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STOCK REDUCING SALE

Owing to a contemplated change in business, we must reduce our stock by January 1st, and will make prices to move goods quick. A special line of

Fur Coats, Robes and Blankets

- \$17.00 Fur Coats at \$14.00.
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Local Happenings.

I. B. Anten made a trip to Caro last week.

Get Prof. Hicks' Magazine at this office.

Nelson McCullough, of Beaufort, was in town on Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. meets with Mrs. A. D. Mead to-morrow afternoon.

A. Darkee, of Wickware, was a business visitor in town on Saturday.

Miss Alice M. Curry, of Crosswell, is assisting at the ENTERPRISE office.

Mrs. Thomas from near Tyre, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Treadgold.

Peter Clark, from Owendale, R. F. D. No. 1, did business in town on Monday.

Miss Mary Warner, of Buffalo, N. Y., was calling on friends in town last week.

Mrs. Winnifred Smith returned last week from an extended visit to London, Ont.

Miss Lois Cleaver will leave on Saturday to spend the vacation with friends in Saginaw.

A Christmas entertainment and play will be given at the Quick school-house, south of town, tonight.

Ernest Reagh, a student at the Owosso Business College, is enjoying a brief vacation at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wheeler, north-east of town, entertained a company of their friends on Monday evening.

Mrs. M. L. Moore has been in quite ill health for a couple of weeks but we understand is now improving.

Dr. M. M. Wickware has commenced alterations on the Weydemeyer residence, recently purchased by him.

Chas. A. McCue, of the Agricultural College, is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McCue.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Brown will leave on Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives at Cadillac and Traverse City.

G. W. Goff shipped one of his blooded Beagles to Cincinnati last week, and another goes to Sterling, Ill., this week.

Warner F. Kelley has recently purchased the David Murphy residence on West Street and occupies the same.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Bergery left on Saturday morning for Brown City, to attend the funeral services of his brother.

Miss Hattie Tanner, who has been teaching in the schools at Lewiston, arrived home on Tuesday evening, for the vacation.

Mrs. A. A. Jones and son, Paul, left on Monday to visit relatives at St. Clairsville and Bellaire, Ohio, and Wheeling, W. Va.

Mrs. J. N. Dorman gave a party to a company of little people last Friday afternoon, in honor of the seventh birthday of Miss Miriam Fritz.

Miss Etta Wickware, who is engaged as teacher in the Akron schools, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wickware, Houghton Street.

Wm. Smithson has purchased the Riker barber shop, both business and building, and his son, Auzey, is now in charge. Jos. Rondo remains in his employ.

Messrs. O'Connor, Davis and Jessup, representing the Ankettell Lumber Company, are in town, taking inventory for the Cass City Lumber and Coal Company, Limited.

Shoemaker Gannon, who has been doing the shoe work at G. W. Goff's, has started a shop in the basement of Hotel McLellan, and E. F. Huntley is again on the bench at Goff's.

A. F. Crafts, formerly of Unionville, but who has been living on a farm five miles west and two miles north of this place recently, has leased the Pinney building, recently vacated by Wilson & Caldwell, and opened a blacksmith shop.

The bazza, given in the Lamont Building last Saturday and continued a part of this week, by classes of the M. E. Sunday school, has been well patronized and will net the promoters about \$12, which goes to the Sunday school treasury.

A. W. Traver now has a telephone in his new quarters, corner of Main and West Streets, has installed electric lights, and is brightening things up with fresh paint. He reports increased business and solicits a call from the public generally.

Miss Myrtle Wickware, who has been teaching in the schools at Lewiston, is spending a week at her parental home here, after which she will re-

turn to Lewiston to accept a position in the postoffice, until her school reopens in the spring.

Mr. Wm. Stevenson, of Bay City, who came here to care for her sister, Mrs. J. H. Wooley, and shortly after was injured by a fall down cellar, recovered sufficiently to return home on Monday. Mrs. Wooley is able to be about the house again.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McKim, from south of town, will spend Christmas with the former's sisters at Maple Ridge. Miss Cecil McKim and little Hester will accompany them. Miss Ora McKim and Earl will look after the welfare of the farm and live stock during their absence.

Roy F. Rice, who has been employed in the ENTERPRISE Office for over two years past, has accepted a position in the office of the Caro Courier and began his duties there the first of this week. Roy has won a reputation for being careful and painstaking and deserves to succeed as we feel confident he will.

The Socialist Club picture drawing at the Town Hall, came off according to the program on the 14th, and the picture was secured by J. Bildstein, W. W. Bender came within one of it, and F. R. Smithson two. Tickets held by S. R. Sheldon, W. H. Anderson, and E. W. Keating were in group five, hence came within five of securing the picture.

Quarterly meeting services will be held in the M. E. Church at Wickware on Sunday morning, the 31st, at 9:30, when the Rev. R. N. Mulholland will preside and preach. In the evening at 7 p. m. he will also preach in the Shabbona Church. It is hoped that the three congregations of the Shabbona circuit will attend generally, and make them a grand success.

Cass City Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, held its regular session on Monday evening, and elected the following officers for 1906: V. C. Wm. Plesner; W. A. P. S. Rice; Clerk, A. A. P. McDowell; escort, J. R. Titus; banker, S. G. Benkelman; secretary, L. Lacroix; watchman, O. Klinkman; phy., J. H. Hays; managers, I. A. Fritz, D. J. McClure, and P. S. Rice. John Austin was admitted to the mysteries of the order.

At the regular meeting of Elkland Arbor, A. O. O. G., held last Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: C. G. A. D. Gillies; V. C. Mrs. I. Maxwell; Sec. and treas., Jas. Reagh; chap., Mrs. M. Seeger; conductor, Walter Anthes; conductress, Belle Tross; lecturer, H. L. Hulbert; I. G., D. Losey; O. G., F. A. McBurney. The installation ceremony will take place in January. The Arbor is in an exceedingly prosperous condition, having over 250 members.

Cresco corsets for large ladies. A. A. Hitchcock.

Tax Notice.

Will be at Deford on Jan. 2nd and at Novesta on Jan. 4th; at Cass City, Exchange Bank, on Jan. 6th, to receive taxes for Novesta Twp. 12-21-2 D. LIVINGSTON, Treas.

Surveyors At Work in Caro.

The surveying outfit of the Detroit and Bay City Traction Co. arrived in Caro on Wednesday evening, and early this morning struck out to survey two routes through the city. The first was started at the river opposite the sugar plant, the route from here to run across to the south end of the city, practically following the first line laid out.

The second route will be run across the north end of the city and a choice will eventually be made of one of these two lines. As soon as this work is completed the surveyors will strike across the country for Akron. The men are hustling fellows and are pushing the work with a rush.

OF INTEREST TO MOTHERS

Thousands of little ones die every year of croup. Most of them could have been saved by a few doses of Foley's Honey and Tar, and every family with children should keep it in the house. It contains no opiates and is safe and sure. Mrs. George H. Pickett, San Francisco, Calif., writes: "My baby had a dangerous attack of croup and we thought she would choke to death, but one dose of Foley's Honey and Tar relieved her at once after other remedies had failed. We are never a minute without it in the house." Sold by all druggists in Cass City.

Knit top undershirts at A. A. Hitchcock's.

F. E. Manley of Ellington, has bought the timber on the Campbell farm and will manufacture it into lumber and wood.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The students all a buzzing round. You think it's very queer; If you should ask the question, why? Examination's here.

Orinda Stoch has entered the third grade.

Leon Landerbach was hurt in the gymnasium Tuesday noon.

The Congressional Record is received at the High School daily.

Ethel McGregory and Lena Fairweather were absent Tuesday on account of illness.

Visitors this week are James McKenzie, Miss Schell, Miss Osborne and Frank Hutchinson.

Rev. R. N. Mulholland, Miss Brown and Charles Young attended the rhetoricals Friday.

Jas. McKenzie amused the little folks in the kindergarten by drawing a picture of "Santa Claus."

Two of our very smallest lads and lasses were seriously (?) injured by the advent of the kissing bug.

The American Literature class is preparing tasty year books of quotations from American authors.

Wonders will never cease—Not a pupil was absent or tardy from the H. S. Department Wednesday forenoon.

The song about "Santa Claus" given by Vernita Treadgold, Marian Fritz, Earl McCallum and Herman Doerr was pleasing to everybody.

The brave skaters should wear charms to keep away the ghosts, especially the live ones. Old men should be better employed.

The rooms of Mrs. Fritz and Miss Rohrer have "Christmassy" looks and mysterious airs on account of the coming of "Santa Claus." Fathers and mothers are invited.

Squeers' method modernized—cough medicine is being hauled out with a spoon to the little folks in the lower rooms and it wouldn't be an unadvisable thing to have it in the high school.

The ever adventuresome mischief, cupid has been abroad with his little bow and quiver full of arrows, and struck deep into the heart of one of our popular school teachers—wedding bells later.

During holiday week, the State Teachers' Association convenes in Lansing. Gov. Warner is planning quite extensive welcomes on the part of every department. A full and spirited program is prepared.

Before the column of school notes appears again, 1905 will have closed his account with every individual, and give place to a clean sheet for 1906. How about those New Year's resolutions? Goodones! made to keep, too.

We think it would be a good plan for the School Board to provide electric lights in the hall so that the honorable Board of Editors might not break their necks when coming down stairs after writing up the school notes.

Christmas vacation, cheer and fellowship abound among our students. We hope the good patron Saint will forget no one in his trip this year. We think from the size of his pack somebody's stockings will be full to overflowing.

The Teacher's Club held their meeting at the home of Miss Sommerville last Friday evening. The members responded to roll call with current events. O. K. Jones gave a very interesting talk on "The Patron and the Teacher" and Miss Sommerville one on "The School Teacher in Society," and solos given by the Misses Stevenson, Fritz and McGregory were enjoyed very much by those present. Miss Perkins was chairman of the meeting and conducted pronunciation drill.

The Season of Indigestion.

The season of indigestion is upon us. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for Indigestion and Dyspepsia will do everything for the stomach that an over-loaded or over-worked stomach cannot do for itself. Kodol Digests what you eat—gives the stomach a rest—relieves sour stomach, belching, heart-burn, indigestion, etc. Sold by L. I. Wood & Co.

Free Absolutely.

Through a very unusual arrangement, we are able to offer NEW subscribers to the ENTERPRISE for one year, a free six months' subscription to the Christian Work and Evangelist, the regular subscription price of which is \$3 per year. This offer cannot possibly be extended past Jan. 1st. Remember you get the ENTERPRISE for one year and the Christian Work and Evangelist for six months for the small sum of \$1.00.

Christmas

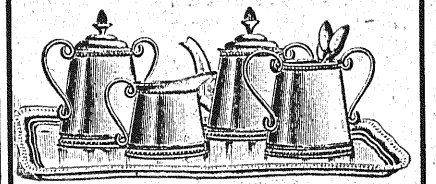
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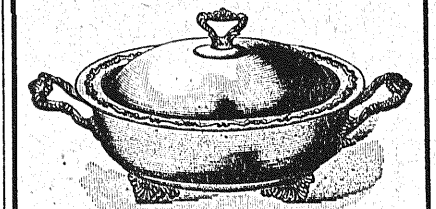
It may be that there are a few people who did not till this minute know that we ever sold Christmas Gifts.

Where could the folks have been for the last few years, not to note our addition of Christmas lines to our complete line of....

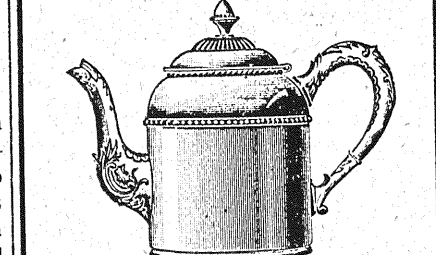
Staple Hardware



You better believe that this year there is to be further "doings" in this Holiday line at Bigelow's, and we are full of things which you will say are just the ticket. The newest in....



Chafing Dishes, Baking Dishes, Crumb Sets, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Serving Trays, Etc., are in our Roches ter Plated Ware.

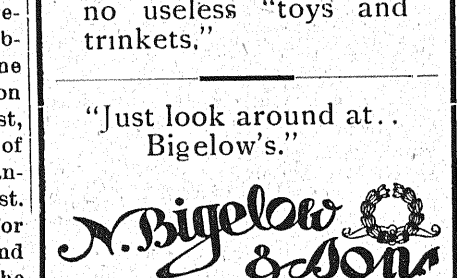


The "Oneida Community" 25-year Tableware in Tea, Dessert, Table Spoons Cold Meat Fork, Berry Spoons, Butter Knives, Baby Spoons, Etc are all you could expect to find in a fine assortment of Table-service.

Our fine.... Razors, Pocket Knives, Carving Sets, Etc. are new and elegant. See the Gillette Razor before you buy something for your "gentleman friend."

Skates and Sleds... for boys and girls but no useless "toys and trinkets."

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Ask for a FREE 10¢ pkg. of SKOUREZY.

Having discontinued the sale of Heavy Rubbers, we will close out....

50 PAIRS OF LUMBERMEN'S SOCKS

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Look at our large line of Men's and Women's....

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We have a complete line of Men's Home-made Mitts.

Do not buy.....

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Until you have looked over our Men's, Women's and Children's line. We are certain you will be pleased with them.

Buy your Christmas presents early. We have just what you want in the Handkerchief line. If your wife would like a nice, new Tablecloth for Christmas, see what we have in that line.

Laing & Janes.

GREETING.

We wish at this time to thank our patrons for their liberal patronage in the past, and extend a hearty invitation to them to continue with us.

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At the Lowest Net Cost, insure in the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the Farmers' Company. Assets invested only in Farm Mortgages and government bonds. No Wall Street Stocks or railroad bonds. Inquire for rates, etc., of....

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District Superintendent.

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Highest market price paid for all kinds of Grain, Beans, Etc.

Reply to Jas. MacArthur.

My proposition—called for a public address, proving the four statements untrue—the organ to be donated to some church. My object was to learn the truth or untruth of the statements. Your "thoughts" as expressed in your reply have every appearance of an exhibition of ignorance of the principles involved. Paul says "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good," and my hope was to interest some opponent "who had actually investigated the premises of Socialism and was also interested in Christianity applied. Relative to your attempted upholding of the profit system, I would just ask the following questions from an industrial standpoint.

1 Did Jesus require a certain amount of profit for curing the sick, the lame, the blind, etc., and what per cent. profit did he consider about right.

2 If he would—as you say—uphold our present capitalist system, why did he overthrow the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves—at a profit? They certainly had a "corner" on the birds and animals; that were without spot or blemish.

3 If Jesus were to visit the U. S. in person would he be liable to associate with your "better class" Rockefeller, Croker, "Divine Right," Baer, McCalls, McCurdys, "Gas" Addicks, Senator Dewey, Platt Burton, Clark, and the rest of the gang who are presidents or directors of from one to seventy trusts and combines, some of the self confessed criminals of the beef or other trusts too numerous to mention? Or would he be more liable to be found with the "wealth producers," working men and working women, whom you seem bent upon designating as common hoodlums, etc?

FRANKLIN LENZNER.

STORE FOR RENT—Also rooms above, lately occupied by S. Ostrander. Inquire at Cass City Bank. 11-9

Advertised Letters

Unclaimed letters in the Cass City Postoffice for the week ending 12-13-05.

Bert Charlton
Roseltha A. Clark
Mike Elne
Mrs. B. S. Johnson.
Mrs. D. McKeschan

When calling for the above please mention advertised.

H. S. WICKWARE, P. M.

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A Card
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11-9-26
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Money to loan on real estate at Cass City Bank. 11-9-tf

CHRISTMAS IN THE GOLDEN TIME



The Lord of Misrule

With Good Cheer and Revelry, Lordly Wassailing and Antic Mimming, Merrie England observed the Joyous Yule Festival.



The Waits put forth Wierd Melody



"Hear Come I Old Father Christmas"

No festival of the whole year is so generally honored as Christmas, and by reason of its general observance there has crept into it so many customs and practices that it is almost past any one's ability to catalogue them. There is no other festival, perhaps, so old, and yet so ever new, as this one is; no other day in the long year so wistfully looked forward to with anticipations of happiness; but it has changed like everything else, and is a very different day from what it once was.

Christmas customs, or rather some of those adapted to this time of year, are far more ancient than the festival itself. It is common knowledge that the mistletoe, for instance, is a Christmas fixture, derived from the Druids, who are also responsible for the Yule clog or log. The custom of singing carols formed an important part of the day's celebration under the Saxon kings, and the mistletoe is believed to have been a remnant of cakes consumed at the Roman winter sports, always held at this time of the year. In order to do no violence to the customs of the people, the primitive Church selected the time of the Roman Saturnalia for its Christmas celebration. Almost any time of the year might have been selected, for there is no authority for Dec. 25 as the date of Christ's birth.

In the Middle Ages. While the yule log was burned upon the hearth upon Christmas eve, and maids were kissed under mistletoe in the dark ages, Christmas was still a religious festival. In order to make it attractive to the people, and also to instruct them in the Bible stories, plays were produced with great splendor in many a great cathedral.

As the liturgy of the church was in Latin, so, too, were the Christmas plays, but they were easily understood by the people, for even if the words escaped them the costume and the action conveyed a deep meaning. As a rule, there was little literary merit in the plays, having been written with the sole idea of conveying instruction in a pleasing manner, and often containing farcical scenes, which one may well believe were well received by the crowds that filled the cathedrals at Christmas time.

Two of the earliest Christmas plays that have come down to us are to be found in the few fragmentary works of Hilarius, a monk of the twelfth century, who is said to have been an Englishman, and who is known to have been a pupil of the great Abelard. Of the three mystery plays which he is thought to have written in collaboration with Jordanus and Simon, probably brother monks, two were evidently played during the Christmas season, namely, "The Image of St. Nicholas," most likely produced on that saint's day, Dec. 6, and

real dramatic ability in its construction than these early productions usually do, for, while its plot is not complicated, there is undoubtedly a plot. In brief, the story is as follows: An actor, representing an image of St. Nicholas stands in a shrine and discovers half a dozen robbers, who have stolen a treasure box which had been hidden in the shrine for safe keeping by a barbarian. The latter returns, and, finding his treasure gone, bewails his loss, and, whipping the image, demands the return of the goods. The image then goes to the robbers, and telling them that they will not thrive with the stolen goods, they give up the treasure to its owner. The latter, out of gratitude, kneels to the image and adores it, but the saint then appears to him and bids him to worship God alone and bids him to worship God alone and closes the piece with adoration.

"The History of Daniel." "The History of Daniel" is a piece in two acts, and was no doubt produced with considerable spectacular effect for the time. In the first act we are shown Belshazzar's Feast, and in the second, which deals with Darius, King of the Medes and Persians, and sent to the den of lions. At Daniel's prayer "there shall appear an angel of the Lord in the den, having a sword, who shuts the mouth of the lions." Darius, finding Daniel saved, puts the latter's envious accusers in his place and leads Daniel to his throne, ordering the people to adore the true God. Daniel then delivers a version in rhyme of the prophecy (Chap. vii., 13-14) of the coming of the Son of Man, and to close the play another angel appears, singing, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy," etc., "which being finished," continues what might be called the stage directions, "if it was done at matins, Darius begin 'Te Deum Laudamus,' but if at vespers, 'Magnificat Anima Mea Dominum.'"

"The Slaughter of the Innocents." Another early Christmas play has been found in an old Orleans manuscript. It has for its subject "The Slaughter of the Innocents," and was no doubt, frequently played during the Middle Ages in one or another French cathedral. In France and on the continent generally the plays produced were usually the effort of a local learned doctor, although at times copies of popular dramas were made for use by neighboring towns. In the play just noted (Interfectio Puerorum) the part of the innocents was taken by the choir boys, and the other characters, including the women, were represented by monks. In one part of the church was erected a manger; in another a throne for Herod. A distant corner was supposed to represent Egypt, and for fear these

distinctions might not be apparent to the beholders, signs were hung over these crude pieces of scenery bearing the names of the places represented. Like most of the mystery plays, the story is briefly told and numerous anthems are interpolated for the benefit of the choristers.

Wakfield Shepherds' Play. Toward the end of the play the boys (the innocents having arisen from the dead) go into the choir; Herod's throne is then taken by an actor, who represents Archelaus; an angel bids the Holy Family to return from Egypt, and then the proemtor begins the "Te Deum," and so the performance ends.

Some of the finest comic touches to be found in these old religious plays are to be found in the Wakefield Shepherds' play, written about the year 1400. The first scene opens with three shepherds watching their flocks, all of them complaining of the cold night. A character called Mak takes part in their rude sport, and upon opportunity steals a sheep. Mak's theft is subsequently discovered, and he is soundly thrashed, a piece of "business" which was certain to arouse laughter in a medieval audience, for it seldom fails to amuse a modern one. There are certain parts of this comic scene that would be considered too broad nowadays, but it must be understood that at this time the plays had passed out of the church, and were now acted on the movable platforms in the public streets. This frolic is followed by the serious scene. An angel appears, singing the "Gloria," after which he announces that Christ is born at Bethlehem.

So the shepherds go to Bethlehem and make such presents to the Holy Child as lie within their powers. One presents a "bob of cherries," another a bird and the other a tennis ball.

for the year 1607, nearly a century later, cost £4,215. These masques, or disguisings, were participated in by the ladies and gentlemen of the court; in fact, we find James' queen, Anne of Denmark, appearing with her ivory skin blackened to represent a negroess from the Niger. The young Prince Charles, afterward the ill-fated King Charles I., also took part in these Christmas festivities, as did also the Princess Elizabeth and Prince Henry.

The Twelfth Night Revels. Twelfth Night was the usual time for these Christmas revels at Whitehall, and, in fact, had been for centuries at the English court. Although Henry VIII. is credited with having adopted the old Italian custom, as early as Edward III's time we heard of ludi, or plays, exhibited at court in the Christmas holidays. In 1348, when Edward kept his Christmas at his castle at Guildford, the dresses for the maskers consisted of buckram tunics of various colors, masks of different similitudes, namely, faces of women and men, heads of angels, "made of silver," and mantles embroidered with heads of dragons, peacocks and swans. It is not known that the entertainment consisted of anything being worn the most primitive kind of pantomime and posturing, and it is very doubtful if they even suggested the drama as we know it.

No court entertainments in England that had gone before equaled in magnificence the masques written by Johnson and designed by Inigo Jones, which made the holidays an annual pleasure to James I. and his queen, King James, notwithstanding the fact his name is inseparably linked with the choicest English version of the Bible, was given to luxurious pleasures, and his young queen, Anne, had the reputation of being a most graceful dancer at a time when dancing was regarded as one of the fine arts.

Christmas Masques at Whitehall. King James loved pleasure and Queen Anne nearly made a bankrupt of him to pay her jewelers. She loved progresses, as they were called, and in one of her royal visits to Bristol spent \$150,000 on a costly presentation of a masque. From this it may be imagined that the Christmas masques held at Whitehall, where the king then lived, must have cost an enormous outlay, in fact, it is known that one cost \$22,000. Ben Jonson wrote twenty-nine masques for his king, most of them being produced at Christmas.

In the times of the Stuarts Christmas was not only observed at court, but those old customs which were ancient even then were followed throughout England, wherever there was a castle or house of well-to-do people. Christmas festivities were enjoyed by the poorer people; in fact, it was intended that they should get much entertainment from them, but it was the rich who footed the bill, and they were usually very cheerful about it, too.

The Christmas season usually began on Dec. 16 and lasted until Jan. 6, although in Elizabeth's day the season had been known to last for full six weeks or until Shrove Tuesday, heralding the coming of Lent, put a stop to the merry makings.

The Lord of Misrule. Anciently Christmas observances included the reign of the Lord of Misrule, or the Abbot of Unreason, James I., according to tradition, having on one occasion hid his crown under the abbot's hood. There were gambols by the students under the guide of the Lord of Misrule, plays in the vari-

ous universities, schools and by the benches of the temple. There were the visits of numbers, who, much like our New Year's shooters, disguised themselves. They went from house to house and recited a play, usually the play of St. George, on the 21st of December, St. Thomas' day. One of the chief figures of the mumming was old Father Christmas, who was for centuries the Santa Claus of England, although it was never believed he did anything but represent the spirit of the season.

Burning of the Yule Log. On Christmas eve the yule log was dragged into the baronial halls in the country, put in the great gaping fireplace, and ignited with the well-saved remnant of the preceding year's log. Its duty was to burn all night;

if it did not, it was considered a sign of ill luck. The brand left of it was the next day taken up and saved to light the next year's log. While the log continued burning there was drinking, eating and telling of strange tales. Even the lowly sometimes had a yule log on their hearth of a Christmas eve, and, while generally sufficient for illuminating purposes in the halls of the great castles, were burned as well. On Christmas eve the waits and carol singers played under windows until the generosity of the householders was aroused.

On Christmas day, in the morning, all went to church, dressed in their best. The vicar preached the best sermon of the year, and the choir, from long practice, led the singing with Christmas spirit. This service the day. Henceforth the day was given up to festivities.

In those days, even as in these, eating and drinking were the principal means of enjoyment. Christmas in England seemed to have been designed to suit palates and to test capacities. The requisites for good Christmas fare were plenty of good drink, a blazing fire in the hall, puddings, mustard with a sirlon of beef, shred or minced pies, goose, capon, turkey, cheese, apples and nuts, to say nothing of carols to which this great procession of edibles led.

To the Victorian Era. A growing body of the people in these days took no part in the merriment of Christmas; in fact, their long-drawn faces, sour looking all the year, were almost unbearable at the season of joy. Alarmed at the goings-on at court, mortified at the licentiousness of the ruling class, they vowed worldly joy was a detestable thing. Life to them was a stern existence. Even in Elizabeth's time these Puritans had begun their protests against Christmas celebrations, and against royal pageants, and in the time of James I. their voice grew so loud that they were caricatured in some of the masques at court. They continued, these stern old roundheads, to grow in number and in power, and, having made an end of King Charles I. in a most effectual manner, put their ban on everything that England loved most, including Christmas.

Under the Stuarts. Christmas masques, mere excuses for gentlemen and ladies of the court to attire themselves in fantastic, gorgeous or bizarre costumes, were long popular in Italy and in France, and Henry VIII., having paid a visit to the

neighboring realm, imported them into England.

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YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUFFER

From Constipation, Bowel and Stomach Trouble.

Q. What is the beginning of sickness?
A. Constipation.

Q. What is Constipation?
A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal where it decays and poisons the entire system. Eventually the results are death under the name of some other disease. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and appendicitis, in some cases, the bowels trouble at the present time.

Q. What causes Constipation?
A. Neglect to respond to the call of nature promptly. Lack of exercise. Excessive brain work. Mental emotion and improper diet.

Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation?
A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, fevers, stomach, bowel, kidney, lung and heart troubles, etc. It is the one disease that starts all others. Indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, loss of sleep and strength are its symptoms—piles, appendicitis and fistula, are caused by Constipation. Its consequences are known to all physicians, but sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women become confirmed invalids as a result of Constipation.

Q. Do physicians recognize this?
A. Yes. "The first question your doctor asks you is 'are you constipated?' That is the secret."

Q. Can it be cured?
A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physics, such as pills, salts, mineral waters, castor oil, injections, etc., every one of which is injurious. They weaken and exhaust the body. You know this by your own experience.

Q. What then should be done to cure it?
A. Get a bottle of Mull's Grape Tonic at once. Mull's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation and Stomach Trouble in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has before been known to cure Constipation so positively and permanently.

Q. What is Mull's Grape Tonic?
A. It is a Compound with 40 per cent. of the juice of Concord grapes. It exerts a peculiar strengthening, healing influence upon the intestines, so that they can do their work unaided. The process is gradual, but sure. It is not a physic, but a tonic. Constipation, Dysentery, Stomach and Bowel Trouble, Having a rich, fruity grape flavor, it is pleasant to take. As a tonic it is unequalled, insuring the system against disease. It strengthens and builds up waste tissue.

Q. Where can Mull's Grape Tonic be had?
A. Your druggist sell it. The dollar bottle contains nearly three times the 50-cent size.

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A free bottle to all who have never used it because we know it will cure you.

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Tact of Napoleon III. In the memoirs of Dr. Thomas Evans appears this anecdote of the court of Emperor Napoleon III. in Paris: "At a ball given at the Tuilleries a general slipped on the polished floor, fell at the emperor's feet, pulling down with him his partner. 'Madame,' said the emperor, assisting the lady to rise, 'this is the second time Gen. has fallen in my presence; the first time was at Solferino.'"

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Japanese "Cornerstones." Doing everything by contraries, as usual, the Japanese, instead of burying under a foundation stone the names of the persons connected with the building of a temple, inscribe them on a tablet which is conspicuously placed on the roof.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by the best physicians in this country for years and is a successful prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifier, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Power of Intellectuality. A great soul draws and is drawn with a more fierce intensity than any small one. By every inch we grow in intellectual height, our love strikes down, it roots deeper, and spreads out its arm wider.—Olive Schreiner.

Many a man has drowned himself after looking into the depths of a woman's eyes.

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Why is it that a woman tells a funny story the same way she throws a beanbag at a cat?

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Contentment is the best cure for wrinkles.

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SERIOUS OPERATIONS AVOIDED

Unqualified Success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the Case of Mrs. Fannie D. Fox.

One of the greatest triumphs of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the conquering of woman's dread enemy, tumor.

The growth of a tumor is so slow that frequently its presence is not suspected until it is far advanced.



Mrs. Fannie D. Fox

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Work in Painting Portrait. After sitting for his portrait to two German artists, a scientific observer has calculated that each of the two pictures required 20,000 strokes of the paint brush.

Penguins Needed in Antarctic. In the Antarctic penguins are the most important animals. They afford abundant oil for lamps.

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Among the ladies no other medicine has ever had so strong a following, because, excepting pure air and exercise, it is the source of more beautiful complexions than any other agency, as

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THE GREAT K&A TRAIN ROBBERY

BY PAUL LEXESTER FORD, Author of 'The Van Peter Stirling, Ltd.'

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CHAPTER III.—Continued.

"I don't see what difference either makes in their chance of escaping," said Lord Ralles.

While he was speaking, I ticked off the news of our being held up, and asked the agent if there had been any men about Sanders, or if he had seen any one board the train there. His answer was positive that no one could have done so, and that settled it as to Sanders. I asked the same questions of Allantown and Wingate, which were the only places we had stopped at after leaving Coolidge, getting the same answers. That eight men could have remained concealed on any of the platforms from that point was impossible, and I began to suspect magic.

"I don't think," said Miss Cullen, "that I am a bit more curious than most people, but it has nearly made me frantic to have you tick away on that little machine and hear it tick back, and not understand a word."

After that I had to tell her what I had said and learned.

"How clever of you to think of counting the tickets and finding out where people got on and off! I never should have thought of either," she said.

"It hasn't helped me much," I laughed, rather grimly, "except to eliminate every possible clue."

"They probably did steal on at one of the stops," suggested a passenger. I shook my head. "There isn't a stick of timber nor a place of concealment on these alkali plains," I replied "and it was bright moonlight till an hour ago. It would be hard enough for one man to get within a mile of the station without being seen, and it would be impossible for seven or eight."

"How do you know the number?" asked a passenger.

"I don't," I said. "That's the number the crew think there were; but I myself don't believe it."

"Why don't you believe the men?" asked Miss Cullen.

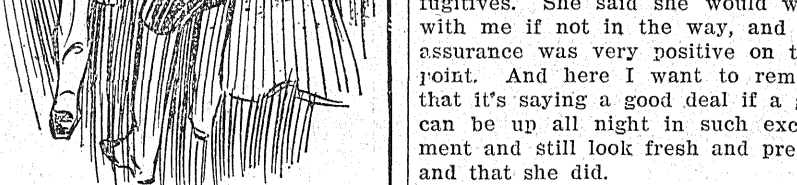
"First, because there is always a tendency to magnify and next, because the road agents ran away so quickly."

"I counted at least seven," asserted Lord Ralles.

"Well, Lord Ralles," I said, "I don't want to dispute your eyesight, but if they had been that strong they would never have bolted, and if you want to lay a bottle of wine, I'll wager that when I catch those chaps we'll find there weren't more than three or four of them."

"Done!" he snapped.

Leaving the group, I went forward to get the report of the mail agent. He had put the things to right, and told me that, though the mail had been pretty badly mixed up, only one pouch at worst had been rifled. This



Went staggering back as if struck by a cow-catcher.

—the one for registered mail—had been cut open, but, as if to increase the mystery, the letters had been scattered, unopened, about the car, only three out of the whole being missing, and those very probably had fallen into the pigeon-holes and would be found on a more careful search.

I confess I breathed easier to think that the road agents had got away with nothing, and was so pleased that I went back to the wire to send the news of it, that the fact might be included in the press dispatches. The moon had set, and it was so dark that I had some difficulty in finding the pole. When I found it, Miss Cullen was still standing there. What was more, as I came up I heard her say, indignantly:

"I'll not allow it. It is unfair to take such advantage of me. Take your arm away, or I shall call for help."

That was enough for me. One step carried my hundred and sixty pounds

LONG WAIT FOR VINDICATION.

Woman's Innocence Discovered After Six Years in Prison.

One of the strangest of stories of false imprisonment comes from France. A woman was sentenced to imprisonment for life for having caused the death of her husband and brother. The three lived together at Malannay, near Rouen, in a cottage, the lower part of which was used as a winery. When the woman was sent to prison other people took the winery, but the new tenants sinned, the man from fainting fits, his wife from nausea, from which she died. Another couple tried their fortune, but they, too, were overcome by the "spell of the accursed place," as they thought it. They were subject to fainting and loss of memory. At last a scientific examination of the premises was made. Then it was found that adjoining the inn was a lime kiln. In the wall dividing it from the cottage were many fissures, so that whenever lime was burnt monoxide of carbon escaped into the inn. This was the secret of the deaths for which the woman was suffering. She was brought out of prison after six years of servitude.

Derivation of "Luncheon."

A "lunch," etymologically, is just a lump; in the sixteenth century a "lunch of bacon" meant merely a slice or hunk of it. So Burns speaks of "bread and cheese" dealt about in lunches, and Scott records that "little Benjie was ramming a huge luncheon of piecrust into his mouth." While in modern times "lunch" is an abbreviation from "luncheon," the latter was originally an elongation of "lunch." A philologist shows how the old "noon-shenk," noon-drink, came to mean noon-eating, and to appear as "nunshen"; and the development thereafter of "luncheon" from "lunch" was very natural.

South African Game Reserve.

Threatened disappearance of the wild fauna of South Africa has led the Natal government to form a reserve of some 20,000 acres in extent on the slopes of the Drakensberg. In the deep "kloofs" of these secluded mountains patches of berg cypress and other natural forest afford good cover for the eland, of which only some 130 specimens now remain in Natal. The reserve also contains herds of blue buck and klipspringer. In this game reserve are also found many valuable specimens of early Bushman paintings and drawings, many of which are disappearing owing to the rapid disintegration of the rock surfaces.

How Birds Destroy Insects.

The chickadee will destroy plant lice, for it sometimes eats 5,500 lice for breakfast. The woodpecker gets after the borers. The flicker eats some wood-boring insects. The cuckoo is needed greatly, for it eats the hairy caterpillars that prey on trees. It sometimes eats so many that its gizzard is often fuzzy with the hairs. The grosbeak eats potato beetles, and two of them will keep a quarter of an acre free. But aside from all utilitarian considerations, bird music is enough to pay us for our care and protection.—Exchange.

Words of Wisdom.

Westfield, Ill., Dec. 18th (Special)—All who are suffering with Bright's Disease, should read carefully the following letter from the Rev. G. L. Good of this place. He says:—"I feel it is my duty to tell you of the wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I am a Minister of the Gospel, and in my work, I am frequently exposed to all weathers. Six years ago, I was laid up sick. I doctored with a number of physicians, and finally consulted a specialist, but without success. They all told me I had Bright's Disease. I was in a bad way and almost helpless when, thank God, I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills. They saved my life. I took sixteen boxes and now I am cured. The first day I took them I felt relief. When I began I weighed only one hundred and five pounds, now I weigh one hundred and sixty-five and I am the picture of health. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all my friends who have Kidney Trouble and I pray to God that other sufferers will read these words and be helped by them."

Oil Paints Kill Germs.

Oil paints have a marked deterrent effect upon various bacilli of disease, as tests made in Paris have shown. The germs of tuberculosis, especially, are much affected by paints. They do not thrive or live on a painted surface as they do where there is no paint to cover wood or metal.

AGONY OF SORE HANDS.

Cracked and Peeled—Water and Heat Caused Intense Pain—Could Do No Housework—Grateful to Cuticura.

"My hands cracked and peeled, and were so sore it was impossible for me to do my housework. If I put them in water I was in agony for hours; and if I tried to cook, the heat caused intense pain. I consulted two doctors, but their prescriptions were utterly useless. And now after using one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment my hands are entirely well, and I am very grateful. (Signed) Mrs. Minnie Drew, 18 Dana St., Roxbury, Mass."

How True.

How true is the old proverb that birds of a feather flock together; why, only a pain in two little fingers (belonging to separate persons, of course) may unite their owners in a bond of friendship.

In Brief.

"You know Mr. Phunnypeller, who always prides himself on answering remarks with one word? Well, I met him to-day, and when I told him I had just come across our doctor at the friends' I had been calling on, he smiled and said, 'Metaphysician.' Then I asked him if he could guess at what hour we had breakfast and morning, and he nodded his head and said, 'Attenuate.' To change the conversation I inquired what he thought of peroxide as a hair bleach, and he said sharply, shaking his head, 'Dynamite.' I invited him to come home with me and take a bite at least, and he replied with an accepting nod, 'Dynamite.' But he capped the climax when I asked him if he might hope to hear a speech from him at that public dinner next week by proudly saying 'Expectoration.'"—Baltimore American.

How Bear Escapes from Trap.

When caught by a paw in the jaws of a trap a bear will drag the heavy apparatus and its clog until the latter is caught in the brush or trees, and then, if the paw is not in too far, will often pull out or chew off the captive member.

Important to Mothers.

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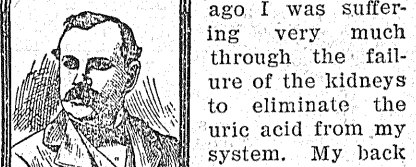
I'll sell Anti-Gripine to a dealer who won't guarantee it. Call for your MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T CURE.

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A Rochester Chemist Found a Singularly Effective Medicine.

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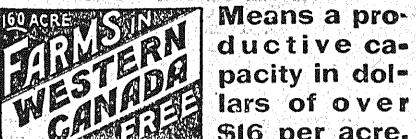


"Seven years ago I was suffering very much through the failure of the kidneys to eliminate the uric acid from my system. My back was very lame and ached if I overexerted myself in the least degree. At times I was weighed down with a feeling of languor and depression and suffered continually from annoying irregularities of the kidney secretions. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. I found prompt relief from the aching and lameness in my back, and by the time I had taken three boxes I was cured of all irregularities."

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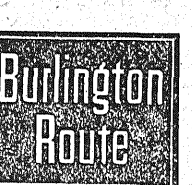
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W. A. ANDERSON, C. B.

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CLASS CITY LODGE, No. 203, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

K. O. T. M. M.

CLASS CITY TENT, No. 14, meets the first and third Friday evenings of each month, at 7:30. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited.

A. E. BOULTON, C. G.

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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 Sunday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. Pastor, Rev. J. H. CALLENDER, Pastor.

EVANGELICAL—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 6:30 p. m. English services every Sunday evening. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. All are invited. Rev. W. BERGE, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Class meetings follow morning service. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior League at 3:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:00 p. m. Prayer-meeting at 7:30 on Thursday evening. Rev. R. N. MULHOLLAND, Pastor.

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C. P. PANCRATIUS R. C. CHURCH—Services on the second Sunday of each month at 10:30 a. m. Standard Times on the fourth Sunday of each month at 8:00 a. m. Standard Time. Rev. FR. DWAN, Parish Priest.

FORECLOSURE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that a mortgage dated the 15th day of November, 1901, was on the 15th day of November, 1901, executed by Joseph Wright and Emma Wright, his wife, to Frederick Trauberk, and recorded in the Register of Deeds' office in Tuscola County, and State of Michigan, in Liber 108 of mortgages on page 45, on the 5th day of November, 1901. That said mortgage has been made in the condition of said mortgage whereby the whole sum secured by said mortgage has become due, and is hereby declared to be due, according to the terms of said mortgage; and there is claimed to be due on said mortgage, at the date of this notice, the sum of Three Hundred Seventy and thirty one hundredths Dollars. That under the power of sale in said mortgage contained, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, on

Monday, the 5th day of February, 1906, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the Court House, in the Village of Caro, in said Tuscola County, and that said premises are described in said mortgage substantially as follows: The north half (1/2) of the southeast quarter (1/4) of section twenty-four (24) in town twelve (12) north, range eleven (11) east, and will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with the interest that may accrue thereon after this date, and the costs of foreclosure.

Dated November 1st, 1905.

FREDERICK TRAUBERK, Mortgagee, J. B. BEVERLEY, Attorney for Mortgagee, Kingston, Mich. 8-5-13

All Run Down

THIS is a common expression we hear on every side. Unless there is some organic trouble, the condition can doubtless be remedied. Your doctor is the best adviser. Do not dose yourself with all kinds of advertised remedies—get his opinion. More than likely you need a concentrated fat food to enrich your blood and tone up the system.

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Correspondence.

Hay Creek

Mary Burt visited at Bessie Gracey's Sunday.

Meetings are being closed at the Behevers' Hall.

Mr. Bennett's hay press was at Geo. Burt's on Monday.

Mrs. Nicol intends starting for Florida in a few days.

Frank Sansburn is visiting his many friends in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Will Marshall and Mrs. Joseph Wilson intend to visit their parental homes in Canada soon.

Bilious? Feel heavy after dinner? Tongue coated? Bitter taste? Complexion sallow? Liver needs waking up. Doan's Regulate cure bilious attacks. 25 cents at any drug store.

Elmwood.

Robert Smith, an old resident of Ellington, was found dead in his room last Friday morning. He had been in his usual health up to the time of his demise. He was well respected and leaves one son, Fowler Smith, and two sisters. The funeral was held Sunday at the M. E. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Allard, of Cass City, visited at E. S. White's Sunday.

A Christmas tree and entertainment will be held at the Elmwood M. P. Church by the Sunday school.

Bert Perry, who had his hand crushed in a corn shredder Dec. 5th, is very low. A counsel was held on his case Sunday and it was not thought to be advisable to amputate the hand in his present condition. The family have the sincere sympathy of all.

Farmers, mechanics, railroads, laborers rely on Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Takes the sting out of cuts, burns or bruises at once. Pain cannot stay where it is used.

West Greenleaf

Frank McCaslin and wife called on Fred McCaslin Sunday.

Frank Willmont and mother visited friends at Elmwood Sunday.

Fred LeePla is now employed by Wallace Gilbert.

Mrs. James Pryke spent Wednesday with Mrs. F. Wright.

Harry LeePla and Alex Vise, of Elkton, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this vicinity.

The cottage prayer meetings were largely attended last week.

Fred Wright helped Jones Bros. butcher a beef last Friday.

Mrs. Willett Wright has gone to Canada to spend the winter with relatives.

The new sheds at the Town Hall are all completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kitchin were presented with a nice Christmas box on the 12th by their many friends of

this community. Mr. Kitchin received a nice fur coat and Mrs. Kitchin a neck fur. Mr. Kitchin is the Sunday school superintendent.

In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in mad chase after health, from one extreme of faddism to another, when, if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would all pass away. Prompt relief and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble, 25c at E. Ryan's drug store; guaranteed.

Wickware.

F. Sansburn, of Aylmer, Ont., is visiting friends and old neighbors here this week.

Mrs. Geo. Brown and Mrs. Giles Fulcher and the two children called on Mrs. E. Fisher last Tuesday.

Joe Wedge visited friends in Carsonville last week.

Lloyd Brown, of Pontiac, is visiting his parents this week.

Mrs. J. McPhail did business in Shabbona Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Oliver, of Cass City, did business in Wickware last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Dave Hartwick and Mr. and Mrs. H. Bigelow attended the funeral of their grandfather, Mr. Smith, in Ellington Sunday morning.

Mrs. Martha McPhail spent Saturday evening with Daisy Bigelow.

Mrs. E. Fisher is numbered with the sick this week. Dr. M. M. Wickware is attending her.

Last week's correspondence.

Mrs. J. McPhail and Mrs. H. Bigelow spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Caro.

Roy Durkee and John Caister, who have been working in the beet factory in Caro, returned home last Friday.

PIRATING FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR. Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered as no other preparation will give the same satisfaction. It is mildly laxative. It contains no opiates and is safest for children and delicate persons. Sold by all druggists of Cass City.

Cumber

Morton Johnson was in Uby on Monday.

There seem to be a few pugilists in Cumber.

Mr. Hodgins and family intend moving this week.

The clover huller is kept busy round Cumber.

Alec Greenleaf was in Cass City last Monday on business.

Mrs. L. Brown is in Pontiac visiting her daughter, Mrs. Luck.

Miss Phillips was the guest of Miss Berden Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Pollard, of Freiburger, visited with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Thos. Brown, last week.

Our physician still continues to preside at the increase of the population in the vicinity of Cumber.

Quite a number of the young people passed a pleasant evening at the rag bee, at Mrs. J. B. Pettinger's, last Thursday evening.

Don't miss the entertainment at the school Friday night the 22nd. There will be a comedy play, several dialogues, recitations and singing. Music furnished by the Cumber orchestra.

We wish to correct a mistake we made in our last correspondence. We said, Ed. Steinhouse was called home to attend his father's funeral; whereas, it should have been, his father's serious illness. Ed. is back and reports his father better.

FOR AILING WOMEN.
A Little Sound Advice Will Help Many a Sufferer.

No woman can be healthy and well if the kidneys are sick. Poisons that pass off in the urine when the kidneys are well are retained in the body when the kidneys are sick. Kidneys and bladder get inflamed and swollen, crowding the delicate female organs nearby and sometimes displacing them. This is the true cause of many bearing down pains, lameness, backache, sideache, etc. Uric poisoning also causes headaches, dizzy spells, languor, nervousness, and rheumatic pain.

When suffering so, try Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that cures sick kidneys. You will get better as the kidneys get better, and health will return when the kidneys are well!

Mrs. S. Amepoker, of 309 N. Shawansee street, Owosso, Mich., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are not a new remedy to me, for I used them two or three years ago when from some cause such as a cold or the grippe my kidneys troubled me. I don't know what I would have done without them as my troubles were steadily growing worse in spite of all the medicine I took. The kidney secretions were irregular and unnatural. I could not rest comfortably nights and always arose tired and worn out mornings. My general health was poor and this trouble was a great drain on me. I had taken so much medicine that I had little confidence in any, but I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, I soon noticed an improvement in my condition and steadily grew better. I cannot speak too highly of this valuable preparation and am glad to recommend it at all times."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents, Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Tommy Atkins' Christmas

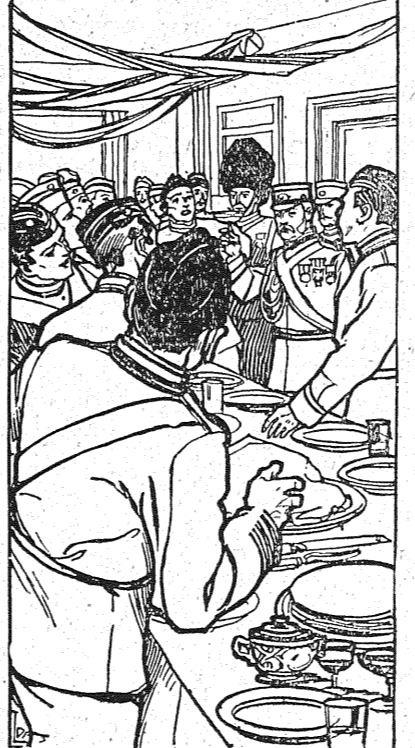
How King Edward's "Thin Red Heroes" Celebrate Their Holiday.

NO matter where he may be or in what circumstances he may be placed, Tommy Atkins never fails to make a special effort to celebrate Christmas day in a befitting manner. Four years ago saw thousands of British soldier lads spending the festive 25th round camp fires on the South African veldt, but they enjoyed themselves nevertheless, in spite of their surroundings and the difficulties under which the Christmas dinner was prepared. It is Christmas in barracks, however, which Tommy enjoys best of all, next, of course, to spending it with those who are dear to him. Comrades unite with comrades, and each contributes his share of help toward making the occasion one of joyous festivity.

Early Christmas morning sees the soldiers busily engaged in turning their respective barracks rooms into dining places. Bed cots, which at ordinary times would be standing at right angles to the walls, are ranged lengthwise, and with the aid of spare pallets and gay bunting borrowed from the stores for the occasion are transformed into luxurious looking dining-rooms. The companies vie with one another to make their rooms as attractive as possible.

The homely custom of spreading festoons of pink, blue and green paper from wall to wall is duly carried out, while mottoes, usually of a military character, abound. These mottoes, by the way, are often dedicated to popular officers, the following being examples of the favorite forms: "Long live Colonel and Mrs. —," "God bless the general," "Good luck to Lieutenant —," etc.

In some regiments it is the custom to usher in Christmas morning with fifes and drums immediately after the sounding of reveille, and after breakfast Tommy has to prepare for church parade. This duty finished, he is at liberty to make a grand attack on the Christmas dinner. The soldiers are



"HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW."

first of all marshaled and arranged in their places at the table in the company's dining room, which the captain then visits in order to make a brief inspection and see that "all's well" with the boys.

After that there is still another matter which Thomas has to attend to before he can start feeding, but it is a matter which is very agreeable to him. A few minutes after the captain has made his inspection the soldiers of the company are again called to their feet and to order by the sergeant major's "Shun!" and immediately afterward the colonel, followed by the adjutant and other officers, enters. Needless to say, they are received with rousing cheers. The colonel will drink the health of — company, a toast answer ed with wild cheering and the time honored refrain, "He's a jolly good fellow."

When the officers have gone it is not long before Tommy proceeds to sample the good things which have been provided for his enjoyment. Roast beef and mutton, turkey, goose and duck are usually included in the company's menu, not to mention such things as potatoes, greens, puddings and pies.

After dinner Tommy indulges in his favorite free and easy, enlivened with songs of all descriptions. Patriotism, of course, enters into the greater part of the music, although the comic song is also a great favorite. Tommy cares little what the song may be, however, so long as it has a good swinging chorus in which he can join. Thus the hours pass by, the day's enjoyment generally ending in the veterans of the company being called upon to relate stirring incidents which have won glory and renown for the regiment—Pearson's Weekly.

Lots of White House Turkeys.
Nearly 1,500 pounds of turkey were distributed last year by direction of the president to the officials and employees of the White House.

An Adamless Eve.
Some things about the holidays are quite unfair to madam. For instance, there's Christmas eve. But where's her Christmas Adam? —Brooklyn Life.

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Village Council.

COUNCIL ROOMS, Dec. 18, 1905.

Regular meeting of the council called to order by the president: The following trustees were present Striffler, McKenzie, Campbell and Clark.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The following bills were read and referred to committee on claims and accounts.

Frank C. Teal Co., Inv. 11-28..... \$ 2 75
Central Electric Co., Inv. 12-6..... 5 75
Fostoria Incandescent Lamp Co., Inv. 12-2. 5 85
Port Wayne Electric Works, Inv. 12-5..... 1 25
W. J. Moore, telephone rent..... 5 00
W. N. Straube, salary..... 87 50
C. G. Matzen, salary and express..... 15 30

The committee reported favorably on all bills as read. Moved by Clarke, supported by McKenzie that the report be accepted and orders be drawn for the several amounts. Carried.

Report of Commissioner Straube for month ending Nov. 30th, 1905, was read. Moved by Campbell, supported by Clarke that the report be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

On motion of Striffler supported by Clarke council adjourned, to meet January 2, 1906.

C. G. MATZEN, Clerk.

Torture of a Preacher.

"The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist Church, of Harpersville, N. Y., will interest you. He says: 'I suffered agonies, because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies, without relief, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which entirely cured my cough, and saved me from consumption.' A grand cure for diseased conditions of Throat and Lungs. At E. Ryan's, druggist; price 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Looking For Capacity.
"What are you writing, little boy?" asked the old gentleman.

"Christmas letters," responded the youngster. "One is to Santa Claus."

"But you have two?"

"Oh, the other is to the fat lady in the museum, asking if she would loan me one of her stockings to hang up."

David's Well.

Within two miles of Bethlehem is a well which is said to have been the one from which the mighty men of battle in Israel, after breaking through the Philistine host, brought water to David, in response to his exclamation, "Oh, that one would give me to drink of the water from the well which is by the gate!" David refused to taste the water for which his brave men had risked their lives and poured it out as an offering to God. Some picturesque ruins are said to be those of the home of David's youth.

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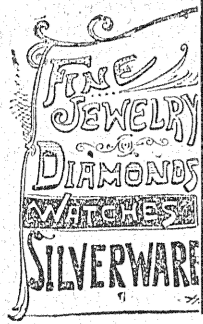
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PASSENGER TIME TABLE.

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Frpt. No. 5	PA. Mix'd No. 3	STATIONS	Mix. Pass. Frgt. No. 4 No. 6
A. M.	7:30 A. M.	Detroit	7:30 A. M. P. M.
8:30	7:00	D G H & M Mich Cen	8:50
8:50	8:15	PONTIAC	7:35 10:40 4:00
9:15	12:25	Shawnee*	7:15 10:22 3:32
10:10	10:10	Caro	7:10 10:15 3:30
10:50	9:55	Oxford	6:55 10:00 3:15
11:05	9:05	Shonn*	6:35 9:53 1:32
11:25	8:12	Leonard	6:22 9:46 1:20
11:55	6:50	Pruden	6:06 9:32 1:05
12:30	6:20	Inny City	5:35 9:10 12:30
12:55	5:50	Clifton	5:17 9:07 11:55
1:15	4:40	Kings Mills*	6:06 8:59 11:40
1:55	4:05	North Branch	5:10 8:46 11:30
2:07	10:32	Clifton	4:37 8:11 10:52
3:25	7:26	Widnow*	4

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JUST EAST OF TENNANT'S.

Reply to a Replier.

In last week's issue of the ENTERPRISE we noticed a very lengthy article of alleged criticism upon a recent "challenge" from Franklin Leuzner appearing in a former issue, and being very deeply interested in the principles involved in the discussion would beg to be given a short hearing while endeavoring to analyze a few features which seem to present themselves with special emphasis.

We recognize the kindness with which the critic initiates his article when he assures Mr. Leuzner that he, in making his criticism is not entering into a conspiracy to take from him his organ, thus banishing the dread which might otherwise haunt him of seeing the dray backing up to his workshop resultant upon a demand for the five octave. We realize also the wisdom of giving this assurance at the beginning rather than at the close of the criticism, seeing that the question might arise as to whether or not such would be necessary after a reading of the article. Realizing furthermore that our critic was not inspired by a motive of intrinsic gain, but rather by one of benevolence in wishing to furnish the public with large quantities of logic and philosophy which otherwise it might not obtain, we have reason to expect the fullest freedom in our observations.

Now in the first place we recollect of Mr. Leuzner's article as being very concise and to the point, and consisting of four definite statements, which we would naturally expect our critic to furnish proof of being untrue. In this however we are disappointed and in the criticism of Mr. Leuzner's first statement, that "competition in industrial pursuits is an incentive to enmity and strife," we find our critic simply asserting that it is not so and attempting to prove his assertions by an illustration of the Apostle Paul's competition which was of a "ministerial" and not of an industrial nature. It was not competition in the abstract but "industrial competition" of which Mr. Leuzner spoke. It is upon this point that we Socialists contend, and as for proof let facts attest. For example, do not our neighbors the town merchants naturally feel something other than a kindly spirit towards the operators of mail order houses, who organized upon legitimate competitive methods, are endeavoring to compete them out of existence by securing the trade upon which their business and consequently their living depends? And is it not quite true also that they feel something other than good fellowship toward even the patrons of these concerns? Numberless illustrations could be given here but the statement seems so axiomatic as to not even require illustrating at all. It would seem without question that industrial competition invariably does this, not to the benefit of the other fellow's rights when our own financial interests are at stake. Let the reader judge for himself in this matter.

Our critic says "Besides, one competitor cannot denounce another who competes, etc." Now, as a matter of fact no Socialist does this, nor was this done in Mr. Leuzner's statement. We denounce, not competitors, but the system of competition which drives us to compete with each other in the obtaining of the necessities of life, and propose that the principle of cooperation in industry supplant it wholly as it has already done in part. We then hear of "Honorable competition." Likewise do we also believe in this but cannot see wherein that which competes a human brother out of a certainty of living, or even robs him of the bulk of the product of his toil is worthy of any very honorable mention.

We are glad to note that Jesus of Nazareth has been by our critic accredited with "common sense" and was not placed under the merciless hammer of criticism. Upon this we can have common ground for we too believe in the common sense of Jesus. We take it that it will be granted by all that industrial conditions and methods were different two thousand years ago than now. The introduction of labor saving machinery had as yet not occurred and as a consequence the production of the necessities of life was carried on mainly by the use of hand tools, the product remaining in the possession of the producer, thus permitting him to be more of an independent entity. Today these necessities are produced in the main by the use of machinery with which it requires countless numbers of people to co-operate in the production of any one commodity. Very well, two states of industrialism have existed—that of hand production and that of machinery production. Jesus lived in one age and we in the other. Jesus preached two things, universal brotherhood and economic justice. His will seems to have been to found society upon a basis of universal brotherhood from which would naturally result economic justice. This too would seem the only common sense, logical method in that age of industrialism—hand production where individuals were practically independent of each other. The Socialist preaches two things, economic justice and universal brotherhood and seeks to found society upon a basis of economic justice from which will naturally result a universal brotherhood. This would be done by collectively owning the plant of civilization—the machinery of production and distribution with which we now collectively work, and the products of our labor apportioned according to the services we render, either with hand or brain. This would do away with all possibility of one individual making profit out of another's toil, and with the abundance produced consequently an era of good feeling would ensue. From the manner in which our critic uses the term "Co-operative Commonwealth" and his subsequent conclusions we infer that he desires the public to think of it as a

"communistic colony," and not wishing to smear him with the odium of communism, we have only one alternative that of attributing such attitude to a lack of information on the subject—a condition which we find very prevalent among our citizens generally. Let us analyze the word "Co-operative Commonwealth" and what would it suggest? Simply this, the common, (or collective) ownership of the wealth which is being used co-operatively, and this is exactly why the Socialist uses this term to state that which he advocates establishing.

Our critic then tells us that "Industry does not consist in mere physical force." Everybody knows that but we know further that it cannot operate very well without physical force which is at least a factor and which Socialism says is worthy of its pro rata share. Physical force is not not now however a matter of individual effort so much as of machinery especially here in the U. S. where thirty million horsepower power, or the equivalent of two hundred million men, that power, is today in use, or subject to use. This, with the natural resources from which the raw material is obtained, is what the Socialist claims should become collectively owned and organized. The products then would inevitably go to the persons who do the work instead of as today to those who simply exercise private ownership in these things. This would be the "Co-operative Commonwealth" which our learned critic characterizes as "wind." We need not tell him that there would not only be in it the element of wind but even to the extent of a cyclone which would sweep down off the back of labor to a position of really much less importance, all great business, political corruption, enforced poverty, millionaires, aristocracy, pink tees, champagne suppers, diamond necklaces on poodle dogs while fifty thousand human children of the working class go breakfastless to school every morning in one of our big cities alone. Yes there would be some wind of course there would.

In the remainder of the criticism of Mr. Leuzner's second statement we find many question and interrogation marks protrude. This we deem quite becoming and as a question always involves an answer, we would recommend our learned critic to a liberal use of Socialist literature to which we trust he will addict himself before again rushing into print.

And now for No. 3 and here we enter upon a question of mathematics, and not a very intricate one either—a matter of simple subtraction. Just that. Now it matters not what John C. Laing or any other adroit uses the word "profit" in industry is used to mean the surplus value which remains in the hands of one or the other individual in the event of an exchange of wealth. Of course the assent of an individual in the mercantile business, say, that this surplus value be equivalent simply to a just compensation for services rendered as a necessary distributor. In this it would not be "profit" at all but merely compensation for services and if the earnings would at all times be correct there could be no complaint heard from any quarter. Profit however is nothing other than the difference between just compensation for services and the surplus value going to an individual in an exchange. If we were children of the school and would fail to clean up on a little thing like that we could naturally expect to be kept in after four. As to whether or not then that profit in industry is wrong and contrary to the teaching of Him who said "It is better to give than to receive" and many similar ideas which a perusal of the New Testament will disclose, we have only to stop a moment and realize that since labor, either with hand or brain, produces all exchangeable wealth if one individual gets more in a transaction than he gives it necessarily follows that somebody gets less and who, tell me, ye philosopher of canabalistic competition has any right between God and man to appropriate the fruits of another's toil? If such there be he seems to have at least been overlooked by the Carpenter of Nazareth. And whether He was or was not a "prophet of discontent" we have reason to believe that He encourages revolt against the then present oppressors of the common people and His means of expressing His "satisfaction in suffering wrong" seems to have been in the way of making a scourge of cords and driving a bunch of stock owners from the farms to where they had found a suitable location in order to impose upon the religious credulity of the ignorant Jews.

As for anything that has been said in reference to Mr. Leuzner's fourth statement we believe the ground has been fully covered in the foregoing paragraphs with the exception of one point to which we will direct attention about the head of our president. Now as to this we have no contention. Granted that he be an honest, upright, fearless man, and that Congress be a community of archangels, the fact remains that this is immaterial to the workers of our country so long as an industrial system exists which permits one man for instance—according to a Wall street authority—to have an income of ten thousand dollars per hour, and this for no useful services rendered, and who does it come from? Ask the working people. It is their blood and brain and muscle and represents and controls wealth which they have produced and should be enjoying but which has been spirited away from them by "legitimate business," "honorable competition," "new and rigid legal safeguards," and all the rest of it that our critic is so desirous of trying to perpetuate. No—I guess you hadn't better send the dray after the ornan yet. We would suggest a few sharp and more appropriate premises. It is manipulated if you remember by the tongue and wind and a draft upon the cerebral functions will not be found essential.

But a word in conclusion to the working men and women—you who have made this country what it is and have no voice in its councils, and whom the puppets of capitalism choose to term "drones" and "slow bellies"—what are you going to do about it? Are you going to continue to carry upon your backs the spectacle of a degenerate, useless class—sweat and starve yourselves and your families in order to do it "decently and in order"? Or shall we cease to

be willing slaves to the ghosts of obsolete customs and systems and demand like manhood and womanhood should that they get off our backs and go to work or starve? It is for you to say and the only place you can see your desire crystallized is at the ballot box.

Thanking you very kindly Mr. Editor, for the use of your valued space, I am

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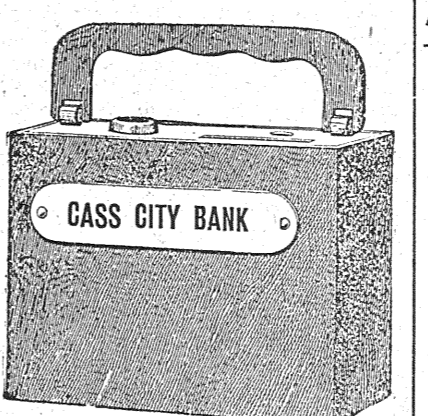
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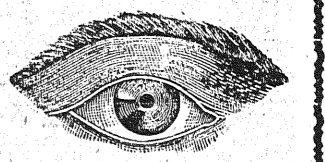
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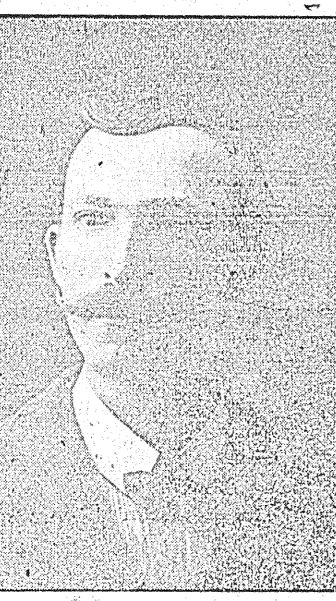
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Chicago clubwomen have 3 3-10 children apiece. On the average, of course, on the average.

To Mark Twain, whose own life is his greatest work: The longer it lasts the better it becomes.

Jan Kubelik, the violinist, wears a costly muff. The ladies will be kissing him if he doesn't watch out.

"Honest Poverty," says Uncle Andrew Carnegie, "should never be abolished." It seldom is, except by death.

Four workmen in the car shops at Pullman make from \$40 to \$60 a day, but the chances are they live only a few days.

Three Korean statesmen committed suicide, having discovered that they were streamers out of jobs since Japan moved in.

A new novel is entitled "The Heart of Lady Anne." It will be followed in due time, presumably, by "The Lungs of Lady Lucile."

"Everything is possible if you have one person to believe in you," says Ian Maclaren. Especially if the one person is a publisher.

A stranger in Chicago had his pocket picked while at prayer in church. In Chicago, evidently, it is necessary to watch as well as pray.

Troubles strengthen our hearts as exercise strengthens our muscles. The easy life is a drifting one that takes us no place in particular.

China thinks the reasonableness of its views on certain questions will be clearer to the powers when it has an army of 800,000 men fully established.

England is running a serious risk in defying the tobacco trust. The trust may take a notion to buy an island and set up an opposition to England.

The whisky trust has been sued by the sugar trust, and the only thing needed to make the legal cocktail complete is to have the lemon trust intervene.

A python in Cincinnati squeezed its keeper nearly to death. If the keeper concludes to resign, there are plenty of young ladies who will be glad of the job.

That assay officer out in Seattle who swindled the government by mixing black sand with the gold dust took mighty long chances. But he had plenty of sand.

A dancer in one of the musical comedies had her feet heavily insured. What's the matter with her? But she probably has reasons for believing they are all right.

A denizen of a dry town went to a wet town for a little diversion, and taking on too much of it, he was arrested, and the magistrate as a punishment, sent him back home.

From France comes the dreadful warning that next season motor cars that travel two miles a minute will be seen in America. Let us begin right now to get out of the way.

The London Times says the liberal premier has no reserve of enthusiasm to draw upon. It forgets the office-seekers. Till the places are filled their enthusiasm will be unbounded.

A professor at the University of California has just declared to his class in ethics that animals are immortal, and certainly experience with some cats goes to show that he is right.

Another reason why everybody should be thankful is that the meat trust has no control over the air we breathe or the beams that radiate from the sun. They are just as cheap as ever.

Reports sent out from New York say the birth rate in the Fifth avenue district is steadily declining. Isn't it rather surprising that there is any birth rate at all in the district referred to?

Somebody signing himself "Constant Reader" wants us to say that a man with hay fever should be an "influenza member of a community," but we decline to be dragged into any discussions.

The minister in Cleveland who has aroused a storm by his public declaration that beer is better for the man than dyspepsia-breeding apple dumpings says he doesn't drink beer himself. Neither does he eat apple dumpings.

A war department item says that the army signal officers will conduct some experiments with a device invented by a Massachusetts milliaman which converts the ploughshare into an implement of warfare. Alas, what a perversion of the scriptures!

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

MOTHER AND CHILDREN PERISH IN BURNING HOUSE.

BAD MAN FROM FLINT TO BE ELECTROCUTED IN OHIO FOR MURDER OF POLICEMAN.

Three Perish in Flames.

Burned to death in their home near Charlevoix, the husband and father, unable because of locked doors to rescue them, was the fate Sunday night of Mrs. William Ostrum and her two children, one three years old and the other but six months. The mother was subject to apoplexy, and it is supposed that she fell in a fit, upsetting her lamp and precipitating the holocaust.

Ostrum says it was but a few minutes after he left the house at 6 o'clock that he learned of the fire. He ran back and frantically attempted to rescue his family, but the whole interior of the house was ablaze, and the locked doors further hindered his efforts at rescue.

When the fire had burned itself out, the bodies of the three victims were found in the cellar. The mother and the oldest child were found in the remains of the bed, and the body of the babe beneath the place where it usually lay in a chair.

To the Electric Chair.

Fred Caster, of Flint, has been found guilty at Columbus, O., of murder in the first degree for the killing of Policeman Dan Davis of that city, who detected him in the act of robbing the home of Horace L. Chapman, a wealthy mine owner.

This verdict means that Caster will go to the electrical chair.

Caster has a Michigan record, also. At Bay City about two years ago he was surprised in the residence of Mrs. John Gregory, and forced Messrs. Orrin Jackson and Bigelow, roomers there, to show him the door by holding a gun at their heads. Caster escaped, but was held up by Saginaw police and captured by engaging in a revolver battle. He was sentenced at Bay City, escaped, was captured again and served his sentence; was again arrested in Flint, sentenced, and escaped.

Burned to Death.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ingersoll, ranging in age from 3 to 6 years, were burned to death in their home near Elio Lake, Thursday. The father was at work and the mother went to visit a neighbor, leaving the children in the house alone. The youngest child was cremated and the other two died shortly after being taken from the burning house.

The fire was started by the children playing with kerosene oil while the mother was absent looking for another child which had wandered away from home.

East Paris Tragedy.

Webb Clark, aged 45, a prosperous farmer of East Paris township, shot his wife in the right temple at an early hour Thursday morning. She will die. After defying the efforts of the neighboring farmers to enter his home to give aid to his wife he returned into the house and sent a bullet into his own right temple. He cannot live and was unconscious when two deputy sheriffs reached the scene, after driving five miles from the city.

Clark is said to have been insane. His three children declare that he spent a sleepless night, having terrific pains in the head, and that at an early hour Thursday morning he began to rave. About 5 o'clock, as nearly as the children figure it, Clark called his wife to his side and with her head almost against his bosom and in the act of caressing her, he pulled his revolver and put a bullet into her temple.

The three children were unharmed. One, the oldest boy, named Fred, escaped from the house at 6 o'clock, and conveyed the news to a neighbor, who called the sheriff.

Cornelius, the 15-year-old son of Peter Reilly, broke through the ice and was drowned while skating on the Raisin river.

Clasped in each other's arms, the bodies of Ralph and Ray Relyea, aged 11 and 13 years, respectively, were found in Coldwater river this morning.

Harvey Reams, of Three Rivers, skated on thin ice and broke through. He was rescued by means of a rope, but it took some time to resuscitate him.

Willie Dory, aged 10, skated on thin ice in Saginaw river and broke through, drowning in sight of several companions and despite the efforts of Willie Baird, son of Senator Baird, to save him.

It is reported that Cressy L. Wilbur, chief of the department of vital statistics, will resign the first of the year. He has been in the department 13 years.

A married man by the name of Gorham living in Sandstone, Jackson county, left his horse and buggy in Jackson, came to Ann Arbor by electric car, looked up some legal matters in the probate court, Wednesday, and is now missing.

The game warden's department has seized 52 deer water gill nets at Beaver Island, in Lake Michigan, which belong to the Michigan and Wisconsin fishermen, and are valued at several thousand dollars. This is the biggest single seizure in the history of the department.

The acquittal of Fred Harris, charged with murder because of the death of Henry Wieck, Jr., during the street car strike in Saginaw last July, has led to the discharge of William Johnson, Charles Hulbert, James Sullivan and Anton Tubac, charged with murder jointly with Harris.

FEARFUL EXPLOSION.

A quick, sharp detonation, louder than the combined report of many cannons; a distinct tremor that shook Marquette; the sound of falling glass, and a dull, rumbling roar that vibrated among the hills. These were the accompaniments of the disastrous explosion when 1,300 pounds of nitro-glycerin and a quantity of dynamite let go, which wrecked the plant of the Eastern Dynamite Co., three miles distant from Marquette, Saturday morning. The scene at the works is one of dire havoc. The nitro-glycerin house is a total wreck, also the "dope" house. The packing houses look as though they had been bombarded with heavy guns, and the engine room and other buildings more or less damaged. Great holes were torn in the roofs, the walls were bulged in or shoved out, and in some instances the buildings had collapsed utterly.

Of the mixing house, located on the bank of Deer river, not a vestige remains. It was here that the explosion of the deadly nitro-glycerin had occurred—how, will never be known, for all five men in the building at the time were blown into atoms. Torn into splinters, the timbers had been scattered like so much chaff. The machinery broken into pieces, had been hurled in all directions. Some smaller fragments being picked up a mile distant. Parts of the flywheel were found several hundred feet away on the ice of the river. Large pine trees had been broken in two, and in general the scene was one of devastation, for which, however, thanks are due that it was no worse. Had the nitro-glycerin house gone too, and it is regarded as remarkable that it didn't, the horror possibly would have been magnified many times over.

Of the five men killed, only enough shreds of their blackened flesh to cover the bottom of a small powder box had been found in the snow in the nearby woods up to late this afternoon.

The plant comprises about 30 buildings, scattered over 80 acres. Some structures were wrecked, others badly damaged, the property loss running well into the thousands. It will be necessary to rebuild practically the entire plant.

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MUTINY IN THE ARMY GROWS DAILY AND FIRE, PILLAGE AND BUTCHERY CONTINUE.

Burning Everything.

The Lokal Anzeiger's Koningsberger, East Prussia, correspondent says the revolutionists are in full control of all of Courland and Livonia and that the neighboring government of Kovono is also a place of rebellion. Armed bands, he says, are burning everything. Mitau and Riga are in flames and Libau is seriously threatened. The lives of all Germans are in the greatest danger. Everything is in an uproar from Kreutzberg, on the Duna to Kovno, and rescue parties to save the Germans are impatiently needed. Two gentlemen from the Baltic provinces, Baron Korff and M. von Rosenbach, who were about to take a train for Kovno, were seized by insurgents and detained as hostages.

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STOP HAZING.

Hazing of every kind, it is announced, will be stamped out of the Naval academy, regardless of the number of dismissions from the brigade of midshipmen necessary to bring about this result. Two midshipmen will be dismissed from the academy within a few days by the secretary of the navy, the hazing of the other for countenancing it by failure while on duty to report its occurrence. Other dismissions will follow as often as midshipmen are found guilty of hazing or countenancing it.

Congressional investigation of the conditions at the academy has already been proposed, a resolution introduced in the house by Rep. Lord, of Michigan. The resolution provides that the committee may act by a sub-committee if found advisable, and may sit at the capitol or at the naval academy or elsewhere, and may send for persons and papers and examine witnesses, and take such action as may be found necessary.

Briefly, there are developments in the movement against hazing in the naval academy. When Secretary Bonaparte reached the navy department Thursday he received an official report from Admiral Sands announcing the suspension of midshipman Tremor Coffin, Jr., third classman, for hazing Midshipman Jerdone Pettus Kimbrough, fourth classman, by forcing him to stand on his head until he became unconscious, and of Midshipman Warren Abbe Van Derwee, second classman, because while on duty he observed the occurrence and failed to report it.

The superintendent called attention to the fact that Midshipmen Coffin and Van Derwee were guilty of violating a well known regulation for the government of the naval academy and recommended that they be dismissed in accordance with an act of congress approved March 3, 1903.

Engagement Announced.

Formal announcement was made Wednesday by the president and Mrs. Roosevelt of the engagement of the president's daughter, Alice Lee Roosevelt, to Nicholas Longworth, representative in congress from the first district of Ohio, one of the Cincinnati districts. Coupled with the announcement of the engagement is the additional announcement that the wedding will take place about the middle of next February. The wedding the coming spring season in the White House will go down in history as a famous one. It is expected that the ceremony will take place in the historic east room so well adapted for such festivity.

The last wedding in the east room was that of Nelly Grant and Algernon Sartoris, son of Edward Sartoris, of England, which took place on May 21, 1874. This was probably the most brilliant wedding which had then ever taken place in Washington. It was the seventh to take place in the White House.

The first one was that of Miss Maria Monroe, youngest daughter of President Monroe, who was married in March, 1820, also in the east room, to Samuel L. Gouverneur, of New York.

Elizabeth Tyler, daughter of President and Mrs. John Tyler, was married in the east room on January 31, 1842, to Mr. William Waller, of Williamsburg, Va. She was in her 19th year. This was a brilliant affair.

But the last wedding in the White House was that of President Cleveland and Miss Frances Folsom, who grew to be one of the most beloved mistresses of the White House. They were married in the blue room of the mansion on June 2, 1886. There was but a small company to witness the ceremony, the bride having come down from New York with her mother for the occasion. This was the ninth marriage under the historic roof, which has sheltered the greater number of our presidents. Only the members of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, with their wives, and a very few personal friends of the bride and bridegroom attended. It was the first time a president had been married in the White House.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Women's suffrage has been granted by the diet of Finland.

Tom Lawson's oldest son, Arnold, is engaged to marry Mrs. Lucie Mitchell, stepdaughter of Thomas A. McIntyre, a New York banker. She is said to have a fortune in her own right.

"Bill" Sewall, the famous guide of Island Falls, Me., and friend of President Roosevelt, has been nominated by the president for collector of customs in the district of Aroostook.

Hetty Green keeps about \$800,000 worth of diamonds on hand at all times. She never wears any of them, but she knows that they increase in value at the rate of 3 per cent a year, and holds them as an investment. Hetty wears no jewelry at all. Her sole possession in this line is a marriage ring. The increment on her diamonds heard this year will be much larger than in previous years. Diamonds have gone up nearly 10 per cent.

An interesting discovery has been made in the sancta sanctorum, or chapel at the head of the holy stairs, at St. John Lutheran, Rome. The holy stairs leads to a tiny chapel which was formerly for the private use of the popes. Here coffers have been discovered, which prove to be most precious antique and unique works of art. All are made of solid silver and are deeply chased in the best manner and date from the second and third century. One which formerly held a piece of the true cross is in the shape of a cross, and its value is almost inestimable.

Unless we despise a woman when we cease to love her, we are still a slave without consciousness of intoxication.

Rep. James E. Watson, of Indiana, has been chosen by the Republican house caucus as "whip" to succeed Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota.

The greatest secrecy is thrown over the government's answer to Linievitch, which was sent via Vladivostok.

The mob has plundered and set fire to some of the Jewish houses in the Moscow suburb of Riga. The Jews have organized armed patrols, each a hundred strong, to guard the Jewish quarters at night.

NEWS OF THE NATION

CHICAGO BANKS BROKEN BY WALSH'S HEAVY LOANS.

DOWIE HANDS OVER THE RUNNING OF ZION CITY OWING TO HIS ILL HEALTH.

Chicago Bank Failures.

Action has been taken by the comptroller of the currency, William B. Riggely, that will compel the three large financial institutions, the Chicago national bank, the Chicago Home Savings bank and the Equitable Trust Co., dominated by John R. Walsh to wind up their affairs.

The other national banks of the city have come to the rescue, and it is declared on the authority of the clearing house association, the comptroller, and also by the officers of the Chicago National bank, that not a single depositor will lose a cent.

The difficulties of the three banks, which are practically one and the same institution, are attributed by the comptroller of the currency to the large loans made by the Chicago National bank to the railroad, coal mining and other private enterprises controlled by Mr. Walsh.

The liabilities of the two banks, and of the Equitable Trust Co. were roughly estimated at \$26,000,000. The assets of the three institutions made up about \$20,000,000, and the directors and officials of the Chicago National bank came to the front with securities amounting to about \$3,000,000 more. This left a deficit of about \$3,000,000 to be faced, and the Chicago banks represented at the meeting declared at once that they would meet the situation and care for the deficit. If it proved necessary to advance any more than \$3,000,000 to meet all demands the banks pledged themselves to make up the amount whatever it might be.

Dowie Breaks Down.

John Alexander Dowie, head of the christian catholic church in Zion, has given up his rule and will soon leave for one of the islands of the Caribbean Sea, there to remain until spring in hopes of regaining health.

Announcement of the abdication of the leader of Zion City was made at Zion City Sunday by Overseer John C. Speicher. Saturday Dowie made it known that he would transfer all authority over the church unreservedly to a triumvirate and leave for the south as soon as he could arrange his affairs.

Control of the church has been placed in the hands of Overseer Speicher, Judge D. V. Barnes and Deacon Alex. Granger.

"The finances of the Zion City institutions will be reorganized immediately," said Overseer Speicher, making the announcement at Shiloh temple. It will work a radical change in the administration of financial and industrial institutions of Zion City. The change will not affect ecclesiastical, educational or political departments, but there will be a complete revolution in the industrial and financial methods."

Reorganization will be placed in the hands of C. J. Barnard and will involve a separation of the various institutions.

Borrowed brains have a way of balking when you drive them in public.

Gad Smith will be reappointed collector of customs at Marquette, Senators Burrows and Alger having agreed upon it.

Rev. John O. Snider, aged 67, retired Methodist minister, fell dead while drawing wood in Long Rapids township.

The \$100,000 Menominee steel foundry, which was recently blown down by a tornado, has been rebuilt and will commence operations in a few days.

No missionary work for Mrs. Murguditch G. Alexanian. When her husband asked her to go to Turkey with him to labor among the Mohammedans she balked and Alexanian says she has deserted him.

Capt. Samanski, of the 222d regiment, stationed at Kaluga, has declined to obey the order of his colonel to use his company in breaking up the strike, declaring in writing that he regarded police work as outside the duties of officers and soldiers.

Physicians at St. Vincent's hospital, New York, were greatly surprised when, on performing an operation for appendicitis on Timothy Keleher, they found a pencil several inches long in the man's stomach. Keleher could not explain how the pencil got there and it is thought to have swallowed it in his sleep.

A wife is not a competent witness against her husband even if her testimony would convict him of shooting his infant in the arms of his mother. The West Virginia state supreme court has so decided. The case was that of the state versus Woodrow of Mineral county. Woodrow was convicted on the testimony of his wife.

There is a rumor afloat among the midshipmen that when congressional investigation of hazing commences all the upper class men will join in an acknowledgment that they have taken part in hazing and, in a sense, defy the investigators.

Employees of the Newcastle, Pa., pottery works are fined or discharged for swearing.

In view of the serious news from Riga and Reval, Chancellor von Buelow has authorized the president of the province of East Prussia to charter steamers for Riga, Reval and Libau and to place them at the disposition of the German subjects in those cities.

"Shriveled ape" was the dainty epithet applied by Rep. Lamar, of Florida, to John Sharpe Williams, on the floor of the house at Washington, because Williams displaced him and Rep. Shackleford, of Missouri, and the committee on interstate commerce.

MICHIGAN COAL.

In view of the steady growth of Michigan's manufacturing interests and the increasing demand for coal, both for industrial and domestic consumption, there is arising a keen and growing interest in the coal resources of Michigan. During the past few years our soft coal industry has made a wonderful growth, but those best qualified to speak express the belief that Michigan coal mining is in its merest infancy. Coal has been mined in Michigan since 1835, the early mines having been opened in the so-called Jackson field, near the site of Jackson. In 1838 mines were opened at Grand Lodge, Eaton county.

The coal production of these small mines was, however, never considerable, and the first official report of their output is in the United States census report for 1890, in which a production of 2,320 tons is credited to Michigan. The total coal production of Michigan for 1904 was 1,342,840 short tons, having a spot value of \$2,424,935. This total, it should be doubted without opening another subject, is a record.

On this subject Michigan Mine Inspector Stevenson says that with the mines now opened Michigan has a capacity to produce 3,000,000 tons of coal a year.

Of the Michigan coal all but about 60,000 to 65,000 tons is mined in Saginaw and Bay counties. Saginaw leads in production, with Bay County a close second. The other counties producing a little coal are Shiawassee, Huron, Jackson and Eaton.

THE MARKETS.

The Old Year

The white dawn glistened and he said,
"This day!"
The candle reddened and he sighed,
"Farewell."
The herald sun came forth and he was dead.

Life was all in his veins but yesterday,
And ruddy health seemed laughing on his lips;
Now he is dust, and will not breathe again!

Give him a place to lay his regal head,
Give him a tomb beside his brothers gone,
Give him a tablet for his deeds and name.

Hear the new voice that claims the vacant throne,
Take the new hand outstretched to meet thy kiss,
But give the past—'tis all thou carest—
thy tears! —James T. Fields.

The Way It Happened

BY GEORGE SHEDD

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The boy was showing the girl an old revolver he had acquired in a swap and he was telling her of his plans to go out west and be a cowboy or a desperado—he had not decided which. He spoke with all the insufferable condescension and bravado of the masculine early teens and she listened with the reverence which became her sex and three years juniority. It pleased his self-esteem to have so worshipful a listener as the sunny-haired little fairy, and it swelled her budding feminine heart to be the confidant of so sturdy and valiant a hero.

They were behind the old arbor, whither Ted had summoned Bessie with great mystery, to announce his great design. Presently they were interrupted by two young people who strolled into the arbor.

"Sh," whispered the boy, placing his fingers on his lips. "It's your sister Emma and that Wilkins fellow." The two sat quietly awaiting an opportunity to slip away unnoticed. It pleased the spirit of the boy to surround his actions with deep secrecy, and the girl was satisfied to obey implicitly.

Inside the arbor the old, old story was being enacted.

"Miss Roberts," said the young man in a strained voice, clearing his throat, "I have been wanting to speak to you—that is, I have been intending—that is, I have been trying to get an opportunity to be alone with you for a long time."

There was a pause, and the voice went on: "I mean, to have an opportunity to speak to you, to tell you—to—oh—that is, you must have known, you know—that is, you certainly have seen that I—that is—"

There was another awkward pause, and the young woman said softly: "That you what, Mr. Wilkins?"

There was a note of desperation in the lover's voice when he answered, and the words were broken by his nervous breathing.

"That I—you see that, that—that is, that—oh, heavens, I—don't you know?"

Apparently she did know, because the voice ceased and there were sounds inside of a much pleasanter nature.

After awhile the lover said in perfectly normal tones: "May I put the ring on your finger?"

After which there were more oscillatory sounds, and presently they went away.

The two children had sat staring at each other with open eyes and mouths during the proceedings inside.

"Oh, wasn't it splendid!" exclaimed the little girl when the lovers were out of hearing.

"Splendid!" snorted the boy in accents of disgust. "I call it a funk. Why, the lobster never said it at all. Anybody'd a'thought he saw a bear."

"Splendid!" snorted the boy. "I call it a funk!"

he was so frightened. How'd she know what he was a-tryin' to say?"

"Oh, she knew all right," replied the girl with intuitive feminine wisdom. "She's probably known it a long time, and was 'speakin' it."

"Why'n't thunder didn't he say it?" persisted the young Comanche.

"Probably he was frightened," replied the girl.



"But, as I was about to say—that is, I—at least you—"

do it different than that. Here's the way I'll do it."

The boy pulled a thumbed and folded paper novel from a mysterious pocket somewhere in the recesses of his clothes and, turning the pages rapidly over, exclaimed:

"Here it is. Wait a minute." He read rapidly for a moment, then dropped the book and, jumping to his feet, grabbed his cap with both hands and pressed it to his right breast.

"Fair maiden," he said in the tones of the ten-twenty-three stage villain "thou art my heart's desire. Long years have I loved you with all the passionate ardor of me race. Come, fly with me to yonder—yonder what-do-you-call-it—I forget the rest, but anyway, that's the way Percy Fitzmorriss does it in 'The Stolen Bride,' and that's the way I'll do it—only I'll improve it, and you bet I'll have it down pat before I get it off to any girl."

"My, that's splendid," said the girl with shining eyes. "I wish I could hear you say it."

"Oh, pshaw; you'll be married and know all about it long before I do it. I ain't got no time to think about marryin' for a long time. I've got to go out and—oh—and do things, and fight and get a reputation."

The old arbor had seen the sun and rain of many seasons since the boy and girl sat open-mouthed behind it and heard the proposal, when one bright day a tall and stately maiden with hair like burnished gold and eyes like sapphires entered hastily and sank onto the old seat in the corner, carved with many initials and designs. A slight flush was on her rounded cheek and her breath came rather quicker than usual. She glanced expectantly toward the door, then hastily pulled some crochet work from the pocket of her white apron and began to ply her fingers.

Presently a young man appeared at the door. He was a stalwart, handsome fellow, withal, and was faultlessly attired from the crown of his derby hat to the soles of his patent leather shoes. He removed his hat and said:

"I thought I should find you here. May I come in?"

And without awaiting a reply he entered and stood before her.

"I have been trying to get a few words with you, Miss Roberts, for the past two months," he began bravely. "But it has seemed impossible to find you alone of late. In fact, I have scarcely seen you alone since I returned from the South."

He paused a moment and went on with a little catch in his voice:

"You see, I've been wanting to see you alone—as I said—for some time, because, you see, I wanted to—that is, er, I—that is—"

"I haven't been doing anything naughty, I hope," ventured the girl.

"Oh, dear no," replied the man,

shifting his position onto the other foot. "You couldn't if you tried, you know. But, as I was about to say, I—I—that is, I—at least you—that is to say, I wanted to see you alone for a moment, because I had something to say to you—you know."

"Yes," replied the girl softly.

The young man mopped his face desperately with his handkerchief, although the day was not warm, and murmured:

"Well, it's this way—you see er—er, I—that is—"

"Why don't you do it the way Percy Fitzmorriss did it?" asked the girl demurely.

"Bess," he shouted, dropping onto the seat beside her. And I fear if any young boys and girls were listening behind the arbor they heard sounds much similar to those which reached the ears of certain young friends of ours some years before. After the first spasm of osculation was over the man duly presented the ring which was duly installed on the proper finger—the third finger of the left hand, I am told. After which the girl looked at the man and said, with a mischievous sparkle in her eyes:

"Why'n't thunder didn't he say it, Ted; how'd she know what he was a-tryin' to say?"

The answer was another demonstration, which left the girl's hair in a sadly tumbled state, after which the man remarked:

"Of all the insufferable fools on earth, commend me to a half-baked, unlicked boy."

THOUGHT WAGNER WAS FUNNY Peculiar Compliment Paid Composer by Unmusical Englishman.

A story which Alfred Reisenauer, the pianist, tells of Richard Wagner relates to a London dinner at which the great composer was requested to be especially amiable to Lord Pitkin, a most unmusical man but high in social councils. In due season the two were presented.

"Where is your entertainment to be?" asked his lordship after the introduction, when Wagner's forthcoming concert was mentioned.

"At St. James' hall," replied the composer. "I trust your lordship will be able to come."

"I may, I may," replied the great personage.

The concert took place as scheduled and a week or more later a patron of Wagner gave a soiree in honor of the composer. Lord Pitkin was prominent among the guests and he seized the first opportunity to walk over to Wagner and congratulate him.

"I was at your entertainment," said the polite nobleman, "and I don't know when I've enjoyed anything more. I laughed till I cried. You are very funny, Herr Wagner."

The company stopped talking and an amazed look spread over Wagner's face.

"But you know," continued the affable lord, "it was almost half an hour before I recognized you with your black face and crinkly hair."

When Lord Pitkin stopped laughing he saw that he was alone in his merriment.

"Why—what—I hope I haven't—it was St. James' hall, wasn't it—I—er—"

Some one then explained that St. James' hall consisted of an upper and a lower auditorium and that his lordship evidently had wandered into the one where the Burgess & Moore minstrels were giving a jubilee entertainment.

"Wagner's expression," says Reisenauer in concluding the anecdote, "was a study, but Lord Pitkin's—well, his was an entire course of instruction."

Cutting In. A telegraph operator went with a friend to lunch in one of the uptown restaurants. After they had been there a few minutes the telegraph operator called his friend's attention to a pretty young woman seated at a table on the side of the room, who was toying with her spoon occasionally tapping gently with it on the side of her plate. A well-dressed man seated at a table some distance away was going through a similar performance. The telegraph operator informed his friend that the couple were carrying on a flirtation by the Morse alphabet.

Then he tapped a few times with his fork. The young man and woman turned very red in the face and suddenly departed. This is what the telegraph operator had signaled:

"Oh, quit your spooning and get married!"

Juryman with Mind Made Up. The late Judge Charles Doe was engaged as an attorney previous to the time he became a justice of the New Hampshire supreme court. The case was all in, the arguments heard, and the judge had instructed the jury to retire and bring in a verdict.

When the sheriff reached the jury room he discovered that he had but eleven jurors. Returning he found the twelfth man complacently occupying a seat in the jury box. He explained to the juryman that he should retire with his associates and bring in a verdict.

"Hain't got to retire," said the juryman. "Squire Hoar says it's so, and it must be so."

Her Birthday. Oh, little girl, but still not so, so very, very wee, Fourteen's a right smart bunch of years; But, dear, if I could be Fourteen I'd be as glad again. As you are glad, my ween, For 'I'm a long and toilsome way The wrong side of fourteen.

You do not know, you can not know, How a man's heart careens, When he is old, to see a girl, A sweet girl in her teens, Glad for the adding of a year To her short life; the less Of life are hidden, hidden deep, When one's fourteen, Louise.

—J. M. Lewis, Houston Post.

Few Win at Monte Carlo

Plungers Welcomed at This Paradise of the Gambler on the Mediterranean Sea

(Special Correspondence.)

The American, Himan Thorne, who was credited in the cable dispatches with having won \$150,000 dollars in a week's stay at Monte Carlo, is only one of a dozen players who have taken big sums from the famous gambling institution.

In fact, the house on the sunny promontory of Monaco has never been so prosperous as now, and it could probably spare ten times what Thorne is reputed to have taken, without quitting a loser on the summer's activity.

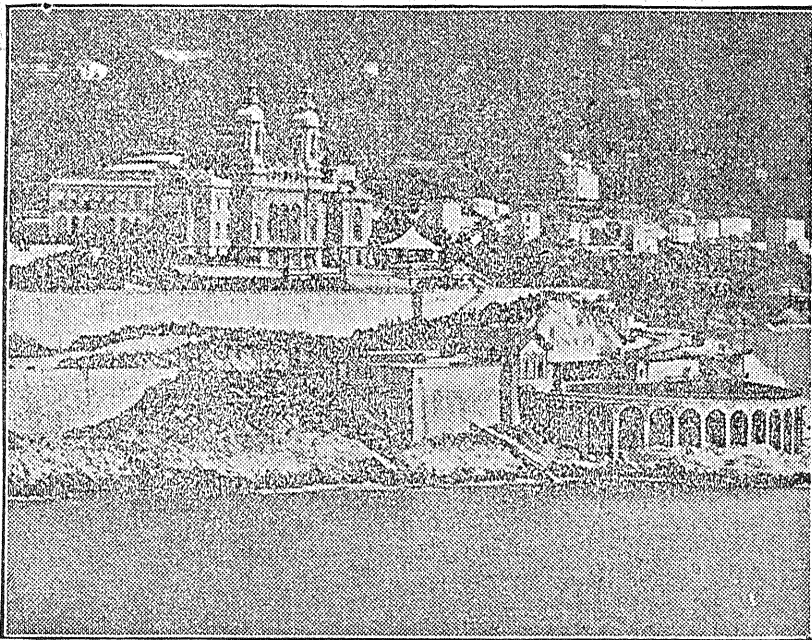
The multi-millionaire of the United States away for his holiday on the continent, finds Monte Carlo an irresistible magnet. In the United States a widespread prejudice against gambling compels the man of millions to curb his tendencies. But once he reaches the domain of the Prince of Monaco he can let down the bars and play to his heart's content for a sum as great as he likes, for it is one of the laws of Monte Carlo that there is no

sense to leave with the sum intact. One of the next in magnitude was that of a Russian Grand Duke, who, playing in the Club Privee, won 200,000 francs.

Petty Swindlers in Plenty. More money has been lost by the Monte Carlo bank through fraud than through so-called "honest" play. The Casino, backed by vast resources, is a tempting bait for the professional swindler, and more such gentry are harbored in the three miles of territory composing the principality of Monaco than in any other spot of similar size on the civilized globe.

The majority of them prey not on the bank but its dupes. Stake snatching and other ingenious variants of the confidence trick form their main standby. The bank itself, however, suffers from their attentions.

The prime mover in a recent plot was an English swell named Ardis-



Landing Place and Casino.

son, who had successfully worked nearly every pleasure resort on the continent, and now for the first time turned his attention to the seemingly unassailable fortress of wealth by the Tideless Sea. Ardisson spied out the land a month or more before he attempted operations and, clad in an unassuming disguise, made a particular study of the gaming tables and the methods of play. He reached the conclusion that roulette was unworthy of his attention.

Trente-et-quarante gave him some food for thought. It is played with cards, it is non-mechanical; the personal equation enters into its procedure and, finally, the stakes were high. In this game Ardisson saw his opening.

Carried Away Large Sum. Vanishing from the neighborhood of his blissfully ignorant victims, he returned eventually, accompanied by a friend of his own sex and profession and a couple of beautiful and well dressed women. The party ranged themselves two on each side of the trente-et-quarante board, and while the croupier was shuffling the cards preparatory to starting a fresh set of deals, the woman on one side engaged the croupier in ingenious chat—asking explanations of how the game was played, and so forth—while she on the other requested the croupier to supply her with gold change for a banknote.

At the precise instant when the croupier was ready to begin one of the women dropped 50 louis on the floor, creating a most unseemly diversion and attracting all eyes from the cloth. Attendants gathered up her gold, and the game proceeded. The Ardisson party vigorously attacked "la rouge et la couleur," and behold, "rouge gagne et couleur" no less than three times running, altogether an unprecedented occurrence.

Whichever way the quartet stake went the party won. After eight coups the croupier retired majestically, carrying with them 180,000 francs of the bank's money. At the door of the Casino a smart carriage awaited them and in five minutes they were whirled across the frontier.

The secret of Ardisson's staggering success only became known when too late. Horrified at the loss to the bank, which the eight abnormal coups had caused, the croupier ordered the cards to be examined. There were eighty-four too many in the pack. A croupier had been bribed to insert a specially shuffled slab of cards at a given signal and the disturbance caused by the fall of the woman's gold pieces had drawn all eyes from the deed. Two months' imprisonment was his sentence, a period of discomfort he could afford to disregard when weighed against his personal profits.

Japanese Eating More Meat. Prof. Yoshitami Nakamura, graduate of the imperial agricultural college in Sapporo, Japan, is at the Minnesota state school of agriculture taking a special course in animal industry and meats. He is especially interested in the packing business and has visited the big plants in this city and elsewhere. Prof. Nakamura says that on account of the Buddhist religion the Japanese have been averse to eating meats, but now that Japan is adopting the Christian religion the prejudice against eating meats have to a certain extent disappeared.

Interior of Roulette Room.

there is enough in their strong bank to tide over any drain.

Those stories of breaking the bank, which recur frequently, emanate from people who do not know the condition. The bank cannot be broken. It is conceivable that the supply of ready cash might be exhausted for a few hours, but there is always plenty more obtainable, and the player who stays and fights it out with the bank will always come out the loser.

This does not mean, of course, that none of the flies who walk into M. Blanc's parlor escape. Many of them get away with goodly piles, some by trickery, some legitimately.

Leut. Col. Newtham Davis, one of a gay coterie of Englishmen in Paris, who mingles considerably with the American colony, vouches for the story which credits a Chicago friend of his with scooping 500,000 francs in the Salles de Jeu in a single day, and greater marvel still, having the horse

La Noite.

Is it night? And sits night at your pillow?
Sits darkness about you like death?
Rolls darkness above like a billow,
As drawing men catch in their breath?

Of crosses, of pitfalls and bars?
Then lift up your face from your torments,
For heaven alone holds the stars!

Lo! shaggy heard shepherds, the fastness—
Lorn, desolate Syrian sod;
The darkness, the midnight, the vastness—
That vast, solemn night bore a God!

The night brought us God; and the Savior
Lay down in a cradle to rest;
A sweet cherub Babe in behavior,
So that all baby-world might be blest.

—Joquin Miller.

THE REAL CHRISTMAS. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:
Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace, and good will toward men.

If we keep Christmas in the spirit that prevailed at its inception there will be the keynote that must at all times—individuals, communities and nations—to its genuine commemoration. That was the proclamation which inaugurated the Christian era, and that is the inspiration that has made it the mightiest power of the succeeding twenty centuries.

Empire, to which the ambition of statesmen is constantly turning, has been conceived, waxed, waned and fallen into ruin time and time again. The lower motives of mammon have striven to dazzle results and vanished. Institutions, nations, learning, have risen and fallen. But the power of the humble doctrine of peace, good will and Christian charity has never failed when sincerely and faithfully adhered to. The Star of Bethlehem has outshone the stars of empire, learning and commerce, simply because the spirit of the first is divine and unperishable and that of the others is earthly and mortal.

What, then, is the true Christmas? Not even the most shallow can, if challenged to thought, see in it only an occasion for selfish feasting and thoughtless merriment. It is clearly a feast of good will, a celebration of peace, and acknowledgment of divinity. But do we celebrate the birth of Christianity if we confine the peace and good will to individual relations and hear of their guiding power only in the churches? Think of what it would mean if the doctrine proclaimed at Bethlehem should rule the organizations of mankind; if commerce and politics were governed by the Golden Rule, and if governments stood only for the practice instead of the mere profession of peace on earth and good will, not alone to their own people, but to all the people of the earth, to which the glad news was brought on the day which Christendom now commemorates!

It is a sad commentary on human frailty that the great organizations of Christian humanity, in governments and commercial concentrations, rarely, if ever, are ruled by the principles they profess. Many an individual guides his life by sincere Christianity; but the government or corporation that shapes its policy by the guiding principle of peace, good will and the Golden Rule is unique, if not absolutely unknown. Yet we need not be discouraged at the failure to realize what is professed. Some progress can be seen, though it has taken many centuries to show it. When nations are making steady though halting attempts to abolish the heathenism of war there is hope that they may eventually reach the actual practice of the doctrine they have formally acknowledged for ages.

Glory to God; on earth peace, and good will toward men! The closer the approach we can make to that standard the nearer will the real Christmas bring its great joy to all men.

Frankincense. Frankincense was part of the magi's gift on the first Christmas day because it had "an odor of sweet savor," as an old legend says.

The Christmas Spirit. It is the desire and effort to contribute to the happiness of others that makes Christmas the most delightful of all our holidays. Children at first, perhaps, think most of the gifts that they may receive, but every wise parent teaches the child to be a giver as well as a receiver, and to find the deeper joy of the Christmas time in doing something for the pleasure of some one else. The maxim, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," is one of those beautiful statements that is easy to approve, but one never knows how true it is until one finds it verified in experience. We often make the mistake of thinking that "giving" consists in the bestowal of some material thing. But it really consists in devotion to another of what we have; it may be money, or time, or skill, or thoughtfulness, or patience. There is no one so poor that he cannot give another something. That is the real joy of Christmas time. If we carried the Christmas spirit into all the days of the year we would make life infinitely sweeter and happier.

BIRTH OF A WORLD.

At the mid-hour of a semi-tropic night, in a land not far different from this, well-nigh 2,000 years ago, a world was born. A world of hope, and courage and tenderness; a world within a world, albeit its confines were the walls of a lowly stable hid in pale Judea's hills.

No blare of trumpet, blown through the far distances of air, announced the coming of the new ruler into His own, but, down long bars of light, twisted heaven and earth, the white-winged angels sent sweet melodies of peace. Weaving through space in its eternal course, the rolling earth made no pause for this, the greatest event in all its history, yet, hung on high, a stranger amid the galaxy of stars guided the far-called wanderers of the night merrily to the manger where in He lay, dimming, for once, at least, those points of light that, for so long had whitened the sullen dreariness of the desert night.

And then, sweet and low, there came to the humblest of them all, to the shepherd tending his flock through the watches of the night, the sound of angels' voices in the second Annunciation, the song of peace in place of the strife the world had known so long. Ringing, ringing, down through the vaulted heaven it fell, and he, forsooth, he thought he dreamed!

And through it all the Babe, the golden glory of the Star drifting about His head, turned in His sleep and smiled.

Nigh to the same hour another babe, he of the gold-bought kiss, wet with his tears the embroidered pillow on which he lay.

The Little Ones. There's a patter of tiny foot-steps;
There's a chatter of broken speech;
For the very least at the Christmas feast
For the Christmas plums may reach.

And dancing feet are light-some,
And little bare feet are dear,
And late to bed goes the golden head
On the merriest night in the year.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

The Boy Spirit. In every man there is the spirit of the boy that once dominated him. It never entirely dies out. In the coldly commercial man, whose idol is the dollar mark, the boy spirit lies dormant, but it is there, nevertheless, and can be aroused if it is only appealed to in the right way. At this, the Christmas season, every man should try to forget his stern self and be a boy again. Cut all the restraints and let the boy-nature have full sweep, for this is what Longfellow would call "the children's hour." The man who does not put away all selfishness and live the spirit of the Christmas time is an enemy to himself and to society. Let the merry Christmas spirit be unanimous.—Four-Track News.

Christmas Decorations. The practice of "tying greens," or decorating churches and houses with evergreens at Christmas, has existed in England from very early times. The holly was thought to symbolize the Crown of Thorns, the prickly leaves standing for the thorns, the scarlet berries for the sacred drops of blood. Mistletoe has always been used in house decorations, but was not allowed in the churches on account of the association with the cruel rites of the Druids.

The King of Glory. Before the palling of the stars,
Before the winter morn,
Before the earliest cockerow,
Jesus Christ was born;
Dora is stable,
Cradled in a manger,
In the world his hands had made
Born a stranger.

Priest and king lay fast asleep
In Jerusalem,
Young and old lay fast asleep
In crowded Bethlehem,
Saint and angel, ox and ass,
Kept a watch together
Before the Christmas daybreak
In the winter weather.

Jesus on his mother's breast
In the stable cold,
Spotless Lamb of God was he,
Shepherd of the fold;
"Let us kneel with Mary maid,
With Joseph bent and hoary,
With saint and angel, ox and ass
To hail the King of Glory."
—Christina Rossetti.

Santa Claus and the Chimney. It is said that the popular tradition of the entrance of Santa Claus by means of the chimney arose from the story of Hertha, a goddess of the Norse mythology. When the festival in her honor was celebrated, an altar of stones was erected in the house, and fir branches were piled upon it and set on fire. Through the dense smoke made by the green wood the goddess was supposed to descend and extend her influence according to the petitions of the worshippers.

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By making them a Christmas Present of....

An Art Laurel Range, Base Burner or Soft Coal Heater

Savory Granite-lined Roaster,
Food Chopper,
French Percolator Coffee Pots,
Stag Horn Handles,
French Tea Pots Stag Horn Hand-
les,

Carving Sets, Nut Pick Sets,
1847 Rogers Bros. Knives and Forks
Table and Tea Spoons,
Asbestos lined Nickel Plated Sad
Irons
Universal Bread Mixer,

For the Men

Gillette Razors,
Razor Straps and Brushes,
Jack Knives,
Guns, Shells, Etc.

For the Children

Coasters,
Sleighs,
Skates,
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HARDWARE

The Christmas Triumph

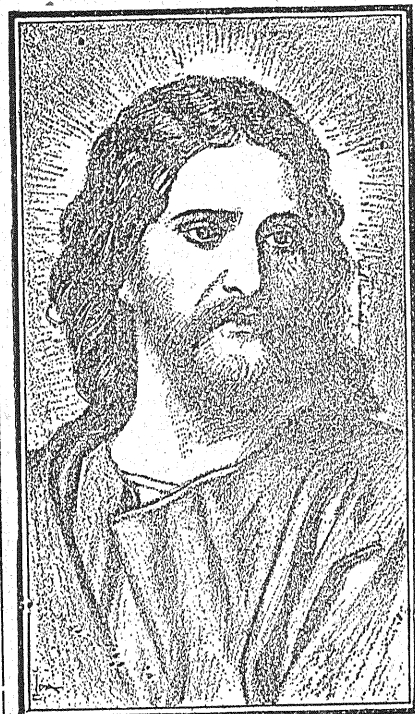
By GEORGE LAY LAW

AFTER a little over 1,900 years from the birth of its founder Christmas has become the most generally observed religious holiday on earth. There is scarcely a land beneath the sun that does not witness some celebration of the day set apart to commemorate the birth of the Carpenter of Nazareth. While in many Asiatic countries few participate in these celebrations, there are yet enough so that all peoples are learning the significance of the ceremony. Then, too, the number of actual participants is increasing year by year, so that it takes no very great stretch of the imagination to picture a time when Christmas observances will be practically universal.

The charge of the Master to carry his gospel to all the world has been religiously obeyed, and the prophecy of the thousand years of peace which were to follow close on that consummation should be on its way. Of the six continents Christianity entirely dominates four and is rapidly winning its way in the other two. Both North and South America are Christian in every part. The same is true of Australia and the surrounding islands constituting Australasia. All Europe follows the same faith, with the single exception of the southeastern corner belonging to Turkey, and even a considerable part of the Turkish empire, including Armenia, Bulgaria and others of the Balkan states, embraces Christianity, while Christian missions exist in Turkey. In Africa, where the British govern Egypt and all South Africa, while France has virtual control of Morocco and other European powers have colonies throughout the continent, the faith of the Nazarene has a larger following than any other religion.

Asia, teeming with its vast Chinese and Hindoo hordes, is practically the only continent in which Christianity is not the dominant faith, and even here it has incalculable political and strategic advantages that are rapidly working a transformation. Siberia, occupying nearly half of the entire continent, is ruled by a Christian power. India, on the south, is under the control of England, and the missionaries are gradually winning their way. Tibet, the stronghold of Buddhism, is under Russian influence and is being invaded by England from India. Palestine, Syria and Persia contain important Christian missions, though as nations they are still under Moslem control. The Boxer uprising was practically the last gasp of the virulent opposition to the advance of Christianity in China. The lesson received from Europe at that time, the important concessions

granted in the chief ports to the great Christian powers, the invasion of Man-



HOFFMAN'S HEAD OF CHRIST.

thuria, the introduction of the railroad and the ever increasing numbers of missionaries, all of these things are gradually working a change in the Chinese empire. Mission work is rapidly increasing in Korea. Japan has borrowed most of her civilization from Christian nations and is seriously discussing the proposition of adopting their religion also. The Philippines belong to America, and a considerable portion has been Christianized.

Christmas morn in the year of our Lord 1905 will therefore have a meaning to more nations and more people than any previous Christmas morn in the history of mankind. The fact that this day will be celebrated by such widely variant types and in such widely separated nations gives a powerful suggestion of unity in the human race.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns, and injuries. 25c. at E. Ryan's, druggist.

Laurel For Christmas Decoration.

The laurel being an evergreen makes a striking feature in a winter landscape. Enormous quantities are used in the Christmas dressing of churches for wreaths and other decorations. Mountain laurel can be grown for decorative purposes, and it is easily cultivated. What comes to market is gathered from the wild laurel growth.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hitchcock*

Novesta Corners.

Merry Christmas to all.

Harry McCaugha is home for the holidays.

Miss Maggie Howard has been on the sick list.

Christmas tree at the Ferguson school Friday night.

Some dogs have been worrying sheep in this vicinity.

John Pringle returned to his home near Brown City last Friday.

Miss Anna Crawford is visiting friends at Yale and Brown City.

Mrs. Goldie Pringle and Mrs. Maude Churchill were among the visitors at the Crawford school last week.

Picking beans seems to be the order of the day in these parts.

Mrs. Rowley, of Cass City, has been visiting at the home of Wm. Russell this week.

It is reported that Mrs. Chas. Cook returned home Tuesday from Detroit, where her operation was performed, with good prospects of returned health. The neighbors welcome her home.

News was received Tuesday of the death of old Mr. Holcomb, of Yale, who has been very ill for some time. W. E. Holcomb has been at his bedside for five weeks. The funeral will be Friday. Sympathy is expressed for the family. Three sons live near here.

Elmer Atwell moved onto his own place, south of here, last week, David Collins taking possession of the place lately vacated by Mr. Atwell, known as the J. D. Allin farm. Mr. Collins purchased the farm last spring but has resided on the Jas. Hackett farm until now.

Don't think that piles can't be cured. Thousands of obstinate cases have been cured by Doan's Ointment, 50 cents at any drug store.

Communication.

Editor ENTERPRISE,—

We think Socialism should commend itself to the people of this community, as they started in here with a lottery scheme. They are going to deliver us from the robbery of the great trusts and corporations! They only take the dimes from the poor and simple. Oh, truly, Consistency, thou art a jewel!

MRS. GEO. SILVERNAEL.

For Cracked Hands

Rough skin and cracked hands are not only cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, but an occasional application will keep the skin soft and smooth. Best for Eczema, Cuts, Burns, Boils, etc. The genuine DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve affords immediate relief in all forms of Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles. Sold by L. I. Wood & Co.

Sugar and Stature.

A Philadelphia physician has a new theory as to the reason why the modern maiden is larger of limb than she used to be, which he does not, however, promulgate too publicly or urge too warmly because it flies rather violently in the face of certain prevailing notions. The increased development referred to is not to be accounted for by athletics and outdoor life, says this doctor, because the girls are outstepping their brothers, who indulge in as much or more athletics than they. The real explanation, he thinks, lies in the increased consumption by young women of late years of sugar in the various sweetmeat forms.

"Generally debilitated for years. Had sick headaches, lacked ambition, was worn-out and all run-down. Burdock Blood Bitters made me a well woman." Mrs. Chas. Freitoy, Moonsp, Conn.

The Vassar Casket Company filed articles of incorporation at Landing on Dec. 8th.

DOCTORS COULD NOT HELP HER. "I had kidney trouble for years," writes Mrs. Raymond Conner, of Shelton, Wash., "and the doctors could not help me. I tried Foley's Kidney Cure, and the very first dose gave me relief and I am now cured. I cannot say too much for Foley's Kidney Cure. It makes the diseased kidneys sound so they will eliminate the toxins from the blood. Unless they do this, good health is impossible. Sold by all druggists in Cass City.

Hopes to Cheapen Radium.

In San Miguel and La Plata counties, Colo., Colonel Henry C. Deming of Harrisburg, Pa., has uncovered large deposits of pitchblende ores, from which radium is extracted. Much of the ore is uranophane and a ton and a half of it will yield three grains of radium, aside from the gold and silver values in the ore. Colonel Deming believes that the deposits located contain 2,800,000 tons of crude ore and that the finding of them will reduce the price of radium materially. Preparations are being made to erect a mill to treat the ore where mined.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle, with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my diseases, by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, E. Ryan, druggist, at 50c. a bottle. Try them to-day.

Mrs. H. J. Comstock, formerly of Gagetown, died at St. John's, on Dec. 7th. The funeral services were held at Caro on Tuesday, Dec. 12th. Deceased was sixty-six years of age.

W. E. English, formerly proprietor of the drug store at Kingston, but latterly head of a department of the Saginaw house of the Barie Dry Goods Company, will begin the new year as head of the drapery, furnishing and contract decorating department of the Taylor Carpet Company, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Give Your Stomach Rest.

Nothing will cure indigestion that doesn't digest the food, itself, and give the stomach rest. You can't expect that a weak stomach will regain its strength and get well when it is compelled to do the full work of a sound stomach should do. You wouldn't expect a sick horse to get well when it is compelled to do a full day's work every day of the week. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is a perfect digestant and digests the food regardless of the condition of your stomach. Believes indigestion, Belching, Sour Stomach, and all stomach disorders. Sold by L. I. Wood & Co.

Aids to Architects.

If every firm of architects would employ a lady who has made not only the arranging and decorating of a house her special study, but those more important structural and sanitary details as well, we venture to think it would not only mean increased business to the firm, but immense improvements and comfort in both houses and flats.—London Sphere.

Roasting Lamb.

The shoulder of lamb requires rather more than an hour to roast; a small saddle an hour and a half; a larger saddle two hours or longer; loin of lamb an hour and a quarter to an hour and a half; ribs of lamb (as they are thinner than the loin) from one hour to an hour and a quarter; a leg of lamb weighing five pounds an hour and a half.

Brilliant Windows.

For brilliant windows take a pad of cotton rag soaked in glycerin and rub the glass all over inside. Then take a piece of clean dry rag and lightly polish the glass until the glycerin is invisible, but not entirely rubbed away. Do this when the glass is fairly warm and dry, and you will get brilliant windows, no condensation and a great saving in the amount of cleaning.

NO CASE OF PNEUMONIA ON RECORD.

We do not know of a single instance where a cough or cold resulted in pneumonia or consumption when Foley's Honey and Tar had been taken. It cures coughs and colds perfectly, so do not take chances with some unknown preparation which may contain opiates, which cause constipation, a condition that retards recovery from a cold. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. Sold by all druggists in Cass City.

DYSPEPTICIDE
The greatest aid to DIGESTION.

A sad accident occurred at Caro on the evening of Dec. 11th, when William McLean, aged twenty years, was drowned while skating on the Cass River. A companion, Leland Watrous, had a very narrow escape from the same fate.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hitchcock*

Cass City Markets.

Wheat No. 1 white	80
Wheat No. 2 red	31
Oats No. 1 white	63
Barley	1
Timothy Seed	2 00
Beans, Hand picked	75
Peas	1 30
Clover Seed	6 50
Corn	7 25
Hay, pressed, per ton	6 00
Eggs per doz.	24
Butter	6 25
Hogs, dressed per cwt.	4 25
Live Hogs, per cwt.	6 00
Beef, dressed, per cwt.	3 50
Sheep, live weight, per cwt.	6 00
Lambs, per cwt.	6 00
Cheese, per lb.	12 14
Turkeys, per lb.	9
Ducks	9
Geese, per lb.	9
Potatoes per bu.	50
Hides	8

MARKETS AT ROLLER MILLS.

White Lily, per cwt.	3 00
Graham Flour, per cwt.	3 30
Best Patent, per cwt.	3 30
Boiled Meat, per cwt.	2 00
Feed, per cwt.	1 25
Brass, per cwt.	1 30
Midlines, per cwt.	1 30
Oil Meal	1 55

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ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE AN AUCTION? If so, try R. N. McCULLOUGH, Owendale R. F. D. 1 who gives prompt attention and at reasonable terms. Arrange your date at this office. 12-11

FOR EXCHANGE—A Delaval Cream Separator for good young mare, 2 or 3-year-old. Machine as good as new. PETER CLARK, Owendale No. 1 12-21-3*

FIRST CLASS farm for sale at a bargain, for particulars enquire of E. B. LANDON. 11-23-17

FOR SALE—2 acres east fractional half of north-east fractional quarter of town 13 north of range twelve east, Sanilac County, Mich. Well drained, best of soil. For particulars apply to MARY D. McDONALD, Fairplay, Essex Co., Ont. 9-14-29*

GOOD—cheap work horse for sale or exchange for tractor. A. A. MCKENZIE. 11-19-17

MONEY TO LOAN—On real estate security, without any bonus. Will receive partial payment at the end of any year. E. B. LANDON. 1-2

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WE will undertake to furnish you any place of Popular Music you want, at the right price. If we haven't it in stock we will get it here quick. A. A. P. McDowell, Enterprise Office.

White Rocks for sale at very low prices. T. H. FRITZ. 12-14-17

Money to loan on real estate at Cass City Bank. 11-9-17

Auction

The undersigned will sell at auction on every second Saturday afternoon, — Horses, Cattle, other stock, Farm Implements, Buggies and Wagons and Household Furniture.

The first of these sales will be held on....

Saturday, Dec. 30

at 1:00 p.m., at
Agar's 10¢ Barn.

Any parties wishing to dispose of any property should call or write me at least one week before such sales.

A. A. MCKENZIE
Auctioneer.

See next week's paper for list of articles.

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Promptly and in a thoroughly... workmanlike... manner.

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We still have a nice line for you to select from.
Table Linen with Napkins to Match.
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The new Long Neck Muffler for Ladies and Gents.
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and many other useful articles.

We will be glad to show you our line.

Special Sale on Ladies' and Children's Coats.

Produce taken same as cash.

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We Can Help You to Help Yourself

We are sensibly comfortable in our new quarters, in the old Pea-harvester factory and extend the glad hand to all callers. Our line of

Buggies, Wagons, Sleighs and Farm Implements

Is complete in all respects.

..Robes, Blankets and Sundries..

...of all kinds...

Intelligent investigation will convince you that we have the goods at the right prices.

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If you are looking for Genuine Bargains, here is the greatest opportunity of the season.

- 7c. Gingham at 5c. 10c. Gingham at 8c.
- 6c. Print at 5c.
- 50c. Underwear for 35c.
- 50c. Dress Goods for 40c.
- 50c. Corsets for 40c.
- \$1.00 Dress Goods for 80c.
- 30c. Dress Goods for 25c.
- 25c. Dress Goods for 20c.
- 50c. Overalls for 40c.

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See our Line of Feed Cutters

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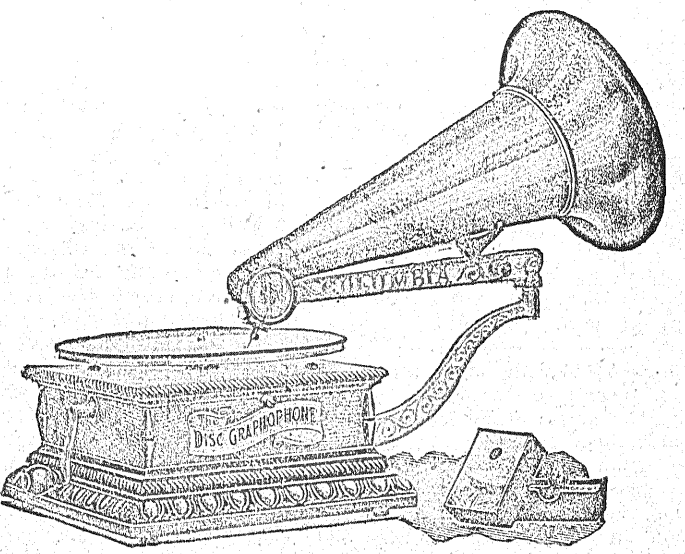
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