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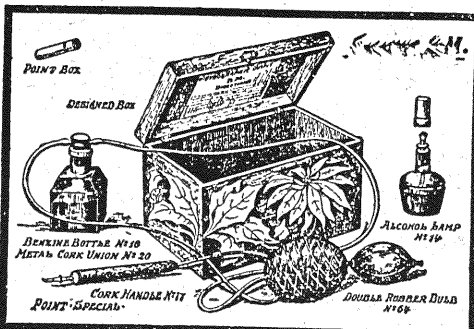
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THE JOKE ON JESSE

An Original Story by Fern Stevenson.

On the outskirts of a small town long since noted for its practical jokers, lived Aunt Jinky in a small brown cottage so nearly overgrown with ivy that hardly could the long old-fashioned windows be seen, ever hung with the white mulle curtains caught back with a big red bow, an old landmark familiar to many. Several generations back, while the little dilapidated porch with the sunken floor and rickety steps, which dared not be touched, had presented the same dim, dark appearance for many years. The small garden at the rear held as ever the beds of verbenas, poppies and marigolds, while scattered broadcast the sweet mignonette sent forth its bounteous fragrance on the warm summer days and the hedge of hollyhocks bloomed brightly in the glittering rays of the sun; then, too, the other garden held each year its trailing vines of squashes, pumpkins and cucumbers, while such monstrous heads of cabbage were never before seen and Aunt Jinky's sunflowers were famous the country round for their height and indeed they often looked a very good imitation of Old Sol himself, as they nodded gaily to the passersby or swayed gently in the breezes. Here examining carefully the scarlet tomatoes hanging heavily on

the vines or caring for her flowers, might be seen almost any day, Aunt Jinky with the inevitable lace cap set jauntily upon the soft hair even now but slightly tinged with gray, the full old-fashioned dress with its large yellow flowers and the snowy kerchief pinned at her throat with a small gold brooch holding the picture of little Jesse, Aunt Jinky's only child and the idol of her heart. Of Aunt Jinky's age no one pretended to know but the old gray-haired men and women of the village or those who once heard the story none ever forgot it. It happened so many years ago when with his mother, Jesse was a pretty, clever, little lad though slight and delicate, had lived also in the little brown cottage. Of course their home had always been each Halloween the source of many jokes, for small though he was, Jesse always had a quick, funny retort for everything and never failed to get it back on the other fellow. On this memorial witch night the youthful population of the village were playing their pranks and had as usual surrounded the Jenkins' home, when they suddenly picked up Jesse who was valiantly trying to save his mother's big yellow pumpkins from ruination

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SITUATION HAS IMPROVED

Financial Outlook Grows Brighter Again.

John D. Rockefeller Says the Worst is Over. Views of Other Financiers.

WHAT NOTED FINANCIERS THINK OF THE SITUATION.

John D. Rockefeller: "The worst is over."

George W. Perkins: "The general situation is greatly improved."

Frank A. Vanderlip: "In the future we shall see more currency than we shall know what to do with."

Thomas F. Ryan: "Basic conditions throughout the country are sound. There is no danger."

Paul Morton: "Never before have the farmers realized so much from their crops as this year. The flurry is practically over."

Theodore P. Shonts: "Consumption of manufactured products is enormous. Sales are up to the standard. We're coming out of the flurry in splendid condition."

J. P. Morgan: "When the people cease hoarding their money confidence will be fully restored."

Feeling of Great Confidence Exists at Treasury Dept.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Offers for the Panama bonds and the one-year treasury certificates were still coming to the treasury department this morning and a feeling of greater confidence in the success of the loans seems to prevail than at any time since their announcement.

The situation is so rapidly improving that it is quite possible that allotments will not be made for the full amount of \$100,000,000, which Secretary Cortelyou announced a week ago would be offered to the public.

The flood of gold from foreign marts has nearly reached the \$100,000,000 mark and today further purchases were made in London. The crop movement is well under way and soon huge exports will be bringing more millions from abroad.—Detroit News.

CIRCUIT COURT CALENDAR.

The following is the calendar for the December term of the circuit which convenes at Caro Dec. 3:

ISSUE OF FACT.

Reeves & Company, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Evert Jameson, defendant. Action, assumpsit.

Mary E. McCrea, plaintiff, vs. Village of Cass City. Action, trespass.

Julia Huss, plaintiff, vs. Peter Pardee. Action, case.

Mary Z. Somerville, complainant, vs. John W. Balyeat, defendant. Action, appeal from justice court.

Edna Ames, plaintiff, vs. Robt. J. Hutchinson, defendant. Action, replevin.

Weltha Cook, plaintiff, vs. Frank O. Watrous, defendant. Action, debt.

Clara Williams, plaintiff, vs. Ernest Hunter, defendant. Action, appeal.

CHANCERY.

Melye Alderton Shoe Co., a corporation, complainant, vs. Alonzo H. Ale et al, defendants. Action, bill for receiver Julius B. Kirby.

Alena Sheldon, complainant, vs. Artemus Sheldon, defendant. Action, divorce.

FORDNEY GETS TWO DEER.

Congressman Fordney returned to Saginaw Friday from his deer hunt in the upper peninsula, together with other members of the Tahquahenon club. His health is fully reformed and he is in splendid condition for resuming his duties at Washington, whither he will go immediately after Thanksgiving. Mr. Fordney killed two deer. He says bears and wolves are more numerous than he has ever seen them in the upper peninsula. A huge buck that his party killed was dragged from the camp one night by a bear and one-third of the carcass devoured. Several bears were killed. T. W. Atwood, who was with Congressman Fordney, also got two bears.

AUCTION SALES.

Mrs. Duncan McLean, living two miles north and one mile west of Argyle, will have an auction sale on Tuesday, Dec. 3. A. A. McKenzie is the auctioneer.

Put your spare coin into circulation.

THIRTEEN NEW ONES.

If you have an independent telephone, cut out this list of new phones and paste it onto your telephone card which will make the card up-to-date:

Brown, Samuel, residence, 113. Benkelman, John, res., 70-1L 1s. Cornelius, J., store at Wickware 112-1L 1s.

Dickinson, Wm., drayman, 111. Doerr, A., res., 114.

Hulbert, Henry, farm res., 101-1L 4s. Hartwick, Thos., farm res., 112-3R.

Kinnaird, H., farm res., 98-2s 1L. Nettleton, Frank, res., 76-3.

Randall, Fred, farm res., 93-2L 3s. Spurgeon, John, farm res., 101-4s 1L.

Traver, A. W., farm res., 112-2s. Yaus, Sam, farm res., 101-1L 3s.

DEPUTY SHERIFF AVERTS TRAGEDY

By Arresting Robert Mott Last Sunday.

Takes Tuscola County Farm Hand Into Custody in Nick of Time.

Deputy Sheriff Hulmes and Night Watchman Dennis drove out to the farm home of Mrs. Ella Davis, a widow, three miles south of Vassar early Sunday evening and took Robert Mott into custody. Mott was brought to Vassar and then was taken to the county jail at Caro.

It appears that Mott, who is about 55 years of age, for about three years worked for Mrs. Davis on the farm. Falling in love with her he asked her hand in marriage. She refused his proposal and discharged him. This was some months ago.

In October Mott returned and, it is alleged, threatened her life. Officers took him in hand and he was ordered to leave the vicinity. Sunday he appeared in Caro, where a brother of Mrs. Davis lives. Here Mott, who is said to have been much under the influence of liquor was heard to make threats against Mrs. Davis. He engaged a rig and drove to Millington and there secured conveyance to the Davis farm. Deputy Sheriff Hulmes was communicated with from both Caro and Millington and asked to go to the protection of Mrs. Davis. An hour after the arrival of the officers Mott appeared.

When taken in charge by officers Hulmes and Dennis, Mott is alleged to have remarked:

"You have got me this time, but if it had not been for you I would have killed her."

He will be held at Caro for further investigation of the case.

Mrs. Davis is about 35 years of age and has three children.—Saginaw Courier-Herald.

CON-CON BRIEFLETS.

By Delegate Hall, Huron.—That townships, cities and counties may determine by a majority vote of the qualified electors at any regular election the manner of voting and hours during which the polls shall be open.

Delegate Theron W. Atwood furnished the convention at Friday session with a piece of indisputable evidence that some of his constituents want the initiative and referendum. It was in the form of a petition from a grange in Tuscola county.

Horatio S. Earle, commissioner of good roads, appeared before the committee on finance and taxation and labored to have included in the constitution that not less than \$1,000,000 a year should be appropriated annually by the legislature for good roads in the state at large. Mr. Earle argued that good roads are the most desirable of all things to the commonwealth and that legislatures are proverbially stingy. He gave his experience at the last session to prove that only by assiduous and long-continued work was he able to get through what he considered a small and insufficient appropriation for a necessary work. Wherefore he thought it the strongest reason in the world for writing into the constitution the minimum he named. The committee thought it well to leave some things to the discretion of the legislature, and in their judgment this was one of the things.

All members of Elkland Arbor, A. O. G., are requested to call on Treasurer Reagh on or before Dec. 10 and pay assessment No. 73 or stand suspended.

The brightest, cleanest, funniest play on the market is The Missouri Girl, which will be seen at the Cass City opera house Dec. 14, 1907.

Bring your buckwheat to the roller mills. Grinding every day. 11-15

DRIVE 40 MILES AND WIN GAME

Cass City Defeated Harbor Beach Friday 5-0.

Local Team Made Gains of Five to Ten Yards Nearly Every Kick.

After a drive of forty miles last Friday morning the Cass City football team still had vim enough to defeat Harbor Beach 5-0. The score, however, does not give the true difference in the teams as Harbor Beach made first down but twice in the entire game.

To the men from the Beach, however, must be given the credit of a good defense and a fighting spirit that would not down. Cass City was with striking distance of the goal all of the last half and once in the first half. Schwarder too was very superior in carrying back punts, so that Cass City gained from five to ten yards nearly every kick.

Harbor Beach relied altogether on straight plays to make her gains but our ends would not be tricked so it was inevitably punt.

The score was made by Schwarder on a clever bit of headwork. After one of the other players had mistaken a signal, Schwarder made up his mind to run with the ball. He dodged three tacklers before he was away for a clear field and a touchdown after a run of thirty yards. That there was but a minute and a half to play when this was done shows the stubborn defense of the Harbor Beach team.

The stars of the game were for Harbor Beach the fullback and the quarterback and for Cass City McCrea, Schwarder, Lee, Striffler and Benkelman.

This game leaves Bad Axe and Cass City tied for the championship of the Thumb with no chance of playing it off. Arrangements would have been made but a full schedule prevented this.

MERE MENTION.

Don't laugh at a boy who magnifies his place. You may see him coming from the postoffice with a big bundle of his employer's letters which he displays with as much pride as though they were his own. He feels important and looks it, but he is proud of his place. He is attending to business. He likes to have the world know that he is at work for a busy concern. The boy who says "we" identifies himself with the concern; its interests are his. He sticks up for its credit and reputation. He takes pleasure in his work and hopes to say we are in earnest. The boy will reap what he sows if he keeps his grit and sticks to his job. You may take off your hat to him as one of the future solid men of the town. Let his employer do the right thing by him; check him kindly if he shows signs of being too big for his place, counsel him as to his habits and associates, and occasionally show him a pleasant prospect of advancement. A little pride does an honest boy a heap of good. Good luck to the boy who says "we."

THUMB NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum of Caro celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage last Thursday. Floyd M. Cookingham and Geo. R.

Sayles have been selected as regular carriers for the city delivery of mail in Caro.

Robt. C. Wall, the publisher of the Carsonville Tribune, was married Nov. 19 to Alpha C. Smith, a popular young lady of that village.

Mrs. John Weitzel, for many years a resident of Austin township, is dead. Three sons, five daughters and a husband survive to mourn her departure.

Samuel Bigelow has been selected as juror for the December term of court for Elkland township, Geo. S. Earle for Ellington, Geo. Mowden for Elmwood, John Retherford for Kingston, Herbert Harris for Koylton, and Wm. Parks for Novesta.

The meanest man in Sanilac county lives in Flynn township, says the Lexington News. He recently sold his son-in-law the half of a very fine cow, then refused to share the milk with the young fellow on the ground that he only sold him the front half. The son-in-law was compelled to provide all the cow's fodder, and to carry water to her twice a day, her mouth being at the front end. Finally the cow butted the old man through a barbed wire fence and he sued his son-in-law \$5.00 damages.

AID OF PARENTS IS SOLICITED

The School Bank Should Receive Deposits Regularly from Pupils.

The state papers announce that Ann Arbor and Charlotte, two enterprising cities of the south part of the state, have just inaugurated the School Savings Bank System. Cass City schools have had the system for several years. This has been our good fortune. The best work of school banking will always be in the grades and the profit here will be greater if pupils make deposits regularly. Will the parents who read this item see to it that their children deposit regularly? Families could be mentioned whose children deposit a fixed amount weekly and they give this as regularly as they go to bed at night or get up in the morning. They are large families too, but the parents are interested. Some of these children now have fine accounts that give the owners great satisfaction. They could buy valuable Christmas presents for the whole family. Surely the practice of regularly depositing a weekly saving is a desirable one. It is a good habit to acquire. Why not encourage it? The money draws interest after a short time and when wanted is easily drawn. How many parents remember the weekly depositing day and encourage the child to save for this event? If thrift is desirable, here is a great opportunity to encourage it and teach it. We solicit your help in this work. The total weekly deposits from our schools should be five times as large as they are.

DEDICATION OF GRANT CHURCH.

Sunday, December 1st, 1907.

9:30 Prayer and Praise, led by pastor, Rev. R. Stephenson.

10:30 Sermon by Dr. Jacklin of Detroit.

2:30 Sermon by Dr. Steele of Port Huron.

7:30 Revival service.

Rev. C. A. Lohnes Ph. B., of Dec. kerville will preach for two weeks.

Services 7:30 each evening. Come to hear this holy ghost evangelist.

"The Missouri Girl" with Zeke and Daisy and their fun-making associates will be seen at the opera house Dec. 14, 1907.

CHICAGO DAILY RAPS VON MEYER'S PET SCHEME

(From the Chicago Journal.)

Friends of Postmaster General Von Meyer's parcels post idea have encountered the argument that such a scheme would ruin country shopkeepers; depopulate the country and overcrowd the already congested cities, and they do not know what to do about it.

After long consideration, they have concluded that the only thing left to them is to take the bull by the horns and assert that, of all persons in this country who will be benefited by the parcels post, the country shopkeeper is the one who will profit most.

How can that be? Well, it will enable him to get small quantities of supplies to meet emergencies at a much less rate than he formerly was charged by express companies. "In the nature of things," these persons go on to say, "the country shopkeeper cannot carry a large stock because he has such a variety in his store. A parcels post system which would enable him within a day or two to renew his stock of needles, thread, soap and candy at

a nominal rate, for transportation charges, would add immensely to the value of his store."

That is an argument that may appeal to Mr. Von Meyer, but we do not think it will have much force with country shopkeepers. When big mail-order houses in the large cities have been doing business for a short time with the aid of a government parcels post, the average country shopkeeper will not have occasion to renew his order for needles or candy. He will be out of business, and such things as thread and soap will not interest him.

Postmaster General Von Meper should devote his talents to more important matters than establishing a parcels post, that would be a great injury to the country, and which no thoughtful citizen really wants. One of those things is the annual deficit of the post office department, which is now run at tremendous loss every year. Let him first put the postal service on a paying basis. It will be time enough then to talk of adding new branches to postal work.

The KING of DIAMONDS.

By Louis Tracy,

Author of "Wings of the Morning," "The Pillar of Light," Etc.

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CHAPTER VII.

OUTSIDE the police court Philip drew as invigorating a breath of fresh air as the atmosphere of Clerkenwell permitted. He knew that an inspector of police and a couple of constables were gazing at him curiously through an office window, and the knowledge quickened his wits.

It was worth even more than his liberty to realize that in all reasonable probability his meteor was safe as yet. The police had failed in their quest. Whom else had he to fear? The company had informed his mother that her



"Gow on," he cried, "I'll make yer a present of that trip."

representative of the Hatton Garden office of Mr. Isaacstein, the diamond merchant, whose name has figured in connection with the case, elicited the information that Morland called there about 3 p. m. Mr. Isaacstein positively refused to make any further statement for publication, but it is probable that developments in this peculiar and exciting affair will take place at any moment.

In a word, the journalistic world was exceedingly wroth with both Mr. Abingdon and Mr. Isaacstein for balking it of a very readable bit of news. No effort would be spared to defeat their obvious purpose. Philip must be discovered by hook or by crook and badgered incessantly until he divulged the secret of the meteor.

At last the cabman became lucid. "I'm done!" he groaned. "My brains are a fuzzle. 'Ere, some one drink my beer! I'm goin' in fer cowcow. I 'ad this young spark in my kedy tot an' didn't know it. 'E offered me two bob, 'e did, an' I stood 'im a drive as a treat, 'e looked sich a scarecrow."

"Who's next?" cried a raucous voice at the door.

"I am!" roared the disappointed one. "Well, look sharp. There's a hold gent a-wavin' 'is humberler like mad!" "Keep 'im. Don't let 'im go. I'll be there in 'arf a tick. Who knows? P'raps it's Rothschild."

Meanwhile Philip did not hesitate an instant once he reached Isaacstein's office. A new note in his character was revealing itself. Always resolute, fearless and outspoken, now he was confident. He pushed open the swing door with the manner of one who expects his fellows to bow before him. Was he not rich, able to command the services of men? Why should he falter? He forgot his rags, forgot the difficulties and dangers that might yet beset his path, for in very truth he had achieved but little actual progress since he first entered that office five days earlier.

But he had suffered much since then, and suffering had strengthened him. Moreover, he had taken the measure of Isaacstein. There was a score to be wiped off before that worthy and he entered into amicable business relations.

The instant the youth behind the grille set eyes on Philip he bounded back from the window and gazed at him with a frightened look. Had this young desperado broken out of prison and come to murder them all?

"Help! Help!" he shouted. "Murder!"

Clerks came running from the inner office, among them the elderly man who interfered in Philip's behalf on the last occasion.

"Make that idiot shut up," said Philip calmly, "and tell Mr. Isaacstein I am here."

The office boy was silenced, and the excitement calmed down. Yes, the diamond merchant was in. If Philip would walk upstairs to the waiting room, his presence would be announced.

"Thank you," he said, "but kindly see that this urchin does not let others know I am here. I don't want a crowd to be gathered in the street when I come out."

Such cool impudence from a ragamuffin was intolerable, or nearly so. But Isaacstein ruled his minions with a rod of iron, and they would fain wait the little man's pleasure ere they ventured their wrath on the boy. Besides, they were afraid of Philip. Like most people in London, they had read the newspaper reports of the police court proceedings, and they were awed by his strangely incomprehensible surroundings.

So he was silently ushered upstairs, and soon he caught the thick voiced order of Isaacstein:

"Show him in."

Isaacstein, however, dived into his private sanctum before Philip entered the general office. The boy found him there seated at his table.

The duel began with questions: "How did you get out so soon? You were remanded for a week."

"Are you going to send for a policeman?"

"Don't be rude, boy, but answer me."

"I am not here to satisfy your curiosity, Mr. Isaacstein. I have called simply on a matter of business. It is sufficient for you to know that Mr. Abingdon has set me at liberty and restored my property to me. Do you wish to deal with me or not?"

The diamond merchant tingled with anger. He was not accustomed to being browbeaten even by the representatives of the De Beers company, yet here was a callow youngster addressing him in this outrageous fashion, betraying, too, an insufferable air of contempt in voice and manner. He glared at Philip in silent wrath for an instant.

The boy smiled. He took from his pocket the paper of diamonds and began to count them. The action said plainly:

"You know you cannot send me away. If I go to your trade rivals, you will lose a magnificent opportunity. You are in my hands. No matter how rude I am to you, you must put up with it."

Nevertheless he made an effort to preserve his tottering dignity.

"Do you think," he said, "that you are behaving properly in treating a man of my position in such a way in

his own office?"

In his own office—that was the sting of it!

The head of the firm of Isaacstein & Co. of London, Amsterdam and Kimberley to be beard in such fashion in his own particular shrine! Why, the thing was monstrous!

Philip looked him squarely in the eyes.

"Mr. Isaacstein," he said calmly, "have you forgotten that you caused me to be arrested as a thief and dragged handcuffed through the open streets by a policeman? I have spent five days in jail because of you. At the moment when I was praising your honesty you were conveying secret signals to your clerks in the belief that I was something worse than a pick-pocket. Was your treatment of me so free from blame at our first meeting as to serve as a model at the second?"

The chair was creaking now continuously. The man swung from side to side during this lecture. He strove hard to restrain himself, but the feverish excitement of Saturday returned with greater intensity than ever. He jumped up, and Philip imagined for a second that robbery with violence was imminent.

"Confound it all, boy," yelled the merchant, "what was I to do when a ragged loafer like you came in and showed me a diamond worth a thousand pounds and told me he had dozens, hundreds, more like it? Did you expect me to risk standing in the dock by your side? Who could have given fairer evidence in your behalf than I did? Who proved that you could not have stolen the stones? Whom have you to thank for being at liberty now but the expert who swore that no such diamonds had been seen before in this world?"

Philip waited until the man's passion had exhausted itself. Then he went on coolly:

"That is your point of view, I suppose. Mine is that you could have satisfied yourself concerning all these points without sending me to prison. However, this discussion is beside the present question. Will you buy my diamonds?"

Isaacstein recovered his seat. He wiped his face vigorously, but the trading instinct conquered his fury.

"Yes," he snapped. "How much do you want for them?"

"I notice that their value steadily increases. The first time you saw this diamond—and he held up the stone originally exhibited—"you said it was worth £600 or £700. Today you name a thousand. However, I will take your own valuation for this unimportant collection and accept £50,000."

"Oh, you will, will you? And how will you have it, in notes or gold?"

He could not help this display of cheap sarcasm. The situation was losing its annoyance. The humor of it was beginning to dawn on him. When his glance rested more critically on Philip, the boy's age, the poverty of his circumstances, the whole fantastic incongruity of the affair forced his recognition.

Not unprepared for such a retort, Philip gathered the stones together and twisted the ends of the paper. Evidently the parcel was going back into his pocket. He glanced at a clock, too, which ticked solemnly over the office door.

"How, what are you doing?" cried Isaacstein.

"Going to some one who will deal with me in a reasonable manner. It is not very late yet. I suppose there are plenty of firms like yours in Hatton Garden, or I can go back to Mr. Wilson."

"Sit down. Sit down," growled the man, vainly striving to cloak his nervousness by a show of grim jocosity. "I never saw such a boy in my life. You are touchy as gunpowder. I was only joking."

"I am not joking, Mr. Isaacstein. Your price is my price—£50,000."

"Do you think I carry that amount of money in my purse?" demanded Isaacstein, striving desperately to think out some means whereby he could get Philip into a more amiable mood, when, perchance, the true story of the gems might be revealed.

"No," was the answer. "Even if you gave it to me I should not take it away. I want you to advance, say, £50 today. I require clothes and other things. Then tomorrow you can bring me to a bank and pay a portion of the purchase price to my credit, giving me at the same time a written promise to pay the remainder within a week or a month, any reasonable period, in fact."

The diamond merchant was quickly becoming serious, methodical, as he listened. This businesslike proposal was the one thing needed to restore his bewildered faculties.

"Tell me, boy," he said, "who has been advising you?"

"No one."

"Do you mean to say you came here today to trade with me without consulting any other person?"

"I certainly told Mr. Abingdon I was coming, and I feel that I can always return to him for any advice if I am in a difficulty, but the offer I have just made is my own."

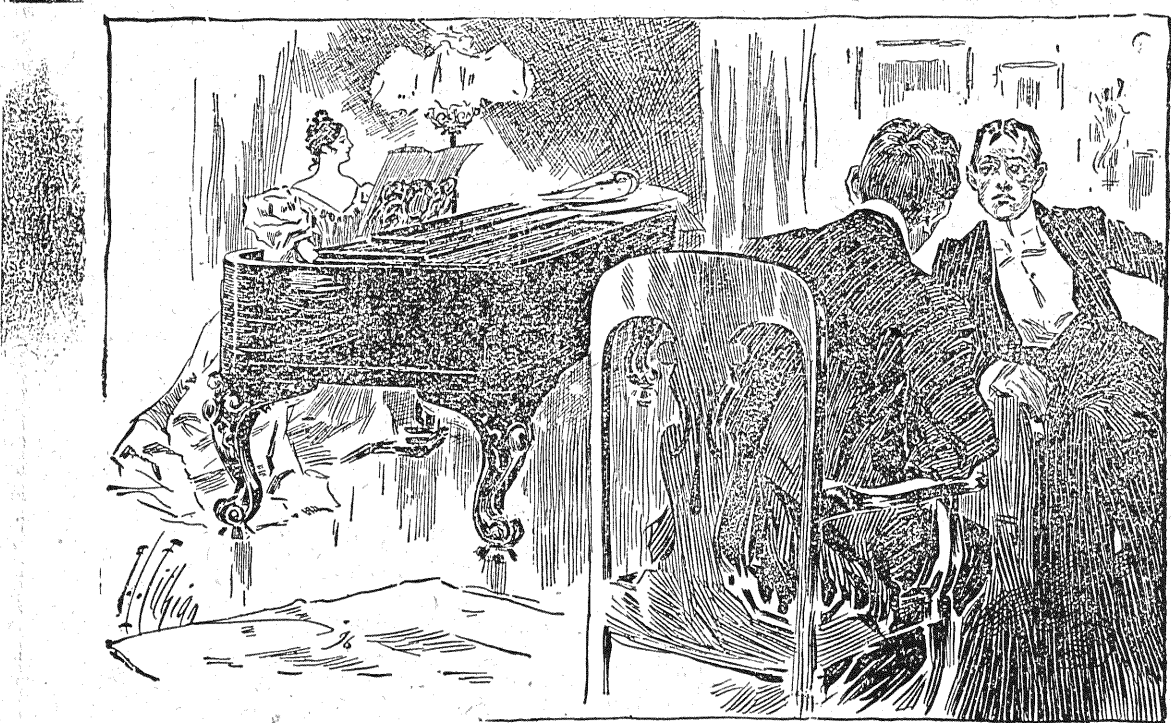
Watching Isaacstein's face was an interesting operation to Philip. Under ordinary conditions he might as well expect to find emotion depicted in a pound of butter as in that oily countenance, with its set expression molded by years of sharp dealings. But today the man was startled out of all the accustomed grooves of business. He was confronted with a problem so novel that his experience was not wide enough to embrace it.

So Philip caught a gleam of resentment at the introduction of the magistrate's name, and he instantly resolved to see Mr. Abingdon again at the earliest opportunity.

"Oh, he treated you kindly today, did he?" snarled Isaacstein.

"Yes, most kindly."

THE SKILLFUL TOUCH.



Friend: "What a skillful touch your wife has, Binks."

Binks: "You'd say so if you knew how much money she manages to get out of me."

"You don't drink, I suppose?" broke in the other abruptly.

"No; I am only a boy of fifteen and do not need stimulants."

He was favored with a sharp glance at this remark, but he bent over his



"You don't drink, I suppose?"

diamonds again and began to examine them one by one. He knew that the action was tantalizing to his companion, and that is why he did it.

Isaacstein went to a sideboard and poured out a stiff glass of brandy. He swallowed it as an ordinary person takes an oyster.

"That's better," he said, returning to his desk. "Now we can get to close quarters. Hand over the stones."

Philip did nothing of the sort.

"Why?" he inquired blandly. "You know all about them. You can hardly wait to examine them so frequently."

"Confound it!" cried Isaacstein, growing red with renewed impatience. "What more can I do than agree to your terms?"

"I asked you for an advance of £50. I said nothing about leaving the diamonds in your charge. Please listen to me. I make no unreasonable demands. If you wish to keep the stones now you must first write me a letter stating the agreement between us. If it is right I will give you the diamonds. If it is not according to my ideas you must alter it."

"Do you think I mean to swindle you?"

"I have no views on that point. I am only telling you what my conditions are."

Isaacstein sat back in his chair and regarded Philip fixedly and with as much calmness as he could summon to his aid. A ray of sunshine illumined a bald patch on the top of his head, and the boy found himself idly speculating on developments in the man's future life. The man, on his part, was seeking to read the boy's inscrutable character, but the fixity of Philip's gaze at his denuded crown disconcerted him again.

"What are you looking at?" he demanded suddenly.

"I was wondering how you will look when you go to heaven, Mr. Isaacstein. Was the astounding reply."

"You imagine, then, that I may deal fairly with you?" he said at last.

"Oh, yes. Why should you rob me? You can earn more money than you can ever need in this world by looking after my interests properly. If only you will believe this statement it will save you much future worry, I assure you."

"Were you in earnest when you said that you have an abundance of stones like those in your hands?"

"So many, Mr. Isaacstein, that you will have some trouble in disposing of them. I have diamonds as big, as big—let me see—as big as an egg."

The wonder is that the man did not faint.

"My God!" he gurgled. "Do you know what you are saying? Where are they, boy? You will be robbed, murdered for their sake. Where are they? Let me put them in some safe place. I will deal honestly by you. I swear it by all that I hold sacred. But you must have them taken care of."

guard it. Had she failed hitherto? Was not all London ringing with the news of his fortune, yet what man or woman had discovered the whereabouts of his treasure? In his pocket he felt the great iron key of No. 3 Johnson's Mews, and he was as certain now that his hiding place was unknown as that his mother's spirit was looking down on him from heaven and directing his every movement.

The man, in spite of his own great lack of composure, saw the fleeting glimpse of spirituality in the boy's eyes. Puzzled and disturbed though he was, he made another violent effort to pull his shattered nerves into order.

"There is no need to talk all day," he said doggedly. "Now I am going to tell you something you don't know. If your boast is justified—if you really own as many diamonds and as good ones as you say you own—there must be a great deal of discretion exercised in putting them on the market. Diamonds are valuable only because they are rare. There is a limit to their possible purchasers. If the diamond mines of the world were to pour all their resources forthwith into the lap of the public there would be such a slump that prices would drop 50, 60, even 80 per cent. Do you follow me?"

"Yes," nodded Philip.

A week earlier he would have said, "Yes, sir," but his soul was bitter yet against Isaacstein.

"Very well. It may take me months, years, to realize your collection. To do it properly I must have some idea of its magnitude. If there are exceptionally large stones among it, they will be dealt with separately. They may rival or eclipse the few historical diamonds of the world, but their worth can only be measured by the readiness of some fool to pay hundreds of thousands for them. See?"

"Yes," nodded Philip again. His sententiousness brought the man to the point.

"Therefore you must take me into your confidence. What quantity of stones do you possess and what are their sizes? I must know."

Isaacstein, cooler now, pursed his lips and pressed his thumbs together until they appeared to be in danger of dislocation. It was his favorite attitude when engaged in a deal. It signified that he had cornered his victim. Philip, appealed to in this strictly commercial way, could not fail to see it was to his own interest to tell his chosen expert the exact facts and nothing but the facts.

The boy, singularly unfurrowed in tone and manner, hazarded an inquiry.

"What amount of ordinary diamonds—in their money value, I mean—can you dispose of readily in the course of a year, Mr. Isaacstein?"

"Oh, £200,000 or £300,000 worth. It is a matter largely dependent on the condition of trade generally. But that may be regarded as a minimum."

"And the bigger stones, worth many thousands each?"

"It is impossible to say. Taking them in the lump at values varying from a thousand each to fancy figures, perhaps £50,000 worth."

"It would be safe to reckon on a quarter of a million a year, all told?"

"Quite safe."

"Then, Mr. Isaacstein, I will supply you with diamonds of that value every year for many years."

The man relaxed the pressure on his thumbs. Indeed, he passed a tremulous hand across his forehead. He was bent again, and he knew it—worsted by a gutter snipe in a war of wits.

The contest had one excellent effect. It stopped all further efforts on Isaacstein's part to wrest Philip's secret from him. Thenceforth he asked for and obtained such diamonds as he needed and resolutely forbade himself the luxury of questioning or probing the extent of his juvenile patron's resources.

But there was a long pause before he found his tongue again. His voice had lost its aggressiveness when he said:

"In the police court I valued the diamonds you produced at £50,000. It does not necessarily follow that I am prepared to give such a sum for them at this moment. I might do so as a speculation, but I take it you do not want me to figure in that capacity. It will be better for you, safer for me, if I become your agent. I will take your stones to Amsterdam, have them cut sufficiently to enable dealers to assess their true worth and sell them to the best advantage. My charge will be 10 per cent and I pay all expenses. Today I will give you £50. Tomorrow I will take you to a bank and place five thou-

sand to your credit. Meanwhile I will give you a receipt for thirty stones, weighing in the rough so many carats, and you or any one you may appoint can see the sale vouchers subsequently, when I will hand you the balance after deducting £5,050 and my 10 per cent. The total price may exceed fifty thousand or it may be less, but I do not think I will be far out in my estimate. Are you agreeable?"

Some inner monitor told Philip that the man was talking on sound business lines. There was a ring of sincerity in his voice. Apparently he had thrust temptation aside and was firmly resolved to be content with his 10 per cent.

And this might well be. Twenty-five thousand pounds a year earned by a few journeys to the continent—a few haggling interviews in the Hatton Garden office! What a gold mine! Moreover, he would be the head man in the trade. He was that now, in some respects, but under the new conditions none could gainsay his place at the top. Even the magnates of Kimberley would be staggered by this new source of supply. What did it matter if the boy kept to his rags and amazed the world so long as the diamonds were forthcoming? It was no silk hatted gentleman who first stumbled across the diamond laden earth of South Africa. Isaacstein had made up his mind. Fate and trust this business into his lap. He would be a fool to lose it out of mere curiosity.

"Yes," said Philip. "I agree to that."

"Samuel!" yelled Isaacstein.

"Coming, sir," was the answering shout, and a flurried clerk appeared.

"Bring in the scales, Samuel."

The scales were brought and a level space cleared for them on the desk. Philip, of course, had never before seen an instrument so delicately adjusted. A breath would serve to depress the balance.

The boy held forth his paper and poured the contents into the tiny brass tray of the scales. Samuel's mouth opened and his eyes widened. It was his first sight of the diamonds.

"Four ounces eight pennyweights five grains—629 carats in thirty stones. Oh, good gracious me!" murmured the clerk.

Isaacstein checked the record carefully.

"Right!" he said. "Put them in the safe."

Philip raised no protest this time. He knew that the man would keep his word. Indeed, Isaacstein told Samuel to bring him fifty sovereigns, and ere the man returned he began to write on a sheet of letter paper:

"Received from—Here! What's your name?" he broke in.

"Philip."

"That will do today, thank you. The next time I call I will give you my full name and address."

"Please yourself. I am no judge in this matter," and he wrote on:

Received from Philip, a boy who refuses any other name, but the same whom I saw in this office on the 20th inst., and again at the Clerkenwell police court on that date, thirty meteoric diamonds weighing in the gross 629 carats. I hereby agree to dispose of the same and to render true account of the sales to said Philip or his agents, my commission to be 10 per cent, the expenses payable by me. I have today handed the said Philip £50 in gold and undertaken to place £5,000 to his credit tomorrow with my bankers.

REUBEN ISAACSTEIN.

After completing this acknowledgment he scribbled something else.

"There," he said, with a sigh of relief, "that is not a very formal document, but it will suffice. You can get it stamped tomorrow at Somerset House. Just sign this receipt for £50."

Philip took the two papers and read them carefully. Isaacstein's handwriting was a scrawl, but legible enough. The boy reached for a pen and signed his Christian name. He was on the point of adding his surname in an unguarded moment, but he felt the man's eye on him, so he simply wrote "Philip" across the stamp at the foot of the receipt.

Isaacstein fully appreciated the incident and knew that his own eagerness defeated the chance, all the more powerful because it was involuntary, of ascertaining the name of this marvelous youth.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

New York city bankers are the most suspicious men in the world. Persons who have dealt with banks in other cities are made extremely uncomfortable when they are made to realize that they are looked on as dishonest and as trying to take some unfair advantage.

A Thanksgiving Dinner



Can be prepared after a fashion on an old "elevated oven" and some will say to this, that e very t h i n g tasted better when cooked by t h e fire-place or the old-fashi oned stoves which

of course is a notion mistaking the keen appetite of childhood for perfection in cooking. Ask anyone who uses

THE MALLEABLE RANGE

or buy one and prove for yourself. Ask for one of the "Malleable Cook Books" and try some new dishes next Thursday.

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ORDER YOUR COAL

NOW From us. Now because if you wait until cold weather sets in before you order we may be so busy filling orders, that you may be inconvenienced to the extent of having to wait a day or two. DO IT NOW.

SEE OUR LINE OF

Doors, Windows and Glass.

The Anketell Lumber and Coal Co., Cass City.

NOTICE.

All parties owing me on account are requested to call and settle at once. I must have the money and will consider it a special favor if you will call at once and save me the expense of sending a collector to see you.

J. A. CALDWELL.

HOW MUCH, PLEASE?

Want a choice cut of prime roast beef or tender, juicy lamb? Maybe it's pork you want, or a nice delicious steak? Ham, sausage, bacon or chops may be your preference. Whatever it is, we have it and at quick march prices. Our meats are not the kind that are hard to cut and still harder to digest. It is young, tender and wholesome.

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET
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LOCAL ITEMS.

Don't be a money hoarder. Mrs. Caroline Robinson has been ill the past week. Mr. and Mrs. P. Mark spent Sunday near Shabbona. G. A. Striffler returned home from Newberry Tuesday. Franklin Wolfe visited at his home near Urban Sunday. Wm. Gussell of Caro spent Sunday with friends in town. Clement Tyo and Wm. Matthews of Argyle spent Sunday here. Jacob Schluchter of Sebawaing transacted business here Monday. Mrs. J. Bardwell is visiting at the home of her son, L. Bardwell, this week. Mrs. E. B. Landon is spending a few days with friends and relatives at Oxford. Chas. Rusheau of Gagetown spent Sunday at the home of Alfred Rusheau.

C. P. Miller of Detroit spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Striffler.

A family re-union will be held at the home of John Striffler Thanksgiving day.

J. W. Heller of Kingston was the guest of his brother, Chas. W. Heller, last Friday.

Wm. Harp of Mayville, county drain commissioner, was in town on business Monday.

The Misses Thomas of Tyre are the guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Treadgold.

The Chronicle is printed one day earlier this week on account of Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Knapp spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fisher at Wickware.

Mrs. S. H. Brown, who has been very seriously ill for the past few weeks, is better.

Perce Mark left recently for Big Rapids where he is attending the Ferris Institute.

Miss Ethel Striffler, who attends school here, spent Sunday at her parental home at Argyle.

Mrs. Joseph Frutchey and daughter Irene, left Wednesday for a few days' visit with relatives in Detroit.

Rev. Faupel of Kilmanagh is assisting Rev. Bergey in revival meetings at the Evangelical church this week.

David Striffler returned Saturday from Cincinnati where he has been attending a school for embalmers.

David Tyo, Jr., has accepted a position in Wilders' barber shop at Sandusky and left for that place Monday.

A. C. Dunham of Detroit spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. F. R. Smithson, and other friends in town.

Mrs. H. W. Clough and little son, Dexter, returned home Monday after spending a few days with relatives at Caro.

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OF E. H. PINNEY & SON.

Capital and Surplus, Fifty Thousand Dollars.

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Interest on time Certificates of Deposit.

Notes taken for collection.

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Of getting Glasses. One is to let some slick tongued fakir who peddles through the country come into your home and sell you a pair, and run the risk of ruining your sight. This is easily done, for they know how to fit a glass that makes one see splendidly to-day but it is an unnatural glass and the eye cannot stand up under it, and you find that tomorrow you cannot stand to wear them at all. Then you turn to your pedler—he is gone. Have had long experience and guarantee satisfaction. You take no chances as I am always here to make necessary changes.

We are here to stay.

J. F. HENDRICK,
Jeweler and Optician.

Mrs. H. Fuller, who has been visiting at the home of L. Bardwell, returned to her home in Bay City Saturday.

Joe Benkelman and Frank Hutchinson and the Misses Esther Akerman and Jennie Leek spent Sunday at the latter's home.

Mrs. M. McNutt, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Lee, returned to her home in Memphis, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ahr and little daughter, Mildred, of Decker-ville were the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. C. O. Lenzner, over Sunday.

Miss Estella Cornell of Elkton has been the guest of the Misses Sophia and Edna Matzen the past few days, returning-home on Tuesday.

Geo. Burg has accepted a position with the Anketell Lumber and Coal Co. at Sandusky and expects to leave for that place in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCrea of Onaway have been guests at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Caroline Robinson, the past few days.

Chas. Williams and Misses Ida Williams and Mae Tyo of Caro were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Tyo, Sunday.

Mrs. M. Seeger, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Levi Muntz, left on Monday morning for a few days' visit with friends and relatives at Saginaw.

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will served dinner in the basement of the church, the cost to be 15 cents. Everybody invited.

Wm. Anderson of Alpena is visiting relatives in town and assisting in the care of his father, who is very ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson.

Next Wednesday, Dec. 4, is voucher day and the G. A. R. ladies will serve one of their good dinners at the hall. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Philip Mark has recently received a deer which was shipped to him from Deward by his son, Fleetwood, who is teaching school near that place. It was the first deer shot this season.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Reed of South Bend, Ind., arrived here last week to visit the former's mother, Mrs. G. W. Goff. Mrs. Reed expects to make an extended visit.

About the nicest thing you can do for a member of your family who lives at a distance is to send them the home paper. We make no extra charge for mailing papers to any point in the U. S. One dollar a year pays the bill.

Rev. A. Faupel, who is assisting in the revival meetings at the Evangelical church here, will exchange pulpits Sunday with Rev. Bergey, the pastor, and the latter will fill Rev. Faupel's appointments at Kilmanagh and Linkville.

Rev. R. F. Killgore, who held revival meetings at the Baptist church here a few weeks ago, is engaged in similar work in Onaway. Reports from his work at that place are very encouraging and forty-six have asked for admission to the church.

Last week, a lunch basket and glove were lost and the fact was advertised by the owners of the articles in the Chronicle liner column. Within a few days the basket and the glove were returned to the owners. The cost was slight and the service was prompt and satisfactory.

Last Friday the sad news was received here of the death of Mrs. C. E. McCue, Jr., at her home in Newark, Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. McCue of this place left Saturday morning for Jackson to attend the funeral services, the remains being taken to that city for burial.

One of the best means of preparing for your Christmas shopping is to read carefully the advertisements of the local merchants. Thus may be obtained many excellent ideas for useful and appropriate presents, and when you get ready to buy you will know just what you want and where to get it.

It is not so many years ago that the windows in the stores in Cass City contained the dried herring, clothes pins and soap boxes instead of the beautiful display of the choicest goods in the store. In those days a merchant had about as much use for a show window as an editor has for a burglar proof vault.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Schwarder were tendered a surprise at their home last Friday evening previous to their departure for Texas where they expect to spend the winter. The guests were attired in costumes fantastically built and the belle of the evening was a certain lady in gray. The evening was spent in playing games.

Loren McIntyre of Jennings and Miss Ella M. McGregor of Grand Rapids. Continued on fifth page.

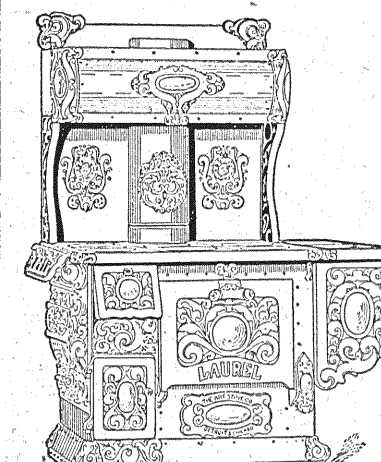
Buckwheat grinding every day at the Cass City Roller Mills. 11-15

See Losey's window display of fancy lamps.

Buckwheat grinding every day at the Cass City Roller Mills. 11-15

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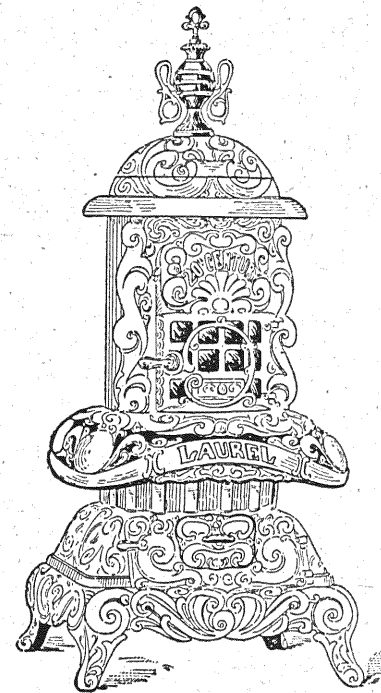
Because they have more heat radiation and a better air circulation which means warm floors and a



In buying a 20th Century Soft Coal Heater

with SLOTTED FIRE POT and CLOSED GRATE, you take no risks of having it suddenly puff up and fill your house with soot, smoke and gas as so often happens with other lines of soft coal stoves.

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We will be pleased to show and demonstrate our superb line. Old stoves taken in exchange.

J. B. COOTES,
The Hardware Man.

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Largest line of Furs, Coats, Skirts and Waists ever shown in the city. Prices right.

Mrs. G. W. Goff

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It is always best to select a brand of established quality

White Lily and Fanchon

The perfect Flours, have been weighed in the balance and have always met the requirements of the best homes. They are the all-round flours of the choicest kind. Many young ladies who expect to become housewives this fall are, with the aid of these popular brands, now learning the better sort of baking. As a consequence an equal number of young men will have occasion to "pat themselves on the back."

Cass City Roller Mills

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Department Store

Cass City's Big Bargain House.

According to the opinion of Wm. Barnes, the down state farmer weather prophet, this will be a cold winter with many spring floods. He has observed the habits of animals for 30 years. Last season the muskrats built few nests and there was little snow and no flooding as he had predicted. This season they are building high, indicating much snow and unusually numerous freshets. Now, be wise and get the warmest

Winter Clothing

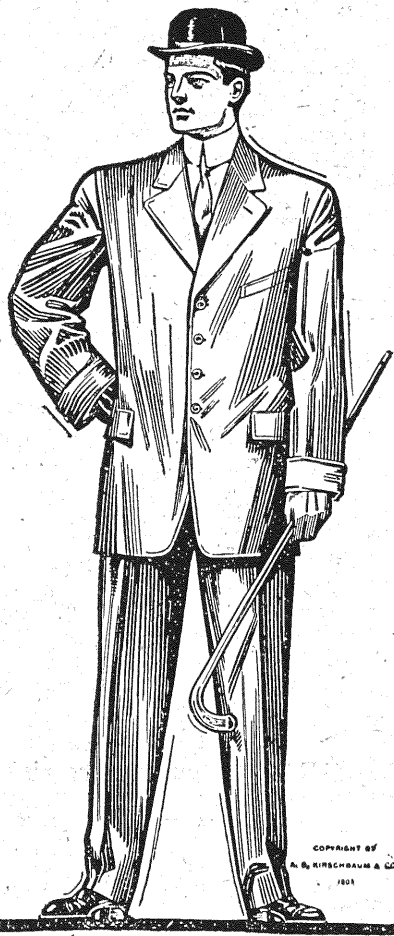
together with best styles, durable workmanship and material, at the lowest prices in the Thumb. How do we do it? We have always done business on a cash basis,

Buying for cash and selling for cash

Buying at lowest cash price and selling for lowest cash price possible. No poor accounts and no time or money wasted in collecting them. Thus we save you from 25 to 50 per cent on everything we sell you.

We have Clothes here we would like you to see. The latest work of famous makers, fresh from the tailor's hands. The correct cut in quiet patterns for the solid man of business; the extreme of fashion for the younger element. You get the cream of the cream here and you get it at the right price. This we guarantee—

Quality against Quality and Price against Price
We will SAVE YOU MONEY.



Men's Suits.

Men's fine strictly all wool suit, worth \$25 our price.....	\$19.57
Men's fine strictly all wool suit, worth \$23 our price.....	\$18.65
Men's fine strictly all wool suit, worth \$22, our price.....	\$17.50
Men's fine wool cassimere suit, worth \$20, our price.....	\$15.00
Men's fine all wool, black and brown worsted, worth \$18, our price.....	\$12.50
Men's fine black and brown worsted suit, worth \$12, our price.....	\$9.50

Men's Overcoats, sizes 35 to 42

No. 9338 Dark Grey Melton, usually sells for \$9, our price.....	\$6.25
6500 Light Gray and Black Mixture, worth \$8, our price.....	\$5.75
413 Fine Black Kersey, elegantly tailored throughout, worth \$15, our price.....	\$11.95
39350A Fine Dark Gray Kersey, elegantly tailored throughout, worth \$14, our price.....	\$11.50
Fine Oxford Gray Hall Melton, elegantly hand tailored, worth \$20, our price.....	\$16.00
4229 Fine Black Beaver, first class in every respect, worth \$20, our price.....	\$15.75

Youths' Overcoats, ages 14 to 19

5092 Black Kersey, well tailored, worth \$7, our price.....	\$5.50
6508 Oxford Gray, fine workmanship, good material, worth \$6, our price.....	\$4.25

Ladies' Coats

Fine black Broadcloth, satin lined throughout, handsomely trimmed with soutache braid. This coat sells in large cities for \$25 to \$30, our price.....	\$15.50
Black Broadcloth, satin lined, regular value \$20, our price.....	\$13.68
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EGGS TAKEN IN TRADE.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Continued from fourth page.

ids were married last Thursday, Nov. 1, at the home of the bride in Grand Rapids. They came here Monday en route to Argyle to visit Mr. McIntyre's parents. They expect to make their home in Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tuckey moved to town last week and are now occupying their recently purchased residence on West street. On Friday evening a company of their friends and neighbors gathered at their home on the farm and spent a few happy hours with them. Refreshments were served and before leaving the guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Tuckey with a handsome rocker as a token of their esteem and good wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Ruhl were given a surprise party last Thursday evening at Mr. Ruhl's tailor shop. The affair was gotten up so quietly that Mr. and Mrs. Ruhl were unaware that any unusual event was being planned, and were nonplussed when a goodly number of their friends came trooping into the shop in the evening. A dainty chocolate set and a shower of kitchen utensils were given to the host and hostess and the evening's pleasures were concluded with a lunch.

The first two customers bringing grists to the Cass City Roller Mills on Monday morning live twenty-two

miles apart, one of them ten miles north of town and the other twelve miles south of town, the distance between them representing a comparative scope of country from which our bustling millers draw custom. And not only the miller but every other business man in town receives his share of trade from the farmers in this representative scope of country. Ever think about it?

Clare Stafford, who resides two miles east of Owendale, met with a serious accident one day last week while working on the farm. He was engaged in hauling beet pulp and had backed the loaded wagon into a low roofed shed. The horses started forward rather suddenly and Mr. Stafford tried to get into the wagon box before it passed under the lower edge of the roof, but his shoulder caught between the top of the box and the roof and was broken and he was otherwise seriously injured.

Announcements were received here Friday of the marriage of Chauncey Campbell to Miss Genevieve Burnie on Monday, Nov. 18. The ceremony was performed at Burke, Idaho, where the groom is now located. Mr. Campbell is well known in Cass City where he attended school. For a number of years he held a responsible position with the Citizens' Savings Bank at Detroit, and a short time ago accepted a position with the Tiger Mercantile Co. at Burke. The Chron-

icle joins Mr. Campbell's friends in extending congratulations.

A well known young man in this township, who for convenience sake we will call Smith, received an advertising slip from a mail order house recently in which he became much interested. The literature was illustrated with the pictures of a pair of shoes and overshoes, the prices mentioned being 45 and 72 cents a pair respectively. Smith became enthusiastic in extolling to members of the family the wisdom of making the purchase at once, and though the family tried to induce him to forget it, the bargain instincts in the young man were unconquerable and he sent the money to Chicago and instructed the house to send the goods to his address. After waiting for some days the package at last arrived and the wrappings were removed from the purchases with great expectancy. The surprise of Smith may be imagined when a pair of shoes and overshoes, (size 8) for a youngster of five years were brought to light. Smith is unmarried, but he is fortunate in having a nephew whose feet are the right size for his purchases.

Highest price paid for Poultry at city poultry yards on Wednesday and Saturday of each week. A. L. Johnson, corner of Garfield Ave. and Seeger St. 10-18

Call early and select your holiday gifts at Losey's china store.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

J. Frank W. Cutts, 36, Juniata Christiana Catherine Beach 29, Fremont
Charles Russell Stevenson, 26, Almer Mary Robinson, 19, Wabjamega
Louis Hayden Burton, 49, Indianfields
Nancy Jane Hart, 35, Indianfields
Frank Montage, 23, New York state
Rose Belle Stipe, 18, Fostoria
Claud Smith, 21, Fremont
Mattie Masten, 18, Dayton
Manuel Gilmore, 23, Akron
Emma Speikerman, 19, Gilford
Paul C. Grunwald, 22, Kingston
Emma B. Kunzie, 18, Kingston.

"Where Is My Wandering Boy To-night?"

More than one mother has said this very thing, but whose fault is it? Why! it is the mother's. If that mother had done as she ought to have done when her son or daughter was young, if she had taken them and read the Holy Bible to them and had sent them to Sunday school and to church every Sunday, these words would have been uncalled for.

I will ask all mothers to take this and think it over. Maybe your son is attending a saloon and comes home drunk. Mothers, think what you have neglected to do for your Savior by not sending this son to church that he may be led in the right path to heaven, not to hell as he is now if he is a drunkard.

Mothers, take it to yourselves to see that your sons and daughters are to church every Sunday morning and to the young people's meeting and to church every Sunday night on time. This is the only way you can save your son from eternal hell and damnation, and the Holy Bible and the church are the only things that will save your son. See that next Sunday your sons and daughters are in church both morning and evening.

Anyone wishing to join the B. Y. P. U. please see Orrin C. Deming, chairman of the membership committee.

TRAVADORE CLUB

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church has been very fortunate in securing the Travadore Club for Friday evening, Dec. 6, and a feast is in store for those who enjoy music and reading by artists in their respective fields.

The following persons will participate in the program: Mrs. Purdy, violinist; Miss Hawley, reader; Miss Weaver, pianist; Mr. Wilson, baritone. These people scarcely need an introduction in this locality and those who know them best will go farthest to hear their entertainment.

Correspondence

SHABBONA.

Once again the peal of wedding bells has sounded in our midst. On Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the home of the bride, Miss Maggie Henry was united in marriage to Leslie P. Phillips by Rev. Richards. Promptly at high noon, to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Nellie Jones, they entered the parlor and under an evergreen arch bedecked with flowers, they pledged their marriage vows. They were attended by Miss Anna Henry, sister of the bride, and Floyd Phillips, brother of the groom.

The bride was daintily gowned in cream silk, while her sister, Anna, wore cream albatross. The groom and groomsmen wore the conventional black, and pink and white carnations were the flowers worn.

After congratulations and many well wishes were given, they, together with their relatives and a few chosen friends, repaired to the dining room where the wedding feast was bountifully served. After all had heartily partaken of the sumptuous repast, a picture was taken of the happy group by Vern McGregor, shortly after which the bridal couple left, amid showers of rice and old shoes, to visit friends and relatives at Yale and Port Huron.

There were many beautiful and useful presents received. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips will be at home to their many friends in Shabbona after December 31.

McHUGH.

O. Hillecker of Ellington is visiting S. Wheaton for a few days.

Mrs. D. Kennedy is visiting relatives in Marlette a few days.

Mrs. J. Agar has gone to Canada to attend the funeral of her sister.

Miss Agnes Hoagg of Sand Fly visited Miss Essie Phillips recently.

D. Kennedy made a business trip to Port Huron the first of the week.

Miss Essie Phillips spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister at Wickware.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Heemer of Laing visited their parental home Saturday and Sunday.

GREENLEAF, DIST. NO. 6.

Paul Silvernail started to school on Monday.
Examinations last week in all grades.

We are beginning to prepare for our Christmas program.

Chas. G. Putney visited our school, Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The fourth grade is doing fine work in division of fractions.

The eighth grade is studying Pierce's administration.

Olive, Verna and May Wright entered school last week Wednesday.

The seventh and eighth grades are doing splendid work in percentage.

Florence Hartwick and Verne Parmelee were absent from school Thursday.

Our teacher, Miss Walker, spent Saturday and Sunday at her parental home near Argyle.

Motto: The mind of man is the noblest work of the Creator; to train it is a lofty calling.

There will be no school Nov. 28 on account of Thanksgiving, but there will be school on Friday.

Those who received certificates this month were Vernon and Earl McConnell and Alfred McPherson.

NOKO and DECKER.

George Lefler and family left for Onaway Wednesday.

Walter Lewis made a business trip to Sandusky Monday.

Mr. Nique of Shabbona recently put in a fine range for Mrs. R. W. Fox.

Miss Mabel Shaw left on Friday for Silverwood where she purposes remaining for the winter.

Our merchant at Decker, Mr. Vail, recently re-arranged the contents of his store which has much improved its appearance.

The prayer meeting which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. A. McKenney Thursday evening last was postponed on account of bad weather.

T. Chard left early Monday for Roscommon. He intends driving through and purposes remaining during the winter months in the lumber district.

Several families here received invitations to the reception held for Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Richards of Shabbona, but as the evening proved to be rather inclement, not many attended.

Harry Collier left Nov. 18 for Norfolk, Va., after passing a satisfactory examination as a cornet player and was accepted and engaged as a member of the naval band for the next four years where he will be further instructed by some of the leading musicians of the nations. His many friends regret his absence but wish him success and a happy and prosperous future.

RESOLVE.

Mr. McKenzie has returned home from Jersey City.

Miss Sada Taylor visited Miss Mary McFall in Sheridan on Sunday.

Miss Lillie Frasier and Miss Gladys Dunfield were Cass City callers Saturday.

J. Russell and Mr. Webster are assisting Henry Smith to move to his new farm.

Wm. Ashmore has moved to his farm. All William wants now is a housekeeper.

M. McIntosh has returned home from Detroit there being no employment there now.

Mrs. S. Herron and children accompanied her mother, Mrs. J. Bowen, Lome to Lapeer where they will remain until Mrs. Herron's health improves.

NOVESTA.

John McLarty of Kalamazoo visited in Novesta last week.

Mrs. Robert Warner and children are visiting in Yale this week.

Mr. Cole from near Deford is moving onto N. Hamilton's place.

Nicholas Hamilton of Caro was a business caller in this vicinity last week.

Mrs. C. G. Dickinson has been quite ill the past week but is better at this writing.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving meeting at the Church of Christ Thursday forenoon at 10:30. Everybody invited.

Mrs. C. L. Stoner and daughter, Eva Marie, of Wisconsin, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Smith, and other relatives.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is the report of the Deford school for the month ending Nov. 22:

No. of days taught	20
Total attendance	819
Average daily attendance	41
Total enrollment	51
Percentage of attendance	80.4

Those who have been in attendance every day are: Floyd Campbell, Vina Spencer, Howard Cuer, Myrtle Spencer, Belle Spencer, Millie Wiltse, Iola Wilson, Howard Patch, Clare Patch, Ruby Lee, Lila Lee and Dollie Ross.

Those who have been perfect in department are: Alberta Howell, Gail Sharp, Gladys Balch, Lena Spencer, Vina Spencer, Edna Hack, Hazel Hack, Laura Cuer, Esther Parks.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Sanilac County.

Celia W Snell to Julia Kelley 1 a in w h n e q sec 11 Minden \$350.

D Barr to G E Upsey sw q nw q sec 16 Elk \$1400.

F W Hubbard to M J Harris pt se q sec 32 Moore \$800.

C Deike to J Warczewski sw q nw q sec 29 Delaware \$1900.

N McCrary to J Gough ne q se q sec 10 Argyle \$475.

ALEX AND HER.

There was a chap who owned a store and often wished it grander; he sold his goods to all who came—his name was Alexander. He mixed the goods with cunning hand, (he was a skilful blender,) and as his sugar was half sand, they called him Alex Sander. He had a sweetheart (pretty maid) admiringly he scanned her; and asked her if she'd change her name—a ring did Alex-hand-her. "Oh, yes," she said and sweetly smiled, "If I may be commander." And thus they formed a partnership, the firm name Alex & Her.

The Missouri Girl.

The unvarying success of Fred Raymond's comedy has become proverbial among the theatrical profession, and along the Rialto, or any place where actors collect, you will hear the usual remark, "Hasn't he got a gold mine?" The reason is plain. The company presenting it is composed of the best people in the profession, and the management insists on their best efforts at all times. Five of the present cast have been successful stars at different times.

Appendicitis

is due in a large measure to abuse of the bowels, by employing drastic purgatives. To avoid all danger, use only Dr. King's New Life Pills, the safe, gentle cleansers and invigorators. Guaranteed to cure headache, biliousness, malaria and jaundice, at L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drugstore, 25c.

"You are accused," said the court severely to the automobilist, "of having run this man down."
"Sure, I did, your honor," responded the prisoner, "but I'd heard him run down my make of machine."
Naturally this circumstance was taken into consideration.—Exchange.

This Is Worth Remembering

As no one is immune, every person should remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. L. I. Wood & Co.

CASS CITY MARKETS.

Cass City, Mich., Nov. 27, 1907.	
BUYING PRICE—	
Wheat No. 1, white.....	88
Wheat, No. 2, red.....	88
Rye No. 2.....	70
Oats.....	45
Choice Handpicked Beans.....	1 60
Flour.....	7 00 8 00
Barley per cwt.....	75 80
Corn.....	75 80
Hay.....	10 00 12 00
Eggs, per doz.....	23
Butter, per lb.....	20 23
Chickens.....	5 6
Ducks.....	7
Geese.....	7
Turkey.....	10 12
Hides, green.....	17
ROLLER MILLS.	
SELLING PRICE—	
White Lily, per cwt.....	2 75
Seal of Minnesota, per cwt.....	3 25
Economy per cwt.....	1 90
Fanchon per cwt.....	3 00
Gold Medal, per cwt.....	3 25
Graham flour per cwt.....	2 50
Granulated meal, per cwt.....	2 00
Feed per cwt.....	1 60
Meal per cwt.....	1 50
Bran per cwt.....	1 40
Middlings per cwt.....	1 50
Oil Meal per cwt.....	1 90
Salt, per bbl.....	85 90

LINER COLUMN

Advertisements inserted under this heading at a rate of one-half cent a word for each insertion; minimum charge, 10 cents.

FOUND—A small robe at the horse sheds at the Presbyterian church Sunday. The owner may have same by calling at my residence and paying for this notice. Edwin Pettit, one-half mile south of Cass City, Va.

FOUND—On the side of the road in front of Wilsley & Catheart's store, a small black shawl. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

FOR SALE—Span of brown mares. S. Chambers, Seeger St. 11-22-2*

FOR SALE—A choice lot of White Plymouth Rock cockerels, bred from U. R. Fish stock. This month, \$1, \$2, and \$3. R. S. Brown, Gageton, Mich. 11 15 2

FOR SALE—House and lot on easy terms. H. W. Seed, Bay City, or G. E. Perkins, Cass City. 10-11-1f

HOUSE and two lots with barn for sale. Easy terms. Also have a top buggy, good as new, for sale. M. C. Wickware. 10-11-

LOAD of corn stalks wanted. See F. Lenzner. 11-29

MONEY to loan on improved farms at 6 per cent. E. B. Landon. 3-8-1f

NEW MILCH COW for sale. S. Champton. 11-29

ROOMS to rent. Enquire at Lenzner's Furniture Store. 4-15

SCAVENGER work done promptly and at reasonable prices. For further particulars enquire of Samuel Dodge. 11-29-3*

TO RENT—Modern, warm, five-room flat; electric lights, soft and hard water. Also store for rent. Enquire of J. C. Corkins. 11-22-2*

WANTED—Married man to work on farm by the year. Good wages to the right man. F. J. Nash, Sec. 20, Elkland. 11-1-4

Correspondence

DEFORD, ROUTE 3.

We hear that Chas. McDermond has returned from the north with two deer and a bear.

We hear that Mrs. R. L. Cope is some better and hope that she may continue to improve.

Jesse King will leave in a few days for Oxford where he expects to visit relatives and then look for work.

Miss Hattie Oesterle, who has been assisting Mrs. Wm. Fisher with her household duties, has returned home.

Harry D. Hunt has returned to Fairgrove after spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. E. C. Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hutchinson of Akron visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Oesterle, and other relatives Sunday.

Walter Landon of New York City is having improvements made on his farm. The chimneys have been rebuilt, the house painted, and the old wall removed from under the house and a new cement wall built.

Frank Oesterle, the sexton of Ellington cemetery, will take up the remains of the late Daniel Turner Monday and will assist the undertaker to remove the casket from the box it now rests in and put it in a steel vault, then he

will be returned to his old resting place.

We have secured the agency for Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup, the new laxative that makes the liver lively, purifies the breath, cures headache and regulates the digestive organs. Cures chronic constipation. Ask us about it. L. I. Wood & Co.

McHUGH SCHOOL NOTES.

We had a question box Friday. Motto: There is profit in all labor. Mr. Darling visited the school Thursday.

Bertha Coulter and Maud Brown entered school Monday.

The second grade is memorizing "The Village Blacksmith."

The fifth grade is studying about the northern section of the United States.

Mr. Putney visited the school Thursday. His visit proved very instructive.

Beulah Agar, Edith Kennedy and Anna Brooks are absent from school this week.

One of the questions in the question box Friday was "Who was the older, Columbus or his son?"

A Significant Prayer.

"May the Lord help you make Bucklen's Arnica Salve known to all," writes J. G. Jenkins of Chapel Hill, N. C. It quickly took the pain out of a felon for me and cured it in a wonderfully short time." Best on earth for sores, burns and wounds. 25c at L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store.

UNIONVILLE.

Wm. Cloney has moved to town from his farm and will occupy one of S. C. Hayes' houses.

Miss Roxie Durkee is visiting with friends at Standish while her father is on a trip to Missouri.

Will Chamberlin, who has been employed with the railroad bridge gang, is moving to his home in town.

Mrs. R. Springer and infant son, who have been very sick, are improving and are now considered out of danger.

Geo. Wright has moved into one of Geo. Streeter's houses north of town and is at present working for James Oakley.

Chas. Graham, who moved to Detroit last spring, has returned and has rented Ed Babcock's house on east Main street.

While at play at school Don Brody was thrown and his ankle very badly hurt. He was taken home in an express wagon by some of his school mates.

Edward Dillon of Colwood, aged 74 years, died Wednesday. He was in town Saturday and when he returned his horse kicked him. He had been a resident of this locality for forty years. The funeral was held Saturday forenoon at St. Agatha's church at Gagetown.

Mrs. John Nicholson and Miss Mary Wade were asphyxiated by hard coal gas last Saturday night. Sunday forenoon Miss Wade managed to reach the door and signaled J. Jones who called some of the neighbors and also Dr. Louthian. Mrs. Nicholson was unconscious and Miss Wade is still in a serious condition. Stimulants were given and they will soon be out of danger.

DEFORD, ROUTE 1.

Grover Pratt of Pontiac is visiting his parents here.

Mrs. C. Cook spent Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Pringle.

Geo. Warner and family visited at J. Copland's north of Cass City Sunday.

Mr. Scribe of Deford, we agree with you that Deford needs a preacher badly.

Mrs. Maud Churchill has been making home department calls through this community.

W. Fleenor has been giving moving picture entertainments around this vicinity. They are well attended.

He Fought at Gettysburg.

David Parker of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$500 for what they have done for me." Grand tonic for the aged and for female weaknesses. Great alternative and body builder; sure cure for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store. 50c.

TOWN-LINE.

Jesse Sole is drawing his sugar beets to Deford.

Harry Hickie is working in the sugar factory at Caro.

Reg. Curless visited his sister, Mrs. E. Niles at Caro last week.

John Hickie has hired out to parties in North Branch for the winter.

The farmers around here are getting their fall plowing done this fine weather.

The Town-line Sunday school observed temperance Sunday with a short program by the scholars in connection with the Sunday school.

How's This?

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

P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINXAN & LARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

KINGSTON.

A. D. Moyer is visiting relatives in Saginaw.

Miss Gertie Moore is visiting her sister at Lum.

Miss Fuller of Milwaukee is visiting at Neil Griffin's.

Mrs. D. Alward and daughter, Flossie, left for Eames last week.

John Annin has been elected supervisor in the place of Amos Jeffery.

B. A. Noble and John and Chas. Hartt are hunting in the north woods.

Mrs. J. W. Ruggles, a former resident of this place, died at Marlette Nov. 14.

Will Heller and family have left for Caseville where Mr. Heller is to operate a flour mill.

A number of friends and relatives helped Anson Conant celebrate his eighty-sixth birthday last Tuesday.

John Potts, an aged and respected citizen of this place, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. C. Jeffery, on Monday.

G. W. Woolman, who has recently accepted an appointment as railway mail clerk, was in Detroit Saturday to receive his instructions from the chief clerk and take his oath of office.

McHUGH.

Too late for last week.

B. Hamilton is remodeling his house.

Roy Colwell visited friends here Sunday.

Robert Rice returned home from Capac Tuesday night.

J. Kitchin and son, John, made a trip to Caro Saturday.

Mrs. Thos. McHugh visited relatives in this vicinity Sunday.

Mennonite prayer meeting was held at the home of T. Wells.

Miss Edith Kennedy is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Heemerat Laing this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Edgerton of Wickware called on Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rice Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hamilton entertained a number of their friends and relatives Sunday.

Owen Darling, who is attending school in Cass City, visited at his parental home Sunday.

Pneumonia Follows a Cold.

but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough, heals and strengthens the lungs and prevents pneumonia, L. I. Wood & Co.

NOVESTA.

The C. E. met on Sunday afternoon at the Mosher school house.

Miss Bessie E. Boughton, who is teaching at Roscommon, is spending the week at her parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wolfe of Mt. Clemens have been visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. G. A. Boughton.

The members of the Ladies' Aid society of southeast Kingston surprised Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rule at their home last Friday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent and Mrs. Rule was presented with a quilt.

A Criminal Attack

on an inoffensive citizen is frequently made in that apparently useless little tube called the "appendix." It's generally the result of protracted constipation following liver torpor. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, prevent appendicitis and establish regular habits of the bowels. 25c at L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store.

NOVESTA CENTER.

W. B. Hicks has returned from Northern Michigan, bringing two deer with him—the result of his hunting expedition.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Sanford Horner of Novesta to Miss Althea Gooden, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gooden, at the home of the bride's parents in Lamotte township on Thanksgiving day.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is the report of the Crawford school for the past month:

No. of days taught 20
No. of girls enrolled 16
No. of boys enrolled 15
Average daily attendance 25

Those not absent during the month were: Leah Pratt, Frank Slack, Phillip Slack, Olive Hicks, Archie Hicks, Blanche Frost, Elizabeth Boughton and Alice McLeish.

MISS BOUGHTON, Teacher.

Do It Better.

Enterprising business men who do "things" better than their competitors succeed in business. This is the secret of the success of The Greening Nursery Co., Monroe, Mich. This firm began doing business in a small way in 1883 and by their push and business ability have built up a business that covers the entire country. They write that the reports published in the daily papers to the effect that the frosts of last fall and this spring had injured nursery stock in the southern part of the state were fictitious and that they will have a complete line of trees, shrubs, plants, roses, etc., for delivery this fall and next spring. They sell thousands of trees in this vicinity.

W. C. T. U. Column

Meetings of Union on third Friday of every month at residences of members.

WAILS OF THE LIQUOR ORGAN.

Talk about "calamity howlers," but where is there one who can equal the pessimistic wails of the Wine and Spirit Gazette?

Take a few paragraphs from a recent issue:

"The license system is in peril and the business interests dependent upon its perpetuity are threatened with disaster.

"The new wave of restriction and proscription gains its impetus in the south, where the negro question hurls the white citizens unceasingly, and race hate dominates all the relations of life.

"The southern representatives will be controlled by their prohibition constituency, the senators the same; the representatives from northern prohibition states and no license districts being in the majority, all revenue and inter-state commerce laws will be in line with the prohibition policy.

"The next line of battle will be in Washington, in the United States congress.

"What will the complacent brewers and dealers of New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and other brewing centers do when the Washington avalanche descends upon them?"

The anti-license policy is intelligent, concrete, consistent.

The opposition has no policy, is disintegrated, chaotic.

The gift of prophecy is not required to declare the result.

Gentlemen of the trade, what are you going to do about it?"

Readers, how does this look along side the oft repeated assertion that "prohibition does not prohibit?"

PROHIBITION GAINS.

Prohibition is growing and the saloon is going. The last elections show remarkable progress. Seven years ago, only about eighteen millions of our population were under radical temperance laws; now there are 40,000,000. In Alabama, forty-one counties have voted to stop the sale of liquor.

In Arkansas five-sevenths of the people live in dry counties.

In Florida there are thirty-seven counties out of forty-five.

In Georgia absolute prohibition goes into effect on New Year's day.

In Indiana one-half of the population is in dry territory.

In Kentucky, 105 out of 119 counties are dry.

In Iowa sixty-five out of ninety-five counties are dry.

In Kansas, prohibition rules, and out of 105 counties, only twenty-one have any paupers, thirty-five have empty jails, and thirty-seven have no criminal cases on their dockets.

Maine is for prohibition, with more cash in the banks than Ohio, with six times the population.

Illinois shows up big gains for temperance. One-half of the population is under prohibition. In several other counties the sale of liquor is allowed in only one town. Practically all the small districts are under prohibition and great gains are recorded in Chicago and other cities.

In Missouri, Mississippi, Delaware, Minnesota and other states prohibition sentiment is an ever-advancing tide, and more and more restrictions are being placed upon saloon's liquor trade.

Prohibitionists are jubilant, and it looks very much as if one or the other of the great parties will soon be compelled to recognize the movement in their platforms or both will go under.

"The greatest man who ever lived in this community was Dug Skinner, broad minded, big hearted and brilliant, and yet he died with all his talents and goodness unsuspected."

"How did you find out about it?"

"I married his widow."—Houston Post.

The New Pure Food and Drug Law

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. L. I. Wood & Co.

Mr. Stubb—Yes, Mary Ellen says she is dying to get a position as cook on an ocean liner.

Mrs. Stubb (in surprise)—Gracious! What ever put that in her head?

Mr. Stubb—Why, she read that there are 3,000 pieces of crockery broken every voyage.—Chicago News.

A Hard Debt to Pay.

"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark of Westfield, Iowa, "for my rescue from death, by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed imminent, when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous, dry, hacking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure." Nothing has ever equalled New Discovery for coughs, colds and all throat and lung complaints. Guaranteed by L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

A Few Definitions.

Many children are so crammed with everything that they really know nothing.

In proof of this read these veritable specimens of definitions written by public school children:

"Stability is taking care of a stable."

"A mosquito is the child of black and white parents."

"Monastery is the place for monsters."

"Tocsin is something to do with getting drunk."

"Expostulation is to have the small-pox."

"Cannibal is two brothers who killed each other in the Bible."—Literary Digest.

Have One Doctor

No sense in running from one doctor to another. Select the best one, then stand by him. Do not delay, but consult him in time when you are sick. Ask his opinion of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs and colds. Then use it or not, just as he says.



Always keep a box of Ayer's Pills in the house. Just one pill at bedtime, now and then, will ward off many an attack of biliousness, indigestion, sick headache. How many years has your doctor known these pills? Ask him all about them.

The Youth's Companion



It Comes Every Week

Among the contents of the New Volume for 1908 will be:
250 Good Stories—Serial Stories, Stories of Character, Adventure and Heroism.
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All the issues of The Companion for the remaining weeks of 1907. The Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Double Numbers. The Companion's Four-Leaf Hanging Calendar for 1908, then The Companion for the 52 weeks of 1908—a library of the best reading for every member of the family.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, BOSTON, MASS.

New subscriptions received at this office.

Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 20th day of April in the year 1904 executed by Vernon B. Kille and Mary A. Kille his wife of Kingston, Mich., to W. N. Eaton of Jackson, Mich., which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds of the County of Tuscola in Liber 194 of mortgages on page 70 on the 20th day of May in the year 1904 at eleven o'clock a. m., and whereas the amount claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of five hundred three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$523.75) and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover said sum or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

Now therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in the village of Caro in Tuscola County, Michigan, that being the place where the circuit court is held on the 3rd day of January A. D. 1908, at one o'clock in the afternoon to satisfy the amount due as aforesaid with interest then accrued at the rate of six per cent (6 per cent) per annum together with the expenses of such foreclosure and sale including an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); which said premises are described as follows: The southeast quarter (3/4) of the southeast quarter (3/4) of section four (4) township twelve (12) north and range eleven (11) east in the township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, containing forty (40) acres more or less. Dated September 26th, 1907.

GEO. M. CLARK, W. N. EATON, Attorneys for Mortgagee. Mortgagee. Business Address, Bad Axe, Michigan. 10-4-13

Girlhood and Scott's Emulsion linked together.

The girl who takes Scott's Emulsion has plenty of rich, red blood; she is plump, active and energetic.

The reason is that at a period when a girl's digestion is weak, Scott's Emulsion provides her with powerful nourishment in easily digested form.

It is a food that builds and keeps up a girl's strength.

ALL DRUGGISTS; 50c. AND \$1.00.

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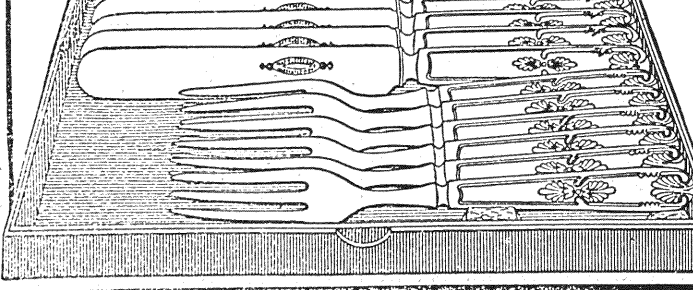
A set of triple plated knives and forks makes a sensible present, and if they bear this trademark



are as serviceable as they are sensible. A complete line of spoons, forks and fancy pieces are also made in the "1847 ROGERS BROS." brand. They are handsomely put up in cases for presentation purposes.

Your dealer can supply you. Send to the makers for catalogue "C-L" explaining all about "Silver Plate that wears." It is beautifully illustrated and sent free.

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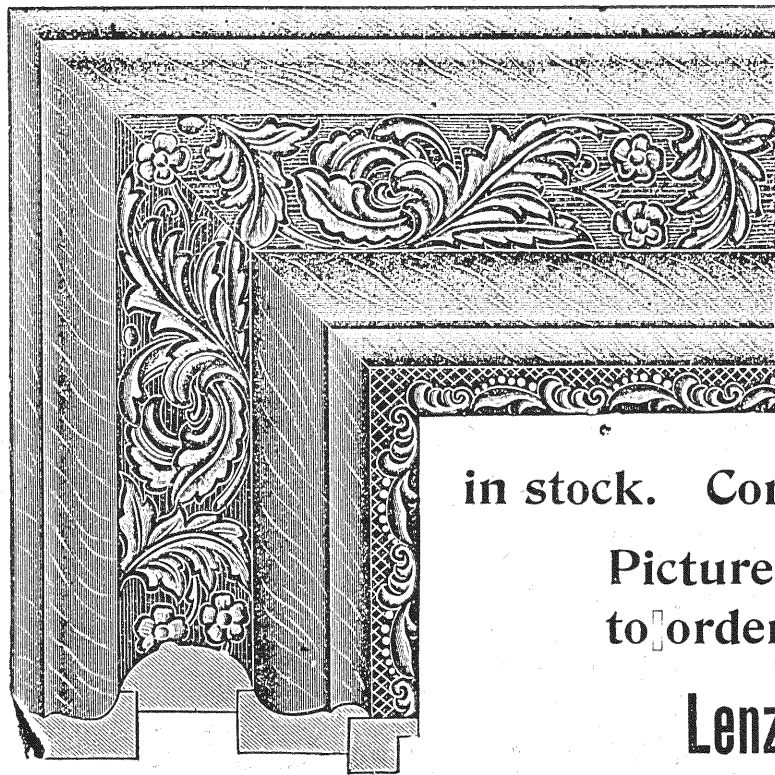


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in stock. Come and see them.

Picture Frames made to order....

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NO WEDDING.

Miss Grout's Aunt Talks of the Saginaw Girl's Marriage.

Mrs. W. W. Weeks, aunt by marriage to Miss Marie Grout, the young Saginaw woman who canceled her marriage to William Macallister, the New York broker, on the eve of the proposed wedding, has come to her rescue on the subject of the previous marriage to a young hotel clerk at Atlantic City.

"That marriage was just a girlish prank," she said. "Moonlight walks and rides had a good deal to do with it. The young hotel clerk—he was that, it is true—was an estimable man, but he and Marie saw the folly of their ways and separated."

Mrs. Weeks was asked about the settlement which it was rumored had been made with the hotel clerk when the latter agreed to give up Miss Grout after the marriage. She admitted that some "arrangement" had been made with the hotel clerk.

"Miss Grout's father is independently wealthy himself and was amply able through his legal experience to make necessary arrangements for the dissolution of that foolish marriage," she said.

A perplexed father is awaiting the return of Wm. Macallister, Jr. He is Wm. Macallister, Sr., manager of Geo. R. Read & Co., real estate brokers, 1 East Thirty-fifth street. He would like his son to explain several things about his proposed marriage to Marie Grout. The elder Macallister was not aware that his son intended to marry Miss Grout until he read that the wedding had been abandoned.

"I haven't heard a word from my son," said Macallister. "I don't know the slightest reason for the wedding being called off. In fact, he did not take me into his confidence. For some time he has been living at my home in Englewood, but has been staying in this city. I may hear something from him when he returns."

Miss Grout returned the presents which had been sent to her in anticipation of her marriage to William Macallister. With each was sent a note which briefly stated that circumstances compelled the return of the gifts. The action is construed as a denial of Macallister's statement that there might be a reconciliation.

President to Review Fleet.

Secretary of the Navy Michael signed the formal order for the review of the Atlantic fleet by the president in Hampton Roads on December 16. The vessels will not be reviewed by the president while they are at anchor, as has been the case twice before during the Jamestown exposition, when he reviewed them in Hampton Roads. Instead he will review them as they pass out of the Roads through the capes to the sea.

The Mayflower, flying the president's flag, will leave Washington on the afternoon of Sunday, December 15, and reach Hampton Roads about 8 o'clock Monday morning.

It is not the intention of the president to go aboard any of the battleships, but immediately after the Mayflower anchors Rear Admiral Evans, the commander-in-chief of the fleet, and the various flag-officers, will go on board the Mayflower and pay their respects to the president. They will be followed by the commanding officers of the ships. Immediately upon their return to their respective vessels the order will be given for the fleet to get under way and stand out, preceded by the Mayflower.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit: Cattle—Extra dry steers and heifers, \$5.50; steers and heifers, 1-1000 to 2,200 lbs., \$3.75; steers and heifers, 500 to 1,000, \$3.75; steers and heifers that are fat, 800 to 1,000, \$3.25; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, \$3.25; choice fat cows, \$3.50; good fat cows, \$3.25; common cows, \$2.50; heavy calves, \$1.50; choice heavy calves, \$2.50; fair to good hogs, \$3.25; stock hogs, \$2.50; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, \$2.25; fair stock hogs, 500 to 700, \$2.75; fair stock hogs, 500 to 700, \$2.25; stock hogs, \$2.25; milkers, large, young, medium age, \$4.50; common milkers, \$2.50; Veal calves—resps, \$7.50; others, \$2.50; mitch cows and springers, trifle higher.

Sheep and lambs—Best lambs, \$6.00; fair to good lambs, \$5.50; light to common lambs, \$4.25; fair to good butcher sheep, \$4.50; culls and common, \$2.50.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, \$4.00 to \$4.75; pigs, \$4.00 to \$4.75; light yorkers, \$4.00 to \$4.75; roughs, \$4.00 to \$4.75; steers, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle—10 cars; slow, Hogs—40 cars; pigs, \$5.30. Sheep—30 cars; steady; best lambs, \$6.80; culls, \$5.00; wethers, \$5.40; ewes, \$5.20. Calves—\$4 to \$5.

Grain, Etc.
Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, 96 3/4c; December option, 97c; No. 1 white, 97 1/2c; advance to 97 1/2c and declined to 97c; May opened at \$1.04 1/2, gained 3/4c and declined to \$1.03 1/2; No. 1 white, 96 3/4c; No. 1 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 2 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 3 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 4 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 5 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 6 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 7 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 8 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 9 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 10 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 11 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 12 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 13 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 14 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 15 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 16 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 17 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 18 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 19 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 20 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 21 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 22 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 23 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 24 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 25 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 26 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 27 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 28 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 29 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 30 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 31 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 32 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 33 yellow, 96 3/4c; No. 34 yellow, 96 3/4c; 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for once, and carrying him blindfolded down the green banks which sloped just back of his home to the river, there tried to force him into going through all sorts of antics and making promises none of which they succeeded in and so without warning little Jesse all at once found himself plunging foremost into the water, receiving a good ducking, and then as quickly landing back again upon the ground, where was left while the young rogues made good their escape, before he should come to his senses enough to take off the blindfold and recognize them; but alas, there was no need for fear of revenge from the poor little fellow. The night was raw and keen while a stiff old wind was howling through the trees and by the time Jesse reached the door of his own home once more he was nearly exhausted and though his anxious

mother immediately applied warm, dry clothing, and gave him hot soup and then took refuge in her medicine shelf, he rapidly grew worse and at last in desperation she frantically ran to the neighbors for help which she readily received. But it was of no use; he soon sank into a sort of stupor out of which it was impossible to arouse him and, as the first light of the breaking dawn came sifting through the narrow panes, it was whispered through the stricken home that the end was drawing near. The kind people, most of whom had little ones of their own, gathered about the couch of the dying boy and tried in vain to comfort the weeping mother, but the sight of the young life so soon to depart, brought it home to their own motherly hearts and few could well keep back their own tears of sorrow for Jesse had been dearly loved by all, while his young companions were stricken dumb with agony and remorse from the outcome of their mischief played on their dear little playmate.

At last, as a strangely bright ray of the rising sun fell suddenly across the room, the little form moved slightly, the red lips parted and the long fringes rolled slowly back from the big blue eyes that wandered about a moment and then rested upon his mother. Seeing her distress two big tears blurred the beautiful orbs a minute, then rolled unheeded down the blanched cheek while the little hands were held out toward her and the words came sweetly, slowly at first and then in little gasps, "Mamma, please don't cry. I'm going to heaven," and as a wondrously bright smile flitted over the lovely white face the thin hands clasped and the baby lips murmured, "I'm so happy." The curly head sank back among the pillows, the blue eyes closed and then opened again. The mother bent more closely over her darling, while the sweet voice whispered, "Tell the boys not to grieve," with a last effort. "Goodbye, Jesse will wait for you." And the pure white soul of the little fellow sped swiftly, silently on the wings of the early morn by the still angel of death to that sweet haven of rest, where he would wait and be so happy, and the good friends carried the senseless mother from the room.

It had been many years since then but when the long months of wild delirium following Jesse's death were over, Aunt Jinky gradually settled into the queer old lady she was. In the house not a thing was changed since the day the little white coffin was carried out the door and from her sight forever. Each year the garden contained the same as it had that year and the only change in Aunt Jinky's own appearance was of later years, she had donned the yellow flowered dress, her best, the reason for which she explained to all whom she met, was that she expected Jesse to call her most any day now and she wanted to be ready. All was a blank in her memory before and after the tragedy of her life, while she seemed to have acquired a mania for all things bright and did everything exactly the same, week in and week out, ever talking to herself and apparently barely conscious of her actions, except that every Hallowe'en she was known to visit the side of the river, walking back and forth along the banks, where it was reported Squire Dobson once saw her talking to the ghost of her departed boy. From her rambling talk and peculiar gait the young urchins nicknamed her Aunt Jinky, but she only laughed and

shook her finger at them, while but a hint of the story sufficed to keep them from molesting her, and so she lived the years in peace, patiently waiting that longed-for call.

WITHIN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Ida Brown has left the sixth grade. Does Adah Caldwell, '05, like teaching? Ask her? The new county normal in Sanilac county goes to Crosswell. East Saginaw high school team wins the state interscholastic football championship. Our neighboring cities are having inter-high-school debates. Fall in line Cass City.

Teachers' institute at Gagetown December 7. Cass City teachers will send a delegation.

E. A. Perkins is regular half-back on the M. M. A. team at Orchard Lake. He is playing a good game.

The new pupils this week are: High room, Minnie Tallmadge; kindergarten, Creighton Cathcart and Leslie Leiber.

Teacher to primary scholar—Name the largest city in the United States. Primary school—Sears, Roebuck & Company.

History pupils, who failed to hear Mr. Williams' lecture on Mexico Tuesday evening, missed some valuable information on that interesting country.

Supt. Tiedgen is in receipt of a postal from Clifford Gracy, containing picture of Mt. Pleasant's '07 football squad. Our ex-half-back is one of the number.

Brainpaths sometimes become crossed even in the cerebral matter of certain seniors. Behold the astonishing information that Hawthorne's first attempts at "friction" were burned.

Himmel! Was ist hier los? The football team going to Harbor Beach. Feuer! Wasser! Schnel'er! Ach! Ja! The football team returning from Harbor Beach.

The Bay View Club met Wednesday evening and the following was the program: (a.) Some facts about the Thirteen Colonies; (b.) Miss Wickware; (c.) Miss Brewer; (d.) The Continental Congress, Miss Gillies.

The spirit with which the U. of M. took her defeat in the recent contest with U. of P. was one of the pleasant features of that great game. No grumbling, no giving up, game to the end—that's sport.

Three Cass City high school men are on Alma's eleven this fall. The Alma team is a favorite among the state colleges. It fights hard but always fair. Throws no dirt. Plays the game.

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"PEANUT HUNT."

One afternoon in January I attended a party at the home of one of my friends. We played nuts and May, tin-tin, Wiggle MacArthur's pig and such games until everyone had arrived. Then we had a peanut hunt. Each one was given a little ice cream box to put the peanuts in that they found. We found them under pillows,

behind pictures, in curtains, books, corners, dishes and every little nook you could think of. The one that found the most peanuts was given a little ice cream box covered with white and blue crape paper and filled with cream candies. Then each one ate the peanuts they found.

After eating our peanuts, my friend's mother gave each of us a knife on which we were to carry peanuts, one at a time, from one table to another. If we dropped a peanut we had to go back and wait for our next turn. The one that succeeded in carrying the most peanuts from one table to the other, received a prize.

Then we were called to a nice supper, where we joked and had lots of fun.

After supper we gathered around my friend and gave her a good whipping, as it was her birthday. Then we all said, "Good-by," telling her what a nice time we had.

LILA FRITZ.

6th Grade, Public School, Cass City.

The above essay appeared in a recent number of the Journal Junior and we take pleasure in reproducing it.

NORTHEAST KINGSTON.

Miss Blanche Lombard went to Marlette Friday.

Miss Sibyl Well visited at her parental home the last of the week.

The Farmers' Club will meet at Thos. Everett's on Friday, Dec. 6.

Mrs. Jesse Cooper and daughter, Eva, visited friends in Cass City Saturday.

Misses Jennie Leek and Esther Akerman and Frank Hutchinson and Joe Bentelman of Cass City spent Sunday with Mrs. E. Leek.

Mrs. O. Watkins will lead the Epworth League next Sunday evening. The topic is "Self Mastery." Everyone come and make this an interesting meeting.

The W. C. T. U. will give a pie social at the home of Mrs. O. Watkins Wednesday, Dec. 4. Each lady attending is expected to bring a pie. A good program is being prepared. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

PINGREE.

One misstep often causes much regret.

The farmers are fall plowing to some extent.

Chas. I. Cooke is suffering with a badly sprained ankle.

The infant child of C. I. Cooke is quite sick at this writing.

A word for the telephone in time of sickness in calling a doctor.

Plenty of wild land in Secs. 6 and 5, Evergreen, of fairly good quality.

Samuel Wheaton is making an extended stay at Cobalt silver mines in Ontario.

Dugald Duncanson has moved into his residence formerly occupied by Jonathan Agar.

Chester Wells and family have gone to Ontario to visit with relatives near Toronto prior to their departure for Washington.

DEFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ensley entertained the following friends last Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wallace and two children of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Tindale, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bruce and two children, Frank Striffler and Miss Irene Tindale.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCracken recently moved to Hubbard, Oregon, and this week Mrs. M. H. Eastman received a box containing 32 bouquets of flowers sent by Mrs. McCracken to be distributed among their friends in the vicinity of Deford. The flowers, although somewhat crushed were still very pretty and consisted of roses and chrysanthemums and other fall flowers and were much appreciated by the "folks at home."

ELMWOOD.

A. T. Hiser has moved to Vassar. Wm. Ware, Jr. has moved onto his own farm.

Mrs. Chas. Hammond is in Ann Arbor this week.

Mr. Hartwick is moving onto the Hiser farm.

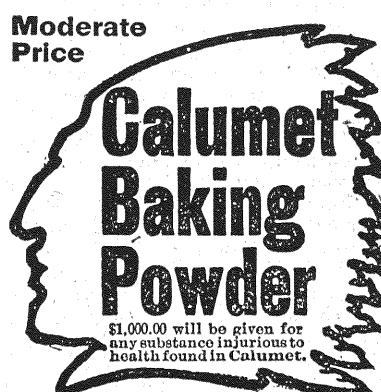
Henry Dodge sent home a deer from the north woods last week.

Cyrus Hall and Bert Hendrick traded horses one day last week.

Those who attended the party at Wald's hall last Friday night, report a fine time.

Minnie Hendrick is home from Gagetown where she has been working for some time.

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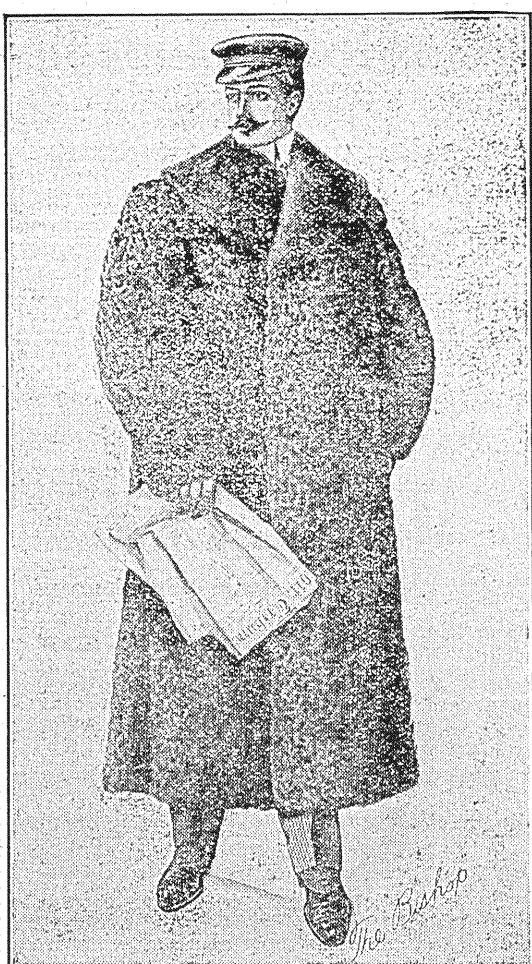
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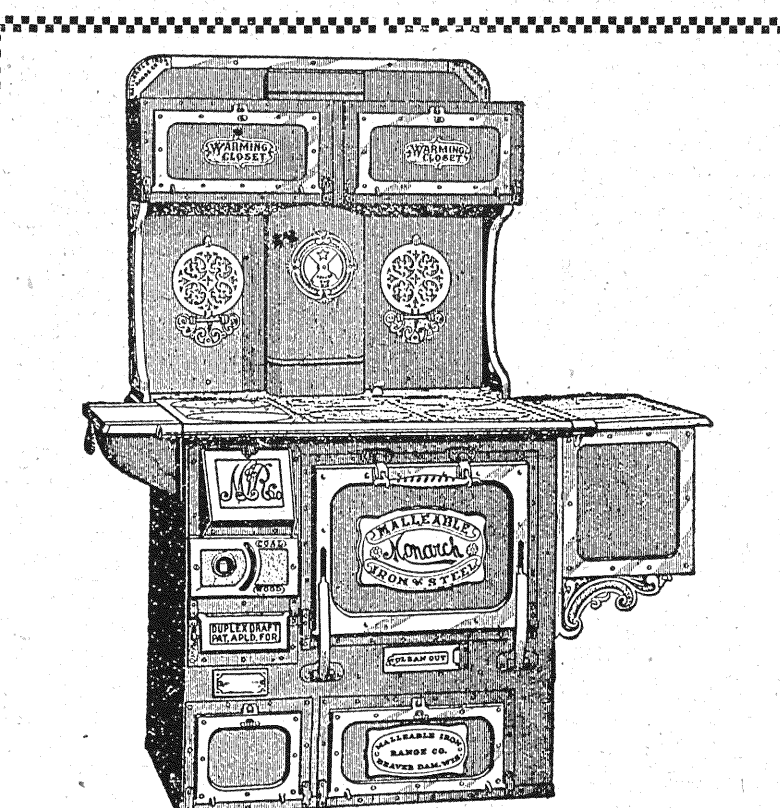
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