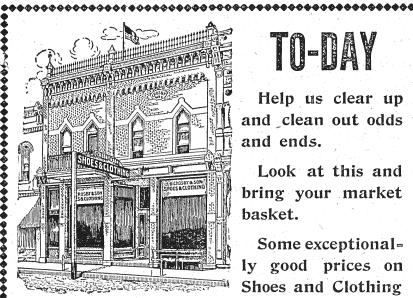
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Help us clear up and clean out odds and ends.

Look at this and bring your market basket.

Some exceptional= ly good prices on Shoes and Clothing

left over from the holiday rush.

J. D. CROSBY & SON

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

We have an exceptionally well assorted stock of Bibles, Testaments, Story Books for young and old.

Collar and Cuff Boxes, Autograph Albums, Post Card Albums, Holly Tags, Xmas Booklets, Holly Cards,

Photo Albums, Xmas Cards, Holly Stickers,

L. I. WOOD & CO., Drugs.

WHAT CHRONICLE READERS HAVE TO SAY

article in last issue of Chronicle on the boys. And when I got older and "Where is my wandering boy to- found that the saloon keeper paid for night," and feel it our duty to say the privilege of keeping this danger- held in Sebewaing, Jan. 14. N. P. publicly that your ideas are sound and ous place open, and they were willing Hull of Dimondale is booked as one of you speak forth the words of truth. to put danger before the boy because the speakers. The writer who said, "if mother had they loved money, I thought of what done what she ought to have done Paul said and he must have meant when her son and daughter were the fathers for no mother worthy of young, sent them to Sunday school, the name would endanger the honor etc," possessed but a surface mind.

We were nurtured in the Sunday tree.

of the Bible class voting for the open | did evil consist of? saloon and an honest mother came No, sister, the individual that around lecturing on temperance de- wrote of mother's failing in duty to claring that ninety-five per cent of the child may have done it thought-

he Sunday school and church, and I

Mrs. George Martin, we read your wasn't any smarter than the rest of of her child for dollars and cents.

Every man of years will recall that school and tutored in the church and the best advice impressed upon them must say they are weak factors in in youth regarding the selection of moulding rules of conduct for the good company was from Mother. Few young that go out from the home roof fathers are as well fitted to advise a their parents have filed written orders on why there should be any departure son as his mother. Through the nat-The Sunday school teaches the scho- ural kindness of her heart she sees lar along the lines of that peculiar de- danger before the father can discern nomination to which it belongs, and it. The great head of the Episcopal family of children. This is a good the teachers, as a rule, preach one church in Michigan spoke in public a doctrine and practice another, which few days ago saying it would not do the child is not slow to observe. 1 do to close the saloon until a substitute not go to the saloons for my mother could be devised. No one ever heard taught me the approach was danger- a Bible believing woman reason that ous and contact was death, and her way. A woman would go to the heart everyday life forced me to conclude of her subject at once, remembering she expressed a truth. The Sunday that the Saviour taught Christianity school also taught in words that the was love and that "Love worketh its saloon was dangerous, but when I neighbor no ill," and if the saloon found my superintendent and teacher worked mankind no evil then what

the church men voted for the danger- lessly but were certainly in error. If .oon they had told me about, I there is anything good in me today, a name of my own for the men of 'tis due to my mother's teachings. John McCracken, Deford.

THE LAW OF THE ROPE.

[For the benefit of all correspondents.]

How strange seems that rope Hanging down from the skies! For solution all grop The wise and unwise!

Conjectures are busy, And leave us half dizzy To find out what cause underlies This swaying, and seemingly praying Wonder that hangs from the skies!

Were the poet a seer He might make it clear, And give something to ponder Concerning this wonder— Which if true is a wonder And no one denies— Concerning this rope Hanging down from the skies. Yet, with nothing to brag on He has thought of the Dragon He has thought of the Dragon, Who might have broke loose in the skies—Broke loose in the nethermost skies—And his rope breaking loose As he tried to go up Might go down, down, down, one end; while the neck of his crown "Tother end would hold fast to the skies.

Then, the monster's strong claws Holding fast to the roof of the skies Might prove the true cause
Why the rope held so firm in the skies.

Or, that taking his rest
From adventure in quest,
The Dragon asleep
His tall might let slip
A-down to the earth from the skies—
His tall like a rope
At the small end might slope
To a point nearer earth than the skies.
This, if true, not a bit
He assures you of it,
Will this rope ever budge from the skies. If 'tis the tail of the Dragon, And his tail be thus dragging, Then no wagon
You can hitch thereunto,
As if hitched to a star:
One whisk of his tail

That can thresh like a flail Yould reduce it to snuff You and it with your bluff, or fire you off From everything known, and so far, You could know nevermore The trail or the trace of a star:— Better stay as you are Than be thus carried off With the fool thought to hitch to a star! Howe'er closing this rhyme With good counsel in time, The poet would squint Unto all a good hint Concerning the law of the rope, With some reason to hope "Tis never amiss to advise If the counsel be wise:— The counsel be wise:—
The rope has a mission sublime
In pointing the danger of crime
To grafters and others,—that rafters
Are firmly secured in the skies,
From which drops a rope,
(There's no fake in this rope)
To string them high up—
Like Haman high up—
Like Haman high up—
If failing to heed the advice
To be honest and wise;
Or heed give the warning the rope
Conveys from the skies.

JAMES MACARTHUR. Notice to Novesta Taxpayers.

I will be at the Exchange Bank, Cass City, Jan. 4, and at Deford Bank | paid for each one is as follows: township.

Louis L. Wheeler, 12-20-2 Twp. Treas. for Novesta. Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wish to thank the friends and neighbors for the sympathy and assistance rendered during their recent bereavement.

\$71,740.12 PAID FOR LIVE STOCK

Striffler & Schwarder Bros. Pay That Sum in a Year.

More Live Stock Shipped From Cass City Over the P., O. & N. Than From Any Other-Town on That R. R.

One of the principal sources from the right side of the farmer's ledger ed internal injuries. in this section of the Thumb is from the sale of live stock, and a glance into in stock buying for many years, they | mediately started a search. cover a large scope or territory and are well known for their square dealing with their patrons. The shipments of live stock out of Cass City, according to the statement of the local station agent, Mr. Lee, are heavier than from any other station along the P., O. & N. line.

Seventy one thousand seven hun-1907. The number of cattle, calves, hogs and sheep that were shipped dur- decreased by one. ing that period is shown in the table

Sheep......2800

Total number of head6,994 Amount received for above..\$76,253.96 Freight, commission and feeding above stock..... 4,513.84

Paid to farmers..... \$71,740.12

THUMB NOTES.

Harbor Beach was tied up for whole day owing to a snow storm.

The Huron County Institute will be

Thos. Gordon, an old gentleman who spends the winter months in Ubly, was waylaid by hold-up men in Detroit on Thursday evening of last week and robbed of \$121 in cash.-Ubly Courier.

for such delivery. In such instances it is a good idea for the parents to file permit for but one member of the thing especially where there are ten or twelve children in the family and each one calls at every mail.

Some low down miscreant perpetratpure cussedness beats anything we have heard of in a long time. One day last week Mr. Walker's attention was attracted to a greenish powder he found in his cornstalks and on investigation found that someone had opened the top of the shock and sprinkled paris green liberally over the stalks. Two or three shocks were found that had been so treated, and Mr. Walker is completely at sea as to who could be so spiteful as to commit no enemies and just where the poison came from is a puzzler.-Marlette Leader.

\$6,000 IN THREE MONTHS

Three Shipments of Horses Made by Wm. Morris.

During the past few months, the buying of horses for shipment to the Wm. Morris, a local buyer. Mr. Mor- ing the months of December, January ris was associated with Jacob Kolb, a and Frebruary. horse buyer of Detroit, who has purchased horses in Cass City for several seasons. Since the death of Mr. Kolb last summer, Mr. Morris has engaged | the Cass City Roller Mills. 11-15 in the business for himself and during the past three months \$6,000 has been paid to farmers and horse owners for the sales made.

Three shipments were made this fall and the approximate amounts

Dec. 19...... 2290 Total..... 6000

The horses go to Detroit and are sold on commission by Kolb & Godfreyson, who conduct a horse market in that city. Mr. Morris will continue in the business in Cass City, John Wagner and family. which is pleasing news to its citizens.

Mrs. Geo. Atkins of Vassar Plunged Thirty-five Feet.

Slipping upon the icy floor of a porch in the rear of her rooms over Taggert's drug store, Mrs. George Atkins slid helplessly under the porch rail and plunged 35 feet down to a creek. over which the store building is erected last Saturday, says the Bay City Tribune. She was found half submerged in water that covered the ice in the creek, and unconscious from the shock of the fall. Her left arm which many dollars are credited to was broken and she may have sustain-

Mrs. L. Haskell, who was visiting with Mrs. Atkins, heard her scream the large shipments made by our local as she slipped off the porch and ran shippers, Striffler & Schwarder Bros., out to see what had caused the troubwill prove interesting to Chronicle be. Not finding Mrs. Atkins, she readers. This firm has been engaged alarmed men down stairs, who im-

SLIGHT CHANGE IN ONE YEAR.

Caro Loses Three Saloons While Millington and Vassar Each Gain One.

County Treasurer Millikin has compiled and published last week his andred forty dollars and twelve cents is nual statement of the liquor tax colthe exact amount which has been paid lected in Tuscola county during the to the farmers by this firm during the present year, and a comparison with period of one year, ending Dec. 9, the statement of one year ago shows that the number of saloons has been

> liquor dealers in the county was and New Year greetings: is thirty-eight, while one manufacturer is licensedto make beer in Gagetown. Caro has three less bars than one year ago, while Millington and Vassar have each added one. Other towns remain the same as before.

Caro still has the greatest number, six, while Vassar follows closely with ive, Reese has four, Richville, Unionville and Millington each have three; Mayville, Akron, Gagetown, Cass City and Quanicassee each have two; Fostoria, Gilford, Silverwood and Kingston get along with one, while Fairgrove continues to enjoy the distinction of never having had a bar within its limits—Caro Advertiser.

STILL FAVORS CANNON.

"I don't know what the eighth congressional district will do when it holds its second convention to elect delegates to the national republican convention," said Rep. Joseph W. Under a ruling of the postoffice de- Fordney in a recent interview. partment, postmasters may decline to don't know whether it will endorse deliver mail to school children unless Cannon or not, although I see no reasfrom its former action." For his second choice for president in case Cannon cannot be nominated, Mr. Fordnev named Hughes or Fairbanks.

DEAD ON WEDDING DAY.

ed a trick on Jas. Walker that for ding day, Minnie Franklin was a has yet witnessed. corpse at her home in Flint. She was lin was to have been married Monday tis. The remains were taken to Kingston Tuesday for interment.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

ium is delivered. Some of Decker-chant. ville's citizens wanted something for L. I. Wood & Co.—Our holiday lar paid to the stranger as well as the year of business we ever had. soap and dinner set.

Notice to Sparrow Killers.

Under the new law, no bounty is A. D. GILLIES,

Township Clerk.

Buckwheat griding every day at ronage.

J. D. Crosby & Son-Business is

FROM BACK PORCH TO CREEK CASS CITY BUSINESS MEN HAD FINE TRADE THIS YEAR

Christmas Trade Was Especially Good. Progressive Business Methods are Appreciated by the Purchasing Public.

the stores, but the number of salespeople was not sufficient to accommodate the rush in the afternoon.

Few towns in the state of the size of Cass City can compare with it in the 1907 business was as good if not better amount of business transacted at this than any previous year since we comor any other season of the year. It is an established fact that the selec- been somewhat slow this fall, we are tion here is as good as in many stores not complaining and are preparing for in larger towns and the prices for a still larger business in 1908. We goods are as cheap as anywhere.

The stringency in the money marcet had little effect on business here. Conditions became normal several weeks ago, and the so called stringency is but a memory. Trade during the fall was very satisfactory and up to the average and in a few instances it surpassed that of former years. Optimistic, not pessimistic, is the outlook of the business man in Cass City and a good year's business is looked for 1908.

The Chronicle is conducting a fellowship meeting for the business men Last year the number of retail in this issue. Read the testimonials

> NEW YORK CASH DEPARTMENT STORE—1907 has been a year unique in business conditions, being ushered in by an unusually backward spring and closing with an unaccountable financial stringency, due apparently more to unexampled prosperity than any other known cause. Notwithstanding this, in a business review of the past year we find results most gratifying. Since establishing here in business in May '06 we have built up a business that in ordinary towns of the population of Cass City would have a Happy New Year. taken more than double this time to accomplish this result. We are naturalup-to-date methods, and to study the ing. wants of patrons, yet a large measure of our success must be attributed to our beautiful town, its live, progressive people, energetic, pushing business men, and a bright happy and prosperous farming community. In point of business opportunity, hygienic surroundings and educational advantages any wide awake man cannot do better than to locate in Cass City or its vic-

N. BIGELOW & Sons—The year 1907 has been unusually good in our business and our books show as much business in the past nine months as the whole of 1906. We believe the improved conditions are general and look On what was to have been her wed-forward to the best season Cass City

BENDER Bros.—For all the hard 26 years old and went to Flint some time talk and the short time we have year in 1908. time ago from Kingston. Miss Frank- been in business, we are more than and was preparing for her wedding past ten months, Xmas trade especialed. We have no complaints and are when she was taken ill with peritoni- ly, and hope next year will be as good happy. or better. We want to thank our patrons for their liberal patronage. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

EXPRESS AGENT, M. L. MOORE-Watch out for a fakir with a propo- The amount of merchandise received sition to sell you 48 bars of laundry at the express office here from Chicago ner year in business and we expect the the act. So far as he knows he has soap for \$2 on which \$1 is to be paid mail order houses this year is half coming one to be better. down and the balance when the soap what it was in 1905. This is a strong and a beautiful dinner set as a premargument in favor of the home mer-

nothing and they invested. Now, business has far exceeded our expectathey fear that they have lost the dol- tions and this is the most successful ber Co., which I have for sale on have every reason to believe that the next year will be still better.

ED. SCHWARDER—Business is fine city markets has been conducted by paid for English sparrows except dur- and we cannot complain. We expect a better trade in 1908 and wish our patrons a Happy New Year.

good as shown by our increased pat-W. Fallis-Business is good.

Our merchants have enjoyed a nice | H. S. WICKWARE-The number of trade during the holiday season, and money orders sent to mail order houses Saturday was an exceptionally good this fall shows a decided decrease day for the sale of holiday gifts. when compared with the number sent Extra clerks were engaged in many of last fall. The post card mail has been unusually heavy this season. One rural mail carrier brought in 120 cards from his patrons Monday.

STRIFFLER & McDermott-Our menced, and altho collections have wish you all a Happy prosperous New

J. B. Cootes-The year 1907 has been an unusually prosperous one with us and we desire to thank our many friends for their liberal patronage. If fair honest dealings and first class work be an inducement we hope to see all our old and many new friends for the year 1908.

W. H. Ruhl-We are pulling lots of trade from near-by towns. This, with our local business, has made 1907 the best business year since I have been in Cass City.

HARRY YOUNG-Our books show that we have done more business this year than in any other year that I have been in Cass City. Prospects are bright.

WILSEY & CATHCART—Our business for the year will exceed that of last year by \$5,000. We expect the coming year will be equally as good, yet we do not expect it to surpass 1907.

THE MODEL CLOTHING & SHOE CO.— Our trade for the past year has been up to the average, and the past month far beyond expectations. We wish all

EDWARD RYAN—Our drug business for 1907 showed an increase of ten per ly proud of our achievement as we cent over the previous year and the have endeavored to be in line with all outlook for 1908 is even more promis-

> J. C. LAUDERBACH-Our business this year has been very successful and fully met our expectations. Thanks, and a Happy New Year to you. E. E. LEE-Very few shipments

mail order houses while I have been station agent here since July. MRS. M. J. McGILLVRAY-Am well

have been received at the depot from

satisfied with my business this season. Hope for a prosperous and Happy New Year for all in 1908. H. P. LEE-I wish to thank my pat-

rons for their support and kindness in making the past year the banner year in my experience.

B. F. BENKELMAN-My business has been better this year than in former years. Am looking for a prosperous

SPENCER & HEINEMAN-Holiday pleased with the trade we had in the trade has been better than we expect-

> MRS. ANNA PARKER-My business this year has been very good for which I am grateful. A Happy New Year to all.

A. A. HITCHCOCK-This is our ban-

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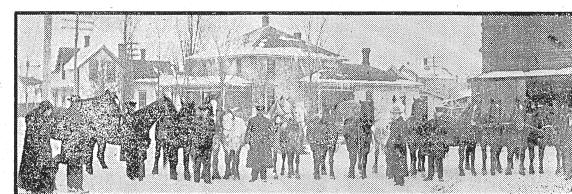
Gedar Wood for Sale. I have purchased the cedar wood,

all seasoned, from the Sterling Lumground or delivered. Jas. Tuckey. 12-13-

Sugar Beet Contracts. Anyone desiring to contract to

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

Buckwheat grinding every day at the Cass City Roller Mills.



Drove of Fine Horses Purchased by Wm. Morris for Shipment to City Markets.

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Directory.

Daniel P. Deming, M. D. Late graduate of Long Island College, New York. Physician in charge of Pleasant Home Hospital. Office hours from 10:00 to 12:00 a. m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p. m. All calls in the country will be answered either day or night. 'Phones at hospital and residence on Seeger Street.

DR. M. M. WICKWARE,

Physician and Surgeon. Office over Cornelius' Grocery. Residence two blocks south of Laing & Janes' store on Seeger street, east side. Special attention paid to mid-wifery and diseases of women.

Dr. A. N. Treadgold

Office over P. O. Special attention given to diseases of children and old age. Calls answered night or day. Office hours—10:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:30. Residence on Seeger St., near, New Sheridan. Phone in connection.

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

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Graduate University of Michigan. Office hours 7:30 a m. to 12 m. and 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. Office in Fritz Block, Cass City, Michigan.

Dentistry. I. A. FRITZ, RESIDENT DENTIST.

Office over E. Ryan's drug store. We solicit your patronage when in need of dental

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

ECZEMA and PILE CURE FREE Knowing what it was to suffer, I will give FREE OF CHARGE, to any afflicted a positive cure for Eczema, Salt Rheum, Erysipelas, Pile and Skin Diseases. Insant relief. Don't suffer longer, Write F. W. WILLIAMS, 400 Manhattan Avenue. New York. Enclose Stamp.

PONTIAC, OXFORD & NORTH-ERN RAILROAD.

Trains leave Cass City.

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.

SAVE MONEY!

Warranted

O. A. STOLL, Wholesale and Retail Florist.

All Cut Flowers and Potted Plants in sea son. Funeral designs artistitally made and shipped to any part of the State. Telegraph and telephone orders promptly attended to. OXFORD, MICH.

BARGAINS!



C. D. STRIFFLER, Agent, Cass City, Mich.

Printer's Ink

When used on good presses and neatly displayed type for your station-ery is valuable. We have every facility for doing the best of job work, at a minimum price.

The Chronicle for Auction Bills

BECAME A BLAZING FURNACE AT ONCE

SECOND MINE HORROR, NEAR PITTSBURG, KILLS TWO HUNDRED.

VICTIMS ARE AMERICANS.

Explosion Was Terrific—Foreign Miners Were Out Celebrating and Made Night a Scene of Hideous Revelry.

A terrific explosion on Thursday shook the Darr mines of the Pittsburg Coal Co., 18 miles west of Pittsburg, wrecking the mouth of the mine and setting the interior on fire so that it became a veritable blazing furnace, and the work of rescue was greatly retarded. The catastrophe in some respects exceeds that of the recent one in West Virginia. Some of the bodies, rescuers found, are dismembered and mangled and all are distorted by the agonies of violent death and disfigured and begrimed by the concussion and the smoke and dust of the explosion.

Faint though it is, hope is cherished that some of the men may have survived the explosion and are awaiting release far back in the mine. For this reason the rescuers are not taking time to bring out the bodies as found, but continually press forward, their only aim being to open a passage to and explore every section of the mine. This is difficult, as the mine is badly wrecked.

The death list will probably not ex-

The foreign miners who escaped the disaster made night hideous in the little village. They had suspended by Detroiters, and it is believed the work because it was St. Nicholas' day, and most of them followed their usual holiday custom of drinking to excess. Many were intoxicated before the catastrophe and afterwards they put themselves in worse condition, some drinking to celebrate their escape and others to drown grief over the death of relative or friend. All night long there was carousing and almost rioting, and conditions Friday morning were omin-

The Pittsburg Coal Co. has arranged to provide Christian burial for all of the victims and will bear all expenses. There were not many people around the entrance to the mine last night. The company officials kept women and children in their homes and the foreigners behave more like a jollification crowd than grieving, distressed relaives of victims of an awful calamity Difficulty in reaching the place and the bitter cold also combined to keep people away and rob this disaster of he usual scenes of anguish and suf-

It is believed that a majority of the victims are Americans, as the foreigners mostly belong to the Greek Catholic church, and St. Nicholas day is important to them.

Fears a Deficit.

Chairman Tawney has named the sub-committees of the newly appointed committee on appropriations. Rep. Gardner, the only Michigan member of the committee, heads the District of Columbia sub-committee and is second member of the sub-committee on pen-

Chairman Tawney indicated that his policy throughout the coming session will be one of economy. He says the estimates for the present fiscal year were \$895,960,643, while those for the next fiscal year are \$996,949,288. The estimated government revenue next year is \$878,123,011, while the actual revenue last year was only \$846,725,-339. Estimates of expenses thus are Creek. \$118,826,277 more than estimated reredemption of national bank notes, the excess remains about \$93,000,000.

Chairman Tawney declares that the expenses must be kept down to receipts in order to avoid a deficiency. He refers to the fact that the biggest increase in estimates is for the military department. This increase is clude any battleships. Much of the include any battleships. Much of the increase asked by the army and navy is to provide better pay for officers and attempt to break down the alibi.

Tawney says the treasury statements show a decrease of \$3,878,840 in revenue from November 15 to Decem-At this rate the revenue will be reduced \$31,000,000 by June 30 next. The government, however, now arated them. has a surplus of \$84,000,000 and deposits of \$262,274,319 in national banks

to care for any deficit. Tawney says he believes the indicated decrease will continue through to June and hence the closest scrutiny may result and the boys are being will be given to all measures proposing appropriations of any kind and new authorizations-prominent among them in bills thus far introduced being Michigan railroad, one of John R. public buildings—will be subjected to Walsh's enterprises. Prof. M. E. Coomore than ordinary consideration.

A Vice-Admiral.

Senator Warner, of Missouri, has introduced a bill creating the rank of vice-admiral in the navy. If it should become a law it will permit the promotion of Rear-Admiral Evans to the proposed rank, but the measure is not intended to accomplish that end alone. It is general in its nature and its purpose is to provide for a rank in the navy which, when that branch of the military service is represented abroad, does not render it necessary for the commander to allow officers of other countries whose navies are not so important as ours to take precedence over them.

Ask Injunction.

Marshall.—Six Battle Creek stockholders in the Dr. Price Cereal Food company began suit in circuit court, asking for an injunction restraining the majority stockholders from selling the Try-a-Bita Food plant at Georgeville.

Blind Man Goes Insane. Albion.—Curtis Botsford, for many years a well known local citizen, has been adjudged insane by Probate Judge Hamm, and was taken to the asylum at Kalamazoo.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Joseph Bindle, aged 41, dropped dead of heart failure while shopping in a Jackson store. Louis Solean, of South Rockwood, who was struck by a freight train,

died of his injuries. Postmaster A. R. McKinnon, of Shelby, was stricken with apoplexy in his

office and is seriously ill. Miss Sally Stuart, of Muskegon, has sone to the Isle of Pines, where she will manage a pineapple plantation. Due to a mistake in signals the en gine and coaches of Pere Marquette train No. 3 ran off the derail at Pea

Despondent over illness, Mrs. Chas Gilbert, aged 50, of Battle Creek, drank half a pint of wood alcohol and died.

State Factory Inspector Lurella M. Burton says the recent increase in child labor in the factories is enor-

Jacob Dalm, aged 16, of Holland, who lost both hands in a paper cutter in the Bryant mills, got judgment

for \$7,831.25 Arthur Herrick, Emil Laroux and Bert Bellmore were arrested in Bay City charged with entering a store in

the night time. The six children of Mrs. Mary A. Folkmire, of Battle Creek, were given a verdict of \$6,000 for her death by

an M. U. R. car. Mrs. Sarah E. Conant, aged 82, a member of the Coldwater Presbyterian church for 50 years, died as the result of a fall out of bed.

Denver Bates, aged 7, living near Walloon Lake, was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of a brother James.

Old notes of the proposed Detroit-Bay City traction line are being paid project has been revived.

Lansing and Saginaw police have put a stop to shooting sparrows in the ment was satisfactory to them and city limits, considering the danger to human anatomy too great. Fire which originated in the fur

store of E. S. George, Detroit, Saturday morning, caused losses aggregating about \$200,000 Two from the business with him." ing about \$200,000. Two firemen were seriously hurt.

Republican national committee, ention at the Auditorium Annex, close to Taft's headquarters.

While shooting at a cat Henry through his left arm and lodging just The state military board took action

Wednesday to make it necessary for the candidates for the M. N. G. to have to pass examinations, the same as those of the regular army. The youngest stenographer to any

statesman at the capital at Washington is Miss Edith Ochs, of Muskegon, who is private stenographer to Congressman James C. McLaughlin. Thorpe Chamberlain, a U. of M. engineer employed on the Panama canal,

came 3,000 miles to spend Christmas with his parents, Prosecutor and Mrs. Dan T. Chamberlain, of Muskegon. Thomas Hume, a wealthy citizen, presented a \$30,000 printing outfit to the Muskegon public schools, to be used for fundamental training in type-

setting and general newspaper work. The Pere Marquette railroad has peen made defendant in a \$30,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Anna

E. Smith, whose husband was killed near St. Joseph January 1, 1905, by being hit by a train. Earl Ordway, a naval cadet, obtained a divorce from his wife, for-

merly Miss Helen Pickett, of Battle were married on the impulse, but separated three w Fearing the spread of prohibition sentiment, the Brewers' association of the upper peninsula agreed to sell

beer only to law-abiding saloonkeepers and will try to eradicate the "dives." They also raised prices. Thomas St. Clair, accused of having blown the Birmingham postoffice safe, about \$100,000,000 and does not in-pleaded not guilty and says he will

> James G. Cross, who shot and killed Blanche Phelps, aged 19, in a Jackson saloon, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. The Phelps woman supported Cross and the shooting was the climax to a quarrel which sep-

> Three Grand Rapids boys were bitten by a dog last week, and although the officials are not certain as to whether the animal was suffering from

carefully watched by physicians.

Members of the state tax commission will inspect the Wisconsin & ley and Attorney General Bird declare the present \$500,000 assessment too high and it will probably be lowered. Colored men who rob women on the harbors and military affairs. streets of Detroit seem to evade capture despite all efforts of the police. Holdups have been very numerous during the past few weeks. Saturday night five women were stopped and their shopping bags and money forci-

bly taken. The graduating class of the Lake Odessa high school has prepared the following lines as an apology to their Latin study:

"All are dead who wrote it, All are dead who spoke it, All die who learn it: Blessed death, they earn it."

William Barber, who was sentenced to the state penitentiary in Jackson in 1906 from Tuscola county for a term of two years for a statutory offense and who was paroled last July, has been returned to the penitentiary. He broke the conditions of his parole.

Auditor General Bradley's report for the vear shows that the cost of advertising delinquent lands for sale was \$27,250, refuting the charge of Highway Commissioner Earle that the annual cost was \$200,000. Since January, 1905, 739,109 acres of delinquent tax lands have been deeded to the state under the homestead act, and 638,419 sold for \$669,242.

GLAZIER'S AFFAIRS

THREE MONTHS, OR MORE, BE-FORE CHELSEA BANK CAN PAY DIVIDEND.

'LIKE HOUSE OF DEATH."

U. S. Marshal Serves Papers On Glazier, Who Is a Very Sick Man-The Receiver in Bankruptcy Files

It has been rumored that the Chelsea Savings bank would declare a divdend of 10 to 15 per cent within a few When asked regarding this ru-Receiver W. W. Wedemeyer said:

"There is absolutely nothing to it. We cannot declare a dividend of any amount within three months, according to the laws of the state. A notice for the filing of creditors' claims must be published twelve successive weeks, which means thirteen weeks before any dividend can be declared. Even then we don't know that we will be able to declare one, as a large creditor may show up at the last minute. We are just as anxious to clear up the bank's affairs as the creditors, and everything will be done as speedily as possible.

"Henry Wickham, of Detroit, with the approval of the court, has been appointed by me as bookkeeper and accountant for the Chelsea Savings bank. He is to receive \$100 a month. This will be paid out of the funds of the bank."

Asked as to whether Mr. Wickham was in the employ of the surety company, he said: "That I do not he is to indorse the checks that are paid. I am convinced that he is a capable man for the position and

It was a house of mourning which eriously hurt.

John W. Blodgett, member of the sius P. Taylor entered at Chelsea when he served the papers on State gaged rooms for the Michigan delega- Treasurer Frank P. Glazier in connection with the petition in invol-untary bankruptcy filed in the United While shooting at a cat was not obtained on Glazier and hit his brother, the bullet passing ately, owing to the statement of Dr. Woods, Mr. Glazier's physician, that the state treasurer was not in condition to withstand the shock. Mr. Taylor made two trips to Chelsea before he secured service. The matter was arranged through the physician and Harold Glazier, son of Frank Glazier. The son informed his father of the nature of the deputy marshal's visit and the physician and Mr. Taylor then entered the room. Mr. Taylor says Glazier plainly shows that he has been and is now very ill.

The Security Trust company has been appointed receiver in bankruptcy by Referee in Bankruptcy Darock and has filed a bond for \$10,000. Mr. Taylor said after his return

rom Chelsea, that he found the Glazier home like a house of death. Shades were down, the door bell muffled, the telephone disconnected and everyone in the house having a distinct air of the realization of a great calamity.

The bankruptcy petition was filed everal days ago by Arthur E. Fixel, Max H. Finkelston and Aaron Gregg. each as assignee for one or more creditors. Fixel, as assignee Timothy Hurley, of J. & T. Hurley, claims \$368.96 for coal delivered to They met in New York and the Glazier apartments on Jefferson avenue, and as assignee for Frank L. Davidson, of Chelsea, asks \$16,20 for laying a cement sidewalk. Finkelston appears for Thomas M. Robinson, claiming \$200 for cut stone work Gregg, on an Ann Arbor building. for Michael J. Howe, claims \$69 for work done in October and November. The creditors refer to several alleged acts on the part of Glazier, chief among which was the turning over of two pieces of property valued at \$180. 000 to the bank, evidently preferring

Committee Positions.

House committees announced Thursday by Speaker Cannon places Michigan members as follows:

the bank to other creditors.

Denby, foreign affairs, milita, revision of laws; Diekema, judiciarý, election of president, vice-president and representatives in congress; Fordney, ways and means, mines and mining; Gardner, appropriations, expenditures department commerce and labor; Darragh, postoffices and post roads; Hamilton, territories (chairman), insular affairs, library; Loud, naval affairs, education; McLaughlin, agriculture, expenditures on public buildings; Mc-Morran, manufactures (chairman), panking and currency; Smith, District of Columbia (chairman), invalid pensions; Townsend, interstate foreign commerce; Young, rivers and

MICHIGAN BRIEFS.

Secretary Shumway, of the state board of health, found the smallpox epidemic in Springport almost over nd will soon raise the quarantine.

Ma Fo Mooney, the Chinaman arcested two weeks ago charged with impersonating a United States secret service detective, and buncoing Chan Hoy, the leader of the Grand Rapids Chinamen, out of \$15 at the point of a revolver, pleaded guilty to the first part of the charge.

Lieut.-Col. Julius Henkel, of Detroit. state surgeon of the brigade, is placed on the retired list because of ill health, disqualifying him for active service. No promotion will be made to fill the vacancy, as the army regulations do not provide for a medical officer of that rank in the brigade. A medical officer will be detailed, however, as state surgeon of the brigade.

Because Mrs. Robert McKim contested the will of her father several years ago, her mother, Mrs. Caroline Simon, of Bay City, has cut her off in her will with one dollar, while the balance of the estate of \$21,000 is divided among her ten other children.

GOLDFIELD.

Governor Predicts Bloodshed and Urges That Troops Remain.

Gov. Sparks tells the people of Nevada that President Roosevelt has made a serious error in ordering the troops now at Goldfield to leave. He predicts that violence and bloodshed will follow closely upon their departure. The governor, who is sick in bed, says: "Throughout this whole controversy I have acted according to my best judgment. I believed from advices received from confidential agents in Goldfield that trouble was imminent in the mining camps. I know that dynamite had been stolen from the mines, that the miners were armed and prepared for trouble, and the picketing of mines and preventing men from working was damaging property. I was also advised that the sheriff and other civil authorities were unable to cope with the situation.
"I learned that there are over a

thousand rifles in the possession of the miners and that the spirit of many of the men is such as to warrant me in believing that these rifles would be used upon small pretext.
"While General Funston was there

conferred with him frequently. After he had made a thorough investigation, seeking information from all sources, he told me that it was his opinion that the troops had arrived none too soon.'

Civil War Threatened.

Civil war has broken out in Persia and Teheran is an armed camp, held by two opposing forces. The reactionaries have taken possession of and are now holding the gun square and open places in the vicinity of the palace, while the constitutionalists, to the number of about 10,000, have erected barricades extending for miles around the parliament buildings. The latter are acting solely on the

lefense and in an orderly manner. The Constitutionalists are quiet, but determined to fight if attacked. They are well armed, while the supporters of the reactionaries, mostly muleteers and laborers who have come in from neighboring villages, have few effective weapons.

The charge is made that the shah has broken his promise to carry out the terms of the new constitution. The rough elements are aiding the reactionaries, and several murders and some lootings have occurred.

In spite of the fact that Friday 200 Thrashers met in Lansing and organized a state association.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Extra dryfed steers and heifers, \$4.75\(\pi \)5; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200, \$4\(\pi \)4.65; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, \$3.50\(\pi \)4; steers and heifers 800 to 1.000, \$3.50\(\pi \)4; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, \$3\(\pi \)3.50; choice fat cows, \$3.25\(\pi \)3.50; good fat cows, \$2.75\(\pi \)3.25; common cows, \$2\(\pi \)2.50; canners, \$1.50\(\pi \)2; choice heavy bulls, \$3.25\(\pi \)3.50; fair to good bolognas, bulls, \$2.55\(\pi \)3.25; stock bulls, \$2.50\(\pi \)2.75; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, \$2.50\(\pi \)2.75; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000; \$2.26\(\pi \)2.75; choice stockers, 500 to 700, \$2.25\(\pi \)2.75; milkers, large, young, medium age, \$40\(\pi \)50; common milkers, \$18\(\pi \)20.

-Veal calves—Market steady at last week's prices; best, \$7.25@7.75; others, \$3.75@6.50; milch cows and springers,

\$3.75@6.50; milch cows and springers, steady.
Sheep and lambs—Market, best lambs, 15 to 25c higher at opening, other grades steady; best lambs, \$6.25@6.50; fair to good lambs, \$5.25@5.50; light to common lambs, \$4@5; fair to good butcher sheep, \$4@4.75; culls and common, \$3@3.50.

Hogs—Market 50c lower than last week; range of prices: Light to good butchers, \$4.25@4.35; pigs, \$4.25; light yorkers, \$4.25; roughs, \$3.75@4; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle—Best export steers, \$5 30@5 50; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb, shipping steers, \$4 55; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb, \$4@4 50; fat cows, \$3 50@ 3 60; fair to good, \$2@2 25; trimmers, \$1 50@1 75; best fat heifers, \$3 65@3 90; medium, \$2 75@3; common, \$2 40@2 60; best feeders, \$3 75@4; best stockers, \$2 50@2 75; export bulls, \$4@4 25; bolognas, \$3@3 25; stock bulls, \$2 50@3. Good fresh cows and forward springers sold today about steady; others dull; strictly choice, \$45@50; good, \$35@40; medium, \$23@33; common, \$20@23. Hogs—The market opened 15@20c lower and closed steady to strong with a fair clearance for all that got yarded in time for the market; mixed and mediums, \$4 60@4 65; yorkers, \$4 60@4 65; pigs, \$4 40@4 50; roughs, \$4 10@4 20; stags, \$3 25@3 50. Sheep—Market 25c lower; best lambs, \$7 25; culls, \$6; yearlings, \$5 50@5 75; wethers, \$4 75@5; ewes, \$4@4 50; extra heavy, \$5. Calves—Steady; best, \$9@9 25; heavy, \$4@4 50; grassers, \$25@3.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat—No 1 white, \$1.02; No 3 red, spot, \$1.02; December opened at \$1.02, sold up to \$1.03, and closed where it started, unchanged for the day. May opened and closed at \$1.07, selling up meanwhile to \$1.08 per bu. Corn—No 1 mixed, 58c; No 3 yellow, 61¼c; by sample, 1 car at 54½c, per bu. Oats—By sample, 1 car at 51½c, 1 car at 51c per bu.

Oats—No 3 white, spot, 3 cars at 54½c; May, 55½c nominal; by sample, 2 cars at 48½c per bu.

Rye—No 2 spot, 82c per bu.

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Clover seed—Prime spot and December, \$10; March, \$10.15; by sample, 15 bags at \$9.50, 24 at \$9.25, 17 at \$9, 7 at \$8.25, and 7 at \$7 per bu. Prime alsike, \$9.50; by sample, 13 bags at \$8.75, and at \$7.50 per bu.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, \$2.10 per bu.

Beans—Spot, \$2; December, \$1.91

Beans—Spot, \$2; December, \$1.91; January, \$1.91, all nominal.

A coroner's inquest was held in Cadillac over Melvin Thompson, the Mesick farmer, who died Tuesday. It was found that he met his death from injuries received at the hands of his stepdaughter, Pearl Harper, who struck her stepfather with a poker when the latter, alleged to have been under the influence of liquor, was found by the Harper girl beating her mother. Public sympathy there is with the girl, but Prosecutor Yearned says that he is going to probe the matter and the arrest of the girl will fol-

What is a penitent deserter to do. if after he has surrendered himself. voluntarily, to police, Uncle Sam fails to come after him or show any interest in the case? Alfred St. John, Alpena, escaped from the Brooklyn navy vard and came back home. His parents being old. the disgrace of harboring a deserter wore upon them, and they counseled surrender. St. John came to Battle Creek and gave himself up. Naval officials were notified, but have failed to respond. Now the police, weary of feeding the ex-sailor, will turn him loose.

Spasms St. Vitus' Dance

Many persons who suffered untold agonies from epilepsy, fits, spasms, and St. Vitus' Dance are to-day well. The strengthening influence of Dr. Miles' Nervine 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. My mother's devotion saved me. After she had become almost heart-broken, as well as physically exhausted from constant care, by the advice of a neighbor she procured a bottle of Dr. Miles' Nervine. From the first dose to the last a continual change for the better was noticable, and when I had taken eleven bottles I was well, and in robust health."

EDWARD D. REAM.

North Manchester, Indiana.

"Our little boy Harry, had spasms

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"Our little boy Harry, had spasms for three years, and although we doctored with many physicians, he continued to grow worse until he had ten spasms in one week. About that time our attention was called to Dr. Miles' Nervine. We began giving it to him. His improvement seemed slow, but when he had finished the fourth bottle the spasms had disappeared, and have not been seen now for years. We shall always recommend Dr. Miles' Nervine." shall always recommended in Nervine."

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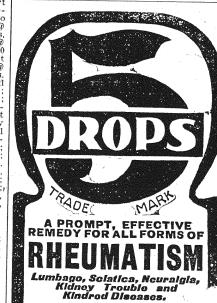
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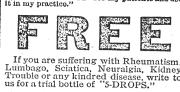
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DR. S. D. BLAND Of Brewton, Ga., writes:

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DR. C. L. GATES Hancock, Minn., writes:

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PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

New Year's Day In Gay Paree STATE TO STATE

T is in Paris that New Year's dayle jour de l'an-receives its most complete observance. Christmas has for centuries been the great feast day of the Anglo-Saxon, Christmas with its roast beef and turkey and plum pudding and all the rest of it that everybody knows so well. Paris, too, has Christmas, but a Christmas that plays only second fiddle to the more widely celebrated jour de l'an.

As for the day itself-that is, the day outside, the weather-New Year's day in Paris generally is bleak, muddy, foggy, drizzling. Thousands stand shivering in patent leather shoes and dress suits waiting for the empty cabs that never seem to come. But in the house where one calls there are light, warmth and cordiality.

Calling is the great distinctive feature of the day. Everybody mutually makes calls and receives calls. They run out to leave their cards on somebody and dash back to receive the visit of somebody else.

The president of the French republic and the military governor of Paris receive in great and gorgeous state. Their receptions are formal, ceremonious, impressive and make a sight to see. Outside the Elysee and the Invalides the patient Parisians crowd by the thousands to await the advent of the generals in their uniforms, the diplomats in their regalias, the decorated ones who sport the collars and the ribbons of their orders; the extraordinary municipal council of Paris in their funereal dress suits, the deputies and senators and all the functionaries of the military and civil branches.

While this takes place all the official world beneath is even more laboriously occupied. You cannot look out the window in Paris without seeing a government functionary or his wife. The civil service is systematized so minutely that five clerks do the work of one. One voter in every ten is a government



EVERYBODY CALLS ON EVERYBODY. clerk, and every clerk stands ranged

in his own rank, with his superiors, inequals well marked out, hi tenure sure, his duties fixed.

On New Year's day every immediate inferior must call upon his immediate superior. That is, after hurrying to call upon your chief, you must hurry back to receive the call of your assistant. In business houses managers, head bookkeepers, confidential clerks, and so on, leave their first cards on the members of the firm. Then they scatter cards upon each other like a snow-

Where everybody calls on everybody everybody cannot call on the same day. Visits of simple politeness, therefore, begin on the 2d of January and last through the month. Now, as every one detests the drudgery of it, the leaving of one's card in person first came to be looked upon as an acceptable substitute for a real visit. In the Jaus sald it will not be noticed if you send Bush ar clerk or valet out distributing. for such cards as may be sent by mail the procedure has become a sys-

At the postoffice a special service for the handling of these cards is organized made up of women hired from the middle of December. In the sixth story, underneath the roof of the central Paris postoffice building, a great hall runs its length. Here 300 women sit at counters, classifying the little envelopes all day long. The cards begin to come as early as Dec. 10, and they continue passing through the post as late as Jan. 10.

By that date 9,000,000 cards will have been handled for the capital alone. Some people hire clerks to post their acquaintances' books during the month that the cards are flying. Others have their poor relations come and To the work for them.-Montreal Star.

Each Day a White Page. The new year is not present with us, only a new day. So it will be continnally; we shall see but one day at a time. If each day is lived aright, the whole year will be right; if each day is wrong, the year will be wrong. Each day is a white page to be written. Write it beautifully, and the book of the year will be beautiful.-J. H. Bliss.

Where the Cows Eat Mistletoe. A Worcestershire farmer will take down his mistletoe and give it to the cow that has calved first after the New Year. This, it is said, will bring luck to the entire dairy.

BUYING A SAW.

Find Out the Kind You Want Before You Go to Purchase. When the man in the golf cap started downstairs his wife ran to the door

and called him back. "Harry," she said, "I want you to go into a hardware store today and get a saw. Don't forget it, please. We need one badly."

Being an accommodating person, the man in the golf cap said he would not forget it. He chose the luncheon hour as the most opportune time for making his simple purchase. He was in a good humor, and he smiled blandly when he went bustling into the store and said:

"I want a saw, please." "What kind of a saw?" asked the clerk.

"Why," said the prospective purchaser, "I don't know; just a saw Any kind will do, I presume." The clerk sighed. "If you only knew what you want to use it for, perhaps

I could advise you," he suggested. "What I want to use it for?" echoed the man in the golf cap. "Why. I want to saw, of course-that is, my folks do."

"Saw what?" asked the clerk. "I don't know," admitted the non

plused shopper.

The clerk led the way to the rear of the store. "I will show you a few of the different varieties of saws we have on hand," he said. "Observation and explanation of their uses and prices may assist you in making a decision. Here is a metal saw. It is made of highly tempered steel and will saw iron, copper, lead and all-manner of metals. Is that the kind you want?"

The man in the golf cap was sorely perplexed. "No," he said. "I don't think so. We have no metals at our house to work on that I know of." "Perhaps you would like a meat

saw?" suggested the clerk. "But you are not a butcher." "Heaven be praised, no!" said the

man who wanted a saw. "Here is a regular kitchen saw for general utility purposes. It will cost you only 50 cents. How does that strike you? No? Then here is the cabinetmaker's saw. Then I have here the plumbers' saws, the fine delicate saws used by all manner of artificers and the ordinary wood saws, which will cost you anywhere from 50 cents to \$4. In that back room we have still other varieties of saws-the two man ten foot saws, buzz saws and circular saws. If you want to pay a big price you had better take one of the circular saws. I'll give you a good one for \$500. Would you like to see them?

The man in the golf cap looked about him wonderingly.

"No, thank you," he said. "I guess I won't take any till I find out just what kind I want."

"I regret being unable to make a sale," said the clerk affably, "but I really think that the best plan."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Richter's Conducting. Countless are the stories told of the genialty of Dr. Hans Richter. Once while rehearsing a Mozart symphony in which the first violins had a number of delicate trills and turns to perform these were played too heavily for Richter, who said: "Please, gentlemen, pianissimo! Queen Mab, not suffragettes." Again when on one occasion Richter was not thoroughly satisfied with the orchestral rendering of a scene from "Tristan und Isolde" he stopped the rehearsal and asked for more dignity in the playing, adding that Isolde was the daughter of a king. not of a cook. On another occasion while rehearsing Tschaikowsky's "Romeo and Juliet" music the violoncellos have a very passionate melody to play. Richter was by no means satisfied that the needful warmth of expression had been obtained. "Gentlemen, gentlemen," said he, "you all play like married men, not like lovers."—London

About the only thing a man can do without trying is to fail.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Christmas With The Sky Dwellers

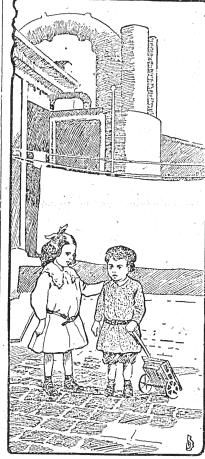
The First Stop on Santa Claus' Reindeer Route.

TO land a snorting reindeer six-inhand on the roof of a New York skyscraper requires pretty skillful handling of the lines, but Santa Claus is the man who can do it without jarring a brick off the chimneys. Why should he want to stop at such a queer depot? you ask. Because there are hundreds of little children living right in the very center of New York who have never pressed their ten der feet upon the brown earth, climbed trees, played in the grass or experienced the thousand and one pleasures so common to everyday life. They live above the clouds, twenty stories or more above the real things of the world, but nearer by those twenty stories to the stars, the angels-and Santa Claus Their aerial dwellings are his first stopping places on his annual Christmas journey through the atmosphere.

Born hundreds of feet above the haunts of ordinary mortals, these little ones often pass years of their lives in their dizzy homes without a thought of what is going on so far below them. Their fathers are the superintendents. engineers and janitors of these lofty buildings. Upon the very roofs of these great pillars of steel cozy, home breathing cottages have been erected.

Here, right up against the sky, the children live and play from morning until night. They never miss the green fields and the tall trees, for they have never known them. Their playgrounds are the expansive roofs of the big buildings, and they are as free as the

While the smaller children pass their early years at home with their moth ers twenty stories above everybody their older brothers and sisters attend school with the little ones living far down on the streets. In the evenings



TWO LITTLE SKY DWELLERS.

they tell a gaping crowd of sky dwellers the sights they have seen while going to and from school. The "sky scraper twins," who were born on top of one of New York's highest buildings and who so far have gone through life together as they started upon the journey, often think of the great day to come when they will go down the elevator and be among the toy people they have seen so far below them

NOT LOOKING FOR NOTORIETY.

crawling along the sidewalks.

These twins, who are the pride, of course, of their father and mother. have never been away from the roof on which they were born. Life has been one short and happy dream to them. They do not know what a street car really looks like, for they have merely seen the shapeless, dingy roofs of the "L" trains as they squirm along their crooked ways like some short, thick snake with square head and tail They are full of health and have rosy cheeks and big, dancing, bright eyes.

This means that they eat well, sleep well and enjoy life. There are seesaws and swings high up among the clouds on some of the skyscrapers and the ever present little red express wagon so dear to the small boy's heart. Races are run on the iron roofs, and top spinning and marble playing are favorite sports.

There are deaths on the tops of the skyscrapers as well as births. One of the saddest of these was that of a little boy who had gone down to the street for the first time to play and was crushed to death by a heavy truck.

A family of nine children born to one couple who have lived on the same roof for nearly forty years shows that race suicide has its enemies there. Five of these children have grown to manhood and are in the public service as policeman, fireman or mail carrier.

Dogs and cats are numerous on the skyscrapers. The children there are as well off for four footed playmates as those on the earth. Some have never known anything else but the roof, where they play by day and howl all night long to their hearts' content .--New York Times.

Girls' Names.

In the eighteenth century girls were christened Sophia and Caroline, in the early nineteenth Emma and Jane, a little later Laura and Clara. Then came a crop of Dorothys and Marjories, who are now all calling their own babies (in a reaction against the "quaint") Elizabeth. The names of men suffer no such emphatic fashions, and yet it is a pleasure to note that there are certainly no more young men called Alf and Gus, as were the young men who walked with the crinoline in the days of Leech. Good, is the sound of John through all changes .-London Chronicle.

A Trick With Numbers.

Choose any four consecutive numbers, as 50, 51, 52 and 53. Multiply them together, and the product may be divided by 24. This will be found to hold true for any four consecutive numbers we may choose unless one of the numbers is 24 or a multiple of way any five consecutive numbers multiplied together may be divided by or a multiple of 120.-St. Louis Repub-

The First Golf Links. The orthodox number of eighteen noles, it seems, was fixed by pure chance. There were originally twenty two holes on St. Andrews links, and it continued till 1764, when the firs four holes were converted into two. Thenceforward every full course has been laid out to correspond with alma mater.-London Saturday Review.

Three Sherwoods.

Mrs. Catherine Sherwood at the age of fifty-two gave birth to triplets, who were named respectively Franklin, Francis and Frederick. They all became sea captains, and all lived to be more than seventy years old. It is related of the brothers that while in Charleston, S. C., they all went into the same barber shop one day to get shaved, one in the early morning, one at noon and the other in the evening, and the barber said that he never saw a man whose beard grew so rapidly as that man's did.-From a Letter in Medical Record.

"Be sure you're right and then go ahead," said the man who likes to

quote. "Yes," answered the energetic citizen, "but try not to waste too much time making sure, or you're liable to be like the man who studied his time table so long that he missed his train."

Descension of the contraction of

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Unbroken blue the sky and sea shifting greens and browns the shore Along the deserted beach and through the empty streets Autumn swished her rustling skirts with no one to heed her passing-no one, at least, save a solitary man who, having escaped at length from the stern dictates of "the law." had come to Surfside for a few weeks freedom. Leaning over the fence which skirted the path around the rocky coast, he gazed dreamily out to sea, following the ragged outline of the shore and breathing in the salt of the ocean with the sweetness of the earth beneath him.

Suddenly a fresk cut in the weather worn rail caught his eye. "H. T., W., '04!" Some one beside himself had evidently sought out the shore late in "W.-'04?" he queried. the season. "Wellesley!" He had it! For was not a knife blade broken off half short in the wood, an indisputable evidence of woman's work?

"So," he mused, "I am not to be alone with the 'natives' and nature, after all." He started to move on. Again he was arrested, this time by a small, bright object at his feet. It proved to be a Wellesley class pin.

"Lost it while she was carving her name with that doll's knife, I s'pose,' Van Dyke argued to himself, as was his legal habit, fastening the pin meanwhile to his vest beneath his own

Harvard pin. Strolling on, he renewed his acquaintance with one after another of the favorite haunts of his boyhood-"swallow's cave," the rock that boomed like a cannon at high tide and innumerable cozy retreats to be gained by careful climbing over the chaos of big bowlders on the cliffs. 'He whistled like a boy as he went and sang snatches of the college songs so fresh in his heart. At last, in utter abandonment, he curled up in the lee of an overhanging rock and, soothed by the lull of the waves and the minor wail of

He was awakened in a curious manner. Opening his eyes, he found them covered with a soft transparent something that wrinkled when he winked. 24, such as 48, 72, 96, etc. In the same He raised his hand to remove it and gazed in astonishment upon his sudden acquisition of a woman's handker-120 unless one of the numbers is 120 chief. A monogram was embroidered in one corner. His logical mind deciphered it in a flash with little expenditure of eye strain. "Exhibit 'C,' "/he murmured, jump-

the October wind, fell asleep.

ing up eagerly. "Now, here's hoping for the lady herself!"

But the most searching scrutiny of rocky "nests" and niches failed to discover her. Indeed, after several days of faithful explorations Van Dyke began to think his lady of the monograms a teasing myth. Nevertheless he would have contin-

ued to hope for her realization if a letter from his sister had not put a cruel end to his romance.

"Dear Richard," it ran, "I have just learned that Elelen Tudor, a college friend of mine, is staying at Surfside with her mother. She's girl; has just written a remarkable thesis on some learned subject and got an A. M. degree. You ought to like her. She's your kind. Be sure to look her up. I've written her you're going to. She's staying at the Sea Cliff."

That dished the whole thing. "His kind," indeed! He abominated a "bluestocking." So he fought shy of the Sea Cliff and ceased to look for "H. T., W. '04," in his daily rambles.

But with the proverbial irony accredited to her Dame Fate as soon as she perceived Richard's back turned upon her bobbed up in front of him most unexpectedly, or, to be strictly accurate, Richard to his own astonishment bobbed up in front of her.

With characteristic alacrity he had taken a handspring over a jutting rock and landed in a secluded niche below. His sudden appearance so frightened the young person curled up in it that she dropped her book into a pool of

"I beg your pardon," Richard blurted out. "Let me get it for you." ("It's probably dry enough to be proof against a wetting" was his mental comment.) "I hope it isn't injured fatally," he added aloud, handing the water soaked volume to its owner, who, he was surprised to notice, was a dimpled, rosy cheeked young woman with mischievous eyes.

"Goodness, I hope not!" was her emphatic reply. "I couldn't go to sleep tonight if I didn't find out how the story ended."

"Fiction?" queried Richard cautious-"Yes, of course. What else does

one read on a vacation?" Now, here was an incongruity to ponder over-he hadn't fancied that "H. T., W., '04," would like fiction. But he would not be misled. "On a vacation," she had said. Doubtless the rest literary accomplishments.

Realizing that he was expected to say something, although he had quite forgotten that her last remark had been in the form of a question, Richard braced himself for the ordeal.

"This is my favorite haunt," he announced, unconscious of displaying any air of proprietorship, as he established himself comfortably beside her. The girl smiled mysteriously.

"Yes, I judged so," she answered simply.

"Why, how did you guess?" asked

Richard in surprise. "I've never seen ou here before."

"But I've seen you." He gathered his wits together at this. t made no difference that she was pretty and that she was fond of love stories, like other girls—he knew her

real self behind this mask of coquetry.

She was really a haughty, overbearing, pedantic person with a string of academic degrees tacked on to her name. He would round up this little matter without any sentimental nonsense. "Oh, yes," he said in his dignified, legal mannar. "You probably refer to the day you dropped your handkerchief on my face. Here it is. I am

glad to be able to return it to you. And here is your college pin also.] found it near the fence where you had been carving your initials."

He handed both souvenirs to her with a cold solemnity he had difficulty in convincing himself was genuine.

The girl looked at the pin carefully, glanced up at Richard a moment in perplexity and then burst out laugh-

"Thank you," she said finally, recovering herself. "But why do you imagine the pin belongs to me?" Richard explained with elaborate

pride how he had traced the monogram on the fence, the pin and the handkerchief. "I cannot be mistaken, Miss Tudor,"

he finished confidently. "You see, I discovered your identity some time ago. You did carve the initials on the fence, didn't you?"

"And you did drop the handkerchief over my eyes?"

"It blew out of my hand."

"Same thing. And you are stopping at the Sea Cliff, aren't you?"

Richard made a gesture expressive of the futility of stating further evi-

dence. The girl made an effort to check her amusement.

"I will take up your points in se-

quence," she announced, with mock gravity, looking at him with a frankness so charming that he forgot his dislike of her and smiled back indulgently.

"First, I did carve the initials in the fence, but they were the initials of the girl who was with me; second, it was she who lost the pin, and, third, the initials on the handkerchief are not

"Then you are not Helen Tudor?" exclaimed Richard, with such evident relief that the girl burst out laughing "And you don't write clever theses and tack A. M.'s on to your The girl shook her head.

Richard took up her handkerchief, which was lying in her lap.

"It certainly looks like H. T. to me," he said, examining the monogram closely. "I am not yet convinced."

The girl handed him the water soaked novel, open at the fly leaf. "To Theodora Harnett," he

aloud. He took out his pencil and began scribbling beneath the inscription. The girl looked over his shoulder.

"Theodora, I adore you" - That was as far as his foolishness had a chance to go, for in a flash Theodora had snatched the book from his hands and sped like a deer over the rocks.

"Come back tomorrow," he called, 'and tell me how the story ends." And she did-and not only that day, but the next and the next, until the end of their own story, like that in the water soaked novel, came with the

asking of a question and an answer short, but sweet. "But, oh, how near you came to marrying H. T., didn't you, Richard?" laughed Theodora bewitchingly. "Well, she's welcome to all the A. M.'s and

other degrees she deserves. I'm happy with just V. D." "There's one degree that's yours by nature, little 'maid of arts,' " said Richard lovingly. "Cupid must have conferred it on you at your christening. It isn't acquired from books, not even from water soaked novels."

Are You Left Eared? "Left eared?" said the physician.

'Most of you girls are." "Left eared?" said the young lady

from the telephone exchange. "Yes, left eared. The same as left handed—that is to say, is your left ear better at its work than your right

She did not know, so he tested her, finding, sure enough, that her left ear was a little the acuter of the two.

"It is a natural thing," he said, 'You girls use the left ear exclusively all day long in your telephone work, and the right ear has nothing to do: hence the left, like a muscle, develops, the right atrophies.

"Indeed," he ended, "if the telephone comes into much greater use we shall have not merely left eared exchange girls, but we shall become a left eared nation."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Only One. "At the unveiling of Rodin's bust of Henley in Westminster abbey," said a

New York editor, "a number of good stories were told about the great poet. "H. G. Wells praised Henley's conduct of the New Review. Of course this periodical failed, yet it was unthe last century. In it Henley intro-

of the year she gave up to more solid doubtedly the best edited magazine of duced to the world new writers of such distinction as Joseph Conrad, Kenneth Grahame, W. B. Yeats, Mr. Wells himself and so on. One day as Mr. Wells and Henley stood in the office of the magazine discussing rather sadly its gloomy prospects a funeral went by with slow pace. Henley leaned out of the window and looked at the funeral anxiously. Then he turned to his companion and said, with a worried frown:

"'Can that be our subscriber?"



"Hurry up! Here comes one of th ose explorers. I have no desire to get my name in the papers as the larges. ar ever shot."

LOCAL ITEMS.

G. W. Goff is ill.

John Ball has been on the sick list this week.

Norris Hartman is visiting relatives in Marshall.

Leonard Benkelman has returned to Manitowoc, Wis.

E. H. Smith is spending a few days at his home in Lexington.

Jas. Tennant walks with a cane. Cause—the horse kicked him Sunday. Leo, Joy and little Miss Marie Tyo are spending a week with friends at

C. W. McKenzie of Kalamazoo greeted old friends here Wednesday and Thursday.

Roy Colwell has returned home from Caro where he has been employed in the sugar factory.

Mrs. Isaac Agar and children left yesterday morning for a visit with relatives in Capac.

T. Colwell and daughter, Edna, left on Tuesday for Canada to visit with

friends and relatives. Miss Mabel Robinson of Lansing is spending the holidays at the home of

her uncle, Chas. McCue. Communion services will be held in the Presbyterian church on the first

Sunday morning in January. Mr. and Mrs. Swan Lindskold of Ann Arbor are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos.

Mrs. Louisa Schwegler and son, Ben, and daughter, Kate, are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. Chas. Gregor, at Crieff, Ont.

Now that the rush is over, we will have time to consider early closing and the organization of a business

left for Detroit Thursday morning Friday for a visit with their cousin, where a specialist will be consulted Mrs. John Caldwell, and other relaregarding the health of the latter.

"The same to you." Herbert S. Karr is home from De-

troit for the holidays.

ton to spend a few days. C. F. Collins of Romeo was the guest of friends in town a few days ago. Miss Leticia Hayes of Detroit is the

guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. holidays. F. Hayes. Miss Lola Fritz of Albion is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I.

Miss Etta Keating of Ypsilanti is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

E. W. Keating. Mrs. W. A. Foe left Tuesday for a few days' visit with friends and rela-

tives at Oxford. Miss Anna Bills left Tuesday morning for Bay City where she will visit

friends and relatives. Mrs. A. Armstrong has been quite ill the past week. Miss Mary Greer

has been caring for her. Rev. and Mrs. R. Stephenson of

Owendale were the guests of friends in town last Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Orr of Bellaire is spending a two weeks' vacation with her

mother, Mrs. Emily Orr. Mrs. Geo. H. Turner is home from

Flint for a few days' vacation. She returned home Thursday. Miss Bertha McKenzie of Gaylord

is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKen-Miss Myrl Rowley left on Saturday

morning for Detroit to spend the holidays with her mother. She made the trip alone.

George E. Perkins and son, E. A. left Saturday afternoon for a short visit with friends and relatives at West Branch and Rose City.

James and Miss Mary Gunson of Mrs. Solomon Striffler and little son North Keppel, Ont., arrived here last tives.

Miss Gean Boag spent Christmas at her home at Argyle. Miss Nellie Rock has gone to Lings-

Tuesday.

E. J. Wettlaufer of Detroit is spending a few days at his parental home

Luke Wright went to Chicago last

Miss Lois Cleaver returned home Saturday from Ypsilanti to spend the

Fred and Harry Striffler are spending the holidays at their parental home in Argyle. Miss Beatrice Padfield of St. Clair

is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Padfield. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hendrick were entertained at the home of Mrs. M.

Matzen on Christmas day. Mrs. Kenneth O'Dell of Port Austin has been spending several days with

friends and relatives in town. Miss Lucile Hatton of Detroit spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Wm.

Schwarder, and other relatives here. Miss Bertha Zinnecker was the guest of friends at Caro last Friday, attending the party given in the even-

Roy Hill, who attends the Michigan Mining school at Houghton, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Losey and Wm. Spurgeon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Spurgeon, Jr., north of

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheffler of Alden, N. Y., have been the guests of friends and relatives in town the past

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chambers of Saginaw are spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.

The Misses Mamie Brooker and Vida Patterson, students at Mt. Pleasant Normal, came home last Saturday for the holidays. Mrs. Wm. H. Anderson went to

Saginaw this week where she expects to undergo an operation. She has been ill for the past six weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fletcher of

Komoka, Ont., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Crawford, and other relatives in this vicinity. Mrs. J. H. Hays and children re-

turned home last Friday after spending a couple of months with friends and relatives in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Misses Margaret and Bessie Miller are home from Niles, where

they teach school, to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. R. H. P. Lee went to Argyle on Sunday. He was accompanied by Fred and Miss Ruth Striffler. the latter re-

turning home from Ypsilanti to spend the holidays. Joshua Randall of Novesta and Miss Maude Gage of Deford were united in marriage by Rev. R. N.

last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. Schwarder and fam- at the last regular meeting. ily left last week for Texas where they expect to spend the winter months, owing to Mr. Schwarder's

continued ill health. Mrs. J. A. Caldwell and Mrs. S. G. of Albion to fill the vacancy. Benkelman and son, Ward, attended James Carroll, a pioneer of Grant the concert given at the Ferguson school last Friday evening, where Miss Adah Caldwell teaches this year.

Rapids and Fleetwood Mark of De- held at the M. E. church Thursday ward are spending the holidays with afternoon at two o'clock and burial their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip was made in Elkland cemetery.

Gleaners last Friday evening in the town hall proved a very pleasant affair, although the attendance was not as large as was anticipated by the management.

morning for his former home in Decatur, where he officiated at the marriage of his sister, Miss Ailsie Bradfield of Decatur and Clarence Hall of place Christmos morning.

Harry Young bought a two-year-old heifer last week that weighed 1,325 pounds when alive and 806 pounds when dressed. "It was the best critter that I ever placed in a meat market and dressed to the best per centage," said Mr. Young. The animal was fed by James Profit, who lives one mile east and five miles north of town. The purchase price was \$50.00.

Last Friday evening the Royal Neighbors elected the following officers: Oracle, Mrs. C. W. Heller; Vice Oracle, Mrs. J. Dorman; Recorder, Mrs. P. Rice; Receiver, Mrs. Tibbals; Chancellor, Mrs. J. Caldwell; Marshal, Mrs. C. Fritz; Assistant Marshal, Bessie Wright; Inner Sentinel, Cerlestia Crawford; Outer Sentinel, Mrs. M. Parent; Managers, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Fritz and Mrs. Dorman; Physi, cian, Dr. Hays.

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Herman Fitch left Monday for De-

Peter Webber is spending the holilays in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fallis spent Christmas day with Caro relatives.

Miss Gene Marshall spent Christ-

mas at her home in Saginaw. George Burg of Sandusky spent Christmas with his parents here.

Chas. Patterson of Ypsilanti is visiting his parents during the nolidays. Wm. Meek of Sutherland, Ont., is a guest at the home of Mrs. Emily Orr. Rudolph Kaiser of Buffalo, N. Y., is the guest of relatives and friends

Clarence Howell of Albion was the guest of friends here a few days this

Miss Cecil McKim of Ypsilanti is spending the holidays at her parental Samuel Miller was unfortunate

Wednesday in falling and breaking his arm. Miss Lucy Fritz of Ypsilanti is the

guest of friends and relatives here his week. Mrs. Frank Jeffery of Pontiac is the

guest of her sister, Mrs. W. Schell, this week. Chas. H. Schenck of Minneapolis

visited at his parental home here over

The Christmas entertainments at the churches were well attended and good programs given.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pettit of Ubly were entertained Christmas day at the ome of W. F. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cooper of Kingston spent Thursday with their daughter, Mrs. W. Schell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Nique of Shabbona were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Striffler Wednesday.

Mrs. C. A. Sherman was so unfortunate as to fall and break her wrist on Tuesday afternoon. Both bones were

John Thiel of Pigeon and Clarence Callan of Caro were guests at the home of John Zinnecker on Christmas day. A. Ricker of Owendale and Miss

Lillian Striffler were entertained at the home of Mrs. Emily Orr Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy. Landon of Detroit are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McColl, and other friends here.

Irwin Bradfield, Leslie Koepfgen, Alex and Dan Duncanson and Roy Phillips, all Alma college students, are spending the holidays here.

The four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Atwell of Novesta was buried today, the funeral taking place in Novesta church,

Tyler Lodge, F. & A. M., will hold its regular meeting each month on Mulholland at the M. E. parsonage Tuesday evening on or before the full of the moon. The change was made

> Miss Abrams has resigned her position as teacher of the seventh and eighth grades and the board of education bas engaged Miss Ella A. Meinke

township, and for several years an inmate of the E. M. A., died at Pontiac, Monday morning at eight o'clock. Miss Etta Mark of Lovell, Miss Mae His remains were brought here for in-Mark of Urban, Perce Mark of Big terment. The funeral services were

The officials of the Cass City Fair The ball and supper given by the held a meeting Saturday to consider the revising of the premium list. The work was not completed but will be done at a later date. The annual meeting of the association will be held on the first Tuesday in January. Rev. E. H. Bradfield left Tuesday The election of officers will be held and a large attendance is requested.

More locals on fifth page. We have CORN; at Deford and Traverse City. The wedding took | Cass City. Bring in your rye and exchange for corn; it will pay you. Cass City Grain Co.

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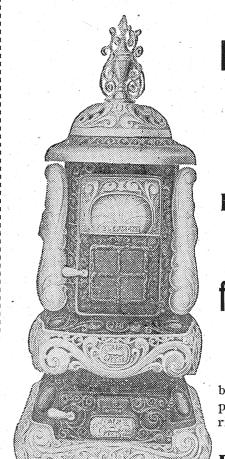
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LOCAL ITEMS.

Hersey Young is entertaining his mother from Flint.

Miss Martha MacArthur of Allegan, is visiting at her home. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reid of Cleve-

land are visiting relatives here. John Wettlaufer of Canboro was the guest of his brother, Henry, Wednes-

Miss Elsie Murphy of Vassar is visiting at her home here during the

A. Frutchey was called to Portland,

Pa., last week to attend the funeral of his brother. Miss Fern R Weimmaster of De-

troit is a guest at the home of Henry Wettlaufer. Duncan MacArthur of San Diego, Cal., is the guest of his father, Rev.

James MacArthur. Stanley McKenzie of Detroit and Roy McKenzie of Lansing are visiting

at their parental home. Walter Read of Youngstown, Ohio, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Jas. Read, east of town. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herr and Mrs. M. J. McGillvray are spending a few

days with relatives in Bay City. Wm. Miller of Chicago and Miss

Kate Miller of Cadillac are the guests of their mother, Mrs. Robt. Miller. Miss Belle Schell of Ypsilanti has been spending a few days with rela-

tives here. She expects to go to Detroit Saturday. Jacob Baey, aged 23, died at Mercy hospital, Bay City, Saturday. The re-

mains were brought to Gagetown and interred in the Catholic cemetery at that place. Mrs. A. Buchanan has received an announcement of the marriage of her

cousin, Richard H. Lazenby to Miss Eleanor Hortense. The wedding takes place on New Year's day. Mrs. M. Sheridan returned home on

Saturday from Detroit where she has been for several weeks receiving medicai treatment. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Miss Ella, of Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harris and son, Gerry, and daughter, Thelma, and Mrs. G. W. Harris, all of Detroit were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. Maxwell on Christmas day. They returned home Thursday accompanied by Mrs. I. Maxwell.

Miss Pearl Landon of Detroit surprised her friends last week by announcing her marriage to Joseph mas with Dr. and Mrs. Howell at De-Martin of that city. The marriage ford. was performed in August. Mrs. Martin is the daughter of Mrs. D. J. Lan-home from Williamston for Christdon, formerly of this place, but now a | mas. resident of Detroit.

John Johnson, seventy-seven years of age, died at his home in Ubly Monday evening. He was a pioneer of Greenleaf township, moving from tained a large circle of friends for Middlesex county, Ontario, in 1869. He leaves a wife and large family. The funeral services occurred Thursday at Greenleaf and burial was made in Elkland cemetery.

A quiet little wedding took place on Monday afternoon at the Presbyter- and Mrs. H. McLaren assembled at ian manse when Alfred E. Goodall, a their home Friday evening to express prosperous farmer of this vicinity. took unto himself a wife, Miss Christena Brown, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. H. Bradfield. They were attended by Walter Anthes and Miss Jeanett Ferguson. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Rodney, Ont., to spend their honeymoon. The Chronicle joins with their many friends in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes.

After an absence of nearly seven years, John Schwarder returned from the west and gave his father, Wm. Schwarder, and other members of the family a pleasant surprise. John is quite enthusiastic while speaking of his experiences in the west and says the opportunities are many for the progressive man. He came from 2 at two o'clock. All invited. Burke, Idaho, will remain a month in Cass City, and then expects to go to Avoca, but formerly of this place, are Great Falls, Mont. His brother, visiting relatives and friends here. Chas. B., is located at Stockett, Mont., a short distance from Great Falls, where he has a good position,

At least one merchant in this town is convinced that his adv. in the Chronicle helps him and he did a very commendable thing-told the printer about his convictions last Monday morning. We are not going to men- at this writing. tion his name, in fact, he doesn't know about this little item being put into print. By his use of space in these columns, he has placed his name before the public which he could reach in no other way, increased his

es, and his conversation denotes nat he has found a paying investment—an adv. in the Chronicle. Now, day from Caro where he has been em- precieted by the scholars. Miss Ethel to be plain about the matter, what ployed in the sugar factory. advertising does for one merchant it will for another. Mr. Non-Adver- iting her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Travtising Merchant, don't be so small is, for two weeks, returned to her Claus has been through here on his that you will allow the other fellow home Friday. to put his good, hard-earned money into advertising and then expect that you will draw your share of trade any-The progressive merchant knows that judicious advertising is one of the things needful for a successful business career.

Correspondence

NOVESTA CENTER.

Mrs. Alice Ferguson is spending the holidays with her aunt in Muskegon. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Atwell's infant child died Wednesday after an illness of pneumonia. The parents have the

dinner of the ladies' aid of the Greenbank church at the home of Robt. Brown on New Year's Day.

CHRISTMAS DAY VISITS. at Wilmot.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stitt of Shabbona were entertained at the home of

Geo. Young. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wheeler were

the guests at the home of A. A. Mc-Kenzie at Cass City.

ford and Novesta. Mr. and Mrs, Fred Palmateer enter-

tained Mr. and Mrs. B. Wentworth and J. Wentworth and family of Novesta Corners.

guests at the home of John Coulter. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Brown enter-

Mrs. Amy Gekeler and family were the guests of Mrs. Emily Warner of for some time. Deford.

Shabbona.

The Band has re-organized.

Miss Ethel Meredith is home for the holidays.

Amos Guy has returned from a trip to LeGrande.

Floyd Phillips and Irving Ryce are nome from Caro.

turned from California.

College for the holidays.

ted at Dr. Truesdell's last Tuesday. The Christmas entertainment in

Misses Iva and Marion Ryckman are

Dr. Truesdell attended the County Medical Society meeting at Sandusky last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phillips enterdinner on Christmas.

sented the teacher, John McKeathen, with a beautiful fountain pen on the last day of school.

community and to express hearty wishes for them in their new home in Marlette.

TOWN-LINE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hickie spent Wilmot.

schoolhouse Monday night.

Mrs. Leek Thursday afternoon, Jan.

tiac and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Campfield of Avoca spent Christmas with

SHABBONA, R. F. D. 1.

their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo.

Miss Nina McCool of Pontiac is visiting her parents during the holidays. H. Ferguson returned home Thurs-

died Friday.

Mr. McIntyre is very poorly at this writing

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sympathy of the community. Everyone is invited to attended the Ethel Striffler and Fred and Harry

Mr. and Mrs. Colon Ferguson were

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Henderson entertained friends from Saginaw, De-

Elmer Allen and family were the

tained R. A. Mosher and wife and granddaughter of South Novesta.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dewey entertaintained their son and his family from

SHABBONA.

Henry and Will McLaren have re-

Roy Phillips is home from Alma

Dr. E. C. Jeffery of Deckerville vis-

the M. E. church was well attended. Dr. and Mrs. Truesdell spent Christ-

The pupils of the public school pre-

The friends and neighbors of Mr. their regret at losing them from the

John Hickie is home from North Branch where he has been employed Mr. and Mrs. Arthur VanBlaricon are visiting in Canada during the hol-

Sunday with their son, Frank, at

Several from here attended the Christmas program at the Leek

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Campfield of

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker of Pon-

Mrs. James still remains very low Thos. Hoagg made a trip to Cass

City Saturday. Husburn Ferguson is visiting his parents during the holidays.

Mrs. Wm. Bullis, who has been vis-

ARGYLE.

The infant child of James Hutson

Simon Little of Cass City was in own Monday.

Sunday.

Deckerville last week.

Leota Zavitts visited friends in

Robert Little and Mr. Phillips of Cass City are enlarging pictures here. Stanley Graham of Cass City visited friends in town the fore part of

Mary Sandham of Jackson is the guest of her parents and other friends

Striffler, all of Cass City, are at their homes here for the holidays. Ruth Striffler, who is attending the

State Normal at Ypsilanti, is spendthe guests of Mrs. Ferguson's parents ing her holiday vacation at her home Married, on Monday, Dec. 23, Oscar

Behr and Miss Elsie Hillecker, both of Argyle. Their many friends here extend congratulations.

Any 12 Year Old Girl Can make those delicious Lemon, Chocolate and Custard ples as well as the more experienced cook if she uses "OUR-PIE" preparation, which is now sold by nearly all grocers at 10 cents per package. Just the proper ingredients in each package.

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ELMWOOD.

Chas. Wood is home from Caro. Mrs. Robt. Spaven is entertaining her niece, Miss B. Roulston, of Ontario.

Miss Eunice Hendrick is spending the holidays at her home here. Fred Hitchcock returned from Caro

Sunday where he has been employed The entertainment at the Cedar Run school was well attended and a

fine time was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Turner entertained a party of their friends and neighbors last Thursday night. The evening was spent in card playing. All report a fine time.

P. W. Stone and Miss Bertha Faust spent Sunday in Akron. Death entered the home of Mr. and

Mrs. John J. Hayes Wednesday morning and took from them their only child, an infant. They have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

A Dangerous Deadlock

that sometimes terminates fatally, is stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without lisagreeable 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.

CARO.

Charles Montague left on Sin rday o spend a few days in Bay City.

Merten Kirk, who has been employed in the Caro sugar factory during the campaign as a chemist, left on Monday for Alma where he will finish neen, at present. the campaign in the factory there.

B. L. Converse, who owns and controls the two picture shows in Caro, left on Monday for Owosso where he will spend the holidays with his fam-

KINGSTON. Miss Loe Ryckman of Detroit is spending the holidays with her parents here.

W. E. Snelling and wife were Cass City visitors Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Proudfoot of Gagetown was the guest of Mrs. Pelton last week.

Miss Mabel Parker of Pontiac is visting her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Hopps. Mrs. Eugene Henderson returned home from Elkhart, Ind., Tuesday

Mrs. C. E. Hicks left Monday for Mancelona to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law.

D. C. Jeffery left Tuesday morning for Detroit where he will take a course of treatment. F. A. Francis and wife were the

guests of Dr. A. M. Francis of Port Austin last week.

PINGREE. There will be a Holiness convention at Mispa Mennonite church commencing on the evening of January 21 with three meetings a day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Quarterly muth. meeting on January 25 and 26. number of ministers from adjoining districts will be in attendance. The invitation is extended to all to come to the feast. Rev. Frank Napper,

pastor. Sixteen miles of telephone is to be built in the spring of 1908. Next in order would be a silver mine, a railroad, a general store and a brass band

for Pingree. Vacation during the holidays is ap-Hunt, the esteemed teacher, has the well wishes of all.

usual trip. Dugald Duncanson recently fell and fractured several ribs while attending

Nothing beats full stockings. Santa

McHUGH.

to his stock.

Sleigh riding is the main sport for

H. P. Lee of Cass City was in town boys and girls.now-a-days. Mis. J. Agar is quite ill at this writing.

> Wedding bells will soon be ringing in this vicinity.

D. Harris is visiting in St. Ignace

for a few weeks. Earl Losie of Amadore is spending

the holidays with Harry Napper.

Mrs. A. Heemer of Laing is visiting ner parental home for a few days. Miss Cecil 'Auslander has returned from Capac where she has been going

to school. Francis Kennedy of this vicinity is visiting her brother-in-law, Arthur Heemer, of Laing for a few days.

Nora and Harry Collins of Marlette are visiting old friends and acquaintances in this vicinity for a few weeks.

NOVESTA CENTER.

Rev. and Mrs. Richards are the guests of Mrs. J. Towle. The sweet chime of wedding bells

will soon be ringing and may God bless and prosper the two young people who will join hearts and hands for life on New Year's day, is the wish of their many friends. The Christmas tree and program at

the Greenbank M. E. church proved a delightful affair, not only to the little people, but to the older ones as well. A splendid program was rendered, and two old Saint Nicks were present, there being so many presents one was not able to bring them all.

UBLY.

Miss Ione Morris is home from Adrian for the holidays.

Miss Ina Mills is spending the holidays with relatives at Lenox. Mrs. H. Caldwell was called to Applegate this week owing to the illness

John Johnson, an old resident of this vicinity, departed this life Tuesday morning after a long illness. C. W. Page is out of town on busi-

of a relative.

ness this week.

NOVESTA CORNERS. Merry, merry Christmas. Tree at Novesta Tuesday evening. Elson Russell is at home again.

incle. Mr. Atwell's new house is progressng finely.

Frank Benedict's folks are off for a bree weeks' visit. Mrs. Russell and daughter, Essie,

will spend Christmas in Lapeer. Mrs. Rodgers and daughter will visit near Imlay City this week. Rev. Willerton attended a wedding

at Greenleaf Wednesday evening. Mina Layman is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed De-

Badly Mixed Up

Abraham Brown of Winterton, N. Y had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over but none of them helped me: so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are ()ne blood poison, weakness and all stomach,

DEFORD, ROUTE 3. James Dorman, Sr. has lost a horse. Wm. Shrader was ill a few days last week.

Thos. Gillies was over to Millington last week. John M. Reid aud wife were Caro visitors last Friday afternoon. Chas. Way husked corn for Sherman

Elliott Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. King and Chas. Oesterle went to Caro Tuesday. John Jamison had Chas. Way husk-

ers to Gagetown Saturday evening. Alva Skerbisher spent Tuesday night with friends at Ellington Cor-

Fred Keilitz received word Monday

ing his corn Monday and Tuesday.

of the death of a nephew at Franken-We are pleased to learn that Mrs Robert L. Cope is very much better at this writing.

A large crowd attended the school entertainment in Dist. No. 6, last Friday evening. We hear that Art Shriber and wife

lost their all by fire in Buffalo before their return here. Arthur Colwell has finished working for Dell Ostrander of Elkland and

A letter to friends from Howard Barriger states that his baby is very ill at his home in Grayling. Don A. and J. Patterson of Both-

well, Ont., arrived last Friday to

returned home Wednesday.

John Elley.

Chas. Oesterle drove to Caro Saturday after his daughter, Hattie, who has been assisting Mrs. May McDermon, at Bauck's camp.

Mrs. E. C. Clay received a letter

from Mrs. Henry M. Clay that the Bischop and wf lot 2 blk 3 Johnson's panic at Portland, Oregon, was about over and the mills would start operation Monday, the 16th.

Hark! The wedding bells will soon ring out so loud over the western part of ¡Ellington that the refrain is expected to be caught up on the eastern side and send back a merry peal.

DEFORD.

John Hickie limps-sporting cause of it all.

If I should speak harshly of my neighbor that moment 1 begin to dislike him. If I speak and think kindly of him he appears better to my mind. All such things affect us more or less, although we may be to a great extent unconscious of the fact.

Sleighing not good, but everybody willing to use it.

Greed of money will make a man rob as the strong nation robs the weak and then ask God's bleesing on the act.

He that loves justice and hates iniluity will have no friends among hypocrites and sinners.

makeshift for the time; will be a granary when he builds anew.

Fred Chadwick lost a work horse

last week. Ed Wethey is building another

house to replace the one lately destroyee by fire. A. VanBlaricom and wife have gone to Ontario for a month's visit.

Lewis Retherford has sold his year-

ling colt to Grover Pratt. All words in our Bible that are printed in Italic are supplied by man and were not in the original manuscript. Cut them out, please, and then find what you have in custom for keeping the "first day" of the

The writer's legs have ached for of the time her insurance would have several days past, but his head is all expired. right. Have you got it? 'Tis the leg grip.

Two hundred thirty-one years ago George Collins is entertaining his died at Alderley, England, one of the greatest scholars and so-called wisest letter about a month ago to a Rochesed with Cotton Matther that a girl bee included the letter in its report that was cross-eyed or an old woman which says that the contest "is largely with a squeakish voice was a witch, and should die without their feet touching soil. We are not calling ballot boxes were examined recently such men great regardless of whom we and found to be not sealed. Even the clash with. They were born foolish and should have died in infancy.

Not long since there were sounds in |count. the vicinity southwest; of Wilmot like unto the roar of heaven's artillery. The windows in domiciles rattled and the earth shook even unto the divid- of injuries alleged to have been ining line between the commonwealths dicted by his stepdaughter, Pearl Harof Kingston and Novesta, and all this per. According to the story told the had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and began to choke and beat the fifth stomach and liver trouble."

The girl, fearing for her mother it is said tabled. and the fifth stomach and liver trouble. the duties of the coming day. We mother, it is said, jabbed a stove pokhave watched the press at the frigid er into Thompson's head, the weapon north and the torrid south and the bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure plahation. Hence, we now conclude to be recovering. Mrs. Thompson is plahation. Hence, we now conclude to be recovering. Mrs. Thompson is liver and kidney complaints, by L. I. it must have been some of those dis-Wood & Co. and Ryan's drug store. 50c. affected wiseacres of Kingston changit must have been some of those dis- 48. ing their politics.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Oscar Robinson et al to Effie J Pixley ne q of nw q sec 10 Watertown 1913.

Louisa Bulow to Frederick Weiland

n h of n h of nw q of sw q sec 21 Co-

lumbia \$500. Wm E Howell and wf to Alfred Sting pt nw q of se q sec 1 Elmwood

4 blk 7 Montague's sub div Caro \$1. Julia Proctor to Geo W Kelley pt n Bernie Gould took a load of Gleane q of ne q sec 3 Caro \$500. Elvira Squire to Wm B Perry lot 5 blk 15 North's add Vassar \$500.

q of se q sec 10 Denmark \$1000.

Lizzie Montague to Thomas Conley lot 9 blk 4 Montague and Wilmot's add Caro \$50. Ferdinand Montei to John D Montei aw q of ne q sec 24 Fairgrove \$1800. James McCartney to Elizabeth Mc-

Albist Smith et al to FC Leonard ne

Cartney nw q of ne q sec 12 Water- state. town \$1000 Wm Hitchcock to Samuel Johnson shofnh of swq sec 17 Denmark

Alvin N Deneen to Edith V Clare

ne q of se q sec 6 Elkland \$900. Christian Buelow and wf to Otto Buelow e h of se q sec 19 Denmark \$1. Christian Buelow and wf to Alfred Buetoweh of nwq sec 30 Denmark \$1. John F Meidlein and wf to John

spend the holidays with their uncle, Bessie B Garnet to Henry Schmidt n h of sw q sec 2 Vassar \$800. Eugene Heusted to Charles Heusted whofnhofnhofseqsec28 Milling

John F Bollcher and wf to Charles

ton \$1.

add Fairgrove \$800.

Gottleib Anist and wf to Wm Simpsonshofshof nw q sec 33 Gilford

E G Rogers and wf to Hartwill Shriber and wf pt sw q of se q sec 8 Ellington \$450.

LATEST NEWS

THE LAST TRIP OF THE SEASON DOWN THE LAKES A RECORD-BREAKER.

FREIGHT MONEY TEMPTED

Steamer Was in Winter Quarters, Dismantled, But Was Put in Shape, Loaded and Sailed in Time to Hold Insurance.

With 194,000 bushels of wheat in er hold the steamer Yale left Duluth Thursday at 11:50 a.m. and docked John Moshier is erecting his new at Buffalo Tuesday at 2 p. m. She house. The present building is only a was the last freighter to come down the upper lakes, the rear guard of the Inland sea's fleet, and all the way she The young people were too much for blinding snows and, worst of all, unran the gauntlet of wintry risks, ice, the old heads on the spelling. The marked channels through the rivers. old folks must brighten up and try it For the lighthouse tenders had taken in the lightships, spar buoys and gas buoys and many of the lighthouses were dark and deserted. The Yale is close on 400 feet in length, is worth upwards of \$200,000, and with her cargo represented a total value of almost half a million. Her daring dash for the south was made with not a single mishap; she sprung a leak while bucking ice seven inches thick in the Soo river, but the water did not get aft of her forward bulkhead. The rate for the season for wheat from Duluth to Buffalo has been from 1% to 2 cents a bushel, but here was an offer of 4 cents a bushel—about \$8,000—for the cargo, and the temptation could not be resisted.

When the order came to load wheat for Buffalo the steamer was dismantled and in winter quarters, but within 36 hours was put in shape, crew secured and sailed within ten minutes

Mr. Helme Lost.

Largely because James W. Helme wrote a letter and signed his name to this Christmas, Sir Matthew Hale It, the con. con., by a unanimous vote, dismissed his petition for a recount for the Lenawee district. He wrote the of the world's men, and yet he believ- ter, N. Y., man. The contest commitone between voting machine companles and is not prosecuted by the con-lestant in good faith." Anyhow, the Democrat member of the committee, Delegate Cavanaugh, of Ann Arbor, signed the report which shuts off a re-

farm home near Mesick as the result

Stabbed With a Poker.

Melvin Thompson, 38, is dead at his

ning there as he fell unconscious

million dollars, and it is proposed to start it before 1909 and finish it by Those seeking the right of way are partly Michigan and partly Illinois people. They are George W. and Edward Dolan, Jr., Edward and F. B.

A New Canal Scheme.

Rep. E. L. Hamilton, of Michigan,

has introduced a bill calling for a ship

channel between Lakes Michigan and

Superior. The canal will cost several

Sprague, Lawrence E. O'Mera, John H. Mauritius and Lincoln H. Titus. The route planned is Whitefish river, Mud Lake, AuTrain lake and Au-Train river. The plans must be ap-George W Kelley to H H Smith lot proved by the secretary of war. The bill carefully provides against tolls for military and naval craft, against the closing of navigation and against unfair tools or tolls on naturally navi-

gable waters.

day night.

to scour the woods.

warrants on the traffic manager of the Pere Marquette, against whom and the railroad 111 indictments have been returned to the federal court in the western district of Michigan. The railroad is charged with grant-

ing rebates to two big manufacturing

companies in the western part of the

Charged With Rebating.

Deputy United States Marshal Edward O'Donnell, of Grand Rapids, arrived in Detroit Thursday to serve

MICHIGAN ITEMS. Nine cattle were killed by a Michigan Central train near Ceresco Tues-

Bay City and Carrolton sugar beet

actories paid \$500,000 to farmers for October deliveries. Much anxiety is felt by the relatives of Carl Scholtz, a 16-year-old boy from Amberg, a small village near Menominee, who disappeared suddenly two weeks ago. The boy was a passionate Burns ne q of ne q sec 22 Koylton hunter and his father believes that he met with an accident while hunting. He has organized a searching party

> Mrs. Hoyle-Have you anything laid aside for a rainy day? Mrs. Doyle-Yes, but I can find only one of my rubbers .- New York Press.

The Influence of Poe. "As the modern world of letters has mainly gone to Keats to learn stylethe perfection of word and phrasingso it has gone to Poe to learn tone, the truths of keeping an atmosphere in composition. Poe did not set himself to write copy book maxims of morality," observes Charles Leonard Moore in the Dial, "but the total effect of his work is that of loftiness and nobility. His men are brave, and his women are pure. He is the least vulgar of mor-Perhaps if books have any effect at all his tend to make men too

Here's Good Advice

truthful, too sensitive, too high minded."

O. S. Woolever, 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.

Her Opportunity.

"I've come to give notice, ma'am." "Indeed?"

"And would youse give me a good reference, ma'am? I'm going to Mrs. Jones, across the way."

"The best in the world, Maggie. I hate that woman."-Life.

Courage, like cowardice, is undoubtedly contagious, but some persons are not liable to catch it.-George D. Pren-

In this country in our own day many words have been coined descriptive of every form of speed, of hearing at a distance, of seeing at a distance, of writing at a distance, of propelling oneself in various ways, of killing by electricity, of curing by electricity, and all the rest, but not one word has been coined for any new form of keeping still .-- London Albany Review.

Those 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 grocers, 10 cents. Everybody is pleased with "OUR-PIE." 34-4

If we could only see others as we see ourselves what splendid men and women would inhabit the world .- Circle Magazine.

Men wanted in this and adjoining counties to tack up signs and distribue samples. Salary \$18.00 to \$36.00 per week, without or with rig. Permanent position. Send self addressed stamped envelope for working plans. The Lee Manufacturing Co., Kalamazoo, Mich. 2-20-2*

"Dollar and a half for that book?" he said. "I think I'll wait till they get cheaper."

"But it may be out of date then," said the bookseller. "True," was the reply. "They only live six months these days. I'd better

buy it now."-Atlanta Constitution.

Is your baby thin, weak, fretful?

Make him a Scott's Emulsion baby.

Scott's Emulsion is Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites prepared so that it is easily digested by little folks.

Consequently the baby that is fed on Scott's Emulsion is a sturdy, rosycheeked little fellow full of health and vigor.

ALL DRUGGISTS: 50c. AND \$1.00.



AUCTION SALE

A. A. McKenzie, Auctioneer.

Having rented my tarm and intending to move away, I will sell the following property at auction, without reserve, 3 miles east and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Shabbona, or 3 miles west and 11 miles south of Argyle, on

MONDAY, DEC. 30

At 12 o'clock sharp Osborne disc nearly new

Bay horse 7 years old, weight 1200 Bay Mare 8 years old weight 1100 Bay gelding coming 4 years, wt. 1250 Set double harness Mare Colt coming 2 years old Red cow 6 years old, due March 16 Red cow 6 years old, due March 16 Holstein cow 5 years old, due April 1 Shredded corn stalks 4 Yearling Steers

3 Yearling Heifers 10 Oxford ewes in lamb Berkshire brood sow 3 Pigs 6 weeks old

Lumber Wagon

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McCormick hay rake

Caldron kettle Quantity of timothy hay About 2 tons clover hay Yearling bull About 200 bu. corn in ear 2 Spring Calves Seed Peas

Spring tooth harrows

Bean picker

Quantity seed corn About 35 bu. potatoes 5 Shoats Quantity of sweet mangels 50 Hens Bedroom suite Dining table and chairs Barrel churn and other articles too

numerous to mention

TERMS—All sums of \$5 and under, cash; over that amount, 10 months' time on good approved endorsed notes at 7 per cent interest.

Jas. R. McDonald, Prop.

Her Sealskin

By FRANK H. SWEET.

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. No one ever accused Mrs. Stone of being unduly sympathetic. Ten years' experience with a brutal husband and ten subsequent years of buffeting with the world had deprived her of that sentimental quality, if indeed she had ever possessed it. She was admirably fitted to be what she was-head of the Associated Charities of a large city. Impostors who came fawning down the corridor dreaded this sharp eyed, thin lipped woman. What an expert cross examiner the years of insight and unbelief had made her! How difficult it was to have the telltale bottle or cover up the telltale odor when she descended on their abodes!

She had driven away half the mendicants in town. The worthy ones whom she had made comfortable at homethey even were not grateful; they missed the noise and excitement of the street. But Mrs. Stone was obdurate If the police would not enforce the begging ordinance, she would. If the really needy ones would stay at home, she would see that they were provided for; if they infested the street, not a penny should they have from her, and she would see that they were arrested into the bargain. So the blind lavender men took to woodcarving, and they all grumbled and were very unhappy.

One morning a woman in a bedraggled black gown and a veil with a hole that came just over the tip of her nose made her way into Mrs. Stone's office. Mrs. Stone knew the type-husband, a laboring man, just dead; from three to six young children, not one of earning

"Be seated," said Mrs. Stone brusquely, but not unkindly, and her limp guest perched uncomfortably on the edge of the only chair, which was so located that every ray of cold gray light searched out the lines in the visitor's face. "What can I do for you?" "I want work," said the woman.

"What kind?" "Any kind of work by the day."

"Can you clean?" "Yes."

"Wash well?"

"Pretty well." "Cook?"

"Some-plain things."

"H'm-cleaning would be best for Mrs. Stone noted these details in a book, together with age, name, ad-

dress, nativity, and then came down to more interesting details. "How long have you lived here?" "A week."

Mrs. Stone raised her eyebrows. "Where did you come from?" The woman mentioned a nearby

"Why did you leave there?"

"My husband died." "How long ago?"

"About three weeks." "How many children have you?"

"Five." "Ages, please." "The oldest is ten."

"Husband leave you anything?"

The woman hesitated.

"Yes, a little," she said finally. "How much?" "Well, the society buried him and paid the doctor, and I had a little left."

"How much?" came the remorseless question.

"About \$300." "You have that?"

"No, ma'am." "What did you do with it?"

"I bought something." "Indeed!" Mrs. Stone's pencil was

suspended in the air. "What?" "A sealskin sack."

"A what?" Mrs. Stone almost shout

The woman cast down her eyes. "A sealskin sack," she repeated almost inaudibly. "Well, I declare!" Mrs. Stone said

aloud. "A charwoman with a new \$300 sealskin!" she added to herself. "When do you propose to wear it," she went on to inquire-"to your work

in the morning?" "Oh, no, ma'am," continued the woman, taking the question seriously. "I wouldn't wear it every day. On Sun-

days I'll wear it sometimes, if it's not too sunny and doesn't rain. They say nursery had only portieres between it rain doesn't hurt 'em, but I wouldn't take the chances-and sun fades 'em." "What good is it to do you, then?"

stroke it morning and night and between whiles when I have time. There isn't much danger of its being stolen. No one would suspect such a thing gan to feel that the apartment was off in a place like ours, and I'd thrash a child within an inch of its life who dared tell of it. Fire's the worst. I do dread fire. I wish I could insure it." Mrs. Stone was facing one of the

problems of her career. "I don't understand it at all," she said, "why you should have spent your entire capital so wastefully and so uselessly? You have nothing to wear

with the thing, and you come to a charitable association to get work for you.'

"I'll tell you," said the woman eagerly, her face lighting up. "I had wanted a sealskin all my life. I was a factory girl, and on my way home at night I used to stop before the fur shops and look in-all those lovely capes and things-I wanted them all. I'd have learned to sew fur and have worked in a fur shop if I'd have dared, woman saying: but I was afraid I'd steal something. Then I married John, and there was nothing but hard work and babies.

Surveys Then John died." The woman's face was alight. "Three hundred dollars wouldn't buy much for six, but it would buy a sealskin. I wanted it all my life! I never had so much money at one time before-I couldn't help it-I just had to buy it. I was never so happy in my life as the night I wore it home, and I'm just as happy with it now. I'd do it again. I'll work my fingers to the bone for my children.

> work now!" The woman had risen from the chair's edge. Mrs. Stone was meditatively tapping the desk with her pen-

But I suppose you won't help me to get

"Wait a minute," she said. Mrs Stone was thinking. She was remembering that two of her lady directors, lately widowed, were seeking forgetfulness in Europe, the meager allowance granted by the stingy departed having been multiplied by a generous court while the estates were being settled. Mrs. Stone might not be sympathetic, but she was logical and fair minded.

"There's a janitorship vacant in a school which I might get for you," she said. "It's \$60 a month, and you could live well on that. Are you strong enough to do the work, and will you do it well? Of course if you don't do it well you'll simply be discharged, but I should dislike to recommend an incompetent person."

"Put me on trial," said the woman eagerly. "Indeed, I'll do it well, and Jamie is old enough to help me some." "Very well," said Mrs. Stone. "Come at 9 o'clock on Monday, and I'll see

what can be done." For several seconds after her visitor had left Mrs. Stone sat silent before her desk. Then she whirled about in her revolving chair to listen to the next tale of woe.

A month later one of her assistants said to her:

"I'm afraid that woman for whom we secured the jaintress' place was an impostor, after all."

"What makes you think so?" asked Mrs. Stone. "Well, anyhow, I don't think she's as

poor as Ellen West, who wanted it." "She has five children to support," returned Mrs. Stone. "Ellen has only two, and she drinks."

"Yes," said the assistant, "but I saw her in the park yesterday, and what do you think she had on?"

"A sealskin sack perhaps," said Mrs. Stone, not looking up from the figures she was adding.

"So you knew?" gasped the other. "Yes, I knew."

The assistant was bursting with cu riosity. She waited a moment. "Perhaps she has seen better days,"

she ventured. "I don't think so," said Mrs. Stone, "though it was a sort of inheritance." "Oh!" said the assistant. "But it is very good and new. I thought perhaps it was electric, but it wasn't. I sho ala caink she might sell it and get

something for the children." "She might," said Mrs. Stone, "but I don't think she will. Two, eight, nineteen, twenty-four-we've taken in \$240 in dues this month. That's not bad."

EXPENSIVE APARTMENTS.

Women Who Can't Rent Them, but Who Like to Inspect Them.

The superintendent of an expensive apartment building was telling his troubles.

"It isn't showing apartments to those who really want one that makes me see the whole world through dark blue glasses just now," said he. "It's the aggravation of the people who go about inspecting fine suits which they cannot possibly pay for.

"You wouldn't imagine how many women have the mania unless you had my job for awhile. Only yesterday a young married woman and her mother, both smartly gowned, asked to see one of my six room suits, which rents for \$200 a month, and there's no kitchen in the apartment either. We serve meals from the basement at \$15 per week for each person.

"Well, those women were here fully an hour. They discussed the outlook from the various windows and the size and plan of the rooms and every little detail. They wanted to know if the front room would be done over in old gold and brown to harmonize with a certain set of furniture, and they measured the windows to see if their curtains would fit.

"Where 'baby' was to sleep bothered the young woman a whole heap. The nice sunny room she wanted for a and the drawing room, and another room opened into a court, while a third had a draft blowing through it. They "Oh, I take it out of its bag and discussed this question for some ten minutes, and when they finally decided that the kid should have a crib in the same room with its parents I bemy hands.

"Then they insisted upon seeing the thef and went over the subject of meals with him for another fifteen or twenty minutes, making him give all the menus served for a week back. After that they climbed to the top of the house to see the maids' rooms, one of which goes with every apartment.

"Finally they stated that the apartment was the most satisfactory they had seen and that they would come back that evening with the young woman's husband. They felt sure he would decide to take it.

"As we came downstairs I stayed behind to lock the apartment, which had been under inspection, and I suppose they thought I wasn't going any farther, for as I caught up with them on the first flight I overheard the young "'Wouldn't it be swell to live like

that, mamma, with all those delicious menus every day? When Jack gets Sometimes I couldn't get out to look | rich we'll do so, won't we?" "-New in a fur window for a week at a York Press.

Mourning Vagaries.

"Mourning is not what it used to be," said an undertaker. "In fact, I expect to see it go out altogether in the next century or so. Perhaps it is just as well. No young widow, I've heard say, can wear mourning without looking like an adventuress. But in the seventeenth century widows not only wore mourning, but their bed curtains were black, and the sheets and pillowcases had a black edging, like stationery. Even their lingerie had a mourning band. In Italy the nobles of the renaissance carried their mourning as far as their knives and forks, which had ebony instead of ivory handles. Gray cloth superseded black for mourning in the eighteenth century. The fashion lasted about twenty years. Then it died out, as it had sprung up, mysteriously." - Los Angeles Times.

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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 Oure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires 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 falls to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Soid by all Druggists, 75c.

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The Perfect Man.

Lord Rosebery, speaking at Edinburgh, said that the United States was trying an amalgamation of all the races of the world. Would the result be, he asked, the production of the perfect man of the future or would the result be a perfect new type hitherto unknown to anthropologists? That would be a subject for study and interest to the older races of the globe.

A Real Wonderland

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms. wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound 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 bim." 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

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A Helping Hand.

When the foreign missionary had concluded his talk he made the usual appeal for contributions, however small. Coming up to the platform with several others, a small boy mounted

to the level of the lecturer and, hastening toward him, said: "Please, sir, I was very much interested in your lecture, and-and"-

"Go on, my little man," said the missionary encouragingly. "You want to help in the good work?" "Not exactly, sir," said the boy.

What I want to know is, have you any foreign stamps you don't want?"-Success Magazine.

An Easy Mark.

Theodore-It's all right, darling; I have met your father and we took to one another at once. He even went so far as to borrow £10 of me. Surely he can't refuse me your hand after that. Edith—Dory, I'm afraid you've made a mess of it. Pa told me about the £10 and said I'd better give you up; that you were too easy going .-London Scraps.

Son-Father, what is the rest of the quotation "Man proposes and"- Father (sadly)-Woman seldom refuses .-

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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.

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 Vernon B. Kile and Mary A. Kile his wife of Kingston, Mich., to W. N. Eaton of Jackson, Mich., which said mortgage was recorded in the officer of the Regis-Eaton of Jackson, Mich., which said morragage was recorded in the officeof the Register of Deeds of the County of Tuscola in Liber 104 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.

part thereof. Whereby the power contained in said mortgage has become operative.

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

Dated September 26th, 1907.

W. N. EATON, Mortgagee.

Puchases Address, Bad Axe, Michigan.

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 10th 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 James H. Davis, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of William B. Davis, administrator of said estate, praying for license to sell certain real estate therein described and for the purpose therein set forth. It is ordered that Monday, the 6th 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.

Probate Seal. 12-13-4 Judge of Probate

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, Judgo of Probate. In the matter of the estate of William H. Russell, deceased, N. 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.

12-20-4
Probate Seal.

The KING of & DIAMONDS.

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

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"By all means."

Philip wrote his first check and received twenty, crisp five pound notes. Isaacstein stood by, smiling grimly. He had not yet got over the farcical side of this extraordinary occurrence, and he was wondering what the bank manager would have said could he but see Philip as he, Isaacstein, saw him no later than the previous day.

"By the way," said Philip, whose heart was beating a little now, "suppose I wish to give a reference to anybody, will you two gentlemen answer for me?

"The bank will always say whether or not your check will be honored to a stated amount. In other respects Mr. Isaacstein, who brought you here, will serve your purpose admirably-none better in the city of London," replied the banker.

Isaacstein placed both feet together. and his head sank between his shoulders. He again reminded Philip of a top. The boy fancied that in a second or two he would begin to spin and pur. The bank manager's statement flattered the little man. It was the sort of thing he understood. Philip privately resolved to make this human top wabble when alone with him in the street again.

"One more question, and I have ended," he said. "Where is the best place to store some valuables?"

"It all depends on their nature. What are they-plate, jewels, paper?"

The man's ears were alert now, and the boy smiled faintly.

"Oh," he explained, "I have a very large quantity of rich ore which I wish to lodge in some place where it will be secure and yet easy of access."

"I would recommend you to rent a strong room in the safe deposit across the street. There you have absolute security and quick access during business hours."

Philip expressed his thanks and quitted the bank with his agent. In the middle of Holborn, in the midst of the jostling, hurrying occu-

pants of one of the busiest thoroughfares in London, he pulled the giant diamond out of his pocket and suddenly held it under Isaacstein's nose. "I told you I had them as big as

hen's eggs," he cried. "What do you think of this one?" Isaacstein glanced at it for one fas-

cinated second. Then he looked around with the stealthy air of a man who fears lest he may be detected in the commission of a terrible crime. "Are you mad?" he whispered.

"No, not mad," answered Philip coolly as he pocketed the gem. "I only wanted you to wabble."

"You wanted me to wabble!" "Yes. You look so like a big top at times. When do we meet again, Mr.

Isaacstein?" "You are not going away by yourself with that stone in your pocket?"

"Why not! It attracted no special notice from the people as I came here Nobody can smell it. It won't explode or burn a hole in my clothes. It is quite safe, I assure you."

"But let me take it to Amsterdam. Boy! boy! It must weigh four hundred

"Enough of business for today. I have a lot of things to attend to. Shall we say Tuesday?"

"No; Wednesday at 11. One word. Let me put it in my safe."

Philip hailed a hansom and drove off to Ludgate Hill, smiling graciously

at Isaacstein as he whirled away. The man swayed gently through the

crowd until he reached the office, when he dropped limply into his chair. Then he shouted for his confidential

"Samuel," he murmured, "take charge, please. I'm going home. I want to rest before I start for Harwich. And, Samuel!" "Yes, sir."

"While I am away you might order another scales. In future we will sell diamonds by the pound, like potatoes."

CHAPTER XI. FTER picking up his belongings at the outfitter's, two smart Gladstone bags with "P. A." nicely painted on them, Philip stopped his cab at Somerset House. He experienced no difficulty in reaching the proper department for stamping documents, and thus giving them legal significance.

An official glanced at Isaacstein's contract note and then looked at Philip, evidently regarding him as a relative or youthful secretary of the "Philip Anson, Esq., Pall Mall hotel," ose name figured on the paper.

"I suppose you only want this to be indicated?" he said.

"Yes," agreed Philip, who had not the remotest idea what he meant. "Sixpence," was the curt rejoinder.

Philip thought he would be called on to pay many pounds-some amount in the nature of a percentage of the sum named in the agreement. He produced the coin demanded and made no comment. With stamp or without, he knew that Isaacstein would go straight in this preliminary undertaking. A single glimpse of the monster diamond in his pocket had made that quite certain.

For th "he was rapidly making

*************** out a plan which should secure his interests effectually. He hoped before the day was out to have set on foot arrangements which would free him from all anxiety.

From Somerset House he drove to the Pall Mall hotel. A gigantic hall porter, looking like a youthful major general in undress uniform, received him with much ceremony and ushered him to the office, where an urbane clerk instantly classed him as the avant courier of an American family. "I want a sitting room and bedroom

n suite," said Philip. "One bedroom?" was the surprised

"How many of you are there, then?" "I beg your pardon?" "Are you alone?"

The clerk fumbled with the register. Precocious juveniles were not unknown to him, but a boy of Philip's type had not hitherto arisen over his

"A sitting room and a bedroom en suite?" he replied. "Exactly."

The clerk was disconcerted by Phillp's steady gaze. "On what floor?" he asked.

"Really," said Philip, "I don't know. Suppose you tell me what accommodation you have. Then I will decide at

The official, who was one of the most skilled hotel clerks in London. found it ridiculous to be put out of countenance by a mere boy who could not be a day older than seventeen and might be a good deal less. He cast a critical eye on Philip's clothing and saw that, while it was good, it had not the gloss of Vere de Vere.

He would paralyze him at one fell blow, little dreaming that the other read his glance and knew the exact mental process of his reasoning.

"There is a good suit vacant on the first floor, but it contains a dressing room and bathroom," he said, smiling the smile of a very knowing person. "That sounds all right. I will take

"Ah, yes. It costs £5 a day!"

Each of the six words in that portentous sentence contained a note of admiration that swelled out into a magnificent crescendo. It was a verbal avalanche, beneath which this queer youth should be crushed into the verv dust.

"Five pounds a day!" observed Philip calmly. "I suppose there would be a reduction if taken for a month?" "Well-er-during the season it is not-er-usual to"-

"Oh, very well. I can easily arrange for a permanency later if I think fit. What number is the suit, please, and will you kindly have my luggage sent there at onco?"

The clerk was demoralized, but he managed to say: "Do you quite understand the terms

-thirty-five pounds a week!" "Yes," said Philip. "Shall I pay you a week in advance? I can give you

notes, but it will oblige me if you take a check, as I may want the ready money in my possession." Receiving a faint indication that

under the circumstances, a check would be esteemed a favor, Philip whipped out his check book, filled in a check to the hotel, and did not forget to cross it "ac. payee." The clerk watched him with an

amazement too acute for words. He produced the register and Philip signed his name. He was given a receipt for the payment on account, and then asked to be shown to his rooms. A boy smaller, but not younger, than

himself-a smart page, who listened to the foregoing with deep interestasked timidly whether the guest would go by the stairs or use the elevator. "I will walk," said Philip, who liked to ascertain his bearings.

The palatial nature of the apartments took him by surprise when he reached them. Although far from being the most expensive suit in the hotel, the surroundings were of a nature vastly removed from anything hitherto known to him.

Even the charming house he inhabited as a child in Dieppe contained no such luxury. His portmanteau followed quickly, and a valet entered. Philip's quick ears caught the accent of a Frenchman, and the boy spoke to the man in the language of his country, pure and undefiled by the barbarisms of John Bull.

They were chatting about the weather, which, by the way, ever since the 19th of March had been extraordinarily fine, when there was a knock at | End road in company with Mrs. Wrigthe door, and the manager entered.

The clerk found the situation too much for him. He had appealed to a higher authority.

Even the suave and diplomatic M. Foret could not conceal the astonishment that leaped to his eyes when he saw the occupant of suit E

"I think you will find these rooms very comfortable," he said for lack of species of well ordered dream, in which aught better. A commissionnaire was already on his way to the bank to ask | the need to exercise his wits in order if the check was all right. "Are you the manager?" asked Phil-

ip, who was washing his hands.

"I am glad vou called. One of your

clerks seemed to be taken aback because a youngster like me engaged an expensive suit. I suppose the proceeding is unusual, but there is no reason why it should create excitement. It need not be commented on, for instance.'

"No, no; of course not."

"Thank you very much. I have a special reason for wishing to live at this hotel. Indeed, I have given this address for certain important documents. Will you kindly arrange that I may be treated like any ordinary person.'

"I hope the clerk was not rude to you?"

"Not in the least. I am only anxdous to prevent special notice being taken of me. You see, if others get to know I am living here alone, I will be pointed out as a curiosity, and that will not be pleasant."

The request was eminently reasonable. The manager assured him that strict orders would be given on the point instantly, though he was quite certain in his own mind that inquiry would soon be made for this remarkable youth, perhaps by the police.

Now the chance use of that lan-

"You can leave us," said Philip to the valet in French.

guage, no less than his perfect accent, went a long way toward removing the manager's suspicions. A boy who was so well educated must be quite out of the common. Perhaps some eccentric parent or guardian encouraged him to act independently thus early in life. He might be the son of a rich man coming to London for a special course of study. The name, Anson, was an

were odd. Good enough, but not the right thing. "Will you oblige me my recommending a good tailor?" said Philip. "I need a complete outfit of wearing apparel, and it will save me a lot of trouble if somebody will tell me exact-

aristocratic one. But his clothes-ther

ly what to buy and where to buy it." His uncanny trick of thought reading disconcerted the manager greatly. Undoubtedly the boy was a puzzle. Never had this experienced man of the world met any one more self possessed, more direct and yet, with it all, exceedingly polite.

"I take it that you want the best?" the more subtle traits of character. he inquired pleasantly.

"Are you lunching in the hotel?"

"I would like something sent here, if you please, and there again your advice will be most gratefully accepted." The manager felt that a generation was growing up of which he knew nothing, but he simply answered:

"I will see to it. Do you-er-take Philip laughed, that pleasant whole

souled laugh of his which instan" cured him friends. "Not yet, monsieur"-

"Foret is my name." "Well, M. Foret, I am far too as yet for either wine or tobropromised my mother I wov neither until I am twenty-one, and I | Star. Its titular embellishments were will keep my word. I think I would like some cafe au lait."

"I understand. Your dejeuner will be sent up in ten minutes. By the time you have finished I will have people here from two or three establishments who will meet all your requirements in the shape of clothes and

An hour's talk and the payment of checks on account worked wonders. Before many days had passed Philip was amply provided with raiment. His no comment whatever. People who saw him coming or going instantly assumed that he was staying with his people, while the manager took care that gossip among the employees was promptly stopped.

As for the ragged youth with the diamonds, he was forgotten apparently. The newspapers dropped him, believing, indeed, that Isaacstein had worked some ingenious advertising dodge on his own account, and Messrs. Sharpe & Smith never dreamed of looking for the lost Philip Anson, the derelict from Johnson's Mews, in the Pall Mall hotel, the most luxurious and expensive establishment in London.

That afternoon Philip visited the Safe Deposit company. He had little difficulty, of course, in securing a small strong room. He encountered the wonted surprise at his youth, but the excellent argument of a banking account and the payment of a year's

rent in advance soon cleared the air. He transferred four of his portmanteaus to this secure environment. The fifth was sent to his hotel. When the light failed he drove to the East End and made a round of pawnbrokers' shops. Although some of the tickets were time expired, he recovered nearly all his mother's belongings except-

ing her watch. The odd coincidence recalled the inspector's implied promise that he should receive one as a recognition of

How remote, how far removed from each other, the main events in his life seemed to be at this eventful epoch! As he went westward in a hansom he could hardly bring himself to believe that barely twenty-four hours had elapsed since he traveled to the Mile

And the curious thing was that he felt in no sense awed by the possession of thousands copounds and the tenancy of palatial chambers in a great hotel. His career had been too checkered, its recent developments too stupendous, to cause him any undue emotion. Existence for the hour was a imagination was untrammeled save by to keep the phantasy within the bounds not of his own brain, but of other men's.

At the hotel he found the French valet setting forth a shirt. The man explained that he required a spare set of studs and links.

This reminded Philip that there was still a good deal of shopping to be done. He was about to leave the room for the purpose when the valet said: "Another portmanteau has arrived for monsieur. Will you be pleased to

"No," said Philip. "It must remain untouched." He smiled at the thought of the sensation his tattered rags and worn boots would make in that place. Yet just a week ago he passed through the street outside bound in the pitiless rain for Johnson's Mews and bent on

unlock it?"

He walked into Regent street and made a number of purchases, not forgetting some books. A double silver mounted photograph stand caught his eye. It would hold the two best pictures he possessed of his father and mother, so he bought it. He also acquired a dispatch box in which he could store his valuables, both jewelry and documents, for he had quite a number of receipts, letters and other things to safeguard now, and he did not wish servants' prying eyes to examine everything belonging to him.

When alone in his room he secured the album and locked that special portmanteau again, after stowing therein the letter found beneath Mrs. Anson's pillow. Soon his mother's dear face smiled at him from a beautiful border of filigree silver. The sight was pleasant to him, soothing to his full mind. In her eyes was a message of faith, of trust, of absolute confidence in the luture.

It was strange that he thought so little of his father at this time, but the truth was that his childhood was passed so much in his mother's company, and they were so inseparable luring the last two years, that memories of his father were shadowy.

Yet the physiognomist would have seen that the boy owed a great deal of his strength of character and well knit frame to the handsome, stalwart man whose name he bore.

Philip loved his mother on the compensating principle that persons of opposite natures often have an overpowering affinity for each other. He resembled her neither in features nor in

After a dinner the excellence of which was in nowise diminished by lack of appreciation on his part he unbertook a pilgrimage of curiosity to which he had previously determined to devote the evening.

He wondered unceasingly to whom he was indebted for the good meals he had enjoyed in prison. endeavor

Holloway, civer failed

the wardwalked to 7 in front

called the due to the warder's gift of huraor. He entered. A woman was knitting

at a cash desk. "Until yesterday," he said, "you sent food regularly to a boy named (Anson, who was confined in the prison"-"Yes," interrupted the lady. "I on'y heard this mornin' that he was let

"Would you mind telling me who paid the bill? I suppose it was paid? "Well, as a matter of fact, it was overpaid," was the reply. "You see, presence in the hotel, too, attracted the pore lad was remanded for a week, and Mr. Judd, a man 'oo lives in the Farringdon road, kem 'ere an' arranged for 'is week's board. Hav' ye

heard wot 'appened to 'im?" Philip's heart was in his mouth, but he managed to answer that the boy was all right; there was no charge against him. Then he escaped into the street. The one man he had forgotten was his greengrocer friend, who had indeed acted the part of the good Samaritan.

There was some excuse for this, but the boy's abounding good nature would admit of none. He hastened to Farringdon road with the utmost speed and found his fat friend putting up the shutters of his shop.



"Don't you know me, Mr. Judd?" The restaurant next door was open. Philip approached quietly. "Good evening, Mr. Judd," he said,

holding out his hand. "Good evenin', sir," said the greengrocer, his eyes revealing not the remotest idea of the identity of the smart young gentleman who addressed him o familiarly.

"Don't you know me, Mr. Judd?" "Well, sir, I can't exactly bring to "I suppose the good fare you provided for me at Holloway has so altered my appearance that you fail to

"Wot! Ye don't mean to s'y- 'Ere, Eliza, this young gent is the lad I was a-tellin' you of. Remanded till Saturday, you was. I saw in the piper

last night. Well, there, I'm done!" By this time Philip was inside the shop, and the stout greengrocer and his equally stout spouse were gazing open mouthed at this well dressed

youth who had supplanted the thin tatterdemalion so much discussed by

them and their neighbors. Judd and the restaurant keeper were the only men in the locality who could claim actual acquaintance with the boy whose strange proceedings as reported by the newspapers made London gape Indeed, both men had been interviewed by police and reporters many times. They were living links with the marvelous, a pedestal of common stone for an aerial phantasy.

And now here he was back again. dressed like a young gentleman and hailing Judd as a valued friend. No wonder the greengrocer lost his breath and his power of speech.

But Philip was smiling at him and

"You were the one man out of many, Mr. Judd, who believed in me and even stuck up for me when you saw me led through the street by a policeman to be imprisoned on a false charge. I

did not know until an hour ago that I was indebted to you for an abundance of excellent food while I was remanded in prison. I will not offer to refund you the money you spent. My gratitude will take another form, which you will learn in a few days. But I do want to pay you the ninepence I borrowed. Would you mind asking the proprietor of the restaurant to step in here for a moment? Don't say I am present. I wish to avoid a crowd, you know.'

Judd had time to collect his scattered deas during this long speech:

"Blow the ninepence!" he cried. Wot's ninepence for the treat I've 'ad? People I never set eyes on in my life afore kem 'ere an' bought cabbiges or taters or mebbe a few plums, an' then they'd stawt, 'Mr. Judd, wasn't it you as stood a dinner to the boy king of diamonds?' That's wot they christened yer, sir. Or it's: 'Mr. Judd, cahn't yer tell us w'ere that young Morland lives? Surely yer know summat abaht 'im or yer wouldn't hev paid 'is bill.' Oh, it 'as bin a beano! Hasn't it, Eliza?"

"But we never let on a word," put n Mrs. Judd. "We was close as wax. We told none of 'em as how Mr. Judd went to 'Olloway that night, did we, Willyum?"

"Not us. Ye see, I took a fancy to ye. If ahr little Johnnie 'ad lived, 'e'd ha' bin just your ige. Fifteen, aren't

At last Philip got him persuaded to summon his neighbor. Judd did so with an air of mystery that caused the remaining in Michigan, is to be rebaldheaded restaurateur to believe placed by a modern bridge. The that a burglar was bottled up in the passing of the ferry will be mourned greengrocer's cellar.

Once inside the shop, however, Mr. Judd's manner changed.

"Wot did I tell yer, Tomkins?" he cried elatedly. "Wot, price me as a judge of karakter! 'Ere's Mr. Morland come back to p'y me that ninepence. Eh, Tomkins! 'Oo's right now, old

Philip solemnly counted out the mon-"There was a bet, too," he said.

"Ra-ther!" roared Judd. "Two bob, w'ich I've pide. Out wi' four bob, Tomkins. Lord lumme, I'll stand treat at the George for this!" "There's something funny in the kise," growled Tomkins as he unwill-

ingly produced a couple of florins. "I was sure you would see the joke at once," said Philip. "Goodby, Mr. Judd. Goodby, ma'am. You will hear from me without fail within a fort-

He was gone before they realized his intention. They saw him skip rapidly up the steps leading into Holborn, and London had swallowed him forever so far as they were concerned.

Ten days later a firm of solicitors wrote to the greengrocer to inform him that a client of theirs had acquired the freehold of his house and shop, which property during the life of either himself or his wife would be tenantable free of rent, rates or taxes.

So Mr. Judd's investment of ninepence plus the amount expended on eatables at the Royal Star hotel secured to him and his wife an annual revenue of £175. And Tomkins never heard the last

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of it.

In the London Academy, a journal which is noted for its lack of love of things American, a writer speaks of cially for freight hauling. All of "the horrible body of death, decay and the engines are large and more powerwickedness which is called the United | ful than any now in service on the States of America." Dear me! We knew we were getting to be pretty bad, but, as Artemus Ward used to say, "this is 2, 2 mutch." Perhaps if the fore. In the first place the railroads writer, who says many other hard things about America, were to come over and take another good, square look at us he might find that things are not so bad after all. He ought to remember that despite our recent enormous immigration most of our institutions as well as our language are based on those of "Mother England."

Lots of city men are returning to the wearing of vests after a long summer of vestless comfort or discomfort, according to their respective rotundities. And the city girl is beginning to give up the alluring peekaboo waist. She can look forward, however, to the opening of the ball season.

THE SCHOOL MONEY PAID OUT BY THE STATE AMOUNTS TO MANY MILLIONS.

SPRING PRIMARIES LOST

School Moneys for Sixty-eight Years-Grand Rapids Socialists Spring a Surprise-hings Said and Done Worth Noting.

An interesting statement has been prepared by Auditor-General Bradle showing the amount of money which the state has paid out since 1840 to the primary schools. The total for the 63 years is \$42,244,111.79.

In 1840 the state paid out only \$28. 650.99, while last year \$8,908,065.50 was apportioned. Over one-half the amount distributed during the 68 years has been paid out by the state during the last nine years. Up to 1898 the apportionment had never exceeded \$1,000,000, except twice immediately following the passage of the Merriam bill increasing the specific taxes paid by railroad companies.

A Mass Convention.

Further entanglements in the effort of Grand Rapids citizens to arrange for the holding of a primary next spring for the choice of city nominees, came to light when the sc alists announced that they would nominate in mass convention.

"This means that if the Republicans and Democrats nominate their candidates at primaries and the courts should hold such elections illegal, the Socialists would have a great advantage," said Mayor Ellis, who has ostensibly fathered the movement to right the damage to the Grand Rapids primary election law which the legislature caused. It is probable, therefore, that Grand Rapids nominees. will be chosen in convention.

Wild West Method.

George B. Mann finished eating a midnight lunch, in Adrian's Stag hotel, then wheeled on his stool and fired a pistol point blank at Charles Camburn, night clerk, behind the office

"Shoot again; you've missed," said Camburn. "Oh, you're brave, ain't you? You've been out west," replied Mann,

Camburn will not prosecute. A disagreement over a business deal is said to have been the instigation of the shooting. Both are well known.

and walked away.

The Ferryman Is Dead. Ferryman Davenport's big signal ells have rung his knell, and soon his quaint cable-ferry, a landmark of Newaygo and Muskegon counties for half a century and one of two s keenly as was the passing of the kindly old man who made his living for the last 25 years by its operation.

The Youngest Soldier.

Several of the leading daily news-

papers of Vermont have recently completed a canvass, lasting several veeks, to determine the youngest volunteer sent to the civil war by the state of Vermont and the honor, the ey, which he handed to his delighted canvass shows, belongs to Capt. Alvan G. Fleury, of Charlotte. May Lose It.

Ward L. Tilden, recently named as Michigan's cadet-at-large to West Point, may not get the appointment Tilden will be 27, and as he is supposed to enter his new duties March 1, he may be disqualified, the enrollment age limit being 22. Michigan congressmen are using their influence to get him in before his birthday.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

W. B. Mershon, member of the state forestry commission, will plant 5,000 2-year-old basswood seedlings on his reserves on the Au Sable river. Thirteen homicides occurred in De-

troit from the beginning of the year 1907 up to December 12, an increase of eight over the number for the preceding year. During November, according to reports to the secretary of state, 2,584 leaths occurred in Michigan. The numper of births was 3,548. There was an ncrease in the number of deaths from

scarlet fever, pneumonia and influ-

enza. Deaths from violence numbered The first of nine locomotives built for the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad Company by the Baldwin works of Philadelphia are of the latest type and are equipped with all modsystem.

It is estimated that twice as many students are spending this yuletide recess in Ann Arbor, as ever did beoffered no rates this year. again, the money stringency kept many from going to their homes, especially when the home-going trip is an expensive one as it is to go to the far west, south or east. After 25 years' work the map of the

geological survey of Michigan is ready for the engravers. The map shows the deposits of soil during the glacial period and the original beds of rivers and lakes. It shows that the Grand river formerly extended from Saginaw bay to Holland, and that it was a mile and a half wide. There was one large island just north of Grand Rapids.

The Dowagiac jail is crammed full "professional tourists" carly all the time. It is been a large supply of prorsaws and poles, and see if that won't lessen the number of homeless.

Jabez Hunker.

A Christmas Story By Rebecca Ottolengui

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ABEZ HUNKER, justice of the peace, signed his name with a painful flourish, tilted his chair, put the pen staff between his teeth in a horizon tal position, smiled in and adolescent way and, picking up the letter which he had just completed. read it. This was the result of two hours of work, involving five rewrit-

Miss Amanda Givens, Present:
Dear Miss Givens—I am fifty-two years old. My birthday is the 4th of March. The reason why I tell you that is because up to the 4th of last March at 8 o'clock in the evening I had never seen a woman that I thought I wanted to marry. But while we were celebrating my last birthday with a little party in the evening a lady walked into the room with her brother just as the clock struck S. Then I knew that I had made a mistake in being without a wife for so many years. She made me want to get married. She has been mighty nice to me the many times I have seen her since then, and at least a dozen times I have gone to her house to ask her to be my wife, but, somehow, every time I got there I thought it asn't just the right way to approach , so I concluded to do it by letter. I want you to let me know whether you think that is the best way. Of course there are never any "doings" at our house on Christmas, so if you think I was sensible to do as I have done just make some excuse to get your brother Jim to run over with you to our house tomorrow (Christmas) night, and your coming will be the best present anybody could give me. I'll know what it means and I'll promise you not to say anything more about it until the next day. Just tell Jim that you promised to run over to tell Jim that you promised to run over the see my sister Mary about something of other, so he won't suspect. The lady 1 love and would have asked to marry me if I had not been so plagued bashful is a schoolteacher. Can you guess who she is? Until Christmas night I will only sign myself, asspectfully yours. myself, respectfully yours,

JABEZ HUNKER.

Jabez read and reread the letter which he flattered himself was written in a style worthy of the principal of the graded school at Willow Grove. After a last affectionate peep at the finish, which he regarded as exceeding ly clever, he sealed the letter, took from the inner pocket of his coat a huge portemonnaic and was about to affix a stamp to the envelope when he stopped reflectively and, with a soft whistle, permitted his chair to settle back upon its four legs.

"Gee whiz!" he ejaculated in a hoarse whisper. Then, raising his voice, he

"Mary, has Sim Gardner gone by

"Yes, Jabez," replied a woman's voice from the upper floor. "He went by about three minutes ago, and he dropped a letter in the box. I wish you'd run out to the road and get it."

Before Mary had completed her sentence she heard the side door slam, and, looking out of the front window, she saw Jabez dash to the road as though possessed.

About five minutes later Mary, hearing the stamping of feet on the side stoop, rushed to the mirror, gave her hair a few perfunctory pats and ran downstairs. She opened the door only to be almost knocked down by Jabez. who was just entering and was blowing like a porpoise.

"What's the matter with you, Jabez? You look like you had the most important matter in the world on your mind," Mary observed, somewhat nettled, for she rather resented the disap-



JABEZ DASHED UP THE ROAD AS THOUGH

pointment of not finding a visitor at the door and seemed inclined to hold Jabez responsible.

"So I have, Mary. Sit down," Jabez almost peremptorily commanded. "I want to ask your advice about something.'

Mary had begun to sit, for even to his sister he was the greatest man in the little section of very poor farming country over whose destinies in part he ruled as justice of the peace for more than twenty-five years.

"Mary," Jabez began after a contemplative and impressive pause, "you know Amanda Givens?"

before she replied. She had relief from Jabez's manner that he must contemplate putting a mortgage on the farm or doing something equally seri-

cus. At last she managed to say, with a shade of her usual assertiveness: 'Certainly I know her, and I know what you are going to say. You want her to marry you, and you haven't got

the spunk to ask her." It was Jabez's turn to look surpris "How-how did you guess it?" Mary laughed for a full minute. "How did I guess it? There wasn't any guess about it. I'll bet Bossy knows it and would tell you if she wasn't a cow."

"Well. I don't see anything so funny about it." Jabez paused and meditatively scratched his short side whiskers, the only hirsute adornment he permitted upon his judicial counte-"Do you-think-I stand any nance. Then, as Mary appeared to be suspiciously ready with her answer. he continued: "You know, she gets \$8 a week teaching our district school in winter and \$6 in summer. These self supporting women ain't usually in a very big hurry to marry."

"Hurry!" snorted Mary. "I don't call it being in a hurry when a woman gets to the age of thirty-seven. You are one of the most prominent men in this part of the country. You can support a woman all right, and I believe you'll make a good husband if you'll only shave off those things you call 'Burnsides' and don't try to interfere with my running of this house when you bring a wife home. Take my advicedon't ask her unless you mean it, for I believe she'll snap you up so quick it'll take your breath away. Who wouldn't marry into the Hunker family, anyway? It's the oldest family around these parts."

"You may be right," Jabez retorted wickedly, "but take your own case, for instance. Nobody seems to have been particularly anxious to get into the Hunker family in that direction."

"Oh, I've had my chances, and lots of 'em that you knew nothing about. But you asked my advice. You've got

it, and I'm going back to my work." "Hold on a minute, Mary. I didn't have the spunk to ask her. What you said was true, so I wrote her a letter' -and then, as Mary looked anxious-"which I ain't going to let you see. There's something in it about Christmas, and, as that is tomorrow, she couldn't get it in time unless the rural carrier took it with him when he went along today. I ran after him awhile ago, but the confounded snow is so heavy that I couldn't catch him and couldn't even make him hear me. So the letter is still in my pocket. I was thinking of taking it to her myself this afternoon."

"Then you would be a nice loon, Jabez. Why don't you mail the letter tomorrow and let it go at that?"

"That won't do," doggedly retorted Jabez. "She must get it by tomorrow morning, so she can"-

Mary impatiently arose, while Jabez, resting his elbows on his knees and dropping his head, began again to caress his "Burnsides."

After a few moments he called out to Mary, "I'm goin' over to Miss Givens', but I'll be back before dark."

He clapped on his cap, coat and tippet and within five minutes was trudging along the road in the direction of the Givenses' farm, two miles distant.

As Jabez was about to turn into the gate leading into the Givens dooryard he stepped behind a large butternut tree and put his hand in his pocket. He thought he would once more read the letter. It was important. In his cooler moments it might seem a little impetuous and undignified, and if there was one thing upon which Jabez prided himself it was his dignity. As his hand reached to the innermost recesses of the capacious inner pocket of his buffalo overcoat he gave such a start that the snow banked on his shoulders came tumbling down his length, like a shower of downy white feathers. The letter was not there. He retired a little farther down the road and made a more careful examination, but the

missing epistle could not be found. Deciding that he must have left the precious missive upon the table at home and accepting that fact as an omen, Jabez continued to the Givens home, where he spent a most delightful two hours with Miss Amanda, who happened to be alone, the rest of the family having gone to the village to make the final Christmas purchases. A dozen times when Miss Amanda smiled graciously and, as Jabez thought, encouragingly he started to speak right out, but each time he thought her expression changed, and he refrained.

On his way home Jabez passed Adam Wheeler, a neighboring farmer, on his way to the village. He had come from the direction of Jabez's house and was, as always, whistling, even while his head-was bowed to the awful snowstorm. He started when Jabez hailed him with a cheery "Hello, Ad. Hope you and the folks 'll have a merry Christmas tomorrow."

"Same to you, Jabez," he replied and passed on.

When Jabez reached home Mary was smiling mysteriously and hustling about in a manner unusual to such a careful housekeeper whose Christmas would come. It began to look as though smiling mysteriously and hustling careful housekeeper whose Christmas preparations, with the exception of the inevitable turkey, had all been completed the day before.

"What's the matter, Mary? You're busier than you were when I left," Jabez ventured in the hope of staving off questions about his visit and his letter to Miss Givens. Meanwhile Jabez was poking over the table and the clock shelf. Mary did not deign to answer his inquiry; its purpose was too obvious. Instead, she turned questioner herself and asked somewhat petulantly: "Whatever are you rummaging over those things for? Don't you know I've just put things to rights?" Jabez was getting warm. His face had assumed the hue of a beet. "Mary, have you seen a letter I left hero THAT

letter?" didn'toxen't seen any letter at all. You gone, you'd bettchere. If your letter is out on the road and look for it."

Jabez replied not a word, but followed the advice. Back to the point where he had missed the letter he toiled through the snow, but he might have looked for the proverbial needle in the haystack with much better prospect of success. He returned home disconsolate.

The next afternoon, after his Christmas dinner, Jabez, being still moody and silent as the sphinx, giving attention to nothing in the house with the exception of his beloved side whiskers, announced to Mary that he was going to the village and would not be back until late at night. Mary appeared unduly disconcerted. She begged Jabez to remain with her. It was Christmas, she urged, and he, as the head of the house, should be there in case any visitors should drop in or in case any one should come to see him about law business. To the first objection Jabez replied that if there was one day in the year when people would stay at home it was Christmas, and if any one should come professionally he wouldn't see them anyway. Anyway, it was a holiday, and he intended to celebrate it in his own way. Mary was nonplused, and Jabez, after going to the barn and attending to the chores, returned to the house to prepare for his long walk. As he entered the kitchen he was startled to hear a moaning which came from the upper regions He found that Mary had been stricken with a sudden attack which she called intermittent fever. Jabez felt her head, which was cool as his own. Mary mentioned that that was a peculiarity of that particular ailment and of her particular self, and she also asserted that she often had had them during the day, and they always passed off during three or four hours. Jabez looked at his watch; it was 5 o'clock. Resignedly he took off his overcoat and descended to the kitchen where he nervously watched the clock. It seemed as if the hour hand would never get around to that much desired 8 At half past 7 Mary descended and, telling Jabez that Mrs. Gilmore, who lived two farms beyond, was going to run in with some delayed washing and adding that she felt so much better that he might leave at 8 o'clock, succeeded easily in banishing him to his "courtroom" upstairs for a half hour's reading. As Jabez left the room Mary lighted the large parlor lamp and placed it close



THERE STOOD REVEALED MISS AMANDA

against the front window. Almost immenot move until the sound of many merry voices reached him. Then he came down stairs and was astonished to find the kitchen filled with his neighbors and their wives. He realized that he was the victim of a Christmas surprise party-something, incidentally, of which he had never heard. He looked for the one face he wanted to see, but it was not there.

The evening passed as such evenings usually pass-with senseless games and still more senseless "wit." Jabez had several times suggested that the guests should go into the parlor, but each time the plan was opposed with seemingly un-necessary vehemence by his sister and James Givens, Miss Amanda's brother. At 10 Gelock James announced that the pleasures of the evening would be wound up with the real surprise part of the party. He and Mary disappeared into the parlor, whence they soon returned, standing guard, however, at the door leading into it from the hall, to say that each person as the name was called was to proceed into the parlor, where a present would be found in the center of the room. The person was then to pass out of the other parlor door into the little hall at the foot of the front steps, leading upstairs, where the wraps would be found. Soveral names were called, and then Mary and James Givens, looking excessively important, shouted in unison, "Ja-

bez Hunker!" Jabez entered the parlor with the air of Jabez entered the parior with the air of a man bored to distraction, who felt that he must, as the host, go through a farce with which he had no sympathy. As the door closed behind him he saw in the middle of the room a tall thing covered with a white robe. In the uncertain light Ja-bez determined that he was being made the victim of a practical joke, and, as that would impinge upon his dignity, he that would implie the his day, as there was no one looking, he determined to investigate. He grasped the white sheet, pulled it toward him, and there stood revealed—Miss Amanda Givens. he would beat an ignominious retreat.

Miss Amanda saw that something must
be done, and done quickly. With head
downcast she observed coyly, "I received vour letter."

Then Jabez found his voice. "How in thunder did that happen?" Now it was Miss Amanda's turn to be surprised. "Why shouldn't it have hap-pened? Ad Wheeler came along about ten minutes after you left and told me he had found in the snow a letter ad-dressed to me. Of course"—and she averted her eyes and blushed—"I understood as soon as I read it that you had

"But I didn't," Jabez protested vehemently. "I lost the letter in the road. Well, anyway, you're here. You've kinder, as you might say, kept your promise, so I'll keep mine about not saying any-thing more to you about this until to-

morrow." Again Miss Amanda blushed, but this time she did not avert her eyes. "Oh," she said thoughtfully, "I shan't hold you

AN APPEAL.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 14, 1907. Nettie Falkenhagen, 22 Dear Sir:-At Monongah, West Virginia, five miles from Fairmont, at 10:30 a. m., Friday, December 6, 1907, an explosion in Mine No. 6 and Mine No. 8 of the Fairmont Coal Company occurred, resulting in the death of pproximately 350 employes.

Monongah is a mining town of bout 3,000 inhabitants. This disaster has destroyed almost one-half of its bread. winners. The other half is composed of the employes of two other mines of the same company, and of ing the lungs and probably through the usual stores, etc., which go to

make up a purely mining community. Fully 250 widows and 1,000 children are left without any means of support. The most of these families live in the company's houses at Monongah, the remaining ones in various countries of Europe. The company has generously declared that the families times become so angry in a similar occupying their houses may remain until other provision is made for them but operations cannot be resumed at the damaged mines until these houses are available for the new force. Many of the resident families will want to return to their relatives in their native countries in Europe. The other resident families must seek a community in which they can earn a live-

Aid must be given these families to reach their new abodes and to help them establish themselves; and the families living abroad must be provided for until they can adjust them. selves to their new conditions.

As near as can be determined at this time almost \$50,000 from all sources has been subscribed. Upon the basis of \$300 for each widow, and \$100 for each child under 16 years of age, \$175,000 will be required. At least \$25,000 additional will be needed to provide, on relatively the same basis, for the aged dependents of the unmarried victims, the many now unborn children and the undoubted accessions to the married victims' list when complete information has been received.

The committee feels that a basis lower than the above will not be adequate to properly care for the needs of the bereaved ones, and a total of \$200,000 will therefore be required to carry out the relief work on this basis.

The immediate needs of the resident gare being amply met by the y and a committee of women airmont and Monongah.

committee begs to express its und gratitude for the contribuready so generously made, and to carnestly appeal for the further assistance that it feels is so badly

needed. The magnitude of this disaster is too great for West Virginia to alone render all the help required. It commands national attention, and the committee feels assured that its appeal will be heard, and responded to, by the nation.

All checks should be made payable to the Monongah Mines Relief Committee, J. E. Sands, Treasurer, Fairmont, W. Va., and they and all cash contributions should be sent to him. Yours very truly,

W. M. O. Dawson, Governor of West Virginia, Chairman.

A. Howard Fleming, Postmaster of Fairmont, Secretary. P. J. Donahue, Bishop of Wheeling. John W. Mason, Judge of Circuit

Court. W. E. Arnett, Mayor of Fairmount. W. H. Moore, Mayor of Monongah. Subscription Committee.

MERE MENTION.

Whether it blows or whether it son goes; the crops get sick and the farmers blue-the scorekeepers kick and the lawyers sue; the preachers preach and the sinners sin, and cares beset the souls of men. But through it all the printer prints, he saves and saves and stints and stints; the winds may rave and the floods may roll and droths break through from pole to pole; but the printer man he prints and prints, saves and saves and stints -happy, happy printer man; he does the veay best he can-sticking type or twisting press, he trusts to luck and does his best.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Alfred E. Goodall, 31 Christine E. Brown, 22 Sebewaing August Gaith, 25 Columbia Lena Schoening, 19 William E. Mead, 19 Grace L. Sherbrook, 19 Joshua Randall, 23 Maud Gage, 18 Melvin Arthur O'Dell, 22 Jennie Perrin, 19 William F. Hunety, 26 Martha Bullock, 34 Frank Wittenburg, 22 Verl Murdick, 18 Curtis Cooper, 34 Florence Ashley, 20 Jesse W. Buck, 23 Irene Barnum, 20 Elmer Warn, 21 Laura M. Cypher, 18

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"One of the strange effects that diving has upon those who practice it,' said a veteran diver, "is the invariable bad temper felt while working at the bottom, and as this irritability passes away as soon as the surface is reached again it is only reasonable to suppose that it is caused by the unusual pressure of air inside the dress affect them the brain. My experience has been that while below one may fly into the most violent passion at the merest trifle. For instance, the life line may be held too tight or too slack; too much air or too little or some imaginary wrongdoing on the part of the tender or the men above will often cause the temper to rise. I have some way that I have given the signal to pull up with the express intention of knocking the heads off the entire crew, but as the surface was neared and the weight of air decreased my feelings have gradually undergone a change for the better until by the time I reached the ladder and had the face glass unscrewed I had forgotten entirely what it was I came up for."-New York

When Divers Get Angry.

The Affectionate Office Boy. One morning Tomlins when editing Jerrold's Newspaper found his office locked and no office boy on the premises. He waited for some time and when the boy appeared reprimanded him for oversleeping. The boy denied It tearfully and explained that he had been up all night. "It's this way, sir," he said. "My uncle was hung at the Old Bailey this morning, and, although we weren't on speaking terms with him. I thought as one of the family I ought to be there." "Quite right," said Tomlins. "Never neglect your family duties. But when another of your relations is to be hanged please to leave the office key under the mat."-London Saturday Review.

Plates That Would Last. "John," said Mrs. Jenkins, looking up from the paper she was reading, "you know how many dishes Kate has broken lately?"

"Yes," said John. "What of it?" "Well," continued Mrs. Jenkins, "there is something in the newspaper here about steel plates. I don't know just what they are, but I should think they might be indestructible."-Liver-

CASS CITY MARKETS.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 26, 1907. BUYING PRICE-Wheat No. 1, white..... Wheat, No. 2, red..... Rye No. 2. Oats. Choice Handpicked Beans..... Barley, per cwt..... Hav.... Eggs, per doz..... Butter, per lb..... · · · · · Fat cows, live weight, per lb...... Steers, live weight. per lb..... Fat Sheep, live weight, per lb..... Lambs, live weight, per lb.... Live Hogs..... Dressed Hogs... Dressed Beef..... Chickens..... Ducks..... Geese Hides, green..... SELLING PRICE-Corn.....

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LINER COLUMN

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

FOR SALE—Second hand household furni-ture. Mrs. Robt. Wallace. 12-6-5 GOLD bracelet lost on Seeger street between Third street and Crosby's store. Finder will please leave at Chronicle office. 12-27-2*

MONEY to loan on improved farms at 6 per cent.. E.B. Landon. 3-8-tf NEW MILCH COW for sale. S. Champion.

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Notice for Hearing Claims.

State of Michigan, County of Tuscola, ss.
Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the probate court for the County of Tuscola, made on the 19th day of November A. D. 1907 four months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Laurience Noville late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said probate court at the probate office in the village of Caro. for examination and allowance on or before the 20th day of March A. D. 1908, and that such claims will be heard before said court on Friday, the 20th day of March, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Dated December 19th, A. D. 1907.
Probate Seal.

12-27-4

Judge of Probate.

Watertown Gilfor

Akron

CITY BUSINESS MEN HAD FINE TRADE THIS YEAR

Continued from first page. J. F. HENDRICK-Our business for the past year shows an increase when

compared with that of former years. G. L. HITCHCOCK-The year 1907 is my banner year in the sale of J. H. Bishop & Son's fur coats.

J. CORNELIUS-I am well satisfied with business this year and the outlook for 1908 is promising. J. N. DORMAN-My business is in-

reasing and I am looking for a still better trade in the future. C. W. HELLER Co.—Our trade is

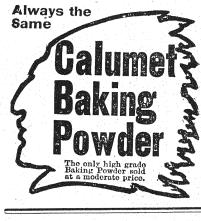
good. We are looking for a better 1908 trade than ever. C. O. LENZNER-This year's busi ness shows an increase over that of

T. L. TIBBALS—Have had a good year and hope for the best in the

JAS. TENNANT-Business has been asgood as I expected. Can't complain. MRS. M. L. MOORE-I am well sat-

sfied with my 1907 business.

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