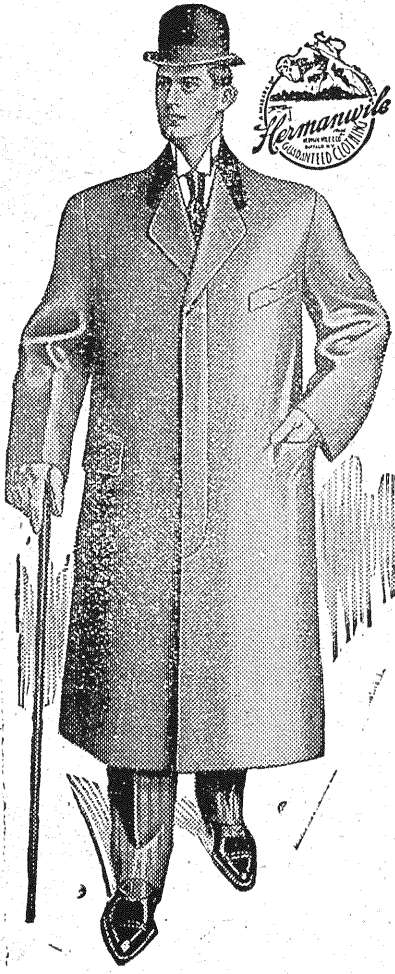


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Christmas in a Shoe and Clothing Store

is usually a dull time—a few more Gloves, Collars and Neckties; a little less shoe and clothing trade. No reason for it. There's nothing so good for a Christmas gift as a nice suit, a pair of shoes, an overcoat, a raincoat, a fancy vest, a fur coat—there isn't a thing in our store which wouldn't make the nicest kind of an Xmas gift.

We want some Xmas trade as well as our neighbors. We have been getting ready for it—watching for a chance to get hold of some good clothing which would enable us to offer some

Extra Xmas Inducements

We've got it—half a carload of fine clothing from a couple of manufacturers whose trade ran short of their expectation. They had to dispose of it at any price they could get. We secured what we wanted at our own figures.

Our advantage is your advantage. We are giving you the benefit and just at the time that the extra Xmas expenditures make every dollar count.

At \$12 We have high grade fancy worsteds and fine all wool chevots and cassimeres. This gathering shows light and dark grays, browns, black, blues and also mixed colors. All tailored by experts and from two of the best manufacturers in the country.

Christmas comes but once a year. A foolish present is remembered but a day; solid, substantial, serviceable gift is remembered thankfully for a year. We have

House Slippers, Gloves, Neckwear, Shirts, Collars, Suspenders, Mufflers—Everything that is new and attractive for the outfit of a well dressed men, boys and children.

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR CHRISTMAS.

The ideal way of presenting a pair of Shoes to a friend. You buy the certificate of us for any price pair of shoes and present it to your friend as the gift. The person receiving it may then come at his or her convenience, make the selection and be properly fitted. Worth remembering. Ready when you are.

Think it over, then come and see.

J. D. CROSBY & SON

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Our candies, rich and elegant as they are, may yet be eaten in perfect safety and pleasure, because of their purity. We handle the

BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS.

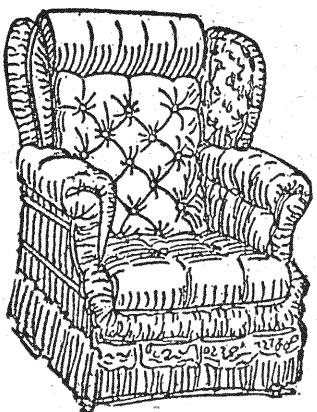
and the ingredients are all the purest of their kind. The persons who buy a box of our Fancy Candies have reasons to be pleased with it. They like their rare quality and the dainty way in which they are put up. They make nice Christmas gifts.

ALL KINDS OF NUTS.

Tobacco and Cigars.

Fancy line of Pipes.

J. C. LAUDERBACH.



FURNITURE FOR Christmas Presents.

We have a large assortment of Leather Rockers from \$4.00 to \$25.00. An endless assortment of

Wood, Upholstered and Willow Rockers, Extension Tables, Library Tables, Parlor Tables, Dining Chairs, Bed Room Suites, Odd Dressers and Commodes, Chiffoniers, Buffets, China Closets, Couches, Children's Rockers, Iron and Brass Beds, Cotton and Felt Mattresses.

Also a nice assortment of PICTURES. Come in and see them.

McKenzie & Knapp,

Leading Funeral Directors and Furniture Dealers.

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MRS. MARGARET SPAETH.

Mrs. Margaret Spaeth died Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of her nephew, John Wagner, two miles east and one-half mile south of Cass City, after an illness of a few weeks.

Mrs. Spaeth was born in Auendorf, Wuertemberg, Germany, on August 3, 1824. In the fatherland, she married Christian Spaeth and to this union 12 children were born, all of whom were buried before the husband and wife came to the United States in 1881. They came direct to Cass City and settled on a small farm, three miles east and one mile north of the village.

Mr. Spaeth died about 10 years ago and since that time with the exception of a few weeks, Mrs. Spaeth has lived alone in her home. For the past few years she has not enjoyed good health and several weeks ago she left the homestead to spend her remaining days with her nephew, John Wagner.

The funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the Evangelical church of which Mrs. Spaeth was a faithful and devoted attendant until ill health made it impossible.

Cedar Wood for Sale.

I have purchased the cedar wood, all seasoned, from the Sterling Lumber Co., which I have for sale on ground or delivered. Jas. Tuckey.

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

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Four Sunday Schools Will Have Programs and Christmas Trees.

Christmas exercises will be held by all the Sunday schools in town, and the Christmas tree laden with gifts for the boys and girls will be a special feature of each program.

"Christmas Glory," a cantata, will be given at the M. E. church Wednesday evening. Special music, vocal and instrumental, will be rendered and three Christmas trees will hold the gifts for the pupils.

A program consisting of recitations and vocal solos has been prepared by the Presbyterian Sunday school for Christmas. The program will be given Tuesday evening and a Christmas tree will add delight to the joyous occasion.

The teachers and pupils of the Baptist Sunday school are preparing a Christmas program which will be given at the church Christmas eve. A Christmas tree here also.

The following is the program which has been prepared by the Evangelical Sunday school for Christmas eve:

Instrumental Music	School
Song, No. 2	School
Responsive Reading	School
Song, No. 4	School
Prayer	
Song, "Just a little baby"	Primary Class
Recitation	Grant Patterson
Violin duet	Ward and Dorus Benkelman
Recitation	Agnes Pitcher
Song	Class of Boys
Recitation	Esther and Laura Wagner
Song, No. 151, Hosanna	School
Recitation	Cecil Patterson
Exercise	Three Boys
Song	Class of Girls
Recitation	Joy Smith
Recitation	Eddie Buehrly
Exercise	Four Girls
Song, No. 6	School
Recitation	George Crocker
Recitation	Willie Blien
Recitation	Katie Striffler
Song, No. 20	

BIG ADVANCE IN THREE YEARS

Two Hundred Thirty Cars of Sugar Beets Loaded.

From a record of 15 cars three years ago to 230 cars this season is a big advance in the number of cars loaded with sugar beets in the territory under the supervision of A. A. McKenzie. These surprising results are due in a great measure to Mr. McKenzie's energy and enthusiasm, and the sugar factory management at Caro realize they have an excellent agent at this point.

The last car of a total of 75 for the season was loaded Friday at Cass City. Gagetown is second in Mr. McKenzie's territory with 68 cars, Deford follows with 38 cars, Wilmot 30 cars, Kingston 19 cars.

MAY GET ROAD AFTER ALL.

The old Detroit-Bay City Traction company has given renewed life and in a manner that is somewhat surprising. Notes given by the old company, supposed to have died a natural death, are being paid. A short time ago three Detroit men came to Bay City and interviewed a local capitalist and immediately afterwards farmers were approached with money for their supposedly worthless notes. The notes had been given over two years ago in pay for right of way.

The construction work was actually begun by the Ross construction company but one obstacle after another came up and after several miles of road had been graded, the work was abandoned. It is now said that fresh capital has been interested and that work is to be resumed in the spring on a road from Bay City to Caro, Mayville and Portlac.—Free Press.

THUMB NOTES.

Clare T. Purdy, for several years a general merchant of Gagetown, has announced his intention to open a general store in Owendale.

The Caseville Critic last week says that the drilling for lead near that village was done, but the analysis of the dirt was not encouraging enough for further investment and the work has been abandoned for the present.

In the December term of the circuit court for Tuscola county the decisions reached were as follows: Ellsworth H. Diamond vs. Ethel A. Diamond, divorce; decree granted complainant. Isaac W. Hall vs. Alonzo H. Ale, assumpsit; judgment in favor of plaintiff. Melze-Allerton vs. Alonzo H. Ale, testimony and proofs taken; no judgment rendered.

The P. O. & N. and P. M. railroads have dissolved partnership in their office arrangement at Clifford and divided up the building—the former taking the outside and the latter the inside. Office rooms have been fitted up in the north end of the P. O. & N. freight house where the business of

the company will hereafter be transacted.

M. J. Madden, the popular hardware merchant of Owendale, was missed from his place of business for a few days last week and when he returned his friends were surprised by a presentation to Mr. Madden's bride, a young lady whom he had won at Saginaw and brought home without being suspected of having any intentions of the sort. Miss Hooligan of Saginaw was the bride.—Caro Courier.

The Johnson-Slocum steel collar plant at Caro, which has been closed for the past two weeks for the purpose of cleaning up the stock on hand and winding up the business matters of the year, opened on Monday with a full force of men, for full hours and with plenty of orders booked to keep the factory humming without any prospects of a stop.

RATES GO UP.

Manager Deady of the Bad Axe Telephone Exchange has notified all subscribers that on account of the increase in the cost of maintaining the system he will be obliged to make a slight advance in the rates after January, says the Democrat. The rates will be \$12 for the residences and \$18 for offices and business places. The exchange now has 170 subscribers in the city and surrounding country and all are given a regular night service.

WHAT CHRONICLE READERS HAVE TO SAY

Suggestions About That Rope.

Ames, Iowa, Nov. 30, 1907.
Editor of the Chronicle,
Cass City, Mich.

My Dear Sir:—We recently read in the "Hansboro Pioneer," a paper which we understand is published near your thriving city of a strange phenomenon that occurred in your vicinity. The account, which we trust is perfectly accurate, is to the effect that sometime prior to the 21st inst. a rope was found hanging from the skies with no visible means of support. The account went on to state that with powerful field glasses no one had been able to see the other end of this rope, that is, the end from which the rope was suspended, but that knots could be plainly distinguished. The paper went on to say that several men tried to pull it down but were unable to do so. We believe that the suggestion was also made that an airship was stranded in the regions above and that the rope was a signal of distress.

We very sincerely regret that more data is not at hand for the solution of this great natural phenomenon. However, nothing daunted by the paucity of the facts at hand we have the following suggestions to offer on the same, after due consultation with the proper authorities and eminent professors in the great Iowa State College of Agriculture and Farm Mechanics. The first gentleman consulted was the professor of English. Our noble man is an eminent authority on all literature of the uplifting sort. He is a wise head and all that sort of thing, but far too modest to advance many theories unsubstantiated. Knowing these facts we were not surprised when he suggested a conference with the college chaplain. Accordingly we hastened up to his office and found the good man at home. A long conference took place here and it was finally decided by the two excellent gentlemen that the rope was placed there for the sole and only purpose of enabling some of the elect of Cass City to "hitch their wagon to a star!"

We think the suggestion an excellent one and if the elect can afford the wagon needed we see no reason why it cannot be hitched on to the rope for a trial at least. This did very well so far as it went. We next hustled around to the mathematical department. The professor was not at home, but we had no trouble in finding one of the "aunts" all right. We laid the case before her in as mathematical and exact way as we were able to do. She thought it over for some time and finally suggested that the rope might be an assumptore,

RATES WILL NOT BE RAISED

Telephone Company Officials Say Same Rates Will Prevail.

The Cass City Telephone Company has completed arrangements for the purchase of the telephone system from the village at a sum of \$4,530.19. New subscription has been received for the capital stock for this amount which leaves the company free from debt.

The stockholders who have increased their subscription to the capital stock are Dr. A. N. Treadgold, E. H. Pinney, J. D. Crosby, B. F. Benkelman, Edward Pinney, G. A. Striffler, J. C. Corkins, Anthony Doerr, H. L. McDermott, M. Sheridan, Chas. Wilsey and J. D. Brooker.

It is the intention of the company to continue to extend the system into the farming districts and thereby improve the service to the subscribers. Two hundred and sixty telephones are now installed and the present low prices, the officers say, will be maintained.

The company is purely a local one and the stockholders are all residents of the village.

The officers are: President, J. C. Corkins; secretary, J. D. Brooker; treasurer, Edward Pinney. H. L. McDermott and Dr. A. N. Treadgold and the officers named above constitute the board of directors.

and be tangent to the perpendicular at infinity. We did not see how this could be unless there was a wobble in the rope at that hypothetical point. This was a little too much. She grabbed her class book and setting down a big O, said "flunked." We left the office in a sadder but wiser state than that in which we entered.

The department of physics was next visited and the problem with its accumulated hypothesis submitted to the inspection of the ones in charge. "Your data is not very good, better do that over again," was the first opinion ventured. We hastened to assure the instructor that we had Phys. Gab. passed up and were merely after information. We were next asked how many inches of the rope were coiled on the ground, the number of strands in the rope and the average weight, number, length and diameter of the fibres, all in C. G. S. units. Carry results to the tenth decimal place. We saw that the case was hopeless here, and fled as we were asked the amplitude of the fifth harmonic in the rope. If you can get very reliable data on any of the above points we will be glad to submit them for inspection. In addition it will be necessary to state the length of the principle focus of the objective of the field glasses used in viewing the rope.

The chemistry department did not become interested at once, but at the suggestion that the rope might furnish a means of determining how HNO₃ breaks up they became interested at once. If you will send a sample of the rope they will examine it and if possible determine the amount

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Poultry Wanted.

We want to buy two carloads of poultry—one car at Gagetown on Wednesday, Dec. 25, and one at Cass City on Thursday, Dec. 26. Will pay 7 cents for hens, chickens and geese; 8c for ducks; 12c for turkeys. These are the last cars to be loaded by us this season. Harry Young.

Threshing Outfit at Auction.

Port Huron threshing engine, Port Huron grain separator, Biddell beaver, Birdsall clover huller, water tank and truck wagon. Terms of sale easy and to suit buyer. The outfit will be sold at auction at our farm, four miles east and one mile north of Cass City, on Monday, Dec. 23, at 1:00 p. m. 12-20-1* Wright Bros.

Try a load of our Ohio Wash Nut coal; no slack. This is the time to put in your winter's supply. Cass City Grain Co. 12-6-3

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Daniel P. Deming, M. D. Late graduate of Long Island College, New York. Physician in charge of Pleasant Home Hospital.

DR. M. M. WICKWARE, Physician and Surgeon. Office over Cornish's Grocery.

DR. A. W. TRUESDELL, Physician and Surgeon, Shabbona, Mich. Special attention to surgery.

P. A. Schenck, D. D. S. DENTIST. Graduate University of Michigan. Office hours 7:30 a. m. to 12 m. and 1:30 to 5:30 p. m.

I. A. Fritz, Resident Dentist. Office over E. Ryan's drug store. We solicit your patronage when in need of dental work.

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JAS. REAGH, Sec-Treas.

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Going North 11:25 a. m. and 7:58 p. m. Going South 7:43 a. m. and 3:29 p. m.

F. H. CARROLL, Gen'l Supt., Pontiac.

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THE TREASURER TO BE REMOVED

GLAZIER REFUSES GOVERNOR'S REQUEST TO RESIGN OFFICE.

HE IS NEAR TO DEATH NOW

Governor Makes a Plain Statement of the Case and His Intentions in the Matter.

State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier, broken in health because of the financial crash which wrecked his bank and seriously involved his stove company, lies at the point of death.

Gov. Warner personally demanded the resignation of Frank P. Glazier as state treasurer in the latter's home Wednesday morning.

The governor pleaded with the financier to withdraw gracefully as possible for the interests of both himself and the public.

The governor will at once take the necessary legal steps to have Mr. Glazier removed.

It is necessary for the governor in taking steps to remove the treasurer to move along a well-defined path.

Mr. Glazier declines to resign and I shall at once commence proceedings for his removal.

I shall cite Mr. Glazier to appear before me and show cause why he should not be removed.

The public will be taken into my confidence in all the proceedings relative to Mr. Glazier's removal.

I have been acquainted with Mr. Glazier for many years, even before he was a state officer.

Atty-Gen. Bird will be ready with the papers in the removal proceedings against State Treasurer Glazier this week.

The charges will then be signed by Gov. Warner and a date for the hearing set.

W. J. Dancer, receiver for the Stockbridge Commercial bank, which closed as a result of the failure of Frank P. Glazier.

Suit for \$3,359.04, alleged to be due for installing a heating and power plant at a cost of \$29,489.54, has been started against the Glazier Stove Co.

Directors of the Glazier Stove Co. held a meeting last week, but declined to tell what action was taken.

Glazier is still confined to his house and, under orders from his physician, talks as little of business as possible.

W. W. Wadsworthy, receiver for the Chelsea Savings bank, has filed his bonds for half a million dollars.

He takes \$100,000 in the Bankers' Surety Co. of Cleveland, \$200,000 in the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, and \$200,000 in the Title Guaranty Co. of Scranton, Pa.

The Republican and Democratic committees will try to arrange a voluntary primary to take the place of the legal primary.

In his address to the State Farmers' Club in Lansing, President L. Whitney Watkins, of Manchester, advocated a parcels post and rural high school system.

Justice of the peace and rural high school system and criticized the rural system of justices of the peace and jury, saying the justices were usually unintelligent and controlled by attorneys and the jurymen the loafers of the community.

MEET IN DENVER.

Democratic National Convention to be Held July 7.

After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver and fixing the date of the meeting for July 7, 1908, the Democratic national committee entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city.

The opposition to the acceptance of the contribution took the form of a resolution by Representative Clayton, of Alabama, declining money not actually needed for convention purposes.

Mr. Clayton, Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, all spoke in favor of the passage of the resolution.

Mr. Williams spoke in similar vein, as also did Mr. Clayton.

A Rough Deal. "I have had a d—n rough deal from the White House."

This statement was made by Secretary Cortelyou to an old friend.

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The Markets. Detroit.—Cattle.—There is very little demand for this stock and feeders at present.

East Buffalo.—Cattle.—Best export steers, \$5.60 @ \$5.85; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping steers, \$4.90 @ \$5.30.

Wreck of the Lawson. During a fierce gale Thursday night the American seven-mast schooner, Thomas W. Lawson, was wrecked in the Broad Sound, Seilly Islands, only the captain and two sailors being rescued.

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WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

THIRD TERM CRY IS STOPPED SHORT BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

STANDS BY THE RECORD

The Announcement is Short and Unequivocal, Leaving No Chance for Further Talk on the Subject.

All doubt as to President Roosevelt's attitude on the third term question was dispelled by his positive statement that he is not a candidate for a third term.

The president, it is stated, had awaited the formal issuance of the call for the next Republican national convention before destroying all doubt as to a possible change in his attitude.

It is believed that for some time Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock, Internal Revenue Commissioner Capers and southern Republican leaders have been hounding things in the south to secure Roosevelt delegates.

On the night after election I made the following announcement: "I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do."

"I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forget it."

A Bloody Revolution. Prof. D. L. Anderson, president of Poo Chow university, who is now in California, believes that upon the death of the empress dowager, China will be the scene of a bloody revolution.

The Japanese Flood. In spite of the utmost vigilance exercised by immigration officials along the Mexican border, Japanese laborers are pouring into the United States by thousands.

Storm Wide Spread. One of the most disastrous early winter storms in history has swept the Mississippi valley and Atlantic coast from Texas to Nova Scotia for 24 hours.

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Six hundred "co-eds" attended the freshmen spread of the U. of M. Burleson's tavern in South Boardman burned with a loss of \$5,000. It will be rebuilt.

William Bailey, aged 22, a Grand Trunk brakeman of Goodall, fell under the wheels and lost an arm.

Elbridge W. White has been commissioned a major and chaplain of the First regiment, M. N. G.

Reinhardt Piegols, living in Midland, pierced an artery while pitching hay and died from blood poisoning.

Struck by a baseball last summer, Harold Hobenstein, aged 16, of Muskegon, died from a blood clot on the brain.

Insane over the arrest of her 18-year-old son, Mrs. Emma McComb, of Mason, was sent to the Kalamazoo asylum.

Joseph Carter, arrested on suspicion in connection with the murder of Horace S. Davis, of Kalamazoo, was released.

W. R. Baker, a New York traveling man, ordered a 75-cent meal at a Saginaw hotel and found a \$50 pearl in an oyster.

Bert Smith, formerly of Grand Rapids, was murdered by robbers at the Irving Golf club in Chicago, where he was steward.

Pennsylvania miners who paid \$3 to a Pittsburg employment agency for Bay City jobs, arrived to find they had been fleeced.

William Merwin, aged 20, reported killed in a Michigan freight wreck, has returned from Montana, where he is living.

William Satterlee, who has lived in Troy township all his life, died on the farm where he was born. He was 81 years old.

Melvin Thompson, of Bagnall, attacked his wife and the hook of a poker she used in her defense penetrated his skull.

Due to the small demand for ore, the force of the Marquette steel corporation will be reduced 25 per cent, releasing 400 men.

Alex. Anderson, 14, living near Yamer, was shot and killed when his companion tripped and fell over a log, discharging his gun.

The 1-year-old child of Fred. Barrette, of Crystal Falls, tried to swallow the detached knob of a stove door and choked to death.

James Wilson, of Calumet, is reported to have killed an aged man in Paris with his automobile in which he was touring Europe.

In spite of the fact that Friday was the thirteenth of the month, over 200 Thrashers met in Lansing and organized a state association.

The Dow chemical plant, in Mt. Pleasant, has resumed work again with a force of 30 men and prospects of taking on a full quota shortly.

After having been dumb for the past six years, Henry Haack, of Battle Creek, had his speech restored when he was struck by an auto.

Thaddeus Miller, of Lee Center, was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of being implicated in the blowing of the postoffice safe in Olivet Sunday morning.

Burglars blew the safe of William Back's general store in Hudsonville and stole \$50. About \$10 was taken from the cash drawer of Edison & Cory.

In answer to the Bay City saloonists' challenge citizens secured warrants for the managers of two theaters for permitting Sunday performances.

Frank Green, of Bay City, had his hand nearly blown off Wednesday, when his shotgun discharged with the young man's hand over the end of the barrel.

Tony Duly, of East Tawas, who shot and killed John Ferris, a steamboat agent in a dock office at Oscoda, was sentenced to life imprisonment in Marquette.

John Grubba, of Alpena, who beat his wife into insensibility two weeks ago, has been convicted of assault with intent to do good bodily harm less than murder.

Joseph Narowitz, a Muskegon tailor, was discovered digging his own grave in the same plot where his wife is buried. He was arrested on an insanity charge.

William Greece, a lineman in the employ of the Michigan State Telephone Co., fell from a pole near Iron Mountain and crushed his skull, dying almost instantly.

Spasms St. Vitus' Dance

Many persons who suffered untold agonies from epilepsy, fits, spasms, and St. Vitus' Dance are today well. The strengthening influence of Dr. Miles' Nerveine upon the shattered nerves having restored them to perfect health.

"I endured agony that words cannot express from St. Vitus' dance, which followed a very severe spell of rheumatism. I doctored with a physician, but the more I took of his medicine the worse I got."

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| Chains | Lace pins |
| Rings | Mantel clocks, etc. |
| Watches | |

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At Cornelius' Grocery

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| Sugar per lb..... | 5c |
| Coffee..... | 10c |
| White House Coffee..... | 30c |
| Old Dutch Cleanser, 3 for..... | 25c |
| Cream Crisp, 3 for..... | 25c |
| 7 bars Queen Anne Soap..... | 25c |
| 7 bars Jaxon Soap..... | 25c |
| 3 cans Corn..... | 25c |
| Raisins, per lb..... | 11c |
| 6 lbs. Rolled Oats..... | 25c |
| 3 cans I. C. Baking Powder for..... | 25c |

We pay the highest market price for butter and eggs.

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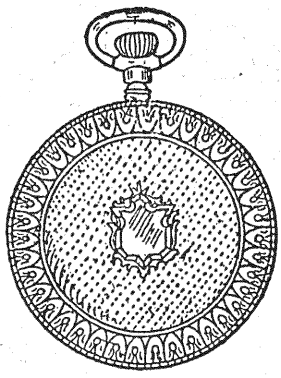
A Suitable Xmas Present

may be chosen from my fine selection of goods. Here is a partial list.

- Watches Standard makes
Rings, Bracelets, Watch Fobs for ladies or gentlemen, Necklaces, Fancy China, Silverware, etc.

When visiting my store ask to see those handsome silver mounted Toilet Sets. Something new, which will make a very elaborate and useful Christmas gift.

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GAGETOWN.

Mrs. Mose Karr has been very ill during the past week. Rev. John Bailey of Uby visited relatives here Saturday. Miss Iva Bodey of Grant is attending the high school here. Acme Lodge, 446, F. & A. M., elect officers Wednesday evening. John Monroe has purchased the Tiffany property east of the evaporator. Quite good sleighing Monday, but the storm on Saturday was something fierce. All our merchants are vying with each other in the display of Christmas goods. Mrs. John E. Dilman and son, Robert, were here the other day to see the latter's grandfather and great grandfather, Wm. C. Come and his father. Dr. E. R. Johnson, who has just returned from his European trip, was called to East Jordan to see his sick aunt, Mrs. George Miles. Elmwood Tent, K. O. T. M. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Com., S. B. Calley; lieut. com., Angus Crawford; recorder, T. H. Wallace; finance keeper, I. G. Thorndale; chaplain, J. H. Wooley; master at arms, R. S. Brown; phys., K. M. Morris; sergeant, A. W. Russell; guard, John D. Russell; sentinel, Lloyd McGinn; picket, E. S. Simmons. Bring your buckwheat to the roller mills. Grinding every day. 11-15

Here's Good Advice

O. S. Woollever, one of the best known merchants of Le Raysville, N. Y., says: "If you are ever troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good 20 years ago." Cures every sore, wound, burn or abrasion. 25c at L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store.

TOWN LINE.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing in this vicinity. Everybody seems to be busy getting ready for Christmas. The Town Line school is preparing a fine program for Christmas. Andrew Stevenson and family have moved on the George Lee farm. The Town Line Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Howard Retherford Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Retherford spent Sunday at Deford as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sharp. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Campfield of Avoca visited their daughter, Mrs. George Martin, a few days this week.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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|---------------------|---------|
| Earl Blakeley, 18 | Kron |
| Sophia McLaren, 16 | " |
| Charles C. King, 50 | Denmark |
| Alena N. Tarry, 42 | Caro |

Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 29th day of April in the year 1904 executed by B. Kille and Mary A. Kille his wife of Kingston, Michigan, 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 101 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 (503.75) 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 executed by the State of Michigan, that 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 south-east quarter (1/4) of the southeast quarter (1/4) of section four (4) township twelve (12) north or range seven (7) east in the township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, containing forty (40) acres more or less. Dated September 28th, 1907. GEO. M. CLARK, Attorney for Mortgagee. Business Address, Bad Axe, Michigan. 10-4-13

Order of Hearing.

State of Michigan, County of Tuscola, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county held at the probate office in the village of Caro on the 18th day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seven. Present John M. Smith, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of William H. Russell, deceased. V. Hamilton, administrator of said estate, comes into court and represents that he is now prepared to render his final account in said estate and prays that a day be fixed for hearing and allowing the same, and for assigning the residue of said estate to the persons entitled to same. It is ordered that Monday, the 13th day of January next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the probate office be assigned for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. JOHN M. SMITH, Judge of Probate. 12-24-07

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MICHIGAN CROP REPORT.

Lansing, Mich., December 9, 1907. The month of November was generally pleasant, with comparatively little cloudiness during the second half. The mean temperature was below the normal during the first half of the month and above during the second half. The precipitation was generally deficient, especially during the first and second decades. There was less snow than usual, particularly in the Upper Peninsula. WHEAT. A condition of wheat as compared with an average per cent is 82 in the southern counties, 84 in the central counties, 85 in the northern counties and 83 in the state. The total number of bushels of wheat marketed by farmers in November at 100 flouring mills is 96,523 and at 78 elevators and to grain dealers 64,737, or a total of 161,260 bushels. Of this amount 103,342 bushels were marketed in the southern four tiers of counties, 46,900 in the central counties and 11,018 in the northern counties. The estimated total number of bushels of wheat marketed in the four months, August-November, is 3,000,000. Ninety mills, elevators and grain dealers report no wheat marketed in November. RYE. The condition of rye as compared with an average per cent is 85 in the southern and central counties, 88 in the northern counties and 86 in the state. LIVE STOCK. The condition of live stock throughout the state is 94 for horses, cattle and swine and 96 for sheep. Correspondents report hog cholera in Kalamazoo, Lenawee, Montcalm and St. Joseph counties. FALL PASTURE. The condition of fall pastures as compared with an average per cent is 87 in the southern counties, 77 in the central counties, 80 in the northern counties and 83 in the state. George A. Prescott, Secretary of State. REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Grant E. Dutcher to Moses Kelley and wife pt se q of se q sec 34 Akron \$1100. John Sutphin and wife to Bruce A. Walker sw q of se q sec 25 Kingston \$1350. Louisa F. Leonard to Norman Gardner n h of s h of nw q sec 12 Denmark \$2050. John Ruffertshoefler to Konrad Kern and wife h of sw q sec 5 Denmark \$7000. Mary E. Rohlf to Horace N. Green and wife n h of w h of ne q sec 32 Fairgrove \$2700. A. B. Markham and wife to John and Frank Sherk pt blk 3 Mayville \$2500. Helen Gage to Chas T. Maynard lots 3, 4, 15, 16, blk 5 Helen Gage's annex Gagetown \$200. Martin J. Denis and wife to Chas P. Dennis e h of sw q sec 23 Vassar \$1. Chas P. Dennis and wife to Martin J. Dennis e h of sw q and n h of ne q 23, 26 Vassar \$3000. Wm. Beckrow to Thos J. Ash nw q of sw q sec 9 Tuscola \$1100. Margaret Stalker to Eliger Stalker n h of sw q of nw q sec 34 Fremont \$1. Wm. Thompson to Thompson Catharine pt blk 2 sec 26 Fostoria \$1. Ida M. Kinyon to Ervin S. Raymond se q of se q sec 14 Caro \$650.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council Rooms, Cass City, Mich., Nov. 18, 1907. Regular meeting of the council called to order by President Corkins. The following trustees were present: Clarke, Wilsey, Hall and Benkelman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following bills were read and referred to the committee on claims and accounts: Ridgeway Dynamo and Engine Co. Inv 11-11 \$ 68. What Cheer Coal Mining Co., inv 11-5 76 75. P. O. & N. R. Co., freight on coal 32 90. Stromberg Carlson Tel Mfg Co inv 10-17 63 00. General Elec Co., inv 9-30 3 00. Frank C. Teal Co., inv 10-16, 28, 31 and 11-8 42 10. Moran & Hastings Mfg Co., inv 10-31 16 17. Indiana Steel and Wire Co., inv 10-18 35 10. E. A. McGeorge, cement 129 66. John Zinnecker, labor 19 25. D. Leitch, labor 22 75. Joseph Balkwell, labor 21 00. Chas. Warn, labor 21 00. M. Seeger, labor and grout 43 00. Joseph Bildstein, labor 15 75. Patrick Gaffney, labor 3 45. Peter McVannell, hauling coal 9 13. S. E. Padfield, salary, etc 107 46. John Scriver, labor 28 00. Bertha Zinnecker, salary 10 00. Anna Zinnecker, salary 5 00. Merle Gale, salary 5 00. Alex Vyse, labor 25 20. The committee reported favorably on all bills as read. On motion of Benkelman seconded by Hall the report of the committee was accepted and orders were ordered drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts. Trustee Caldwell took his seat at this time. Moved by Caldwell seconded by Hall that the matter of constructing a drain on the east side of Seeger street be referred to the committee on general improvements. Carried. On motion of Benkelman seconded by Caldwell council adjourned until Wednesday evening, Nov. 20, 1907, at seven o'clock. H. F. Lenzner, Clerk. Council Rooms, Cass City, Mich., Dec. 2, 1907. Regular meeting of the council called to order by President Corkins. The following trustees were present: Clarke, Benkelman, Hall and Caldwell. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following bills were read and referred to the committee on claims and accounts: What Cheer Coal Mining Co., inv 11-13 and 19 \$113 92. P. O. & N. R. Co., freight on coal 84 47. Stromberg Carlson Tel Mfg Co., inv 11-20 84 00. Long Distance Tel Mfg Co., inv 10-30 2 44. Frank C. Teal Co., inv 11-13 27 00. F. R. Smithson, freight and cartage 9 04. Peter McVannell, hauling coal 23 20. N. Bigelow & Sons, sundries 18 89. B. F. Benkelman, sundries 9 55. Cass City Fire Dept., 3rd qr salary 25 00. Angus McGillivray, salary 31 25. Elias Killins, salary 40 00. John Dickinson, salary 35 00.

Alex Vyse, labor 27 00. John Scriver, labor 31 25. Stanley Graham, labor 3 00. Bertha Zinnecker, salary 5 71. Anna Zinnecker, salary 5 50. Merle Gale, salary 6 50. Lena Muck, salary 4 00. The committee reported favorably on all bills as read. Moved by Hall seconded by Caldwell that the report of the committee be accepted and that orders be drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts. Carried. Moved by Hall seconded by Benkelman that the matter of repealing the bicycle ordinance be referred to the committee on ordinances. Carried. On motion of Clarke seconded by Caldwell council adjourned until Friday evening, December 6, 1907, at 7:30 o'clock. H. F. Lenzner, Clerk. Any 12 Year Old Girl Can make those delicious Lemon, Chocolate and Custard pies as well as the more experienced cook if she uses "OUR-PIE" preparation. Don't hesitate. Try it and tell your friends. At grocery, 10 cents. Everywhere is pleased with "OUR-PIE." 34-4

NORTHEAST KINGSTON.

Miss Anna Stevenson visited Mrs. Ashcroft on Monday. The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Eli Leek on Thursday. Leon Ashcroft has been helping Mason Leek this week. Miss Blanche Lombard was the guest of Miss E. Cross Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams of Cass City attended the aid on Thursday. There will be a Christmas entertainment in the Leek schoolhouse on Monday evening, Dec. 23. Everyone is extended a cordial invitation. There was a large attendance at the Ladies' Aid which met with Mrs. John Retherford on Thursday. The next aid will be at Mrs. Jesse Cooper's.

These Delicious Lemon Pies.

The kind that "make your mouth water" are easily made with no fussing and at least possible expense if you use "OUR-PIE" preparation. Don't hesitate. Try it and tell your friends. At grocery, 10 cents. Everybody is pleased with "OUR-PIE." 34-4

SHABBONA.

The Lady Maccabees of Shabbona at their regular meeting, Dec. 13, elected the following officers for Earnest Hive, No. 226, for the ensuing year: Com., Mary E. Leslie; L. C., Janette Ryckman; P. C., Mary A. Wheeler; R. K., Matilda Jones; F. K., Mary L. Gotham; Chaplain, Agnes Philpot; M. at A., Minnie Avery; Sergeant, Delia Smith; Sentinel, Mary J. Davis; Picket, Lidia Hilliker; Phy., D. D. McNaughton.

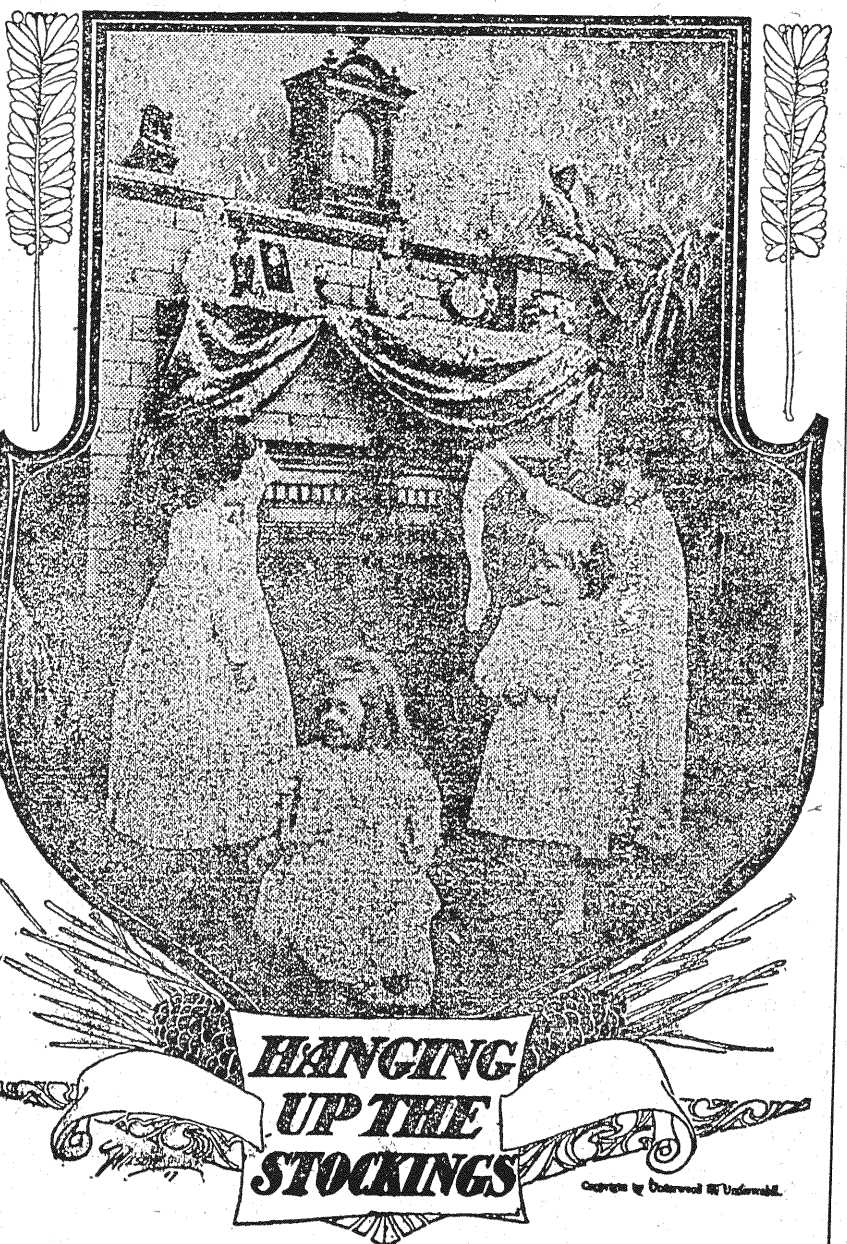
BEAULEY.

The new blacksmith, who began work this week, is Mr. Osborn of Cass City. Mrs. W. J. Moore has gone to Bay City to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Wilmot Moore, who has been attending college at Upland, Ind., has returned home for the holidays.



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. 350 Contributions Articles, Sketches, Reminiscences by Famous Men and Women. 1000 Graphic Notes on Current Events, Discoveries and Inventions in Nature and Science. 2000 One-Minute Stories, Bits of Humor and Miscellany, the Weekly Health Article, Timely Editorials, The Children's Page, etc. Sample Copies of the Paper and Illustrated Announcement for 1908 sent Free to any address. Every New Subscriber who cuts out and sends this slip at once with name and address and \$1.75 will receive FREE 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-Year 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.



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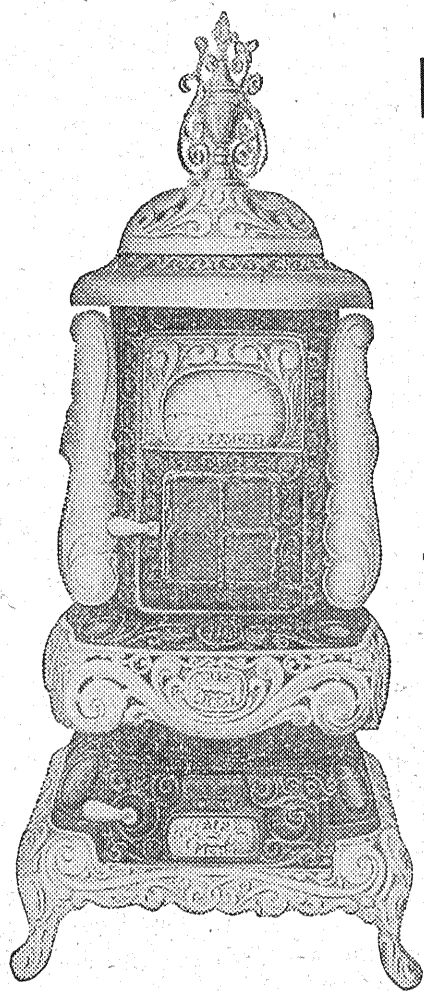
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HOW MUCH, PLEASE?

Want a choice cut of prime roast beef or tender, juicy lamb? May-
be 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.

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ED. SCHWADERER, Proprietor.



Largest line of

Holiday Goods

in the city. We are
selling them cheap,
for all must go.

Mrs. G. W. Goff.

Read the Store News in
the Chronicle to-day.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Eugene Maxwell is on the sick
list this week.

Merchants report a brisk holiday
trade this week.

H. H. Wilson of Deford was a caller
in town Tuesday.

Mrs. John Topping is visiting
friends in Fenton.

Miss Nellie Toles has returned to
her home in Leonard.

Dr. Deming celebrated his 63rd
birthday Wednesday.

M. and W. A. Seeger have been in
Detroit the past week.

The Chronicle wishes its many read-
ers a Merry Christmas.

John Striffler has been on the sick
list for the past week.

J. H. Striffler made a business trip
to Owendale Thursday.

E. A. Perkins is home from Orchard
Lake on a short vacation.

Mrs. A. N. Treadgold was in De-
troit a few days last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Miller on
Monday, Dec. 16, a daughter.

Mrs. D. Tyo was in Caro over Sun-
day, visiting a relative who is ill.

Miss Lucy Parker returned home
Wednesday evening from Fenton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Klein and fam-
ily of Pontiac are visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allard have
been visiting with friends in Cedar
Run.

Patrick Gaffney has opened a pool
room in the building west of the town
hall.

Miss Lillie Frasier is visiting her
friend, Miss Maud Ottoway, at Gage-
town.

Mrs. John P. Kreiner and Miss
Swoish of Brown City were the guests
of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Martus over
Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. McCauley is visiting her
daughter, Mrs. David Knight, at
Marlette.

Miss Belle Gettgey, who has been in
Detroit the past few months, has re-
turned home.

Members of Elkland Arbor, A. O.
O. G., will give a ball at the town hall
this evening.

A load of twenty young people en-
joyed a sleigh ride party to Novesta
Tuesday night.

Mrs. I. B. Auten returned Monday
from a week's visit with Mrs. J. F.
Seelye at Caro.

The P. O. & N. R. R. is making holi-
day rates of one and one-third fare
for the round trip.

Rev. H. W. Clough and family are
moving into the new parsonage next
to the Baptist church.

You should not fail to read the
Chronicle store news. It's refreshing,
crisp and full of benefits.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitney of
Caseville have been spending a few
days with friends in town.

A. J. Spittler returned Friday from
Watertown, S. D., where he has been
employed for several months.

Grover Blade returned home Mon-
day from Buffalo, N. Y., after spend-
ing the summer months sailing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spurgeon of
Chicago have been visiting with
friends and relatives here the past
few days.

Geo. Perkins of Argyle was in town
Tuesday. Mr. Perkins has purchased
the Argyle harness shop from Wm.
Matthews.

The following letter remained un-
claimed in the Cass City postoffice for
the week ending Dec. 14: Mr. F. H.
Meinhard.

Fred Topping had the misfortune
to dislocate his shoulder while mov-
ing his household goods to Novesta
last week.

Mrs. C. Lown of Canboro has been
the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Wm.
Halleck and Mrs. Ed Dulmage, the
past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dunkelberger of
Lockport, N. Y., are guests at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Muck for
a few days.

The farmers dinner given for the
benefit of the Presbyterian church
was well patronized, the net receipts
being \$40.45.

Postmaster Harrington's time at
North Branch expires March 1. Three
of the citizens of that town want to
be his successor.

Mrs. Henry Lambert of Marlette is
expected here today to visit at the
home of her brother, T. L. Tibbals,
for a short time.

Mrs. S. Legran Randall and daugh-
ter, Mildred, visited at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kilgour the latter
part of last week.

Chas. E. Patterson, Sr., is on the
sick list. Mrs. Patterson, who has
been ill for several weeks, is able to
be about the house.

Mrs. N. Bigelow started home from
Pontiac Saturday evening via the be-
lated train which did not reach here
until early Sunday morning.

A company of young people gave
Miss Ella Ball a surprise party at her
home last Friday evening, when a
very enjoyable time was spent.

Mr. Osborn, who has been employed
in A. H. Muck's blacksmith shop, has
gone to Beaulieu where he will con-
duct a blacksmithing business this
winter.

Quarterly meeting services will be
held at the Evangelical church on the
first Sunday of the new year. Rev. F.
C. Berger, the presiding elder, will
officiate.

The Bay View Club met at the
home of Miss Leola Lauderbach,
north of town, Wednesday evening
and enjoyed a sleighride before and
after the session.

D. G. Wright and son, Irl, returned
Wednesday evening from Dundee,
where they were called last week to
attend the funeral of the former's sis-
ter, Mrs. J. C. Critchett.

You can't expect a woman to get
much enjoyment out of the church
service if there are at least three wo-
men on her row who are wearing more
expensive hats than her own.

Simon Little is now a registered
pharmacist, having passed the state
examination after pursuing a course
of study at the L. E. Warner Pharma-
ceutical Institute at Marlette.

Mrs. C. B. Dodd left Brown City
Tuesday for Los Angeles, California,
where she will visit her sons, Thomas
and Charles. Mrs. Dodd is the moth-
er of Mrs. E. A. Jones of this place.

Have you any suggestions for re-
vising the premium list of the Cass
City Fair? If you have, send them in
at once to the secretary, I. K. Reid,
or leave them at the Chronicle office.

I. B. Auten left Wednesday for
Detroit. On his return, he will be
accompanied by Miss Alice Libby of
Oxford, Ohio, who will spend the holi-
days with her sister, Mrs. I. B. Auten.

Roy Donnelly of Pontiac spent Mon-
day evening with relatives here. He
expects to return here and attend
school the beginning of the year.
Neil Donnelly also expects to attend
school here.

A dangerous sport is practiced by
boys and girls in coasting down the
hill in front of the school house and a
few have narrowly averted an acci-
dent in crossing the road in front of
prancing horses.

Tyler Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M.,
elected the following officers Saturday
evening: W. M., Edward Pinney; S.
W., P. A. Schenck; J. W., M. A. Par-
ent; treasurer, E. H. Pinney; secre-
tary, I. A. Fritz.

Just nine tons of straw were used
by Frank Hoagland in covering his
strawberry patch to protect the vines
during the winter. Mr. Hoagland in-
tends to set out 16,000 more straw-
berry plants in the spring.

"Zeke and Daisy" in the Missouri
Girl provided lots of fun for those
who were at the opera house Saturday
night. The audience was so interest-
ed that they would not leave the
house until a voice behind the scenes
yelled "it's all over."

Christmas sermons will be given at
both the morning and evening services
at the Baptist church next Sunday.
A large attendance is desired and the
pastor is especially anxious that all
members of the church be present at
the morning service.

Mrs. E. N. Luke and little daughter
of Hart are the guests of the former's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Hill. Mr.
Luke, who also visited here recently,
has gone to Florida to spend the win-
ter and Mrs. Luke will remain with
her parents while he is away.

All members of Milo Warner Post,
G. A. R., are requested to attend the
next meeting of that society at Post
Hall on the fourth Saturday of the
month, Dec. 28, at 2 p. m. The an-
nual election of officers will be held
and other business transacted.

L. E. Curtis, manager of the Em-
pire Theatre, has been disappointed
in not being able to secure the films
for the Passion Play for tonight as
announced in the Chronicle last week.
Many who had planned to witness the
exhibition are also disappointed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. LaFave, who have
been on an extended visit with friends
and relatives in Forest, N. Y., re-
turned last week to their home near
Gagetown. They were the guests of
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hanson for a
couple of days on their way home.

More locals on fifth page.

Xmas Gifts in Watches, Clocks,
Jewelry and Optical Goods. Reduced
prices in all lines. Chas. Spencer,
Jeweler and Optician, West Main St.
12-20-1

Fine Watch, Clock and Jewelry
repairing. Watches cleaned, 75c;
Main springs, 75c. Prices for other
work accordingly. Chas. Spencer,
Jeweler and Optician, West Main St.
12-20-1

No. 1 fancy articles, cakes and
candles for sale at Mrs. M. J. Mc-
Gillvray's store, Saturday, commenc-
ing at nine o'clock.

Men wanted in this and adjoining
counties to tack up signs and dis-
tribute samples. Salary \$15.00 to \$36.00
per week, without or with rig. Per-
manent position. Send self address-
ed stamped envelope for working
plans. The Lee Manufacturing Co.,
Kalamazoo, Mich. 2-20-2*

HOLIDAY HARDWARE

It seems unnecessary for us to do more
in the way of Christmas Advertising than
to remind our friends that we are always
prepared at this time of year to show many
useful and appropriate articles suitable for
Gifts to men, women, and children.

This year, however, we have assorted
our stock with unusual care and no hard-
ware store in Cass City ever showed such a
fine variety of Goods for Gifts.

Here are a few items

Clauss and Enders Safety Razors	-	\$3.00 and 3.50
Keen Kutter Carving Sets	-	from \$2.00 to 5.00
Finest Line of Medium Price Pearl Knives	-	50c
Children's Knife and Fork Sets	-	25c to \$1.75
Children's Sleighs	-	50c
Wabash Steel Coasters	-	85c to \$1.25
"The Kind that is Advertised."		
Skates, clamp toe and heel,	-	65c
Savory Roasters	-	\$1.00
Lisk's Enameled Self-Basting Roasters	-	\$2.50
Asbestos Sad Irons,	-	\$1.50
"Hot Iron, Cold Handle."		
Universal Coffee Percolators	-	\$2.50 to 4.50
"Makes coffee fit to drink."		
Three Brands of Silver Knives and Forks	-	\$3.50 to 5.00
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It is always best to select a brand of established quality

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The perfect Flours, have been weighed in the balance and have al-
ways 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 num-
ber of young men will have occasion to "pat themselves on the back."

Cass City Roller Mills

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We have a new supply of

Peninsular Hard Coal Burners

All large sizes. Fire Pots as large as 17 inch.
Get my prices.

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Fur Coats made by J. H.

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Only Five Days More to Christmas.

Although still some little time distant the full spirit of Xmas time is upon everyone. What sweet memories cling about this the happiest time of all the year. Recollections crowd upon us of family gatherings around the cheerful winter fire, where yells of delight from toddlers greeted each new discovered toy, while the faces of the older ones glowed with radiant joy as they exchanged greetings and good wishes and recalled the happy incident of years gone by. The little gifts from loved one to loved one are soon forgotten but the love that prompted them will be remembered while life lasts.

This is the season of Love and Gifts.

Don't deprive yourself of the glorious privilege of giving. It always makes two happy, but the giver will be the happier of the two. If you call at our store you can select according to desire, gifts from 1 cent upwards. Everything possible to amuse, entertain, instruct and benefit has been gathered under one roof. Here are a few suggestions:

Manicure Sets \$1.25 to \$1.90.
Toilet Sets 75c to \$4.25. Smoking Sets 50c to \$2.75. Jewel Cases 50c to \$1.50. Cuff and Collar Boxes 50c to \$1.50. Glove and Handkerchief Boxes 25c to \$3.25. Fancy Gilt Buckle Suspenders, each in a fancy Xmas box at 75c. Ties from 5c to 50c. Silk Hand-



kerchiefs 33c to 85c. Photo Albums 48c to \$3.50. Postal Albums 15c to \$1.00. Framed Pictures 8c to \$1.25. Books (fancy and plain) 2c to \$2.25. Ladies' Golf Gloves 20c to 45c. Mittens 10c to 75c. Kid Gloves 50c to 65c. Handkerchiefs 3c to 50c. Besides this we have Dolls, Toys, Silver Sets, Silverware, Cut Glass, Japanese ware, and a fine line of Shoes, Clothing, Dry Goods, Rugs, Robes, Blankets. We take this opportunity of wishing

"A Merry Christmas to all"

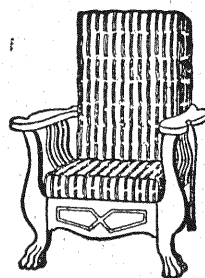
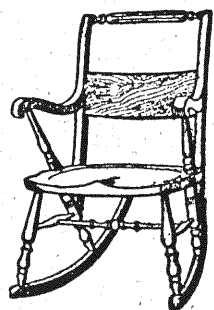
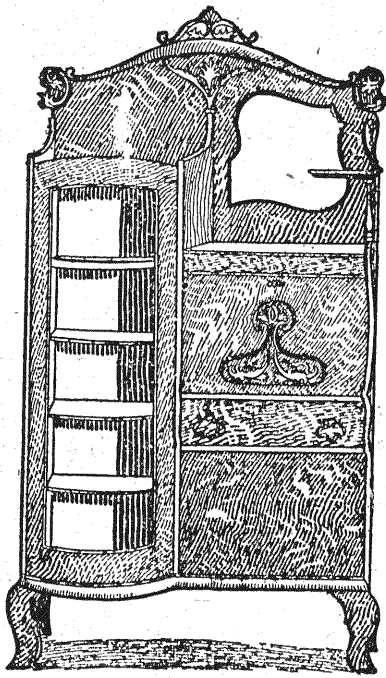
New Cement Block. Russ & Durst, Proprietors.

Eggs taken in Trade.

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FURNITURE STORE

Morris Chairs Paper Racks
Bedroom Suites Rockers
Pictures Couches
Rocking Horses Etc., Etc.



Greeting

May He, whose star shone bright and clear
To guide the wise men on their way,
Be thy sure refuge, ever near
To help, to comfort, night and day.

The spirit of Christmas! What is the spirit of Christmas? Is it the generous spirit, the spirit of giving? Yes, but that is not all. There will be millions of gifts made between now and the new year, and they will not all express the Christmas spirit. Some will be made out of pockets of plenty and thus entail no personal service; some will be made under compulsion of supposed necessity. How many people give things at this time because they think they must. They must give to those who, they hope or fear, will give to them. It is almost unfortunate that giving and taking has become such a feature of our Christmas celebration because the mere gift is incapable of expressing the spirit of this occasion, and the occasion itself has become a burden to many because it has been so much abused. It is not by giving lavishly that we honor Christ, whose birth we celebrate, but by sharing unselfishly every good thing we possess. This is the best thing of Christmas. In reach of every human life and enables every human being however poor in goods to give generously of whatever else he has. We all have much. Is money denied us, then let us give what is better, a word to cheer, a smile to awaken hope, something out of our hearts' treasure. Who would not rather get a cordial message from a friend that would express his thought and appreciation, than to get a dollar trinket? What heresy to think that we cannot express an unselfish love at Christmas time except by lavish use of money. The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of

Christ. He came on a giving mission but the gift was Himself—His life! Silver and gold had He none to give, but He gave health to the diseased, sight to the blind, hope to the despairing and salvation to all who will accept it. He proved His unselfish love not only by giving but by sharing, by undergoing, not only for us but with us, all our griefs and temptations. Would we honor Christmas and enjoy it, we must not only give but give wisely. Whether it be a trinket, a watch, a picture, a book, or a cordial word and a warm grasp of the hand, let it be an expression of the giver's hearty identification with the other's interests and needs.—Ram's Horn.

Changed History of World.

The history of the world prior to Christ is a history of barbarism, cruelty and bloodshed. Read the history of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome and you read a history of vice, degradation and crime. A history that is written in blood and iniquity. The classic Greeks and tenacious Romans worshiped a multitude of gods. Even the inhabitants of Syria had gone astray until it was declared by the prophet. Our worthy ancestors, the Teutonic, were a semibarbarous people without literature, without government, without refinement and without religion, but when they received the glad tidings of the gospel of Christ their habits were changed, their manners refined and their civilization improved. Wherever this gospel is proclaimed it is as a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

Sheriff Davidson declares Port Huron poker rooms must close.

Nine cattle were killed by a Michigan Central train near Ceresco Tuesday night.

M. D. Morehouse is held at South Haven, charged with the killing of his 2-year-old foster child.

Mrs. Mary Dennison, a Battle Creek scrubwoman, went to Cincinnati to contest the will of her father, who left her but \$10 of a \$30,000 estate. The other heirs offer to settle by giving her \$10,000.

Lee D. Gelsman, superintendent of the upper peninsula experiment station, reports only 235,247 acres, or 2 per cent of the total area, under cultivation. In the lower peninsula 36 per cent is under cultivation.

John E. Van Fleet, who killed Douglas, a fellow prisoner in Jackson penitentiary, was found guilty of murder in the second degree. The men quarreled over a division of profits from the sale of articles to the prisoners.

STOCK BREEDERS OF MICHIGAN.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Michigan Improved Live Stock Breeders and Feeders' Association will be held at the Agricultural College, East Lansing, on January 14th and 15th, 1908.

Men of national and world-wide reputation are being secured as speakers. You should hear them.

This association and its meetings are doing untold good in the improvement of Michigan's horses, cattle, sheep and swine, and in the advancement of her live stock interests generally.

Mark the above date on your calendar and arrange to attend.

Please Settle.

All persons owing me on account are requested to call at my residence and settle same at their earliest convenience. H. L. HUNT. 12-13-

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

LOCAL ITEMS.

Three young men of the neighborhood northwest of town, Guy Allen, Frank Reid and Stanley Karr, have taken up their home for the winter in the residence on Chas. McCrea's farm. Rumor says they have no particular need of a housekeeper for they do their own housework and everything is in apple-pie order.

On Friday evening Venus Rebekah lodge elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Noble grand, Miss Lillian Striffler; vice grand, Miss Rose Moore; recording secretary, Miss Edna Matzen; financial secretary, Miss Lottie Usher; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Crosby. The installation services will occur some time in January.

Last week the members of Court Davenport, I. O. F., elected the following officers: C. R., Mrs. G. W. Goff; V. C. R., Mrs. W. W. Bender; Fin. Sec., Mrs. I. K. Reid; Treas., Miss Nellie Goff; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. Eastman; Orator, Mrs. A. N. Treadgold; S. W., Miss Lillie Goff; J. W., Mrs. D. Hutchinson; S. B., Mrs. P. A. Schenck; J. B., Miss Tena Wettlaufer; court deputy, Mrs. M. M. Wickware.

In a direct contrast to one week ago Saturday, which was one of the best trade days in Cass City this season, last Saturday was one of the dullest days, on account of the severe snow storm which prevailed throughout this section of country. All day long the snow fell, making travelling very inconvenient and the result was that very few came to town and most of the trade was within the village limits.

Hazel Hive, Lady Maccabees, elected the following officers Tuesday evening: Com., Lottie Usher; L. C., Etta Wickware; P. C., Margaret Zinnecker; R. K., Carrie Robinson; F. K., Mrs. M. L. Gulick; Chaplain, Mrs. Ed Brotherton; M. at A., Mrs. J. F. Hendrick; Sergeant, Mrs. D. Tyo; Sentinel, Mrs. L. Bailey; Picket, Mrs. P. S. Rice; Organist, Mrs. T. L. Tibbals; Physician, M. M. Wickware.

The store windows in town have taken on a gala appearance during the past few days, being trimmed in holiday attire. Every effort has been put forth to make each display as pretty as possible and the result has been very gratifying, both to the merchant and the passerby. Troops of little folks enjoy gazing at the Christmas trees laden with the toys and decorations so dear to the child heart, while older folks stop for the second look at the pretty displays. A well trimmed window is a good advertisement for the progressive merchant.

That young man who thinks he is poor because he has no bank account, little understands the value of God's free gift of health and strength, little appreciates the fact that the brightest and best of the country are self-made, and come to the notice of the world from just such beginnings. Not by idly moaning that they are poor, but by going carefully to work, perfecting themselves in their chosen pursuits and becoming so useful to those about them that their services are always in demand, whether it be on the platform, in the shop or in the kitchen, for all are honorable alike.

We notice a number of our exchanges harping on the old story about a business man using rubber stamp printing on his stationery. Such talk is all a waste of energy. The business man who uses a rubber stamp is run in that mold by nature and he can no more help it than he can kicking about his taxes and the improvements that his town makes. He is simply a rubber stamp business man, and he is so considered in the business world. You cannot change him no matter how you try and it is a waste of time to attempt it.

If you don't just like everything you see in your home paper, go around the streets and howl. The editor is never supposed to make a mistake and of course cannot do so. Other people can, but the editor is ubiquitous, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, "omnivorous." If you can't see a good point, don't fail to see a bad one. If a thousand pleasant things are said of people, hunt for something unpleasant. If you don't find it, howl some more; if you do, howl anyway. Never mind your own business; watch for something to find fault with in some other man's business, this will make you great.

A queer heading was placed on one of the articles in the Sebawaing Blade last week. The item was about a threshing machine which broke through a bridge near Pinnebog and the compositor in setting the type left out the letter "g" in the word bridge and the heading read "Went Through Bride." About a year ago, a Blade patron lost a bride and wanted to advertise his loss. This time the "l" was missing and the advertiser was surprised to see his signature to a liner which appeared under the caption, "Lost—A Bride." Editor Muellerweiss has recently joined the ranks of the Benedicts and mistakes like these may be forgiven under the circumstances.

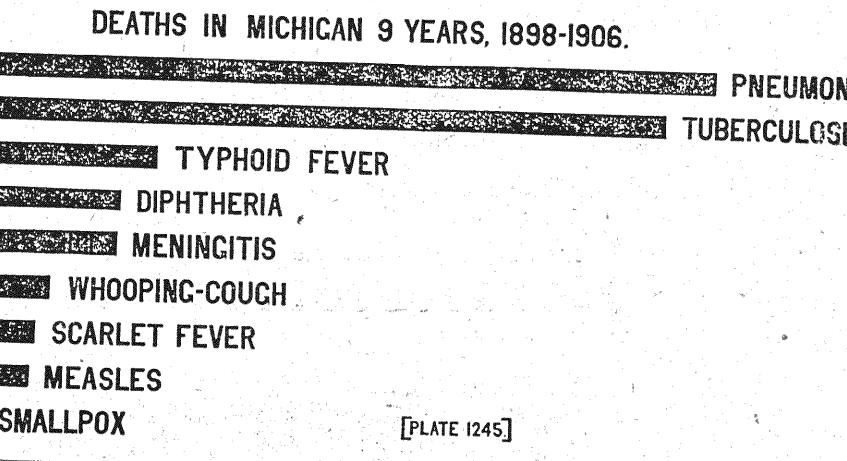
Candy 5c per lb during the holidays at the Candy Kitchen. 12-13-1



Baby's First Christmas

PNEUMONIA HEADS LIST OF DANGEROUS DISEASES

Judging by the seasonal prevalence of pneumonia in recent years, a gradually increasing prevalence of the disease may be expected from this time on until the maximum is reached in February, 1908, says Public Health, and it is not too early to sound a warning relative to the danger to be apprehended from protracted or neglected colds, which, as indicated by reports to the health department, have been the forerunners of a large majority of the cases of pneumonia in this state in recent years.



Santa Claus Letters

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 17, 1907.
Dear Santa. I would like for you to please bring me a book of poems that Longfellow wrote, and some story books. And a drum, a horn, a jumping jack an engine and cars. I hope you get my brother's letter and bring him lots of toys.
Paul Jones,
Cass City, Mich.
R. F. D. 5.

bird school house. Good by yours truly,
Clair Profit.
Dear Santa; I am a little boy 6 years old. I want some candy and a big engine please bring sister a doll.
Glen Profit.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 17, 1907.
Dear Saint Nick,
I thought I would write to you and tell you what I want for Christmas. I am ten years old and I want a violin for Christmas and a mouth organ and some candy and nuts if you please. I will hang up my stockings at home but if you do not want to tire your reindeers any I will hang them at the

Cass City Mich. Dec. 17, 1907.
Dear Santa Claus; I am a little girl eight years old. If you do not want to come up to my house I will hang my stockings at the Bird school house on the Christmas tree. Well now I will tell you what I want. I would like a doll a ring story book a pair of skates doll carriage work-box picture pair of dice combs a gold watch Santa Claus will you please bring those things and please call on the poor.
Good-by
Beatrice Helwig.

THE BELLS OF YULE

THE bells of Yule ring loud and clear
Across the threshold of the year;
The quiet moon is rising slow
Beyond the margin of the snow;
The white glint sparkles far and near.

How long have those old sounds been dear!
How long have we from youth to sear
Re-heard their rippling carol flow,—
The bells of Yule!

Old days return; old dreams appear;
Old conflicts rise of Hope and Fear;
And yet, with all, 'tis good to know
Despite Life's change of kiss and blow,
We still thank God to hear once more
The bells of Yule!

AUSTIN DOBSON.

Correspondence

WICKWARE.

Are we going to have sleighing? Leslie Keyser is visiting his parental home.

Clifford Edgerton spent Sunday at his parental home.

Clara Phillips returned to her home in McGregor Friday.

Verna Gibbons made a business trip to Cass City Monday.

Samuel Lowe of Cumber was the guest of Nellie Kirton Sunday.

Ziza Sansburn expects to leave next Thursday for an extended visit with friends and relatives in Bentley, Standish, Maple Ridge and several other places.

A party was given at the home of Miss Nellie Kirton last Thursday evening. A large crowd was in attendance. The evening was spent in playing games, concluding with a taffy pull. A good time was reported by all.

There was a surprise party at the home of Ziza Sansburn Friday night. The evening was spent in playing games and making candy. A large crowd was present and supper was

served at a late hour. A jolly good time was reported by all.

KINGSTON.

Miss Hazel Miller has tonsillitis.

Ted Snelling was in Detroit last week.

Judson Spencer is sick with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glyshaw are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. Munroe.

Mrs. G. W. Woolman visited her mother at Deford Friday and Saturday.

John Annin and daughter, Edna, were in Saginaw last week attending the State Grange.

Principal U. S. Wilson of Millington was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Hood last week.

Frank Booth, who has been in the U. S. marine corps for the past four years, is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Francis, who have been in Chelsea for the past few weeks, are home again.

Com'r. H. P. Bush visited the high school Wednesday and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Woolman.

The second number of the lecture course was given Saturday evening at the M. E. church by R. E. King of N. Y. He gave a very good lecture.

DEFORD.

Sleighing; now let bells ring.

A shipment of live stock from here on the 13th.

An evening party at Wm. Retherford's on the 13th.

Drifts—but where the roads are full make for the fields.

Dogs scrap, window broken, Novesta store needs repairs and will get them. No fault found.

Deford has weekly literary entertainments in the M. E. church, thanks to Mrs. Howell.

Hiram Wilson seemingly has hit on the right plan to find out how many christians there are in the locality, for all whose hearts are in the right place help toward the wood pile of the old folks on the hill.

Yes, there is something wrong with our spelling. Last week Will Retherford had a lawsuit with Wm. Wilcox and he taught Wilcox a dear lesson, and we venture to say Wilcox won't call it dear at all, unless you explain that 'tis one of those terms dear with the love excluded.

If you press your finger lightly along the backbone of the cow toward her hind quarters you will find little hollow places. Years ago when we set the milk in pans each one of these hollows indicated a pan of milk. Examine your cows and see how many pans each one is marked for.

A few days ago we talked with a man who in earnest conversation said his wife's judgment was better than his on any matter of business. He is the first as far as our memory goes to make such an admission and we are too old to expect to find another such creature.

Town line scribe informs us that Deford has a minister in the person of Rev. W. J. Eastlake and intimates that all should attend church. Now, we will agree to this if the correspondent will tell us where we can find in the scriptures grounds to call any man "reverend," we will attend regularly.

We are told that fish is brain food; beef makes muscle; pork makes us soft, and the meat of fowls makes us grow. But, Mr. Editor, we read in Goodall Farmer that the people of Bulgaria live on dog meat. Will you please tell us what part of the corporal structure is built up by the latter?

Twenty old people and twenty young people will spell down this week at the M. E. church and they mean business. The marriage tie is the way we divide old and young here. Why, we wouldn't say "old maid" for the world. A woman is never old till she refuses to notice how a man combs his hair.

Winter has really closed in, but 'tis near Christmas and very little feeding has been done as yet. Thirty-eight years ago this fall snow fell in Michigan on the 23rd day of October and the ground was covered till the following April. More feeding than we can possibly have this season. Hence, let us be thankful for hay is high in price.

The Gage boys are back in the smith shop and at the same old forge pounding the steel while they gently sing, "We wandered away to the wild Ogemaw, expecting to find in the city of Rose, a town of great rush where the pocketbook grows. But disappointment stepped in our fond hopes to dispel, till we thought of a place we Jaren't now tell. And murmured 'Ogemaw, Ogemaw, we bid you farewell, and re-cross your plain, going back to Deford, sweet Deford again.'"

Debate on the evening of the 12th. Question, "Resolved that home has more to do with developing character than society." Affirmative—John McCracken, Benj. Sharp, Mrs. A. J. Howell; negative—O. J. Wetbey, Bert Curtis, Mrs. A. A. Livingston. Judges—Edward Lee, George Roberts, C. J. Malcolm. Decision in favor of affirmative.

A Dangerous Deadlock that sometimes terminates fatally, is stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store. 25c.

DEFORD, ROUTE 1.

Jay Rodgers is able to be about the house now.

Fred King has gone over to Bauck's camp to work.

Frank Molonzo is working on Chas. Way's threshing machine.

John M. Reid lost a yearling steer last week which got fast in a wire fence.

It is reported that taxes in School Dist. No. 6, Ellington, are very high this year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vandermark have moved back to M. Goodwin's for the winter.

Jesse King expects to go to Wolverine Thursday evening to see about getting work.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Art Shriber will gladly welcome them in Ellington again.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Shriber are now nicely settled in their old home at Ellington Corners.

Lyle Bailey expects to spend the winter with his mother, Mrs. Ellen O'Dell, in Elmwood.

Grant S. Clay and Emanuel Emmons have taken the job of cutting twenty cords of wood for Sherman Elliott.

Miss Hattie Oesterle has gone over to Bauck's camp to assist Mrs. George McDermond for a couple of weeks.

Robert Jacoby moved Geo. McDermond and family over to Bauck's camp last Monday. They expect to take boarders.

KARR'S CORNERS.

Stanley Karr is picking beans at present.

Miss Maude Ottoway has nearly recovered from her illness.

The young people enjoyed a party at Fred Harrison's on Friday evening.

Miss Beulah Martin has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. John Doerr.

Those who attended the club dance at George Wald's Friday evening report a lovely time.

In the death of Patrick O'Brien, our vicinity loses one of her oldest and most highly respected citizens. Mr. O'Brien has been in very poor health for the past few months and on Tuesday, Dec. 10 passed to the great beyond. He leaves two sons and one daughter, besides his wife to mourn his demise. The relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were Wesley Houghtaling of Prescott; Percy Knight of Maple Ridge; Mrs. George Cutcher and little daughter of Detroit; Walter O'Brien of Mt. Clemens; and Tim Sheridan of Fairgrove.



The Xmas Gift Question

Can be settled at our store.

We have a large assortment of

Toys, Dolls, Books, Sleds, Rocking Horses, Doll Cabs, Toilet Sets, Smoking Sets, Albums, Games, Carts, Etc., Etc.

Our China and Lamp stock is complete

Mixed Nuts, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Almonds, Filberts and Shelled Walnuts.

We have Candy from 8c to 50c per pound.

Our Grocery Line is Complete.

Spencer & Heineman.

Don't neglect your cough.

Statistics show that in New York City alone over 200 people die every week from consumption.

And most of these consumptives might be living now if they had not neglected the warning cough.

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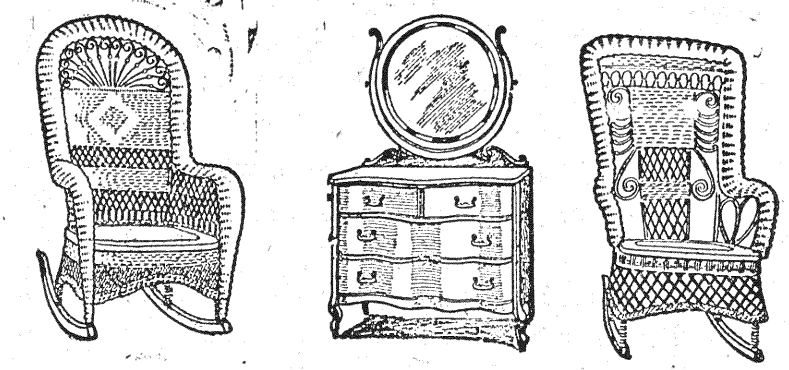
When you purchase a present, select something that will last, or the person receiving it is likely to soon forget the giver. Artistic designs, beautifully finished together with great wearing qualities are combined in the

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SPOONS, FORKS, KNIVES, Etc.

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Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula, will certainly stop falling of the hair. Indeed, we believe it will always do this unless there is some disturbance of the general health. Then, a constitutional medicine may be necessary. Consult your physician about this.

Does not change the color of the hair.

Formula with each bottle

Show it to your doctor. Ask him about it, then do as he says.

The reason why Ayer's Hair Vigor stops falling hair is because it first destroys the germs which cause this trouble. After this is done, nature soon brings about a full recovery, restoring the hair and scalp to a perfectly healthy condition.

Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Holiday Rates

P. O. & N. Railroad will make rate of one and one third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale at all stations Dec. 24th, 25th and 31st and Jan. 1st, limited to return not later than Jan. 6, '08.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative power that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NOVESTA CORNERS.

Bad roads since the storm.

F. Benedict's sale was well attended.

A. Henderson's baby has been very sick.

Mrs. Clark is somewhat improved in health.

Leighton McNutt is home from Shabbona.

Buy your Christmas goods of home merchants.

Elmer Atwell is living in the house lately vacated by M. Wentworth.

Extensive preparations are being made for the various Christmas trees.

A Real Wonderland

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mondak City, in the home of Mrs. E. C. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, by L. I. Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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The KING of DIAMONDS.

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

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CHAPTER X.

"THIS is the boy, sir," said the policeman.

"Oh, is that him?" observed the inspector, sticking his thumbs into his belt and gazing at Philip with professional severity.

Philip met their scrutiny without flinching. He leaned against the wall with his hands in his pockets, one fist clinched over the pouchful of gold, the other guarding a diamond bigger than the Koh-i-Noor.

"I am sorry I have only one chair, gentlemen," he said apologetically.

"That's all right lad," said the inspector. "The constable here tells me that you very pluckily helped him to capture a notorious burglar. The man was hiding in this mews, and it seems you first saw him looking in through your window. What were you doing at the time?"

"Packing my portmanteau."

"Oh, packing your portmanteau?"

"Yes. That is it."

He stooped and nonchalantly threw it open. His clothes and boots and some of the other contents were exposed to view. The inspector laughed.

"Not many diamonds there, Bradley."

"No, sir. I told you Mason was talking rubbish."

"Did he say any more about me being the boy who found the meteor?" asked Philip, with a first rate attempt at a grin.

"Wouldn't talk of anything else," volunteered P. C. Bradley.

"Judging by the way he dropped when I hit him, I expect he saw stars," said Philip.

"Are you leaving here?" asked the inspector.

"Yes, I must. The company which owns these premises intends to pull them down on the first of next month."

"What is your name?"

"Anson."

"Ah! I think I remember hearing something about your mother's death. Very nice woman, I was told. A lady too."

"Yes; all that and more."

"Of course. That accounts for your manners and appearance. Have you found some friends?"

The inspector's glance roved from the servicable portmanteau to Philip's tidy garments, and it was his business to make rapid deductions.

"Yes, most fortunately."

"Anybody connected with Sharpe & Smith?" the constable put in.

"Sharpe & Smith? Who are they?"

"Don't you know? Their young man certainly didn't seem to know much about your movements. He has been here twice looking for you. The first time was—let me see—last Monday about 4 o'clock. I was on duty in the main road, and he asked me for some information. We came and looked in, but your door was locked. The man on this beat this afternoon told me that the same clerk was making further inquiries today, so as soon as I came on night duty I strolled into the mews to find out if you were at home. That is how I happened to see you."

He turned toward the inspector.

"He was packing his bag at the moment, sir, and Mason had evidently been scared from the window by my footsteps in the arch."

The inspector pursed up his underlip.

"The whole thing is perfectly clear," he said. "Boy, have you got a watch?"

"No," said Philip, surprised by this odd question.

"Bradley, he hasn't got a watch," observed the inspector. He again addressed Philip.

"Where are you going tomorrow?"

"I am not quite sure, but my address will be known to Mrs. Wrigley, the street laundry, Shepherd's Lane."

"Ah! The constable says you do not wish to be mixed up in the arrest of Mason. There is no need for you to appear in court, but—er—in such cases as yours the—police like to show their—appreciation of your services. That is so, Bradley, isn't it?"

and hands at the sink in the scullery, and his next thought was for breakfast, a proof, if proof were needed, that he arose refreshed in mind and body.

In the Mile End road there are plenty of early morning restaurants. At one of them he made a substantial meal, and, on his return to the mews, he lost not a moment in carrying out a systematic search through all parts of the house and yard for any traces of the meteor which might have escaped as ken in the darkness.

Amid the earth and broken stones of the excavation there were a few fragments of ore and some atomic specimens of the diamantiferous material—not sufficient, all told, to fill the palm of his hand, but he gathered them for obvious reasons and then devoted five vigorous minutes with O'Brien's spade to the task of filling up the deep hole itself.

By lowering the flagstones and breaking the earth beneath he soon gave the small yard an appearance of chaos which might certainly puzzle people, but which would afford no possible clue to the nature of the disturbing element.

At best they might imagine that the

"Yes, sir. If it hadn't been for him, I shouldn't be here now. Jockey had me fairly cornered."

"You had no time to summon assistance?"

"I barely heard he was here before the window was smashed, and I knew he was trying to get out the other way. You heard him, Anson?"

Philip looked the policeman squarely in the eyes.

"You had just taken off your greatcoat when the glass cracked," he said.

Police Constable Bradley stooped to pick up his coat. He did not wish this portion of the night's proceedings to be described too minutely. In moving the garment he disturbed the packet of letters. Instantly Philip recalled the names of the solicitors mentioned by the constable.

"You said that a clerk from Messrs. Sharpe & Smith called here twice?" he asked.

"Yes."

He picked out one of the letters, opened it and made certain of his facts before he cried angrily:

"Then I want to have nothing whatever to do with them. They treated my mother shamefully."

The inspector had sharp eyes.

"What is the date of that letter?" he inquired.

"Jan. 18 of this year."

"And what are those—pawn tickets?"

"Yes, some of my mother's jewelry and dresses. Her wedding ring was the last to go. Most of them are out of date, but I intend to—I will try to save some of them, especially her wedding ring."

Jockey Mason's romance was now dissipated into thin air. The contents of the portmanteau, the squalid appearance of the house, the date of the solicitor's letter, the bundle of pawn tickets offered conclusive evidence to the inspector's matter of fact mind that the ex-convict's story was the effect of a truncheon rapidly applied to a brain excited by the newspaper comments on a sensational yarn about some boy who had found a parcel of diamonds.

This youngster had not been favored by any such extraordinary piece of luck. Simple chance had led him to put the police on the track of a much wanted scoundrel, and he had very bravely prevented a member of the force from being badly worsted in the ensuing encounter.

A subscription would be made among the officers and men of the division, and they would give him a silver watch with a suitable inscription.

The inspector noted the address given by Philip. It was on the tip of his tongue to ask his Christian name, when the constable suggested that they should examine the stable in which Mason had hidden.

They went up the mews. Philip locked his door, extinguished his candle and lay down on the mattress, fully dressed, with his newly bought rug for covering.

He was so utterly tired, so exhausted physically and mentally by the storm and drang of this eventful day that he was sound asleep when the two men returned.

They saw him through the window.

"He's a fine lad," said the inspector thoughtfully. "I wonder what he is going to make of himself. We might have asked him who his friends were, but they are not badly off, or he couldn't have got that bag and his new clothes. What on earth caused Mason to connect him with that diamond story?"

"It's hard to say," observed the constable.

"I will look round and have a chat with him in the morning. Poor little chap! He's sleeping like a top now."

The inspector called at No. 3 Johnson's Mews soon after 10 next morning, but the door was locked and the bird down. He spoke to Mason after that worthy was remanded for a week, but a night's painful seclusion had sealed the burglar's lips. He vowed, with fearful emphasis, to "get even" with the kid who "abated" him, for the policeman's evidence had revealed the truth concerning the arrest. But not another word would Mason say about the diamonds, and for a little while the inspector placed his overnight revelations in the category of myths familiar to the police in their daily dealings with criminals.

Philip awoke shortly before 7.

He was cold and stiff. The weather was chilly, and there was no ardent meteor in the back yard to keep the temperature of the house at a grateful point during the night.

But his active young frame quickly dissipated the effects of a deep sleep on a drafty floor. He washed his face, his meteor had left Johnson's Mews forever.

It was now a few minutes past 9, but he still had a good deal to do before he presented himself at Isaacstein's at 11.

It was necessary to change his skin once more before the metamorphosis he contemplated was complete. He was acquainted with a large outfitting emporium in Ludgate Hill which exactly suited his requirements, so he bidle flither on a bus.

Passing Somerset House, he recalled

dread evidence of some weird crime lay in the broken area. If so, they could dig until they were tired. But, indeed, he was now guarding against a most unlikely hypothesis. The probability was that Johnson's Mews would soon cease to exist and become almost as fabulous as the island of Atlantis.

Moreover, he had a project dimly outlined in his mind which might become definite if all went well with him that day. Then the ownership of No. 3, Johnson's Mews, would cease to trouble him, for Philip was quite sure the whole power of the law would be invoked to prevent him from dealing with his meteor if once the exact place where it fell became publicly known.

O'Brien's shop was scarcely open before Philip was there with his remaining portmanteau.

"Arrah, Phil, me boy! Where in the name of goodness are ye gatherin' the beautiful leather thrunks from?" asked the pensioner.

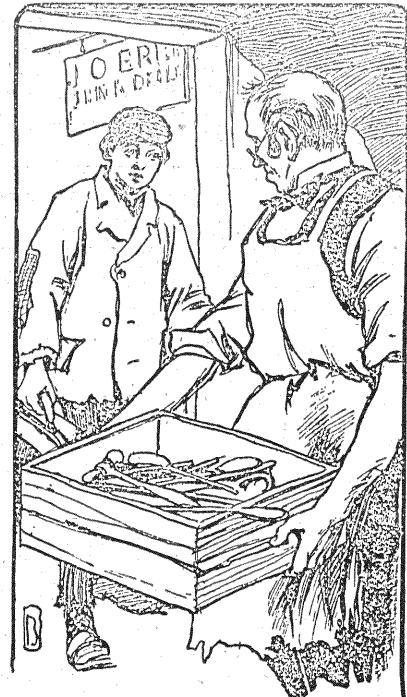
"This is the last one," laughed the boy. "I am off now to find a cab, and you won't see me again until Monday."

"Faix, he's a wonderful lad entirely!" commented the old man. "What sort of plunderer has he in the bags, at all that?"

In idle curiosity he lifted the last addition to the pile. It was normal, even light in weight. Then he nodded knowingly.

"A lot of odd duds belongin' to Mrs. Anson, I'll be bound. Ah, well, the Lord rest her soul, 'tis she was the fine woman. I wish I had some one as clever as her to write for me to that thafe of the worruld who thried!"

As there are no signs in the art of literature similar to those which serve



O'Brien's shop was searched open before Philip was there.

the needs of musicians, whereby thoughts can be expressed da capo, like a musical phrase, without risk of wearying the reader, it must be understood that Philip had returned from faraway Fenchurch street station with a four wheeler before O'Brien exhausted the first tirade of the day against the war office.

With a cunning that amounted to genius, the boy placed the large, light portmanteau and the two small, heavy ones on the roof of the vehicle, where the driver did not notice the least peculiarity in their weight.

The two large, heavy bags he managed to lift into the interior, one of them needing all his resources to carry it from the shop door to the cab. Were he not fresh and untired he could not have done it. As it was, the effort was a splendid success.

The cabman knew little and O'Brien less of the tremendous avoiddupois of this innocent looking baggage. A long suffering horse may have had his private views, but he did not express them.

Saying goodbye to the pensioner in the shop, Philip took good care that none overheard his direction to the driver. In about three-quarters of an hour he lumbered into Charing Cross station without a soul in the East End being aware of his destination.

"Where to, sir?" asked a porter who opened the door for him.

"I only want these bags to be taken to the luggage room," said Philip. "You had better get some one to help you with these two. They are very heavy. They contain specimens of iron ore."

The man took a pull at the solid one.

"By gum," he grinned, "you're right! That would surprise anybody who tried to pick it up and run away with it."

"Rather," agreed Philip. "I am glad to say it is not going very far, only to a laboratory for analysis."

He saw his belongings wheeled away on a barrow before he paid the cabman liberally. He only gave the porter sixpence. The man believed that Philip was a clerk in charge of the minerals. He was grateful for even so small a sum.

On leaving the station, with the receipt for his luggage in his pocket, Philip saw the four wheeler turning into the Strand on its way back to Fenchurch street. He smiled. The tie between east and west was severed. No matter what else might happen to Isaacstein's remark about getting his letter "stamped." He did not know what stamping meant in a legal sense, but he guessed that it implied the affixing of a seal of some sort. There was no need to hurry over it, he thought.

At 11 o'clock Isaacstein would either keep his word about the £5,000 or endeavor to wriggle out of the compact. In either event Philip had already determined to consult Mr. Abingdon.

He had now in his pocket about £38. Half an hour later he was wearing a

new tweed suit, new hat and new boots. He had acquired a stock of linen and underclothing, an umbrella and an overcoat. Some of these articles, together with his discarded clothes, were packed in two new leather portmanteaus, on which his initials would be painted by noon, when he would call for them.

He paid £26 for the lot, and the man who waited on him tried in vain to tempt him to spend more. Philip knew exactly what he wanted. He adhered to his programme. He possessed sufficient genuine luggage and clothing to be presentable anywhere. He had enough money to maintain himself for weeks if necessary. For the rest, another couple of hours would place it beyond doubt whether he was a millionaire or not; for, if Isaacstein failed him, London was big enough and wealthy enough to quickly decide that point.

He entered the Hatton Garden office as the clocks struck the hour.

Some boys of his age might have experienced a malicious delight when the youth on guard bounded up with a smirk and a ready:

"Yessir. Vat iss it, sir?"

Not so Philip. He simply asked for Mr. Isaacstein, but he certainly could not help smiling at the expression of utter amazement when his identity dawned on his bearer.

"The Yessir, vil you please walk in," was very faint, though. The office boy ushered him upstairs as one in a dream, for he had been warned to expect Philip, a Philip in rags, not a smart young gentleman like a bank clerk.

Isaacstein on this occasion looked and acted the sound man of business he really was.

He awaited Philip in his private office. He seemed to be pleased by the change effected in the boy's outward appearance. There was less of burlesque, less outrage to his feelings, in discussing big sums of money with a person properly attired than with one who wore the garments of a tramp.

"Good morning," he said pleasantly. "You are punctual, I am glad to see. Have you been to Somerset House?"

"No," said Philip.

"Why not? If you are going to control a big capital, you must learn business habits or you will lose it, no matter how large it may be."

"Would Somerset House compel you to pay me, Mr. Isaacstein?"

"Not exactly, but the stamping of important documents is a means toward an end I assure you."

"I will see to it, but I wanted primarily to be certain of one of two things—first, will you pay the £5,000 as promised; second, will you give me a fresh purchase note for my diamonds which will not indicate so definitely that I am the boy concerning whom there has been so much needless publicity during the last few days?"

It was of no avail for Isaacstein to bandy words with Philip. A boy of fifteen who casually introduced such a word as "primarily" into a sentence and gave a shrewd thrust about "needless publicity" to the person responsible for it was not to be browbeaten even in business affairs.

The man whipped out a check book.

"Am I to make out a check for £5,000 to 'Philip'?" he asked.

"No; to Philip Anson, please."

"Thank you. And now, shall I put any address on the contract note which I will hand you?"

"The Pall Mall hotel."

Isaacstein with difficulty choked back a comment. The Pall Mall hotel was the most expensive establishment in London. He tossed the check and another document across the table.

"There you are," he said. "Come with me to my bank. You will excuse the hurry. I have a lot to do before I leave for Amsterdam tonight."

Philip saw that the acknowledgment of his diamonds appeared to be in proper form.

"There is no need at this moment to explain to the bank manager that I am the hero of the police court affair?" he said.

"None whatever. I am lending you the money, and will be paying you a good deal more very soon. That will be sufficient. He may draw his own conclusions, of course."

Philip was now looking at the check. "Why do you put 'account payee' between these two strokes?" he said.

The man explained, and even found time to show him how to cross and indorse such important slips of paper. Then they walked to the bank, a few doors away. The elderly manager was obviously surprised by the size of the check and the youth of the "payee."

"Oh, this is nothing, a mere flea bite," said Isaacstein. "In a few days he will have ten times the amount to his credit."

"Dear me. Are you realizing property on his behalf?"

"Yes."

"Well, Mr. Anson," said the manager pleasantly. "I hope you will take care of your money."

"I want you to do that," smiled Philip, who was slightly nonplused by the prefix to his name, heard by him for the first time.

"Oh, if you leave it with me it will be quite safe."

"I cannot leave all, but certainly I will not spend £5,000 in a week. I mean to buy some property, though, and—can I have a hundred now?"

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The Foreman (back for instructions)—Jedge, we're all tangled up concernin' th' testimony of Jim Boggs.

The Court—"Don't you know what to do with it?"

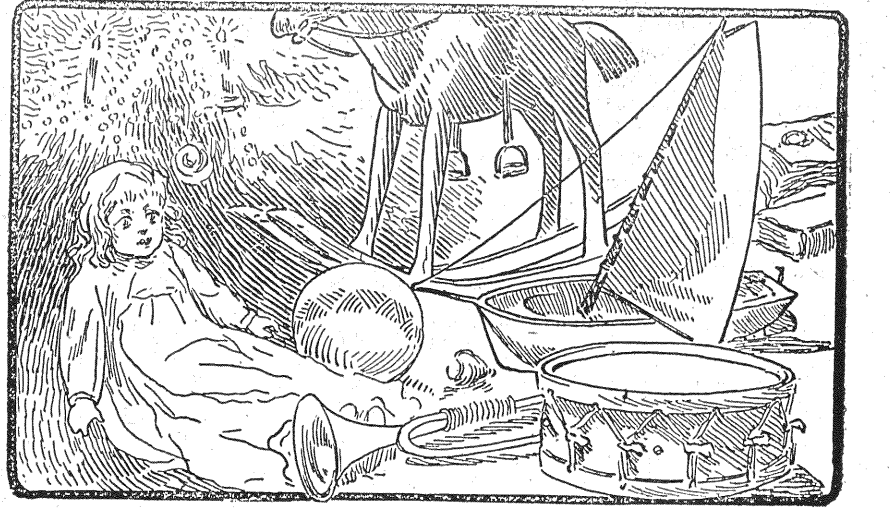
The Foreman—"We knowed jest what t' do with it tell we discovered wher' he'd told th' truth in one place.—Puck.

Knicker—"My son, this hurts me more than you. Johnny—Well, pa, why don't you take chloroform before you begin?—New York Sun.

THE SAME OLD STORY

THE MAN ON DECEMBER 1

Now wifey let us be sensible this Christmas time,
Let us not spend our substance on
Each chic and child
Of every forty-second cousin we can think of.
Each \$1.98 that we spend now
Means that much more economy in the year to come.
It means
Less clothes,
Less theaters,
Less porterhouse steaks,
Less everything that you and me and Baby Jack care for.
This Christmas habit is all folly
That we can well dispense with,
And we must.
We must think of the to-morrows,
And not spend our hard-earned coin
In riotous giving
Even though it is the fashion of the time.
We'll cut it out,
And have something for a summer day's vacation.



THE MAN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Ah! A box of cigars from dear old Will,
And just my favorite brand.
He never forgets.
And here's a top for Baby Jack from Cousin Eddie,
And a book from John's wife,
And Molly's baby sends a rattle, and Molly sends a centerpiece,
And George,
Our farmer cousin,
Sends a barrel of apples for the family.
Now look at this,
A necktie from Cousin Sarah,
And just my color too. And then she sends
A scarf to you, and pins for Baby Jack.
And still there's more,
The house is fairly littered up with Christmas remembrances.
Boxes from Joe, and Clark and Sue,
And Cousin Billy.
Did any other family ever have
So many thoughtful friends and relatives as we lay claim to?
I tell you it is good
To have folks think of us like this.
Just to know
That around this little old world of ours there's someone calls you friend,
Someone who remembers you.—We like it,
Don't we wifey?



THE MAN ON JANUARY 2

What's this!
A bill for Christmas presents?
The items, please?
Just tops, and drums, and books and ties,
And all the usual list of Christmas plunder, to the extent
Of \$302.47 you say.
And I told her that we would cut it out.
This folly, this Christmas giving, this reckless spending,
Well, here's your check,
But you just bet,
Another year we will have none of it.

Wright A. Patterson

WHAT CHRONICLE READERS HAVE TO SAY.

Continued from first page.

of crude fibre in the same. Ten grams of the rope will be sufficient for a full analysis.

As we had not yet found out anything more definite we were at a loss what to do. The professor of mining happened along just then and the problem was propounded. "Just the thing!" he exclaimed, "that rope is just what we need. If it hangs that way as you suggest it must be stout enough to use to hoist ore in our coal mine. We would like a mile of it, free from knots and the analysis of limestone will cost you just \$30."

Almost worn out we turned our weary steps to the department of animal husbandry. Once again we propounded the proposition. Here was received a very practical suggestion, and as simple as any received to date, although we visited every authority on the campus. The answer though simple is a beauty in its expression, and clear, concise English. Some of the replies were models of correct and technical exactitude but none were more accurate. Here is the answer and we think you will agree with the above statements, moreover you can see that it is characteristic of the A. H. department:

"The rope is for the purpose of giving that calf more rope!" So! boss!

Hoping that you duly appreciate the efforts made on your behalf and in the interests of "science with practice," and that you will remember that you are "thrice welcome," and always welcome," to any information we can give you, remain,

Yours scientifically,

"The Schaltafelwarter Occult Research Club,"

Per S. Kiddoo, Pres.

No. 23 College St. West End.

Mothers Not Always To Blame.

While there is no one who thinks that children ought to go to church and Sunday school more than I do, and would encourage them to go, I want to free my mind on this subject. I would say to the one who put that piece in the paper, how true it is ever since Adam and Eve's time every blame has been laid on the woman. When asked why he ate the apple Adam's reply was to the effect that Eve picked it and gave it to him. So you see how it is that ever since that time all wrongs have been laid on woman. The one who wrote the article, "Where is my wandering boy to-night," says if mother had done what she ought to have done when her son and daughter were young; if she had read the Holy Bible to them and sent them to Sunday school and church

every Sunday those words would have been uncalled for.

Now, you see after the careworn mother has done the best she could, if her children do wrong it is laid at her door. Isn't the author of that piece as bad as Adam? Poor mother has to be blamed. What a selfish person that wrote that piece!

I will say that I believe that every mother in this enlightened land does the best she can for her children to bring them up in the way they should go; teaches them their little prayer at night as soon as they are able to talk; takes care of them until they are large enough to go out in the world alone—and what do they see? Grown-up men rushing to the saloons, at times crowded to their utmost capacity, hardly standing room. These boys see them go and come and wonder what those men are doing in the saloons that they come out staggering and perhaps lie on the sidewalk till someone picks them up and puts them in the "coop," as they call it. Then these boys go in for the first time out of curiosity and meet some pretty good fellow, and, of course, as the custom of this country is "come and have something to drink," the first step to do wrong is taken and who is to blame? The author of the piece would say that the mother was. Now let's see. Who gives these men the licenses to sell to our husbands and sons the liquor that has ruined homes and brought so many sons to drunkard's graves—who does this? Is it the mothers? No! Would a mother vote for the liquor traffic to ruin the home that might be happy were it not for liquor traffic? Who is it? The grown-up men of all classes have privilege of going to the polls to vote. It matters not how ignorant a man is; even the foreigner that knows nothing of the laws of our country as soon as he has been here a certain length of time has the privilege to vote. But the mother does not have a word to say. She must stand back without any privilege of saying what is right and if her sons drink and get drunk, then the man will put his head under the woman's wing and say, "If you had brought your sons and daughters up as you should, there would not have been any need of 'where is my wandering boy to-night.'"

Our best church members are good temperance men 364 days in the year and on the 365th day go to the polls and vote for the liquor traffic. Now, who is to blame, mother or father? The son says, "Pa votes for the liquor traffic; pa drinks the stuff, and what pa does I can do." Who is to blame?
Mrs. George Martin.

Are Doing a Fine Business.
Hansboro, N. D., Dec. 12, 1907.
Cass City Chronicle,
Cass City, Mich.
Kind Friends: Find enclosed \$2.00 for which credit us for last year and this year. We also send you a picture of our meat market away up here in North Dakota. We have a fine business and like it here fine now, although we had some never-to-be-forgotten weather last winter. You can see by the picture which was taken in April that we had some snow banks. Continue to send us the best paper in the east. It is always a welcome sight to see it come. Thanking you for your kindness, we remain

Yours truly,
N. J. JOHNSON.

CASS CITY MARKETS.	
Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1907.	
BUYING PRICE—	
Wheat No. 1, white.....	95
Wheat, No. 2, red.....	95
Rye No. 2.....	72
Oats.....	49
Choice Handpicked Beans.....	1 60
Alskike.....	7 50 8 50
June.....	8 00 9 00
Barley, per cwt.....	1 50
Peas.....	75 80
Hay.....	8 00 10 00
Eggs, per doz.....	22
Butter, per lb.....	17
Fat cows, live weight, per lb.....	62 63
Steers, live weight, per lb.....	24 26
Fat Sheep, live weight, per lb.....	3 34
Lambs, live weight, per lb.....	5 54
Live Hogs.....	3 1/4 4
Dressed Hogs.....	6
Dressed Beef.....	5 6
Calves.....	5 6
Chickens.....	6
Ducks.....	8
Geese.....	7
Turkey.....	12
Hides, green.....	7
SELLING PRICE—	
Corn.....	68
ROLLER MILLS.	
White Lily, per cwt.....	2 75
Seal of Minnesota, per cwt.....	3 25
Economy per cwt.....	1 00
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

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FARM for sale or rent. John Hartwick, 6 miles east of town. 12-13-3

FOR SALE—A good new milch cow. Enquire of Rob. Spaven, R. No. 4, Cass City. 12-20-1*

FOR SALE—Second hand household furniture. Mrs. Robt. Wallace. 12-5-5

FOUND pup lost—black and speckled. Reward offered. Andrew Woolley, Silverwood, Mich. 12-13-2*

MONEY to loan on improved farms at 6 per cent. E. B. Landon. 3-8-11

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

SCAVENGER work done promptly and at reasonable prices. For further particulars enquire of Samuel Dodgo. 12-26-12

THE MOLEER BARBER COLLEGE, Chicago, Ill., certainly offer splendid chance for men to learn that trade quickly. There is little expense and positions are numerous. Their illustrated catalogue explains fully. Write them. 12-13-2*

WANTED to sell or exchange for something I can use, a Concord buggy, a cutter gear, nearly new, a single harness with collar or harness, a bean picker and Round Oak stove, 16-inch; will sell cheap. Jas. McKenzie, Cass City. 12-13-2*

WOOD wanted in exchange for violins. Enquire at Lenzner's Furniture Store. 12-6

WITHIN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Everyone is cleaning house upstairs this week in writing on tests.

Maud Parrott is back to school again after a long illness.

Fred Parker and Lella Lee were visitors in the high room Friday.

Nellie Quinn and Agnes Dickson made a visit to the high room Monday.

Question in physics class when some of the boys appeared without their paraphernalia, "Has the order lost some of its members or have some of the members lost their nerve?"

A sophomore made this very embarrassing confession while translating Caesar: "I don't know what cis (kiss) means." Perhaps some day he will find another "darling" and then will understand.

The American literature class celebrated Whittier's ninety-ninth birthday by writing a test based on his works. The birthdays of all great men should be celebrated in some manner, but American literature class is not particularly in favor of this way.

The civics class was divided and had a debate one afternoon this week. The subject was "Resolved, that the constitutional convention should raise the salary of the state officers to \$1,500 and fix it in the constitution." Anna Lounsbury was captain of the affirmative side and Nina McWebb of the negative, the negative side winning.

Sugar Beet Contracts.

Anyone desiring to contract to raise sugar beets in 1908 for Caro factory shall call at McKenzie & Knapp's furniture store. 12-20-13

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

INDICTED.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, were indicted today charged with using the mails to defraud. The indictment was on three counts. It is alleged that the company misrepresented articles in its catalogues sent through the mails. The first count charges that on June 13, 1907, the company devised a scheme to obtain money by false pretenses from Dr. C. F. Spring of Des Moines by selling him white lead that Sears-Roebuck claim to have made. The indictment alleges it was made by others. The second count is on a ring bought by R. H. Miles, and the third count is the sending of another ring, alleged to have been misrepresented through the mails.

R. W. Sears, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., said last night that he had only learned of the indictment returned in Des Moines.

"We read in the newspapers this morning that there was some trouble in Des Moines," said Mr. Sears. "The unfortunate thing about the whole affair is that we can be given much notoriety without having an opportunity to present our side of the case."—Chicago Tribune, Nov. 27th.

Later—On the local stock exchange Sears, Roebuck and Company preferred dropped to 67, a decline of four points from previous sales, the company's stock was never very well distributed and, notwithstanding denials, rumors continue that the company is in need of funds.

The common stock sold at 20.—Chicago Tribune, Nov. 30.

Profits decreasing—Management thinks will be sufficient to show a net profit of \$750,000 or one-half of their profit of the corresponding six months of 1906.—Chicago Daily News.

MERE MENTION.

Mrs. Polly Haines, a venerable lady of Bad Axe, died at the home of her son at that place recently at the age of 106 years. Mrs. Haines was said to be the oldest resident of Huron county, and her health had been good up to within a few days of her demise. She had lived in this part of the state for many years and had been married three times. She leaves but one child, a son, who holds the position of city marshal of Bad Axe.

Last Tuesday morning deputy sheriff Humes was summoned to the Michigan Central depot to quiet the riotous propensities of a man by the name of A. McDonald, who claimed Owendale was his home, but who had been working in the lumber woods north. He reached Vassar on the early morning train and was unloaded in a riotous state of intoxication. His language about the station was abusive, vulgar and profane, and he was bound to fight everyone with whom he came in contact. He paid \$9 into Justice Lyon's court and left town on a later train.—Vassar Pioneer.

The Corbshley store was burglarized Sunday night, thieves gaining entrance through the front window of the store. The safe was found open and checks and currency to the amount of about \$200 were taken. It is thought by some that the window became broken by boys early in the evening, and the parties who did the stealing coming around later discovered the broken glass and took advantage of it to burglarize the store. Absolutely no clue whatever has been obtained. Numerous burnt matches were scattered around the looted safe, besides all the private papers belonging to the firm. The cash drawers were literally chewed away with a hammer in an effort to secure the money. Strange as it may seem, it is thought that the robbery occurred early in the evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, as several parties claim to have seen a light in the store at this time, but, thinking it was some of the firm, did not pay any attention to the matter. Curious crowds thronged the store all day Monday, and business was at a standstill.—Sandusky Republican.

MICHIGAN MORTALITY.

There were 2,778 deaths returned to the department of state as having occurred during the month of October, which corresponds to an annual death rate of 12.6 per 1,000 estimated population. Of the total deaths 1,402 occurred in the cities of the state, the death rate being 15.0 per 1,000 estimated population.

There were 3,911 births returned to the department as having occurred during October, corresponding to an annual birth rate of 17.7 per 1,000 estimated population. Of the total number of births 1,095 occurred in the cities of the state.

By ages there were 580 deaths of children under one year of age; 153 aged one to four years, both inclusive, and 820 deaths of elderly persons aged 65 years and over.

Notice to Novesta Taxpayers.

I will be at the Exchange Bank, Cass City, Jan. 4, and at Deford Bank Jan. 7 to receive taxes for Novesta township.

LOUIS L. WHEELER,
12-20-2 Twp. Treas. for Novesta.

The Christmas Tree
BY CHARLES EUGENE BANKS

Me? Why I Am Waitin' For the comin' O' Christmas, you bet. An' I guess There'll be Somethin' a Doin' in town on That sad some day when the Time comes round besides Roller skatin' (My Eyes, ain't it fine when each One of the stores is crowded and Packed from ceilings to floors with things That a feller 'es wantin' every one an' He's sure to get some of dem, too. Ain't It fun when every one's good, an' There ain't any bad, an' dad an' ma, an' Aunt Lucy, an' sis, are angels of mercy, if any such is. I'm afraid I can't wait for the time to come 'round; it Seems to me now I can hear a faint sound o' sleighbells A jingling! It seems I can see the candles all lighted Up in a big tree, an' big, cornucopias filled to the brim With candy that melts in your mouth, every limb o' the Tree loaded down with the bestest of toys, what squawks, or plays Music, or dances, or does somethin' fanny or dangerous to jolly the Girls an' boys, O! don't know what you think is the best, but For me there ain't nothin' else on this earth quite so Fine as a well lit up, decorated, down Christmas tree. That fer mine! see you blink; 'es as if it was somethin' I'm sayin'—it Ain't, but it sure is a going to be the whizz! It's the Biz of Santa Claus, 'es to lay 'round all the year, somewhere Away off in the clouds, with his ear held close to a telephone he never See, course he ain't hearin' like you an' like me, 'es one O' them wireless fixin's 'es, an' that's how he knows what each Boy an' girl is wishin' for; he don't ever forget, he 'members, you bet, everything. He'll bring 'em a knife with a handle of bone, an' a big graphophone 'at plays songs 'at I like, an' a bike, a golf bag an' clubs, an' two Teddy cubs (live ones, I Can't name 'em), a beautiful book 'at's chuck Fully o' lightin'—some paper to write on—all the Things 'at I wish for, 'es when I look but I never could Name 'em. Never mind, (They'll be Hangin' Right up there for me, when Christmas Comes 'round, on the evergreen tree

Correspondence

NOVESTA.
Miss Adah Caldwell, teacher of the Colon Ferguson school, and her pupils will have a program and Christmas tree Friday evening.

Edgar Wade of Cincinnati and Miss Emma Brown of Novesta township were married in Dayton, Ohio, on Dec. 6, and are at home to their friends at 109 Elm St., Cincinnati.

Mrs. Wade is a graduate of Lebering Hospital, Hannibal, Mo., and for some time has been employed in the National Military Home at Dayton. Her friends in Novesta extend congratulations.

The Union Sunday school held a business meeting at the Greenbank church Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Supt., S. S. Mitchell; asst. supt., R. S. Brown; sec., Miss Lizzie Young; treas., Miss Belle Mudge; organist, Miss Zadie Mudge; Teachers—Bible class, I. Cragg; No. 2, S. S. Mitchell; No. 3, Mrs. R. McLinn; No. 4, Mrs. Amy Gekeler; No. 5, Mrs. R. Cragg. The Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and program on Monday evening at the church. Admission free and everyone welcome.

ELMWOOD.
John Hayes' baby is sick. A. J. Spittler is home from South Dakota.

Mrs. T. Welsh is better at this writing.

Cyrus Hall has moved onto his father's farm in Almer township.

There is to be an entertainment in the Cedar Run school house tonight, (Friday).

Mrs. Downing of Cass City has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. A. Hendrick.

Quite a number from here attended a party at Jas. Allen's last Wednesday night. All report a fine time.

HAY CREEK.
My lad, the roads were bad between Hay Creek and Wickware Sunday.

Mrs. John Watson and Harry visited with friends in Sandusky last week.

Miss Lottie McQueen assisted Miss Phillips of Wickware with sewing recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Chase of Argyle spent Sunday at the home of John Brown.

George Mack Davis sports a brand new cutter which he purchased in Shabbona recently.

There were no services in the F. M. church Sunday on account of the bad weather and roads.

Quite a company of young people gave Harry Watson a very pleasant surprise at his home Friday evening.

Albert Whitfield, who has been in the Canadian Northwest for the last few years, has returned and is visiting relatives and friends in this neighborhood.

McHUGH.
Old Santa will soon be here. Quite a snow storm Saturday.

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