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A pair of ladies' or gents' fancy Slippers,
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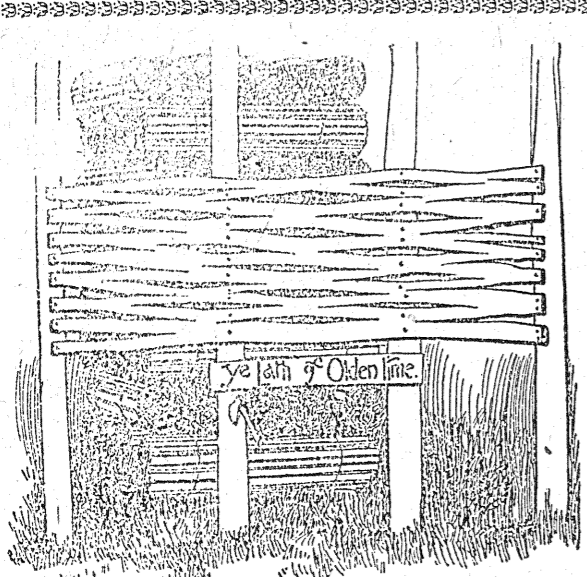
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CASS CITY LUMBER AND COAL CO.

Near R. R. Station.

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New Goods Where?

At the Racket Store

To commence with the New Year we will open up a fine line of Bazaar Goods. We will have some very useful things for the farmers such as

Harness Riveters, Hatchets, Saws, Braces, Bits,

Horse Brushes, Curry Combs. And for the women we have Wash Boilers, Dish Pans, Tea Kettles, Stew Pans, Coffee Pots, Tea Pots, Milk Pans, and hundreds of useful articles too numerous to mention which will be sold at a very small figure. We keep a very good line of Stationery, also a full and complete line of Confectionery, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, Tobaccos and Cigars. We invite you to call and see our goods and learn our prices. One door east of Tennant's Grocery.

C. E. Fritz,

Cass City.

DEFORD IS AFTER A MAIL ROUTE.

Some of Deford's citizens headed by Hiram Wilson, have shown a considerable enterprise by making out a rural free delivery route and circulating a petition among the farmers in that vicinity which has been very enthusiastically received. The route is described as follows:

The route starts at Deford and runs 1 1/2 miles east, 1 mile south, 2 miles east, 1 mile south to Osborn's schoolhouse, thence 1 mile east to the county line and 2 miles north to Novesta corners. From Novesta P. O. it runs 1 mile east to the Wethly schoolhouse, thence 2 miles north to the McHugh schoolhouse, thence west to the Ferguson schoolhouse, thence south 1 mile, west 2 miles, north 1 mile, west 2 miles, south 2 miles, thence 4 of a mile east to Deford. This route would cover 22 miles and reach 125 families. The petition has already been forwarded to the P. O. department in Washington, and no doubt in due time Deford will have a rural free mail delivery route.

Highest market price paid for good horse hides.
12-6-11 Wm. Messner.

ANCIENT ORDER OF GLEANERS

Is Michigan's Third Largest Fraternal Order.

Is Free From All Unreasonable Extremes—Its Merits Self-Evident Within the Reach of all Farmers.

While in Caro the other day the CHRONICLE scribe availed himself of the opportunity to pay a visit to the headquarters of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. We had always supposed that this organization was a sort of a one-hour affair, but to our surprise we found a suite of offices which are not only conveniently located, but which impress the visitor, that a live up-to-date business is being carried on by an efficient corps of bright looking people. Everything has a 20th century appearance, and your scribe was soon made aware that the affairs of this farmers' organization are of more than ordinary importance.

The genial supreme secretary, G. H. Slocum, who by the way is the founder of the Gleaner order, had the kindness to explain the most important factors of the organization. Before we enter upon a more detailed account of the order, we desire to present a brief sketch of Mr. Slocum, through whose efforts the Gleaner order was organized and successfully managed ever since its birth. A few years ago after a thorough study of the plans of the different mutual societies, Mr. Slocum came to the conclusion that a distinct farmers fraternal society which would offer a benefit certificate could be established and placed on a solid financial basis. Mr. Slocum submitted his plan to J. J. England, Dr. S. F. Chase, J. M. Ealy and B. P. Eays. These gentlemen at once recognized the feasibility of the plan and all went to work and in a short time the new organization was started on its onward march until now it is the third largest fraternal order in the state. Mr. Slocum is a typical newspaper man: About twelve years ago he purchased a half interest in the Courier, then known as the Caro Jeffersonian, and from that day until now he has been hustling at a 2-20 gait, and one only needs to look over the Tuscola County Courier to see how well he has succeeded. Not only has he established one of the finest printing plants in Michigan, but under his management as supreme secretary, he has placed the Ancient Order of Gleaners in the fore front of fraternal organizations.

It was no small matter to launch the Gleaner order for there were already fifty-eight organizations doing business under the fraternal laws of the state. At the time of its inauguration, the farmers of Michigan were passing through a financial crisis and it was uphill work to interest them in the new scheme. But by continuous persistent effort all obstacles were overcome and three months after its organization was set on foot, it was found that 670 members had been secured, and since then the order has made rapid advancement.

We append the following statistics as taken from the reports of the commissioner of insurance.

Dec. 31, 1895.....	1,908
Dec. 31, 1896.....	3,131
Dec. 31, 1897.....	5,588
Dec. 31, 1898.....	8,601
Dec. 31, 1899.....	14,354
Oct. 1, 1900.....	18,041

Thus it will be seen that the Order has made a wonderful gain, nearly doubling its membership each year since organized. The above figures also show that the Order has not had a mushroom growth, but strong and steady; each day adding its number and strength until today it occupies an enviable position among the great fraternal societies of America. The emergency fund which is one of the strong features of the Order has grown from \$167.50 in 1894 to \$25,000.

The emergency benefit through which a number can secure help in a time of need has been and will be in the future, a great blessing to its members. If a member is taken sick, he can by furnishing the proper physicians certificate, receive \$20 a month in shape of a loan from his policy. This loan is indorsed upon the back of the member's policy and if not paid back the amount is taken from the face of the policy at his death; if he pays it back he receives a new policy for the full amount without charge. Another benefit extended to the Gleaner is the payment of one-fifth of the face of the policy in case of the loss of one hand or foot and in case of the loss of both hands or both feet or both eyes one-half the amount of the certificate is paid.

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WATCH NIGHT SERVICE.

A fair sized audience assembled at the M. E. church on New Year's eve to watch out the old year. Revs. Morgan, Torbet and Rushbrook, Mrs. A. J. Knapp and Laura Klump were the principal speakers. The exercises were spirited and all who were in a sincere mood were greatly benefited by the several addresses delivered. For lack of space we are unable to give an extended review of the exercises.

Rev. Morgan, who was the first speaker, gave a glowing tribute to the 19th century. In speaking of exploration and discovery, the doctor said that nearly three-fourths of earth's area waited the work of this century through Livingston, Stanley, Fremont, Greeley, Nansen and many others. The Anglo-Saxons have been foremost in this vast movement of discovery and expansion. The English language is now used by 165,000,000 people and nearly 500,000,000 are gathered beneath the flags of Great Britain and the United States. He spoke of steamboat, railways, telegraph, telephone, postal service, aluminum, gas and electric lighting, photography, anaesthetics, aseptic surgery as triumphs of the century. In speaking of the religious movement he mentioned the fact, that while infidelity was relatively strong at the opening of the century in colleges and among public men, it now has almost dropped out of sight.

Rev. Torbet in introducing his subject, "What the 20th century has in store for us," made comparison between the past and the present and then he launched out into his subject by saying: I am glad that I lived in the 19th century and that I will live in the 20th century. There is no other century that I would like as well as the present one, not even when John Wesley lived for although he was one of the grandest preachers that ever lived he could not speak as he liked as free speech was forbidden. A few years ago the people only had the unrevised edition of Webster's dictionary while today we have the complete edition. It seems as if we have discovered almost everything that there is to discover but we have only just begun to find God's hidden treasures and the 20th century promises to be grander than the 19th. There is no telling what possibilities may be achieved in the coming century. We can only wait and see the result. One of our greatest lines of work is in spreading the gospel.

"What the 19th century has given to the young people," was ably discussed by Mrs. A. J. Knapp. She first lead the audience back to the early days of education and compared the educational advantages with those of today. She reminded her hearers that educational privileges follow in the wake of the gospel of Christ. In speaking of the young people's movement, the speaker said it was one of God's grandest instruments for spreading the truth. She called upon the young people to grasp the opportunities offered them and prove loyal to Christ and the church.

Miss Klump's address contained the following pertinent points: In speaking of the perils confronting young people, she mentioned bad literature, Sabbath desecration, intemperance, tobacco habit and gambling.

Pastor Rushbrook did not speak as hopeful for the future as the preceding speakers. He based his searching remarks on 2 Timothy 4. "For the time will come, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables."

The speaking was interspersed with singing and prayer. When the clock struck twelve and the power house whistle gave the 20th century salute, the gathering was brought to a close with handshaking and a general wish for a Happy New Year to all.

We attended a lecture in the elegant Dominion church of the city. The orator of the evening was John R. Clarke, his theme "To and Fro in London," and the speaker and the subject proved to be wonderfully attractive, and all who heard him seemed glad he was to remain a second night. Such mimicry, eloquence, dialect song, story and philosophy has rarely been brought before a Canadian audience. Come again, John R. Clarke, many times you are welcome. —Ottawa (Canada) Citizen.

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HERE'S TO OUR BUSINESS MEN

At the Commencement of the 20th Century They All Feel a Taste for any Sweets in Life.

A Symposium of Good Cheer, Hopefulness, and Best Wishes for the manifold Interests of Cass City.

Here is my toast for the new century. Abundance, abstinence and annihilation. Abundance to the poor, abstinence to the intemperate, annihilation to the wicked.

JOHN GORDON.

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We have at last come to the close of the illustrious 19th century and the dawn of the 20th is upon us. How marvelous have been the improvements in every line to which we turn our attention, yet we are looking forward for the 20th century to bring to us still greater wonders. Business facilities in every way have increased, and we can but stop and think, how we have made the best of all the advantages given us in the 19th century. Business possibilities for the future are brighter than they have ever been before. May we all join together toward making the coming year an industrial boom for our fair village.

A. A. MCKENZIE.

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The year just ending has been the most successful of any in my experience, notwithstanding the inconvenience I have been put to in building, moving and fitting up my store. Money seems to be more plentiful and a general satisfaction seems to exist among the farmers as well as nearly all other classes of workmen. In regard to the future, the prospect was never more favorable than now for a prosperous year. Some industries might be brought here that would greatly benefit this county. Since talking with a couple of Bay City business men, I am more than ever convinced that a beet sugar factory would be the greatest industry that would help the farmers. A canning factory is another industry, from what I could learn, would be the next best thing to enlist. I would suggest now as our stores are to be closed at 8 p. m. that meetings be held occasionally to discuss the interests of our town and county and plan to help and encourage anything that would be a benefit to our beautiful village.

T. H. FRITZ.

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At the close of the past year, I feel thankful, and as I look into the future, I feel as if I should like to live until the year 2000. As to my business, I need only to say, its established. As to Cass City, its good enough for me. I am no prophet or a prophet's son, but will predict that in the next twenty-five years our town will be the gem of the thumb.

C. LAUDERBACH.

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A retrospective view of the century that has just drawn to a close would convince the most pessimistic that humanity has made wonderful progress during the past one hundred years. Indeed, it would seem that in some branches perfection itself had been reached. I have lots of faith in the rising generation and, if it were possible, even perfection may be improved upon.

Viewed from the writer's standpoint, no profession has made more rapid strides upward than that of the medical profession. At the beginning of the 19th century the medical art was clothed with the garb of superstition, hoodooism, etc., all of which has about given away to reasonable and intelligent methods. Many diseased conditions that were formerly considered incurable are now cured either by medicinal or surgical means. The days of the Charlatan and quack are fast drawing to an end. The people generally are becoming more intelligent along these lines and realize that if a disease is cured it is accomplished by rational, scientific methods, rather than by supernatural or mysterious forces. I am well satisfied with the progress made in all lines during the past century and have great faith in the possibilities of this—the new century.

M. M. WICKWARE.

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Although we were a little sanguine in the fall and bought heavier than the season demanded, our trade has been good and we are more hopeful for the coming season than we have ever been since in the millinery business. If one can judge the increase of hu-

man happiness by the great demand for wedding hats then the world is growing better for the demand this season has been more than double to any previous season. As we step out upon the 20th century we are full of new resolutions, purposes and new hopes, which we expect to weave into visible results. With eleven years of experience in the millinery business and the royal support we have received in the past, we feel very hopeful for the future and shall endeavor to please all our customers.

Mrs. F. C. LEE.

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I have now spent eight months in Cass City in the harness business and thank my many customers for their support during that time. Looking over the sales of harnesses, robes and blankets, whips, etc., I feel encouraged to make a still greater effort to please my customers than heretofore. "Good goods and prompt attention to business" is my motto.

W. FALLIS.

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It has been nine years since I struck Cass City and entered into the grocery business and there has not been one year in the nine that I have not had an increase in my cash sales. The last year, 1900, was the banner year of all. 1899 was the best of the eight years, but 1900 was an increase of one-third over 1899, and if fair dealing and good goods at right prices will help to do business, I am going to aim to have an increase of one-third this year 1901, over 1900. I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year, and thank you for your past patronage, hoping to continue with you all in the future.

H. B. FAIRWEATHER.

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The year 1901 finds us on deck. We have no fault to find. Since starting in the mercantile business just one year ago, we heed our row by the aid of our customers quite satisfactorily. We are thankful for the past and hopeful as to the future. We expect to see our town forge ahead in the coming year more than ever before.

P. S. RICH.

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When the senior editor of the CHRONICLE called upon the writer to express himself in regard to how he felt with the closing of the 19th century or the beginning of the 20th century, I was at a loss to explain how I did feel. I can express it best by a little circumstance that happened not long since. One of those noted characters of soup and sour kraut origin, (by the way no relation of the editor) stepped into the store for the purpose of purchasing a lantern. After using all the persuasive power at command showing up the lantern, the sale was made. The next day to my surprise in walked the gentleman with the lantern. Holding it up and with adjectives not found in the good book, said, "I don't like dem lantern, dem lantern blows de wind out." And when requested to write an article for a newspaper I was like the lantern, it "blowed the wind out," and I haven't been able to pull myself together enough to write anything since, so I will just let it go that way. Wishing the readers of the CHRONICLE a Happy New Year, I remain yours,

G. A. SEYMOURSON.

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Riker & Ball, the hustling tonsorial artists, started their shop on Jan. 1st, 1899 since which time they have, by strict attention to business and good work, won the confidence of a host of customers. A call will verify the above.

RIKER & BALL.

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I wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage during the past season, it has far exceeded my expectations. We expect another season to be better prepared to meet the demands of the people and hope to receive a share of their patronage.

Mrs. M. L. MOORE.

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As the old year has gone and the new year has come, we cannot keep from thinking how we have spent the past year. Whether we have done

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