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CLOSING NUMBERS.

Last Numbers of This Season's Lecture Course.

The Nellie Peck Saunders Company, which was to have given the first number in this year's Citizens' Lecture Course, but failed to arrive, is billed to appear at the Opera House to-morrow evening. A full announcement was made for the previous date and we trust our readers bear in mind the strong points of the company. Their entertainment is well spoken of everywhere and we hope they will be greeted by a full house.

The last number of the course is to be given by H. W. Sears, the popular lecturer, on the evening of Monday, Feb. 15th. His subjects are such as "More Taffy and Less Epitaphy," "Grumblers and Their Cure," "Climbing the Mountain Before You Get to It" and "Stickability." Dr. Sears' mission is to drive out the blues and rout the demons of grumbling with his source of satire, wit and humor, his word pictures, sound logic, true philosophy and gospel ethics, seasoned with good spirits, pathos and soul stirring eloquence. He is said to be Sam Jones and Dr. Willets in one, having the pungent sarcasm and brilliant gift of the one and the pathetic and inspiring power of the other. He is one of the greatest entertainers and best drawing cards on the lecture platform to-day. You have not heard the best until you hear him, and he is always at his best.

Remember the date—next Monday evening.

Traffic Resumed.

The thaw which came last Saturday assisted considerably in opening up railroad traffic, so that by Sunday forenoon an engine reached Cass City from the south and proceeded northward about ten a. m., but the rapid lowering of temperature on Sunday brought things to a sudden standstill, as in many places water had run over the track and frozen so solidly that the flange of the wheels would not break it. A train pulled out of Pontiac on Sunday and succeeded, by hard working of a large force of men, in reaching Cass City on Tuesday shortly after noon. It was quickly followed by another train which had left Pontiac that morning, and a freight train pulled in late that night. Yesterday the passenger trains were delayed somewhat but were able to make their regular trips and all are hopeful that the weather will now remain open and allow the road to bring supplies which are badly needed. Fuel is becoming very scarce as the village is not able to spare any more coal and wood is very scarce in town. We have finally succeeded in getting a little paper and are able to issue the ENTERPRISE in regular form.

Small Pox.

Deford not only has a case of small pox, but there have been quite a number of exposures. Dr. Geo. Bates, of Kingston, was called on Monday to the Deford Hotel, conducted by J. W. McCain and found his daughter ill with small pox. It appears that she was first taken sick last Friday, but was able to be around and as there was no suspicion as to the nature of the disease, the girl assisted with the work as usual, waiting on table, etc. The shelling gang on the railroad and others had a meal or two at the hotel before the doctor was called, so that there have been a number of exposures, but it is to be hoped owing to the early stage of the disease, no further cases will result. It is supposed it was contracted from a transient boarder at the hotel. The doctor at once called the health officer and the hotel was strictly quarantined and the school closed.

Fell Down a Hatchway.

William Colwell, Sr., who resides near the Ellington cemetery, met with a serious accident last Monday through falling down a hatchway at Cross' grocery. He had just come to town, and into the store and after warming himself for a few moments, started out through the back part of the store to Tricky's 10 cent barn. A barrel of sugar had just been brought out of the basement the hatchway being left open and Colwell walked into it. He was taken to Dr. Ryan's office where his shoulder was found to be broken and he was otherwise internally injured. Mr. Colwell is 76 years of age, and his recovery will necessarily be very slow. He fell a distance of seven feet.—Caro Advertiser.

"SANTIAGO,"

Or "For the Red, White and Blue."

A war drama in four acts, at Opera House, Feb. 22.

CHARACTERS.
Capt. Oscar Hutton, U. S. A., in love with Cora, Ernest Perkins
Lieut. Fisk, U. S. A., in love with his duty, Bert Mead
Milton Merry, U. S. N., in love with Bess, Herb Ehlers
Lieut. Cristobal, S. A., in love with soldiering, Dan Duncanson
Dr. Harrison, Red Cross U. S., in love with surgery, Earl Young
Elmer Walton, banker, in love with Spanish bonds, Dan Duncanson
Cora Bassett, his stepson, in love with Ysobel, Phillip Bassett
Fernando Diaz, Walton's cashier, afterwards S. A., in love with Cora, Guy Landon
Beverly Brown, Walton's butler, afterwards Red Cross H. S., in love with chickens, Stanley Graham
Cornelius Dwyer, Walton's coachman, afterwards U. S. A., in love with "Naygurs," Alex. Duncanson
Antonio Carlos, a Cuban planter, in love with Spain, Glen Eno
Cora Bassett, Walton's stepdaughter, in love with Oscar, Ysobel
Bess Walton, Walton's daughter, in love with Milton, Mabel Reagh
Ysobel Carlos, Antonio's daughter, in love with Phillip, Little McColi
American soldiers, American sailors, Spanish soldiers, guerrillas.

Actual time of playing a little over two hours.

SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—The ball at Walton's, Washington, D. C. Interior.
ACT II.—The Red Cross Hospital. First day's battle of Santiago. Exterior.
ACT III.—Scene I. Interior. Guerrilla headquarters in the Sierra Cobra near Santiago. Scene 2. Exterior. The underbrush of Sierra Cobra. Scene 3. Fight in the mountain pass. Second day's battle of Santiago. Exterior.
ACT IV.—Hotel Tacon, Santiago, on the night of the surrender. Interior.

Annual Banquet.

The second annual banquet by the ladies of St. Agatha's Church, Gage town, was given in Echo Hall on Tuesday evening, and was attended by about two hundred and fifty. The hall was tastefully decorated and the tables were beautifully arranged, well laden with delicious morsels to tempt the appetite. At the conclusion of the feast, Rev. M. J. Crowley introduced Rev. Thos. F. Hally, who acted as toastmaster. After a piano duet by Mrs. F. D. Hemerick and Miss Mae Dear, a vocal solo was very nicely rendered by Leslie C. Purdy. Rev. Denis A. Hayes was then called to respond to the toast, "Our State," which he did in an eloquent manner. A piano solo was given by Miss Lellia Hopcroft, followed by a monologue by Mrs. M. A. Conley. Next came a vocal duet by Leslie and Geo. Purdy, after which Dr. E. M. Koongh responded to "Our Village." A cornet solo by Walter Bender was well received, also a vocal solo by Miss Mae Dear. "The Press" was responded to by A. A. P. McDowell. Mrs. Conley gave another recitation. Messrs. Purdy sang another duet, Rev. Varney sang a couple of vocal numbers, and Rev. M. J. Comerford responded to the last toast—"The Ladies," in a very happy style. The closing number was a piano duet by Mrs. Hemerick and Miss Hopcroft. The occasion was a most enjoyable one to all present.

For Sale.

House and lot in Cass City two blocks from postoffice.
Farm of 100 acres one-half mile north of Cass City.
60 acres one and one-half miles from Cass City.
Two new houses in Grand Rapids valued at \$1800 each. Will exchange for property in or near Cass City.

O. K. JAMES.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Contributed by Frank McComb.
Ethyl McGregory acts as pianist this week.

The arithmetic class is studying the metric system.
The chemistry class has completed the study of arsenic.
Miss Striffler and Miss Benkelman called at the High School on Tuesday afternoon.
W. J. Campbell will address the pupils of the High School next Wednesday morning.
The Botany class is studying the physiology of seed and will start the physiology of the pea to-day.
On her way to school Monday morning, Cecil McKim had her ear frozen so that medical treatment was necessary.
On Wednesday morning Supt. F. E. Sinclair talked on the subject, "His Experiences in the Spanish American War." He stated—since my youthful days I have heard many stories of wars and chiefly the Civil War of which my father was a veteran. While I was teaching I heard of the destruction of the battleship Maine, in Havana harbor. My patriotism was aroused very greatly and I longed for my term of school to expire. On one occasion, one of my companions and I went to Detroit on business; while there we learned that the United States government were enlisting men into the army. While there my patriotism was so aroused that I enlisted in Company L of 33 Michigan. At 9:40 p. m. our regiment started for Virginia by railroad, and by morning we had reached the Ohio River, which was very beautiful and a little later we were crossing the Allegheny and stopping at a certain station in the mountains, which was on the banks of the river. The banks were so high that only a few of my comrades could throw into the water. After ten a. m. we went to breakfast which consisted of dry bread without butter, coffee without sugar or milk, and potatoes. After finishing our journey on the railroad we then took the pike and went three miles to New Port News. When we arrived there I saw a large pile of clothing which was overcoats for the soldiers. The first night I was put on guard of the camp, I learned that only five miles away was a mill where Washington had his corn ground, and I was determined to visit it. I found it in a very bad condition and on my second visit there I made a drawing of the mill. The ground is owned by the United States government. On July fourth we went to a swamp near by and cleared about fifteen acres of land for a camping place. Opposite this was a beautiful wood which we soon changed into a grove. At twelve o'clock we received orders to march and started to prepare for it. In a short time we started with one hundred men. We would march for forty five minutes and then rest for fifteen and continued until ten o'clock that night. There were only seven that finished the march of which I was one. I found that I was on the old battle field of Bull Run. I found the surface of the ground very rolling and without trees. While there I heard the famous retreat bugler blow, who blew the retreat at Gen. Grant's funeral. During my time of service in the army I was promoted to quarter master sergeant. While at Bull Run I was sent to arrest some men who were out of the lines and after some difficulty I brought them back to camp. From Bull Run we went to camp at Thoroughfare-Gap, the famous gap which Gen. Jackson so often passed. Then from Thoroughfare-Gap we went to Camp Meade named after Gen. Meade, near Harrisburg, Pa. After a short stop there I returned home well satisfied with my experiences.

Columbus Haggaman.

Columbus Haggaman, who came to the county house from Grant township about four years ago, died Thursday noon of heart trouble, at the age of sixty-eight years. He came to the county farm on account of the loss of his eye-sight and has been in comparatively good health with the exception of a few attacks of the heart. On Sunday he was taken suddenly ill but with prompt medical aid soon recovered. While Keeper Geiger was in town yesterday, attending to his official duties, he received a telephone message stating that Haggaman had just passed away. He had eaten a hearty dinner and was feeling very well when Mr. Geiger left the house. His death which was due to neuralgia of the heart, was practically instantaneous and painless. As there were no friends or relatives to provide for his burial the body will be sent to Ann Arbor.—Huron Tribune.

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White No. 22, per cwt.	2.25
White No. 23, per cwt.	2.20
White No. 24, per cwt.	2.15
White No. 25, per cwt.	2.10
White No. 26, per cwt.	2.05
White No. 27, per cwt.	2.00
White No. 28, per cwt.	1.95
White No. 29, per cwt.	1.90
White No. 30, per cwt.	1.85
White No. 31, per cwt.	1.80
White No. 32, per cwt.	1.75
White No. 33, per cwt.	1.70
White No. 34, per cwt.	1.65
White No. 35, per cwt.	1.60
White No. 36, per cwt.	1.55
White No. 37, per cwt.	1.50
White No. 38, per cwt.	1.45
White No. 39, per cwt.	1.40
White No. 40, per cwt.	1.35
White No. 41, per cwt.	1.30
White No. 42, per cwt.	1.25
White No. 43, per cwt.	1.20
White No. 44, per cwt.	1.15
White No. 45, per cwt.	1.10
White No. 46, per cwt.	1.05
White No. 47, per cwt.	1.00
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" 1.75 " " " 1.35	
" 1.50 " " " 1.15	
" 1.25 " " " .98	
Men's 4.00 " " " 3.00	
" 3.50 " " " 2.75	
" 3.00 " " " 2.40	
" 2.50 " " " 1.98	
" 2.00 " " " 1.60	
" 1.75 " " " 1.35	
" 1.50 " " " 1.15	
" 1.25 " " " .98	
Boys' 2.00 " " " 1.60	
" 1.75 " " " 1.30	
" 1.50 " " " 1.15	
" 1.25 " " " .98	
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" 1.50 " " " 1.15	
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" 1.00 " " " .80	
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" .50 " " " .40	

LADIES' 14 prs. wool pants, regular \$1.00, now \$.69
50 cent fleeced goods, now .40
25 cent fleeced goods, now .20
\$1.00 union suits, now .80
1.50 union suits, now 1.15
2.00 union suits, now 1.50

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BOYS' and GIRLS' 35 cent underwear now .23
30 cent underwear now .20
25 cent underwear now .15
20 cent underwear now .10
15 cent underwear now .10
10 cent underwear now .08

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Buy Your Spring Shoes Now.

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Regular 50c, now 40c
Regular 35c, now 25c
Regular 25c, now 20c

Men's Covert Coats and Jackets.

Regular \$3.00 Coats now \$2.25
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Eggs per doz.	24
Butter	12
Hogs, dressed per cwt.	5.50
Live Hogs, per cwt.	4.25
Sweet, dressed, per cwt.	6.00
Sausage, live weight, per cwt.	3.00
Lamb, per cwt.	4.50
Chicken, per lb.	6.00
Turkeys, per lb.	9.00
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A bride who doesn't enjoy a church wedding is as rare as a bridegroom who does.

It is reported that the czar has insomnia. This would seem to indicate that the czar is no fool.

The Mad Mullah must be getting madder and madder as his lines waver before the English troops.

Herbert Spencer was supposed to be a very wise man. Yet he left a will that is three columns long.

All the world loves a lover. But when he's converted into a benedict, gad, how quickly its affection wanes!

A German newspaper thinks Cervantes was the real hero of the Spanish war. How about the Matanzas mule?

Servant girls of Orange, N. J., want an eight-hour day. Breakfast will no longer be permitted on the short-order plan.

A prominent citizen of Tacoma, Wash., drank seventeen beers and fell dead. What kind of beer do they have out in Tacoma?

Poet Laureate Austin continues to demonstrate that an author with sufficient influence can manage to get on without inspiration.

Fussy people are beginning to worry because the automobiles will in less than three months from now be exceeding the speed limit.

Conjectures upon why Alfred Austin wrote that New Year's poem may be set at rest. The London cables say it was a challenge to the czar.

Russell Sage, at the age of eighty-seven is gradually withdrawing from Wall street, but it is still easy for outsiders to lose their money there.

Alfred Austin is going to write for an English magazine a series of papers entitled "A Poet's Diary." It will, of course, be purely a work of fiction.

John L. Sullivan, who philosophizes entertainingly on current topics, has some hard words for the automobile. "The water wagon is good enough for John."

If Montana thinks it can keep out the Chinese by building a barb wire fence along the Canadian border Montana is entitled to several more guesses.

A Paris dispatch says sympathy is turning to Russia. But it isn't likely that sympathy will win the coming conflict any more than it did in the Boer war.

Joan of Arc is to be canonized. It is with saints a good deal as it is with poets. Their honors come after they get past the point where they might enjoy them.

A Russian rouble is about as much larger than a yen as a Russian is larger than a Japanese. This is not important, but it is as interesting as the other war news.

The old year certainly ought to be ashamed of the position in which it left Japan and Russia. What a job for a new and inexperienced year to tackle!—Houston Post.

Dr. Parkhurst said that after Jan. 1 New York would be hells with the lid off, and other New Yorkers say now that the city seems about the same as ever. Maybe both are right.

A scientist now tells us that there is fungus in sugar; another, that there is a good deal of arsenic in every egg. And yet the only thing that keeps us from eating eggs is the price.

For saying "damn" a man has been sentenced at Jamaica, L. I., to five days in jail. Well, he probably deserved it—unless he said it because he hit his thumb with a hammer.

So ex-Mayor Ames of Minneapolis, now serving a six years' sentence in the state prison, is writing a book dealing with municipal graft. It ought to be the leading authority on the subject.

The fashion editor says all the new pocketbooks for women have leather handles. Chilled steel chain and padlocks would be safer, in view of the way most women carry their pocketbooks.

Considering that warships are assembling and getting ready to discharge their murderous projectiles only about 12,000 miles away, Boston is showing a cool and courageous calm that compels admiration.

A Jersey City man named Schmidt has made a teapot about the size of a pea, with a capacity of two drops of water and an alcohol lamp small enough to go under the pot. All the tea that he drinks out of it won't hurt him.

The Chicago Business Women's club has decided against dances in which it is necessary for the gentleman to put his arm around the lady. If that kind of dancing is to be barred the dancing teachers may as well look around for new jobs.

THE NEWS OF MICHIGAN.

The Declaring Sisters Vows. Penance for disobeying their parents is thought to be the cause of the extraordinary section of the two Deering sisters, the last of whom, Miss Susan, died in Buchanan the other day at the age of 76. It is said that they passed their girlhood days in New York city, where they were as fond of gaiety as other girls, but that their parents were strictly opposed to dancing and such like amusements. One night when they were dressed to go to a ball their father came in and forbade their going, but they went anyway and when they returned home they found their father dead. This so wrought upon them that they made a vow to shut themselves off entirely from all pleasures. They seem to have religiously adhered to their vow for since coming to Buchanan they have never been known to emerge from the little cottage which they bought when their father came here 26 years ago. Their wants were all supplied by a niece, Miss Kate Deering, and the nearest neighbors knew very little of their mode of life.

Sales of State Lands. Land Commissioner Wilder predicts that the present fiscal year in the state land office will prove a big one. He estimates that the receipts will total \$400,000 before it closes on June 30. For the first six months the receipts have been over \$200,000. Last year the receipts were \$222,383. The increase this year is largely due to the policy of the commissioner and Auditor General Powers, according to which the latter deeds to the state, under the homestead law, more than heretofore of the lands that are delinquent for taxes. Through the receipts increased, the expenses of the land office were notably less than last year. Outside of salaries the expenses were \$24,694; the year before they were \$33,407, and for the fiscal year closing in 1901, the amount was \$28,000.

Driven Insane. Continued worry over the condition of her mother, together with her strenuous efforts to master the power of a spiritualistic medium, has driven Miss Mary Nicol, a pretty Jackson girl of 24 years, insane, and she took both carbolic acid and acetic acid in Detroit Tuesday. At the hospital she said: "I am from Jackson, and my medium told me that colored men hate Jackson girls and just loves to burn them up. I know a lot of girls that have been burned by him, and my sister told me that Lisette could not hear her cries; 'Mary! Mary! come and save me!' The doctors say she is out of danger from the poison."

Illness. The Quincy mine, Houghton, is shut up tight as a drum. The mine is idle and the smelter is the only branch of the mine that is operating. The striking Italian trimmers are disposed to be ugly and seriously beat one of their countrymen, who wanted to work. The miners will not work, fearing violence or interference of strikers with machinery. The strikers have no organization and have presented no demands for redress as yet. The trouble came from the introduction of underground electric traction, and the reduction of wages of trammens from \$60 to \$55 monthly. The work is much lighter and the hours are shorter, however.

The State Printing. Bids for the state printing and binding contract for the term of two years commencing with July 1 next were opened by the board of state auditors Wednesday. Three bids were submitted: One by the Robert Smith Printing Co. for the present contractors; the Wynkoop-Hallenback-Crawford Co., former printing contractors, and Chas. K. Esler, of Lansing. As the bid of the latter was unaccompanied by a bond, it was not considered. The general impression is that the Wynkoop-Hallenback-Crawford Co. are the lowest bidders on the printing contract, and the Robert Smith Printing Co. on the binding.

Engineer's Sudden Death. When the conductor of a westbound Baker street (Detroit) car at 1 o'clock Friday morning stepped out upon the rear platform he was horrified to find himself confronted by the white, set face and staring eyes of a dead man in a crouching position. The man got on at Twenty-first street, and the conductor, after collecting his fare, had gone inside. The dead man was J. J. Baisch, an engineer on the Pere Marquette road, who was on his way home at the end of his day's run. He was a steady, reliable man, who had been with the road 14 years.

To Protect His Family. Wm. Wilson alias Frank Harris was sentenced to serve from 20 to 30 years in state prison for attempting to kill Sheriff Dykhus of Grand Haven, while attempting to escape from jail a few weeks ago. Wilson comes of a respected family and begged the court to sentence him under his alias in order that they might not be disgraced. Henry Wierda who turned state's evidence against Wilson was given three to five years. He was charged with bringing a revolver to Wilson.

The Disease Is Rare. A new disease to this country has made its appearance in Ann Arbor, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pierce is suffering from what is known as "molluscus contagiosus." The disease resembles a succession of small warts on the face of the child, and so far as known the Pierce child has the only case in the United States. The child probably contracted the disease in Germany, where it is well known.

Shippers in small towns near Jackson complain of lack of cars to fill demand.

"GUILTY" WAS THE VERDICT. First Grand Rapids Hoolie Trial Ends in Conviction. "Guilty as charged, with recommendations to the court for mercy," was the verdict rendered by the superior court jury at 4:55 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Grand Rapids, in the case against Aid. Jacob P. Ellen of the first ward, charged with having accepted a bribe of \$350 from ex-City Attorney Lant K. Salisbury in the infamous water deal.

Following the conviction of Ellen there bids fair to be a stampede of others to plead guilty hoping to get light sentences. Ex-Aid James O. MeCool, whose case was set for trial Thursday, changed his plea at the opening of court, and at 2 o'clock p. m. ex-City Clerk Isaac F. Lamoreux, charged with accepting a bribe of \$1,200 from Salisbury, appeared before the court and also entered a plea of guilty.

Cuts the Appropriation. Geo. Gillespie, one of the chief engineers of the war department, has submitted a report to congress contending that it is not advisable to improve Manistique harbor to the depth of \$402,000, as recommended by the engineer of the surveyor's department. He submitted a substitute plan for an improvement that can be carried out at an expense not to exceed \$270,000.

The Haas Mystery. Two theories now confront the Detroit police concerning the disappearance of Jacob Haas, who is so strangely missing after a spectacular effort on the part of some individual to stir up a first-class mystery. One is that he is absent on account of financial reasons, and the other is that he is suffering from dementia, and is now wandering about some place in Michigan. The local authorities are inclined towards the former belief.

Darkness in Ithaca. Ithaca is in darkness owing to the closing down of the electric light plant. The company which operates it claims that the high price of coal has forced them to this step, and rather than lose money they will keep it closed indefinitely. The court house, stores and many private residences have had to resort to candles or kerosene lamps.

Strangers who carried William Smith, of Grand Rapids, to a Bay City hotel, when he dropped in the street with heart trouble, robbed him of \$47 and got away before he recovered from the attack.

The plan to discontinue the postoffice at North Lansing has again been renewed, and the north end of the city is preparing to resist to the last ditch. It is claimed that politics is at the bottom of the attempt.

Edward R. Chapin, of Marlon, and L. E. Cloninger, of Port Huron, have been appointed railway mail clerks. John E. McCarthy, Marquette, has been appointed a clerk in the U. S. engineer depot, Detroit.

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Unequal taxation was denounced by the State Supervisors' association in its annual meeting in Lansing.

Oscar Vary, secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Manufacturers' association, appeared. Officers of the union declare he took with him the proceeds from a prize masquerade ball.

A crusade against public buildings that are not safe in case of fire has been started in Port Huron. Unless buildings are properly provided with fire escapes they will be closed.

Representative Bishop, of Michigan, has introduced a bill allowing every member of the house a private secretary at \$1,500 a year in keeping with the methods followed by the senate.

The officials of the Progressive Knitting mills, of Detroit, who were offered \$800 bonus to locate the factory in Port Huron, will close up the Port Huron branch and return to Detroit.

Secretary of State Warner has been receiving applications from would-be census enumerators for the past year. The number of applications is increasing daily and several hundred are now on file.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Atwater and their week-old babe were driven into a snowstorm by the burning of their house, two and a half miles east of White Pigeon. They found refuge with a neighbor.

Geo. A. Reamer, of Port Huron, married, was killed while setting brakes near Bellevue on a car loaded with tombstones. Heavy coal cars behind made the flat car lurch up on a sudden stop.

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THE NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Matters in Congress. The senate has adopted Mr. Gorham's resolution on requesting of the president information as to the use of United States troops on the isthmus of Panama in the past.

The house passed 205 pension bills Friday and also resolutions calling on the secretary of war and the attorney-general for information as to the number of horses very carriages maintained at government expense for officers of these respective departments. A bill permitting the withdrawal, duty free, from the St. Louis exposition of articles donated to religious, scientific, educational or literary institutions also passed.

The house committee on rivers and harbors has decided that there should be no river and harbor appropriation bill at the present session of congress, although a few surveys may be authorized. The main reason for this is that the very large balance appropriated for river and harbor improvements which is now lying in the treasury unexpended this balance at the end of last year was somewhat in excess of \$38,000,000. In addition to this it is expected that \$37,000,000 or thereabouts will be appropriated at this session in the sundry civil bill for the continuance of work on rivers and harbors where improvements are progressing under continuing contracts.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has introduced a bill providing for the annexation of Panama to the United States, the rights and property of Panama resting in the United States, without reserve. The bill appropriates \$10,000,000 as compensation to Panama for its cession; places \$15,000,000 at the disposal of the president for the compensation of Colombia and appropriates \$40,000,000 for the purchase of the property of the New Panama canal Co., in Colombia, including the Panama canal. It is especially provided that the provisions of this bill shall not have the effect of repealing the Spooner act. It has been practically determined to drop all the amendments to the Panama treaty. Assurances have been received that Panama consents that the treaty will be interpreted as the amendments proposed in regard to the harbors, sanitation and the limitation of the cities of Panama and Colon.

Citizen Train Is Dead. George Francis Train died of heart disease Monday night in Mills hotel, New York, where he had made his home for some time. He was one of the organizers of the French commune; nomenclatured himself for the presidency; suggested rubber erasers on lead pencils; stopped at a hotel that didn't suit him and had one built across the street that did; put noses on hotel signs; and was one of the best performers on sheets of postage stamps. He was known all over the world as "Citizen" Train.

The Democratic national convention has appointed William S. Schaefer, of July 1904, as the time, and St. Louis, Mo., as the place for holding the Democratic national convention. Chairman Jones has announced the personnel of the committee on arrangements for the convention and has selected the following as members: J. G. Johnson, Kansas; John R. McLean, Ohio; J. H. Head, Tennessee; John E. Osborne, Wyoming.

Steel Trust Loses \$3,000,000. The United States Steel Corporation sustained an indefinite loss by fire Wednesday night at the plant of the Shelby O. Steel Tube Co. The fire started in one of the smaller stock rooms from a defective electric light wire and spread to the larger stock rooms, completely destroying all of them. The product of the entire plant for the past six months was destroyed within an hour, consisting of 800,000 tons, making in all 25,000,000 feet of finished product and valued at \$3,000,000. The stock consisted mostly of locomotive boiler flues and other government work of various kinds.

Broken Neck Mended. Cured of a broken neck, Jas. Dunn, 17 years old, has been discharged from a New York hospital, where he had spent five motionless months, rigid in a plaster cast and with heavy weights at his head and feet which held his body immovable. Dunn was injured by diving from a pier while bathing. Three vertebrae were crushed and chipped. The splintered bone was removed and the fractures set. Then the whole of the upper body, neck and head were placed in plaster cast. The bones knitted perfectly and when the cast was removed the boy was found to be sound as ever.

Town Destroyed. It is feared the entire population of the little town of Moundville, in Tuscaloosa county, Ala., was annihilated in a tornado which swept that part of the state at 2 o'clock Friday morning. Moundville is a town of about 300 people on the line between Hale and Tuscaloosa counties. Every wire to the town is down as the result of the storm.

King Peter of Servia, according to a report, is prepared to voluntarily renounce the throne and allow the powers to nominate his successor.

Cold in New York. The severe cold in New York state on the 19th will long be remembered. While the thermometer did not register lower than zero in the great city, much lower temperatures are reported from various parts of the state, in one instance 52 degrees below zero being reported. One hundred motormen on street cars were made ill by the cold and compelled to quit work and go home for treatment. Scores of people, men, women and children, forced to be in the biting wind during part of the day were more or less badly frost bitten. Many will die from pneumonia contracted in that death-dealing air. And a dozen persons were frozen to death in homes of poverty.

Hartford, Ct., suffered by a \$200,000 fire Saturday. Dawson City had a \$105,000 blaze, and with the mercury 35 degrees below zero.

The flood danger in Pittsburg is now over. The estimate was that it on Friday is placed at \$500,000.

Bryan visited Tolstoi on his recent trip abroad and became converted to the non-resistance belief, so it is reported.

The Cleveland City Railway has secured a temporary injunction restraining the enforcement of the ordinance for three-cent fares.

Over 2,500 men are out of work from the burning of the Oliphant coal break at the Delaware & Hudson railroad at Oliphant, Pa. Loss, \$110,000.

"The Chicago Dairy Co.," which Chicago capitalists are forming, is a \$4,000,000 corporation designed to control the milk supply of Chicago.

Rev. W. E. Hinshaw, convicted and sentenced to an Indiana prison for life for the murder of his wife, has returned after passing a 60-days parole with his sick mother.

The fire in the Masonic Temple, Chicago, on Saturday caused a loss of about \$50,000. No one was injured, the coolness of employees of the building preventing a disastrous panic.

Long Island sound was a compact ice field from shore to shore and from Hell Gate to New Haven, Conn., Thursday. Only the largest steamers went through during the night.

Upon the management and builders of the Iroquois theater has been placed the responsibility for the fire horror in a report rendered to Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, by Fire Chief Mullaney.

Eight lives were lost in the wreck Saturday off Quogue, Long Island, of the four-masted schooner Augustus Hunt, bound for Boston from Norfolk, Va. Of the crew of ten only two men were saved.

Mrs. Leah Keith is dead at Indiana, Pa., aged 112. She never saw a train until she was 108 years old, and lived 80 years in the county in which she died without having once visited the county seat.

Philadelphia women's clubs in mass meeting denounced polygamy and Mormonism, and adopted resolutions asking that Reed Smoot be expelled from the senate if the charges against him be found true.

The federal grand jury did not find sufficient evidence to justify indictments, but claims were made as to the alleged existence of peonage in Texas which, if true, reveals a deplorable state of affairs.

A wisp of hair, apparently from a man's mustache, was found in the hands of Miss Sarah Schaefer, the school teacher who was murdered at New Bedford, Ind., after being assaulted and robbed.

An uncontrollable prairie fire has been raging fifty miles east of Laredo, Texas. Hundreds of acres of fine grazing land has been burned and the spring range is being devastated.

Three persons were killed, two fatally, and eight dangerously injured in a gas explosion in the Siz Hotel, located near the entrance to the National Soldiers' Home, three miles south of Marion, Ind., Thursday morning.

Information has been furnished Representative Curtis, of Kansas, who introduced the bill for a government anti-toxin laboratory, to show there is no trust that the manufacturers will have agents present to make a bitter fight on the government laboratory proposition.

As a result of the breaking of a governor belt, allowing an immense dyke, which led to the destruction of the Cambria Steel Co.'s No. 2 rail mill, Johnstown, Pa., one man is dead, three are fatally injured and six are more or less severely wounded.

President Palma ordered the Cuban congress to adjourn and the session closed on an end soon after the receipt of the reply. The authority is given the president by the constitution. No objection was made in either house to this manner of closing the session.

The train robber who took a 200-pound safe, allowed to contain \$80,000, from a Southern Pacific train near San Luis Obispo, Cal., lost his hat, and a man who later bought a hat from the section man near there was arrested at the depot and identified by the section man. It is believed he is the robber.

The "Death Trust" cannot get its grip on Chicago by establishing a monopoly and raising the price of anti-toxin. Secretary Prentiss, of the city health department, announced that the medical profession of Chicago will be supplied with anti-toxin serum at a price far below that of the alleged trust prices.

Many complaints of exorbitant rates charged by the St. Louis hotels for accommodations during the Democratic national convention are reaching Washington, and several Democratic national committees are talking of holding another meeting to deal with the matter.

Duty or Murder. Independently of the military authorities, United States District Attorney William D. Gordon is conducting an investigation into the death of C. L. Warren, a Fort Wayne (Detroit) prisoner, who was shot in the back by Guard David Stanford while attempting to escape from the fort reservation Monday afternoon and died next morning in the post hospital. In connection with Warren, Prisoner Arthur Richardson attempted to escape, but was recaptured after a fist fight with Sergt. Webster, and returned to the guardhouse in shackles. Under command of Col. Duggan, Guard Stanford, who fired the fatal shot, is again on regular duty. Col. Duggan says that the guard in killing his fellow soldier simply did his duty. "If after our investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Warren, we find it necessary for a warrant to issue, Guard Stanford will probably be charged with murder," said Assistant U. S. District Attorney J. V. D. Wilcox. "According to section 5339 of the United States revised statutes, the penalty for murder within the fort reservation is death."

Estill Confesses. Holbrook T. Estill, who was brought back from San Francisco to Kalamazoo, has made a complete confession of a career of robbery and burglary, which, though he covered only a brief period of a year and a half, has been most spectacular. He is a young man, keen and forceful in personality, and, now that he sees the game is up, frank enough as to his career. He says, that he is the son of J. A. Holbrook Estill, former governor of Georgia last year. Young Estill, up to the summer of 1902, was a respectable traveling salesman.

LIVE STOCK. Detroit—Choice steers, \$4 50@4 75; good to choice butcher steers, 3.00 to 3.25; poor to choice, 2.50 to 3.00; butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 pounds, \$3 50@4; mixed butchers, fat cows, \$2 50@3; canners, \$1 50@2; common bulls, \$2 75@3; good shippers' bulls, \$3 25@3 75; common feeders, \$2 25@3; good well-bred heifers, \$3 75@4; light steers, \$3 25@3 50; best calves, \$4 25@4 75; common, \$4 25@5; milk cows, \$2 50@3.

Light to good butchers, \$4 80@4 95; pigs, \$4 75; light yorkers, \$1 80@1 95; roughs, \$1 25@1 50; stags, 1 1/2@2.

Sheep—Mixed and butchers, \$4 85@5; good to choice, \$5 25@5 50; heavy, \$4 85@5; light, \$4 60@4 85; bulk of sales, \$4 85@5.

Good to choice, \$4 00@4 25; best ewings, \$3 00@3 25; common stockers, \$2 50@3; export hogs, \$3 75@4; good to choice, \$4 00@4 25; best fresh cows, \$3 80@4; good to medium, \$3 25@3 50; fair to good, \$2 25@2 50; best springers, \$3 00 to \$4 50; extra, \$3 00.

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Sheep—Best western lambs, \$6 00@6 10; natives, \$5 00@5 25; best, \$5 25@5 50; culls and commons, \$5 00@5 75; mixed sheep, \$4 00@4 25; fair to good, \$3 75@4 00; best yearlings, \$4 50@4 75; wethers and yearlings, \$4 50@5 00; ewes, \$4 00@4 25.

Grain, Etc. Detroit—

THE GIRL AT THE HALFWAY HOUSE

A STORY OF THE PLAINS
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CHAPTER XVI.

The Halfway House.

"Miss Ma' Ellen," cried Aunt Lucy, thrusting her head in at the door, "oh, Miss Ma' Ellen, I wisht you'd come out yer right quick. They's two o' them pral' dogs out yer a-chasin' ouah hens agin—nasty, dirty things!"

"Very well, Lucy," called out a voice in answer. Mary Ellen arose from her seat near the window, whence she had been gazing out over the wide, flat prairie lands and at the blue, unwinning sky. Gathering each a bit of stick, she and Aunt Lucy drove away the two grinning daylight thieves, as they had done dozens of times before their kin, all eager for a taste of this new feathered game that had come in upon the range. With plentiful words of admonition, the two corralled the excited but terror-stricken speckled hen, which had been the occasion of the trouble, driving her back within the gates of the enclosure they had found a necessity for the preservation of the fowls of their "hen ranch."

"It's that same Domineck, isn't it, Lucy?" said Mary Ellen, leaning over the fence and gazing at the fowls.

"Yess'm, that same ole hen, blame her fool soul! She's mo' bother'n she's wut. We kin git two dollahs fer her cooked, an' seems like long's she's erlived she bound' fer ter keep me chasin' 'roun' after her. I 'clare, she jess keep the whole lot o' ouah chickens wore down to a frazzle, she traipsin' 'roun' all the time, an' them a-follerin' her. An', of cose," she added argumentatively, "we all got to keep up the reppytation o' ouah cookin'." I kin't ask these yer men a dollah a meal—not fer no lean ole hen wif no meat ontice her bones—no, ma'am."

Aunt Lucy spoke with professional pride and with a certain right to authority. The reputation of the Halfway House ran from the Double Forks

timber, and as yet unsupplied with brick or boards. In addition to the main dugout there was a rude barn built of sods, and towering high above the squat buildings rose the frame of the first windmill on the cattle trail, a landmark for many miles. Seeing these things growing up about him, at the suggestion and partly through the aid of his widely scattered but kind-hearted neighbors, Major Buford began to take on heart of grace. He foresaw for his people an independence, rude and far below their former plane of life, it was true, yet infinitely better than a proud despair.

It was perhaps the women who suffered most in the transition from older lands to this new, wild region. The barren and monotonous prospect, the high-keyed air and the perpetual winds, thinned and wore out the fragile form of Mrs. Buford. This impetuous, nerve-wearing air was much different from the soft, warm winds of the flower-laden South. At night as she lay down to sleep she did not hear the tinkle of music nor the voice of night-singing birds, which in the scenes of her girlhood had been familiar sounds. The moan of the wind in the short, hard grass was different from its whisper in the peach trees and the shrilling of the coyotes made but rude substitute for the trill of the love-bursting mocking bird that sang its myriad song far back in old Virginia.

One day Aunt Lucy, missing Quarterly Meeting, and eke bethinking herself of some of those aches and pains of body and forebodings of mind with which the negro is never unprovided, became mournful in her melody, and went to bed sighing and disconsolate. Mary Ellen heard her voice uplifted long and urgently, and suspecting the cause, at length went to her door.

"What is it, Aunt Lucy?" she asked kindly.

"Nothin', mam; I jess rasslin' wif ther throne o' Grace er I'll bit. We

essence of vital stimulus. Tall and shapely, radiant, not yet twenty-three years of age, and mistress of earth's best blessing, perfect health—how could Mary Ellen be sad?

"Chick-chick-chick-chick!" she called, bending over the fence of the chicken yard. "Chick, chick, chick!"

"I'll be thah 'trecly wif ther feed, Miss Ma' Ellen," called out Aunt Lucy from the kitchen. And presently she emerged and joined her mistress at the corral.

"Aunt Lucy," said Mary Ellen, "do you suppose we could ever raise a garden? I was thinking, if we had a few peas, or beans, or things like that, you know—"

"U-huh!"

"And do you suppose a rose bush would grow—a real rose bush, over by the side of the house?"

"Law, no, chile, what you talkin' 'bout? Nothin' hain't goin' to grow yer, less'n hit's a little broom cohn, er some o' that alfalfaw, er that sohn er things. Few beans might, ef we worterter 'em. My lan!" with a sudden interest, as she grasped the thought, "what could I git fer right fraish beans, real string beans, I does wondah! Sakes, ef I c'd hev string beans an' apple pies, I shohly' c'd make er foh'tune, right quick! C'ring beans—why, law, chile!"

"We'll have to think about this garden question some day," said Mary Ellen. She leaned against the corral post, looking out over the wide expanse of the prairie round about. "Aro those our antelope out there, Lucy?" she asked, pointing out with care the few tiny objects, thin and knife-like, crowned with short black forking tips, which showed up against the sky line on a distant ridge. "I think they must be. I haven't noticed them for quite a while."

"Yass'm," said Aunt Lucy, after a judicial look. "Them blame I'll goats. Thass um. I wisht they all wuz't so mighty spart an' knowin' all ther time, so'st Majah Buford he c'd git one o' them now an' then for to eat. I member mighty well how Cap'n Franklin sent us down er quarter o' an'lope. Mighty fine meat, hit wuz."

"Er—Miss Ma' Ellen," began Aunt Lucy presently, and apparently with a certain reservation.

"Yes?"

(To be continued.)

WHERE HE GOT THEM.

Little Boy's Explanation Embarrassed Generous Teacher.

At recess one morning little Nathan Garowski withdrew to a corner and wept, and the heart of his pretty teacher was moved with compassion.

"What's the matter, Nathan?" she inquired gently. "Why don't you play with the others?"

Nathan looked up with dimmed eyes. Dust and tears mingled on his brown cheeks. He pointed mutely to his skirt and then broke into a roar: "It was the dress of Rebecca. Me mudder no money has for buy me anyting. I prefer have the trouser, and the children—the children—they stick out the finger on me, and make a laughs. They call me—call me—a 'git'."

"Don't mind them, dear," said Alice Harmon with sympathy. "They shall not laugh at you long. I will get you a coat and trousers, too."

Several days later Nathan appeared in the glory of a new suit and strutted about basking in the admiring glances of those who had despised him. His cup of pride was filled to overflowing when the superintendent came in with the principal for a visit of inspection. Nathan, well in the foreground, glanced at his garments and looked at the strangers for approbation.

"Why, little boy, what a fine pair of trousers!" said the superintendent affably. "Where did you get them?"

Nathan drew himself up to his full height, and outstretched his hand in the direction of his beloved teacher. "I got them off her," he announced. "I got them off Miss Harmon."

Then Alice Harmon, with the blush of confusion on her fair face, explained: "The—the children—on the East Side always say 'off' when they mean 'from.'—Lippincott's.

GET THERE AT LAST.

President's Messenger Long Delayed by Senatorial Courtesy.

One of the prerogatives of a United States senator is that when he steps aboard an elevator in the senate wing of the capitol he is carried immediately to his destination, no matter in which direction the elevator may be bound or who may be aboard. Three rings of the bell indicate that a senator wants to ride, and the conductor loses no time in responding to the call.

One day last week Mr. Barnes, the assistant secretary to the president, stepped aboard a senate elevator from the ground floor. In a portfolio under his arm he carried a message from the president of the United States to the Congress.

"Senate floor," said Mr. Barnes, as the conductor shut the door.

Just then there were three rings of the bell and the indicator showed that a senator wanted to be lifted out of the terrace. The elevator went down instead of up, and Mr. Barnes went along. The senator in the terrace only wanted to go to the ground floor. As he stepped off, however, there was another senatorial ring from the terrace. The senator wanted to go to the gallery floor, and the elevator went there without stopping. As the car started down there were three rings from the ground floor, and again the car failed to stop at the destination of the president's secretary. Fortunately for Mr. Barnes, this senator wanted to get off at the senate floor, and the congress, after long delay, received the message from the president.—Washington Post.

A Little About Everything

STUDY BIBLE IN NATURE.

Kindergarten Methods Recommended for Sunday School Instruction.

Kindergarten methods should be used in the Sunday school, says Prof. George W. Pease of Hartford, in the Biblical World. Teach infant classes by means of nature study, he advises; impress the definite truths of the bible upon the children's minds by suggestion and by example.

He outlines a series of lessons, which, if generally adopted, would revolutionize Sunday school methods. For instance, it provides that the children be taught first about the creation. He learns the story solely from the book of Genesis, but also from observing the world about them. When they have grasped that God made the great

FLOODS IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Russian City Suffers Severely from These Inundations.

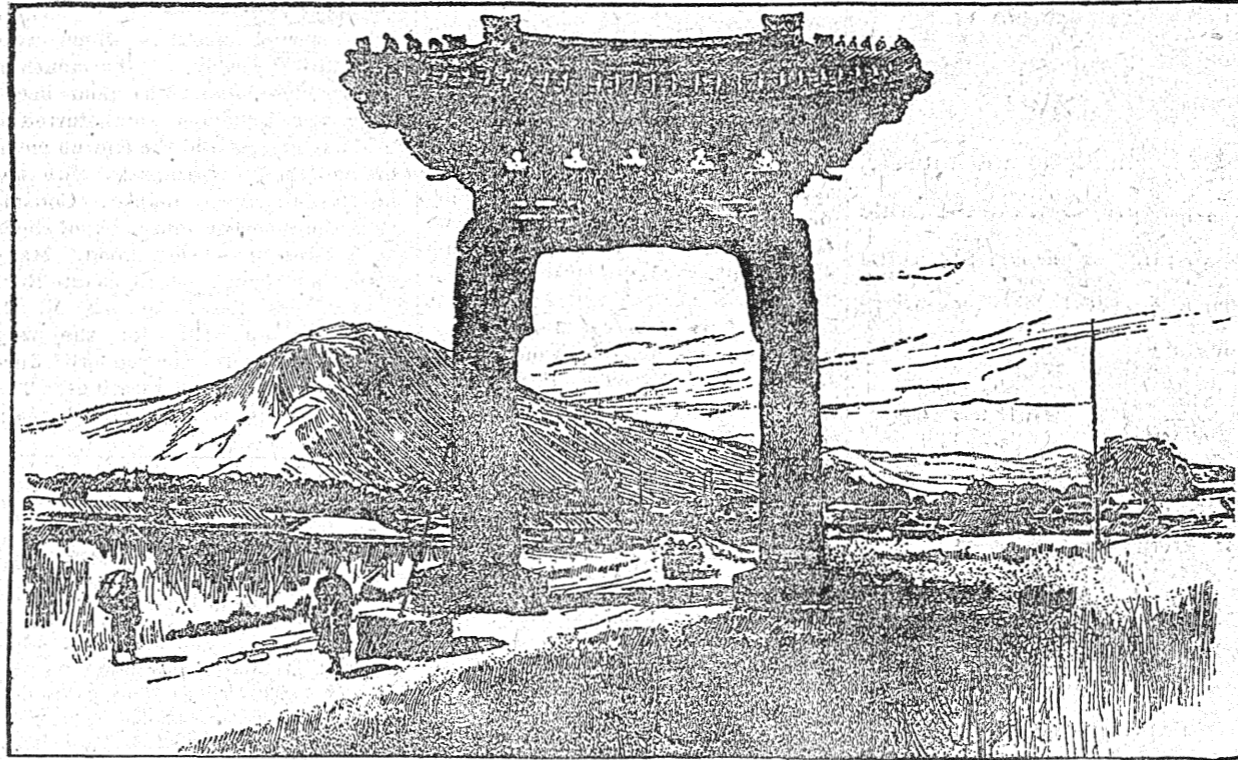
St. Petersburg has been suffering severely from floods. They have more significance than an inundation elsewhere, as there is always a not very remote possibility that the czar's capital may be swept away. These floods, which have been so frequent in the city's short history, are due not so much to a rise in the upper Neva as to the strong west winds which, blowing from the gulf of Finland, force back the waters of the river and cause them to overflow the granite quays. When the inundation begins a flag flies from the gilded spire of the admiralty, lanterns are lit to warn the dwellers in the low lying districts and a gun booms from the fortress. The sights

AN ABSENT MINDED SMOKER.

Placed Lighted Cigar in Receptacle Intended for Handkerchief.

A man, walked into the Cortlandt street ferry station with a newspaper in one hand and a cigar in his mouth. Sitting down at the far end of the waiting room, he puffed at the cigar until the end glowed red, and then he opened the paper. He was a man well dressed and dignified. He read for about five minutes, when he felt behind him in his right-hand coat pocket and slowly drew out his handkerchief. After wiping his mouth with it he held it for a moment. Then as he read, he removed his cigar and tenderly expelled a cloud of smoke. With his eyes still on the paper, which now rested on his knees, he changed the handkerchief to his left hand and

TRIBUTARY GATE IN COREA.



The picture represents the tributary gate which Gen. Kato compelled the Koreans to erect after he had conquered them and their Chinese allies in 1592, when Japan invaded Corea

with over 300,000 men. Other invasions of Corea by the Japanese took place in the year 202, when the emperor of Japan, clad in armor, led an army on a tribute exacting but blood-

less march into Corea, and in 1594, when the Japanese invasion of Corea brought on the Chino-Japanese war, which just showed the world the fighting qualities of the Jap.

round ball upon which they live and put plant life and animals upon it they are to be shown how he provided food and drink, clothing and shelter, for the trees and plants, for the animals of field and forest, for the birds of the air, for the fish of the deep, and for man.

They should then consider the subject of rest—the winter rest of the earth, of trees, of animals, the nightly rest of bird and beast, of the workman, of the children; by these natural means they should be led up to the idea of the Sabbath rest. From contemplation of the pleasures which they enjoy from light, color, music and activity they would come to understand the custom of giving thanks to the Creator. Special lessons are prepared for the Christmas and the Easter seasons, and the observation work of the children should be supplemented by home and school reading of selected nature books.

Seek Women as "Risks."

One of the last achievements of woman has been in the insurance field—not as a worker, but as a subject. For a long time women met with every possible rebuff and discouragement when they wanted to insure their lives. Some companies would accept a woman as a risk, but severe conditions were put on the policy.

A woman was compelled to stand a physical examination even more rigid than that undergone by men, and then if accepted, was required to pay an extra premium to cover any fatality that might befall her, simply because she was a woman.

It has been only within the last year that these prejudices have been thrown aside by many companies and that the privilege of insuring them is being sought.

It has been discovered that instead of being a poor risk woman is a good risk—that she lives longer than man. It has taken fifty years to convince many companies of this fact, but now that they have acknowledged it they are seeking women as insurance risks.

Workers Are Gainers.

On the whole, the workingman has profited more in the general advance in wages in the leading industries than he has lost in the general advance in the cost of everything he eats, drinks, or wears. There has been a general impression that in actual practice he has been getting by no means the short end of the prevailing prosperity. This is the opinion of Secretary Cortelyou, after his investigations in the Department of Labor.

New York Trade Unions.

There were registered at the New York Bureau of Labor Statistics at the end of September 2,587 trade unions in the state, an increase of 225 over the previous six months. The total membership was 395,736, being a gain of 11 per cent in the six months. Buffalo gained 15.50 per cent and New York city 11.3; all the other towns in the state were below the average gain. The principal increase was in the building and transportation trades.

presented by the city during the trying period of a flood are humorous or serious, according to the mood of the spectator. It is entertaining, perhaps, to watch people taking refuge in trees, but depressing to see the water invading the second story of a house or depositing a vessel on the market place. Indeed, the grief caused by an inundation may have done something to hasten the death of the humane czar, Alexander I, who gallantly risked his life to save the inhabitants.

What She Was Likely to Need.

Miss Kingsley, the African traveler, gives an amusing account of the beginning of her love of adventure. She was visiting the Canary islands, and hearing very dreadful accounts of the dangers and horrors of traveling in West Africa, felt she must go out of mere feminine curiosity.

"I asked a man, who knew the country, what I should find most useful to take out with me," she said, "and he replied: 'An introduction to the Wesleyan Mission, because they have a fine hearse and plumes at the station, and would be able to give you a grand funeral.'"

Wears Her Hair Short Now.

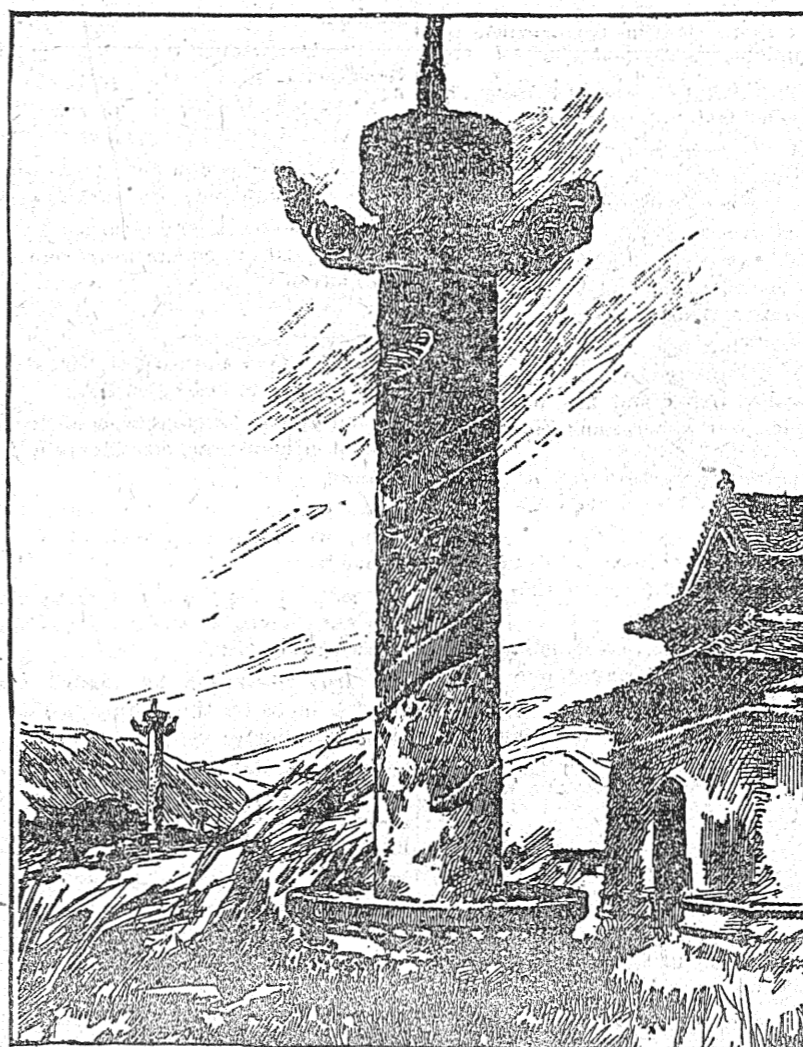
As she stepped bareheaded into the elevator in a Broadway business building all the men in the car admired her wealth of chestnut hair. It towered in a pompadour tier, built up mansard fashion, above her rosy little cheeks. But it glistened suspiciously. There was a smell of brilliantine, benzine or something like that. One of those men who cannot go around without a cigar blazing as fiercely as the one that William Gillette used in the famous dark scene of "Sherlock Holmes," got in at eighth floor and crowded his way behind the girl. Somehow or other the cigar and the hair came together and at once got busy. The pompadour fizzled, sputtered and sizzled like a pinwheel. One man put his hat on it, the elevator man stopped the car, and the shrieking girl was hustled into the hall, with a badly damaged side and a mounting her neat wash-bowl. The fire was out in five seconds, without the assistance of hand grenades. The man with the cigar said he was sorry, and asked if there was anything he could do.

"Sorry!" shouted the girl. "Do! What can you do? You fool!"—New York Press.

Successful Woman Fruit Grower.

There is a fruit grower in southern California, a Mrs. H. W. R. Strong, who owns 150 acres of walnut trees, besides growing many other kinds of fruits and nuts as well. She recently read a paper before the state board of trade on the value of pampas grass as a crop, and also on the cultivation of the pomegranate in southern California, which showed a comprehensive grasp of the details of the work. She herself makes a considerable amount of money from these crops yearly.

"MONUMENT OF EARS."



The "monuments of ears," of which one is shown above, also date from the year of 1592. They cover the burial places in Japan of the 10,000 ears which the Japanese cut off the heads of Koreans and carried back to Japan

as trophies. A portion of these grew-some trophies was buried in each province of Japan, with a monument over each burying place. A number of these peculiar monuments are still standing.

YOUR "UNCLE" IN CHINA.

Pawnbroking as an Institution in the Flowery Kingdom.

Pawnbroking is a great institution in the "flowery land," says Golden Penny. The Chinese pawnbroker, however, is quite a different kind of establishment from ours of the city of London. The pawnshop of China is more a stronghold, a place of quiet and safe repose for valuable jewelry and miscellaneous and costly wardrobes of the people. It also, in many instances, performs the equally important but somewhat costly function of lending to the needy, and, as in the collection of our own land, one may see the much prized jewels and trinkets of happier times, which caused their poor owners many a bitter pang to part with, heartaches that were perhaps brightened with the hope that one day they would be able to redeem them. To listen to the man selling these unredemmed pledges is one of the choice entertainments of the Pekin streets. He is selected by the pawnbroker for his fluency of speech and ready wit, to which he gives full play in his humorous descriptions of the quality and history of the furs and richly embroidered dresses, which are piled up on the platform of his tent. He at times runs off his speech in rhyme, making clever and sarcastic allusions to the requirements of his audience, pressing a satin robe on the attention of some naked beggar.

AMERICAN YELL WOULDNT DO.

London Oarsman Decides Not to Adopt Cornell Slogan.

The late Dr. Cyrus Edson was a great athlete in his youth, and to the last he was not prouder of his fame as a physician than of his fame as an oarsman. Dr. Edson rowed in the notable Columbia crew of 1878 at Henley.

Talking one day about athletics abroad, Dr. Edson said: "Our college yells are an amazing thing to foreigners, who have no yells themselves. The 'tiger-sis-boom-ah' of Princeton, the 'I yell, yell, yell' of Cornell, and our 'brek-ek-ek-co-ax' and 'who-rah' and so on amuse the good people across the water enormously."

"I well remember the visit of the Cornell crew to London some years ago, and the comment on this crew's yell that an Englishman made. Cornell was to row the London Club, to which the Englishman belonged. He repeated, with a laugh, the Cornell slogan—'Cornell, I yell, yell, yell, Cornell'—and then he said:

"It would never do for us to adopt a similar yell, would it? It would never do for us to shout: 'London, done, done, I'm done, London!'"

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Had Your Feet Massaged?

"Feet massaged, fifty cents" is a sign hung in many of the uptown man-icure and pedicure parlors patronized by women who have plenty of money to spend. This charge, with \$1 for finger nails and fifty cents for cutting corns, brings the cost of a treatment to \$2, which has long been a desideratum of the manure-pedicure trade. The whole process takes about one hour. For a massage, the feet are first bathed in warm water, strongly impregnated with sea salt. Five to ten minutes of this, followed by a dash of cold water, takes all the soreness out. The chiropodist then rubs in a pink paste which looks very much like the paste used for facial massage in barber shops, and which consists principally of mutton tallow. Every bone in the foot from the little toe to the ankle bone is squeezed, rubbed and patted. Persons who have tried the foot massage say it makes their shoes feel several sizes too small for them for twelve or fifteen hours afterward.—New York Press.

The Tropical Way.

Down in the far South countries, There's much of war and loot; They're always at each other's throat; They shoot,

And cut, and carve, and curse the white (A dog, or hound, galoot) They're busy, too, to make many sounds, And loot.

And blow their own cheap horns of tin But let outsiders crack Their whips, and threat to rip 'em up The back.

Down in the far South countries Where men are wont to loot, Behold! How fast the fighters scuttle— They shoot!

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

May Grant Women Suffrage. The Queensland government intends next year to introduce a bill in which the franchise will be conferred on women.

Cass City Enterprise.

An independent newspaper Published every Thursday by A. A. McDowell, Main Street, Cass City, Tuscola Co., Mich.

Advertisements. All changes of advertisements must be sent to this office no later than Wednesday noon of each week, else they can not be inserted in that week's issue. Reasonable rates are charged for display advertisements. Local notices in our paid local columns are five cents per line for first insertion. Notices of festivals, lectures, concerts and all entertainments of a money-making character are 25 cents a line. Resolutions of respect are charged for at the rate of one dollar for each insertion. Cards of thanks are twenty-five cents for each insertion.

The wide circulation of the Enterprise in the counties of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac, makes it a valuable advertising medium.

A. A. P. McDowell, Proprietor.

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I. A. FRITZ, DENTIST. Office over Fritz' drug store, assisted by I. L. Fritz, D. D. S., Graduate of University of Michigan.

P. A. SCHENCK, D. D. S.

DENTIST—Graduate of University of Michigan. Office in new Fritz block, Cass City, Mich. 12-31-03

Societies.

I. O. O. F.

COURT ELKANAD, No. 825, I. O. O. F., meets on 1st and 4th Thursdays of each month in their hall in the Campbell block, at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brethren are cordially invited. JAS. M. ALLEN, C. R. A. A. P. McDowell Rec. Sec. 9-11-03

I. O. O. F.

CASS CITY LODGE, No. 233, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Visiting brethren cordially invited. D. GILLIES, R. G. J. C. LAUDERBACH, Sec'y.

K. O. T. M.

(CASS CITY TENT, No. 74, meets the first and third Friday evenings of each month, at 7:30. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited. A. A. P. McDowell, Commander. A. D. GILLIES, Record Keeper.

Elkland Arbor, No. 31, A. O. O. G. meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, in Forester Hall. Visiting companions always welcome. A. E. BOULTON, C. G. JAS. REAGH, Sec.-Treas. 1-23-03

Church Directory.

BAPTIST—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday. Sunday school at 12 m. Young people's meeting on Monday evening. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. Rev. R. WEAVER, Pastor.

WANGELICAL—Services begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. A. meeting 6:00 p. m. English services every Sunday evening. All are invited. Rev. L. V. SOLIDAN, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday. Class meetings follow morning service. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior League at 3:40 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer-meeting at 8:30 on Thursday evening. Rev. M. W. GIERSON, Pastor.

PREBYTERIAN—Sunday preaching services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:40 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. Rev. S. P. JACKSON, Pastor.

Hospitality at Small Expense. Entertainment—that is, pleasure to your guests—does not depend on the money you spend, but on your own knowledge of how to receive and extend hospitality. Christine Terhune Herrick tells you all about it. Postpaid, 50 cents. E. J. CLODE, Publisher, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, 12-10-20

Insure Your Live Stock and thus be protected from loss.

The Stockmen's Indemnity Co. will carry your risk at small cost. See their Cass City agent.

D. R. GRAHAM,

12-10-13

CHICKEN CHOLERA. Chicken Cholera can positively be cured. The most severe tests have proven this without a doubt. Hundreds speak in positive expressions as to their delightful results in using Star Poultry Powder. Even when they are so far gone they cannot eat, nine out of ten can be cured by moistening the food and sprinkling it thickly with Star Poultry Powder. This food is healthy and your poultry will not have cholera if you feed it, and besides the increase in amount of eggs will doubly pay for the powder. You can force production of eggs as you can work from a well cared for horse. See that your poultry is healthy and fitted for their task by feeding Star Poultry Powder. It pays for itself. All you have to do is feed it. Put up in two sizes, 25¢ and 50¢ packages. You save 50¢ by buying the large package.

POULTRY. Thousands die every year from vermin. It is impossible for poultry or stock to do well in this condition. STAR LOUSE KILLER is a sure killer. One pound cures 25 cents. Don't neglect this.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right.

PROFIT

The matter of feed is of tremendous importance to the farmer. Wrong feeding is loss. Right feeding is profit.

The up-to-date farmer knows what to feed his cows to get the most milk, his pigs to get the most pork, his hens to get the most eggs. Science.

But how about the children? Are they fed according to science, a bone food if bones are soft and undeveloped, a flesh and muscle food if they are thin and weak and a blood food if there is anemia?

Scott's Emulsion is a mixed food; the Cod Liver Oil in it makes flesh, blood and muscle, the Lime and Soda make bone and brain. It is the standard scientific food for delicate children.

Send for free sample. Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Scott's Emulsion.

Scott & Bowne CHEMISTS, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. 50c. and \$1. all druggists

Shabbona Because of smallpox at Mr. Atkin's, their home was quarantined Thursday, Jan. 28th, by health officer, W. F. Ehlers, and as a further consequence no church or Sunday school was held Jan. 31st.

East Novesta. Rev. Kyes preached an eloquent sermon in the Greenbank Church on Sunday.

Our thug caught a severe cold on Sunday. Charles Agar returned from the north woods on Saturday. He is ill with lagrippe.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Pingree A prayer-meeting and preaching service was held at the Greenbank M. E. Church Friday evening, Jan. 29th, and will be held every two weeks thereafter. The regular Sunday preaching service which occurs every two weeks was held Feb. 7th, at 3 p. m. The Sunday school is prospering under the superintendency of Theo. I. Gekeler.

Ellington Mr. Donaldson has been cutting and hauling ice for summer use.

Wm. Houghton, who has been sick for some days, is now gaining.

Wm. Brock, Frank Brock's son, of Almer, who formerly lived here, came over last Saturday and remained that night with Chas. J. King.

Jesse King, who has been for some time working up north, returned home Saturday night and has brought his brother, Burt's, horse and buggy.

Last week's correspondence. Wm. Houghton is laid up with a lame arm.

Mrs. Samuel Elliott, who has been on the sick list for some time, is now on the gain.

Wm. Colwell, Sr., on Monday, stepped and fell breaking one of his shoulders.

John Hilliker, who has been working near the Novesta west line, is said to be quite sick with the malarial fever.

Knapp and Watson sell guns, boats tennis, bicycles, rifle shells, etc. Caro, Box 575. Telephone No. 76.

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Noko

Ed. Philpot lost a good cow on Saturday.

A. Shaw is numbered with the sick this week.

Miss Mary Moore is visiting Miss B. Fox this week.

A sudden change in the weather. More cold this week.

Wm. Simmons, of Cass City, is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. Shaw.

Vern McGregory is doing the chores for Mrs. Wm. Lewis at present.

Died, at his home on Saturday of pneumonia, Angus McLennan, of Shabbona.

All diseases start in the bowels. Keep them open or you will be sick. CAS-CARETS act like nature. Keep liver and bowels active without a sickening griping feeling. Six million people take and recommend CAS-CARETS. Try a 10c box. All druggists. 11-21-'01

Wickware. John Jackson is sick with inflammation of the bowels.

Hiram Keyser, who has been quite sick, is considerably improved. Mrs. Cutting is also nearly able to be around again.

Rev. D. H. Kyes preached in the M. E. Church Jan. 31st. The regular session of the Sunday school was held also. Officers of the Sunday school were elected for 1904 as follows: Supt., Mrs. Alice Wilson; asst. supt., Joseph Wilson; Bible class teacher, Joseph Wilson; Intermediate, Mrs. John Caister; Infant class No. 1, Miss Lottie Nicol; Infant class No. 2, Mrs. Geo. Burt; sec'y, Jos. Nicol; organist, Mrs. John Caister; librarian, Frank Sansborn; chorister, Geo. Criland; Treas., Mrs. Geo. Burt; penny collector, Hazel Brown.

Mysterious Circumstance. One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c. at all druggists, Cass City; F. A. Francis, Kingston.

Freiburgers. D. McEachern did business in Tyre Friday.

Fred Pollard made a monthly trip to Uby Thursday.

A. C. Graham transacted business in Uby Saturday.

A number from here took in the dance at Tyre Friday evening.

Ben Rehl is home from Sanilac Centre, where he has been laboring most of the winter.

Miss Tillie McPhail, who is working for Mrs. A. C. Graham, visited relatives in Wickware over Sunday.

Miss Ethel Hunt, who is teaching the McConnell school, east of Cass City, visited her parental home here Sunday.

There will be an entertainment given by the scholars of the Freiburg school on the 22nd of this month to be held in the evening at the schoolhouse. All are cordially invited. Come out and hear the band.

HEAVES. The new discovery called HEVE-O for Heaves Distemper and Cough is a big success. If you have occasion to use a preparation of that kind don't neglect HEVE-O. This new discovery is ONLY FOR HEAVES, COUGHS AND ASTHMA. Its remarkable results have proven its superiority. Price 50 cents.

Northeast Kingston, Uriah Gooden is on the sick list at present.

Miss Mary Osburn spent Sunday at Jesse Cooper's.

D. Ashley's attended the Farmers' Club at L. W. Calkin's Friday.

Frank Lester is now able to get out but is not able to do any work as yet.

Mason Leek and wife returned Tuesday from visiting friends near Pontiac and Detroit.

Last week's correspondence. Frank Jeffery and wife, of Kingston, spent Sunday at Jesse Cooper's.

A sleighload of young people from Wilmot attended the meeting Sunday evening.

The people of this vicinity are glad to see the mail arriving again after the blockade.

Several of the young people spent a pleasant evening at the home of Roy Clark Friday last.

Andrew Stevenson has leased the Landon place for the coming year and is now moving his goods to the same.

The week day meetings which were to have begun a week ago Sunday evening were postponed for a week owing to the bad weather and began this week.

Frank Lester met with quite an accident Friday. While drawing some straw his load tipped over and in trying to prevent it he slipped and fell, striking his left side and back on the runner of the sleigh. Dr. Howell, of Novesta, was summoned as quickly as possible and upon examination it was found that he had three ribs broken, but is doing nicely now.

Deford.

Frank Inglehart has returned from the north woods.

Mrs. Wallie Trumbull has returned after a month's visit in Oakland county.

Frank Lester is improving from his injuries received by his fall from a load of hay.

Wm. Patch may not go to Wilmot to live, title of property he was about to buy not satisfactory.

Samuel McCracken, who has been at Lewiston for the past two months, lumbering has come home.

Due to bad roads and lack of time, Rev. D. H. Kyes did not preach in the M. E. Church Sunday evening.

Old Mr. Wooley, of Novesta, died on the 6th, of old age. His remains were interred in Novesta cemetery on the 9th inst.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church held its regular dinner and monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. McArthur Jan. 27th. A goodly company was present and the receipts were something over \$2. At this meeting it was decided to hold a New England supper in Croop's Hall, Feb. 12th. Supper 15c. One price for all.

The special meetings which were held during nearly all the month of January closed Jan. 26th. Some backsliders were reclaimed, some started in the christian life and the church members and those in sympathy with the church were greatly helped. Considering the weather and lack of sheds the interest was very good. Many thanks and much credit is due Rev. E. A. Cross, pastor of the M. E. Church at Caseville, for the very effective service that he rendered during ten days of the meetings. The Epworth League will be started again in the near future.

"Gimme Country Life." Gimme back the country life, Take yer city, please. You kin have yer asphalt streets, Gimme grass an' trees, I don't need yer busy crowds Pushin' fightin' long, You kin have yer city woods An' the blinbin' sun, Gimme back the country life, Take yer city, please. I don't need yer dust an' smoke, Gimme me country breeze, City livin' 'rhaps you love, I love nature's charm, You kin have yer city life, Gimme back the farm. —Kansas City Star.

Better than Gold, "I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists, Cass City; F. A. Francis, Kingston.

The country boy has the better chance for success in life. However, by success I do not mean to allow you to confine me to the very common definition of success—that is, the piling up of money and making a racket in the world. Country life, lived as it ought to be, and as it may be, will be as wholesome in its views of wealth as it is in its relation to health. We ought to toss into the fire every book that implies that the only success in the world is mercantile success—getting into the crowd and doing a lot of elbowing and perhaps getting into office.

A Card. We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of "Bancroft House" put up in one and two pound air-tight cans, one pound 40 cents, two pounds 75 cents. "Fox Brand," put up in one-pound air-tight cans, 35 cents per lb. "Mo-Ka," put up in one-pound air-tight packages, 20 cents per lb.

These brands are in our opinion the very best that can be produced. They are all selected pure coffee, cleaned and roasted by us in Saginaw, and are all packed in air-tight packages, thus preserving their full strength, freshness and flavor, and preventing the addition of dust and dirt, etc., to the coffee. These are important considerations to the thoughtful and careful housewife, which we know you will fully appreciate.

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Your grocer sells our coffees. Ask for them. Respectfully, THE SMART & FOX COMPANY, Wholesale Grocers and Coffee Roasters, Saginaw, Mich.

To the Lady Who Manages the Domestic Arrangements, Dear Madam: No doubt you are interested in procuring for your household at all times, a delicious, fragrant beverage. We ask you to try one of our three popular brands of coffee:

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The largest load of logs drawn to the Akron saw mill so far this winter, was drawn by Hal Achenbach. The load was drawn a distance of over six miles and scaled 2346 feet.

Thos. Knight caught his finger in one of the Miller Grain Co. bean machines, at Vassar last week, and was unable to extricate himself. It was nearly an hour before help arrived and rescued him.

Henry Worden, of Vassar, sued out a writ of habeas corpus in the supreme court for his son Charles Worden, who was sent last June to the Industrial School for boys. On hearing the boy was released and sent home.

The P. M. Railroad Company has purchased a site for a new depot at Vassar which will be built as soon as the weather will permit. The new location is on Goodrich St. where the P. M. crosses it. It is considered a much better location, as it is nearer the business part of the city.

Constable Geo. E. Burgess arrested Jacob B. Swartz, of East Vassar, Wednesday, Feb. 3, on complaint of Elmer E. Barnes for assault and battery. Barnes and Swartz were both coming to Vassar with a load of wood. Swartz tried several times to pass Barnes and when he did not succeed, struck him several times with a measuring stick. Swartz was arranged before justice R. G. Lyons and plead not guilty. Trial was set for Feb. 17th, at nine o'clock.

An exceptionally well-informed article on "Korea as the Prize of War" is contributed to the Review of Reviews for February by the Hon. J. Sloat Fassett, of Elmira, N. Y., whose large business interests in the "hermit kingdom" have brought him into close touch with various phases of the far Eastern situation. Among the illustrations accompanying the article are portraits of the Emperor and Crown Prince of Korea, from photographs presented to Mr. Fassett by the Emperor himself.

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The country editor must and does depend upon his friends to make his paper interesting. Show some interest in your local paper and give all the information you can to the publisher. Marriages, deaths, births, divorces or any little item may interest someone. Such items are often absent simply because you do not let the editor know of it. Did you ever think what a steady letter writer a news paper is? Week after week it goes on telling of these little things that happen in your neighborhood. If you undertake to write half as much as the paper tells, you would give up in despair. The letters would grow shorter and further apart and finally cease. People in a live town recognize this and take pleasure in giving the editor items he would otherwise never learn.

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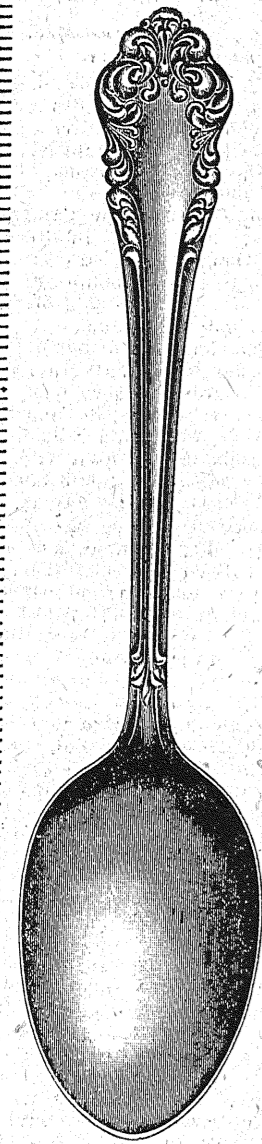
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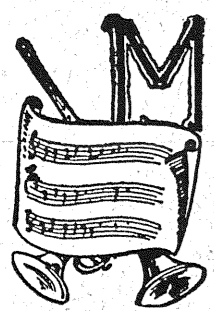
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Local Happenings.

Mrs. R. M. Moore is quite seriously ill.

Bert Bertrand returned to Brown City yesterday.

Mrs. Wm. Weldon is visiting relatives at Kingston.

S. G. Benkelman has been suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

A. W. Traver made a business trip to Caro the first of the week.

John and Nelson McCullough, of Beaulieu, were in town to-day.

Henry Vanorman, of Shabbona, did business in town on Saturday.

Remember the canning factory meeting on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Cootes has been spending some time with relatives at Lapeer.

A. H. Ale spent most of the week at Detroit, going and coming by way of Caro.

A. R. Bellaire, of Oxford, has been the guest Geo. W. Eusley a part of the week.

Mrs. F. Pitcher and little daughter left yesterday to visit relatives at Pontiac.

Mrs. Wm. Morris of Gagetown, who has been an invalid for years, died on Tuesday.

Thos. D. Thompson, who has been spending some time in town, has gone to Detroit.

Chas. H. Schenck, of the Heasty House, Pigeon, was in town a part of last week.

Miss Faustina A. Brown has been suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

The Nellie Peck Saunders Company at the Opera House to-morrow evening, Don't miss it.

Frank Hutchison is assisting at the mercantile establishment of Laing & Janes.

J. Fru chey writes from Ocean Park, California, that they are enjoying fine summer weather.

H. T. Elliott and Thos. Quinn attended the banquet at Gagetown on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lozier, from near Gagetown, were pleasant callers at our office to-day.

John Spurgeon, Sr., has purchased the M. C. Beach residence property west on Main Street.

Miss Aura Schenck left yesterday for Pigeon, to visit her brother, Chas. H. Schenck, of the Heasty House.

John Schwaderer has recovered sufficiently from his recent severe illness to be able to walk out some.

The Epworth League topic for next Sunday evening will be "Real Friendship." Miss Nellie Bigelow will lead.

E. W. Turner, of Grant township, did business in town on Friday. His daughter is now a pupil at our High School.

Dentist I. A. Fritz was not able to make his usual professional trip to Caseville this week, for lack of a train running.

Several of the pupils of our schools had their ears and noses frost-bitten, while on their way to school on Monday morning.

Remember that Prof. H. R. Patten-gill is to lecture in the M. E. church on the evening of the 25th and you are due to attend.

Henry Kaufman, of Dawson, Dakota, has joined his wife here, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wick-ware for some time.

Mrs. Frank Bryant and two children, of Detroit, are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Quick, south of town.

The tea served at Mrs. John Austin's last evening, by the Social Workers, was quite well patronized and all had a pleasant social time.

All Sir Knights of the Maccabees are requested to be present at the next review, evening of Friday, Feb. 13, as special important business is to be transacted.

Herbert F. Lenzner, who has recently been employed in Detroit, has purchased an interest in the Chronicle at this place, and will assume the management thereof.

Frank and Miss Bertha Zemetz, Miss Mabel Mann and Ed. Helwig, all of Carson City, who have been visiting their cousins here and were snowbound, left for their home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bond left yesterday afternoon for Chicago, but will probably give up their intended visit to the south, owing to the delay occasioned by the snow blockade.

Cassius H. Wood was called home last week from the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., owing to the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. O. C. Wood. He arrived here on Saturday. We are pleased to state that at last report Mrs. Wood was slightly improved.

Installation of officers for Cass City Tent, K. O. T. M. M., took place last Friday evening. The review was quite well attended and those present enjoyed a supper.

Commissioner of Public works, W. N. Straube, is able to be about the streets a little but has not resumed duties. Mrs. Straube has been assisting with the monthly collections.

The subject at the M. E. Church next Sunday evening will be "The Evil of Consulting Fortune Tellers, Clair-orrants and Spiritualistic Mediums," and why it was forbidden in the law of Moses.

Mr. Jamieson, who has had charge of the mechanical department at the Chronicle Office, left yesterday for his home at Akron, where he will visit for a time before accepting another position.

Mrs. G. W. Goff is moving her stock of groceries, notions and bazaar goods to the vacant store in the Hitchcock Block, where she will have more room than formerly for the display of her extensive stock.

Dr. F. S. Shafer, a graduate of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, has formed a partnership with Dr. A. N. Treadgold, at this place, and arrived here the first of the week. Notice change in professional card.

I. K. Reid, deputy carrier on Gage-town R. F. D. No. 2, brought a sack of mail to Cass City postoffice on Friday, with the hope of getting it away by the Caro stage. He also took mail from here to Gagetown.

Unclaimed letters for the week ending Feb. 6th, 1904; Mr. Charlie Andrews, W. D. Covyn, Geo. F. Darling, John H. Simmons. Postal cards; Harry George, C. Levagood, John Lovell.—H. S. WICKWARE P. M.

Another canning factory meeting is to be held on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance of both villagers and farmers and some definite action taken as to the project. Be on hand!

There will be a public installation of officers for the Grange at Novesta, in Mills' Hall, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 18th. Refreshments will be served free by the ladies of the Grange. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

The next regular meeting of Cass City Camp, No. 984, Modern Wood-men of America, will be held at Forest Hall next Monday evening, that being the third Monday evening of the month. A full attendance of the neighbors is especially desired.

H. T. Elliott, who left here the first of last week with the remains of Mrs. Munson for interment at Wayne, experienced considerable difficulty in getting back. He got a train on the M. C. R. R. to Vassar on Thursday night and had to drive the rest of the way.

J. D. Crosby, who started for Detroit the first of last week, was on the train which became stalled below Wilmot, so drove across to Marlette, hoping to get a train there. In that he was disappointed and, we understand, drove through to Mt. Clemens.

Mrs. Johnston, accompanied by her little son, of Deloraine, Manitoba, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. P. A. Koepf-ger, Mrs. Jno. McBarney and Mrs. J. J. Spence, of this place. Her mother, Mrs. Morton, of Wingham, Ont., who has been visiting here for some time, will return with her.

During the Epworth League service Sunday evening, Miss Mina Orr, who was leading the service, was taken suddenly ill, and had to be taken to her home in a conveyance. We understand, however, that she was feeling much better on Monday and that the illness is not likely to be serious.

Henry W. Robinson, formerly of this place, but latterly of Walters, Oklahoma, died the first of the week at his home in that far off state. He had been in poor health for some time. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Robinson, of this place, and brother of Chas. L. Robinson, of our laundry, and Miss Carrie Robinson. Deceased was a member of several years' standing in Cass City tent, No. 74, K. O. T. M. M.

Wallace Gilbert, of Holbrook, was in town last Friday and out of the generosity of his heart said that if fuel became scarce in town on account of the snow blockade he had an abundance of good hard wood and enough could be drawn out to keep warm by at least. Mr. Gilbert is making a speciality of dairy work and is highly pleased with the returns he is getting. He cannot see why farmers are so shortsighted as not to be able to see that what will make a pound of beef will make a pound of butter, worth at least twice as much as the beef. He also favors the canning factory project, although some nine miles from town, and hopes to see a factory installed here.

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Domestic Wanted.

A domestic is wanted in the home of the editor, whose wife is blind—other- wise in good health; must be ready for service April 1st. Apply at this office.

While coming to town yesterday, J. W. Mudge and his son found a bird beside the road about two miles south and brought it to town with them. Considerable discussion was occasioned as to what it might be, but according to the best authority we have been able to find it was a pintail duck. It was perfectly tame and even appeared to enjoy being petted, which goes to prove that it belonged to the Pintail family, as they have been tamed and even bred in confinement.

Fairweather Bros. are this week advertising a tremendous closing out sale, in order to reduce their stock and close the branch store which they have recently been conducting in the DeWitt Building, corner of Main and Oak Streets. They have distributed a large number of hand bills and use extra space in this issue to tell of the extra values and close prices they are offering. Do not fail to look them over carefully and take advantage of the low prices. Goods to be had at either store until the expiration of the sale.

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It is telling our gratefulness,
It isn't the love that they in their hearts,
And neglect or forget to reveal
That brightens the lives
Of husbands and wives,
It is telling the love that they feel.
It isn't the thinking of good to mankind
That comes as a cooling drink
To the famishing ones
Of Earth's daughters and sons:
It is telling the good that we think.
It isn't the music asleep in the strings
Of the lute, that charms the ear,
And brings to the breast
The spirit of rest,
It is only the music we hear.
It isn't the lilies we hide from the world,
Nor the roses we keep so our own,
That are strewn at our feet
By the angels we meet
On our way to the Great White Throne.
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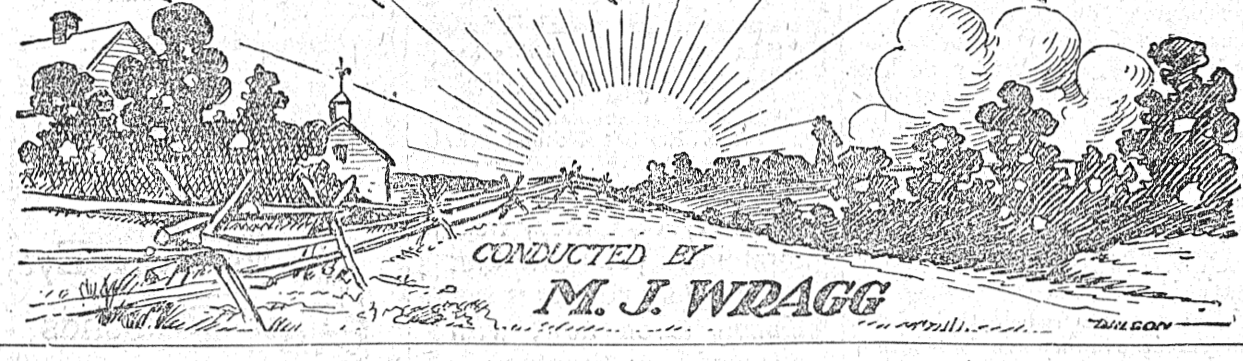
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FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN



[Mr. Wragg invites contributions of any new ideas that readers of this department may wish to present, and would be pleased to answer correspondents desiring information on subjects discussed. Address M. J. Wragg, Van-Kee, Iowa.]

COMMUNICATED.

Morning Sun, Ia., Dec. 15, '03.
I would like to know through your valuable columns the proper time to top-graft apple trees, and also how you make grafting wax and the proper time. I would appreciate an early reply. Yours respectfully,
T. E. M.

I have for years done most of our top grafting in the latter part of March and the first week in April, if the weather is favorable, and the ground is not frozen. I have had just as good success in grafting the middle of March as later. I prefer doing top grafting on limbs not over one-half to one inch in diameter and by cutting the limbs off and inserting from one to two grafts in the end, doing the work so neatly that the bark of the clons will fit nicely in the wedge-shape incision made so that as soon as growth starts a complete circulation of sap will be taken up. The following recipe for making wax is the one that I have found best for this climate:

Take one pound of tallow or raw lincseed oil, two pounds of beeswax and four pounds of resin. Slowly melt all together, stir well, and when partially cooled pour into pans which have been moistened or oiled to keep the wax from clinging too tightly to them. When thoroughly cooled break into convenient pieces. For use it should be melted and applied carefully over all the exposed cuts and open cracks around the grafts. A small paint brush is the most convenient for this purpose. It can be applied safely much warmer than can be borne by the hand, but care should be used not to have it very closely approaching the boiling point of water. M. J. W.

Now that our colleges are giving the farm boys the advantage of the short agricultural course during the winter, would it not be well for you to see that your boy attends them this winter? Suppose it does cost you \$35 or \$50, don't you know that the opportunity given the boy will raise the value of agriculture many times in his estimation? It will open up a new world of thought for him and bring him in touch with new ideas and theories, and he will have ample time to demonstrate and prove their value the coming season.

IOWA'S APPLES.

There is going on in Iowa a steady development of the apple growing industry. An indication of the rapid increase of this branch of horticultural activity is seen in the two last census reports by the national government. In 1890 the number of apple trees reported was 2,140,588. In ten years the number of trees doubled in number, the 1900 census showing 6,369,588. It is noted that the great bulk of these trees are in the southwest portion of the state. Moreover, the orchard plantings follow the courses of the rivers and most of them are found along the banks of the rivers. The quality of the apples produced is very good, in fact, far better than in some states more advantageously situated for the growing of fruit. The cause of the orchards being found largely along the streams is probably that there is a less distinctively prairie soil. On some farms in the localities mentioned the apple crop is the great money maker.

There's a beauty in the landscape
Around our home that lies;
We gaze upon it often
With unseeing, careless eyes.
But when our feet have wandered
From the old spot, far and long,
Our heart grows sick with longing
For the dear farm home.
Every line's a line of beauty,
As memory comes it o'er,
And the picture is far brighter
Than it ever was before.

These are the days when the thoughtful farmer and his equally thoughtful wife will pay special attention to the "hired help" on the farm. Don't forget that the persons who do your work for wages are human beings. A little friendly interest, a little generosity in treatment, a little care for their comfort, will work wonders for both them and you. They will appreciate your kindness, and their appreciation will take expression in greater watchfulness over your interests.

The quality of the milk depends primarily upon the cows producing it and then upon the food and care given the cow.

Much depends upon the early training of a horse, whether he is a fast walker or not. Of course the breeding has something to do, but more often the early training does much in establishing these traits. If you want a good walking team, never trot them. We believe that these traits are wholly acquired and depend almost wholly upon the early training of the animal.

THE VIRTUES OF THE MULE.

The mule is an easy animal to raise. He doesn't eat much as compared with a horse.

An energetic mule will make a trip quicker than a horse, though he may not go so fast. The secret of his speed is his uniform gait, steady and persistent.

You hardly ever see a sick mule. He is practically immune from the diseases which attack horses.

A mule can endure more hardship than a horse and will pull more in proportion to his size and will "stay with it" longer.

A mule is easier "broke" or trained to work than a horse, and is more reliable after initiated.

If a team of mules run away, they look out for themselves, and though they may make some close turns and go through a needle's eye, so to speak, they usually come out unharmed.

We would rather plow corn with a team of mules than with horses. They break down less corn and turn around quicker.

Hot weather affects the mule less than the horse.

A good, honest, business mule is worth, and will command, a good price any day in the week.

The mule is not handsome, doesn't make a good roadster, isn't stylish, doesn't "do himself proud" if hitched to a handsome yellow road wagon, or car, but what he lacks in appearance he makes up in actual usefulness on the farm.

To keep turnips successfully do not try too many in the same hole. Dig a pit two feet square and fifteen inches deep. Put in the turnips, rounding up well, and cover with loose dirt, letting it sift down among the turnips. Cover with three or four inches of dirt and pat down with the shovel to turn the water. After the ground freezes down to the turnips mulch with any straw material to keep the ground from thawing. Turnips will not keep well in cellars in large heaps or when covered with straw.

DON'T SELL THE FARM.

Talk of the monotony of farm life! As it seems to us, it is not comparable to that experienced by the farmer who has sold his country homestead and has gone to live a life of ease in a small, gossamer town. How he longs for the fresh air to which he has been accustomed and how wistfully he calls to mind the early matin of the song birds which nestled in the trees surrounding his farm home. Instead of the fresh milk from the cows on the blue grass pasture, he buys that which has been watered, preserved, colored, etc. A radical change has come to all his food, and now stale fruit and vegetables are his portion, as well as musty eggs. Oh, how he wishes for a fresh laid one to satisfy his waning appetite. It is not to be wondered at that the old man in his heart of hearts wants the old home, the one he made with his own hands—back again, but alas! it is gone as a possession from him forever. The savings laid away for a rainy day, which came through his own and his good wife's economical management, have noiselessly but surely been slipping away, until now they have reached the place where they can not buy back the dear old spot they desire. Fuel, repairs, taxes, water, rent and the necessities of life have been gnawing away at their well-earned hoard and anxious thoughts begin to arise lest they may not have enough to take them through.

The farmer should take the boy along with him whenever he can do so. Explain the work of the farm to him. Get him to asking questions and answer those that can be answered. When going to town let him go, too, and see and understand the business transactions there. Take him to the bank, the lumber yard, the hardware store, the blacksmith shop or wherever business calls and see that he observes and knows about what is going on. The boy will more than repay the trouble in a few years' time.

If there is a lack of vegetable matter in the soil of the land devoted to truck, sow rye thickly now, say two or three bushels per acre. Early sowed clover is better on the score of increasing fertility, but it is apt to harbor cutworms that will destroy the crops when the clover is plowed under.

"Next to knowing your own business, it's a mighty good thing to know as much about your neighbor's as possible—especially if he's in the same line."—Swift.

A large increase in the creation of canning works is good proof that practical business-like methods are being more and more applied to agricultural practices. It is better to realize a small figure for surplus produce at the cannery than to allow it to simply rot.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Young trees should not be trimmed too liberally, as too much foliage taken from the tree weakens its feeding power.

In many instances apple trees bear only every other year. Were it not for this fact the trees would be very short lived.

Many unoccupied fence corners might be growing a tree if set there. In a few years it would be a source of beauty and comfort.

The bed for sweet peas should be prepared as soon as possible, and the peas planted as soon as the ground can be worked in the spring.

Keep the pigs on the ground as much as possible. During the summer they should always run at pasture. In the winter let them out on all fine days.

Keep the sheds dry by placing them on high ground and keeping them well littered.

Give the sheep plenty of air. Open sheds are the best where there are no little lambs.

As a roughage, clover hay is the best for the sheep; next, shredded corn fodder, then pea vines and mixed grasses; last of all, timothy hay. The long thin heads, often prove fatal when fed to sheep.

Do not keep old sheep that are passing out of usefulness. Put young growing ewes in their places.

Don't allow your hens to mope during the winter; provide them with plenty of dry earth for a dust bath.

If you are thinking of leaving the farm and going to town to educate your boys and girls remember this one thing, that if you expect better schools in town, they cost more. If the streets are lit, the sidewalks paved, and water and gas at your door, remember that they all have cost something, and for this you must pay. Do not go to town and commence grumbling about municipal taxes, etc., etc., as some farmers we know, for if you are going to grumble, just stay on your farm, where you will bother no one, and let your children grow up in ignorance, for the demand of the town is the energetic, wide-awake, progressive, public-spirited man, and we are happy to say that these men are generally the progressive farmers.

THE BIRDS AND THE FORESTS.

In the economy of nature the feathered branch of the animal kingdom and the major portion of the vegetable world are ever one and inseparable; one was created for the other; the life and well being of each depends upon the ability of its mate to protect it from insidious foes, like those of Burns, for instance, and she'll turn the pages for twenty minutes or more to find the piece she is after rather than look in the index. Suggest the index to her and she'll say, "Oh, I'll find it in a second," and away she'll go turning the pages again.

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The Literal Witness.
John B. Stanchfield of Elmira, speaking of literal men, tells a story of a shock he had in a case in which he was recently associated. Several witnesses had sworn that there was a hole in a certain road. Then to the surprise of counsel, the principal witness, a farmer, on whom they mainly depended to establish their case, swore that there was no hole in the road. After Mr. Stanchfield and his associates had recovered from their astonishment they sought to draw the witness into some explanation of the remarkable testimony. What they eventually got was this:

"There wasn't any hole in that road. Here's my hat. If I jam my hand into the top of it without pushing it through it does not make a hole. It makes a dent. That's what was in that road—just a dent."—New York Times.

"When the winter has come and green leaves have gone,
While hedges and fields are all bare;
Then the evergreen stands in its glory of green,
An emblem to save from despair.

"The beautiful birds love its sheltering boughs,
The children's bright Christmas green
When Santa Claus comes with his pack of new toys
He crowneth the evergreen Queen."

It was Josh Billings who said: "My son, observe the postage stamp. Its usefulness depends upon its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there." While stick-to-itiveness is a good thing, it is sometimes over-developed with many farmers and their wives. They stick so close to the farm they finally get the idea in their heads that they cannot get away. This is a good time to pay that long-delayed visit to wife's folks or husband's mother. Do not be like a certain wealthy farmer's wife who refused to go with her husband on a few weeks' visit for fear the chickens would all disappear during her absence.

The man in the country who improves his home surroundings not only benefits himself, but the entire community in which he dwells. Good examples are catching, like the measles, and when such a man forces the contrast between the looks of a place well cared for and the looks of his neighbor's uncared for, it becomes a great and effective object lesson. Try it and see.

WHY HE WAS DISSATISFIED.

Widow's Young Son Felt He Had Many Grievances.

That one must beware of cultivating the imagination in children who are naturally of an imaginative turn is the opinion of one thoughtful woman. She thinks it tends to make them dreamy and oversensitive. The imagination is an excellent handmaid, but a poor master. The other day she told this anecdote to illustrate her contention: A young widow, with one son, a little boy, was about to embark on the sea of matrimony a second time. When she confided this piece of news to the lad he received it with apparent satisfaction, but after a little while he began to sulk. This went on day after day until his mother called him into her room and said with severity:

"Willie, what is the matter?" emphasizing the "is."
"It is about that marriage," said Willie. "In the first place I don't want to change my name. My name's Willie Brown, and I don't want to change it to Willie Smith."

"Well!" said his mother.
"And I don't want to change my church. I'm a Congregationalist, and I don't want to have to become an Episcopalian."

"Well!" said his mother.
"And I don't want to go on a wedding tour."—New York Tribune.

WOULD NOT BE OUTDONE.

Irishman Willing to Eat Bootblack if Companion Died.

Allan A. Ryan of the banking firm of Ryan & Kelley spins this yarn about the new Irish butler he recently employed. Michael had been in the country only a short time and was not entirely familiar with the table d'hote dinner. In his first evening out he hid himself to a Sixth Avenue restaurant and called for a table d'hote dinner. Opposite him sat a sour-visaged and voracious person who had arrived only a few moments before. Michael, being in doubt as to how to order, desired to watch his neighbor, and invariably said he would take the same in response to the waiter's query.

After finishing his dinner, the heavy-eating man order the waiter to send him a bootblack.

"Bring me the same," exclaimed Michael.
"What!" said the waiter. "Won't one bootblack do two of you?"
"Well," cried Michael, pointing toward his neighbor; "if he eats his, I'll eat mine, too!"

Woman's Aversion to Indexes.

"Talk about the inclination to study the envelope to discover the sender in stead of opening the letter being a trait of womanhood," said a Brooklyn man the other day. "It isn't in it with a woman's aversion to indexes. Give a woman a book of poems, like those of Burns, for instance, and she'll turn the pages for twenty minutes or more to find the piece she is after rather than look in the index. Suggest the index to her and she'll say, 'Oh, I'll find it in a second,' and away she'll go turning the pages again."
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FOR A SCRAPBOOK, \$12,500.

Record Price Given for Volume Many Centuries Old.

A tiny book of vellum, centuries old and beautifully illustrated with a hand-painted miniature, was sold yesterday at Messrs. Sotheby's auction rooms for the record price of £2,500. The manuscript was part of the celebrated collection of the Rev. Walter Sneyd. Its size is 4 1/2 inches by 3 inches, and its age is something over 600 years. It has no title, and may be described as a literary and pictorial medley on philosophical and Biblical subjects, many of the illustrations, which are the chief value of the volume, having no connection with the text. There are in all 190 leaves, containing 267 miniatures.

Various episodes in the life of a monk are portrayed, one picture giving the appearance of a monk playing golf; another of what looks like a conjuring performance by monks and nuns combined.

Nearly every page has small incidental drawings of grotesque animals, human beings, birds and devils.

There was a keen contest for the possession of the book, the bidding starting at £200, and ending at £2,500, the price offered by Mr. Quaritch.—London Mail.

Wrestling.

This reproduction from an old English print shows how men used to wrestle while mounted on the backs of other men.

Peculiar Habit of Bird.
The white tern has the curious habit of never being less than two fish at a time to its young. It carries the fish crosswise in its bill and sometimes returns from its excursions with no less than four fish thus carried. It is easy enough to understand how it captures the first fish, but naturalists are unable to comprehend how the bird manages to retain it while securing additional ones. Its ability to hold three fish in its bill and still capture a fourth is particularly puzzling.

Senator Never Shaved.

In one respect Senator Stewart of Nevada is a remarkable man. He has never been shaved. At the age of 16 his beard began to grow, and has been growing for sixty years.

SIGNALS USED BY INDIANS.

Savages Had Primitive but Effective Form of Telegraphy.

The Red Indians in their palmy days were experts in long-distance signals. For this purpose they made ingenious use of smoke-rings and fire-arrows.

By day the wary Indian, by a clever manipulation of his blanket over a small camp fire sent up wreaths of smoke, which said to all friends within a radius of thirteen miles, "Look out! Enemies are near!" Two such circular puffs meant "Camp here," one called merely for "Attention," and three meant "Danger."

At night similar warnings were conveyed by a system of fire-arrows, which flashed across the sky in glowing tracks, shooting upward and presently falling, each with its particular significance, which an expert only could decipher. The arrow-heads were specially treated and prepared with gunpowder and fine bark, and as they blazed against the dark background of night two meant danger, and three gave token of most urgent need. Thus these quick-witted children of nature anticipated in rude but effective fashion the modern methods of long-distance signaling.—Montreal Herald.

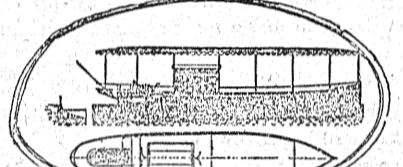
MOTORS ON THE WATER.

Aquatic Launches Have Attained Wide Popularity.

It is said that the motor launch business of the country runs into several millions of dollars annually. There are all kinds of motors, mostly using gasoline. The motor generally is not reversible, and a clutch or feathering screw is used, or the fly-wheel in smaller sizes is taken in the hand and started the other way.

The development of the racing automobile with its attendant refining motor, has provided a constantly improving motor for the driving of fast launches. Automobile boats are now made as they should be, instead of built to order.

Most of the parts are interchangeable and can be replaced by any com-



English Portable Populsion. A petent chaudiere of an ordinary automobile.

The two vessels to-day most in the public eye are the Adios and the Standard. The Adios is fifty-five feet long, with propelling power developed by a string of eight single cylinder engines on one shaft. The engine is of the Lighten type, built in Syracuse, and very great speed has been obtained from it.—New York Herald.

WHERE BIRDS ARE TAME.

Inhabitants of Pacific Islands Unused to Humans.

Naturalists commissioned by the United States government have discovered on the distant island of Laysan in the Pacific some new birds and many novel facts in regard to known species. The visiting scientists were perhaps the first human beings whom the myriads of birds that crowd this tiny speck of land had ever seen. In consequence, birds representing species which in other lands wing hurriedly away at the sight of man came up to the naturalists, looked curiously into their faces, perched on their writing tables, wonderingly inspected the tripods and other accessories of the cameras, and permitted themselves to be stroked. The fact that these birds are ordinarily regarded as the wildest species made a profound impression on the visiting scientists.

Not Used to It.

Over in Camden there is a 5-year-old youth with the unhappy faculty of letting the cat out of the bag at inopportune moments, says the Philadelphia Press. The youngster's parents were entertaining a few friends at dinner the other day, and as an especial indulgence he was allowed to be one of the party. He inspected the beautifully spread board with a critical eye, and then unable to contain himself, piped out:

"My! This is a feast."

DR. FED HIMSELF.

Found the Food that Saved His Life.

A good old family physician with a lifetime experience in saving people finally found himself sick unto death. Medicines failed and — but let him tell his own story. "For the first time in my life of sixty-one years I am impelled to publicly testify to the value of a largely advertised article and I certainly would not pen these lines except that, what seems to me a direct act of Providence, saved my life and I am impressed that it is a bounden duty to make it known.

"For 3 years I kept failing, with stomach and liver disorders until I was reduced 70 lbs. from my normal weight. When I got too low to treat myself, 3 of my associate physicians advised me to 'put my house in order' for I would be quickly going the way of all mankind. Just about that time I was put on a diet of Grape-Nuts predigested food. Curiously enough it quickly began to build me up, appetite returned and in 15 days I gained 6 lbs. That started my return to health and really saved my life.

"A physician is naturally prejudiced against writing such a letter, but in this case I am willing to declare it from the households that the multiplied thousands who are now suffering as I did can find relief and health as easily and promptly by Grape-Nuts. If they only knew what to do. Sincerely and Fraternally yours," Name of this prominent physician furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



LASTING RELIEF.

J. W. Walls, Superintendent of Streets of Lebanon, Ky., says:

"My nightly rest was broken, owing to irregularities of the kidneys. I suffered intensely from severe pains in the small of my back and through the kidneys and was annoyed by painful passages of abnormal secretions. Doctors failed to relieve me. I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and I experienced quick and lasting relief. Doan's Kidney Pills will prove a blessing to all sufferers from kidney disorders who will give them a fair trial."
Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., proprietors. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box

Big Fire in Brewery.

Paterson, N. J., dispatch: Fire partially destroyed the plant of the Hinchliffe brewery. Total damage is \$300,000. A beer famine in Paterson is threatened.

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

Given to Salzer's Oats its heartiest endorsement. Salzer's New National Oats yielded in 1903 from 150 to 200 bu. per acre in 30 different states, and you, Mr. Farmer, can beat this in 1904, if you will. Salzer's seeds are pedigree seeds, bred up through careful selection to big yields.

	Per Acre.
Salzer's Beardless Barley	121 bu.
Yielded	200 bu.
Salzer's Home Baking Corn	80 bu.
Speltz and Macaroni Wheat	80 bu.
Salzer's Victoria Rape	68,000 lbs.
Salzer's Teosinte, the quick-growing fodder wonder	160,000 lbs.
Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass	50,000 lbs.
Salzer's Pedigree Potatoes	1,000 bu.
Now such yields pay and you can have them, Mr. Farmer, in 1904.	

Send 10c in stamps and this notice to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and you will get their big catalog and lot of farm seed samples free. (W. N. U.)

There is love and there is justice. Justice is for one's self, love is for others.—R. L. Stevenson.

The most provoking enemy is that which is unprovoked.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists. See Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N.Y.

ARKANSAS TRAVELER RESPONDED.

Got Back in Rhyme at Missouri Pacific's General Passenger Agent.

H. C. Townsend, general passenger and ticket agent of the Missouri Pacific with headquarters at St. Louis, sent out a novel holiday greeting to patrons of the road and was surprised to receive a response in rhyme from a man in Arkansas. Here is the greeting followed by the answer:

This is the train that runs so fast
Across the plains to mountains vast;
This is the train that runs so fast
And keeps its service up to date.
This is the train that runs out West,
And takes you to the land of rest;
This is the train that runs to the land
Of mountains high and canyons grand;
This is the train with lower rates—
St. Louis to the Golden Gate.
If you should wish to go that way,
See H. C. Townsend.

This is what the Arkansas traveler wrote in response:

I. C. Townsend, G. P. A.:—
I received your card to-day,
And I'm writing now to say
That your train's all-O. K.

I'm a regular passenger
And I'm here to tell you, sir
It's a corker—sure enough;
(Please don't take this as a puff—
All your trains are up to snuff—
Strictly in it—just the stuff!

Makes me restless when I read
Of the comfort and the speed—
Want to peek into your engine
On that train—what's the speed?

Feed you like a millionaire,
Gosh! Just read that bill-of-fare!
Tender steaks, well done or rare;
Game and things from everywhere

Soups, desserts, coffee, cake—
Wow! It makes my stomach ache!

And the rates—I'll swear to you,
Bare as cutting through in two!
(Shame to make such service cheap—
Ought to make us say a heap!

Guess I've said about enough,
(Every word is straight to you.)
So I'll sign myself, with care,
Truly yours, A. P. ASSINAIRE.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.
I, LUCAS CUREY, Notary Public,
do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same appears in the files of the Board of Health of the City of Toledo, Ohio.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1903.

L. W. GIBSON,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surface of the system. Sent by mail, free of charge, the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

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A CALENDAR WATCH.

The first One Cost \$2.00—Made for Napoleon Bonaparte.

A watch that tells the second, minute, hour, day of the week, day of the month, and changes of moon is a time-piece that until recently could be owned only by the nobility because of the high cost. The first one cost \$2,000 and was made entirely by hand and consumed over two years' time in construction. About fifty years later a Swiss concern placed some on the market which could be sold in this country for about \$200 each.

This watch that has hitherto been sold at a price which only the well-to-do could afford, has just been put on the market at a low price and it is a watch which fills a long-felt want. If a watch tells us the hour and the minute of the day, why should not the same machine tell us the day of the week, day of the month, and month of the year? A prominent manufacturer has realized the usefulness, if not the actual necessity of such a timepiece, and by simplifying the mechanism and arranging to turn them out in large quantities has been able to sell them at a price which is within the reach of every one. The watch is a perpetual calendar as well as a timepiece, and what is of more interest to the public, it is sold at a price but a fraction above that of an ordinary watch of like grade.

Contrary to the supposition of the uninitiated, it is not an intricate assembly of complicated parts, but is as simple as any regular timepiece. On the dial, in addition to the small second dial, it has three small dials of like character, one showing the days of the week, another the days of the month, while a third shows the month of the year. By an ingenious attachment to one of the wheels, when the hour and minute hands show midnight, the small hands indicate



Miss Gannon, Sec'y Detroit Amateur Art Association, tells young women what to do to avoid pain and suffering caused by female troubles.

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All day the clouds hung low and heavy, as though reluctant to yield, their precious contents to the dusty, sun-parched earth; but at last, unable to contain themselves, burst, with furious splash against the window panes. Consequently Bobby was obliged to forego the wild Indian fight in which he had been engaged on the lawn, and was consigned to the nursery, with his mother's last injunction to be as quiet as possible, so that he would not disturb Eugenia.

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Herbert Spencer's Ear-Stoppers. The philosopher had an infirmity common to great minds and little. He was selfish in regard to conversation which bored him; and he carried this selfishness to such a pitch that he brought a pair of ear-stoppers and applied them regularly. When conversation in which he had taken part went on too long for his patience, it was some unmerciful talker held forth, he would take out of his pocket his ear-stoppers and hastily put them in place, not removing them till he believed all danger to be past.—Saturday Review.

Seid and Wagner. Herman Klein tells of Anton Seid's first interview with Wagner, in the library at Wahnfried. Seid found the room dark, and, imagining nobody was there, he began rehearsing the speech he had prepared. Suddenly, from out of a gloomy corner, Wagner appeared and Seid was so nervous that he could not bring out a sentence of his speech. "This proved to be his salvation," for Wagner, declaring "if you can work as well as you can hold your tongue you will do," engaged him on the spot.

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Didn't Like the Password. In spite of its annoying features, an amusing incident occurred in connection with a review of Pennsylvania state troops by ex-Governor Pattison and General Guthrie. The governor and adjutant general had been outside the lines one night, and when they returned it was raining cats and dogs. The sergeant halted them in the countersign and General Guthrie gave it, "Chattanooga." The sergeant promptly pronounced this wrong, and the corporal of the guard was called. He, too, pronounced "Chattanooga" incorrect, in spite of General Guthrie's assertion that he gave it out that evening. Then a lieutenant was summoned, and with the same result. All this time the rain was coming down torrents, and the two dignitaries were thoroughly drenched. Finally the officer of the guard was produced, and General Guthrie gave him "Chattanooga." "That was the countersign early in the evening, General, but I didn't like it and so substituted 'Antietam' as being more euphonious." The asthetic young man sought for euphony in the guard house for the rest of that night.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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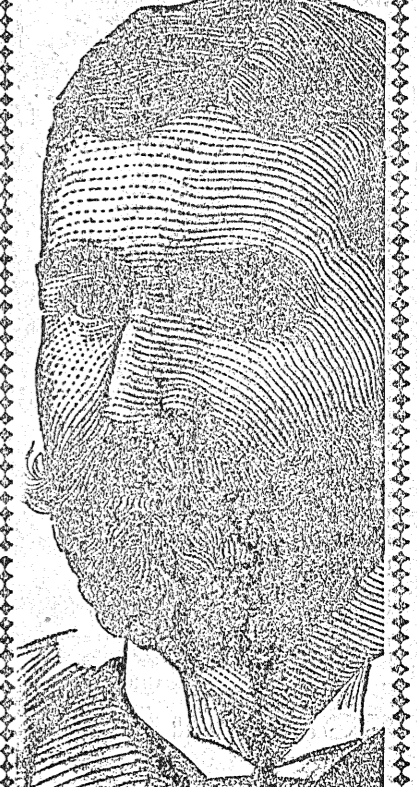
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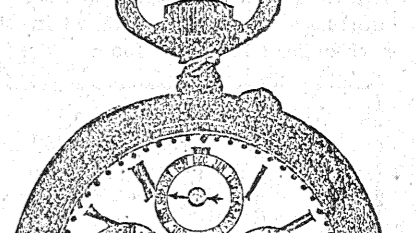
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CONCERNING THE FIGURE.

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There is no excuse for a woman's having a poor figure. It may give her some trouble to get a good one but it is worth the effort. Some women begin life without figures worthy of the name. While they are young girls they are scraggy and flat, or lumpy and shapeless. These peculiarities do not lessen with age and when to their natural drawbacks the owners add utter carelessness, it is no wonder if by the time they have reached middle age they are a trial to the eyes of their friends.

As a matter of course, it is easier to let oneself go and not take the pains that the care of a figure demands. But no woman with the least particle of vanity in her make up—and it is a poor sort of woman who lacks it—can help feeling a thrill of pleasure when she beholds the improvement wrought in her appearance by a good corset, properly worn.

For the corset is the first essential in the making of a figure. A number of other things go with it. The woman must carry herself properly, but the corset helps her to do that. She must pay attention to her outer dress, and to this too, the corset will stimulate her. Her diet cannot be entirely neglected, if she wishes to have her form reduced from over stoutness or redeemed from ultra thinness, but with the corset as a foundation for her efforts she will be encouraged in the work of regulating her food.



Even in this day there are plenty of people who find nothing bad enough to say about the corset. I have seen one matron give way to tears while addressing a woman's club on the evils that had been wrought by corsets. And she was not a hysterical woman either. She had known the corset as it was in earlier years, before common sense and science went to its making and she knew the harm it had done those who regarded it as an instrument for the compression of the waist into a smaller compass than Nature had intended for it.

The new corset,—the "straight front" with which fashion papers and comic columns have made everyone familiar,—is built on a different plan. It does not squeeze a woman's organs out of shape, but holds them in place. As I have said before, it must be properly made and properly worn. The ideal corset is one that is made to order and adapted to the needs of the individual body, but for those who cannot afford this there are substitutes in plenty. A woman should seek until she finds what she wants.

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To do this she must loosen the laces. Gone are,—or should be,—the days when a woman kept her corsets laced for days and weeks at a time. Now the woman loosens the laces at night and tightens them in the morning. When she puts on the corset it is so loose that it hangs upon her like a bag. She clasps the garters that are attached to the front and, if she be of stout figure, to the sides, settles the corset down over her hips and abdomen, drawing a long deep breath after this is done, and then proceeds to tighten the laces. She does this carefully, drawing the lower ones first and then those above the belt line. Never must she make them too tight for comfort. As soon as she does this she injures her figure as well as her feelings. When the laces are tight enough, she should cross them in the back, bring them to the front, pass them under the garter on the left side and tie them there.

The great advantage of thus tightening the corset laces every day is that the figure can be "humoured." There are days when a woman feels that a tight corset is more than she can bear. Then she leaves the laces loose at first, and draws them up later in the day when she has reached the point where a little closer compression will be grateful to her.

I can hear the protests of busy women over the time it will take to go to this trouble. But it really takes less time than one would think. At first, before one is accustomed to the process it may require a few minutes more than one has been in the habit of granting to one's toilet, but as the habit grows upon one of lacing the corsets daily, it will be done more quickly and become a matter of course. And even if it does take a few minutes more, is not the game worth the candle? When one sees the good figures that have been evolved from shapeless forms by the use of a good corset, does it not seem that a little extra care is a very small price to pay for the gain?

The corset once on, the woman must proceed to live up to it. She will find that it helps to keep her shoulders straight and her body erect. She must learn to poise herself properly, throwing her weight on the balls of her feet and resisting the temptation to sway backwards. That is a tendency which grows upon women as they advance in years and in flesh. If they do not "stand so straight that they lean the other way," they let their shoulders droop until the middle of the back is like a hump. All about the country one may see women in the late fifties who have bent their shoulders until they look almost as though they were deformed. This could have been spared them if they had taken a little pains early in life. And even an elderly woman can do much to correct such a stoop if she is willing to give herself trouble about it.

To stand straight is neither to bend backwards nor to droop forwards. The prominent abdomen is as unsightly as the humped up shoulders. The woman with a trend towards either should exercise herself every day standing in front of a mirror. She is wise if she follows the advice of one sensible housekeeper and hangs a looking glass in her kitchen where she can see herself as she steps back and forth about her work and bring herself up with a round turn if she slips into any slovenly trick of carriage.

The corset will give a good figure for a time, but a woman must work to keep it. If she is too thin for beauty the task will be simpler for her than for the woman inclined to put on flesh. The latter has her work ahead of her. The thin woman may have to take exercise, as the stout one must do, but

she has less to carry about with her while she is doing it. For both it is essential that exercise should be taken in doors and out. The latter is vastly preferable, for obvious reasons. But the exercise in doors is far better than nothing.

One woman who would be called old if her years were known has never, for fifteen years, failed to go through a certain course of what she calls her "gymnastics," on rising in the morning. For ten minutes daily, she bends and twists her body, stooping until she sits on her heels and rising without laying hold of anything to assist her. She leans forward until she can touch the floor with her finger tips, without bending her knees, and backwards until her forehead is in contact with the wall. She swings her arms about, kicks the air vigorously and in every way she can brings all her muscles into play. As a result of this she is brisk and agile as women many years her junior and asserts that she never means to grow old but to keep her strength and vigor to the end. As she probably will.



When such exercises as this are taken it should be with the window open, even in cold weather. There is no need to inflate the lungs unless you fill them with fresh air. For this reason as well as for many others, out-door exercise is preferable to that taken in a gymnasium, no matter how well equipped this may be. At the best, it is only a substitute. Long walks, horseback rides, bicycle spins, golf or tennis, all do their share in developing the muscles, reducing adipose tissue or strengthening the body to gain flesh. One at least of these is needed to keep the figure in shape, or failing this, one must follow the exercises I have outlined. These may be aided by such appliances as a lifting machine, dumb-bells, Indian clubs, and the like. Because of the many muscles called into play by it, ping-pong is one of the best house games known. It encourages bending and stooping reaching and stretching, and by all these means develops and improves the figure.

But, says one, "How can this be done in the long, straight front corset pictured everywhere?" It cannot.

But there are corsets which come to be worn on such occasions. The ribbon girdle corset, made either in heavy satin ribbon or in wide tape, or the short equestrian corset is adapted to all kinds of vigorous exercise. It is also excellent for the woman who does a great deal of housework which requires bending over and stooping. While it does not hold in the over-plump figure as a heavier, longer corset would do, it is far better to yield a little restriction than to break corset steels and suffer discomfort at the same time.

A woman can never allow herself to become careless about her corset. Having gone to the expense and pains of procuring one and learning how to wear it she should not let the gain slip away from her. When her corset becomes old and out of shape she should have it re-boned, as it is worth while to do with a good corset. Never

should she relax her vigilance over her figure and her way of carrying herself. Perhaps for a while it will seem a good deal of a burden, but after time the well carried form, with the back straight, the head up, the shoulders well poised, will become instinctive, so that the trouble would be to bear herself in the wrong way.

It is a woman's duty to keep her looks as long as she can and a good figure is a most important part of them. A pretty face is all very well—there are few women who would not be willing to yield a virtue or two to possess a charming countenance,—but it loses a great deal if it is set on top of a badly cared for, badly carried figure.

When a woman gets toward the point where youthful charms are forsaking her, it is a boon to her and to those about her if she has a well made, well borne form. And the possession of this is within her own power.

The general store of Robert Martin at Linkville, burned to the ground Friday morning with all its contents. Having no fire protection of any kind, it was impossible to keep the fire under check and so none of the merchandise or household goods (he having had his living rooms up stairs) could be saved. The total loss will round up about \$2,500. No insurance. —Huron Tribune.

R. A. Davis started in to have a fire the other day. He has a habit of dropping matches in his hip pocket and on the day in question had some letters in the same pocket. In sitting down on the settee in his store he caught on a nail or some other obstruction with the result that the matches were ignited. There were "doings" right away and after a few back action exertions Roy extinguished the blaze with but little damage to the letters, a little scorching of the pants, and a great deal of injury to his sensibilities. Moral: Don't carry matches in a pocket that is hard to get at in case of accidents. —Marlette Leader.

Escaped an Awful Fate. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by all druggists, Cass City; F. A. Francis, Kingston. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

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Dry Goods.

500 yds. 10c Ginghams, sale price 7c
1000 yds. 10c Outing, sale price 7c
1000 yds. 6 and 7c Prints, sale price 4c
50 yds. 40c Eider Down, sale price 25c
100 yds. 50c Silks, sale price 25c
100 yds. 10c Pileed Dress Goods, 8c
100 Waist Patterns, Wrapper Patterns,
Child's Dress Patterns all 15c, at 8c
500 yds. 8c Dress Binding, sale price 3c
12 Ladies' Flannel Skirts 50c, sale price 35c
50 Men's Fancy Shirts, \$1.00 quality, sale price 50c
500 Ladies' and Gents' Collars, 10 and 15c quality, sale price 3c each
All \$1.00 Fascinators 50c
1000 yds. Ribbons at one half price
12 Children's Flannel Night Gowns 50c sale price 35c

75 Ladies' and Children's Coats.

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All 15.00 Coats 8.00
All 12.00 Coats 7.00
All 10.00 Coats 6.00
All 8.00 Coats 4.00
All 5.00 Coats 3.25
24 Children's Coats, worth \$2.00 and \$2.75, your choice 75c

Duck Coats.

24 boys' Duck Coats, \$1.00 quality, double breasted, sale price 65c

Corsets.

100 pairs Corsets \$1.00 quality 75c
100 pairs Corsets 50c quality 35c

Ladies' Walking Skirts.

\$10.00 Skirts \$6.00
6.00 Skirts 4.00
4.00 Skirts 3.00
3.00 Skirts 2.00
2.00 Skirts 1.25

Bed Blankets, about 100 Pairs to Close Out.

All \$1.50 Blankets \$1.00
All 1.25 Blankets 85c
All 1.00 Blankets 75c
All 75c Blankets 50c

100 Men's Hats to Close Out.

All \$2.00 Hats 75c
All 1.00 Hats 50c
All 50c Hats 25c
One lot 15c each

Men's Work Pants.

100 pair Men's Work Pants to be sold at about one-half price

Underwear, Hosiery and Work Shirts.

Men's 50c fleeced extra heavy underwear, sale price 30c
Odds and ends in Hosiery at about one-half price
100 Jersey Shirts 50c quality 35c each
25 Flannel Shirts \$1.00 kind, price 75c

All kinds of Dried Fruit to close out at a bargain.

Stock Food.

International Stock Food, 25c package 20c; 50c package 40c

Miscellaneous.

10c heavy Lamp Chimney, No. 1, 8c
12c heavy Lamp Chimney, No. 2, 10c
50c Lanterns complete 35c
5c Plant Crook 2c
1 \$5.00 Toilet Set \$3.25
1 doz. Teas and Saucers 80c
1 doz. Dinner Plates 75c
Large Water Pitcher 10c
1 doz. Water Glasses 20c
2 5c Boxes Tacks 5c
Wood Chopping Bowls 5c
25 and 30c Wash Boards 17c
25c Brooms 17c

Tobacco.

5c package Smoking Tobacco 3 for 10c
10c pkg. Smoking Tobacco 3 for 25c
All brands Plug Tobacco, 3 10c cuts 25c
A lot of 15 and 25c Pipes at 10c each

Breakfast Foods.

10c pkg. Orange Breakfast Food 7c
10c pkg. Oxford Breakfast Food 5c
15c pkg. Oxford Breakfast Food 8c
15c pkg. Crescent Breakfast Food 10c
10c package Triscuit 5c
15c pkg. Cream Crisp, 2 for 25c

Baking Powder.

10c can Baking Powder 7c
5c can Baking Powder 2 1/2c

Tea.

35c Tea 25c pound

Washing Requisites.

10c pkg. Victor Starch 7c
10c pkg. Starchine 5c
5c pkg. Diamond Starch, with Bluing, 3 pkgs. for 10c
10 bars Ark Soap 25c
3 bottles Ammonia 25c

Soda.

5c pkg. Wyandotte Soda 3 1/2c
5c pkg. Blue Grass Soda 3 1/2c

Honey.

Best White Honey 1 1/2 to 12c pound

Canned Goods.

10c can Apples 5c
3 cans Salmon 25c
3 cans Ham 25c
3 cans Potted Ham 25c
3 cans Vina Sausage 25c
3 cans Sardines 25c
3 cans Pumpkin 25c
3 cans Tomatoes 25c
3 cans Peas 25c
3 cans Beans 25c
3 cans Boston Baked Beans 25c
3 cans VanCamp's Soup 20c

Bottle Goods.

3 10c bottles Pickles 25c
3 10c bottles Chow Chow Pickles 25c
3 10c bottles Heinz Baked Beans 15c
3 15c bottles Heinz Baked Beans 30c
3 bottles Preserves 25c

Pickles.

3 doz. large Sour Pickles 25c

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