coliar's cloak sale. adv

Haysmer Bros. are barbering again at the old stand.

Mary Wingieer of Moseley was a Lowell visitor Saturday.

Lists of lodge officers-elect published in this paper free of charge.

H. V. Getty left Tuesday for a visit with relatives near Remus. Carpet and vacuum sweepers \$3.00 to \$5.00 at Weekes. adv

The fire damage in the Bradish harness-shoe shop is being repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bieri of Ionia spent Sunday with Lowell relatives.

Special prices on framed pictures at Henry's drug and book store. adv

Miss Beatrice VanDyke has returned from a visit with friends in Detroit.

Elmer Richardson of Millbrook spent Saturday with H. V. Getty and family.

Kimonas and house dresses at Weekes'. adv

Miss Iva Getty of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Say! Have your shoes repaired up for winter at the Bradish shoe shop. adv 28

Mrs. Nellie Strong of Grand Rapids is visiting her mother, Mrs. Albert Ryder.

Mrs. Neil Cameron spent Sunday at the home of John Headworth in Grand Rapids.

Headquarters for gloves and mittens. Weekes & Son.

Mrs. W. B. Huntley and son Junior are spending a few weeks with relatives in Mason.

Special meeting of Beery camp, Modern Woodmen, at their hall Monday evening, Dec. 20.

Special—4 x 6 mirrors in black metal frames, boxed, 10c each at Henry's drug and book store.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wilcox of Lansing are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wilcox.

Mesdames Earl Hunter, F. R. Ecker and A. P. Hunter were in Grand Rapids visitors yesterday.

Why walk on nails? Remember Bradish's electric shoe shop and have your soles sewed on. 28

Miss Irene Stone, Mrs. Julia Stone and Mrs. D. K. Thuyng were in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Born, at Springwells, Dec. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwacha, (Olive Morse) a son—Victor Morse.

Set tire chains at Smith's garage. adv

Mrs. Esther Montgomery of Detroit is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Brighton, and niece, Mrs. B. C. Smith.

Golf Gloves 25c and 50c at Weekes'. adv

Mrs. Walter Peters and little son of Detroit visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Callier, over Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Bigley and Mrs. Archie Denny and baby of near Saranac spent last Thursday with Mrs. Hiram Converse in Keene. Phone 35, Hakes' auto livery.

WEST SAYS TO EAST

Greeting from Our Old Townsman Carl English

Camas, Wash., Dec. 6, 1915. F. M. Johnson, Lowell, Mich.

Dear Sir and Friend: Enclosed find \$1.00 for The Ledger; also newspaper and clipping.

When we arrived in Vancouver about eleven years ago, we found seventeen saloons, bad streets and roads. I never dared to think at that time that Vancouver would ever go dry. Vancouver has been dry for about a year and the states of Washington and Oregon go dry the first of the year. The streets of Vancouver are about all paved with hard surface and there are miles and miles of hard surface and macadam road in all directions.

Our wives and grown-up daughters vote with us at all elections. This all seems good to us.

Why does the East let the West out-do her? Wake up, good people, it is time for action. What we have done you can do, if it is the will of the people. Sincerely yours, Carl S. English.

BARNY DON'T WORRY

Mayor Ellis Says City Should Pay Probe Bills.

The refusal of the county board of auditors to allow investigating expenses of Prosecutor Barnard in the city hall matters is not giving the prosecutor much worry. "I am going ahead with my investigation just the same," he said yesterday.

Mayor Ellis came out of his entrenched position in his fight with Barnard long enough to state that, in his opinion, the city should pay the bills if the county refused. He said he believed the city should pay for its own investigation. [Herald.]

Attention! School Teachers.

Send us your name, address, school district and number and we will mail you a beautiful 1916 school calendar. City State Bank, Lowell, Mich.

Notice! Keene Tax Payers.

I will be at the Saranac State Bank every Saturday (except holidays) from December 11, 1915 to January 15, 1916, and at the Lowell State Bank every Thursday from December 16, 1915 to January 6, 1916, to receive taxes for Keene township. V. W. Clark, Township Treas.

Vergennes Taxes.

I will be at the City State Bank, Lowell, on Saturdays, December 11 and 18 and January 8 to receive Vergennes taxes. Delbert D. Krum, Treasurer.

Tax Collector's Notice.

Township taxes are now due and payable at A. L. Coons' store.—H. J. Coons, Treas. Try Ledger Job print.

WEST SAYS TO EAST WITH MRS. MCQUEEN

Clover Leaf Club Enjoyed Varied Program Tuesday.

The Clover Leaf club enjoyed a most delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. D. McQueen Dec. 14. After a brief business session a communication from Mrs. M. M. Perry to the club was read, and the President, Mrs. F. E. White, read "Which Class" by Ella Wilcox. Mrs. F. P. Hakes as chairman of the afternoon announced the following program: Piano duet, Mesdames Weekes and Hodges. Reading, "The Loper Cleaned" Lewis Lash, who responded to an encore. Duet, Mrs. Weekes and Mrs. Hodges.

A picture contest followed, Mrs. F. McMahon winning the prize, a bouquet of carnations.

Solo, Miss Chaffin, accompanied at the piano by Miss Creaser. Reading, Miss Loomis.

A pantomime contest was then conducted by the ladies, Mrs. VandeGruen winning the carnations this time.

Duet, Mesdames McMahon and Anderson. Piano duet, Mesdames Weekes and Hodges.

After the program, refreshments were served by the committee.

Through the kindness of Mr. Stocking Edison music was also enjoyed during the afternoon.

Our next meeting will be with Mrs. O. O. Adams, Mrs. F. M. Johnson chairman, January 11, 1916, at 2:30 o'clock. Rep.

STILL THEY COME

Names of Those who Have Paid for Ledger Subscriptions.

Receipt of subscriptions since our last report, is hereby acknowledged from the following:

Mrs. Jake Staal, C. S. Baker, Charles Doyle, (Ada.) John I. Clark, J. E. Monks, Carl S. English, J. W. Olin, Alaska F. Jay, T. J. Read, C. F. Luz, Mary A. Hennessey, Floyd Yeiter, Charles McElwain, Mrs. Carrie Nelson, J. Bruce Walker, P. J. Devine, T. W. Byrne, Jacob Maurer, Mrs. F. J. Yeiter, A. M. Andrews, Mrs. Jennie Engle, M. McAndrews, D. L. Garfield, E. O. Wadsworth, R. W. Slayton, W. F. Smith, Mrs. Mark H. Brown, M. A. Wilkinson, Mrs. A. F. Behler, Mrs. George Montague, Herbert Bowen, Mido Barney, Peter Lamoreaux.

Many thanks for the above payments. Who will be next?

Auction Sales.

F. S. Hulbert will have an auction sale of farm personal property at his home in Cascade village Wednesday, Dec. 22, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m. List includes 2 horses, five cows, implements, vehicles, household goods, etc. See bills printed at this office—extras in front window—with which this notice is given free.

Notice.

Our store will be open evenings all next week. A. L. Coons.

ADA PIONEER DIES

Mrs. Laura E. Ward Prominent There Many Years.

Mrs. Laura E. Ward, 69 years old, a pioneer resident of Ada township, died at her home there Wednesday. Mrs. Ward, who was a widow of Hugh Henry Ward, has lived in Ada township practically her entire life and was the mother of H. Z. Ward of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ward was a life member of the Ada Methodist church and a member of Vesta chapter, No. 202, Order of the Eastern Star. She was also a member of the Lebekah lodge.

She leaves the son and a daughter, Mrs. Alma Stonebreaker of Grand Rapids.

The funeral will be held from the residence at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon and at the Ada Congregational church a half hour later. Burial will be in Findlay cemetery.—(Herald.)

HOME CHURCH NEWS

Program For Methodist Choral Service Sunday Evening.

Organ voluntary, Mrs. Hutchinson. Anthem, Choir.

Solo, "The New Born King," Mr. Maynard.

Scripture lesson. Solo, "The Christ Child," Miss Maynard. Violin obligato, Miss Creaser.

Quartette. Prayer. Solo, Mr. Sterkins.

Offertory, Mrs. Hutchinson and Miss Creaser. Solo, "That Glorious Song of Old," Mrs. Charles Doyle.

Anthem, Choir.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Subject, Sunday at 10:30, "The Way of Preparation."

Sunday school, 11:45. Junior Endeavor, 4:00. Senior Endeavor, 6:00. Evening services, 7:00.

Prayer and Bible study Thursday, 7 p. m.

At South Boston: Sunday school, 2:00; preaching, 3:00.

The Christmas program and exercises will be held Friday evening, Dec. 24.

A. H. Lash, Minister.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The ladies of our church are planning to have a New Year's dinner in the basement of the church. Definite announcement will be made through this paper next week.

Rev. Bodine supplied our pulpit last Sunday evening. Services next Sunday: Prayer service at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 10:30.

Bible school at 11:45. B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 p. m. Pastor Townsend will preach.

Also—Special meetings closed Wednesday evening. Services next Sunday: Bible school at 1:30 p. m., preaching at 2:30.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Morning service, 10:30. Pence, Special music.

Sunday school at 11:45. Junior league, 3:00. Senior league, 6:00. Lender, Miss Creaser.

Evening, choral service, 7:00. Christmas music.

Thursday evening, Dec. 23, Sunday school Christmas service. Cantata, "The Quest for the King," will be rendered. Miss Chaffin has this in charge and young people will present an excellent program.

Services at Vergennes as usual. Sunday school Christmas service Dec. 24.

Tuesday evening prayer meeting at Mrs. Hoag's.

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Presents

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Candy—Nothing but the purest candies are sold from our candy counter. Liggett's Johnson's, Guth's and many others at special prices for Christmas.
Cigars—The kind of cigars he smokes, in boxes from 25c to \$4.00.
Razors and Shaving Material, Fancy Soaps, Men's Purse, Christmas Post Cards, Cloth and Hair Brushes, Military Brushes, etc.
Gibson Art Cards for every purpose.
Save money by doing your Christmas shopping at the Rexal Store.

D. G. LOOK



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This season our store should attract Christmas shoppers, for with a larger assortment of goods suitable for presents than we have ever had in the past, and the prices we are making on reliable jewelry, watches, clocks, diamonds, rings, lavalliers, bracelets, sterling and plated silverware and novelties, cutlery, and in fact our whole line, excepting goods sold under licence contract, which controls the selling price, we believe it to be the interest of all Christmas shoppers to come to our store and make their selections.

If you think of music, do not fail to hear the Edison diamond disc phonograph, for it recreates music without the disagreeable noise common to other types of machines, which use needles. We also have the Victor Victrolas and records and the New Pathé machines will soon be here so you will find our store the ideal place to try out all the different types, and select what you like best.

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For Grown-Ups—Silverware, Pocket Knives, Keen Kutter Safety Razors, Aluminum Tea Kettles, Razors, Vacuum Sweepers, Shears, O-Cedar Mops, Razor Straps, Aluminum Ware, Percolators, Nickle Plated Tea and Coffee Pots, Hand Saws, Shot Guns, Hammers, Revolvers, Family Scales, Roasters, Carving Sets, Food Choppers, Thermos Bottles, Fish Spears.

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State and General News Section of Ledger

Compiled and Condensed for Readers of Lowell and Environs

ORGANIZATION OF BOYS IN FOOD CITY

LIFESAVING SCOUTS IS NAME OF NEWEST MOVE FOR SAFETY.

WILL KEEP HIGHWAYS CLEAN

Iron Scraps and All Junk Ending- ing Motorists, Horses and Pedestrians Will Be Collected By Boys.

Battle Creek—The Lifesaving Scouts in the name of a new boys' organization formed here Saturday night by the Salvation Army to undertake a mission entirely new to Battle Creek, if not the world at large.

The duty of the boys will be to gather all iron scraps, nails, pieces of bottles and other glass, wire and, in fact, all kinds of junk likely to be a menace to motorists, pedestrians and horses. The junk will be placed on exhibition and will eventually be sold for what it is worth, although it is figured this will be a small item. The organization is bound to become popular with the automobile association, as the boys will make a thorough campaign to keep the street free of pieces of metal and glass dangerous to tires.

Prizes will be awarded to the boys bringing in the largest amount of spoils and those who bring in the most unique specimens. First awards will be made at a supper to be given New Year's eve.

The Lifesaving Scouts are organized with an initial membership ranging in age from 8 to 15 years.

DR. DEKLEINE IN ST. CLAIR

Three Weeks' Campaign Against Tuberculosis is Begun.

Port Huron—A three weeks' campaign against tuberculosis in St. Clair county has been started by physicians sent here by the state board of health.

Dr. William DeKleine, who has charge of the \$100,000 state campaign, will be assisted by other physicians and several nurses. Free clinics are to be held in every city and town in the county when persons suspected of being afflicted with lung trouble will be examined by some of the most able tuberculosis specialists of the state.

FOUR MINERS ARE KILLED

Two Accidents at Ironwood Within Short Period of Time.

Ironwood—Four miners were killed and two seriously injured in two industrial accidents in this vicinity within a short time of each other. The accidents occurred in the Norris mine, operated by the Oliver Mining company's shaft. In the former's mine, Mike Caddy and Heskil Matala were killed and Mike Bralla seriously hurt.

Peter Bashik and Mike Zamrodzi lost their lives in the Norwood mine and Thomas Harris was injured when a section caved in.

Carr Gets Better Position.

Cadillac—O. E. Carr, for the past 21 months Cadillac's city manager, has been appointed city manager of Niagara Falls, New York, at a salary of \$8,000. He received \$3,000 in Cadillac. Coming to Cadillac as the first manager under the new form, Mr. Carr has made a splendid record and has won favor here for the commission form of government. His successor has not yet been chosen, and won't be until the recently elected city commission takes office, January 1.

Plan City Hall for Jackson.

Jackson—The city commissioners of Jackson have determined to advertise for tenders of sites for a city hall, which the taxpayers later on will be asked to erect through a bond issue.

Jackson's administrative offices have always been in rented quarters, and are not up to the requirements of the business of the municipality. It is claimed, hence the desire on the part of the commissioners for a permanent and adequate city hall.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

The Michigan Experiment association has announced that it will award a series of prizes to M. A. C. short course students who show the most ability in judging grain. The prizes will be in the shape of awards of pedigreed or pure strains of oat and wheat, and improved corn for planting purposes.

Mary Jane Reed, Negress, who was a slave before the civil war, is dead at the county infirmary at Grand Rapids, at the age of 110 years. She had been at the infirmary 19 years, and her constant companion was an old clay pipe.

H. R. Pratt, former deputy auditor-general of Michigan and for more than 30 years secretary of the Wagoning association, controlling the Presbyterian resort of the same name near Harbor Springs, died Wednesday in Lansing. Mr. Pratt was 77 years old.

Grain shipments from the middle west through Ludington have been halted because of a shortage of cars to carry the grain to the eastern markets. Grain shipments last month totaled 575 cars, as compared with 450 a year ago.

Elder William Herd, of the Kalamazoo Seventh Day Adventist church, has resigned his pastorate to fight the white slave traffic. Elder Herd declares he has quit the pulpit in order to not bring reflection on his church associates for anything he might do or say.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

County Agent C. L. Coffon reports that Lenawee county is practically free of hog cholera.

The Masonic fair, which closed at Coldwater Saturday night, netted the Temple association \$2,950.

Rev. Lewis P. Kopp, of Washington, Ia., has accepted a call issued by the First Church of Christ of Adrian.

The Menominee Water Co. has accepted the offer of the city to sell the municipal water works for \$200,000.

Kalamazoo will get the next biennial convention of the National Order of Glensers, which will be held in January.

Action has been taken by the Adrian school board whereby school girls of the city will be given an opportunity to learn to swim.

Michigan Medical association will meet at Houghton the second week in August, 1916, the Houghton County Medical association has announced.

A road bee was held Tuesday a half mile west of Wadhams by farmers not residents of that place, on the Lapeer avenue road to repair a stretch of sandy road.

The president has announced three Michigan postoffice appointments: Manchester, Frank H. Koebbe; Baldwin, Thomas Henderson; Burr Oak, Guy F. Thackman.

Allison's publication, as determined by a one hour's census by school children under direction of W. J. McKone, superintendent, is 7,528, an increase of 34.5 per cent since 1910.

After several years' work, the Comdant W. R. C. has obtained funds enough to erect a memorial to the sailor and soldier dead. The tablet will be erected on the court house square.

David Fletcher Hinton, of Grand Haven, who years ago gained fame as a criminal lawyer and as a poet, is dead at the infirmary at East Manville. He was 85 years old and had been ill for a long time.

Duncan C. Matheson, for 40 years a resident of Roscommon, dropped dead while entering his home. He was the father of W. Ray and D. Eugene Matheson, publishers of the Roscommon Herald-News.

Harry, the six-year-old son of E. E. Cameron, teller in the Commercial bank of Bay City, was fatally injured when struck by a motor car, the wheels of which passed over his head, fracturing the skull.

Six stores were burglarized in Chelsea Thursday morning. A small sum of money was obtained in each place. The glass was broken in the front doors. A man was seen to leave one store at 4:45 o'clock.

William Baldrick of Wadhams believes he is lucky. Nine cartloads of dynamite Friday rolled off the Pere Marquette tracks within a few rods of Baldrick's door, but fortunately none of it exploded.

In the municipal election at Eaton Rapids, Monday, B. H. Custer was elected commissioner for three years over C. M. Hunt; C. A. Colter, justice, long term; Samuel P. Savage, justice to fill vacancy.

The board of supervisors of Arenac county passed resolutions condemning the work of the state tax commission in re-assessing the whole of this county, and favoring the abolition of the commission.

Among the state reward and trunk line roads being built in Benzie county is the north shore boulevard around Crystal lake, which will connect Benah, Benzonia and the Congregational summer assembly's grounds at the west end of the lake, and will be one of the beautiful drives of the state.

Local option forces of Arenac county served a mandamus on the board of supervisors Thursday, through their clerk and chairman, to show cause why petitions for submission of the local option question at the spring election by the board which refused to submit them. The question will be argued before Judge Sharpe next week.

The Saginaw County Wild Life Conservation association met Friday night with Wm. B. Mershon, of Saginaw, president of the Michigan Wild Life Conservation association, and Hugh B. Gilbert, of Flint, secretary of the state organization, to arrange for the next annual sportsman's show and convention of the sportsmen of the state, to be held in Saginaw February 23, 24 and 25.

Governor Ferris, in an address at the new \$25,000 nurses' building at the Michigan Soldiers' home at Grand Rapids, Tuesday, declared he believed young persons should be educated to the fact that too much attention is not paid to old soldiers. The governor expressed sympathy for women sufferers in the European war. The building was presented by General George Stone, a member of the state board.

A writ of certiorari for reviewing Judge Collingsworth's decision denying Ingham county writs a mandamus to compel the county clerk to call a local option election in April was granted Wednesday by the supreme court.

A pet dog saved the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Schwab and their baby of Traverse City, when the trio went through the ice while crossing Clark lake. The dog's barking attracted a neighbor who succeeded in rescuing the victims with a long pole after they had nearly perished in the cold water.

The manufacturing photo engravers of Michigan formed a state organization at a meeting held at Battle Creek. Fred W. Gage, of Battle Creek, was chosen president and E. C. Towner, of Detroit, secretary-treasurer.

Some time in January there will be a meeting in Lansing of representatives from all Michigan organizations interested in fire prevention and forest conservation. The purpose will be to secure co-operation on the part of all individuals and associations in the work of forestation and fire prevention in the state's timber districts.

KAISER RECALLS TWO ATTACKS

EMPEROR PERSONALLY BOWS TO REQUEST OF U. S. IN CASE.

BOY-ED AND VON PAPAN TO GO

Both Secretary Lansing and Count Bernstorff Well Pleased That Matter is So Promptly Disposed Of.

Washington—Emperor William has personally recalled the German military attaches of the German embassy here, who by their activities rendered themselves persons non grata to the United States government. The emperor requested the United States to use its good offices in securing safe conducts for the departing attaches and for their successors, who will be named later.

A communication from the German foreign office announcing the action was delivered to Secretary Lansing Friday by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who hurried here from New York when he was advised that a reply to the request of the United States had been received at the embassy from Berlin. Mr. Lansing after a conference of five minutes with the ambassador authorized the following official announcement:

"The German ambassador has informed me that the emperor has been pleased to recall Captains von Papan and Boy-Ed in compliance with the wishes of the United States."

There was much satisfaction in official circles at the prompt section taken by Emperor William and at the outcome of a situation which, for a time, appeared to be threatened with serious difficulties. Count von Bernstorff's manner, as he left the state department, reflected his own apparent gratification.

With the case of the attaches settled except for the arranging of the safe conducts, the United States is prepared to continue negotiations with Germany looking toward settlement of the Lusitania controversy. The negotiations, it was said, probably would be resumed at an early date. Secretary Lansing is said to be prepared to urge an early settlement.

It is stated authoritatively that the Lusitania case was not mentioned during the brief conversation between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff Friday.

Secretary Lansing now is free also to consider the cases of other foreign diplomatic and consular officials which the state department has under investigation.

DEBATE HONORS ARE EVEN

Hillsdale and Ypsilanti Each Win One and Lose One.

Ypsilanti—Ypsilanti Normal and Hillsdale college debating teams broke even Friday night in their joint debate, the Normal negative team defeating Hillsdale negative team defeating Ypsilanti. The question debated was, "Resolved, that the boycott should be legalized."

The winning Ypsilanti Normal team was Claude Benner, B. E. Crossley and Phillip Boyer. The winning Hillsdale team was composed of Floyd Barnum, of Hillsdale; Ernest A. Skidman, of Cable, O., and Harold Salver, of Hillsdale.

The main contention of the winning teams was that the boycott was not necessary to preserve the workman's freedom of speech and action.

American Chinese Oppose Monarchy.

San Francisco—The Chinese quarter here went on record today as being opposed to the reversion of China from a republic to a monarchy, and decided to resist strenuously the proposed change in government.

A mass meeting of protest was called by Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association, and a former member of the Chinese senate.

It was decided to solicit subscriptions from Chinese in all parts of the world to finance a revolution. A large sum was said to have been subscribed.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Representatives of the West Michigan Pike association, in session at Traverse City planned to incorporate under the laws of Michigan that the body might be better able to carry on its work. Twenty-eight directors were named, two from each county through which the pike runs.

William Claspell, an Ypsilanti butcher, who was brought to county jail at Ann Arbor Thursday pending examination on charges of seven girls under 14 years old killed himself in his cell Thursday night.

An application has been filed by the Independent and the Michigan State Telephone companies for an almost complete interchange of properties in Ottawa, Newaygo, Muskegon, Lake, Manistee, Oceana and Mason counties. The railroad commission will act on the application following a hearing December 16.

Alleging that she was internally injured and her sight affected as the result of a collision between two Flint-Detroit interurban cars on the D. U. R. near Rochester. Mrs. Mary Ferguson has started suit at Flint against the railway company for \$10,000.

Agricultural agents from the various counties will meet at the Agricultural college December 6 and 7, for a general conference. The sessions will be devoted to a general review of the agricultural work and progress in various Michigan counties during the year.

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YUAN SHI KAI.

Pekin—Dr. Yuan Shi Kai, president of China, has accepted the throne tendered him by the council of state.

Acting as a parliament, the council of state Sunday canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of the government of China to a monarchy and found that the votes of 1,983 representatives out of 2,042 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted, with the provision that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

PRESIDENT IN COLUMBUS

In Address Friday Declares That He Believes That Lasting Peace Will Follow Great War.

Columbus—President Wilson Friday expressed the opinion that there will be "no patched up peace" following the European war. In a comprehensive and forceful address before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce he urged American business men to mobilize their resources in order that the United States might be prepared to play a more important part in the world's affairs and bring about justice after the present war.

The president spent 18 hours in Columbus during which he was active every minute. His reception was enthusiastic and pleased him greatly. In addition to the chamber of commerce speech he delivered an address Friday night before the commission on country and church life of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ of America, shook hands with more than 7,000 people at a reception in the rotunda of the state capitol, spoke briefly to a large crowd from the steps of the capitol and took a long walk about the streets of Columbus.

"When the present great conflict in Europe is over, the world is going to wear a different aspect," Mr. Wilson declared.

"I do not believe there is going to be any patched up peace. I believe that thoughtful men of every country and of every sort will insist that when we get peace again we shall have guarantees that it will remain, and that the instrumentalities of justice shall be exalted above the instrumentalities of force.

"I believe that the spirit which has hitherto reigned in the hearts of Americans and in like people everywhere in the world will assert itself once for all in international affairs and that if America preserves her poise, preserves her self-possession, preserves her attitude of friendliness towards all the world, she may have the privilege, in one form or another, of being the mediating influence by which these things may be induced."

Hafner Freed By Court. Cassopolis—George Hafner, former cashier of the Lannon bank, was acquitted late Friday afternoon of a charge of forgery preferred by E. Burt Jenny, of Dowagiac, who owned the Lannon bank at the time it was closed by the state bank examiner.

After hearing the evidence the judge took the case from the jury and directed a verdict of not guilty.

ITEMS OF STATE INTEREST

Chicago—Forty-six indictments, naming 54 defendants, were returned Friday as a result of the grand jury's inquiry into alleged labor graft.

Springfield, Ill.—The state tax commission raised the tax rate of Illinois for the ensuing years 48 cents to 55 cents, because of extraordinary expense incident to the foot and mouth disease.

Horse-drawn fire apparatus will be abandoned at Owosso if the plans of the city commission carry. The commission will in the spring submit a proposed bond issue of \$20,000 to build a new fire station and to purchase motor apparatus.

Simon Mosler, 23, a farmer, near Dowagiac, is dead as the result of the accidental discharge of a shotgun. Mosler had climbed on a wagon seat to get a good aim at a rabbit. As he reached for his gun, it slipped and the full charge struck him in the face.

Max Roopecke, 30 years old, living near Unadilla, was killed Tuesday morning when he stumbled and struck his head against the wheel of a traction engine. Roopecke was assisting M. A. and David Sterko move their sawmill.

Thomas J. Hennessy, for years master mechanic of the Michigan Central railroad with headquarters at Jackson, and for the last 10 years holding a similar position over the divisions of the road centering at Bay City died at his home in that city Saturday.

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Washington—Details of the half-billion-dollar navy building program under the five-year continuing plan recommended to congress are contained in the annual report of Secretary Daniels, made public Sunday night.

The report shows that for the first time in the history of the department the secretary's recommendations increase the expenditures proposed by the general board.

The five-year program for new ships and completion of those already authorized reaches a grand total of \$502,482,214, with large appropriations for reserve ammunition and aviation. Secretary Daniels differed from the general board in one important particular at least as to the program although the total number of ships to be constructed and the types recommended are those proposed by the board.

The full total of the navy budget for the year is \$217,652,174; all but \$132,280,947 of which will go for ships now under construction or to be authorized. The remainder contemplates the increased personnel and general running expenses of the navy about or ashore.

The secretary comments at length on the need of battle cruisers of the proposed 35-knot type. The events of the European war are recounted to show the part these craft have played and the reasons for including six of them in the building program. As to the battleships of the future, the secretary says the suggested vessels are of much greater displacement and heavier armament than anything heretofore contemplated for any navy.

The department is now discussing plans for ships of 35,000 tons and armed with 16-inch or perhaps 17-inch guns. The secretary says the plan has not yet been approved, but his estimates are based on ships to cost \$18,000,000 each, which would allow for the increased size.

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

"LADY ANGEL" OF EAST SIDE



Throughout the poorer sections of the tenement districts of the East side in New York city Mrs. Charles Margolis-Barlight is known as the "Lady Angel." For a decade she has given legal advice gratuitously to the poor residents of that part of the metropolis when they have been involved in trouble with landlords or police, and in the same time she has married, brought up a family and done a great deal of social work.

A little more than ten years ago, as Miss Charles Margolis, she took her legal degree under her arms and marched forth from the graduation exercises of New York University Law school, ready to undertake the battle in the New York courts, which up to then few women had essayed. Only a brief time later she went to the court of special sessions as the guest of one of the justices and watched the proceedings there. As she left she remarked that so many of the prisoners were juveniles, or at least first offenders, that the comforting aid of a woman might be decidedly more helpful than the stern methods by which men approached the administration of justice.

This idea stuck in her mind through years of work in the slums and the courts, and as a consequence she surprised the politicians a few months ago by making a determined effort to induce Mayor Mitchell to appoint her a judge of the court of special sessions. As a lawyer, a mother and a student of psychology, she felt she was fitted for the place, and she had the support of many lawyers, jurists, social service workers and those who call her their "Lady Angel."

PREPAREDNESS MAN OF FRANCE

Charles Humbert, senator of French Lorraine, recently purchased Le Journal, one of the most widely read and influential of the Paris morning papers, with a view to making it the organ par excellence of the "arms and ammunition" movement, with which his name (despite the fact he does not hold a cabinet position) is quite as closely identified in France as is that of David Lloyd George in England. But the Humbert campaign differs from the Lloyd George campaign in this, that it was begun nearly a decade before the war. For more than eight years Charles Humbert unflinchingly urged his country to be attentive to the progress in military preparation of her adversary and to create and develop the material necessary for her army; and, from 1911 on, he bore down especially upon the need of the heavy artillery, whose absence was to prove so serious a handicap in the first months of the conflict, while the Germans were advancing.



Charles Humbert is an ex-soldier and what we style in America a self-made man. He was born at Loison, in the department of La Meuse (Lorraine) on the twenty-eighth of May, 1856. Entering the army at eighteen, he rose to the rank of captain, and in 1892 resigned and became a journalist. He entered politics in 1896. Since the outbreak of the war, Charles Humbert has been sedulously creating, by his newspaper articles, a public demand for a prodigious fabrication and consumption of war material. His perpetual query: "Sommes-nous prêts?" or "Sommes-nous défendus?" has been replaced by the perpetual slogan: "Des Armes! Des munitions!" He is not a great intellect, perhaps, but he is a highly efficient agitator, energetic, persistent, practical, sagacious. He is doing, with his newspaper, in this war a work that is analogous, at several points, with the work done by Gambetta, with his eloquence, in the war of 1870.

INDIANA MAN GETS PLUM



To obtain a much-sought-after position without seeking it—to be appointed solely on merit—is the distinction achieved by Leonard L. Bracken of Muncie, Ind. He has been made secretary of the federal trade commission. Mr. Bracken was not one of the hundred or so candidates who started after the position soon after the new body was formed, but it was said at the commission's offices that he was selected purely for his legal and business qualifications and general fitness for the position. It was the case of the position seeking the man and not the man the position. The position pays \$3,000 a year. Mr. Bracken was born thirty-six years ago at Brookville, Ind. He has been practicing law in Muncie with a law firm for about twelve years and is closely allied with business organizations there. He was a graduate of the State university of Indiana and of the law school of the Illinois Wesleyan university, completing his law course in the latter university in 1903.

DIGGER OF SUBWAYS

Robert Ridgway is the head subway builder of the city of New York. Partly because of that the New York university gave him a degree of master of science in civil engineering at its last commencement. Officially he is chief engineer in charge of rapid transit construction and deputy chief engineer under Alfred Craven, Mr. Craven and another deputy concern themselves mostly with planning the subway systems. It is Mr. Ridgway's business to see that the plans are carried out. He is something like the supervision architect whom one employs to see that his house is built honestly. He is the Colonel Goethals of the New York transit situation.



A surprising thing about Mr. Ridgway is that he has never had either college or technical education. He was born in Brooklyn on October 19, 1862, and lived there and on a farm in New Jersey. When he was nineteen he went out in a surveying gang in the West. He helped make preliminary surveys for the Northern Pacific in Montana; and for the location of the railroad between Superior and Ashland in Wisconsin. While he was out there, the aqueduct commission of New York city was created by the legislature to construct the new aqueduct and additional reservoirs for the Croton water system. Young Ridgway's friends got him a place on this work, and he went back from the West. His advancement was steady, and from March 1, 1906, he was department engineer in full charge of the construction of the aqueduct in the Catskills, including the extraordinary siphon under the Hudson river at Storm King mountain. He is a member of the Engineers' club and of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a charter member and a past president of the Municipal Engineers of the City of New York, a member of the Franklin Institute of Pennsylvania, a member of the New England Waterworks association, an honorary member of the Harvard Engineering Society of New York, and an honorary member of the Association of Harvard Engineers.

Slandorous Attack Resented.
"A historical writer has at last found the man who beat Franklin Pierce at checker. No wonder it has taken over half a century to find him," says the Montgomery Advertiser. As a stalwart defender of every son of New Hampshire, and as one somewhat acquainted with the temperament of checker players, we do not hesitate to say that no man ever beat Franklin Pierce at checker. If the trick had ever been turned the fellow who did it would have been bragging about it from that day to this.—Manchester (N. H.) Union.

Five Cents a Week.
Senator Kern of Indiana has fond recollections of the small schoolhouse where as a boy he earned his first nickel. He agreed to build a fire in the schoolhouse stove every morning at least an hour before the opening of school, and to sweep up once a day. For this work he received five cents a week! He still feels that he earned it.

ENTERTAINING ON CHRISTMAS

BACK IN COLONIAL DAYS FOLKS HAD GREAT FEASTS HONORING THE OCCASION: HERE'S HOW —

The Christmas season brings to mind the many Christmas days gone by, with their four great features—turkey, cranberry sauce, plum pudding and mince pie.

It was a good old English custom, not to be rejected by the American colonists, although modifications were necessary to suit the religion and conditions of living in the colonies, the Christ-spirit being substituted for the pagan yuletide, the famous "hoar's head" was omitted, and the Christmas pie became known as mince pie. However, many old observances were kept, including the mistletoe and holly, and Christmas was a day for family gatherings, with a feast prepared by the women of the house.

It is quite possible that we would not like their flavorings today. They used a variety of spices, wines and seasonings in even their plainest dishes; but as everything was prepared in the home, either under the supervision of the mistress or by her own hands, the mixtures were wholesome.

Everything was turned to account in the season with a view to future use, so in this way preparations for the holiday were going on long before the day.

In cherry time, a supply was carefully packed in hay and kept for Christmas. The Christmas cookies, with coriander seed in them, were baked six months before and kept in an earthenware jar in the cellar.

Mince Meat Recipe.
The rich plum pudding and cakes were made early in the fall and put away to mellow and ripen.

The mincemeat was then made, the recipe for which was recently found in an old Philadelphia cookbook. We copy all but the spelling: "Four pounds veal, four pounds suet, two pounds raisins, one pound currants, six apples, some rose water and sack half a pound, no more of sugar, three-fourths pound cloves, mace, nutmeg and cinnamon, some candied orange peel, lemon peel, citron and blanched almonds."

They made a puff paste for their pies different from ours. One recipe called for flour, one pound butter, ten eggs and some milk or water. Some housewives made their winter supply of mince pies before Thanksgiving and reheated them before using.

For the lemon tarts, the lemons had to be first soaked in salt water for two days. Then every day for fourteen days they were put into fresh cold water. When they were made, apples, oranges and sugar were added.

A few days before Christmas the mistress went to market, the maid carrying the basket. She would get her turkey, cranberries, celery, oysters, and a little pig for roasting whole.

The day before Christmas the real excitement began. The stuffing was made, and such stuffing! Bread crumbs, beef suet, liver, lemon peels, nutmeg, savory, pepper, salt, cream and eggs. The little pig, only four or five weeks old, was filled to its utmost capacity with mashed potatoes or apples.

At least to be considered were the green decorations. Ground pine for festoons and wreaths, mistletoe to hang, and holly everywhere were the necessities.

When Christmas morning came the excitement was at the highest pitch. The housewife, her daughters and her maids were up early. The brick oven was heated and the mince pies put in. The turkey was dredged with flour and put on the spit, with a small unwilling child to watch and turn it as it browned.

Another child was set to cracking nuts and polishing apples.

Roasting the Little Pig.
The little pig was put before the fire to roast in the dripping pan, in which were three bottles of red wine for basting.

While the things were cooking a long table, the length of the room, was spread with a white linen cloth, napkin, china and silver or pewter.

In the middle of the table was the famed Christmas bowl. Here are the quaint directions for making it:

"Break nine sponge cakes and half a pound of macaroons in a deep dish; pour over one pint raisin wine, half pint sherry. Leave them to soak. Sweeten with two ounces of powdered sugar candy and pour over one pint and a half of custard. Stick with two ounces sliced almonds. Place on a stand and ornament with Christmas evergreens."

The tankard with the Christmas brew was put on the table, and all the syllabubs, jellies, pickles, lemon tarts, red apples, nuts, the cookies and the cherries fresh from the hay.

The fireplaces were now blazing, and the red berries and green leaves of the holly were shining in the light.

The mistletoe was waiting for the unwary, and the good smell of the brown turkey, savory stuffing and applesauce was everywhere.

Don Their Best Frocks.
After the housewife and her daughters had seen to everything they hurried to put on their best flowered silks, with white whisks around their necks and the most secret beautifiers on their faces.

Then the dinner being nearly cooked, they took the little browned pig, raised him gently and put two small loaves of bread under him, and added more wine; and an anchovy, a bundle of sweet herbs and a half a lemon was put into the sauce, which was poured over him hot. They had him sitting on his haunches looking lifelike. Then they put



PERHAPS YOU WANT SUGGESTIONS ABOUT DISTRIBUTING THE GIFTS: HERE ARE SEVERAL —

All gifts, carefully marked, should be consigned the day before to the one in charge, and she must purchase a quantity of clothe-line and clothe-pins. The line should be stretched back and forth across the living room, and each gift, wrapped in tissue paper and tied with red ribbons, should be fastened to the line by a clothe-pin, decorated with wings of red and green paper.

In the bay window a table should be arranged on which is placed a "Jack Horner" pie, containing a Christmas souvenir for each member of the family. The ribbons attached to the packages in the pie should be carried up to a holly-decorated hoop suspended over the table, each ribbon tagged with the name of the one for whom it is intended. When the "family wash" has been taken down—each person seeking his or her own gift—they gather around the pie, and at a signal "pull out their plums."

Hidden in Egg Shells.
When the family is all present at breakfast start to serve the meal of coffee, bread and butter, ham and soft-cooked eggs without any mention of gifts.

At each place have an eggcup or saucer, on which you put an egg, the contents having been removed previously through a small hole in the end; partly fill with sand, and let each contain a small paper with a suggestion in poetry of where or how to find their gifts.

As each person cracks his egg he finds the puzzle inside. Much merriment and good cheer will be the result.

Serve original content of eggshells in omelet with the ham.

Hide one person's gifts in bookcase, paper in egg to read:

If you are either wise or smart
You'll find me in a hurry.
Among gifted people I now dwell;
So hunt, don't sit and worry.

Frost King and Snowballs.
As this is the time for the clever woman of the family to devise some unique way of distributing Christmas gifts, she may decorate the living room with evergreens, holly and mistletoe, and then place in one corner a table covered with a white cloth, hidden from view by a screen of generous size. On this table is placed snowballs. These snowballs, made of white cotton batting and tied with white ribbon, contain each designated present, and are heaped in a pyramid, thus obtaining a mass of snowballs of varied size. The pile is scattered freely with diamond dust, in order to give it an attractive sparkle. If there is a small boy in the house he may be dressed as a Frost King, in a costume of white wadding, sprinkled with diamond dust; leaves and holly berries can be sewed here and there upon the robe. At a given signal the screen is removed, disclosing the tiny Frost King, who, with a few words of Christmas greeting, gathers the snowballs into a pretty basket, and as each ball bears a small tag he finds no difficulty in distributing the gifts to those assembled.

A Holly Pie.
A novel way of distributing Christmas gifts on Christmas morning is to make a big pie in the center of the table of holly branches, and arrange it so the gifts can be easily drawn from under it. Each gift must be tied with a narrow red ribbon and one end lead to each place at the table. This is a great fun, and of course everyone is anxious to see who gets the most ribbons, the lucky one being declared the most popular. The pie is not "opened" until end of breakfast.

A Christmas Trail.
One member of the family should take charge of the gifts, and when the coast is clear should lay the "trail" with them in all of the available downstairs rooms. Start from a tiny Christmas tree on the living room table by fastening to it a card for each person, marked, for example, thus: "Card No. 1, father. Look for card No. 2 in umbrella stand in hall." In the stand he will find a package tagged in this manner: "Card No. 2, father. Look for card No. 3 in your hat in hall closet." The trail card will be found on a gift in the spot designated, with further instructions which are followed on to the next, until all his presents come to light. Everyone pursues his or her trail at once, and a merry scene of confusion is the result. These cards may be prepared beforehand, and no difficulty will be experienced in placing the gifts, each trail is finished before starting to lay another. The last cards should direct the family to their places at the dining room table, where they will find amusing souvenirs of the occasion.

Cobweb Method.
A rather novel and entirely inexpensive way of distributing Christmas gifts is to employ the "cobweb" method. Suspend a rope diagonally across the room, over which the strings may cross, each string to be labeled at its source with the name of the member of the family or the friend for whom it is intended. A sheet can be hung across one end of the room, hiding the gifts from view until time for winding the strings. Let all begin the quest at once, it being necessary to find the beginnings of the strings where the names are attached. This will afford considerable amusement, as the strings should be run through keyholes, under beds, over transoms and even out of doors, if possible.

Aside from the element of mystery contained in this method, there is the added value which attaches to those things which have been really earned through one's own efforts.

dren followed; then representatives from every class in the school, even the Bible union. Offerings were accompanied by specially prepared recitations, songs or dialogues, and gifts dressed to suit their gift. Children bringing cereals appeared as "Quakers"; rice suggested Chinese costume; tea, Japanese; "pure" products, the Puritan style, each. Songs were set to popular airs, making drill work easy.

Finally, Santa Claus had a valuable supply of provisions for an orphan asylum. The happy givers then received remembrances from their teachers. All found "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

ITS STATUS.
"They tell me you have a new baby at your house, Tilly."
"They say it's now, but it's all so creased up, I believe it's second-hand."

UNNECESSARY NOISE.
"Dat Rastus Johnson puts ebbery cent what he makes on his back."
"Yes, an' his money talks out loud, it do."

a red apple in his mouth, which, alas! he could never eat, and garnished him with holly.

At last the company came, the mistress preserving a calm exterior, but with an inward anxiety lest something be burned or spilled at the last moment.

When all is ready the beaming host says, "Friends, will thee join us in the Christmas feast?" And with great dignity he leads them, with the guest of honor on his arm, followed by the older people and the children.

The Table Decorated.
The table is a picture to cheer the hungry. The large turkey is at one end and the pig at the other end of the long table, with everything they are to eat between, excepting the plum pudding.

After the silent grace, which stills the noise for a moment, the carver takes his knife, and with a deliberation born of steady nerves carves under the fire of twenty pairs of eyes.

The directions in "Gentlewoman's Housewifery" says: "Raise the leg fairly of the turkey and open the joint with the point of the knife, but do not take off the leg."

"Then lace down both sides of the breast bone and open the breast plun, but do not take it off. Then raise the Merry Thought between the breast bone and the top of it," and so on till the turkey is boned. While this is being done the "Christmas bowl" is passed.

After they are helped to turkey and pig they pass the vegetables and delicacies, and even the mince pie is eaten when they have the desire for it.

The Correct Manners.
The proper conventions are strictly adhered to. The book of etiquette says: "A gentleman must not lean his elbows on the table, nor by a ravenous gesture discover a voracious appetite, nor talk with her mouth full, nor smack her lips like a pig."

The children were kept in order. In all the feast was decorous, but merry for all that.

At last, when they have eaten to the extent of their capacity, the plum pudding, blazing and with a piece of holly stuck in the top, is brought in and eaten with brandy sauce. Then the toasts are drunk with the good home-brewed wine, and the feast is done.

HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas, originally Cristes massa ("the mass or church festival of Christ"), is the English name for the season in which the birth of Christ is commemorated. It is apparent, however, that a festival was celebrated at this season long before it was held sacred as the birthday of Jesus of Nazareth. The Saturnalia of the Romans and the winter festival of the heathen Britons were both celebrated about December 25; and later, the Roman festival in honor of the sun god, Mithra (instituted 273 A. D.) From the latter the day became to be known as the "Birthday of the Unconquered Sun;" and after its adoption by the Christian church in the fourth century as the anniversary of Christ's birth, this name was given a symbolic interpretation.

A study of the customs associated with this period also reveals a heathen, if not invariably a solar, origin. The lighting of the Yule log (la buche de Noel) on Christmas eve, once a widespread European custom, is or was a function of this predominant importance among the Lithuanians and Letts that their words for Christmas eve literally signify "Log evening." The sports of the "Lords of Misrule" in England are thought to be an inheritance from the Saturnalia. The decoration of churches with the once sacred mistletoe and holly is a pagan survival.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

For many years one Sunday school has had a giving Christmas instead of a receiving one. The pupils bring gifts instead of receiving them.

The favorite method is for a class to plan a Christmas dinner. Each one in the class brings something for that purpose. One of the boys or girls can march forward dragging a turkey or a chicken, and other member or members of the same class following with articles for a Christmas dinner, not forgetting cranberries, mince pie and celery.

Still others like better to flourish a paper with

an order for a ton or half a ton of coal. This may be given by the united contributions of a class.

A novel and successful Christmas entertainment was given in an eastern Sunday school.

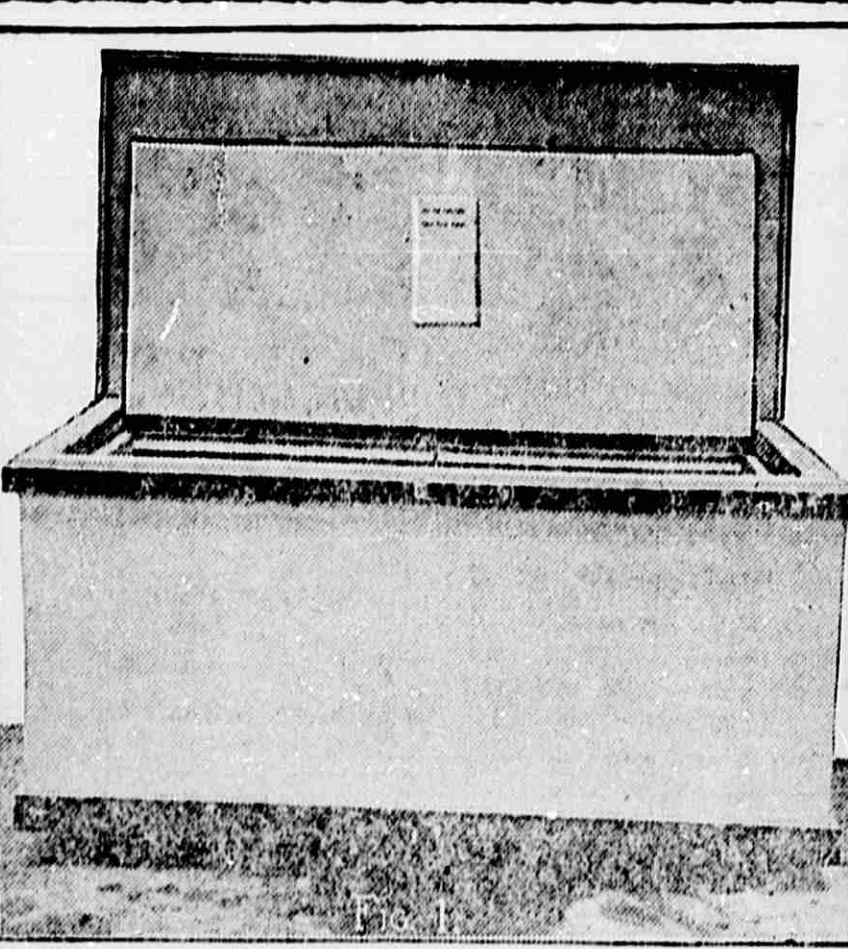
After prayer, Scripture responses and carols, sleigh bells were heard, announcing the coming of Santa Claus. He appeared upon the platform shaking an empty bag, and lamented he had no gifts for some needy children. "Little Beginners" hastened to their friend with packages of sugar and "sweet" little rhymes; primary chil-

LABELED WITH QUOTATIONS

All gifts should be wrapped and put in one place the night before Christmas, each package bearing the name of the giver and receiver. Let mother and father play the part of old Santa Claus, and after everybody has retired for the night, they must wrap each article in enough paper to have each bundle the same size. A quotation must be written on each package and the author's name on a separate piece of paper, which is placed before the receiver of that gift at the breakfast table. Each member of the family then must hunt for the quotation of his or her

author. The bundles all being hidden the night before, they will be great fun, hunting and unwrapping parcels.

ICE-WATER TANK WILL KEEP CREAM SWEET



Ice-Water Tank Lined With Galvanized Iron.

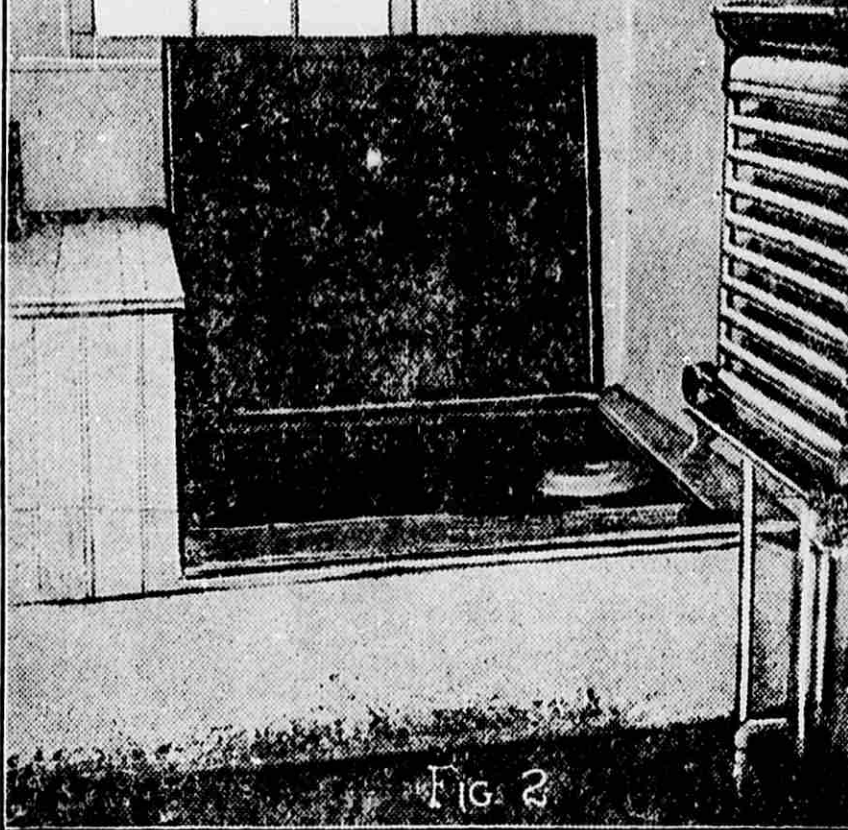
(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

One of the most common causes of poor quality of butter is the lack of immediate, thorough cooling of the cream after separation. The United States department of agriculture has made a careful investigation of conditions existing on a large number of dairy farms where first-class cream is produced, and the data obtained shows that, if properly cooled, cream of the best grade can be produced with but little extra labor or expense.

Dairymen in certain parts of New England are delivering practically all their product to the creameries while sweet, although the cream is often held on the farm from one to four days in summer and from one to seven days in winter. After it reaches the creamery it is pasteurized and shipped a distance of from 50 to 300 miles, where it is sold in the form of sweet cream. These results are accomplished by the liberal use of ice, nearly every farmer having stored large quantities in the winter for use in cooling milk

ing should be provided for this purpose. Satisfactory Ice-Water Tanks. For the purpose of securing information from actual conditions, ice-water tanks of many different kinds and shapes, some with and some without insulation and tight-fitting covers, have been examined on more than 60 farms. The average temperature of milk and cream which was held in these tanks was about 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and in each instance the cream was sweet. The cost of these ice-water tanks varied from \$5 to \$20, depending on the size and whether the tank was made or was purchased from some supply house. There are few farmers who cannot afford to provide themselves with some form of ice-water tank which will conform to their own ideas and the local conditions.

A great many different styles of tanks are in use. Figure 1 shows a type of ice-water tank which has proved satisfactory. This style has double wooden walls and is lined with



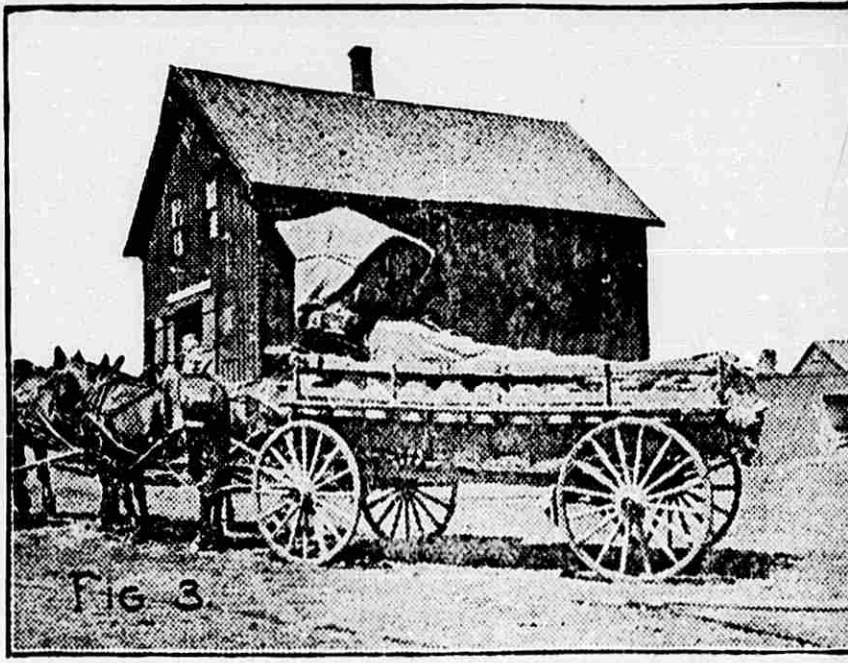
An Inexpensive Concrete Ice-Water Tank.

galvanized iron. It is also provided with two air spaces and two covers. With a little time, labor, and expense such a tank can be made on almost any farm. A can of cream placed in ice water in such a tank will remain sweet for several days. Many less expensive tanks were found in use that gave desired results.

Figure 2 is an illustration of a concrete tank which can be constructed at a small expense and which will answer most purposes.

Figure 3 is a photograph of a load of 2,160 pounds of sweet cream which had been gathered from 39 patrons over a route 21 miles long. The picture was taken on a Saturday morning when the outdoor temperature was 92 degrees Fahrenheit. Some of the cream had been held from the previous Wednesday evening. At the time of delivery to the creamery the temperature of the cream varied from 55 degrees to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Had the cans been jacketed this temperature would have been even lower. If this load of cream had been old and sour and delivered subject to a four-cent premium per pound for butterfat in sweet cream, the loss on the load on a basis of 25 per cent fat would have amounted to \$21.60. On the other hand, the ice used to cool the cream on the farm added very little to the cost of production.

During the summer months it is seldom possible to find ordinary well water which will cool milk and cream even to as low a temperature as 50 degrees Fahrenheit. It is apparent, then, that some form of special cool-



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If the foal has been properly cared for during the summer months, being fed a little grain in addition to the roughage and dam's milk, weaning time will be merely a matter of separation.

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Hog Needs Room.

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Another View of Henry Ford.

"Whatever the mind of man can imagine," says Henry Ford, "the mind of man can accomplish."

He has seen all this in faith. It is his vision. It is not confined to him alone, for many have seen it down the centuries.

Suppose he fails. Suppose he fails! He has failed in the cause of God and man.

Suppose, by acting for righteousness' sake, as all servants of progress have before him, he does initiate a little glimmer of hope here and there, strengthens the desire for peace, the longing for justice, the willingness to let God rule in His world—will not that be a great thing?

At least there has been given to the world this spectacle—a single man, planted solidly on his moral instincts, has spoken to an embattled world, of peace, and has dared to challenge the trade of killing.

"More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of."

If it hurts you to pay your taxes—and many are hard hit—remember that you can't have your doughnut and eat it too.

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Your dollars bring you the top-notch of genuine clothes-value at this store when you choose superb style and extreme values from our stocks of suits and overcoats at

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Pair "Holeproof" or Fibresilk Hose

Boys' Stockings (1 or 2 pair)

2 Collars

Garters-- Boston, Paris

Silk Bow Ties in Xmas Boxes.

A "Peach of a Necktie."

Pair Knit Gloves

3 Handkerchiefs in box

Toques in all colors

Tie Clasp, Tie Pin

Link Buttons

2 Hdks with woven borders

This list doesn't give half of them!



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A splendid Fur Cap at \$2.50 or \$3.50.

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French and Austrian Silk Neckwear (slip easy bands)

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Pair Mocha Fleece or Silk Lined Gloves

Pair Kid Gloves

Pair Suede Gloves

Pair warm Mocha Mitts

Tie Clasp, Tie Pins, Link Cuff Buttons

Night Robe

These are only a few.

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The prettiest and best Necktie we've ever shown at 50c.

Combination Sets Sox and Garters Garters and Arm Bands

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Silk Hose

Knit Gloves (leather bound)

Lamb-knit Gloves

Warm Mittens

A warm Cap

4 Collars

---and then some more

Let us help you--- that's our business.

pinched; and it won't be the rich and well-to-do who will feel it most.

administration of public affairs, not forgetting his right of representation in all matters wherein he is taxed.

THE power of public opinion when properly directed and exerted, has been well shown in the case of the Ottawa wife, condemned to be hanged for murder of a woman who had ruined her home.

THAT one person in twenty--- or 157,000 people in Michigan--- is paid out of the public treasury, is the startling statement made by Frank M. Sparks in the Sunday Herald.

THE LEDGER for a year makes a fine Christmas present for the absent one.

ANOTHER life has been snuffed out by death on wheels, and the driver, who was burning midnight oil, never slackened speed, for a second while dragging his victim along the Grandville road.

Mr. TAFT thinks that Col. Roosevelt sees blood when talking war and is rated accordingly. On the whole, Mr. Taft favors President Wilson's preparedness plan.

REAL prosperity is sweeping the country, say the life insurance presidents. Well, we would like to see a little more of the dust in time to save the additional per cent on our taxes.

MUCH depends on the point of view. The last time Brother Johnson of the Saranac Advertiser played agame with Brother Winchester of the Alto Solo, the four aces looked beautiful to one and something awful to the other.

KNOWLEDGE may be power and some men may be very wise; but it is well for them not to think the cars will all stop running when they leave town.

MESSRS. Taft, Bryan, Wilson, and Ford having all been duly denounced by Col. Roosevelt will please toe the line and join in that sweet refrain: "Everybody's wrong but Teddy."

BEFORE his marriage, a Portland man wrote to his prospective mother-in-law: "One sweet kiss from Anna Belle and I thought I was in heaven."

THE Sunday Herald has a full page Christmas beer ad Does The Herald stop to think how many thousand people will have no Christmas at all because of beer?

WORD comes to us that the liquor interests are systematically influencing moving picture theatres against using temperance-teaching films. Beware, good people.

DRINK, murder and suicide ---latest booze tragedy from Grand Rapids. You get a big premium with drink, if you buy enough; but death is the

grand prize.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT favors a business administration of the post office system. Here, too, but why not administer all public affairs on a business basis?

ASKED if she thought Mrs. Nurich was beautiful, Miss Grand Rapids replied that she did not consider her an Adonis.

THEY say Bryan is quite a charger, for a man of peace.

SOUTH BOSTON. Carter's and Satsung union suits at Weekes' adv

Dec. 13.---Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dogger of Grand Rapids spent Sunday at her brother's, Jay Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Freeman called on Mrs. Ora Morton last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bedell of South Boston, died at the home of one of his children in Grand Rapids recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Gilbert and Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Gilbert and baby of Indianapolis spent Sunday with Mrs. John Noyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bovee entertained with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Bessie Story. A good time was enjoyed by all. She received several

pretty gifts. Miss Beatie of Grand Rapids spent several days at the home of John Freeman recently.

WAR UPON PAIN! Pain is a visitor in every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clemens and three children spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. J. S. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and two children of Lowell visited her uncle and family of Bowne from Friday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Alexander, and family spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. S. Thomas.

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is a virtue; a talent; a recognition and acceptance of real value.

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Gifts for Gentlemen Fountain Pens, Shaving Sets, Cased Pipes, Military Sets, Traveling Sets, Suitable Books, Necktie Racks, etc.

Gifts for Ladies Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Perfumes, Toilet Water, Sewing Set, Jewel Boxes, Trays, Brushes, Mirrors and Appropriate Books.

Boys

Juvenile Books, Novel Bildo Toys, Erectors Mechanicalsteel Toys, Tinker Tops, Carrom Boards and other Games.

Girls

Sewing Sets, Kodak Books, Manicure Sets, Suitable Books, Fancy Box Papers, Perfumes, Hair Receivers, Trays, Brushes, Mirrors.

Nothing equals a good book as the price does not enter into consideration, for a 25c book is neat and attractive and is valued as much by the recipient as a more costly one. 25 and 50c books are our long suit.

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Chronicles by ALLEN UPWARD

THE WHITE THREAD

"Pardon, M. l'ambassadeur, but there is a piece of thread on the back of your coat."

We were about to go forth for a stroll on the boulevards—I had just helped his excellency on with his overcoat. As I bent forward to remove the strand of white cotton which had attracted my attention, the ambassador turned his head with a startled movement. I even fancied that he gave a slight shiver as I picked off the thread and cast it away.

"A thousand thanks," he murmured mechanically, glancing after the thread with a strange expression. But he realized that I had observed his singular agitation, for he immediately went on to say:

"You ask yourself, perhaps, what it is that has disturbed me so much in this trivial circumstance? Do me the justice to believe, notwithstanding, that I have not been agitated without a real cause."

"It was not long after the mysterious affair, which I have related to you, in connection with the death of Abdul Aziz," began his excellency, "and I had just been promoted to the rank of charge d'affaires. In this capacity I was entrusted with the French mission to the court of one of those barbarous principalities in the southeast of Europe, which have hardly yet recovered from their centuries of vassalage to the Turks. In these unsettled societies acts of lawlessness and violence are rendered possible at which more civilized countries would be dismayed."

"At the time of my arrival in the principality to the court of which I had been accredited, I found things in a very disturbed condition. As is always the case in these petty states in the region of the Danube, Russia and Austria were intriguing for the predominance, and the whole population was rent into factions accordingly, which pursued each other with the bitterest hatred."

"This rivalry between the two powers I have named had even extended to the palace, where the Austrian inclinations of George, the reigning prince, were counterbalanced by the Russian sympathies of his consort, Catherine, a princess of Russian extraction."

"While I was preparing to walk warily among the pitfalls which surrounded me, I was surprised one day shortly after my arrival by a visit from the Russian minister, Baron Dourenski. 'I have come,' he said, as soon as he had taken a seat and exchanged the usual compliments, 'to inform you that I am obliged to leave for Russia in two days' time. The business which requires my presence is important, and will, perhaps, detain me four or five weeks.'

"I bowed, and murmured a polite expression of regret at the idea of losing the society of the minister for so long a period."

"That is not all, however," he proceeded to say, 'I have at the legation no one whom I can trust to take my place properly while I am away. Shall I trespass too much on your good nature if I ask you to take charge of the interests of Russia for these few weeks?'

"I was not altogether surprised by this request. At these petty courts, where there are no experienced secretaries of legation to act during the absence of their chiefs, it is not unusual for diplomatists to undertake these services for each other. It was, moreover, a compliment to me to ask me to act on behalf of a minister, whose rank in the diplomatic body is above that of a charge d'affaires, as you perhaps know."

"Yes, a minister ranks next to an ambassador, does he not?" I said, as his excellency appeared to pause for an answer.

"Exactly. It is only the greater powers which are represented at each other's courts by ambassadors. Smaller states send and receive ministers, and those below are satisfied with charges d'affaires. As a matter of fact only Austria and Russia thought it necessary to be represented by ministers at the court of which I am speaking, a circumstance due to their conflicting interests in the Balkan peninsula. But I perceive that I am becoming excessively tedious."

"I shook my head, out of complaisance. But the ambassador had already gone on."

"Some of these details were, perhaps, necessary. As I have said, Baron Dourenski's proposal was natural, and even gratifying. Nevertheless I did not at once give my consent."

"I am too much honored by the confidence you place in me," I said, "but recollect, if you please, my dear Dourenski, that I have only recently arrived in this country, and know nothing of the political situation. Had you not better apply to some colleague of older standing?" To Sir Graham, for instance, the British charge d'affaires?

"He made an emphatic gesture of disapproval as I pronounced this name. 'Not for worlds, my dear fellow! That man is a mere tool of the Austrian minister's. No, I must have someone whom I can trust, someone of real independence and judgment. Besides, our two countries are friendly; I should leave the affairs of my legation in your hands with the same confidence as in those of a fellow-countryman.'

"Thus pressed, I could find no excuse for declining the honor which Dourenski proposed to confer on me. He went on to add:

"There is one thing about which I must ask you to preserve the strictest secrecy. In the mailbag of the legation you will find from time to time five letters addressed to M. Starovitch, which you will without doubt find means to transmit to him in a private manner. If the packages are sometimes heavy, that is merely because they contain a little gold which it is necessary to distribute among our friends."

"Used as I was to the tangled path of political intrigue, I could not altogether conceal my astonishment at hearing him pronounce the name of M. Starovitch. This was the prime minister, the head of the prince's government, and although I had heard it whispered that he was less favorable to Vienna than his master, I was certainly not prepared to find him in receipt of Russian gold."

"I dare not wait till tomorrow," he returned quickly. "The papers are of too much importance, and it is impossible to foresee what may follow this move. I must beg you to let me pass this envelope to you now, under the shelter of the table. We do not know who may be observing us."

"Much annoyed at being asked to take part in these paltry maneuvers, I was nevertheless obliged to give my consent. Thereupon Starovitch pretended to turn his back on me and engage in conversation with his left-hand neighbor, while he had slowly and slowly creeping towards the pocket of his coat."

"Following his example I also turned, and made a show of paying renewed attention to the princess. But the prince, who had perhaps remarked my whispered conference with his minister, now neglected the Austrian envoy, and commenced to engage me in a friendly discussion, in which the princess also took part."

"While I was endeavoring to give my attention to their highnesses, I became conscious of a light touch on my knee. Affecting to play with my serviette, I gradually allowed my left hand to descend out of sight beneath the table, and my fingers at once came in contact with the envelope of which Starovitch had spoken. I carefully took hold of it, and seizing the first moment when the prince's eyes were turned away, I managed to get the packet up under my coat and into my breast pocket. Whether anyone else at the table perceived the movement it was impossible for me to tell."

"Shortly afterwards his highness gave the signal to rise, and giving his arm to his consort, led the company into the drawing-room. Here we separated into small groups, and I observed the Austrian minister approach the princess as though to pay court to her. But she received him with a disdain which served to accentuate the opposition between the sentiments of the royal pair."

"As soon as she had got rid of the Austrian, I saw her highness fix her eyes upon me with a look which plainly intimated that she had something of importance to say to me. Accordingly I contrived to shake off the minister of justice, who had button-holed me directly we left the table, and edged my way cautiously towards the princess."

"She received me at first with well-acted indifference; but as soon as a slight movement of the crowd had left us alone for a moment, she bent towards me and addressed me in these significant words: 'Pardon me, monsieur, but if you have anything which you wish to put away in safety, do not remain here another moment.'

"I was overwhelmed, as you may imagine, at this proof of her acquaintance with the transaction at the dinner-table, and it was with difficulty that I restrained myself from allowing my dismay to be visible. At the same time the serious character of the warning which she had given me served to increase the uneasiness which I had labored under for some time. I bowed gravely to show that I understood what to do, and after a few minutes I returned to the entrance of the hall, and there, without consulting their chief, who had not yet arrived. But I knew the character of these men, and a handful of roubles soon gained me admittance."

"Inside the spacious entrance hall I encountered a frightful spectacle. On the floor, in the center of a crowd of attendants, lay the man who had sat at the dinner-table with me an hour before, still extended on the shutter on which he must have been brought there from the scene of the crime, and literally wet with his blood. Some of his clothes had been removed and flung into a corner, when I arrived, and a doctor, who must have preceded me by barely a minute, was turning over the body of the unconscious man, in his search for the fatal wound."

"I was just in time to see it—a hideous pit the back into which I could have thrust my two fingers, and from which the thick black blood began to ooze afresh as the doctor shifted the position of the victim."

"I turned my eyes away, with a feeling of sickness, while the doctor began to call for lint and warm water. A child could have seen that no remedies were destined to be of the slightest avail. As my averted gaze wandered round the hall, I was arrested by the pile of clothing which I have already mentioned."

"Something which I could not understand drew me towards these blood-stained garments with a horrible fascination. The overcoat, coat and waistcoat of the murdered man had apparently been stripped off together, and lay on the floor at the foot of the stairs in a confused heap. I stepped towards the spot slowly and looked round. No one was observing my movements; every eye was turned on the dying man. With my foot I softly turned over the clothes, till I came to the overcoat. As I did so, I suddenly caught sight of something which caused me to gasp and rest back as if I had been struck a blow."

"There, on the back, within an inch of the bloody rent made by the assassin's knife, was a long white thread, identical in every respect with the one which I had found on my own coat within the very hour!"

"I gazed with a terrible suspicion, I bent down hastily and snatched at the thread. It was firmly fastened to the cloth!"

"In the meantime a commotion had arisen among those who were surrounding the body. I pressed through the ring and saw that poor Starovitch had at length unclosed his eyes. The next moment his glance fell on me, and he showed unmistakably his anxiety to address me."

"I pressed hastily by his side, and knelt down to catch the faintest whisper. 'Can you speak?' I asked. 'If so, tell me how this happened?'

"He made a feeble movement as though to rise. I bent over him with my ear close to his lips. 'The cripple—the papers—he gasped, and ceased.'

"That was all. I was destined to hear no more. Corpses make no confessions. The ambassador allowed a decent interval to pass, as if to proclaim his respect for the memory of the murdered statesman. Then he resumed: 'Poor Starovitch had hardly drawn his last breath when the chief of police rushed in, at the head of a staff of officers. He frowned when his glance encountered me there by the side of the dead man; but instantly softening his expression, he advanced respectfully.'

"I perceive that I have arrived too late. Perhaps, M. le Baron, your friend was able to give you some hint as to the author of this abominable crime? 'I looked him steadily in the face, and replied with the most perfect coolness: 'No, unfortunately. M. Starovitch expired, on the contrary, just as he was on the point of commencing a declaration.'

"The truth of this assertion was confirmed by the doctor and the other persons who had been present during the scene."

"In that case," said the chief, preserving his composure, "I must proceed to make my investigation from the clues which are already in my possession."

"I bowed in silence, and took my departure, returning home with Montalembert, to whom I said nothing about the anxieties which were torturing me."

"The moment I had reached my own house, however, I sat down and wrote an order to a certain manufacturer in Vienna with whom I formerly had dealings, to forward me without delay one of those shirts composed of steel links which are sometimes worn by officers engaged in warfare among savage tribes."

"You will have recognized, of course, my motives for saying nothing to the police officials. Where political considerations are involved, the police are not to be depended on. If the crime which had just been committed were the work of a private individual, on the other hand, I had no doubt that the police would prove equal to the task of bringing it to justice."

"All I did was to dispatch a telegram to Dourenski, in the cipher which he had requested me to employ, informing him of what had occurred, and urging him to return immediately."

"The news of the tragedy must in any case have reached him within a few hours. The most profound impression was created all over Europe by this assassination of a statesman whose name was a familiar one to the public as that of Prince George himself."

"It is needless for me to describe the sensation produced in the principality itself. So great was the agitation and alarm in the capital, that the government gave orders that the funeral of the murdered premier should take place at night, and should be attended by no one except a few public functionaries, and the immediate relatives and friends of the deceased."

"The funeral was ordered for the second night after the murder, and it was of course necessary that I should be present. In accordance with the custom of the country there were to be no carriages, the coffin being carried by friends, and the other mourners following on foot. This was the first time that I had ventured outside my door since the events I have described, and before putting on my overcoat I could not forbear glancing fearfully at the place where I had discovered the white thread."

"Judge of my consternation, when I felt that I beheld the fatal token there once more! The assassins had foreseen that I should be obliged to attend the funeral, and had conceived the atrocious idea of dispatching me on my return."

"My first feeling was one of overpowering horror; my next, of truly un-governable rage. Leaving the thread in its place, I swore that I would keep the assignment which these wretches had prepared for me, and teach them the danger of attacking a brave man."

"Luckily my mail shirt had arrived from Vienna that very day, and I congratulated myself on having had it sent to me from a quarter the least likely to provoke suspicion. I retired to my room instantly and put it on. While I was adjusting it, I sent for my attaché and told him everything—that is to say, everything except what bore on my suspicions as to the real motive of the conspiracy."

"Montalembert was a young man who had real courage and intelligence. As soon as I had explained my intentions, he eagerly consented to accompany me, and to assist me in the manner which I pointed out to him. We then left the house together and arrived in time to join the funeral procession just as it was setting out for the cemetery."

"As soon as the service was over, and the coffin had been lowered into the earth, the torches were all extinguished, and the crowd prepared to disperse. At this moment I gave the last whispered direction to my companion and turned my steps slowly homeward, leaving him to drop gradually behind."

"By degrees the various members of the crowd separated from each other, every one going in his own direction. On my part I was careful not to allow myself to be joined by any chance acquaintance, so that I soon found myself walking alone, though I fancied I could hear the cautious footsteps of Montalembert dogging me from behind."

"Carefully refraining from any backward glance, I pursued my way till I had gone a long and rather narrow street which led directly into the inn in which my house was situated. As I turned into it, I saw something which caused my heart to beat violently. Advancing towards me in the obscurity, from the far end of the street, was the figure of a man. The next moment the moon penetrated the clouds which had doubtless hidden and I perceived that the approach of the moon was my cue for the night of the murder."

"Striving to maintain the same calm pace, I walked slowly on down the street. The cripple continued to shamble along towards me, and we were within twenty paces of each other when my senses, keenly on the alert, warned me of the presence of something unusual in one of the doorways. I was passing on the left. Not daring to turn so much as an eyelid in that direction, for fear of betraying myself, I walked steadily past, and came up to where the cripple had taken his stand so as to intercept my advance."

"Peering up into my face with the one eye which was not hidden by the bandage, the fellow commenced to demand money in the usual whine of his class. I affected to hesitate, stopped, and put my hand to my pocket. At the same moment my intent ears caught a light, swift footfall on the road behind me."

"I can hardly describe how the rest happened. I felt something strike me violently in the back, then came a crash of splintered steel, an oath, and a loud cry in Montalembert's voice as he came running up from the rear. Leaving him to deal with the ruffian behind me, I sprang forward and clutched the one in front."

"As I had anticipated, his lameness was feigned. Instead, I found myself engaged with an active, powerful man, who fell his crutches, and struggled so desperately in my grasp that it was all I could do to prevent his escape till Montalembert came to my assistance."

"The other man, it appears, had been too quick for him. He had taken to his heels the moment he heard Montalembert approaching, and being a good runner, had soon made pursuit hopeless. Nor did I ever find out who he really was, a mere subordinate instrument."

AUTO A TIME SAVER HANDLING TIRE CHAIN

UNPLEASANT TASK THAT MAY BE MADE EASY.

Common-Sense Method of Placing Them in Sack—Supporting Frame of Car for Lubrication.

This is the time of the year when motorists most frequently are called upon to handle their chains. Under the best conditions this usually is an odious task. Chains always should be kept in the canvas or burlap sack provided.

Placing the chains in the sack is an unpleasant task, as they usually are covered with mud. A good method is to grasp them with the thumb and forefinger only and hang the chains to a protruding part of the car. Then slip the bag over the chain from underneath, thus avoiding handling. If the top is down it is possible to use the top iron on the front seat for the purpose. Usually, however, at this time of the year, when one needs chains the top is up.

Now is the time to place graphite, grease or some other lubricant between the spring leaves of your car. The owner may save money and time if he does this simple work himself instead of sending his car to a garage.

A simple method is illustrated. It consists of placing a flat bar of steel under the frame just back of the spring horns, and by placing a jack under the bar the front end may be lifted, relieving the springs of the weight. A wooden horse then is placed under

Thousands of farmers all over the country are purchasing automobiles and many more are saving money to buy them. There is a reason. It is not one of pleasure. The farmer no doubt gets a good deal of pleasure out of the automobile, but this is not the prime motive for buying one. There are a number of reasons why the farmer looks at the investment in an automobile as a profitable one.

First, the auto saves horseflesh. The man who is well equipped with draft horses realizes that they are unfit for the road. They travel slowly and it is hard on them. He believes he is saving money by investing in an automobile by saving his horses. No doubt this is true. The man who can conserve the strength of his faithful work animals is wise, even though it costs him the worth of an auto to do so. Then the work team can often be kept in the field at the plow when it would be on the road if there was not an automobile on the farm.

Second, the automobile is the saver of time, and time is money to the farmer in the busy season. The man who lives eight or ten miles in the country can get to town and back in a few hours when repairs for machinery or other business matters must be looked after. A whole day would be consumed if a horse and buggy must be used. The saving of a half day's time often means much in cultivating the crop or harvesting the grain.

Third, the auto is often used to take a few head of stock to market. My neighbor has a crate that fits the hind end of his auto when the back seat is removed. In this he often puts a calf, a sheep, two or three hogs or a few chickens, and away he goes to market. He gets to town before the heat of the day and his stock or chickens do not suffer from the heat.

He also uses his auto to bring farm machinery to the shop for repairs. If a wagon, manure spreader, mowing machine or cultivator needs repair he simply hitches it to the hind end of his machine and brings it to the shop. Saves lots of time.

Lastly, when it comes to long trips or pleasure trips the automobile has become a blessing to the farmer. When going to a distant neighbor's home to spend the day, to the county seat to pay the taxes, to the city to do shopping, or to the public sale ten miles away, how nice to get in the auto and spin over the roads at the rate of 20 miles an hour. The distance is soon covered and lots of time saved. So the farmer needs the auto—it is his friend and valuable helper on the farm.—Farm Progress.

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"As soon as I had exhausted myself in reproaches, therefore, I said to him: 'But it is not you with whom I am concerned, but those from whom you received your instructions. Your fate is in your own hands. Tell me the whole of the circumstances frankly, and you shall go unharmed; refuse, and I will take you back to the spot where you attempted to punish him for his crimes. The only advantage I could gain from my victory was to extort a confession of the real authors and motives of this villainy.'

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"Pardon Me, Monsieur, But If You Have Anything Which You Wish to Put Away in Safety, Do Not Remain Here Another Moment."

FAULT NOT WITH THE PUBLIC

Claim of Bankrupt Baker That Public Has Lost Its Taste for Pie Is Refuted.

A New York pie manufacturer declares himself a bankrupt and informs the court that his financial embarrassment is due to a decline in the demand for pie. His inability to balance his liabilities with his assets is the pie-maker's own affair. Bankruptcy is an unbusinesslike enough to be interest-

ing. But when the pie-maker assures us that the public has lost its taste for pie, that pie is no longer in favor, and gives this as an excuse for his failure, we encounter something that is not common.

Pie, we had believed, was set upon a foundation as firm as the rock of Gibraltar. It is an American institution. It is the one pastry that makes the whole country kin. Rich and poor, urban and rural, East and West know it, revere it, devour it. It graces man-

etrical trees work toward high prices. In the immediate vicinity of the house deciduous trees are preferable to evergreens, especially in winter.—Farm and Poultry.

For Cold Feet. Bill—To cure certain troubles an electric rubber has been invented, consisting of flexible strips covered with asbestos cloth, current being taken from a light socket. Jill—Sounds as if it ought to be good for "cold feet." I think to

In Our Last Conflict With Britain. One hundred years ago three United States regiments marched from Plattsburg, N. Y., for the North. This was but one of the movements preliminary to the beginning of the final campaign along the Canadian border. During the week several troops arrived at Quebec with hundreds of veteran soldiers who had fought under the flag in the Peninsular war. As rapidly as possible these reinforcements were hurried forward to the frontier. At the same time a British

quadron under Sir James Yeo was cruising about Lake Ontario on the lookout for a chance to strike a decisive blow. In the vicinity of Buffalo, Generals Scott and Ripley of the American army were gathering their forces preparatory to crossing the Niagara river for an attack on Fort Erie.

When Julius Caesar returned from the wars Roman citizens made a holiday and killed fat sheep, baked them and served them to the victorious general.

When the alderman of the "bloody Sixth" or the "fighting Fourth" celebrates his election with a mass meeting his admiring henchmen pass up the mutton feast, but they give him an ovation.

And because the sheep on which Caesar dined was called in Latin, ovium, the root word gives us the ovation, every big, noisy reception given a popular man or woman is called an ovation.

The Ledger will be published Wednesday next week. Advertisers, correspondents and contributors take notice.

LOWELL MARKET REPORT

Table with market prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and flour.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Newsp Notes About People You Know.

Guest towels at Weekes'. ad Handkerchiefs at Weekes'. ad Fur trimmings at Weekes'. ad New dress skirts at Weekes'. ad Fur sets and muffs at Weekes'. ad Plaid bed blankets at Weekes'. ad Umbrellas \$1 to \$4 at Weekes'. ad Beautiful line of neckwear at Weekes'. ad Everything in wool dress skirts at Weekes'. ad Knit slippers and slipper soles at Weekes'. ad All colors in baby ribbons 1c and 2c at Weekes'. ad A set of hns would please her. Buy it at Collier's. ad Table linens and napkins to match at Weekes'. ad Large variety of holiday boxes just in at Weekes'. ad Dainty collars put up in gift boxes at Weekes'. ad Dainty handkerchiefs that please at Weekes'. ad Men's initial handkerchiefs 10c and 15c at Weekes'. ad Art linens and huckabuck towels at Weekes'. ad Useful, sensible Christmas gifts at Look's drug store. ad Nifty hand bags put up in holiday boxes at Weekes'. ad Platinum and Tungsten points. Smith's garage. ad Administer rugs \$1, \$2 and \$3, and ideal gift. Weekes & Son. Try Columbia batteries. Smith's garage. ad New plaid and striped silks for waists and dresses at Weekes'. ad Everything in handkerchiefs for the whole family at Weekes'. ad Mocha, Cape Tanne and Glace kid gloves \$1.00 at Weekes'. ad Special prices on fine mahogany mantle clocks at Stocking's. ad Hakes gives prompt ons and baggage service. Phone 35. ad Get your copy in early next week. We print The Ledger Wednesday. ad New stylish dress skirts at Weekes'. ad The best assortment of books in Lowell at Henry's drug and book store. ad The nicest display in town is the general comment from people that have inspected Henry's holiday stock. ad Mrs. Belle Hodges, who has been spending the winter in Grand Rapids, is visiting at the home of her son Clinton here and is all with the numps. ad All school teachers sending their name, address, school district and number to the City State Bank, Lowell, Michigan, will receive a beautiful 1916 calendar. ad Basket ball Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, Bethany team of Grand Rapids vs. Lowell High school, opening game in new High school gymnasium. Entrance by engine room door only. ad Everything conceivable in Parisian Ivory novelties at Henry's drug store. ad The four-week-old baby of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Huntley died Friday morning. A short prayer service was held at the home Saturday and the little body was taken to Mason for burial. ad Miss Evalena Bowen, who has been spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Mina Gardner, went to Grand Rapids Tuesday to spend the holidays with her brother Dale Bowen and family.

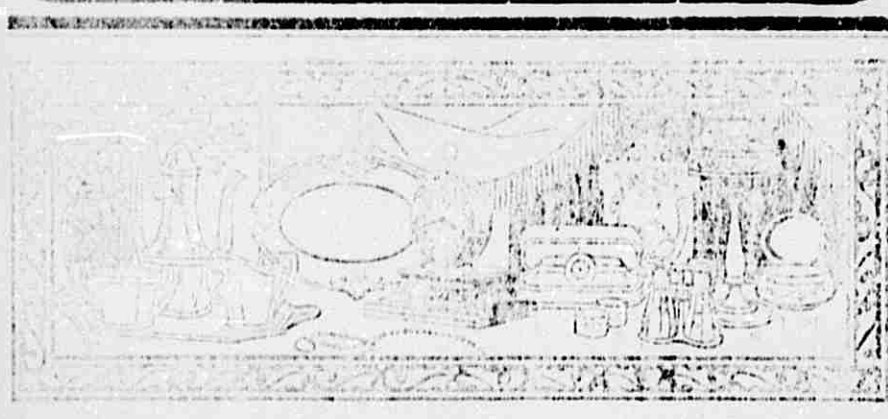
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A Keen Critic. Small Boy—'Let's go through the camp; there's squirrels and lots of funny things in there.'—Yale Record. To Cure Corns. Soft corns can be quickly cured by putting talcum powder and a piece of tissue between toes. Do not use cotton, it is too heating, and moisture is what causes soft corns.—Good House Keeping. Old Women. Coleridge is reported as saying that there were three classes into which all the women past seventy that he ever knew, were to be divided—1. That dear old soul; 2. That old woman; 3. That old witch. Precocity. Precocity may be defined as a form of premature mental development that is balanced when a child five years old has learned that the drumstick is not the best part of a turkey gobble.—Houston Post. What J. F. Gloom Thinks of T. J. Daft. 'Do you read my comic poems?' inquired Tenyson J. Daft, evidently an ally for a compliment. 'Occasionally,' replied J. F. Gloom, who has a bright though evil mind, 'and they always make me a sadder if not wiser man.'—Kansas City Star. Ozen Work Best in Pairs. It is an accepted fact that oxen usually die in pairs. One yoke fellow seldom survives the other. Working and resting side by side through many years, the animals develop so strong an affection that separation means death. That Resemblance. 'What a funny looking man that conductor is!' said Mrs. Biggles on the trolley. 'Yes,' said Jingles. 'I've been trying to think whom he looks like. His face is very familiar to me.' 'Oh, I know who it is!' said Mrs. Biggles. 'It's our goldfish!'—Judge. Would Satisfy Him. To the young man who sat timidly in a corner telling a handsome young woman 15 feet away that he would cross the world for her she could said that she'd be satisfied if he simply crossed the room. Spoiled His Thoughts. Little Billie was lying quietly, with eyes wide open, but apparently seeing nothing. After a while his mother asked, 'Dreaming, Billie?' 'No, dreaming,' replied Billie impatiently, 'and when anybody speaks to me it cuts the think right in two and I have to begin all over again. Catarrh Cannot Be Cured. WITHOUT LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. E. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, everywhere. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Merry Christmas. Illustration of a man and a woman reading books. 'Push the Button-Back Reclines'.

Just Stop and Think! Wouldn't a nice piece of furniture be a good present for the whole family? It's useful and makes the home more cheerful. No matter how large or how small we have it. Royal Easy Chairs \$12.00. A few reminders: Bissels Sweepers, Jardiner Stands, Smoking Cabinets, Small Rugs, Large Mirrors, Shaving Stands, Pictures, all kinds. \$8 to \$20. You May Have Them Delivered Xmas Eve. YEITER & CO.

So far this subscription season, not a single Ledger subscription has been ordered discontinued, while new ones and renewals have been coming thick and fast. Our business the first two weeks in December has been very much better than in the same period last year. Our subscription receipts published in this paper from week to week is 'proof of the pudding,' while Postmaster Hunter's postal receipt showed 364 pounds of Ledgers mailed last week—all regulars, no samples. We publish a home paper for those who want 'something to read' and those who like advertising that reaches the people; and we are reaching for that 2,000 subscription list.

For Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Sprains, Strains, Stiff Neck, Chills, Lame Back, Old Sores, Open Wounds, and all External Injuries. Made Since 1846. Ask Anybody About It. Price, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. All Dealers. C. Hanford Mfg. Co. SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Silk and satine undershirts and knit skirts at Weekes'. ad One lot assorted gift, boys and girls books, regular 15c to 45c values, choice 10c at Henry's. Teachers, here is your chance. ad Crepe de chene and silk and wool poplins at Weekes'. ad See west window for aprons and boudoir caps. Weekes & Son. ad All school teachers sending their name, address, school district and number to the City State Bank, Lowell, Michigan, will receive a beautiful 1916 calendar. ad A newspaper is forbidden to publish notices of lotteries or drawings either in advance or afterward to announce winners. The penalty is being barred from the mails. Readers, please remember. ad Harper's Weekly and The Lowell Ledger both one year, regular price \$6.00. Our price only \$4.50. ad In our opinion the new school building will not be ready for use before the middle of February or the first of March. It is true in this case as in most other building jobs that the finishing is relatively the longer part of the work. ad Buy now and have your gift laid away until Christmas. Our stock is complete. Henry's drug and book store. ad

Terrible Croup Attack Quickly Repulsed By Old Reliable Remedy. Well known Georgia store keeper has mastered croup and colds for life with Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. The man who has heard in the home of T. J. Barber, of Anderson, Ga., of the famous Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Here's what he says: 'Two of my children, one boy and one girl, aged eight and six years respectively, had terrible attacks of croup last winter and I completely failed them with Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I have ten in family and for years I've used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and it never fails me. Badly coughed and sore throat bits—keep Foley's Honey and Tar Compound always on hand in your home. One bottle has a home time. It's as good as the best. Get the genuine.

THE COAL MAN is talking To You. And the best thing you can do right now is to TALK TO THE COAL MAN. Place your order for the winter's supply of coal now, and let us fill your bin before the rush of orders begins. Everybody knows the grade of coal we sell. There is none better and we are keeping the price down. We've talked to you—now you talk to us. It's good for both. EARL HUNTER Phone 127.

Have Your Clothes Fixed Up Now for Christmas Ladies or Gents. People on Rural Routes send your goods in and get them next day, made like new. I pay parcel post on goods sent in. New Collars of any kind. Dyeing and Dry Cleaning of any kind. Goods sent any time. Will C. Stone. Across from Williams the Jeweler. Logs Wanted! We are still in the game and paying the Highest Price for good Elm Logs. We also buy all kinds of Logs. MICH. BENT RIM AND BASKET MFG. Co. Lowell, Mich.

Nifty silk waists at Weekes'. ad George Conner, 35 years old, of Lansing, pleaded guilty in Judge Brown's court, Monday afternoon, to the theft of a brass lubricator from a machine in a Lowell factory. He was remanded to jail, pending the passing of sentence this morning. Conner confessed to having taken the article, valued at several dollars, with the intention of selling it for old brass.—[Herald. Conner was sentenced Thursday to from two to five years at Jackson. Fancy aprons at Weekes'. ad

The Lowell Ledger. Classified Advertising. Your small want advertisement in this column will receive careful consideration by Lowell Ledger readers. If you need help, or want a situation, have something to buy or sell, have lost or found something, you will find this column profitable. Rates—1 cent a word for first insertion, 1/2 cent a word thereafter. No advertisement inserted for less than 12 cent.

FOR SALE or RENT—My home three blocks north of Central school building on Water street; seven rooms with bath and electric lights. Call at the house or phone 125. Harold Miller. Pure bred Barred Rock cockerels. Geo. D. Clarke, Lowell, R. 51 or Alto citizens phone. 27p. HAY FOR SALE—Enquire F. O. Pottruff, last house on Hubson street, no. th. 28p. FOR SALE—White Orpington cockerels—7c each. Come early Mrs. C. Luz, Phone 88, 3-11, Lowell R. 1. 29p. FOR SALE—A good Jersey cow and calf. Robt. Ferrall, phone 198-11. 4c. FOR SALE—Wood, wood, wood. Seasoned second growth wood, delivered. Phone, ask, write, Leonard R. Kerr, R. 6, Lowell, Phone 68-4. 28p. FOR RENT—Third floor, Kopl block, well suited for lodge purposes. Inquire G. W. Banks. FOUND—New Discovery—Hand made Hurley 5c cigar. Have you tried one? Mild and sweet! Made in Lowell. 29p. FOUND—Gold cuff link. Owner can recover at Ledger office by paying for this adv. 29p. LOST—On Alto road, automobile door. Finder please notify Charles Buttermore, Lowell. Reward.

NO HUNTING OR TRAPPING ON THIS FARM—LARGE signboards on tough manila tag board, 10c each at The Ledger office. MISCELLANEOUS Southern Pull Royal Monarch 35¢ will be found on the farm of A. L. Farnham for public service. \$1.00 cash at time of service with a return privilege. 31c. A. B. Cadwallader

NEW HOME. 'I'll get it for my wife'. NO OTHER LIKE IT. NO OTHER AS GOOD. Purchase the 'NEW HOME' and you will have a life asset at the price you pay. The elimination of repair expense by superior workmanship and best quality of material makes it a real investment. Insist on having the 'NEW HOME' WARRANTED FOR ALL TIME. Know the real value for money in making machines. Not sold under any other name. THE NEW HOME SEWING MACHINE CO., ORANGE, MASS. FOR SALE BY A. B. Cadwallader

Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers WINTER TOURS—REDUCED FAIRS to all parts of The South—Florida, the Gulf Coast, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, New Orleans and Texas. West to Arizona and California. Grand Trunk agents will help you plan your trip—tell you where to stop—the hotels, their rates; also what in the way of entertainment can be had at the numerous places. CALL, PHONE OR WRITE TODAY. Literature sent free upon request. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM E. A. Anderson, Agent Lowell, Mich.

Holiday Hints. WOMEN'S SLIPPERS. Worsted Knit Slippers \$1.00. Red and White, Black and Lavender Blue and White. Boudoir Slippers \$1.25. Red, Blue, Old Rose and Black with Pompon. Felt Hi Cut Slippers \$1.00-\$1.50. Red, Wine, Old Rose, Lavender, Blue, Green, Brown, Smoke, Gray or Black (Fur or Ribbon trimmed). Felt Low Cut Slippers 75c-\$1.50. Black or Wine. Felt Shoes or Felt Lined Shoes \$1.25-\$2.50. MEN'S SLIPPERS. Leather Slippers 75c. \$1.75. Black or Tan; Hi or low cuts. Felt Slippers Hi and Low Cut 60c, \$1.25. Moccasins \$1.50-\$2.50. Felt Shoes or Felt lined Shoes \$1.50-\$2.50. Also a good line of Hi-top Shoes, Rubbers, Arctics, Leggins, Polish outfit and Baby Shoes. At The Corner Shoe Store, Pat Leather Cloth Top Shoes for the Girl. Art H. Hill.

GREAT BARGAINS IN FURNITURE and Crockery. Cash paid for FURS AND HIDES Above Market Prices. AMERICAN STORE One Door East Lowell State Bank.

BARGAIN STORE. Toys. Something for every member of the family at prices you can afford. Come and See. J. W. Rutherford.

Holiday Gifts of Silverware. Silver is the first thought when considering gifts for any season or occasion. No more graceful compliment can be extended than an offering of rich silver elegant in design, perfect in taste and in the newest shapes. 1847 ROGERS BROS. is the mark which represents the highest perfection in silver plate. With this imprint on every article, you can buy 'Silver Plate that Wears' as safely as an expert. This stamp also guarantees that each piece is perfect in artistic design and finish. Sold by leading dealers everywhere. Send for catalogue 'CL' showing all designs. INTERNATIONAL SILVER CO. Successors to Rogers Britannia Co. MERIDEN, CONN. H bargain Days now on.

You can have money in the Bank

"This is the day of equal chance—when any man may have what he wills if he possesses the strength to reach it."
"The need of hunger and want of things seasoned three poor, ignorant boys into Lincoln, Field and Edison."
"It wasn't the fastest beginner that won the Olympian Marathon. Legs didn't produce the Victor—but Grit!"
Herbert Kaufman

LOWELL STATE BANK

LOWELL MICHIGAN INTEREST ON SAVINGS

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

News Notes About People You Know.

What 25c will do at Coons'. Hakes' auto livery, phone 35. R. E. Jackson went to Pontiac Saturday.
1916 calendar pads at the Avery Studio.
J. C. Hatch was in Grand Rapids Thursday.
Merle Bell of Ionia spent Sunday in Lowell.
Bed spreads \$1.00 to \$6.00 at Weekes'. adv
Carl Maynard spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.
James Scott of Grand Rapids was in town on business Friday.
Infant's, children's, misses' and ladies' sweaters at Weekes'. adv
Orra McCall of Grand Rapids visited his parents here Friday.
Mrs. C. O. Lawrence and Miss Ariel were in Grand Rapids Saturday.
Albert Roth of Detroit spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.
Clifton auto sends, silk scarfs, brushed wool scarfs, at Weekes'.
Arthur Carson left Thursday for Ypsilanti and other eastern points.
Get your copy in early next week. We print "The Ledger" Wednesday.
Al Klingmann of Grand Rapids was in town Thursday visiting friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Callier spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weber in Saranac.
Electric flashlights, lanterns, hand lamps, etc., in great variety at Stockings'. adv
Mrs. Erle Maynard and son Robert of Detroit are visiting her aunt, Mrs. Theobald Tate.
Lowell real estate transfer. Bear Levin to Glenn D. Cain, et al., part n.w. 1/4, section 12, United States and Lee tires. Smith's garage. adv
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Finis and children and Mrs. H. W. Smith were in Grand Rapids Saturday.
What 50c will do at Coons'.
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boylan leave Lowell this week to spend the balance of the winter in Florida.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Miller of Davisburg have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw.
Best assortment of handkerchiefs at Collar's. Buy early.
Miss Helen Carson entertained a number of girl friends at a six o'clock dinner last Thursday evening.
Bert Stryker has returned from Big Rapids and is clerking at Look's drug store during the holidays.
The Ledger will be published Wednesday next week. Advertisers, correspondents and contributors take notice.
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Joseph returned to Grand Rapids Sunday night after spending several days with Lowell relatives.
Blue Ribbon oleo at Shaw's.
T. W. Byrne has returned from Victor, Mont., where he has been for several years, and is visiting relatives and friends in Parnell and vicinity.
What \$1.00 will do at Coons'.

Fred Beimer spent over Sunday in Grand Rapids.
Noville Davarn of Pewaukee spent Sunday here.
Miss Marie Perry spent Sunday with friends in Ionia.
Miss Dorothy Blake spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. C. D. Hodges spent Saturday in Grand Rapids.
Paul Stuart and sister Lorna were in Saranac Friday.
Miss Slade of Grand Rapids was in town Thursday.
M. W. Gee spent Sunday with his family at Plainwell.
Mrs. D. Fletcher is visiting relatives in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. Alice DeCommerce was in Grand Rapids Thursday.
Big line of books for Christmas at Look's drug store. adv
F. W. Bristed was in Grand Rapids Friday on business.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Colvin of Alto, Dec. 10, a girl.
What 50c will do at Coons'.
Always at your call, McQueen's bus, Phone 6. adv
Mrs. Geo. Headlev and daughter Thelma were in Grand Rapids Saturday.
Michigan Farmer and Lowell Ledger both one for year \$1.25 at this office. adv
Mrs. Katherine Stone of Grand Rapids visited her children here last Thursday.
Ladies' embroidered corner fine handkerchiefs, best assortment and prices lowest at Weekes'. adv
Miss Cora Meyers spent a few days this week with friends in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. Fanny Mitchell was in Grand Rapids Saturday on business Saturday.
Mrs. Claud Near of Shelby has been spending a few days with Miss Edith Kaufman.
Lowell real estate transfer. Fred Benstead and wife to Marie E. Sherman, part n.e. 1/4, section 23.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gregory were in Grand Rapids one day last week.
Eliminate bake-day trouble by using Pansy Blossom Flour. Guaranteed as good as the best. For sale by all dealers. adv
Misses Edith Charles and Ella Perrin, Paul Kellogg and Will Smith attended a dancing party at Saranac Friday evening.
Our silverware is sold under a positive guarantee, and the prices are as low as it is possible to sell good goods.—R. D. Stocking.
Infants' jackets, sweaters, tights, booties, bonnets wool hose, dresses, bibs, veils, mittens, wool shirts, etc., at Weekes'. adv
Ada real estate transfer. Ellen McMurray to Kent county, part n.e. 1/4, section 34, \$150. This is the new Ada bridge crossing.
We recharge storage batteries. Smith's garage. adv
Will Davidson, who has been teaching in the Escanaba schools for the past three years, has been appointed scout executive for the Milwaukee boy scouts. He will assume his duties January 1.
Hornace Walker and Will Peckham, in making an auto trip Thursday, hit Ada and hit hard. Roads were not good enough so they took the sidewalk. They went up the steps and Walker stated a Ford would climb any thing. Results, a few bent rods but no serious damage.—Con.

What 25c will do at Coons'. Leo Kallinger of Alto was in town Saturday.
Mrs. Will Stone was in Grand Rapids Thursday.
Buy wisely—go to E. R. Collar's for Christmas gifts. adv
N. G. Harpel went to Adrian Monday on business.
Miss Ella Perrin was home from Greenville over Sunday.
Watch bracelets in prices from \$2.85 up to \$15 at Stockings'.
Mrs. E. E. Hatch of Grand Rapids is visiting at the home of F. J. Morse.
Miss Helen King returns this week from an extended visit in Bay City.
Big stock of coat bargains at E. R. Collar's. Sale starts Monday. adv
Mrs. Frank Daniels went to Ann Arbor Monday to attend state grange.
Rudolph Verplanck of Sheridan spent Friday at the home of Dr. I. B. Malcolm.
Edward Houser is in Grand Rapids attending McLachlan's business college.
Plaid Turkish towels 25c and 50c at Weekes'. adv
Miss Mabel Allen has accepted a position in the Herpolsheimer store in Grand Rapids.
Miss Leila Houser returned last Thursday from a two weeks' visit with friends in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. F. J. Morse left Tuesday for Springwells to visit her daughter, Mrs. Frank Schwacha.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Emery left today for Saginaw to spend the winter with their son and family. Phone 6. adv
The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. James Green Friday afternoon, Dec. 17, at the usual hour. All members are requested to be present as matters of importance will come before the meeting.
Blue Ribbon oleo at Shaw's.
William R. Oates, commissioner of the state game, fish and forest department, Lansing, has ordered all squirrel trapping stopped in Lowell. There are very few squirrels left, probably not to exceed twenty-five in the whole village.
We supposed the whole Yeiter family took The Ledger, but Floyd of Alto route 1 came in and joined the big crowd Saturday. If there are any stray Yeters left, they might as well drop in and make it unanimous. We have never found a bad egg in the Yeiter nest yet and we are anxious to try them all.
What \$1.00 will do at Coons'.
Joseph Wilson W. R. C. held their annual election December 8 and the following officers were elected: President, Almira Shear; senior vice, Marietta Sayles; junior vice, Mrs. L. F. Chubb; treasurer, Orea Washburn; chaplain, Mrs. Eugene Campbell; guard, Mrs. Halstead; delegate, Eva Wardell; alternate, Mrs. Chubb.
The entertainment given by native New Zealanders under the auspices of the Clover Leaf club at the City hall Monday evening, proved to be more than many people expected. It was really a finely illustrated lecture on the rapid rise to civilization from cannibalism of the New Zealanders within the lifetime of millions of people now living. As a vindication of missionary work, it was worth while.
What \$1.00 will do at Coons'.
Michigan farmers assembled in state convention, denounced Governor Ferris' attempt to advance the tax commissioners' salaries. The governor appeared before them and defended his action and said he had favored other increases that had failed. The governor is honest and sincere without doubt, and now that the people know where he stands, if they favor higher salaries and still higher taxes, all they have to do is to re-elect him. We prophesy right here, that they will not do it.
Colds Affect the Kidneys
Many Lowell People Have Found This To Be True.
Are you wretched in bad weather? Does every cold settle on your kidneys?
Does your back ache and become weak?
Are urinary passages irregular and distressing?
These symptoms are cause to suspect kidney weakness.
Weakened kidneys need quick help. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for weakened kidneys.
Grateful people recommend them.
Mrs. J. H. Bennett, Ada, Mich., says: "For about fifteen years I have suffered from kidney trouble and rheumatic pains. Whenever I caught cold, it settled on my kidneys and made me feel worse. I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills for these ailments for years and they have always brought decided benefit."
Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Bennett had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

What 25c will do at Coons'. Blue Ribbon oleo at Shaw's. Mrs. Della Osborn is ill with appendicitis. F. H. Misner was in Grand Rapids Saturday. Wool shawls up to \$6.00 at Weekes'. adv. George White is confined to the house by illness. E. V. Storey is quite ill at his home in Grattan. Collar's cloak sale starts Monday, Dec. 20. adv. Born, Dec. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Verne Hatherly, a girl. Ed. Fish of Cascade was here Sunday visiting relatives. Milo Cooper of Ionia was in town Monday on business. WANTED—Experienced bean pickers at the King Milling Co. Mrs. J. C. Hatch is spending the week with friends in Grand Rapids. Fred Walter of Grand Rapids visited at Frank Misner's one day week. Big stock of coat bargains at E. R. Collar's. Sale starts Monday. adv. Regular meeting of Cyclamen chapter O. E. S. Friday evening, Dec. 17. Percy and Rufus Gregory and Carl Peckham were in Grand Rapids Monday. Bradish wants your shoe repairing. adv. Mrs. Mary Werner of Belding visited over Sunday with Mrs. Daniel Anderson. Justice Andrews and Marshal Taylor were in Grand Rapids on business Monday. Windsor ties and neck girdles at Weekes'. adv. Justice A. M. Andrews was in Saranac on business the latter part of last week. Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Warner and Mr. and Mrs. Lew Borough were in Grand Rapids Monday. Reduced prices in coats at a time when you need them. See adv E. R. Collar. The Rebekah Thimble club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Don Phillips Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. West and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Young were in Lansing the first of the week. A. A. Scott and daughter Pearl, Mrs. Brezina and daughter Ruby motored to Grand Rapids Tuesday. Mrs. Wm. Culver spent Thursday and Friday in Grand Rapids with her sister, Mrs. N. L. McCarty. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Anderson and Mrs. Mary Werner spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ryder. Belts, bags, barrettes and combs at Weekes'. adv. Misses Mabel Gardner and Mildred Oberly, Joe Scott and Roydon Warner spent Sunday in Grand Rapids. A civil service examination will be held at Lowell postoffice in the near future. Watch The Ledger for definite announcement. Mrs. A. R. Barnes returned Tuesday from a several days' visit with relatives at Charlotte, Potterville and Lansing. Our special December watch sale makes it expensive to buy elsewhere. R. D. Stocking. Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Draper were called to Canada last Friday by the serious illness of her mother. The Dr. returned Monday and Mrs. Draper remained. The wife of former Sheriff John McQueen of Kent county died Sunday morning at her home in Wyoming to township, aged 65 years. Funeral at Caledonia Tuesday at 2 p. m. Holly ribbons, plaid and flowered ribbons, all kinds of ribbons at Weekes'. adv. W. H. Bristol and son Willito of Almont attended the State Horticultural meeting in Grand Rapids last week; and on the return visited F. M. Johnson and family. The senior Bristol was a schoolmate of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. What \$1.00 will do at Coons'. Michigan farmers assembled in state convention, denounced Governor Ferris' attempt to advance the tax commissioners' salaries. The governor appeared before them and defended his action and said he had favored other increases that had failed. The governor is honest and sincere without doubt, and now that the people know where he stands, if they favor higher salaries and still higher taxes, all they have to do is to re-elect him. We prophesy right here, that they will not do it.

Useful Christmas Gifts

Only a Short Time Now

And you haven't bought that present for him yet. Perhaps you haven't seen the display of practical Christmas gifts we are showing for father, son, brother or friend. Come where gifts are useful and practical and get it off your mind. Make your selection now while the stock is complete and before the extra heavy Xmas rush is on.

SUITS AND OVERCOATS for Christmas—the kind that makes men or young men smile with pleasure. Fancy suits or plain, for the young men, in close-fitting models with long or broad roll lapels. More conservative models and patterns for the older men.

OVERCOATS in so many different fabrics and styles that you can surely find one to suit you. Long or short, single breasted or double, loose or form fitting. Come and see them.

BOYS' CLOTHING, TOO. Just as new, just as snappy for the boys and children. Chinchilla and other good fabrics in boys and children's overcoats.



TWO-PANT SUITS that will please and wear too. There is style and ginger as well as comfort and wear in our two-pant suits. Everything else to clothe the little men too.



LOUNGING ROBES! And you have never seen such values before. Handsome patterns, lots of style, durable fabric. And the price—well, it's way down.

HOUSE COATS, too. No one here ever carried them in stock before. Come and see them; you will be surprised what a fine garment you can get for \$5.

SHIRTS, from silks to work shirts. We have a mighty fine line of Silk Shirts this year at \$3.00 and \$5.00, others at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

HATS, in new spring styles, direct from the factory. You couldn't please him more than by getting him a nobby new Soft Hat or Derby.

FUR COATS and FUR LINED COATS make elegant gifts for Xmas. Pretty fine for your own wear too. Come in and let us show you an elegant Rat lined Coat for \$28, Galloways, Dog Skins, Plush Lined Coats \$15.00 and up.

CAPS! Did he ever wear a fur cap? He will be pleased with one and they look good on any man. We have them in Electric Seal, Hudson Seal and Genuine Seal \$1.50 to \$5.00.

GLOVES! In a profusion of kinds and prices. Get his size from an old glove and then come and see the most elegant line of Cape and Mocha Gloves we have ever shown in Silk and heavy lined at \$1.00 and up. Auto Gloves and Mittens too. Your kind is here.

We have just purchased the sample line of the famous Bradley SWEATERS and can show you coats such as you never saw in Lowell before. Brushed Coats, Navajos and fancy trimmed. We got a reduction on them and are offering it to you. Another big shipment on the road. Sweaters from 50c to \$10.00.



Some Suggestions:

- Boys' Mackinaws
- Hockey Caps
- Sweaters
- Hosiery
- Waists
- Jewel Sets
- Collars
- Trousers
- Night Robes
- Pajamas
- Neckwear
- Handkerchiefs
- Flannel Shirts
- Underwear
- Work Coats
- Mackinaws

All small merchandise put up in Xmas boxes.

Lallen & Shuler

LOWELL MICHIGAN

Did you ever think what a necessary and useful gift a Trunk Bag or Suit Case was? A good Bag or Suit Case will last nearly a life time and you can buy a good leather one for from \$4.50 up.

Bradley Angora Scarfs
The newest things on the market and they're warm and beautiful too. Several different color combinations. 75c to \$1.50.

What to Buy



Something From a Jewelry Store of Course. Jewelry Makes the Ideal Xmas Gift.

In our buying we steer clear of the foolish knick knacks but confine our purchases to such articles as will bring pleasure and happiness to the recipient and the feeling of the good judgement of the giver. Our store is brimful of good practical useful gifts and we list some below but suggest a personal inspection.

High Grade Watches for Men, Bracelet Watches for Ladies. Pendants, Fountain Pens, Chains, Fobs, Rings, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins Sterling Silverware, Bracelets, Cut Glass, Casseroles, Chafing Dishes, Custard Dishes, Serving Trays.

U. B. WILLIAMS

JEWELER

"Williams prices make it expensive for you to buy Elsewhere."

Victrolas and Records.

Farmers Attention!

Am in the market for your Wool, Live Stock, Potatoes, Beans and Seeds

For highest prices call City Phone No. 38, or call at my home, Victor, Lowell, Mich. Shipping days for stock Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

CHAS. E. JAKEWAY
LOWELL, MICH.

HOMES

Many people have paid for their homes through The LOWELL BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION on small monthly payments, just about what rent would be. This Association offers you this same opportunity. Regular board meetings 2nd and 3rd Monday in each month. Talk it over with M. C. GREENE, Pres., or J. B. YETTER, Sec.

Kimons \$1 at Weekes'. adv
Frank Sargent went to Grand Rapids Tuesday.
Shoe repairing is our business. Only exclusive shoe shop in town. Bradish on the bridge. 28
Mrs. Charles McMahon entertained with a towel shower Friday evening in honor of Miss Bertha Bergin.
Mrs. C. Bergin entertained ten young ladies at a six o'clock dinner on Saturday evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Bertha, and at which time her marriage to Harry Patterson of Almn was announced to take place January 11. Decorations were carried out in pink and white.
Collar's cloak sale starts Monday, Dec. 20. adv
Sunlight yarns at Weekes'. adv
Mrs. T. J. Elerick is visiting relatives and friends in Grand Rapids this week.
Collar's cloak sale starts Monday, Dec. 20. adv
Advertised letters at Lowell postoffice for Clifton K. Bloss, Elmer Rogers, Miss Jane Warnock.
Messrs. F. W. Hinyan, T. A. Murphy and J. S. Bergin of Grand Rapids attended the monthly business meeting of the City State bank Tuesday.
All school teachers sending their name, address, school district and number to the City State Bank, Lowell Michigan, will receive a beautiful 1916 calendar. adv

The RED MIST A TALE OF CIVIL STRIFE BY RANDALL PARRISH ILLUSTRATIONS BY C. D. RHODES

CONFEDERATE SERGEANT WYATT is sent to a camp in the inactive society of the Green Hills. He meets a mountainous man...

CHAPTER XIX—Continued. "The spy you fellows planned to hang in the morning," I answered...

"The pleasure is mine; don't mention it," he winked facetiously. With a nod of his head toward the brightly breathing soldier...

"Yes," she answered swiftly, "and you had better give the word. If they stop you and ask any questions, give them any name you please—only you came with dispatches from General Ramsay two hours ago, and have been with Colonel Pickney ever since."

"Perfectly. And the countersign?" "Kanawha," I hesitated, and her eyes flashed into mine.

"I will go also," she said simply, "for I can guide you through the camp. Draw the cap visor lower down over your eyes—we may meet with someone who saw you brought in as a prisoner."

"That is better; now we will start as we go—about—about West Point. Do you remember, Lieutenant, that last cadet dance? Captain Fox tells me—"

"We turned the corner into the wide entrance hall, strolling slowly side by side, her face turned upward to mine. Apparently my eyes were upon her, and I made some inane response to her words, yet I saw the sentries at the door come stiffly to attention, and then their musket barrels to bar our exit."

and hardship, but every issue involved. I made my choice back in court-house. It is too late to withdraw."

"When—when I told Colonel Pickney that—that you were my husband," she faltered, driven to it by my continued silence, "I spoke hastily. It is true; for my only thought just then was the necessity for saving your life. I felt that—I could do no less—and I desired to justify my action. They—they had to know why I did it; do you not understand? I—I am a Union woman; they have trusted me always these men; even tonight they told me the counter-allegation of confidence in my loyalty."

"I am your guide tonight," I whispered softly. "Have you some plan already devised? There must be in your mind some plan."

"I answered with the pressure of my hand on the fingers clasping my sleeve. There was no response; neither were they withdrawn. She drew a long breath, and stepped bravely forward. Her face was clear, ready followed even in the darkness, and I walked close beside her. Within a few yards of the fellow she gave vent to a little ripple of laughter, and again slipped her hand into the support of my arm."

"I Trust You; Is Not That Enough?" story. The poor girl was so frightened she had chosen blindly—she could perceive nothing, realize nothing, except the necessity for immediate escape. My own resolve was instant.

"I said so, but making no attempt to touch her. 'I understand now. You mean you wish to ride with me? You trust me fully?'"

"I trust you; is not that enough? All I ask now is, do not leave me here alone."

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The Beauty Spot By WARREN E. BOYDEN (Copyright, 1915, by W. G. Chapman.)

With a rude shock the gentle current of an ideal girlhood life was abruptly changed into the fierce, raging torrent of tragedy. It came about as Laura Denison on a slumberously peaceful June afternoon and in a garden replete with the swaying odors of violets and roses.

"This was the situation: She was one of a party of friends visiting Bladene, the pretty summer resort at Crystal Lake. Laura was only a school teacher and dependent on her own employment for a living. She was one of a coterie however representing exclusiveness as to wealth and social position. She could not dress as richly as her consorts, the Worthingtons, but her garb was neat, tasteful, her figure perfect, her face beautiful and her manner fell of sweetness and fascination.

"To the power of those kindly magnetic eyes Clyde Rawson had paid full tribute. He was a favorite with everybody, a headless, impulsive young fellow, but enjoying his 'last dash of folly' as he termed it, before going forth to grapple with the practical issues of life.

"From all Laura had learned he had recently been discarded by a rich uncle. It was not that Clyde was dissipated, but in his independent way he had gone contrary to the wishes of his mandatory relative. There had been a life, and Clyde had left home with the announcement that he would depend upon John Griffiths for no further financial help.

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voiced Clyde, his tones trembling with vivid emotion. "Floor—dear heaven!—it is marred! You must have been killed—for me! Oh, my friend, my more than friend!"

"He had clasped her in his arms with a fervor that made her helpless. Gently, reverently his lips swept the abrased cheek. Then he held her for arm's length, his eyes met her own fairly scintillating with the overpowering emotions that filled his grateful, loyal soul.

"Listen to me, Miss Denison—Lura," he spoke, "you have described a man whom I seek. For only one reason would he seek my life. The existence of that reason I must at once explore. Please let me see you safely to the hotel."

"In a moment he was the calm, courteous gentleman he ever presented. He spoke no other word. He only lifted his hat politely as they reached the hotel. Half an hour later, in her room Lura was handed a large envelope, sealed. A note accompanied it and it read:

"I am hanging you my will. If anything happens to me, and I really have anything, it is left to you to laffle an evil genius who seeks my death. I expect to return tomorrow. I must see you then, at all hazards."

"What strange circumstance was this? Lura was fluttering, amazed, when a man came to her room from her room. He wore a thin match of adhesive plaster over the spot on her cheek. The bullet had barely grazed it, but had left a visible abrasion on the skin. Her friends rallied her as to her 'beauty spot,' but Lura made no explanation.

"Her fair cheek tingled whenever she thought of Clyde Rawson, with joy and pride because she had saved his life, with longing hope because the beautiful, bright and devoted man, she was in the garden of the hotel that next evening, wondering when Clyde would return, wondering, too, if he would return at all, when a form came hurrying towards the garden bench where she was resting.

"It was Clyde Rawson, bright, brisk, eager, light spirited. He sat down beside her. He caught both her hands and looked her in the eyes. His friendly frankness disarmed her. She could not resist the magnetism of his presence.

"I have come with great news, with strange news," he said at once. "My one thought was of you—of you, who saved my life at the risk of your own."

"His assailant had been his renegade cousin. As Clyde had suspected, the motive had been to put him out of the way as the heir to the property of Mr. Griffiths, the cousin and his friends might inherit."

FOR THE SCHOOLGIRL FROCK THAT COPIES FASHION OF HER ELDERS. Attractive and Economical, It Will Be Pleasing to the Mother as Well as a Delight to the Small Wearer.

Even the little tots are disporting themselves in the contrasting material costumes that were so much in vogue in the eighties. The fashion has one thing to recommend it, and that is its economy where old clothes are to be made over. Part of Jane's and of Milly's frock would make a quite new-looking suit for Milly. Or a good skirt could be made to serve duty for a tunic of new material. As every mother knows, children are hard on their clothes.

The tunic in the patterns may be made with either long or short sleeves and with a plain hem or a scalloped bottom. The pattern makes allowances for both, and this really gives a woman two patterns for the price of one.

The writer recommends the long sleeves and, if one has the time, scalloped bottom with a narrow bias fold of a contrasting color stitched over the edge of the scallops.

The material used here is a striped and a plain gingham, and the blouse is stitched to the waistband and worn with an outside belt. For dress wear there should be a dainty white lingerie collar.

Now that grown-ups wear plaited and gathered dresses the small ladies want to do the same—or their mothers want them to, which amounts to the same thing. Perhaps the prettiest way of putting in gathers on little folks' frocks is the old-fashioned smocking, which has been revived and

has, perhaps, never been more popular. Smocking is easily learned, and it makes a very pretty decoration to smock white frocks with colored cotton, or blue or pink linens and cotton with white embroidery cotton.

If a mother does not wish to take the trouble of making a skirt and tunic according to this pattern she can easily omit the tunic skirt.—Washington Star.

Most Useful and Simple Little Recipe: Macle May Be Work of a Few Idle Minutes. A pocket work-case just to hold half a dozen needles and the contents of a reel of cotton wound upon a card is a very useful little thing, and our

sketch shows a neat little article of this description. It can be made from any remnant of silk and is lined with thin silk and bound at the edges with narrow ribbon.

EVENING CAP The charming model of this evening cap is made in a mushroom shape with a narrow brim of satin and a small ruffle of malines over the brim. It is trimmed with large poppies with heavily beaded petals. A satin ribbon is tied under the chin to hold the hat on.



TWO GOOD CLEANING HINTS Best Method of Removing Mildew From White Goods—For Paint Stains on Clothing. For removing mildew from white material take one teaspoonful of chloroform and one teaspoonful of washing soda. Put this and the mildewed article into two quarts of cold water and let it boil for about four hours; then skim off the scum, add two pailfuls of cold water and let it stand over night, with the article well covered. If this is not long enough, put the article back again and soak it until the mildew entirely disappears; then rinse well and wash in the usual way. Be sure to take off the scum, for that is what burns the material in so many of the recipes given.

To remove paint from clothes use equal parts of benzine and ammonia, rubbing with a cloth on the wrong way of the nap to get out all the paint. Then hang the garment on the clothesline to dry in the open air. When dry, if no trace of the paint is seen, brush the cloth in the proper direction. When using benzine keep away from fire.

Feathers and Furberlows. Millinery feathers besides ostrich are coo and numerous short feathers and quills. Very short pheasant feathers are so pasted together as to resemble tiny birds with outstretched wings. Beautifully embroidered pheasant quills of diminutive size in silk carrying out the colors in the natural pheasant plumage grace a plain black velvet hat. They lie on the brim, under the brim, and also are arranged about the stiff collar of the crown.

Shawl Draperies. Lace of many kinds is in request, and shawl draperies are among the most artistic touches for the evening dresses of today. Sometimes these are attached at the back and held up to the figure at the sides by brackets of small roses made in gold gauds slipped over the arm. The bodices of transparent stuffs is often kept in place by a chain of diamante.

The Yellow Touch. A dash of yellow is being extensively used this season with blue, as sometimes in pipings or a wool flower tucked in the belt.

Panne Velvet Stylish. It looks as if panne and mirror velvet would be most stylish for the afternoon and evening dresses this season. Of course for the conservative woman ordinary velvet and velveteen will be worn for suits and gowns also. It is just a case of shiny, surfaced velvets being more fashionable, just as they are for millinery styles. In the woolen materials vicuna, which looks like a very fine sponge fabric, is very smart for the outside afternoon coats; it is to be had in hellebore, wine, old blues—deep pinks and browns. Afternoon dresses are combinations of chiffon and mirror velvet, though here and there are very good taffeta models made with bands of metal lace and of fur. Bands of velvet replace fur on some of the less pretentious models.

Flare Below Hips. Practically the only Paris couturier to sponsor the short flare on suits is Mme. Jenny, who shows them to advantage on some very youthful suits. Almost all of the suits flare below the hips and are belted in novel fashion, many being outlined in stitching. A good deal of quilting is noticed on frocks and evening gowns, but the distinguishing feature of the evening gowns is the profuse use of wonderful metallic laces and Spanish lace.

The Frill in Full Swing. Never has the will of the frill been more tortuous. It clings round the neck; it climbs in giddy spirals to the waist; it flutters feverishly in front, or dives suddenly beneath the skirt, only to reappear abruptly at some other point; and quite frequently completes its adventurous career in a bustlelike waterfall down the back of the skirt it started to adorn.



"I Trust You; Is Not That Enough?"

REAL MONEY FROM THE OCEAN Fishing Grounds Yield Abundance of Profit to Those Who Can Take Advantage of Them.

When one hears of the discovery of a new gold mine one is very apt to wink with the other eye and hold a trifle tighter to the pocketbook. Also, there is no very great rush to the scene. But it is a different story when some altruist fisherman discovers new fishing grounds and lets the world know of it. Then there is a real rush of fishing boats, for the owners thereof know that such new discoveries are often real gold mines.

Such has proved to be the case with the new halibut grounds discovered in the Pacific, lying due west from North Head, Wash., from 27 to 35 miles off the mouth of the Columbia river. These grounds, whose area and exact location are yet unknown, probably constitute a veritable bank lying immediately between two areas which the bureau of fisheries surveyed with the steamer Albatross last year.

They are reported to be from 90 to 95 fathoms deep and are beyond the 100-fathom line given on the charts. A small vessel fishing out of Puget sound caught 18,000 pounds of halibut on these grounds in one day, the largest single day's take this vessel had ever made. During the three weeks ended June 2, 1915, over 200,000 pounds of halibut were brought in from the new gold mines of the ocean.

Cut-Throat Competition. A correspondent of the New York Sun informs the editor of that paper that a roster has been discovered which cannot grow. It—or he—can his, but the bright chattering call is not for him.

Sure of One Thing. The Town Council of a thriving Scotch burgh recently acquired a piano for their town hall, and appointed three of their number to inspect and report on the purchase. The council members were not musical experts, but one—a jolter—bending down and applying his eye to the several corners of the instrument, remarked: "I'm nae judge o' music, but I'll warrant ye a' the boards ar plumb."

Pleasures and Pains of Power. To know the pains of power we must go to those who have it; to know its pleasures we must go to those who are seeking it. The pains of power are real. Its pleasures imaginary. C. C. Colton.



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FRUGALITY HAS ITS ROMANCE

It is to be Found in the Practice of Saving Some Part of One's Earnings. There is an injurious idea prevalent among young Americans that prudence, economy, caution and frugality are among the mean qualities, and accounts largely for the meretricious pride of spending time and money, just as it partly explains the popularity of so many amiable wastrels. A "good fellow" may be not a self-denied fool, but he cannot discredit the truth that a fool and his money are soon parted, says the Minneapolis Journal.

STREET LOST TO HISTORY

Main Thoroughfare of Arras Reduced to Utter Ruin by Guns of German Invaders. To the right of the town hall of Arras, looking at it from the rear, we saw a curving double row of mounds of brick, stone and refuse. Underneath these had no resemblance to houses; they had no resemblance to anything whatever except mounds of brick, stone and refuse. The sight of them excitedly tickled my curiosity.

PRETTY ON THE NIGHTGOWN

Hand Embroidery is to be Recommended, Though of Course There Are Many Substitutes. Hand embroidery is a very satisfactory means for lifting a nightgown from the commonplace. A crocheted yoke is another effective thing to use to ornament a nightgown; but there are women who haven't the time nor the ability to do either kind of fancywork, and yet they long to make attractive nightgowns for themselves. For these, then, a nightgown which was included in a young girl's trousseau should be described, so that it can be copied by women out of the fancywork class.

Housework Is a Burden
It's hard enough to keep house in perfect health, but a woman who is weak, tired and suffering from an aching back has a heavy burden.

Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands of suffering women. It's the best recommended special kidney remedy.

The Wretchedness of Constipation
Can quickly be overcome by CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

ONE MAN AMONG ALL MEN
Pat, seemingly, was quite aware of whom the Magistrate to the Bench was referring.

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Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

WANTED
Butternut nuts from this year's crop—live to ten pounds, more or less. Will pay 75c per pound.

Great Help
"Did you have anyone to help you when you were hanging the pictures?" "Oh, yes. My wife stood around and asked me what I was swearing at."

Pa Knows Everything
Pa: what is a sinking fund? "A couple of million dollars invested in subgrays, my son."

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make you look older than we are. Keep your eyes young and you will look young.

TRAPPERS
Furs Have Advanced
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THE HEART OF NIGHT WIND

A STORY OF THE GREAT NORTH WEST BY VINGIE E. ROE

ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY WALTERS

SYNOPSIS
Siletz of Daily's lumber camp directs a party of men to the site of a new settlement.

CHAPTER XIII—Continued.
Even as he spoke she lost her footing and went headlong down the cliff, rolling over and over in the sliding sand.

CHAPTER XIV.
The Call of the Wind.
The night lay thick over the Siletz country. High above, the pine tops sang with a rarer, soft-voiced but far-reaching as thunder. Mystery and loneliness pressed upon the wilderness.

CHAPTER XV.
There is No Law for a Genius.
March came like a lamb with delicate weather, crystal clear and bright, and with it came Miss Ordway. Sandy was glad to see her.

CHAPTER XVI.
Parisians in Sober Mood.
War Has Wrought an Immense Change in the Life of the Gay Capital.

CHAPTER XVII.
Shot Squirrel With \$10 Bill.
Ground squirrels were damaging grain left in a field by Winfield Scott, manager of the San Fernando hotel.

CHAPTER XVIII.
How Geese Are Fattened.
Geese are fattened for market in some parts of Europe by confining them in dark rooms, to which light is admitted at intervals.

CHAPTER XIX.
Bulls Heard From Pulpit.
Expressions That Make an Appeal to Those Endowed With a Sense of Humor.

CHAPTER XX.
Best Way to Cure Cold in Chest.
Doctors advise not to allow cold in chest or sore throat to hang on.

CHAPTER XXI.
Plan New City for China.
Hankow, Destroyed in Revolution, May Be Rebuilt in the Form of a Triangular Island.

CHAPTER XXII.
Mystery and Loneliness Pressed Upon the Wilderness.
The evenings when Ma sat in her little room and Siletz braided her hair with her fingers.

CHAPTER XXIII.
Travels on Land or Water.
"Amphibious" Motor Boat, Invention of Austrian, Seems to Have Been Proved a Success.

CHAPTER XXIV.
American Meat Products in China.
The Chinese people very rarely eat beef, and its use is practically confined to the foreign residents of the empire.

CHAPTER XXV.
There's a Reason.
Sold by Grocers everywhere.

"Yes," flamed the younger man, "I wash—but I have five million feet of log at the mouth of my slough! I'll float my contract on time, Mr. Hampden—and then I'll look into the little matter of my East Belt."

"That day he got his first letter from Poppy Ordway. It was heavy and satiny and it breathed an insidious perfume.

"I'm certain Hampden's crooked," she wrote; "I've found a man who knows him—and he's in the commissioner's office. He's young and he's susceptible and he thinks I'm one of the 'ring'! Oh, but it's exciting! I passed him a tip—in that the way you men would say it?—that I had a 'nut' in view, but that I already had a homestead in Arizona—and the thing progresses. The mention of Hampden and 'snap' did for him—and I'm all but over the brink of a fraudulent entry even now! He's offered—in my case, specially—to come down on the price of my 'patent' two hundred dollars—of course clandestinely; I'm to say nothing about it to the 'ring'! Ye gods! I'm wild with the luck!"

February was passing. The days of fitful sunlight were becoming more frequent. The camp was burning with business. Siletz, bent on the thing in hand, the Indians worked without need of encouragement.

The slough was back-flood and its surface was covered from drift to dark with a floor of logs slowly drifting on every tide toward the backwater.

"Yes—but for how much of it can I thank myself? Hampden has me in a bad hole about my great East Belt—the best timber in the region and the base, practically, of the Dillingworth's future—and but for these Indians I should have the log—well, I hate to think where I'd have been!"

"Sh!" said Miss Ordway; "not so fast about that had hole. Instead, Mr. Walter Sandy, we've got your friend Hampden in the deepest hole he was ever in in all his life. In fact, when we say the word, he'll turn over the East Belt with both hands."

"I have right here copies of filings on six claims, all duly put through by 'cash entry' by as many different men—and I know that Hampden owns all these numbers; that he furnished the money for building the cabins for filing fees, for advertising, for maps, for the land office and for the government price of the land. In return for all this these bogus entry-men—your drifting gentry of the spiked boots and the 'turkey' in most cases—received four hundred dollars each for the breaking of their faith with the government. No wonder Hampden is rich!"

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"In serving you we serve Siletz," he quoted to himself, "for she's your woman." And an odd sensation prickled his skin, tingled at the roots of his hair. Some way, somehow, these were Siletz's people—these silent, shiftless, well-taught creatures, who made no use of their talents, yet who did hard, unnecessary labor at the call of the wood.

"That night, with the raft and even the long track patrolled, he came in (fired, worn to a thin edge with sleeplessness, tense and taut as a singing wire, to meet Miss Ordway.

"Come along and relax," she said, "you're almost hysterical."

"I believe I am," said Sandy warily, though as he stepped out into the night, so brightly with the breath of spring as is the way with the coast country, where the seasons shoulder each other suddenly for place, he looked unceasingly at Siletz.

"Let's go up to the old railway. It's deserted and I have things to tell you—oh, many things!"

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Hard Enough.
"I want to realize hard cash from my investments." "Then why not try stock?"

Where He Got It.
"Search—how you look like the 'find' of the season. The way you hammer the line, dodge, slug your man and worm through your opponents is marvelous. You must have played considerable, haven't you?"

Daughter's Idea.
Mrs. Brown was in the habit of introducing her big daughter as, 'This is Jane; she is only fifteen—you'd never think it would you?'

Pays to Advertise.
Churches in New York realize the great advantages of advertising, and besides using the columns of the daily papers in their soul saving work and electric signs and crosses on their edifices to send out soldiers, men and women, to help swell their congregations and enlarge their Sunday schools.

Durable Pie.
"Here look! My pumpkin pie keeps!" "It all depends. I saw a pie at a railroad restaurant on my last trip which I remember having seen early in September."

Not Strange.
"Jones and Brown are great pals, aren't they?" "Yes. You know Brown married Jones' wife's sister."

Philosophical Poole.
Said the portly, paunchy noodle, with the pie-bald, cone-shaped poodle, "Quite likely you detest my style and breed. But to envy I'm a stranger I'm no dog in the manger. To let others do their pleasure is my creed. I'm aware that I'm no beauty. Still, I don't think it my duty to worry over the errors of the world. I prefer calm resignation to pester and vexation, and to lounge here with my caudle tightly furled."

Sarcasm.
She—"What's his penchant?" He—"Antiques." She (glaring through her teeth)—"Is that one of them with him?"—Judge.

American Meat Products in China.
The Chinese people very rarely eat beef, and its use is practically confined to the foreign residents of the empire.

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must include certain mineral elements often lacking in the every-day diet.

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Many Big Issues Before Congress as it Opened Most Important Session of the Age

NATIONAL DEFENSE

NAVY—Five-year expenditure, \$502,000,000 for ten dreadnoughts, five battle cruisers, ten scout cruisers fifty destroyers, fifteen fleet submarines, eighty-five coast submarines, 11,500 more men, seventy-six more officers, 250 more Annapolis cadets, \$6,000,000 for aviation, \$25,000,000 for reserve factory laboratory and increased militia reserve.

ARMY—Four-year expenditure of \$500,000,000; increase regular army to 141,000; retain 129,000 militia, organize 400,000 continental reserves by enlisting 133,000 citizen-soldiers annually for six-year period, with two years on active list requiring two months' annual training and four years subject to war call; also \$20,000,000 annually for coast fortifications and \$25,000,000 for ammunition and supplies.

GOVERNMENT SHIP PURCHASE—From \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 for ships bought or built and operated in trade by government shipping board and available for use as transport in war.

REVENUE—Extension of war taxes another year, possibly adding bank checks; continue present sugar duties; extend income tax to smaller incomes; graduated inheritance tax; raised levy on large incomes and possibly taxation of war munitions.

WAR MEASURES—New penalties for neutrality violations, belligerents' criminal conspiracies, passport frauds, etc. Protection of American ships from seizure. Amendment of registry laws. Prevention of espionage.

CONSERVATION—Water power and dam measures. Government land, coal, gas and oil leasing systems.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE—Susan B. Anthony amendment to federal constitution, granting right of nationwide suffrage to women. Protection of foreign manufacturers "dumping" goods on American markets.

PROHIBITION—Dry amendment to federal constitution and a dry District of Columbia.

RAILROADS—Extension of government control with possibility ultimate government ownership. Government supervision of securities. Increased powers for interstate commerce commission. Train safety bill compelling use of steel cars block signals and other lifesaving devices.

TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES—Government condemnation and operation of all such lines.

FINANCE—Rural land credits and personal rural credits. National budget system, with new system of house supervision. May abolish comptroller of the currency.

TREATIES—Ratify those with Columbia, Nicaragua and Haiti, paying Columbia \$25,000,000 as a result of Panama canal acquisition, \$3,000,000 to Nicaragua for exclusive rights to canal route, and establishing a ten-year American protectorate over Haiti.

PRESIDENTIAL TERM—Limiting president's tenure to one term of either four or six years.

PRIMARY ELECTION—Presidential primaries and abolition of party conventions for all purposes except the drafting of party platforms and nominee-reelections.

IMMIGRATION—Literacy tests for immigrants and also the exclusion of all Asiatics.

CLOSURE—Prevent senate filibustering by rules limiting debate on any given subject.

PHILIPPINE AND PORTO RICO INDEPENDENCE—Providing both self-government in given time.

Central Michigan News of Interest

Schoolcraft — Mary Glen Campbell, an aged lady of this locality, showed unexpected signs of infirmity last week and after apparently recovering passed away during the night. She was discovered in the morning by her attorney who was being employed by her.

Kalamazoo — The next biennial convention of the National Order of Gleaners which the Muskegon County Federation of Gleaners has been trying to land for that city will be held here in January, it was announced by W. D. Harris of Mount Pleasant, member of the executive committee. This committee decides the place of meeting. The last convention was held in Toledo.

Portland — About Christmas week, it is expected, officials and employees of the Maynard-Allen State Bank will be able to realize the fond and long anticipated ambition of formally opening the doors of their institution onto a remodelled interior of extraordinary splendor. The event will mark the beginning of another epoch in local banking history and at the same time serve as a pronounced and lasting monument to the commercial ingenuity of the brains behind the institution in which the entire community places its confidence.

Belding — The death of Charles C. Wright on the homestead Thursday, December 2, marks the passing of one of the oldest pioneers of Otsego township, and one who enjoyed the distinction of having lived in the same farm and in the same old house for 71 years.

Middleville — Mrs. Mary Matteson, aged eighty-eight years, wife of Daniel Matteson, is dead as the result of injuries sustained in a fall a week previous. She had lived here fifty-eight years.

Lansing — If Governor Ferris succeeds in carrying into effect a scheme he has in mind for several months a drink cure will be a part of the treatment administered in the various state prisons to every inmate who has been

osity, to many. The Detroit and Grand Ledge Syrians are the same people, both in nationality and in person, as they drift from one place to the other.

Mason — After nearly thirty years of active service as Justice of the peace, twelve of which were served in Aurolius, before locating in this city, and seventeen years in Eaton Rapids, I. H. Weatherwax retired from office by resignation, December 1, and will come to this place where he will make his home with his children.

Lansing — Nearly six and one-half million red-cross seals have been sent out from State headquarters this year, to 81 Michigan counties. This leaves only two counties where no seals are yet on sale, and it is probable that agents will still be appointed for those counties. Reports at headquarters indicate that this year will far exceed that of previous years, and it is hoped the goal of four million seals will be disposed of in Michigan this season.

Harbor Springs—Jay Doty, a blacksmith, was badly lacerated and one rib was broken while shoeing a horse. The animal's hoof became fastened in the blacksmith's apron and the horse began to clean up the shop, using Mr. Doty for a mop.

Schoolcraft — This place is among those to have a community Christmas tree.

Schewah — One of the sad events of the week was the death, in Grand Rapids, of Mrs. G. I. Hallock, formerly Miss Rena Samaine, of Schewah, and the subsequent transportation of the remains, accompanied by the bereaved husband and two young sons, to this place for burial. Upon arriving here on the late train the body was taken to the home of Mrs. N. K. Wright, an aunt of the deceased, where it laid in state until the funeral services the following afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. Pollock of the Methodist church.

Lansing — The report of the secretary of state, giving the condition of grain and livestock throughout Michigan, shows that 3,000,000 bushels of wheat were marketed during the months of August, September, October and November and that there has been a large depreciation in the condition of all grain during the past year. During November 307,215 bushels were sold.

War Situation

By R. O. Spence

Three Hamburg-Americans were given sentences last week of eighteen months and one for a year in the federal prison. They were convicted of conspiring to furnish German war vessels from American ports. This appears to be the starting point of a general house cleaning in order to free America of unknown foes.

Many striking issues pend in what is termed the greatest session of congress during the past century. President Wilson has changed his mind apparently very emphatically in regard to the issue of preparedness. The undercurrent at Washington indicates that the Wilson plan for peace may have difficult sledding. Still there are many who are heartily in favor of the president and plan. The latest message of President Wilson to congress is one of the finest pieces of official literature ever embodied in any president's message.

Houston Stewart Chamberlain, once English, now a citizen of Germany, and Henry Ford, the Auto King, are not of the same mind in regard to the probable length of the European war. The former's argument is not without foundation. He points to the obstinate persistence of the Germans, and contends that a situation has arisen which will prolong the strife until one nation subjugates the other. Chamberlain has contributed the following to one of the Hamburg newspapers, in which he gives reason for his belief: "The German word 'krieg,' observes Mr. Chamberlain, means much more than the English word 'war' or the French 'guerre'; it really signifies an obstinate persistence in the endeavor to accomplish some purpose. In this sense, the war between England and Germany was long fended, and every effort was made to avert it but in the end it was wantonly brought about. Now we must steel ourselves, for the contest will be conducted as bitterly after peace has been concluded as it is being conducted now. With England, however, the matter is different. The English philosophy produces energetic, able, but ignorant undisciplined individuals whereas, to German method produces great mental power in the individual and the obedient submission of all to one great purpose. Thus, the average Englishman is not nearly as well educated as the German, and is less given to reflection. The only way to teach the Englishman that he is wrong is to compel him by force to realize it. Once Germany holds the power in its hand, it can permit the English and others to follow the bent of their own minds in their own sphere. But in the meantime Germany must be strong and inflexible."

A war between two ideals of life, such as the present one, must be fought out in war with weapons of steel and in peace with weapons of intellect.

One million bats proposed for New Jersey swamp to kill off the mosquitoes, each bat having capacity of 250 skeeters a night.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School LESSON

For December 19

THE SONG OF THE ANGELS Christmas Lesson

GOLDEN TEXT—The Angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Luke 2, 10.

By Mrs. A. J. Dann, Lake Odessa

It is especially pleasing to turn from the checkered and often idyllic Israel to the beautiful Christmas lesson which is always one of cheer, good will, and happiness to all mankind. Often when Christmas comes we almost dread it for there are so many nice things we would like to do when we are able to do only a small part of our desires. However when such thoughts arise if we would only remember that God gave in love to the world and at a great sacrifice, not because the world had given to him but that he might give to the world what it needed, we would temper our giving with love and sacrifice not because we had received some presents from a friend and must repay that friend but we would give according to our means and with the spirit of love and good will. Christmas should be a happy time, for to the happiest time of the year. In fact it is we owe our intelligence, our nationality, our home life, our salvation, in fact all the blessings of God and an advanced civilization. "All Hail to the Christmas time."

We learn in our lesson that the angel appeared to the shepherds, announcing the birth of Christ; and in another place to the wise men. How emphatically God impressed upon the human race that He was, and is, no respecter of persons, that it is not because a man is poor, lowly, or an outcast; nor because he is rich, wise or an official position that he should save him but that it is the heart, the will, the mind that God asks for.

We, creatures of God's love and mercy are little indeed when we assume, because we are a little more intelligent or have a little more money than our neighbor, that we are a little more important to God than another not so endowed. If any may happen to be in an apparently more prosperous position than another, can he not realize that because of these circumstances he will be expected to render more to God than a poorer or more unfortunate man?

When the angel impressed the shepherds to "Be not afraid" we see their fear vanished and they proceeded straightway to find the Saviour. Several times Christ in His ministry told His followers not to be afraid, for Christ realized that "Perfect love casteth out fear," that fear which is human and which turns us away from God. We read in the old testament to "Fear God and keep His commandments," and the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." But the new dispensation emphasizes that love is greater than fear. It is better to serve God because we love Him than because we fear Him.

The angels also assured the shepherds the tidings were to be not only to them but to all people, not only the Jews but the Gentiles, not only the Americans but the Armenians. "All people" means not only the ones who have accepted Him but every soul since the announcement is expected to accept this Saviour.

And the angels sang—"Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men." There is a great question that arises at this Christmas time when all nations should be in love with each other. "How can warring nations celebrate Christmas with the spirit of hatred toward each other, when bloody fields of carnage and of death show the results of awful enmity. It would be different were the war justifiable, but no christian principles are involved. Surely God's patience cannot last forever.

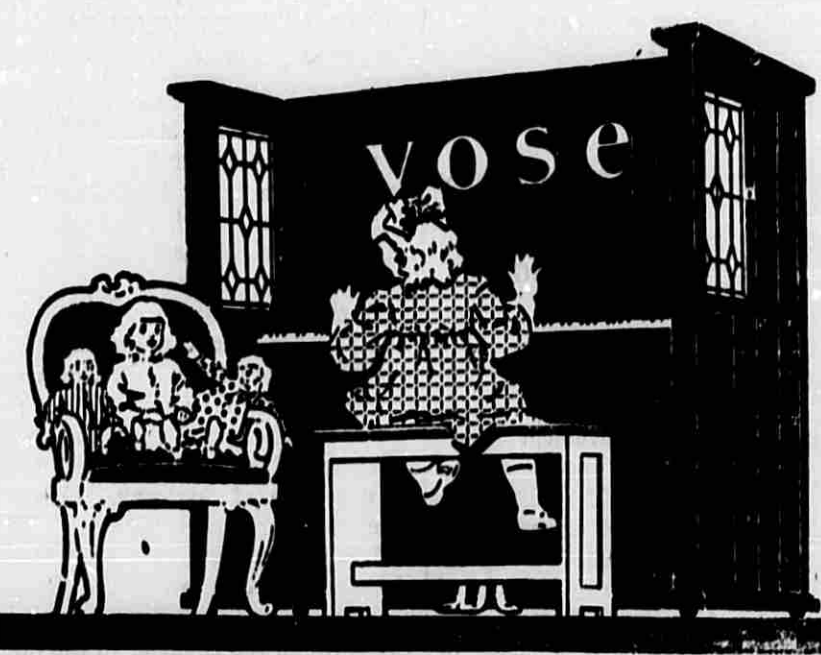
The Shepherds left their sheep and went and worshipped the King. They did not wait, hesitate, discuss, or doubt but went straightway and found the story of the angel to be true. The Saviour in a manger, not in an inn where all was comfortable while others less favored were without but from birth we see that Christ took upon Himself, not the comforts but the hardships of life that He might better dure.

Because of this lowliness those in authority rejected Him as an impostor. But the great endurance and acceptance of the Christian religion through the thousands of years and by all nations is sufficient proof of its truth if it were not such a personal matter. A truly dependent person upon God never turns Him away or renounces His grace.

If the angels in heaven chant the glory of God why do not we whose redemption was brought by calvary "Sing praises of His name" at this glad Christmas time.

Kissing is forbidden in public places in Switzerland. Undoubtedly on the ground that there is more than enough danger there without it.

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The so-called gasoline automobile runs on air with a little gasoline on the side, or it would seem as if it did, when it is pointed out that the explosive mixture used under average running conditions contains approximately 18 times as much air by weight as it does gasoline vapor.

The 20 gallons which we will assume has been poured into the tank of our car, passes from the tank as requirements demand through the carburetor, which is really a portable gas plant, and in so doing is vaporized and mixed with 18 times as much air and then drawn into the cylinders of the engine, compressed and fired by the electric spark.

Say that our engine has four cylinders measuring four inches in diameter and has a stroke of five inches. All four cylinders, if entirely filled, will, therefore, hold 261.2 cubic inches of this mixture of gasoline vapor and air. Say, also, that we are running at 30 miles an hour. Our motor then is turning over at approximately 1,000 revolutions per minute and is developing about one-half its total power. This means that each cylinder is taking 500 charges of mixture each minute, but as the motor is not being called on for its full capacity, the cylinders are not being completely filled each time. The throttle, or regulating means, is in such a position as to permit only about a half a full charge to enter the cylinder before it is fired.

By multiplying, then, we learn that a total of 36.34 cubic feet of mixture is consumed every minute, which means 2,180 cubic feet an hour or 21,800 cubic feet in 10 hours, during which time, traveling at the rate of 30 miles an hour, we have covered 300 miles and our 20 gallons of gasoline is used up.

To hold the 21,800 cubic feet of mixture which we have consumed it would require a tank 100 feet long by 17 feet in diameter, or, changing the shape, 50 feet by 24 feet. It is really a good thing that we have carburetors.

In winning the Astor cup race at Sheepshead bay Anderson's Stutz used up enough mixture to fill a tank 150 feet high by 21 1/2 feet in diameter. The touring car which we have been considering in these calculations is comparatively economical in the use of gasoline. It has been assumed to give us 15 miles to the gallon. Imagine the size of tank required to hold the mixture necessary for a run of 300 miles by a car which goes but six or seven miles on a gallon, as many of the larger ones do.

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Advertisement for "Big Corner" Christmas gifts at Kalamazoo. "If Your Christmas Gifts Come From the 'Big Corner' at Kalamazoo They'll be Appreciated".

Advertisement for Sam Folz hardware. "Here Are a Few Suggestions that will Make Ideal Gifts". Lists various items like bath robes, house coats, fur caps, etc. with prices. "The Big Corner Sam Folz Kalamazoo".



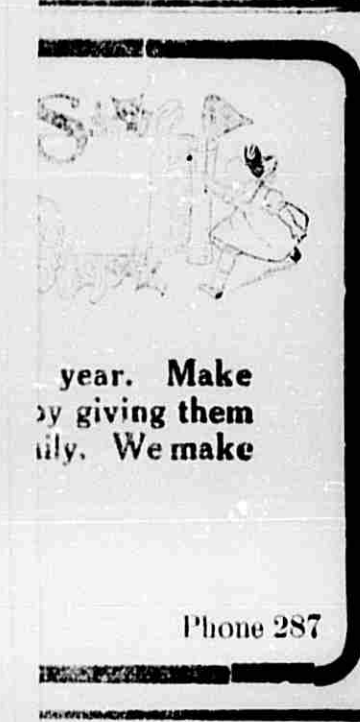
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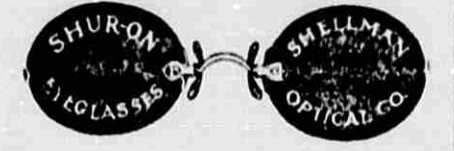
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SEE IN SCOUT WORK END OF THE BAD BOY

ALL NEED CHANCE TO PLAY. MALICIOUS MISCHIEF NAME FOR ANIMAL SPIRITS TURNED TO WRONG CHANNEL

That juvenile delinquency would be largely prevented by an extension of the Boy Scouts movement is the opinion of the head of the New York children's court, Justice Franklin Chase Hoyt. Concurring in this decision is Magistrate Joseph Fitch of Long Island City, who is the leader of a band of Scouts. Also concurring in this opinion is Judge Ben B. Lindsey of the juvenile court of Denver.

Justice Hoyt believes that the scout movement turns the gregarious instincts of boys to useful purposes. He says in a statement issued through the Scouts' headquarters: "Over one-half of the cases that come before the children's court are due to the environment of the children, using the word environment in its largest sense. The test is whether a change of surrounding conditions would remove the motive that led to the delinquency. The activities of scouting would act as a great preventive against the formation of bad associates and give direction to energies which, when misdirected, lead the boy into trouble. A large part of delinquency is a gang phenomenon. Justice Hoyt is president of the Manhattan-Bronx council of the Boy Scouts of America and chairman of the advisory committee for Greater New York which is in charge of the \$200,000 campaign.

Magistrate Fitch puts the matter somewhat differently. "A large majority of the offenders in any court," said he, "are youths from 16 to 25 years of age. The Civil War like the present European war, was fought by youths under 25. Youth is enterprising and moving about. That is the time of life, the age when vital impulses assert themselves most vigorously; after that age things become set and men do not take the chances they do before life settles down into a rut.

"This morning a young Italian of 18 or 19 was arraigned before me on a charge of insubordination and vagrancy preferred by his own father. The old man is a street paver, a rammer, the father of seven children, a wizen day laborer, about half the size of his delinquent son. The son had grown away from his parents. His education in the public schools had so thoroughly instilled in him the idea of keeping clean that he carried it to the point of keeping away altogether from any manual labor which might possibly soil his hands. The hard working father couldn't see why his broad-shouldered son should not take a pick and shovel and get to work as he did. He had watched him do nothing for so long that he was ready to throw him into the street, a vagrant without any means of support.

"I asked the boy what was the matter, and he said he was not strong enough to work. When I pressed him for details he complained of bad wind. Cigaretts! I made him admit it. "The whole trouble was that his education had been such as to make him look down on manual labor to such an extent that he couldn't get the point of view of the old man. But if that boy had been brought up as a Boy Scout he never would have been haled into court on any such charge. Some one must do the commonplace work of the world, and scouts learn that no work, no matter how menial, is disgracing. On the contrary, a scout is taught that the disgraceful thing is to have anybody do anything for him that he can do for himself; to be ashamed to ask for help from others wherever he can help himself.

"The discipline of the Boy Scouts would have met this particular case in two ways. He would have been trained to be clean, to omit cigarettes or anything else that was impairing his health. In my own troop the boys have prohibited the use of all tobacco in their by-laws and I abstain from it when I am with them as rigidly as they do. If this young Italian had been a scout he probably never would have gotten into the cigarette habit. Secondly, he would have been taught the dignity and decency of common labor. As a scout, while he would have been stimulated to prepare himself for a more skilled position, he would have felt that even a pick and shovel were not only permissible, but desirable.

"I put him on probation for six weeks on condition that he quit cigarettes entirely and find any honest work that he can lay his hand to. But it would have been much better if the idea had been instilled into him by Boy Scout discipline at the proper age when habits were forming. If scouting is widely extended throughout this city, youthful delinquents ought to be entirely wiped out."

Judge Lindsey is much more emphatic. He declares that if the Boy Scout movement had the support that it rightly demands the juvenile court would soon be needed no longer.

Removal of a ten inch table knife from stomach of Chicago woman convinced incredulous doctors she swallowed it while delirious, as she had long claimed.

A versatile man is one who can talk at the right time and keep still when there is nothing to say. A London swindler sold dried peas for liver pills. Probably just as effective.

NOVEL DEVICE PREVENTS WASHING OUT OF ROADS

A novel but thoroughly practical device is used in the state of Maryland to prevent the washing of road shoulders and gutters. According to H. G. Shirley, chief engineer of the Maryland state roads commission, these "breakers," as they are termed, answer their purpose so well that they will pay for themselves after two or three heavy storms. They are considerably cheaper than cobble-stone gutters, give thorough protection to the shoulders of the road and may be used on any type of highway, including farm lanes and driveways.

Briefly described, the breaker consists of a low concrete barrier extending from the edge of the road diagonally through the shoulder to the ditch. It is built flush with the surface of the road shoulder, and where highways are patrolled and shoulders kept in repair, it is no obstruction to travel. Breakers are spaced as occasion may require, and are neither expensive nor difficult to build. The Maryland breakers are 12 inches wide and 18 inches deep. As stated, spacing varies with the nature of the soil, grade and the amount of water they encounter. Thus it would probably be necessary to space them closer at the bottom of a hill than at the top. On 5 to 6 per cent grades and medium soil the breakers are spaced 25 to 30 feet apart. Where the soil is liable to wash and the grade steeper, they would be spaced much closer. The length as well as the grade of a hill would also influence the spacing.

Local materials are usually used to build the concrete breakers. This makes the cost very low, and as the requisite materials are found in practically every section of the country, breakers could be used with economy on all types of highways, even including the common dirt road. A great deal of repair work of costly nature is occasioned by torrential rains, resulting in serious washouts, and judging from the success obtained by the use of the breakers in Maryland they would be an economic investment in all parts of the country.

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THIS MAN HAS SUCCESSFULLY "SPEEDED UP" HIS 80 ACRE FARM

The size of a farm business is not necessarily measured or limited by the number of acres in a farm. One of the field men of the department of Agriculture engaged in farm survey work, reports the case of a farmer, so situated as to make it impossible for him to buy or rent more land, who solved the problem of small acreage by "speeding up" the 80 acres that he had. This farmer's first move was to dispose of his scrub cows and to replace them with grades and purebred; next, without great expense, he improved the sanitary condition of his barns. He established a cropping system based on corn and alfalfa, choosing the latter rather than clover because on his farm it produces at least 50 per cent more feed per acre than does clover, and is much more dependable. Pastures have now entirely disappeared from his farm, because its owner has demonstrated that one acre of corn and one of alfalfa together furnish him with more feed than do five acres of pasture. His improved, well-fed herd, housed in a clean, well-

FRED KLOTZ OF ORANGE HARVESTED 766 BUSHELS OF BEANS FROM 30 ACRES

People who drove by Fred Klotz's farm in Orange, last summer admired the 30-acre field of beans, located close to the road, and various estimates were made as to the probable yield. Mr. Klotz has finished threshing and has 766 bushels. His vines were not affected by the blight and the crop is A-1. The price is now around \$3.25 per bushel, but he will not be in a hurry about selling.

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In making a fruit cake, pour half the batter in the pan before adding the fruit; then the fruit will not be found all at the bottom of the cake, as is too often the way.—Dallas News.

For shipping bottles of whiskey in coffins a Tennessee concern has been fined in federal court at Chattanooga.

The latest fad is hygienic marriages. It is sweeping all other fads out of the public eye.

London is shocked over the way the British nation is taking to gum chewing. But they stick to it.

During the last year there were 592 women studying medicine in the United States.

Lansing, Michigan — Judge Collingwood has denied the Ingham county "wets" petition for a mandamus ordering a vote on the local option issue at the April election. The court held that the "wets," petitions were void because ten full days, exclusive of days of posting and time of making affidavits did not lapse between the actions, as required by law. The same situation exists in eight other counties of the state where the "dry" forces are the petitioners. The local decision coincides with an opinion given by Attorney General Fellows last October.

Better be known by your good works even if your acquaintance is not so very large.

Paris fashions are not so necessary as was thought, the most attractive feature of feminine apparel being the woman.

Fifteen Japanese women newspaper and magazine writers of Tokyo are forming a woman's press club — the first organization of its kind in the far east.

Before ordering your split pea soup you should patriotically inquire if the pea was split in Germany or America.

Our pupils are found to be weak in the three R's. The old-fashioned spelling bee might profitably be revived, it seems.

Chinese women are said to have the most beautiful complexions in the world. Still, it depends on whether it is orientally considered.

Now the German scientists have discovered a means of producing artificial milk. Why not invent a way to grow eggs on the egg plant.

Somebody claims to have discovered black snow in the Alps. But any winter he can find a lot of it in Detroit.

Philadelphia has thirty mothers' leagues in various parts of the city where girls are taught the care of infants.

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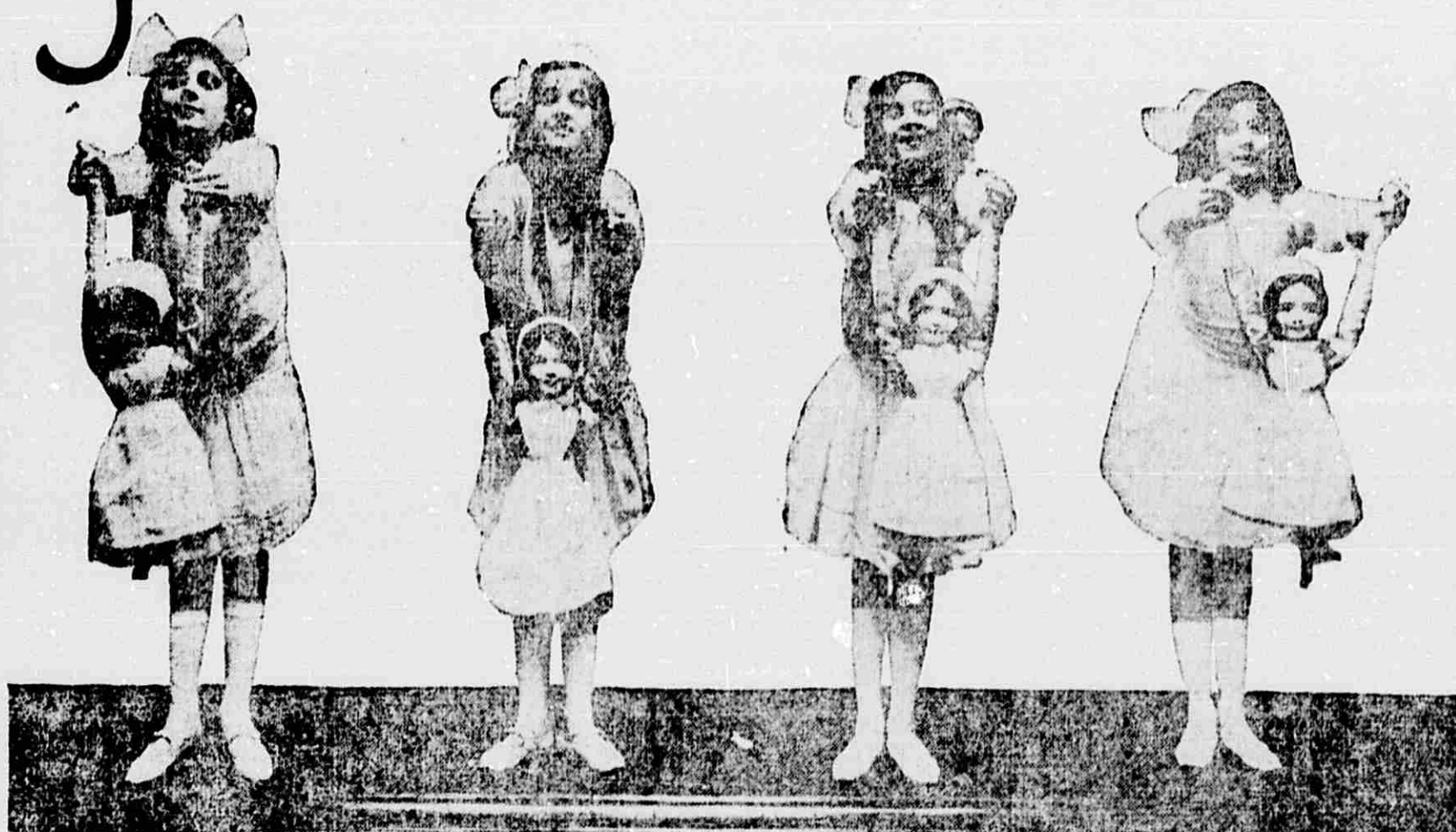
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Solving the Problem of Christmas Dolls



The Popular French Pierrot Doll.



London Children with a New British Doll Invented for the Purposes of a Red Cross Sale.



A Cannibal Doll, Loved for Its Ugly Contrast.

How War Disasters in Toyland Have Changed the Doll-Making Industry and Why, After All, There Will be Dolls Enough to Go 'Round.

By Rene Baché.

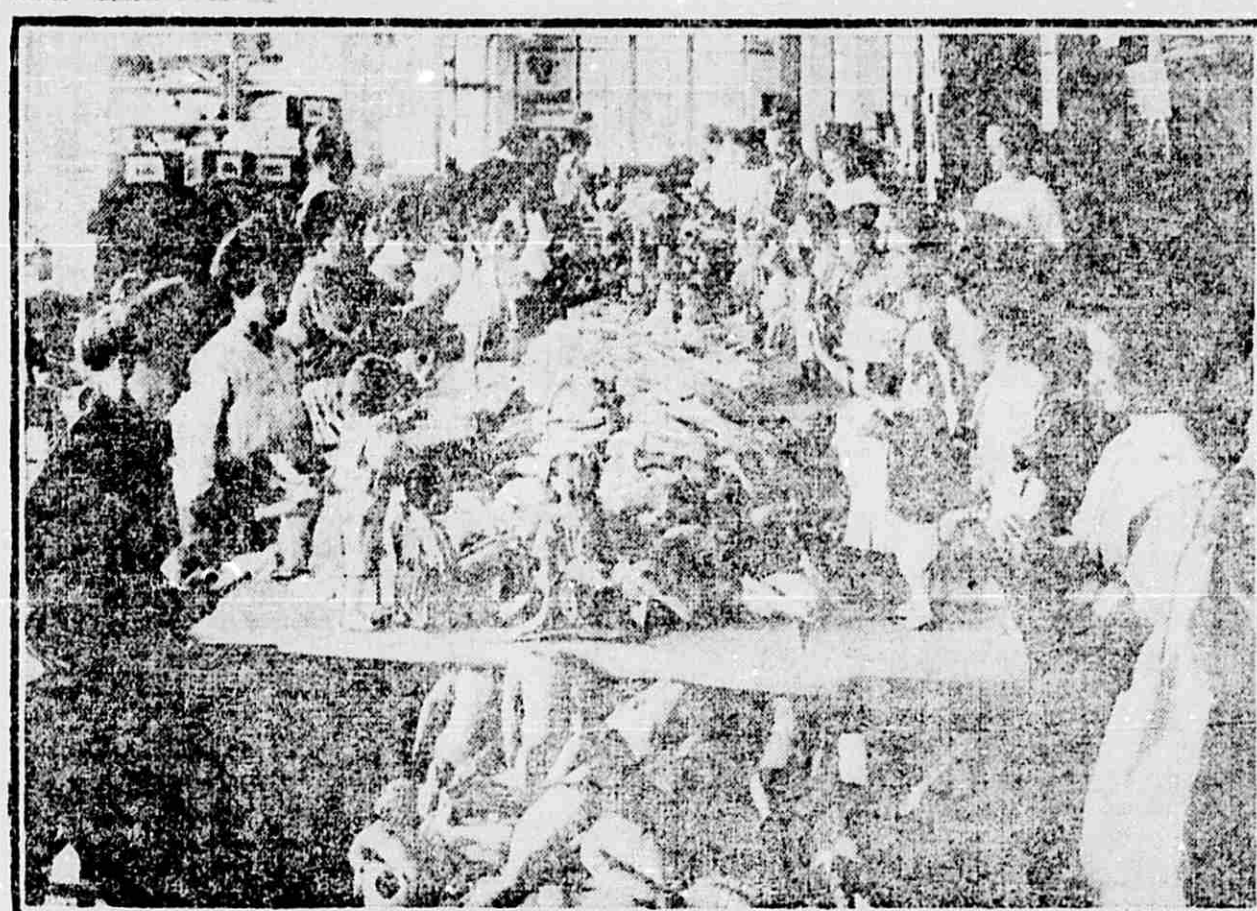
WHERE shall the little girls of America get their dolls for Christmas? Doll Land is in the war zone. Santa Claus, with his pack of playthings all ready for distribution, is "interned." It is a dismal situation from the children's point of view. Millions of dolls, "made in Germany," and bought and paid for by American importers, are now in Amsterdam and other Dutch seaport cities, awaiting transportation.

Wooden dolls of a new and "un-German" kind are beginning to be made in this country, especially in Philadelphia, where they are turned out in large quantities. But the supply of them is wholly inadequate to meet the demand. French dolls, of course, are not covered by the embargo, but the doll output of France has never been more than a hundredth part of that derived from Germany.

Girls Who Learn to Make Dolls.

Furthermore, the beautiful dolls on which French exporters most pride themselves get their "bisque" heads from Germany. The bisque is a kind of clay that has never been found anywhere else in the world. So far as known, we have none of it in the United States, and for this reason we cannot even attempt to compete with the German output in that line.

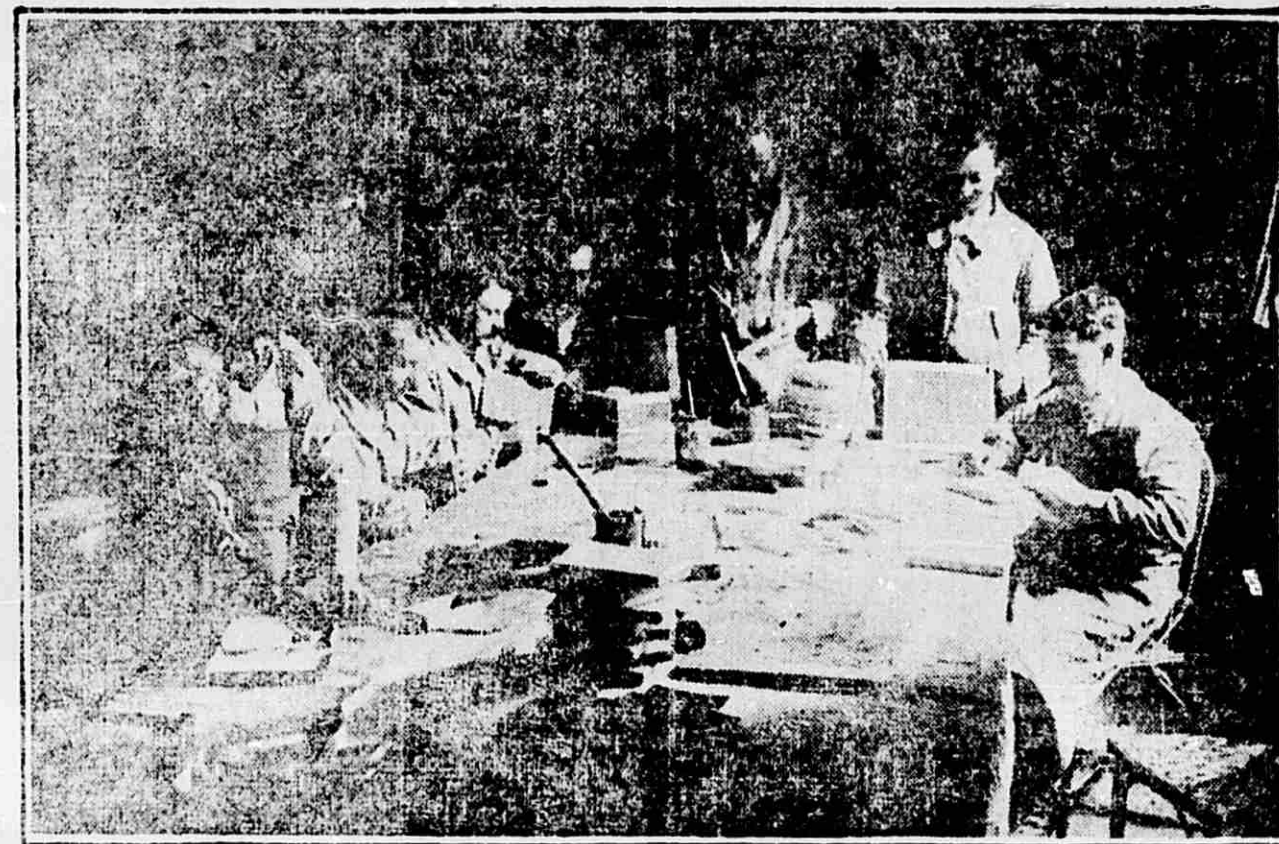
Doll Land is—or was—in the storied region of the Black Forest, in the mountains of Thuringia. Its capital is a town called Sonneberg, which, industrially speaking, is what



Courtesy of the Forest Service Making Wooden Christmas Dolls at a Philadelphia Factory.

ly given over to the manufacture of since time immemorial as the abode of sham babies and toys. Around about of strange, hobgoblin and other inhabitants of which are similarly employed. The only little girls in the world who do not care for dolls are those generations who dwell in Doll Land. To them, the inmates of every humble doll are the most hateful things in the world, because they have to play with them. From the time they are five years old they are obliged to do in the stories of the Brothers Grimm, have been celebrated sham babies. At school they are

An Enthusiast, Aged 81, Who Has Been Making Children's Toys All His Life.



Crippled French Soldiers at Work Making Dolls and Toys in a Factory at Lyons.

quired to learn the rudiments of the art, including the sewing of dolls' dresses, and what ought to be their play-time is devoted chiefly to helping their elders in the actual work. This, unhappily, is unavoidable under conditions where a family of six persons engaged in doll-making must toil for 12 hours a day in order to gain a mere livelihood, the amount earned being a total of only \$3 or \$4 weekly. But if such be the situation in ordinary times, what must it be now, when the little income is cut off by war? For the doll-makers it must mean liberal starvation.

German Rag Doll of a New Variety.



He carried it home with him and improved upon it. Hence the jointed limbs of the dolls of today. The wax head was a much later development, and was long considered the ultimate advance in the doll-making art. It had the disadvantage, however, of being very fragile. It was easily marred by scratching, and a moderate heat would melt the sham baby's face out of recognition. Many wax dolls are still made in England and France, but they have been driven almost out of the market by the more durable, equally beautiful, and in all ways more satisfactory, bisque doll. The bisque doll's head is formed in a mold, into which the clay composition is poured. Most people pay little attention to such matters, yet it is obvious that the really beautiful faces of these high-priced sham babies could be designed only by sculptors of utmost artistic skill. Such is in fact the case. Indeed, when a particularly pretty doll's face is secured, it is so valuable a piece of property that the manufacturer usually patents it, to prevent rivals in his business from copying it. The bisque head, once molded, is subjected to an elaborate process of baking, in order that the doll's complexion may have exactly the desired hue. With the hair it is the same way. A wig may do for an ordinary doll, but not for the superior kind of sham baby. The latter requires "real" hair. The hair must at least seem to grow from the scalp. Dolls' eyes are blown by the glass-blower in the same way as artificial human eyes. If the sham baby must go to sleep when laid on its back, each such eye must be made in the form of a sphere the upper half of which represents the lid. A leaden balance controls its movement, so that, when the doll is recumbent, the eyelid turns down and the lid comes into view. The doll's "voice" is another workman's specialty, produced by a miniature bellows in the chest. Men employed to make such bellows do nothing else, turning them out by the thousands. A recent innovation, however, is the doll that really talks—a manikin whose inside works contain a miniature phonograph, and which, as might be supposed, is very expensive. Dolls may be bought from a cent to a hundred dollars, and run up far into the hundreds of dollars. But the most costly of all dolls,

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Christmas Customs and their Origin



The famous Yule Log of England. A custom which has survived for centuries from an old belief.



The Christmas Tree in its German origin—print of the 16th century.



Christmas Card by children in England. An old English custom—From an old print.

How Our Christmas Customs Came About—Their Curious Mixture of Paganism and Religion.

THE origin of Christmas and by whom it was celebrated is to a certain extent shrouded in mystery, and it is by no means certain that December the twenty-fifth is the correct anniversary of the nativity of Christ. This uncertainty is due to the fact that in the early days the celebration of birthdays was regarded as heathenish, but after the triumph of Christianity the heathen died out and the date of the Saviour's birth became a matter of ecclesiastical investigation. It is recorded that Pope Julius had still made strict inquiry as to the date, when it was learned that a number of varying days were kept in different sections. These included January the fifth, which was kept as a joint commemoration of the Nativity and Baptism of the Redeemer. March twenty-fifth, April twentieth, May seventh and September twenty-ninth were respectively accepted in different places. Pope Julius finally decided on December the twenty-fifth as the correct date, and the first mention of its celebration as the birthday of Christ occurs in a Roman document dating from the year 336. It is the opinion of several Church historians that this day was set apart because it was the date of the Winter solstice—the day on which for centuries before the Christian Era the Sun in Europe had held its chief festival.

Some of our present day Christmas customs are the evolution of a mixture of the Roman Saturnalia and Druid rites, with a smattering of heathenism.

practiced by the ancient Germans and Scandinavians—a strange medley of the Christian and pagan which no one makes up the festivities of the modern Christmas.

The Yule Log.
The Yule log, so famous in the English Christmas celebration, is of Scandinavian origin, and is the modern idea of the huge fire kindled at the feast of Joul at the winter solstice in honor of their god Thor. In the days of feudal lords in England the ceremony of bringing in the huge, marbled oak was carried out with great ceremony. Men went into the woods and hauled it in, singing carols as they dragged it through the wood. When they reached the entrance to the great hall a quartette of minstrels hailed it with music. Early the next morning it was lighted and if it burned well it was, and is still, regarded as an omen that prosperity will reign over the family during the coming year.

Decorations With Evergreen.
The custom of decorating our houses and churches with evergreen at Christmas comes from the old Roman feasts, especially the Saturnalia, when all Roman houses were turned into "houses of green"—another evidence of the anxiety of the Church to please their heathen converts by permitting the harmless elements of the pagan feasts to become a part of the celebration of the Nativity. All sorts of trees and shrubs were used by the Romans but gradually it became the custom of Christians to use only the evergreen and to look upon it as the symbol of eternal life. Then these plants took on certain religious meanings until every branch of Christmas decoration has some significance peculiar to the day. The holly with its red berries is the modern Burning Bush, the Holy Mother and the Holy Child. This shrub is really an evolution in plant life from the wild myrtle, the olive tree of which will burn like candles—a sign that the Divine Fire shall spread over the world.

The laurel is the emblem of St. Joseph, and is often called St. Joseph's staff. The ivy is known as the Herb of St. John—a fitting touch to all Christmas decorations for John was the Disciple whom Jesus loved. The different pines, cedars and spruce are green throughout the year—emblems of everlasting life.

Mistletoe.
The mistletoe—that queer parasite plant so much used at Christmas, was the favorite decoration of the Druids at their winter solstice festival; in fact, it was held in a sort of veneration by that sect. History tells us how it was gathered with great ceremony; the white-robed priests cutting the mistletoe from the great oaks with a golden scythe while hundreds of people, all clad in white garments, chant. The people after obtaining scraps of the plant from the priests hung the branches over the entrance of their houses as a propitiation and an offering of shelter to the sylvan deities during the season of frost and cold. In the early days the mistletoe was tabooed as a church decoration on account of a custom which sprung up—that every young woman who came under the spray being blessed by a young man who happened to catch her there. The kissing became so general that the Church feared a return of the customs of the Saturnalia when riot and license ran loose. Early in the sixteenth century the use of mistletoe as a Christmas decoration was revived and soon came to be regarded emblematic of the mystery of Christ's birth on account of its springing into life from a branch and being nurtured by no parent stock. The custom of hanging mistletoe over the doorway or to the chandeliers, which often carries with it the salutary privilege, is clearly a relic of paganism.

The Christmas Tree.
The most widespread and most delightful of all festival institutions is the Christmas tree. While many countries have their legends claiming for them the honor of having given the Christmas tree to the world, the majority of authorities on the subject are of the opinion that Germany is responsible for this never ending joy to the child and that it is probably a remnant of the splendid dancing parents of the Middle Ages. There is a pretty legend which ascribes its origin to Martin Luther and tells how after wandering about through a pine forest on Christmas eve he conceived the idea of setting up a pine tree in his home to represent the Tree of Life and decorating it with candles as an image of the starry heavens from which Christ came down. The first historical mention of the Christmas tree is found in the notes of a certain Strasbourg citizen of unknown name written in the year 1566. "At Christmas," he writes, "they set up fir trees in the parlors at Strasbourg and hang thereon, roses cut out of many colored paper, apples, wafers and sweets."

However, in an account of Christmas customs written in 1737 by a German student, he speaks of the candles which illuminated the tree. Here again we must go back to the pagan days in Norway when the Yule candle was burned for the god Thor at the winter solstice. Later, when these people began to celebrate the Nativity the candles were burned as an aid, but called the "Candles of Purification." Quite recently there has been a revival of the Christmas candle custom, and today it is no uncommon sight to see the windows of homes lighted by them on Christmas night. The fashion of setting heathen candles in a vase, and this year thousands of these olive-green candles will be sent out as gifts. They are made from a berry which grows on the Atlantic Coast from Massachusetts to the Carolinas and have a delicate odor, burn long without making ridges of wax down the sides. A heathen candle is said to protect its owner from all harm if it is lighted on Christmas. As the legend runs, its flames will be carried through the air to friends in distant lands and their thoughts will turn to the far-away owner of the Purification Candle.

Cards.
And so many popular customs at Christmas time is none more charming than that of the Christmas card which celebrates in joyous yet devout strains the Nativity of the Redeemer. The word is derived from the Latin *cartula*—a slip, and *tabula*—a tablet.

of joy. The practice appears to be as old as the celebration of Christmas itself as Church history shows records of how the bishops were accustomed to sing carols on Christmas Day, also that in the early days the shepherds left their flocks and came to Rome to sing and play on musical instruments before the shrines and churches. During the fifteenth century the card was at the height of its popularity as just about that time a number of beautiful Christmas hymns were written. In Germany the people always went to the balconies or tops of the churches and chanted their carols—a custom still carried out in some of the smaller towns of Germany. In many countries the card singing is done by children who go from house to house with a Christmas greeting.

The Christmas Card.
The Christmas card is of comparatively recent origin and seems to be one of those new methods of remembering friends without going to very much trouble or expense to do so. The Christmas card is a legitimate descendant of what was known about 1830 as "Christmas pieces." These were sheets of writing paper on which elaborate drawings were made, sometimes finished by copper plate engravings and used by school boys to show their parents the progress made in their Christmas play. About 1816 a London publisher put out a number of cards decorated with tiny colored sheets of holly with the words "A Merry Christmas" engraved under the decoration. Hundreds were sold and the Christmas card sprang into use and has been steadily growing in favor ever since. It is a sort of attempted present.

Gifts and Feasting.
The giving of gifts originated in the days of ancient Rome when the citizens offered gifts to each other during the January Kalends, but when the Feast of the Nativity was introduced by the Church the giving of gifts was changed to Christmas as the appropriate time for sending presents, for did not the Three Wise Men bring gifts to the Child in the Manger, and was not this Child the gift of God to the human race?

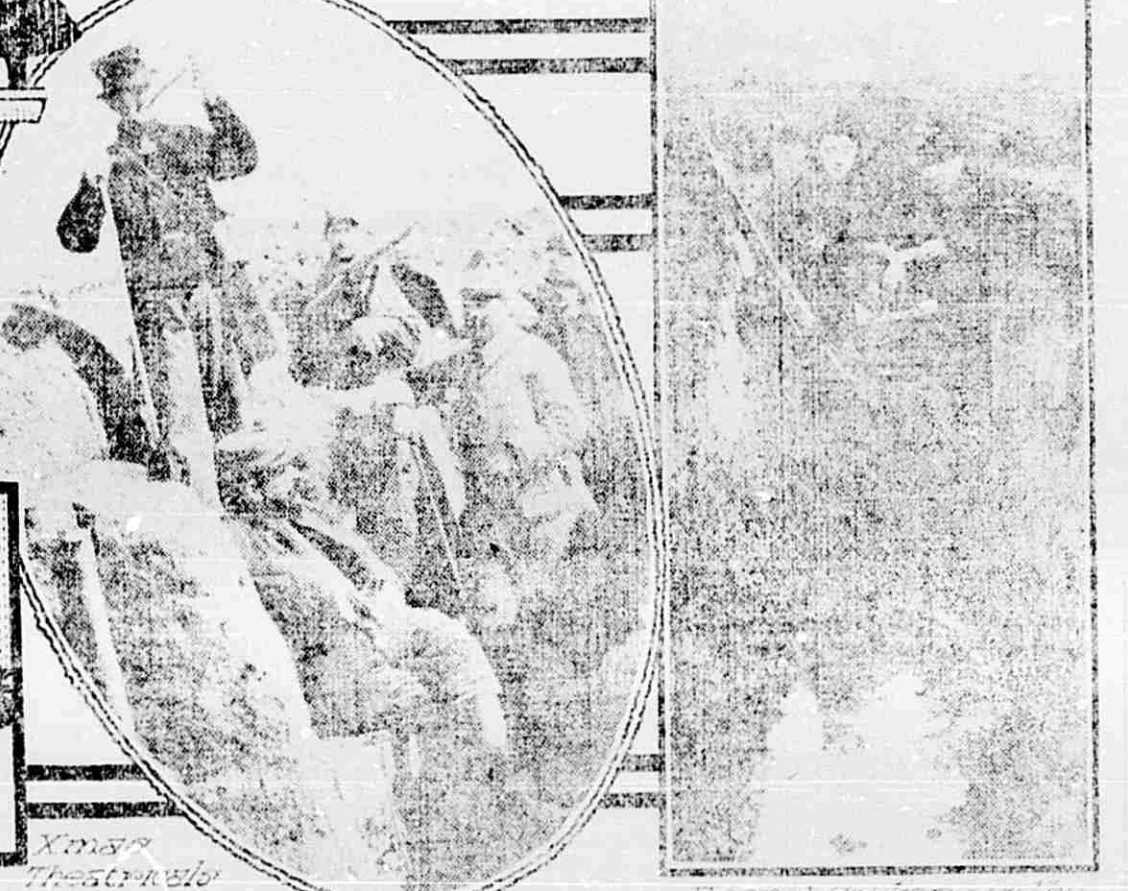
Even Saint Nicholas, or Santa Claus as he is known in this country, has wandered away from his own feast day, December sixth, to please the children and help their parents to reward the good boys and girls of the land. He is the patron saint of the child and is supposed to bring sweets to the good children and rods for the bad ones. However, during the present age he seems to reward them all. His part in the Christmas festival originated in Holland several centuries ago, when he became a part of Christmas and it was the Dutch emigrant who brought him to the United States. The body of the real St. Nicholas rests in the magnificent church at Bari, Italy, and is a famous place of pilgrimage for children.

It was not strange that at that season when everyone was filled with good cheer and kindly feeling for others that the thoughts of those who had plenty should turn towards the poor and needy. So early in the days of these Christmas festivities the custom sprang up of sending gifts to those in want such gifts as would best minister to their necessities and happiness and make them feel that the true Christian spirit was abroad in the land and that the message of love and charity which Christ brought to mankind was not forgotten, and as far back as the tenth century Christmas dinners were provided for the poor—a forerunner of the feasts given to the unfortunate today.



Returning to the Christmas Tree

Christmas in the Trenches



Christmas in the Trenches with their Christmas Box

How the Men Who Are Fighting Spend Christmas, and How for a Time the Soldiers of the Warring Nations Forget That They Are Enemies.

FRANCH on earth, good will to men" is heard all over France on Christmas morning, and the spirit of charity it teaches is not without its influence even among those who may seem to hate each other.

The Christmas of 1914 will find Europe as it did in 1913—an armed camp, the only difference between the days will be that millions of killed and wounded have been scattered up and down the line of power during the year and yet whatever bitterness and hate it there may be among those engaged in this terrible conflict, if there is one personal bitterness of hatred, will temporarily be forgotten on the day designated as the most joyous by the men themselves, and on that day the men of both sides will meet on the ground of peace and goodwill.

When more than a million of the men in the soldier's camp have been hurried to the front, and yet have had time to get ready to go, and the men of both sides are little that is common to every man.

French fighter's life

German Celebrate.
Those who are acquainted with the German people know that wherever a German happens to be at Christmas he will find some way to celebrate the festival, and the German soldier in the trench is no exception, for he is already gathering in the pine branches to decorate his underground quarters. Last year, although the weather was not, the men managed to bring Christmas cheer into the very theatre of war by actually setting up Christmas trees in the trenches and decorating them with bright colored bands and ribbons taken from the cigars and cigarettes which had been sent to them. Every scrap of colored paper that could be found was utilized, and according to a letter from a German soldier to his mother, one tree was decorated with paper chickens made from the colored papers that had been wrapped around the candy "kisses" sent from home. Boxes of French soldiers are fighting in the ranks of the French army, and wherever they could be found on Christmas day they were pressed into service to do a "tree," and for a time the horrors of war were forgotten in the peaks of laughter which resounded throughout the long night. "We had plenty to eat and a good time," wrote a Frenchman to his mother. "Your cake—well, I can't tell you how much we enjoyed it. One of the men from the old Moulon Rouge in Paris is in our regiment and he gave us a fine show. Two or three times he ran out of the trenches and waved his hat at the Germans but they did not shoot at him—in fact, they did not bother him at all. I expect they were celebrating just as we were."

In the English trenches the men were fairly overloaded with good things, and it seemed that every man had his plum pudding, mince and jam, to say nothing of the new, warm

this sad duty a party of Germans brought over the body of an English officer who had been killed in front of their trenches and deposited it reverently on the ground before some of his regiment, after which they went back to attend to the burial of their own dead. When this last tribute to comrades was completed the Germans brought out their cigars and cigarettes and men who a few hours before had been shooting at each other dined around arm in arm wishing each other the compliments of the season. They even made addresses to each other on the subject of Christmas which were interrupted by a young German soldier who had been in the United States. This particular regiment was composed of Saxons—big, merry fellows, who made the English laugh at their pranks. As the day wore on the soldiers joined in a rabbit hunt, and later there was a football match which was won by the Germans. After a while they exchanged hats and finally as a compliment to the Germans the English sang "Deutschland Ueber Alles," and the Germans, not to be outdone, gave a rendition of "God Save the King." After it was all over the men of both sides declared that they were exceedingly surprised to find their enemies such a decent lot of fellows. Toward night the men got back into the trenches, and early on the twenty-sixth the lines began to meet on Christmas morning.

The French and Germans, too, exchanged Christmas greetings, but it was not as general as the festivities with the English. At one place where it is said that the trenches were only about eighty yards apart, the Germans asked their French opponents to do a trace on Christmas Eve to bury the dead. The French accepted, and came out of their trenches carrying shovels. The Germans went over the line offering cigars and cigarettes with the compliments of the season. At first the French feared a surprise, but after a French corporal had shaken hands with a big German there were salutes and good wishes. Then the dead were buried and the men returned to their trenches. "For a time all was quiet," wrote one of the men, "then we began to try to kill each other again, and the man who offered the first box of cigars to a French soldier fell dead beside me—but, after all, it was a bit of Christmas."

During the coming holidays it is expected that these same scenes will be repeated, and it may be that in the meetings a little prayer for the ending of the carnage may be said and that ere long the Angels of Peace may sweep her white wings over the earth in the trenches and make the Christmas theme of "Peace on earth, good will to men" a full reality to all the world.

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Assistant Fire Marshal Issues Timely Warning for Observance During the Holiday Season

BY ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL BOUGHNER

Assistant Fire Marshal Boughner is optimistic regarding Christmas festivities. He can see no immediate danger from fire. And this is all due to the missionary work of the newspaper, he says. He also declares that the general public has been so thoroughly warned of fire hazard, by the newspapers, that the work of the fire department is considerably lessened. But the marshal has some pertinent thoughts that may be put to good execution as the Christmas festivities approach, and the most potent of these are—

"Be Careful!"

That, in a nutshell, he declares, is the solution of all fire hazard and possible fatalities. "If the public will observe this one rule," he says, "no one will get hurt."

"Don't fool around a lighted Christmas tree with a suit of clothes stuffed with cotton batten."

This is another of the marshal's admonitions. He declares that such actions are the most conducive of fatality. "And it is only logical to think of disaster in connection with fire and cotton batten," says Mr. Boughner.

"Watch the children." Here is another warning given by

the chief. When the little ones are all excited over Santa Clause and the lighted Christmas tree, there is no telling how quickly they may run into danger. They are thoughtless, at best, but with the added excitement that always attends a Christmas festival, there is a double danger.

"Have receptacles for the grease." "This is a most important item," said Mr. Boughner. "The burning candles cause the dripping grease on the trees. The latter having been kept in a warm room until the branches and needles are dry. Then the grease falls upon them. A moment later and a spark of fire may drop. The next instant the tree is ablaze. The house may be set on fire, and someone may be burned."

"Turn in an alarm promptly." This is one of the most important points to be remembered, according to the marshal. "The quicker the department arrives on the scene, the less liable the loss by fire. Perhaps, it is not too much to say that the entire house may be saved by the prompt alarm of fire. The firemen are trained to the work and know just what to do. So, when the fire is discovered in any part of the house, call the department. Don't try and put it out."

STATE MILITIA'S YOUNGEST CAPTAIN URGES MEN TO BECOME SOLDIERS

Kalamazoo, Michigan. — Captain Robert L. Wright, of Co. D, Thirty-second Michigan infantry, enjoys the distinction of being the youngest captain in the service of the Michigan militia. But that is not all. He also enjoys the distinction of having had the largest company at the last state encampment of the Michigan troops. The exceptional size of his company is due to a very large extent to the personal popularity of the captain.

He joined the company several years ago while attending a business college in this city. He made a good private and was soon promoted. Thereafter promotion came fast for him and it was not long before he had become the head of his company. He does not expect to stop here. It is his ambition to keep right on after promotion and go as high as possible in the Michigan Militia.

"I believe in the militia and its object. I would like to see every young man in Michigan serve two or three years. It would be an excellent thing for them and it would prove an excellent thing for the country," said Cap. Wright recently.

"If a man does not care to remain in the service for more than two or three years he has placed himself in condition so that if he should ever be called to arms he would not be raw recruit. It is surprising how much military knowledge a man can pick up in a year or two if he is a member of the militia. The training is not only good from a military standpoint, but it is also good for a man in other ways.

"The soldier benefits as well as the state. He obtains the kind of exercise any man needs. The annual encampment provides a man with the most enjoyable kind of a vacation. These are things I impress on a young man when he comes to me and talks about joining my company."

Capt. Wright spends much of his time at the armory. His military work is to him the same as base ball is to a fan.

WALKING FOR HEALTH

Out, girls! Out into the open, this glorious fall weather. Never mind the wind, never mind the rain. Put on old clothes and rubber shoes, but get your daily walk, be the weather what it may. Dress loosely and comfortably, wear easy shoes, hold your head well up and your shoulders well back, breath deeply, fill your lungs completely, hold the air a minute or two, then breathe it out. Do this in regular time, so many steps while you breathe in, so many more while you hold it, then just a step or two while you breathe it out. Walk fast as the you were obliged to reach a certain place at a given hour. This is one royal road to health and beauty. It is good for the circulation, the lungs and the nerves. Exercise gives even pale faces a becoming flush. Deep breathing expands the narrow chest; change from close reading or sewing gives the lack-of-luster eye back its sparkle. Pure air and peace are the balsms for smothering out ugly lines.

BURGLARS RAIDED ENTIRE VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE

Jackson, Mich.—Sheriff H. O. Cline of Mason has stated that an investigation is being made into the wholesale burglaries in Stockbridge one night recently when every store in the village was entered. Nothing has been learned as to the identity of the men who broke into eight business places.

Deputy Sheriff C. J. Nott of Stockbridge believed an automobile was used in carrying away the little booty that was obtained. The thieves are

not have an average grade of more than 5 per cent. By "per cent of grade," is meant the number of feet the road rises or "climbs" for every 100 feet of its length. On a road of 1 per cent grade the horses need pull the load up a rise of only 1 foot for every 100 feet they travel. It has been found that where a horse can pull a full load on gravel ground; he is able to pull only one-half that load on a 5 per cent grade and only one-fourth that load on a 10 per cent grade. More trips must be made to and from market on a road with just one bad hill in order to haul the same amount that can be hauled at one trip on a level road.

Bulletin 220 of the Department of Agriculture contains pictures of small models of good roads, some of which might be very helpful in understanding the construction of a road. One model illustrates the uses of the different kinds of ditches, culverts, etc. Another model shows the relocation of a road. A steep hill on the old road has been avoided by relocating the road around the foot of the hill, saving the horses many a hard pull. Relocating the road may be expensive at first cost, but very often repays the community many times over in the saving of labor, time, horses and equipment.

DOGS CARRY DISEASE TO FARM STOCK

Animal is Useful But Must Not Be Neglected Says Agricultural Department

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The dog in the country is a useful and pleasant adjunct to the farm if he is properly controlled and cared for, but when neglected, may readily become a carrier of disease to stock, in addition to gaining opportunity to kill sheep and destroy gardens and other property. Dog ordinances, as a general rule, have been intended chiefly to curb the dog's power of doing harm by attacking, biting, killing or running sheep or stock. The part that he plays as a carrier of diseases to animals only recently has been recognized according to the zoologists of the department of agriculture, who believe that when this is better understood rural ordinances and laws which lessen this danger will gain the support of the community.

Of the diseases carried to stock by dogs, the foot and mouth disease is probably of the greatest interest at this time. In this case the dog acts as a mechanical carrier of infection. The dog which runs across an infected farm easily may carry in the dirt on his feet the virus of this most contagious of animal diseases to other farms and thus spread the disease to the neighboring herds. In infected localities it is absolutely essential, therefore, to keep all dogs chained and never to allow them off the farm except on leash.

There are, however, many other maladies in the spread of which the dog takes an active part. In bulletin 260 of the United States department of agriculture, "The Dog as a Carrier of Parasites and Disease," it is pointed out that rabies, hydatid, ringworm, favus, double-pored tapeworm, roundworm, and tongue worm are often conveyed to human being in this way. It occasionally happens also that the dog helps fleas and ticks in transmitting bubonic plague or deadly spotted fever.

Hydatid disease is caused by the presence in the liver, kidneys, brain, lungs, and other organs, of a bladder worm or larval tapeworm. Bladder worms are often as large as an orange and may be larger. A dog which is allowed to feed on carrion or the These tapeworm heads develop into small segmented tapeworms in the intestines of the dog. The tapeworms in turn develop eggs which are passed out in the excrement of the dog. They are spread broadcast on grass and in drinking water where animals can very well eat them and thus become infected. The dog is particularly liable to this disease because of its rooting habits. The eggs as yet into human food, and persons who allow dogs to lick their hands and face also run the risk of getting the eggs of the tapeworm in their systems.

Prevention on the farm consists in so restraining the dog that he can not get at carrion or raw viscera. Viscera should be boiled before being fed to dogs and should never be thrown on the fields. If not cooked and fed, viscera and carcasses should be buried, buried with lime, or so disposed of as not to be accessible to dogs. Proper feeding of the dog is essential, and the owner who does not feed a dog properly has no right to keep one.

The parasite which causes gid in sheep somewhat resembles the hydatid worm. A dog allowed to eat the brain of a giddy sheep may swallow this parasite and later distribute the eggs of the resulting tapeworm over the pasture. Sheep while grazing swallow the eggs with the grass which they eat. In the case of sheep dogs it is important to administer vermifuges often enough to keep them free of these worms. In the case of sheep measles, the bladder worm in the meat, typical of this disease, is swallowed by the dog and again the tapeworm eggs are passed by the dog to grass or water, and there are eaten by sheep.

Of the external parasites which dogs may carry to animals, fleas and the

various kinds of ticks are both troublesome and dangerous. The remedy is clear. The owner must keep his dog clean, not merely for the comfort and happiness of the dog, but to prevent it from becoming a carrier of disagreeable and dangerous vermin.

These reasonable measures, important to the stock on the farm, have a direct connection with the health of the family. Where ringworm or other skin diseases break out among the children, or the worm parasites develop it is well to determine whether a dirty or unclean-for dog may not be carrying infection on his skin or hair, or be conveying disease from carrion directly to the food and persons of his friends. Even if no one is infected with disease, the folly of allowing a dog to remain dirty and have the freedom of a home where personal cleanliness and hygiene are respected, is apparent.

ARMY BLUE IS A THING OF THE PAST

The old familiar blue that has been the mark of the soldier since the Continental army wore it with buff trimmings passes out of the military life.

Between the revolution and the Spanish-American war the blue uniform was used the year around for dress and service. The khaki was first used in 1898 in the summer. Later wool of olive drab was used in winter. Now the olive drab is used the year around.

The only blue uniforms now used will be those old blue Civil war uniforms worn by the members of the G. A. R. These will remain as long as the G. A. R. remains to remind of the old color which has played a more important part in the military history of the nation than the olive drab will probably ever play.

BUILD FIREPROOF IF BUILDING AGAIN

The question of "building again," however suggests an important subject which should have very serious consideration, says Modern Building. Never have you heard an owner suggest that he would cheapen his building if he were to build again. Invariably, his only changes in construction materials and equipment would be in the way of betterment which would increase the cost of his building.

True it is that at the time of planning a building, the owner's one command is "keep down the cost," but when the building is done all that is forgotten. He is disappointed if his building compares unfavorably at any point with others. The inferior features are always constantly before him as a source of irritation and dissatisfaction. His one hope is that some day he will have a new building which will be constructed as it should be.

This fact, verified in the case of nearly every one who builds, should command the earnest thought of prospective builders, architects, engineers and contractors. By all means do not skimp in the construction of the new building. If you must cut down the cost of the building reduce its size, but what you do build—build right. You can plan it so that you can add the extra space later on.

Do not be satisfied with anything less than fireproof construction for the structural parts of the building. Inflammable, short-lived construction will always be a menace to your building, besides entailing constant expense in increasing insurance and maintenance. Let the equipment and the finish of the building be in keeping with the construction, not necessarily expensive, but of substantial worth.

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"Why how simple!" exclaimed the old lady, "not only is the remedy simple, but I am simple not to have thought of it myself."

WHAT HAVE WE DONE TODAY? We shall do so much in the years to come

But what have we done today?

We shall give our gold in a princely sum,

But what did we give today?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,

We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,

We shall speak the words of love and cheer,

But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the after-while,

But what have we been today?

We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,

But what have we brought today?

We shall give to truth a grander birth,

And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,

We shall feed the hungry souls of earth,

But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the by and by,

But what have we sown today?



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We shall build us mansions in the sky, But what have we built today? 'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask, But here and now do we our task? Yes, this the thing our souls must ask, "What have we done today?" —Nixon Waterman.

OUR CHILDREN — BOYS AND GIRLS

Speak gently and quietly ask them not to do it again, and if the boy has the proper idea of the respect due his mother, he will respect her wishes. This kind of thing is only what may be expected of them, for boys will be boys, as long as the world stands, and there is a boy remaining in it. If the same offense is repeated by that self-same boy, you need not feel discouraged, for the teaching of one day will not suffice for all.

It requires a great deal of perseverance to make a success of it. Some, of course, are a great deal worse than some others, but you need not expect to find saints in any of them.

Again, do not suffer the sister to censure them so severely, as is sometimes the case, just because she does not happen to inherit as much of the rebelliousness of old Father Adam as fell to the less fortunate brother. Impress the fact upon her that she has a great influence over him if she will only exercise judgment in exerting it for his good.

Teach the boy in turn to use kindness and politeness toward his sister. It will be the making of him, for, "as the twig is bent so will the tree be inclined."

Neglect this and you will doubtless bring up a man to make some poor woman miserable, as it is impossible for a woman to admire an ungallant and snappish man as for him to love a coarse mannered, slovenly woman.

Be neat and tidy in your own person, else do not expect this in your children, for children pick up the ways of their elders as "pigeons pease." It is a superior child indeed who naturally rises above his parents in point of pride and etiquette. He or she may appear so to a casual observer, but rest assured, loose training eventually tells.

As for the daughter, let me whisper softly, mother, do not for the sake of the love you bear, rush her into the matrimonial market at least before she is out of her teens. She is but a child as yet, and one child is not capable of assuming the care of another.

If a man wishes to hold the respect and love of the woman he marries, he must show her consideration and sympathy. It requires just as much brain force, just as much hard work, to be a good home maker as a man expends in the outside world. Some men fail to understand how dear little acts of kindness and consideration are to the hearts of their wives. The good wife struggles each day to cater to the husband's wishes and comfort, placing self in the background and the husband, possibly, is grateful enough to refrain from criticism, but he allows her to take it for granted that he appreciates all she does for him. What she needs is spoken words of praise; real approval shown in acts and words is an elixir to the wife. Is there not something very beautiful and effective to be seen when we meet a wife and mother rising superior to her domestic troubles and overcoming the petty trials encountered in every home and endeavoring to make that home cheerful and happy? And is it not likewise beautiful when the husband comes to her assistance? There is found in these united homes an indulgence and repose that cannot be obtained elsewhere. The great woman and the average woman need alike the loving and unselfish help of the husband in the work of home making.

Have you done a real kind or saving deed to anybody today? Are you in the habit of doing such deeds whenever a chance offers? Are you on the lookout for such opportunities? We often think the very rich must be very happy, but riches bring neither happiness nor content. The most perfect serenity is found with those who have learned to limit their desires, rather than with those who have unlimited means of gratifying their desires. To possess a home and those in it who love us, to have health and money enough to satisfy our actual wants—these are the elements absolutely necessary to a contented life. The man who has a field to plow and plant has better chances for health and happiness than the man who seeks, by golf, and other diversions, to get the exercise and development that the Lord meant he should obtain by labor.

To Repair Water Bags
Leaks in water bags and rubber gloves may be easily repaired in the following manner: Lay a patch of tailor's mending tissue over the hole, moisten it with common cleaning chloroform, put on another layer a trifle larger, and moisten in the same way until five or six patches of the tissue have been applied. As the chloroform evaporates the patch becomes firm and your bag is as good as new. This method has been well tested in repairing hospital supplies, and under constant service the patches have held for several months.

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Although merchants in the smaller towns and cities throughout the country are the ones who complain most bitterly of the competition of mail order houses, many of these very men refuse to adopt the means which made competitors prosper—Advertising.

The country merchant deprecates the fact that the mail order houses are making inroads on his patronage. How did they do it? Did they send representatives into the rural communities to solicit trade? They did not. They obtained all—not a part but ALL—of their patronage by the use of printers' ink. They advertised. The average local merchant does not seem to realize even with the gigantic object lesson before him, that the means employed by the concerns are also at his disposal. Through the medium of the printed words they tell the public what they have to sell.

Experience has shown that quality for quality the local merchants' prices are no higher than those of the mail order houses and they save the purchaser transportation charges. The difference is that the mail order house tells the public what it has to sell and the non-advertising merchant does not. The latter frequently advances the argument against advertising that everyone knows where his store is and what he has to sell. He is wrong. Everyone does not know what he has to sell. If he doubts this let him compare his stock with that of five years three years or even one year ago and note that many new things that are product of inventive genius or of changing fashions. He keeps abreast of the market changes but all his customers do not, hence they do not know what he has to sell.

And there are object lessons nearer home, that is the large and prosperous city department stores. They realize the power of advertising and make liberal use of it. The city concerns are taking advantage of the inactivity of the local merchant along advertising lines and the space he declines to buy in the local newspaper is being bought by them. This has resulted in bringing to the store hundreds of customers from the smaller places and it has also been a factor in creating in the stores large departments where are received by mail orders from persons who do not come to the stores, but who find in the concern's advertisements mention of various articles they want.

Some day the small town merchant will realize the importance of advertising as a factor in business but in many cases the awakening may come too late.

MICHIGAN CONSIDERED WORTHLESS SWAMP BUT A CENTURY AGO

Lansing—One hundred years ago, Michigan land was considered worthless by government officials and surveyors as far as possibilities of cultivation were concerned. Not an acre of 100, perhaps not one in 1,000 would admit cultivation, officials said.

This opinion of Michigan land, which now appears so sparsely populated, most fertile acres in the country, is revealed in official correspondence of a century ago, recently published in Washington.

From Chillicothe, O., then the capital of the territory, Edward Tiffin, government surveyor in 1815 wrote to Josiah Meigs, commissioner of the land office as follows:

"The surveyors who went to survey the military tract in Michigan territory have been obliged to suspend their operation until the country shall be sufficiently frozen over to bear man and beast. The frost set in early and covered nearly the entire country, but broke through every step.

"I annex a description of the country which has been sent to me, and which I am informed, all the surveyors concur in. I think it my duty to give you this information, believing that it is the wish of the government that the soldiers should have lands fit for cultivation and that the whole of the 2,000,000,000 acres appropriated in the territory of Michigan will not contain anything like one-hundredth part of that quantity, or is it worth the expense of surveying it.

"Perhaps you will think with me that it will be proper to make this representation to the president of the United States, and he may want all further proceedings, directing me to pay off all that has been done and abandon the country.

"Many of the lakes have extensive marshes adjoining their margins sometimes thickly covered with a species of pine called 'tamarac' and other places covered with a coarse high grass and uniformly covered with from six to three feet of water. The immediate space between these swamps and lakes, which is probably near one-half of the country, is with few exceptions a poor barren, sandy land on which scarcely any vegetation grows except small scrubby oaks."

mush just drop a few chopped dates into the boiling water before you put in the corn meal. It is a very tasty and agreeable combination and makes this homely, economical dish much better appreciated.

Homes are beautiful only when there are equal rights; when the husband, wife and children respect and admire each other; when there is confidence and trust; and this can never be when the wife and daughters are reduced to the condition of paupers and beggars. If the evil exists in the home there should be a readjustment of affairs and each member of the working firm be allowed his or her share of the income. Then the home business will not be robbed of the concentrated effort of its partners, nor will the girls and women be looking elsewhere for work that will yield a cash return.

IMPORTED NURSERY STOCK IN GOOD SHAPE THIS YEAR
East Lansing — Michigan is rapidly becoming free from insect pests which seriously threatened the horticultural interests of the state a few years ago according to Prof. L. R. Taft, state inspector of orchards. "Sections where five years ago nurseries were affected by disease are now quite free," states Taft. "The nursery inspection department is giving special attention to orchards and trees in localities where nursery stock is kept. More pains is taken with nursery stock by the growers every year, I find. Shipments of bulbs and shrubs from Europe are being received in large numbers at Michigan greenhouses. Every shipment is inspected by the state to make sure that dangerous insects such as the green tal moth and gypsy moth are not brought into the state, where they would cause enormous losses. Imported stock is being found in very good condition this year. Much of this foreign stock has been brought from Belgium passing through both the German and British military lines under special permission."

WILSON—GALT WEDDING SATURDAY WILL BE SIMPLE
Extreme simplicity will be observed at the wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt, which, the White house announced recently, will be solemnized Saturday, this week, at the home of Mrs. Galt. The arrangements have been completed. The president will have no best man at the wedding and Mrs. Galt will not formally select a maid of honor, although one of her sisters, Miss Bertha Bolling, of this city, will escort her during the ceremony.

The announcement at the White house, that only members of the two families and the president's immediate household would attend the wedding and that no formal invitations would be issued, surprised official Washington. It had been expected that at least the president's friends would be invited.

PRICES NINETY YEARS AGO

Although many of us like to look back upon the days when eggs were ten and twelve cents a dozen, and creamery butter fifteen cents a pound, there were days in this country when even those prices came under the head of high cost of living. Very few, of course, would care to be back in the year 1825, when the following prices prevailed: Eggs, 4 cents a dozen; butter, 8 cents a pound; sugar, 10 cents a pound; pepper, 50 cents a pound; coffee, 31 cents a pound; tea, \$1.50 a pound; bacon, 6 1-4 cents a pound; whiskey, 25 cents a gallon; wheat, 40 cents a bushel; oats, 15 cents a bushel; corn, 25 cents a bushel; muslin, 20 cents and 37 1-2 cents a yard; calico, 36 cents and 50 cents a yard; flowered wall paper, 4 1-2 cents a yard; salt, 2 1-2 cents a pound.

Stuffed Cookies
For cookies—One cup white sugar, one-half cup butter or lard, one egg, one-half cup sweet milk, one teaspoon vanilla three and one-half cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder. For Filling—One-half cup white sugar, one-half cup water, one cup chopped or ground raisins, juice of one lemon, one teaspoon flour.
Cook filling until thick, stirring constantly. Roll dough very thin, cut cookies round, place in pan and put a teaspoon of filling in center of each. Place another cookie on top of each and bake in a moderately hot oven.

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Recipes

Lemon Drops

Substitute orange for lemons in this recipe if you wish to make orange drops. Grate the rind of one orange or lemon and squeeze out the juice, taking care to reject the seeds, add to this a pinch of tartaric acid, then stir in confectioners' sugar until it is stiff enough to form into small balls the size of small marbles. This is a good hot weather candy, as it requires no cooking and is delicious.

Stuffed Dates

Make a simple fondant with granulated sugar and boiling water or use confectioners' sugar moistened with a little cream. Take out seeds and put in a tiny piece of candy. Roll in powdered sugar and serve at once.

Sugared Figs

Roll the figs in powdered sugar or dip in icing and allow to cool. These are excellent for Sunday dessert, for parties or for little folks getting well who tire quickly of ordinary foods.

Grape Juice and Egg

One egg, one-half cup rich milk, one tablespoon sugar, one-half cup grape juice. Beat the yolk and white separately and very light. To the yolk add milk, sugar and grape juice and pour into glass. To the white add a little powdered sugar and a taste of grape juice. Serve on yolk mixture. Chill all ingredients before using.

When making frosting use instead of fresh water that which has been colored by cooking beets. Mix this with powdered sugar and you have a wholesome pink frosting.

White Pudding

Put one-half cupful of any of the prepared white preparations, about the same quality of sugar, a generous half cupful of seeded raisins and a bit of ground cinnamon into a pudding dish with two quarts of milk. Put in oven, cover and bake about two hours or until thickened, stirring occasionally as the top begins to brown. When nearly done, stop stirring and let it brown nicely on top. Cool and serve with cream.

Cup Custards

To five eggs beaten light stir in a half cupful of sugar and a quart of hot new milk, beating steadily all the time. (A pinch of soda the size of a pea should always be added to the milk of which these are made to prevent curdling.) Cook enough to coat a spoon. Remove from the fire, season with two tablespoonfuls of vanilla and set aside to cool. When cold nearly fill glasses or cups with the mixture and heap with a meringue made by whipping the whites of two eggs stiff with two tablespoonfuls of sugar.

A man is always expecting his friends to do for him what they expect him to do for them.
"Resolve to live a hundred years and you can do it," says a St. Louis physician. But the majority of good resolutions are broken in a short time.
We suppose that in times to come people will speak of these as "the bad old days."