



Christmas in a Shoe and Clothing Store

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

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

Extra Xmas Inducements

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

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

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

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

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

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR CHRISTMAS

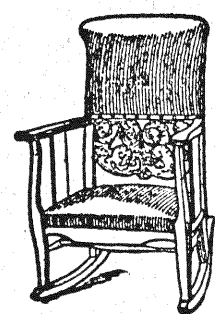
The ideal way of presenting a pair of Shoes to a friend. You buy the certificate of us for any price pair of shoes and present it to your friend as a gift. The person receiving it may then come at his or her convenience, make the selection and be properly fitted. Worth remembering. Ready when you are.

Think it over, then come and see.

J. D. CROSBY & SON

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men

FURNITURE For Xmas Gifts



What is appreciated more than a nice piece of Furniture?

We have a large assortment bought especially for Christmas Presents.

We have also just received a large shipment of pictures.

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McKenzie & Knapp

Funeral Directors and Furniture Dealers

Both Phones

Cass City

Just a Suggestion

An Edison Phonograph

would make an ideal Xmas gift and would be something that every member of the family would enjoy. See our line of machines. Latest Edison Records for sale.

Sheet Music and Magazines

W. H. RUHL

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

At the Cedar Run School in Elmwood Township.

The following Christmas program will be given by the pupils of the Cedar Run school Thursday evening, December 24, beginning at 8:00 o'clock: Song—"Hurrah! For Santa Claus"

- School The Legend of the Christmas Tree... Eliza Leishman The Day After Christmas... Rachel Hendrick Old Santa Claus... Eldon Walters Duet—"Be as Pure as Snow"... Fannie Hendrick, Mina Darbee "A Good, Old-Fashioned Xmas"... Miss Karr "Christmas Tears"... Wesley Walters "A Christmas Dream"... Mina Darbee Recitation... Theo. Hendrick "Why Do We Have Xmas?"... Primary Grade "A Song of Bethlehem"... Mildred Darbee, Laura Cooper "A Xmas Bell"—Drill and Tableau... Seven Girls "The Early Xmas Morn"... Florence Crane "Where Santa Claus Lives"... Carl Martin "The Christmas Spirit"... Corliss King "The First Xmas"... Harriett Hendrick "A Christmas Lullaby"... Marie Martin "Far Up the Heavenly Heights"... Gladys Jackson Dialog... Theo. and Fannie Hendricks and Laura Cooper "A Merry Christmas"... Joe Cooper "Curious Teddy"... Corliss King "Christmas Troubles"... Floyd Bushlo "Farmer Brown's Surprise"... Lew Cooper Song—"My Turkey"... Eight Girls "The Fruit For Me"... William Walters "Xmas Comes But Once a Year"... Walter Cooper "Santa Claus"... Lorena Stone Recitation... By Four Stockings "How Santa Comes"... Kenneth Charleton "Mama's Darling"... Jennie Buetler Recitation... Louisa Smith "A Christmas Secret"... Norman Hendrick "A Christmas Sacrifice"... Mina Darbee "Christmas in Holland"... Jay Hartley "Good Night Song"... Six Girls Dialogue—"Santa is Coming"... Grandpa, Grandma, Eight Snow Fairies and "Old Santa Claus" Distribution of presents by Santa Claus and his Snow Fairies.

KILLED FAMILY CAT.

Duane Wiltett, a prominent citizen of Vassar, has become violently insane and has been taken to the county jail at Caro for safekeeping. He killed the family cat in a rage.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Four Sunday Schools Will Have Exercises.

Program of Recitations and Songs and Christmas Trees Will Be Featured.

All the Sunday Schools in town have planned to hold Christmas exercises and the few weeks before the event has evidenced more regular attendance and a few new faces in the classes of the smaller pupils.

The Baptist Sunday school is preparing for a Christmas entertainment to be given on Christmas eve in connection with the Christmas tree. A very fine musical program has been secured which is pronounced by musical critics one of the best ever produced. It is called "The Redemption," and is by Chas. H. Gabriel, a noted musical composer.

The M. E. Sunday School will celebrate Christmas with tree and program next Friday evening. The following program has been prepared:

- Music... Orchestra Song... School Invocation... School Song... School Recitation, "Christmas Greeting"... Chas. Wood Christmas Song... Primary Class Recitation, "A Little Bird Tells"... Willie Dickinson Recitation, "Mary's Little Lamb"... Mildred Fritz Song, "It's Christmas, Baby"... Flye Little Girls Class Exercise, "The Shepherds"... Mr. Williams' class Song... Belva Tibbals Recitation... Ruth Fritz Class Exercise... Lucille Schenck's class Recitation... Catherine Fritz Song... School Music... Orchestra

The exercises at the Evangelical church will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 24, and the program follows: Opening... Orchestra Song—"Glory Be to the Father"... Choir Prayer... Rev. Schweitzer Song—"Stille Nacht"... School Opening Address... Glen Bixby Drill... Boys Duet... Grace Meiser, Laura Striffler Recitation... Bennie Crocker Class Song Recitation... Eddie Beuhrley Drill... Girls Solo... Hazel Lauderbach Song—"Joy to the World"... Choir Recitation... Laura Striffler Primary Exercises... Ten Girls Duet... Ruth Berkelman and Margaret Striffler Recitation... Alice Bigelow Class Exercises. Solo... Erwin Kaecher Recitation... Mrs. Schweitzer Male Quartette Recitation... Katie Striffler Song—German... School Recitation... Elsie Beuhrley Exercises... Cecil and Grant Patterson Solo... Mae Benkelman Selection... Orchestra

The Presbyterian Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and program at the church next Friday evening, Dec. 25. The program will be printed next week.

MID CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Miss Fern Weimeister Becomes Bride of Dr. E. J. Wettlaufer.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weimeister, at Detroit, on Saturday morning, Dec. 12, was solemnized the marriage of their daughter, Fern Rose, to Dr. Edward John Wettlaufer, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wettlaufer of Cass City.

At the hour of ten, the couple unattended took their places before an embankment of palms which formed an artistic and tastefully arranged background, and Rev. Allen of the M. E. church spoke the words which united the lives of the young people.

The bride was attired in a beautiful white embroidered dress while the groom wore the conventional black. The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums and the ceremony was witnessed by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties and Miss Howell of Ann Arbor, an intimate friend of Miss Weimeister.

The bride is a young lady of many graces of mind and person, while the groom is considered by those who know him in this city as one of the substantial and coming young men of this section who will make his mark

as a worthy son of honorable parents. The Chronicle is pleased on this occasion to add its hearty good wishes to those being so freely extended.

Dr. and Mrs. Wettlaufer left Detroit the first of the week for Sebawaing where Mr. Wettlaufer located within the past year to practice his profession. They will be at home to their friends in that city after January 15.

DIED AT MANCHULA, FLORIDA

W. L. Sherman, Formerly a Resident of this Locality.

Charles I. Cooke of Pingree received a letter from Wanchula, Florida, recently which conveyed the intelligence of the death of W. L. Sherman after an illness of but three days. Mr. Sherman was formerly a resident of this vicinity and at one time conducted a cheese factory northeast of town.

William Louis Sherman was born in Ontario on May 28, 1851. In 1880 he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Hamilton and to this union six children were born. In 1884 the family moved from Canada to Michigan. They returned to Ontario in 1892 and in 1897 again moved to Michigan and lived in several localities.

In the fall of 1904, Mr. Sherman decided to locate in Florida and about a year ago his wife and children, with the exception of one daughter, joined him at Wanchula in that state.

SPECIAL SHORT COURSES

Two New Ones Added in Agricultural College.

The Agricultural College announces that in addition to the special short courses in Agriculture, Creamery Management, Cheese Making and Fruit Growing which have been given for several seasons past, two new courses, one in Forestry and one in Poultry Culture and also a second year's course in Creamery Management will be given this year. These courses, with the exception of the Cheese Course, begin January 5. The Cheese Course begins February 15.

These are short practical courses designed for the young farmers and others who wish to obtain a technical training along their chosen line but for various reasons cannot take a regular college course. A catalogue will be sent on application.

ELECTED HIGH PRIEST.

Samuel Lenzner has been elected high priest of Monroe Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., at Detroit and was installed in that office on Dec. 10. Speaking of the installation service and banquet, the News-Tribune says in part:

"Covers were laid for 350. Toastmaster Samuel Lenzner, high priest, made a decided impression by his opening remarks and in introducing the speaker of the evening, William H. Wetherbee. Rev. Wm. F. Jacobs presented retiring High Priest Wm. J. Mayer with a past high priest's jewel and George A. Austin presented Richard H. Hopson with a loving cup from the chapter."

A Freak.

There is only one "freak" now in the whole town and he is the fellow who walked past Crosby & Son's windows the other day and did not stop to look at the splendid display of house slippers, neckties and mufflers which they have on view.

N. B.—Since writing the above we have found that the man referred to is blind.

Sheet music at Ruhl's.

SENATOR FOX HAS GOOD RECORD

He Has Previously Served Three Terms with Credit.

Grand Rapids Herald Has Interesting Write-Up of New Senator and Primary Reformer.

A recent issue of the Grand Rapids Herald gave the following complimentary and interesting sketch of Hon. E. J. Fox, our new senator:

Edwin G. Fox of Mayville, senator elect from the Twenty-first or Tuscola-Lapeer district, has served his district in the state senate three times before, though not continuously or recently. Mr. Fox's service was in the session of 1887, 1889 and 1893.

Somewhat strange in a Tuscola county man, he has always been an advocate of primary reform, and in 1893 introduced a primary bill which did not pass, the people of the state not yet having demanded it.

He has also been an advocate of the direct election of United States senators, and stands for a reduction of taxes, a short session and other things the people have ardently desired, but heretofore have not been able to get.

In addition to the primary bill, Mr. Fox introduced and put through the following bills: For new cell block at Jackson prison; new election law, 1889; indeterminate sentence law in 1887, vetoed by Governor Luce; re-introduced in 1889, and is the law now governing state's prisons and reformatories.

Mr. Fox has been honored by the people of his village and district. Here is a list of his works: Town clerk, six years; register of deeds, four years; state senator, six years; president of Mayville, two years; member of school board, 18 years.

He has lived in Tuscola all of his 58 years with the exception of a few years spent in Iowa. Since 1876 he has been continuously in the mercantile business at Mayville.

MRS. THOS. WATSON DEAD

End Came at the Home of Her Druggist, Mrs. W. H. Kellogg.

Mrs. Thos. Watson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Kellogg, at Sebawaing at about five o'clock Thursday morning, Dec. 10, of heart disease. She had been ailing more or less for some time and her death was expected. She came to Sebawaing a short time ago to visit with her daughters, Mrs. Kellogg and Mrs. Thos. Donovan.

Mrs. Watson was born in Ireland on April 12, 1832. She sailed for Canada with her parents in 1840, on her 8th birthday. She lived in Canada for a time and then moved to New York. After a while she returned to Canada where she was married to Thomas J. Watson in 1856.

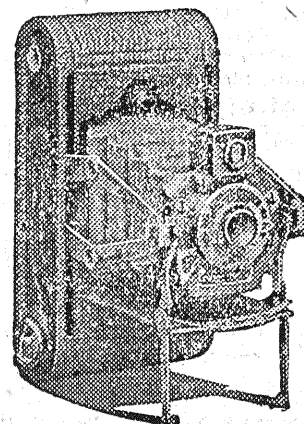
In 1865 they came to Michigan and settled in Elmwood township, Tuscola county, where the family home has since continued to be.

There remain to mourn her death four children, as follows: Mrs. Henry Whipple and James Watson of Gagetown, and Mrs. Thomas Donovan and Mrs. W. H. Kellogg of Sebawaing. The husband died just eight months and one day before Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson was a devout member of Grace Episcopal church at Gagetown, from which the funeral was held Sunday.—Sebawaing Blade.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at the home of the supervisor, John Moore, all day Tuesday, Dec. 22, to receive the taxes of Grant township. Samuel Ricker, Treas.



Kodaks and Brownies

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in the city. Call on her and be convinced.

THE LADY OF THE PARASOL.

By Martha Cobb Sanford.

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So far as Tom Brewster was concerned, feminine accessories were fashioned for the sole purpose of frightening masculine beholders. If, for instance, when walking on the avenue in town he saw a mass of dancing plumes and feathery streamers about to swoop down upon him, he shied as would a nervous thoroughbred at the sight of fluttering paper.

This timidity was due both to his temperament and his circumstances. His mother had died when he was very young, he had no sisters, had never cared for women's society, and last, but far from least, had never availed himself of the privilege of studying the eternal feminine in the abstract—that is, by gazing into shop windows.

And so it happened that Annette Avery, with her ruffy gowns and alarm supreme, her whirling parasol, terrified Tom to the point of paralysis. From the hotel veranda, painfully conscious of his own ineligibility, he watched other men from time to time stroll off with her, all of them adepts in the art of parasol manipulation.

Ordinarily such an exhibition of flip-pant superiority would not have piqued him. It would have either roused his disdain or escaped his observation altogether. But for some reason wholly unintelligible to himself the thought of any other man's holding Miss Avery's parasol sent him into a state of feverish emotion.

Tom was nothing if not ingenious and persistent. In the seclusion of his 9 by 9 hotel bedroom he practiced twirling a carefully poised umbrella over his shoulder. The idiosyncrasy of it tickled his demure sense of humor, and the results were very gratifying.

Whether the bewildering presence of Miss Avery beside him would upset this heroically acquired equilibrium could only be discovered by putting himself to the actual test. He decided to risk it.

"Miss Avery"—he ventured on having the good luck to find her alone on



"THEN ACCEPT ME, DEAREST," TOM PLEADED.

the veranda in the early part of an idyllic summer day—"won't you let me paddle you up the creek a bit this morning?"

Gracious as was Miss Avery's acknowledging smile, it could not quite conceal the astonishment in her wide open blue eyes. This Tom noticed, meeting the implication gallantly.

"You see," he explained, endeavoring to toss off the words with worldly ease, "you are so discouragingly popular, Miss Avery. This is the first time I ever found you—detached, as it were."

Annette Avery laughed with delightful ingenuousness.

"I'd love to go, Mr. Brewster," she assured him. "It's too glorious a morning to spend waiting for some one who does not show up."

"Oh," said Tom, crestfallen, "then you're not really detached, after all?"

"Absolutely," was Annette's emphatic reply. "A laggard in—a laggard," she finished weakly, "isn't worth waiting for. When shall we start?"

"Right away," urged Tom. He was apprehensive of that "laggard."

"All right," agreed Annette. "Just wait till I run in and tell mother."

"Bring your parasol," Tom cried after her and then stood dumfounded at his own temerity. But by the time Annette reappeared he had braced himself literally for the shouldering of this formidable responsibility. What matter if on their way to the boat-house he did carry the frivolous thing at an angle diametrically opposed to its protective purpose? He was happily unconscious of it, and Annette, blinking heroically, was too magnanimous to disillusion him.

The canoe launched, Tom, with some show of savoir faire, tossed the cushions into it and extended his hand to Annette. At length, with a long, graceful sweep of the paddle, they were off.

The shimmering radiance of the sea marshes as they followed the windings of the little creek soon subdued their outbursts of admiration, and they fell by mutual consent into dreamy silence.

Suddenly in her excitement at sight of a "blue" crab scuttling sidewise beneath the canoe Annette lost hold of her parasol. Before Tom could rescue it with his paddle a yelping mongrel

of a dog sprang out of the tall grasses and dashed into the water after it.

"Bravo, old fellow!" called Tom. "Here, here, sir."

But to the victor belong the spoils, and the dog made off with his capture. Pursuit was impossible through the wet marshes. Powerless to avert the catastrophe, they watched the dog's fiendish demolition of the fragile contrivance.

"It's an outrage!" exclaimed Tom. "And it's your favorite sunshade too."

At this Annette burst into a merry peal of laughter. What other man among all her conventional friends would have used that quaint word "sunshade?" It tickled her fancy.

"How do you know?" she asked him teasingly.

"Because you always carry it," was Tom's candid admission.

"That's because I haven't any other," Annette informed him. "But it doesn't matter, really. It was just a garish cretonne thing."

Of these extraordinary specifications Tom took rapid mental note. The next day found him scouring the rural metropolises of Greenville for something that corresponded to Annette's description and to his own visual recollection of the ill fated parasol. But nowhere had such a novelty as a "garish cretonne sunshade" ever been heard of.

He told Annette so when, weary and disgusted, he returned to the hotel. She laughed at him mercilessly.

"Is it so funny?" he asked her wistfully.

"Well, you are," she enlightened him; "cretonne is quite a new thing for parasols to be made of. It's generally used for covering chairs and cushions and window boxes and things like that. So very probably all the shopkeepers over in Greenville thought you were crazy when you asked them for a cretonne para—sunshade."

"They acted so," was Tom's feeling comment.

A few days later, forearmed with this wealth of "cretonnic" information, Tom took his way confidentially up to town. Annette comforted herself with the thought that nothing short of very urgent business had forced him to postpone even for a day their morning paddle up the creek, which had come to be for each of them an accepted and anticipated pleasure.

On his return, although (or more likely because) it was late in the evening and full moonlight, Tom sought out Annette in the gay chatting groups on the hotel veranda and quietly signaled to her.

"Get something to throw around you, Annette," he directed, "and let's go down on the beach for a stroll. The moonlight is beautiful on the water."

Annette, her heart fluttering prophetically, acquiesced without a moment's hesitation.

When they had found a sheltered nook on the lee side of a picturesque old rock, Tom took off his overcoat and spread it for Annette to sit upon. As he did so a long, narrow package dropped on the sand at his feet.

"What's that?" asked Annette suspiciously.

"Something I picked up in town," Tom chuckled. "Want to see it?"

With exasperating deliberation Tom unrolled the wrappings.

"Of course," answered the truly feminine girl, perched on the rock.

"There!" he exclaimed at length, unfurling the treasure. "Do you like it?"

"Oh, what a beauty!" gasped Annette. "I never had such a—I mean I never saw such a lovely one. But, Tom, cretonne would have been all right."

Tom shook his head as one who knows whereof he speaks.

"No," he told her boastfully. "The cretonne ones aren't in the same class with this. I know because I've got two awfully garish ones of that kind for you up at the hotel."

"Why, Tom Brewster!" reproved Annette in astonishment. "Really, I can't accept!"

"What?" interrupted Tom calmly as with the slender tip of the parasol, which was all one mass of exquisite filmy flowers, he made marks in the smooth sand, upon which the moonlight shone with unmistakable distinctness.

Annette, her eyes tracing with fascinated wonder the written words, "I love you," almost forgot Tom's question.

"I couldn't accept but one," she suddenly roused herself to answer.

"Then accept me, dearest," Tom pleaded, smiling up at her.

As to what happened then under the sheltering "sunshade" even the man in the moon was left to imagine.

"Cut Off With a Shilling."

We often hear of the threat of being "cut off with a shilling" by our peculiar and crotchety relatives, but the following clause of a will is a literal execution of it which would not be considered by many of us to be a very effective salve for the pain attending their demise:

"Whereas it was my misfortune to be made very uneasy by Elizabeth M., my wife, from our marriage by her turbulent behavior, for she was not content with despising my admonitions, but she contrived every method to make me unhappy; she was so perverse in her nature that she would not be reclaimed, but seems only to be born to be a plague to me. The strength of Samson, the knowledge of Homer, the prudence of Augustus, the cunning of Pyrrhus, the patience of Job, the subtlety of Hannibal and the watchfulness of Hermogenes could not have been sufficient to subdue her, for no skill or force in the world could make her good. And as we have lived separate and apart from each other for eight years and she having perverted her son to leave and totally abandon me, therefore I give her 1 shilling only."—London Telegraph.

CHRISTMAS PROVERBS

The love-light in the eyes of the precious ones of the household is the most brilliant of Christmas illuminations.

The soft Christmas light is not the least welcome where the shadows of bereavement have fallen during the year. The Christmas angels hover over such dwellings of sorrow in ministrations of divine love.

It was the Christ who said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Again, he said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Cherry Tints in Favor.

The cherry tints are favored among the reds for spring and summer wear and promise to have great vogue. Charming silk and sheer fabrics are being brought out in cherry and coral tones and touches of both appear in the new millinery.



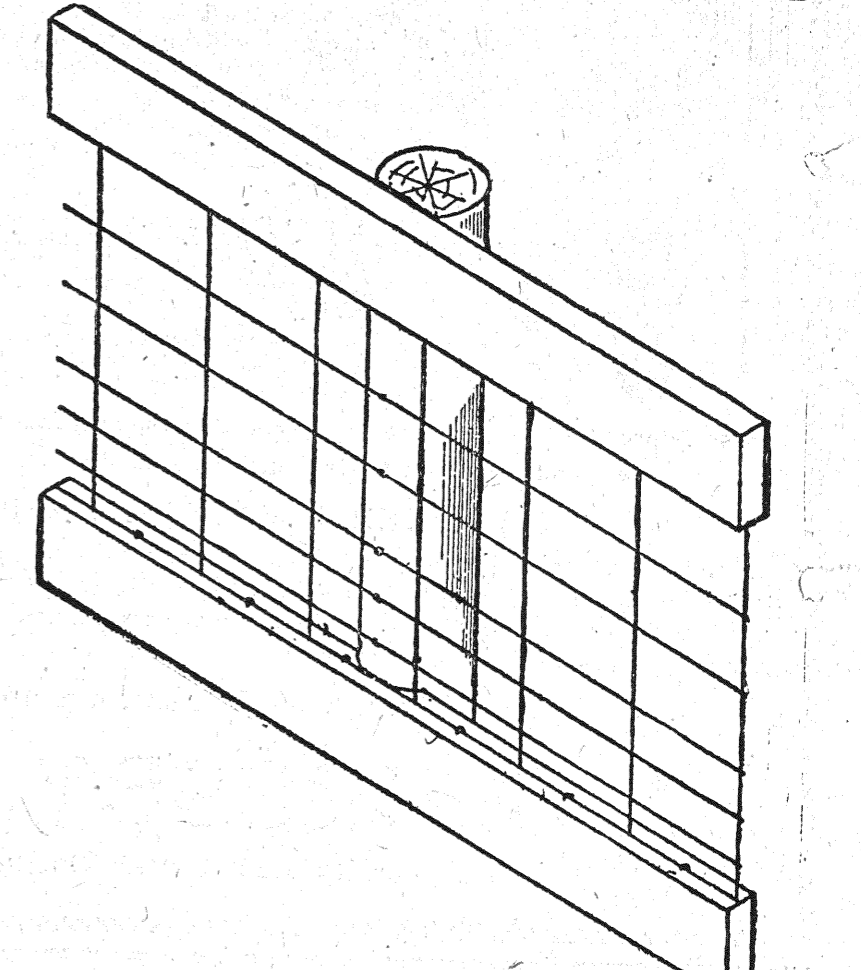
At the Manger.

When first, her Christmas watch to keep, Came down the silent Angel, Sleep, With snowy sandals shod, Beholding what his mother's hands Had wrought, with softer swaddling-bands She swathed the Son of God.

Then, skilled in mysteries of Night, With tender visions of delight, She wreathed his resting-place, Till, wakened by a warmer glow Than heaven itself had yet to show, He saw his mother's face.

—John B. Tabb, in Atlantic.

GOOD FENCE FOR THE HOG YARD



Small yards for hogs require very tight fences either of boards or wire. The plan shows cedar posts set less than eight feet apart. At the top and bottom are two by six inch planks set into the posts and there are seven lateral wires.

CUPID AND THE OWL

By Byron Williams.



An owl sat in a jack-oak tree And blinked his big, round eyes at me; At Rose and me beside the brook, In calm, sequestered, moonlit nook. Then screeched the owl with bold halloo, And brashly queried, "Who? Who? Who?"

The big owl blinked his eyes at me From out the foliage of the tree; "Who, who? Who who?" he weirdly shrieked, And then at Rose and me he peeked. "It's only we," I cried; "we two!" But all he answered was "Who? Who? Who?"

"It's only Rose and I," I said, "And you would better go to bed, Instead of rudely staring thus With your big eyes a-down at us." But Mr. Owl, with much ado, He pertinently hooted "Who?"

"Just Rose and I—er—course you know There's Cupid with his silver bow! But 'tis not thee he seeks to maim— The elf is out for bigger game!"

"It's Rose," I said; "just Rose and I; Beside us two there's no one nigh. We're sitting here upon the brink— And what is more, I do not think It's extra nice to thus pursue Your impolite, persistent 'Who?'"

And then that owl went straight to bed, Shut tight his eyes, tucked in his head! He must have felt secure apart With Cupid aiming at my heart!

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AUCTION SALE

Having sold my farm, 8 1/2 miles north of Cass City, or 6 1/2 miles south of Elkton, or 1/2 mile north of Rescue, I will sell the following property at auction on

Wednesday, December 23

COMMENCING AT 12:00 O'CLOCK

Bay horse 4 years old, weight 1220
" mare 3 " " " 1100
Heavy Clyde mare, with foal
Cow 6 years old, due Feb. 28
Jersey cow 9 years old, due in May
" calf Grade Jersey calf
2 two-year-old heifers, with calf
" " " steers
Pure bred Berkshire sow, due Mch.
11 ewes—grade
Oxford ram 3 years old, wt. 250
40 Plymouth Rock hens
McCormick binder
McCormick mower
Farmers' Favorite drill
Deering hay rake

Miller bean harvester
Lehr 2-horse cultivator
1-horse cultivator
Spring tooth harrow
Spike " "
Disc harrow Gale sulky plow
No. 98 Oliver plow
3-furrow plow Set bob-sleighs
Lumber wagon Wagon box, new
Top buggy Open buggy
Cutter Feed cooker
Set heavy harness Single harness
10 tons hay Quantity bean fodder
50 bushels oats 40 bu. potatoes
Cylinder's incubator, cap. 220 eggs
Washing machine

Having sold my farm, everything must be sold

TERMS—All sums of \$5 and under, cash; over that amount 12 months' time will be given on good approved endorsed notes bearing 7 per cent interest.

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J. M. FIELD Prop.

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A. L. JOHNSON

Correspondence

CARO.

Miss Maggie Stout spent Sunday in Silverwood.

J. Enos spent Wednesday and Thursday in Vassar.

Isaac Lawe was in Saginaw the first of the week on business.

Ben Howell, who has been quite ill, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor and son spent Wednesday in Saginaw.

Mrs. H. T. Phelps was a guest of Millington friends Wednesday.

Irwin Wright was in Vassar Wednesday and Thursday on business.

Lloyd Karr of Gageton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Karr.

The Caro school savings bank deposits amounted to \$13.86 this week.

Miss Mary Depew of Pleasant Hill spent Sunday with her parents in Caro.

Milo Kinney of Millington was a guest of Miss Etta Brown over Sunday.

W. S. McAllister of Elkton is spending a few days with his brother, J. N. McAllister.

Misses Myrtle and Bertha Clark are visiting relatives in Kingsley for three weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Olin went to Detroit Thursday where they will spend a few days.

Mrs. G. H. Webster left Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fritts, at Ypsilanti.

Mrs. L. J. Myers and daughter, Beatrice, left Wednesday for a few days' visit with relatives in Saginaw.

Mrs. E. Course and daughter and Mrs. Floyd Ross are visiting friends and relatives in Bay City for a few days.

Mrs. C. O. Thomas left today for a visit with her son, Willis Thomas, at Wilberton, Oklahoma, during the holidays.

Miss Lulu Blackman, who enjoyed a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ransford, returned to her home at Wheeler Friday.

Mrs. Eleanor Markham went to Howell Wednesday where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Parshall.

Miss Minnie Raecraft leaves Monday for Detroit for a week's visit on her way to her home in Highgate, Ont. Miss Raecraft has had charge of the millinery department in E. O. Spaulding's store.

A Dangerous Operation.
is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. Kings New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria 25c at L. I. Wood & Co. drug store.

CANBORO.

Wm. W. Parker, Sr. was in Gageton Friday.

B. F. Parker and wife spent Sunday at Gotts' Corners.

Henry Mellenport, Jr., was a caller in Cass City Wednesday.

J. Wettlaufer and F. Kinietz did business in Cass City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kinietz attended services in Elkton Sunday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew spent Sunday with the latter's brother, S. Parker, here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellendorf and children of Gageton spent Tuesday in this vicinity.

Miss Dorothy L. Mellendorf of Gageton spent Saturday and Sunday at her parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mellendorf were guests of their daughter, Mrs. H. Feekings, near Elkton Saturday.

Preparations are being made for Christmas tree exercises to be held at the Canboro church Christmas eve. All are invited.

In deciding where to get your milk supply just remember that O. Y. Schneider still operates the Cass City Dairy Farm, who would be pleased to leave the milk at your door.

WEST GRANT.

Charles Williamson was a business caller in Caro Tuesday.

Miss Ferna Finkle returned to her home in Cass City Saturday.

Mrs. A. Ballentine spent several days last week in Cass City.

The M. P. Ladies' Aid meets with Mrs. James McCrea Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gray of Beaulieu spent Sunday at the home of John Ricker.

Misses Zuleka Wallace and Tessa Foreman attended the teachers' rally at Owendale Saturday.

The M. P. church is preparing for a Christmas tree and program to be given on Christmas eve.

Mrs. U. G. Parker of Rescue and Mrs. R. Mathews of Popple were callers in this vicinity Thursday.

Mrs. George McCrea and Mrs. A. A. Ricker spent Friday and Saturday at their parental homes in Cass City.

OWENDALE.

Robert Paul of Caro in town Tuesday.

The eighteen months old daughter of Simon Walsh is very sick.

Melvin Walsh is relieving Simon on R. F. D. No. 1 during the illness of his child.

Holiday rates on both railroads. Tickets on sale Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1.

A fine display of Christmas goods to be found in the show windows of our business places.

The closing of the sugar beet season and the quarantine on stock and hay make it very quiet at the station.

Mrs. Herb McElmurray expects to go to Detroit the fore part of next week where Mr. M. has a position.

C. E. Lee has installed a system of lighting which very much improves the general appearance of his store.

Preparations for Christmas entertainment in the Presbyterian church are in progress and an enjoyable time is expected.

"There goes — with a sack of flour on his back and I'll bet he hasn't a drop of whisky in his house," observed one of our citizens the other day.

We are pleased to learn that the operation which Prof. Hogan underwent in Bad Axe hospital was successful and that the patient is doing well.

Not much doing here at present. It is said Dave has traded horses only six times during the past week but we live in hopes that business in his line will brighten up a bit.

We are glad to learn that our townsman, G. H. Zinnecker, has successfully passed his examination and is now an authorized embalmer. He has a fine hearse and is prepared to take charge of anything in the undertaking line.

The Teachers' and Patrons' Rally held in the schoolhouse last Saturday was a decided success. The attendance at the afternoon session was large and the papers and discussions not only of interest but profit to those taking part. Owing to the illness of Prof. Hogan the burden of local arrangements fell upon Miss Ferman of the primary department to whom great credit is due for the success of the enterprise.

Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate coughs and heals the lungs. L. I. Wood & Co.

GAGETOWN.

Mrs. Robert Young is among the sick ones this week.

Acme Lodge F. & A. M., install their officers Saturday, Dec. 26th.

Mrs. Howie and daughter are visiting their son and brother of Yale.

Frank E. Martin and R. S. Brown were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. Waidley Sunday.

Miss Edith Miller spent Saturday and Sunday in Sebawaing the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. LaFave were in town Monday looking for a house to buy, and locate here.

Robert Bailey and family of Uby are nicely settled on the Jane Gage farm, Section 6, Elkland.

Theodore Burden and wife left on Monday for Nashville, Tenn., to spend the winter in the south.

Mrs. Hosa Burton, who spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ricker, of East Lake, returned home much improved in health, last Saturday.

Wm. Gable, who was called here by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Jane Watson, returned to his home by the way of Sebawaing Monday. His sister, Mrs. John Wesley, accompanied him to Sebawaing.

The remains of Mrs. Ned Hennesey, who died in Detroit Monday, reached here Tuesday noon and were met by a number of friends. The funeral will be held in St. Agatha's church on Thursday. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband, three daughters and a son.

Miss May Phelan, who was operated on at her home Monday for appendicitis, died early Tuesday morning. Miss Phelan was sick only a week. Much sympathy is felt for her parents. She was a favorite with a large circle of friends. She leaves to mourn her death her parents, six sisters and three brothers. Funeral will be held at St. Agatha's church.

Foley's Orino Laxative cures chronic constipation and stimulates the liver. Orino regulates the bowels so they will act naturally and you do not have to take purgatives continuously. L. I. Wood & Co.

SHABBONA.

Mrs. George Smith is on the sick list.

Stephen Mudge is numbered with the sick.

W. F. Ehlers made a business trip to Detroit Saturday.

Rev. Eastlake is holding revival meetings at Greenbank.

A fine display of Christmas goods can be seen at our stores.

G. A. Tindale of Deford was a caller

in town Tuesday afternoon.

Irwin Rice has returned home from Cass City where he has been employed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McArthur of Saginaw are visiting their son, George W. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Carroll of Beaulieu were in town Monday enroute to Marlette.

George Pangman of La Grande has purchased the farm of his brother, Chris Pangman.

Frank Nique of Thomas, Mich., spent a few days last week with his brother, O. W. Nique.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church meets at the home of Henry VanOrman, Sr., next Tuesday.

Ward and Mable Tewksbury of Armada spent last week with their uncle, John Tewksbury.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Nique entertained the latter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Striffler, of Cass City Sunday.

The ladies of Earnest Hive, No. 226, elected their officers for the ensuing year as follows: Commander, Mary E. Leslie; lieutenant commander, Janette Ryckman; record keeper, Matilda M. Jones; finance keeper, Mary L. Gotham; chaplain, Margaret McDonald; sergeant, Della Smith; mistress at arms, Harriet Rice; sentinel, Lydia Hillicker; picket, Mary J. Davis.

TOWN LINE.

John Hickie called at his parental home here Sunday.

Mr. Churchill from Caro called at J. D. Funk's Monday.

The town line school is preparing a program for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Blaricom spent Saturday in Caro.

Misses Addie and Cora Sole visited relatives at Wilmot Sunday.

John McCracken is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Alpena county.

Ernest Cooper and Will Pratt were in this vicinity dehorning cattle on Monday.

Wm. Patch and Tom O'Rourke are visiting with friends in Pontiac and Detroit.

The officers of the town line school placed a new coal stove in the school building Monday.

Will Hammond of Wells spent the first of the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hickie.

Mr. and Mrs. Patch are entertaining their daughters, Mrs. Sam Gowen and Mrs. Nelson Brown, from northern Michigan.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. L. I. Wood & Co.

RESCUE.

J. Crisnaw was a Linkville caller on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dobson were Elkton callers on Friday.

Mrs. A. Freeman is slowly recovering from her long illness.

A. Freeman and A. Frasier were Cass City callers on Monday.

G. Duffield, teacher at Wakefield, spent Sunday with his parents here.

L. Moshier of Owendale is moving on the farm of G. Finkle at this place.

C. Brit and J. Doerr have employment in the Treadgold lumber camp at present.

S. Heron has moved from C. Case's farm to Mrs. J. Boen's farm, Mr. Case having sold his farm to Joe Mellendorf.

J. Fields has traded his property for village property at Saginaw. It looks now as though we would be losing Mr. Fields soon.

Does the Baby Thrive

If not, something must be wrong with its food. If the mother's milk doesn't nourish it, she needs **Scott's Emulsion**. It supplies the elements of fat required for the baby. If baby is not nourished by its artificial food, then it requires

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Half a teaspoonful three or four times a day in its bottle will have the desired effect. It seems to have a magical effect upon babies and children. A fifty-cent bottle will prove the truth of our statements.

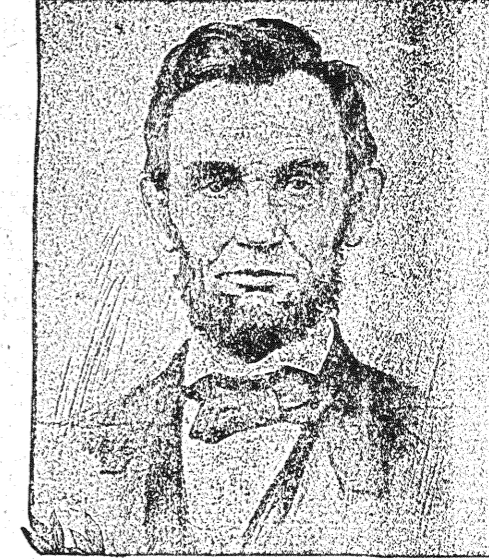
Send this advertisement, together with name of paper in which it appears, your address and four cents to cover postage, and we will send you a "Complete Handy Atlas of the World." **SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl St., New York**

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If you will send \$1.00 for a year's subscription to the **Cass City Chronicle**, cash with order, we will give you, **ABSOLUTELY FREE**, a full paid-up year's subscription to the

Farm and Fireside

And the two Superb Pictures below.



Description of the Pictures. These two beautiful pictures, which are offered with **FARM AND FIRESIDE** if your subscription is received promptly, are the master-pieces of some of America's foremost artists. They are really art proofs and each would retail in art stores at from 50 cents to \$1.00. Each picture is reproduced in all the beautiful colors of the original painting, on fine supercalendered stock, all ready to put up in your home. The **Pretty Girl** picture is 9 1/2 x 11 1/4 inches; and the **Lincoln** picture 9 x 13 1/2 inches. These two pictures will be furnished with the **FARM AND FIRESIDE** only if you subscribe for **The Chronicle** before **January 1, 1909**. They are sent postpaid.

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It has been published for over thirty years. It is the organ of no political party. It is published twice a month. It spends more money on its editorial matter than any other farm paper—and gets the best. It puts no faith in theories or high-sounding names. It is a live, up-to-date, awake, helpful farm paper with the foremost farm authorities in the country as regular contributors. It is made for the farmer's wife and family just as much as for the farmer himself, and it contains excellent stories and household departments. Its fashion pages are as good as those of any magazine in America. It prints and circulates each month more copies than any other farm paper in America. That shows how good it is.

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For Christmas Gifts our Box Candies cannot be excelled. All are high grade. Our line of Candies in Xmas Baskets is the finest we ever carried.

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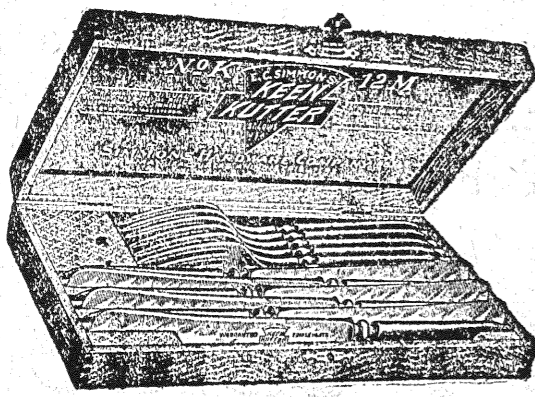
The Tobacco Tag Premium Depot of the American Tobacco Co. is located in our store and a line of premiums is on exhibition. Bring in your tags and exchange them for the fine premiums.

J. C. LAUDERBACH

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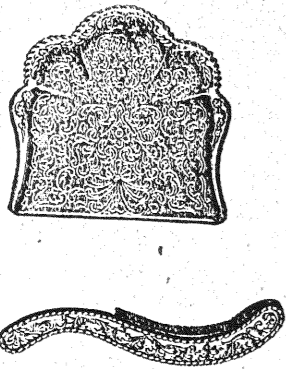


That you look through the few articles mentioned in this ad for a possible selection for Gifts.



The Keen Kutter
Silver Plated Knives and Forks are strictly first-class, being hand burnished and enclosed, not in a flimsy paper box, but in a permanent and beautiful Oak case with brass hinges and catch. We have them in Dessert and medium size.

We have the Oneida Community Twenty-Five-Year Guarantee Silver Plated Ware in Tea Spoons, Table Spoons, Soup Spoons, Cream Ladels, Gravy Ladels, Baby Spoons, Butter Knives, etc.



The Rochester
Line of Nickel Plated Ware is the Standard of America and our stock includes Chafing Dishes, Baking Dishes, Trays, Tea and Coffee Pots, etc.



Our line of Safety Razors and Pocket Knives contains some fine numbers.

N. Bigelow & Sons

Do You Pine for Lumber...

that isn't all knots; that is straight grained and well seasoned? Then you want to see us and we want to see you.

We Can Do Business Together...

Makes no difference if you require only a small quantity; we will be just as glad to satisfy you as if you needed all we have. Some time you will want more and you'll remember how well you were treated here the last time.

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AT RIGHT PRICES

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Remember Cornelius Is Having a Special Sale

In everything in the Grocery line. Below are just a few of the many prices.

Granulated Sugar per lb.	5c
3 lb Blue Ribbon raisins	25c
2 Packages XXXX Coffee	25c
Pail syrup per gal.	35c
Bulk syrup per gal.	35c
Men's 50c underwear	40c
Men's 50c heavy Jersey working shirts	40c
Men's 50c overalls	40c
Ladie's 50c golf gloves	40c
10c Cotton Batts for	8c
12c " " "	10c

J. CORNELIUS.

Read the Chronicle for the Home News

LOCAL ITEMS

Gerald Carson, who has been very ill, is better.

Brooker & Corkins sport a new sign for their law office.

Joe Ryan of Gagetown visited with friends here Friday.

Rev. Fr. Dwan of Gagetown was a caller in town Tuesday.

The Misses Brooks of Shabbona spent Tuesday in town.

W. W. Bender was a business caller at Harbor Beach Tuesday.

John McPhail of Argyle was a business caller in town Tuesday.

William Phetteplace of Shabbona was a caller in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurford of Bad Axe called on friends here Tuesday.

Hub Lee of Owendale spent part of the week with friends in town.

Miss Ina Kime expects to return to her home at Camden on Thursday.

Grover Blades has returned home after spending the summer sailing.

Mrs. Wm. Ruhl and Mrs. W. Fallis are spending a few days with friends at Caro.

Mrs. Rogers of Gagetown was the guest of Mrs. George Hopcroft Wednesday.

The 500 club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reagh Monday evening.

N. Hill has returned after a five weeks' absence on a business trip to Onaway.

Miss Carrie Thomas of Tyre is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Treadgold.

Arthur Craig has returned to his parental home after spending some time at Caro.

Geo. Tennant of Gagetown visited with his brother, James Tennant, part of the week.

Mrs. W. A. McLean of Gagetown was the guest of Miss Christine Wettlaufer Wednesday.

Wilmot Moore is assisting Rev. W. B. Weaver in the revival services at the Bethel church.

Mrs. T. A. Powell and son, Orrin, left Tuesday to spend some time with friends at Marlette.

Mrs. Fisher left for Canada Wednesday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Morris attended the funeral of Mrs. Ned Hennesey at Gagetown Wednesday.

Mifs Lizzie Jocs is visiting friends in Saginaw.

Mark Trussell of Gagetown was in town Monday.

Fred Parker is visiting at his parental home here.

Morley Wickware was a business caller in Caro Friday.

Charles D. Striffler is in Detroit this week on business.

John Thiel of Pigeon spent Saturday with friends in town.

Peter P. Weber visited with Caseville friends over Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. McWebb has purchased the farm of Henry Becker.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hopcroft were callers in Gagetown Monday.

Hugh Gillies left Monday afternoon for a trip to Pontiac and Detroit.

Colon Leitch of Pontiac visited friends here the first of the week.

Correspondents are requested to send in their copy early next week.

Samuel Cole and daughter, Miss Ada, were visitors in Caro Tuesday.

Charles Brown of Brownlee, Sask., is visiting at his parental home here.

The Sewing Circle met at the home of Ruth Benkelman Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hemerick of Gagetown were callers in town Sunday.

Grover Ross of Kingston was the guest of Miss Bertha Zinnecker Sunday.

William Muck of Lancaster, N. Y., is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Jacob Helwig.

Mrs. Frank Auslander of Shabbona visited at the home of F. McGregory Sunday.

The Woman's Study club met at the home of Mrs. I. A. Fritz Monday afternoon.

Miss Mattie McPhail of Wickware is assisting at J. Cornelius' store during the holidays.

Pastor Clough will preach at the Church of Christ south of town at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on Sunday.

Miss Isabelle Marshall went to Guelph, Ont., Friday where she will spend a month with relatives.

Mrs. Ervin and daughter, Lizzie, of Shabbona visited at the home of Stephen Chambers the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hanson and son, James, attended the funeral of Mrs. Ned Hennesey at Gagetown Wednesday.

R. A. Passage left Thursday morning for Grand Rapids to visit his brother who is ill in a hospital in that city.

Many farmers and citizens visited the California cars last week and pronounced themselves well pleased with the exhibits.

Henry and Wm. Helwig left Thursday morning for Carson City where they will visit with their three sisters during the holidays.

Mrs. David Ross returned Saturday from Cleveland where she has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Russo, for several weeks.

Mrs. C. D. Striffler and son, Kenneth, returned Friday from a few days' visit with the former's mother, Mrs. J. F. Emmons, at Elmwood.

Clyde Lutze has gone to Niagara Falls to spend a few days and from there he expects to go to Pennsylvania where he has secured employment.

Mr. Pierce, a representative of the mild condensery at Uby, called on several farmers in Elkland township this week in the interests of that plant.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Moore left on Thursday morning for Honey Grove, Texas, where they will spend several weeks with the latter's sister, Mrs. W. C. Zinnecker.

The following new Independent telephones have been installed: Bruce Brown, 98-6 short; Martin Anthes, 138-28, 21; Warner Kelley, 138-11, 38; Clark Bixby, 103-18, 11.

R. S. Brown, one of Elkland township's justices, will leave his home near Gagetown next week for New York City where he will spend the winter with his daughter.

Friends of Miss Cerlistia Crawford gave a surprise party in her honor on Friday evening. Fifteen were present at the young lady's home and spent the evening with her.

Poultry.

As it is reported that there will not be any more poultry shipped into New York City in car lots for some time, the prices will undoubtedly take a drop if such conditions prevail. However, I am in the market at all times for good poultry and should the report be true, poor stuff will not be worth much. A. L. Johnson.

Special Sale of Feed.

Split peas, \$1.25 per 100 pounds; barley, \$1.35 per 100. Cheapest feed you can buy. Cass City Grain Co. 12-18.

Lost—A hand bag. Finder may return same to Mrs. D. R. Graham.

All persons owing Mrs. M. J. McGillvray on account are requested to call and settle at once. 12-18.

Mrs. M. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Freeman of Gagetown were callers in town Monday.

Philip Muck of Lancaster, N. Y., is visiting his brother, Adam Muck, and other relatives here.

Andrew Schmidt left Monday afternoon for Buffalo, N. Y., where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. F. C. Ballard of North Branch was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crosby, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Watters and children of Caron, Sask., are visiting at Mrs. Watter's parental home here.

N. Karr of Kingston was a caller in town Monday. He was accompanied home by his father, Palmer Karr, Sr.

Mrs. A. A. Ricker and Mrs. George McCrea of Owendale visited friends and relatives in town Friday and Saturday.

Miss Carrie Brown has returned to her home near Shabbona after completing the fall season in Mrs. M. J. McGillvray's millinery store.

Miss Ethel Gibbons has returned to her parental home at Wickware after finishing the fall season of millinery at Mrs. M. J. McGillvray's shop.

Only five shopping days before Christmas. Holiday shoppers may secure better services from salesmen by visiting the stores in the morning.

More locals on last page.

Special Sale Drain Tile.

We have five cars Jackson vitrified Drain Tile, 3 and 4 inch. Will arrive in the next few days. Parties wishing tile for next spring will do well to see us and get these tile off from cars at reduced prices.

Cass City Grain Co.

Why go in storm and sleet after milk, when you can have it delivered to your door by O. Y. Schneider?

Money to loan. Enquire at this office. 7-10-

Eight local views for 5 cents at W. W. Bender's.

5A Horse blankets direct from the factory—no jobber's profit—at G. W. Goff's.

Guns and ammunition at G. W. Goff's.

Good coal. Prices right. This is a good time to buy your coal of the Cass City Grain Co. 10-2-

Magazines at Ruhl's.

P. O. POINTERS FOR XMAS

See that your packages are properly addressed and have your name and address on each package.

All packages sealed with Xmas stickers are first class and postage is rated at two cents per ounce.

Packages of dry goods or other soft material should be supplied with an address tag in addition to the address on the parcel itself.

Be sure that the proper amount of postage is placed on parcel. In doubt always have them weighed by the postoffice scales. Try and get the mail into the Post Office as early as possible. All packages of value should be registered. The additional cost is eight cents and insures correct safe-delivery.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at my home on Friday receive the taxes of Novesta township. Will also be at the home of Doug McIntyre on Thursday, Jan. 7, until 4:00 p. m., at Deford on Saturday, Dec. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 2; and the home of Wm. Little on Wednesday, Jan. 6 until 4:00 p. m. 12-18-2 W. B. Hicks, Treas.

Do You Want to Buy Some Burnt Wood,

Circles, Boxes of all descriptions, necktie racks, China shelf Tabourette, nothing could make a more desirable Xmas present, also many other useful and pretty hand made articles that would please any one to receive as a gift.

A specially fine line of books to select from suitable for all ages, and the nicest line of Xmas cards for the money in town.

Our candies and nuts are all fresh in for this Holiday trade. We always carry a good quality of groceries. Call and see...

J. N. DORMAN

Just received a carload of

CUTTERS

Come in early and take your choice

Ask to see our "ANTITIP-OVER" Bob-sleighs. Best of quality—sold at the lowest prices

Here is some SNAP BARGAINS for the man who is looking for some farm tools for next year

One all steel land roller, new, worth \$26 for	\$21.50
A few 17-tooth spring harrows, new, worth \$16	14.50
One 16-inch disc harrow, new, worth \$26.50	22.50
One set light driving harness with collars, nearly new, worth \$30 at	19.00

Cass City **J. A. CALDWELL**

The Beginning....

often foretells the end, and a safe beginning casts no shadow amidst the bright rays of hope. Now, to make good bread please begin by using good flour, the safe kind, such as

White Lily Flour

"Always the Same—Always Good" Then the end will surely justify the means, for "White Lily" never fails to make good bread, cakes or pastry.

Oil Meal and Cotton Seed Meal for Sale
Cass City Roller Mills
C. W. HELLER CO.

Xmas Gifts
Furniture and Pictures
Lenzner's Store

..NEW YORK CASH DEPARTMENT STORE..

You can Be Well Served the day before Christmas
But We can Serve You Better Now

You will gain more by early Christmas shopping than we will. Don't expect to find complete stocks the day before Xmas. Make your selections now, when you can have the pick and choice of our values from an almost unlimited variety of new, fresh Xmas merchandise, and the most desirable styles and novelties.

Bring the Children

Our wonderful display of Santa Claus' handiwork has always delighted the little tots, but this year it is greater than ever.

Our Menagerie

Is a veritable Noah's Ark, for here are congregated all the animals of forest and jungle, of mountain and plain, of the earth and of the air. Here the lamb lies down with the lion for the child to lead away for the lowest price in town. The procession of elephants, tigers, camels, monkeys, dogs, cats and rabbits led by Policeman Muldoon, Happy Hooligan and Foxy Grandpa astride sturdy burros.

Machinery Hall

Here we have in miniature all manner of mechanical devices such as steam engines, air ships, autos, carriages, yachts, drays, wagons, fire engines and patrol wagons, etc. **5c up**

Mechanical Toys

Jumping frogs, dancing clowns, leaping monkeys, hopping birds, screeching parrots and the redoubtable Mrs. Katzenjammer together with other members of the school of comedy who bob up smilingly every time they are knocked down. Tops in endless profusion, trapeze performers, performing clowns, Jack-in-the-box, performing monkeys, etc. **2c up**

Musical Toys

Musical albums, musical tops, musical whirling dolls, trumpets, horns, cornets, mouth accordions, violins, church organs, grind organs, drums, etc. **5c up**

Tree Ornaments

Bells, balls, apples, cherries and other fruit, puss in boot, dogs, cats, tigers and other animals, made of wax, cloth, and other materials **1c up**



Girls Will Go Into Raptures Over Our Dolls of All Nations

Caucasians, Malays, Igorottes, South Sea Islanders, Indians, Esquimaux, all in native costume; doll clowns, comical figures like Sunny Jim and others that open the mouth and make sounds, sailors, walking dolls, squawking dolls, rag, kid and celluloid dolls, dressed and undressed dolls, Teddy Bear dolls (the latest and very attractive) and kid body jointed dolls only **25c**

Games

Bagatelle, Postman, Lotto, Foxy Grandpa, etc.

Books for Everybody

For Children—Stories of Bible characters, fairy tales, Mother Goose stories, Buster Brown in cloth and paper bindings, hard and soft cover, beautifully illustrated **2c up**
For Boys—The Hetny series, **20c**; Alger series **25c**. They are by far the best ever seen for the money.
For Grown-ups—American, English and German classics in burnt leather and padded leather editions, the latter a rare bargain, being a regular dollar seller for **70c**.

To interest those who wish to buy useful articles we have decided to sell all Ladies' and Misses' Cloaks at **25% off**; also a few lines of Men's Suits at the same reduction.

We will give a limited number of BEAUTIFUL SOUVENIRS FREE with every \$5.00 Holiday purchase—a beautiful Teddy Bear pin tray.

Shoes, Clothing, Dry Goods, Waists, Skirts, Etc.

RUSS & DURST

Cement Block, Cass City

School Notes

"Less noise in the halls please" Post.

F. M. and E. G. still think red represents danger.

H. C. S. in Eng. Lit.—A Midsummer Knight's Dream.

Definition in normal class—Resuscitation is having recess.

A Sophomore to Miss Meinke in the hall—"Can't a fellow smile?"

We all hope Miss M. will preserve us instead of pickle us in Latin.

For information regarding the exercise of rubbernecks see Mr. P.

"Twenty sets of music still to be paid" greets our eyes every morning.

John Rogers of the first grade will be absent from school after this week.

One of our Juniors reported on duty Tuesday with a stiff neck. All sympathized deeply with him.

Gerald and Ethel Carson, who have been absent the past week on account of sickness, are in school again.

"I want you folks to distinctly understand, it's up to you to get a hump on." Mr. Post to chemistry class.

Seven of the tenth grade algebra students are seen to wear a broad smile due to the 100 marked on exam papers.

A brilliant grammar student—"Egyptian" is a verbal." Miss H—"What verb does 'Egyptian' come from?"

Miss B in rhetoric—Queen Elizabeth bitterly unbraided the minister for executing the order of death upon Mary.

The first and sixth grades are busy preparing Christmas exercises which will be given in their respective rooms Friday afternoon.

E. G. conjugating in Eng. Gram., three person, singular, present indicative active, of the verb, "lie," to recline. He "lazes." Agreed, some Freshmen do.

"Keyo, Keyo, Keyo, Kang, What's the matter with the Freshman gang," or rather what makes the sophs so anxious to join them.

The Freshies, "mid grumbling and indignation on account of a false report circulated about Sophomores going to their party, made their way to the home of Mr. Russell. The various grades were well represented, and under the chaperonage of P. W., the evening passed delightfully.

The senior class organized this week and the officers are: President, Hazel Campbell; vice president, Lucile Schenck; secretary, Leo Hopps; treasurer, Winnifred McTavish.

The high school teachers wish to call parents' and guardians' attention to the fact that a number of pupils persist in remaining at school without any midday lunch. We do not believe this is for their best interests.

Correspondence

GREENLEAF.

Good sleighing. Sickness is reported in the home of Thomas Mann.

A. Livingston entertained relatives from Cass City Sunday.

Mrs. D. Livingston of Sheridan was a visitor in town Sunday.

A. Seegar and A. McRae each lost a valuable horse last week.

John Duffield made a business trip to Uby the last of the week.

Miss Irene Powell spent several days at Mrs. N. Decker's last week.

A dancing party was held at Chas. Thornton's Thursday. A fine time is reported.

Wednesday was poultry day. About a car load being taken to Cass City from this place.

Mrs. Angus McLeod received the sad intelligence last week that her brother, Angus McIntyre of Sheridan had been drowned off the coast of New Foundland. The young man was on his way to New York when his boat was wrecked in the heavy gale of two weeks ago. Much sympathy is expressed for his relatives as this is the fourth death in their families in a short time.

Marked For Death.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. O. Williams, of Blac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at L. I. Wood & Co. drug store, 50 cent and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

NOVESTA.

Mrs. F. Seeley is visiting her sister in Ellington this week.

Mrs. Frank Nash Sr., visited her daughter, Mrs. Topping, last week.

Mrs. Koons of Detroit is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Justin at present.

The ladies aid met with Mrs. D. Livingston last Wednesday for dinner. The proceeds amounted to about \$4.

Miss Jennie Ferguson left last week for Kalamazoo where she has secured a position in the Asylum as an attendant.

There will be a Xmas tree entertainment at the Quick School house Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd. All are invited to attend.

We are informed that Henry Becker has sold his farm to Wm. McWebb. Mr. Becker intends going to Northwest Canada. Sorry to lose our old neighbors.

A small lady came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Topping last week and expects to remain for some time at least. The name she will carry will be Winnifred Bernice.

Medicine That Is Medicine

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters; a medicine that is a medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kiestler, Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you, 50c at L. I. Wood & Co. drug store.

ARGYLE.

Mrs. James Hutson is visiting relatives in Almont this week.

Mrs. George Stevenson and Mrs. Nora Yakes and son, Roy, Sundayed at the home of W. Mathews.

Mr. Badgrove and the Kippen brothers have gone to the north woods. They are making the trip with their teams.

Miss Brice, who attended the Soders-Morrison wedding, returned to her home in Almont Saturday. Miss Brice is a granddaughter of James Hutson, Sr.

Our school is making arrangements for a Xmas tree entertainment at Perkins' hall on Xmas eve. and by the way they are rehearsing it promises to be a success.

A merry group of relatives met at the home of James Hutson and gave them a pleasant surprise. Games, Scotch songs, etc. were the order of the evening, after which light refreshments were served and all went home feeling gay and happy.

The merchants of our town have town have done their holiday attire. The windows are prettily decorated and together with the snow, the sleigh bells and the merry shouts of children as they admire the holiday toys from the windows, makes our town quite lively these days.

Wilford Sculley has purchased the old farm home of his father-in-law, Marshall Smith. Mr. Smith is offering for sale his large stock of horses and cattle. He has as fine stock as this country affords and anyone wishing to purchase will find this a great opportunity to buy. Mr. Smith and son, Charles, contemplate a trip to the west this winter.

This Is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when ever trace the sore was gone." He also for all sores Sold under guarantee at L. I. Wood & Co. drug store. 25c

WICKWARE.

Christmas will soon be here.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Fulcher spent Sunday at Cumber.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bigelow spent last week with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carey of Cass City spent Sunday at the home of H. Keyser.

Will Marshall and family of Hay Creek spent Sunday at the home of George Burt.

Miss Mattie McPhail is employed as clerk at J. Cornelius' store at Cass City for two weeks.

George Kirton took a sleighload of school children to see the California cars at Cass City last Friday.

Miss Maude Gracy gives an entertainment and Christmas tree with the Cumber Sunday school Wednesday night. All come and enjoy yourselves.

WEST ELKLAND.

Fred Hoagland wants to purchase a team of good horses.

Wilson M. Crane of Elmwood called on his parents Monday forenoon.

Sleigh riding was enjoyed by a goodly number in this community the first of the week.

H. T. Brown made a business trip over to his daughter's, Mrs. J. Simons, of Evergreen.

J. Crane purchased a new Empire Peninsular heater of G. L. Hitchcock to brighten his home.

Bruce Brown is the new man on the McCue farm. You now can see his light looming up evenings.

Jim Crane and sister, Flossie, visited at the home of G. Gulick, north of town, the first of the week.

It looks as if Fred Parker was going to have some sleek cattle by the load of meal he hauled home lately.

Mrs. L. R. Brown has returned to her home after spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crane.

When Rubbers Become Necessary. And your shoes pinch, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes, is just the thing to use. Try it for Breaking In New Shoes. Sold Everywhere 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y. Don't accept any substitute.

DEFORD.

Loyalty Arbor, A. O. G. elected the following officers for the ensuing year last, Tuesday, Dec. 8: Chief Gleaner, George A. Martin; vice chief, H. H. Wilson; secretary and treasurer Mrs. H. H. Wilson; chaplain, Mrs. George Martin; conductor, Charles Kilgore; lecturer, Mrs. A. A. Livingston; inner guard, Mrs. E. Bruce; outer guard, E. Bruce.

Every Woman Will Be Interested. There has recently been discovered an aromatic, pleasant herb cure for women's ills, the only certain regulator. Cures female weaknesses, and Backache, Kidney, Bladder and Urinary troubles. At all Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

DEFORD.

A. L. Bruce was in Cass City Saturday.

Charles Wolvin is remodeling his house.

Mrs. A. L. Bruce visited in Cass City Friday.

John McCracken is spending a few days in Alpena.

Mrs. R. Clarke of Cass City spent Wednesday in town.

Wm. McCracken is the new man at the Deford elevator.

Capt. Flanders of Cass City spent Sunday with E. R. Lee.

Mrs. Bates of Kingston visited at A. J. Howell's Monday.

R. Clarke and A. McGilvary of Cass City were in town Saturday.

Dr. A. J. Howell attended the medical meeting in Caro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Portrice are the parents of a new baby boy.

Hugh Woodman of Sandusky transacted business in town Monday.

Mr. R. Johnson of Fairgrove visited Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McCain returned to their home in Battle Creek, after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Gage.

ELMWOOD.

A. J. Spinter was in Gageton on Friday last.

C. H. Hammond is building a new wood house.

K. Webster intends building a barn in the spring.

Jas. Belknap is busy breaking colts these days, having three to handle now.

R. Odell entertained his daughter and husband of Colwood one day last week.

Quite a number from here took in the California car at Cass City last week.

F. J. Hendrick is cutting a part of his sugar bush that was burned over this fall.

Jas. Walters purchased the balace of the old homestead of his mother last week.

J. F. Emmons is getting ready to move his barn and put it on a basement in the spring.

Thos. Leach is grinding feed now and will have a new and larger mill and sheller in a few days.

Wm. Webster, who with his wife left here a short time ago for Janesville, Wis., writes that he has a position in a sugar factory there.

The surveyor was at work last week on the proposed "Good Road" from the Elkland-Elmwood town line west to join that already done in Elkland.

On traveling to Cass City one cannot help but notice the evidence of prosperity in the building line this fall. Hugh Kinnaird's house remodeled and brick veneered, Chas. McCue's place, new roof and other repairs; Frank Hoagland's house, remodeled and bricked, and W. Root's house bricked, making a street of good buildings now.

UBLY.

David Croyer of Detroit looked after his lumber business here on Friday last.

Mrs. Fred King moved her household effects to Detroit last week. She will join Mr. King there.

"The Sparkling Cup," a temperance play, will be rendered by home talent in the opera house on Dec. 18th.

J. B. Swift has gone to St. Louis, Mo., where he will spend the winter. He likes a warmer climate than Michigan during the cold months.

AUCTION SALE

J. H. Striffler, Auctioneer

The undersigned will have an auction sale at their farm, one mile south of Wickware, on

Tuesday, December 22

Commencing at 1:00 p. m.

Roan cow 11 years old, due last of Feb.
 Roan cow 4 years old, due last of Feb.
 Roan cow 5 years old, due last of April
 Brindle cow 8 years old, due June 21
 Red cow 5 years old, due middle of Mar.
 Black cow 7 years old, new milch
 Red cow 3 years old, due Aug. 14
 Line back cow 8 years old, due May 15
 Herford cow 9 years old, due May 20
 Sow 8 months old Set of trucks
 Double seated rig Top buggy
 Set bob sleighs Spring seat
 Set of light double harness
 2 sets single harness Set Rockwell bits
 Set single strap britchen Mower

Hay rake Disc harrow
 American two-horse cultivator
 One-horse cultivator Roller, good as new
 Set spring tooth harrows
 Set spike tooth harrows Plow
 Fanning mill Hay fork, rope and pulleys
 Carbuundrum grinding machine, seven different stones
 American cream separator Caldron kettle
 2 8-gallon cream cans 15 tons hay
 Quantity lumber and shingles
 Crobar, stone boat, post hole digger, shovel, forks and buck saw
 11 cow chains New scythe
 Heavy spring Hay knife
 Set of whiffletrees

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

A. & R. DURKEE,
 PROPRIETORS.

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Is the place to do your Holiday Shopping

Note For the largest Cash Purchase at our store beginning Friday, December 18, and continuing until Thursday, December 24, we will give
FREE OF CHARGE
 a 100-piece Dinner Set of Mekin's Decorated English Ware.

We have 1600 pounds of...

Sweet Candy

Also Nuts of endless variety and quantity

Please don't buy until you visit our store, look over our stock and get our prices. Courteous treatment and square dealing assured to all.

D. LOSEY

LOCAL ITEMS

Taxes due.

Mrs. E. Otis visited in Grand Rapids recently.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Mark visited at Shabbona Saturday.

Miss Jennie McIntyre of Argyle was the guest of relatives in town last Friday.

Alfred Kritzman visited at the home of P. Mark last week before leaving for the South.

A. J. Hendricks has purchased a farm, three miles west of Bad Axe and moved there last week.

Charles Bixby has purchased the Hewson property on Woodland avenue and moved into the residence.

Mrs. Wm. Phetteplace, who underwent an operation in Pleasant Home hospital two weeks ago, has sufficiently recovered to return to her home in Shabbona.

The Apostolic Holiness Union holds their services Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the town hall and Friday evenings at 7:30 at the home of F. Henry. All are invited.

The Five Hundred club played the last game of a series of 25 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hersey Young. Dana Losey was the winner of the series, having the highest score.

J. A. Sandham of Argyle stands at the head of the agents of the Michigan State Life Insurance Co. in the amount of premium income received and amount of business written in the November agents' contest conducted by the company.

J. M. Field has sold his farm, eight and one-half miles north of Cass City, and is advertising an auction sale on another page. The sale will be held on Wednesday, December 23, commencing at twelve o'clock. R. N. McCollough will cry the auction.

A. and R. Durkee will have an auction sale on their farm, one mile south of Wickware, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, commencing at one o'clock. An announcement on another page gives a complete list of property offered for sale. J. H. Striffler is the auctioneer.

Wm. Welsh has sold his farm, three miles west and one mile north of Cass City and will have an auction sale of stock and implements on Tuesday, Dec. 22, commencing at 10:00 a. m. A free lunch at noon and free hay for horses will be furnished. A complete list of the property may be found in the announcement in this issue. Jas. McKenzie is the auctioneer.

Miss Hattie Wood left last Wednesday on a trip to Idaho and Oregon. On Tuesday, Dec. 15, she expected to reach Pocatello, Idaho, where she will spend a few days with her brother, Cassius H. Wood, who is physical director of the Y. M. C. A. of that city, and will then proceed to Oregon, La Grande being the point in that state where she will spend some time.

Wilmot Moore has been obliged to discontinue his studies at the school he has been attending at Ada, Ohio, on account of trouble with his eyes, and returned to his home in Grant township recently. Since his return, he has accepted the pastorate of the M. E. church at Lamotte and occupied the pulpit for the first time on that charge Sunday.

A merciful man is merciful to his beast, and a well blanketed horse when left on the street shows that the owner is not only a merciful man but the man of common sense. The horse is your best friend and his comfort is a matter of dollars and cents to you. A well cared for team will give you 50 per cent more service than a poorly cared for one.

The officers of the Cass City Fair held a business meeting at the council rooms Saturday afternoon at which time several expense bills were audited and other business transacted. The officers are endeavoring to complete the year's transactions and place the books in shape for the annual meeting which occurs on Tuesday, Jan. 5. At this meeting, the election of three directors and the following officers will be held: President, vice president, secretary and treasurer. John B. Pettinger, A. E. Boulton and T. W. Stitt are the directors whose terms expire.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at B. F. Benkelman's store Cass City, to collect the taxes of Elkland township on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

J. A. BENKELMAN, Treas.

All persons owing D. Hutchison on account are requested to call at the Central Market and make settlement.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will hold my office at home on every Friday from Dec. 4 to Jan. 8 to receive taxes. Will also be at Shabbona every Saturday from Dec. 12 to Jan. 9. 12-4-3 CHAS. SEVERANCE. Twp. Treas. of Evergreen.

I am closing out my fall stock of trimmed hats, caps, etc., at reduced prices. Mrs. M. J. McGillivray. 12-11-2

If a man thinks his local merchant asks more for his groceries than he should and so feels like patronizing outside firms, first try your home man after this fashion. Take \$20 and go to him—the home merchant—and say "I want \$20 worth of groceries for spot cash, and I want you to figure up the bill." You will be surprised to find that on nearly all articles needed you can make a better trade with the home merchant, and what is more, you get just what you buy. Don't expect to buy 10 cents' worth at home at the same rate that you purchase several pounds of the same article outside. Give the home dealer the same show you do the other firm and buy in like quantities for cash—that's all he will ask.

Cement Cement.

Just received a carload of cement. 12-11- Cass City Grain Co.

5A Horse blankets at G. W. Goff's.

All the popular songs and latest hits in sheet music at Rubl's.

Saws filed—15 and 20 cents. C. O. Lenzner.

Eight local views for 5 cents at W. W. Bender's.

See O. Y. Schneider for milk. He will treat you right.

Buckwheat grinding every day at the Cass City Roller Mills.

The latest magazines may be purchased at Rubl's tailor shop.

Bring your buckwheat to the Cass City Roller Mills. We grind buckwheat every day.

For Sale at a bargain—1 folding go-cart in good condition, but will sell cheap. Inquire at this office. 11-20

Why pay 5 cents for a post card with one local view when you can get eight views for the same price at Bender's?

Men Wanted.

Ten men wanted to work. Enquire of G. A. Striffler or Geo. Kolb.

McHUGH.

Samuel Mitchell is on the sick list. Christmas time will soon be here. Get ready.

Mrs. B. F. Hamilton is improving nicely.

Walking is good. Everybody come and help with the revival meetings.

Mrs. David Agar returned to her home in Brown City on Friday last.

Wilson Agar is helping Agar Bros. draw hay from the Kennedy farm to their feed barn in Cass City.

Word has been received that Daniel Kennedy and family are comfortably settled in Stettler, Alta., where they will live this winter.

LINER COLUMN

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

136 ACRE farm, three miles east of Cass City, for sale. Also residence, barn and lot on Garfield avenue. Enquire at W. W. Bender's store for further particulars and price. 11-20-9-35-

121 ACRES for sale or rent in Evergreen township, two miles west and one mile north of Shabbona, 100 acres under cultivation, good buildings and orchard. Reasonable terms. Daniel Kennedy, R. F. D. 3, Cass City. 9-35-

BRING ME, mink, skunk, coon and rats this week. Price high. G. L. Hitchcock 12-18

FOUR horse power Jack and box for sale; all in good shape. C. Courliss, Deford, R. F. D. 1. 12-18-19

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Holstein bulls—one yearling, and two calves, one 8 months old. Wallace Gilbert, Cass City. 11-20-

HORSES FOR SALE—Seven work horses and two drivers. Andrew Smith, Cass City. 11-27-3*

LIGHT TEAM wanted—I want to trade my team weighing 3,100 pounds for a span of horses weighing about 2,300 pounds. For further particulars inquire of A. A. Brian, Cass City. 10-16

ENGLISH Red Cap roosters for sale. G. W. Goff. 12-11-1*

FOUND—A small fur. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. Enquire at W. W. Bender's store. 12-11-

FOUND—A chain on Wednesday. Owner may secure same by proving property and paying for this ad. Samuel Dodge. 12-11-

FOR SALE—Seven acres green beech, maple and some hemlock timber, 3 1/2 miles east and 2 miles south of Cass City. Apply to Ed Crawford, 127 Merrill St., E. Saginaw. 12-11-4*

SEVEN-ROOM house on Woodland Ave. to rent. Enquire of B. L. McDermott. 12-11-12-15

THREE good cows for sale. G. L. Hitchcock 12-15

TIMBER for sale or to cut on shares. Two Belgian mare colts 2 and 3 years old for sale. E. McKim. 11-6tf

TWO new and one second hand sewing machines for sale. G. L. Hitchcock. 11-2-15

THOROUGHbred Chester White hog for service. E. J. Nash, Sr. 11-13-

Order of Hearing

For General Purposes. 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 2nd day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.

Present, John M. Smith, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of T. H. Fritz, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Grant L. Fritz, administrator, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described and for the purpose therein set forth, it is ordered that Tuesday, the 23rd day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the probate office be assigned for hearing said petition.

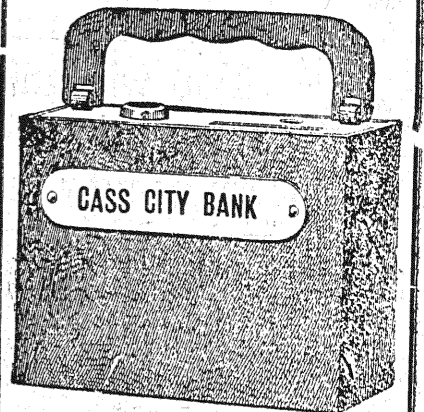
And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

JOHN M. SMITH, Judge of Probate. Probate Seal. 12-4-

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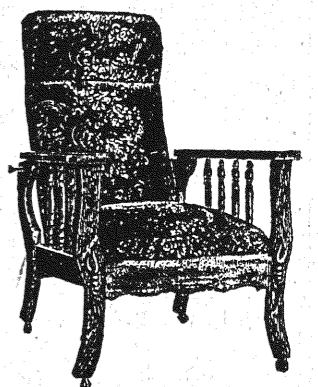
Christmas Present

can you give your boy than one of these banks?



To teach him to save his pennies for a good purpose is a duty you owe him.

Money to Loan at Reasonable Rates at
CASS CITY BANK



Morris Chairs

From \$3.95 and Up....

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THE
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E. H. Pinney & Son

ESTABLISHED 1886

Parties desirous of borrowing money this fall, on either mortgage or personal notes, may find it to their advantage to call at this bank and get our rates and terms.

DRAY and BUS LINE

Having purchased the dray and bus business of F. Smithson, I am prepared to attend to your

Baggage and Draying

Furniture Moving a Specialty

Geo. McDonald

Call 'Phone No. 57-3S.

THE SHAPE OF FEAR

By VIRGINIA M. CORNELL

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There was a story connected with the prenatal existence of Sidney Faramore, as doubtless there may be with many of us, which influenced his after life. Sidney Faramore's mother, the wife of a man whose career had made him enemies, had wakened one night in terror to see by a dim light a man's form bend above her sleeping husband and a glittering knife strike his breast. To the farthest recess of her being she felt the sudden, waking horror in his heart before death had stilled it, and it was this which gave to the murdered man's son his heritage.

He did not know it by name, this legacy of fear, but even when he was a babe it came to him, and threw him into paroxysms of terror which were long in abating. As a child it dogged his footsteps, and caused him to glance in sudden accesses of fright at the peaceful summer sky and the empty atmosphere. He hated, despised it, his nature was antagonistic to it, but it stayed.

He carried it with him into manhood. He could then look backward through the years which had passed, far back to his earliest recollection, and he could see that the presence of Fear had followed him through them all. As a man, with the courage of a man's strength, and reason in him, he had tried many times to face it, and although, even while knowing it was there, he could not identify its personality, he yet determined and persistently questioned it.

Faramore could well remember how, as a boy of 15, he had despised himself for his nightly habit of drawing the bed coverings over his head to shut out the body of terror which he could feel was hovering in the darkness. In growing scorn of his weakness, he had forced upon himself a discontinuance of the habit, waiting rigidly in an extremity of desperate courage for the hovering shape of dread to grasp him. When ten years had elapsed, the experience was not so infrequent as to allow him to forget the taste of it. When, at five-and-twenty, Faramore walked with a firm step nightly to the gas jet beside his mantel and extinguished it, that simple act required a greater bravery than the ordinary man would exercise in facing a cannon. For the ordinary man would have known exactly what he was afraid of, and Sidney Faramore did not. He knew it was a 'Shape of Fear, an incorporate Dread, but otherwise there was no material name he could give it, save that it was subtle psychic heritage of birth which he was unable either to dispel or fathom, and which must ever go hand in hand with whatever success or happiness life might afford him.

The girl was precisely his antithesis. To him she was the embodiment of Calm—the incarnation of white Peace—in the protection of whose arms, wherein had never lain Fear, a man might rest himself from his own weariness of courage. But she, although she became soon aware that Faramore loved her, had nothing to tell her what, in their entirety, his inner thoughts of her were; otherwise, being a woman, and of compassionate heart, she might quite possibly have answered him differently when the moment came than she did answer. Even as it was there were both perplexity and pain in her voice as she said:

"I hope you will believe how sad it makes me that I cannot say to you what you desire, Mr. Faramore. Indeed, I have tried to think that I might be able to say it. And I want to make you quite understand how sincerely I appreciate the honor you have done me in making me your choice, how gratefully I thank you. But—there is something which I cannot explain—I cannot love you."

"I can quite understand that much at least," he said in a voice harsh with the courage of a man who has nerved himself to lose, but who has yet not realized how strong has been his hope that he might win. "It has not been my experience in life that people have rushed to me with their love. Therefore," in a gentler manner, "I shall be all the happier in remembering that you, as you have just told me, would have given me yours if you could. I am not, after all, disappointed; I have never believed really that you would be able to give it to me; but it was my right to ask you, you know."

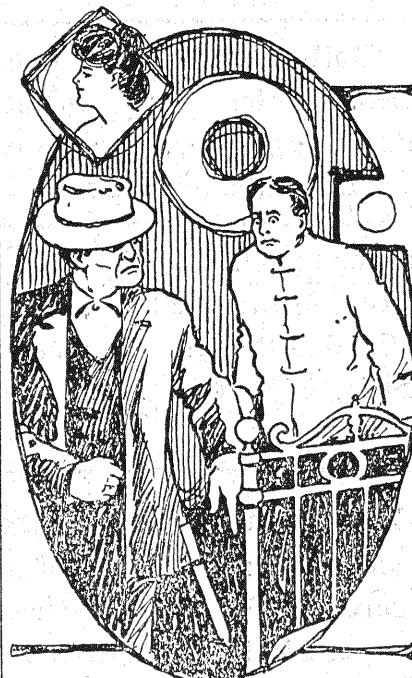
She suddenly held out her hands toward him. "I wish I could make you know how I shall always remember you," she said, brokenly. Such was Sidney Faramore's love passage.

It was soon after this rejection of him by the girl with peace in her eyes that Faramore began to make a mark in his profession, that of law. Before this event he had confined himself to civil practice only, having no desire to acquit men of crimes they had probably committed, and yet, from a fellow-feeling toward his kind, not caring to become the cause of disaster to any of them. But at this time he underwent a change. The kindness of spirit which he had had toward all human beings changed, as regarded one class at least, into a spirit of anger and hatred. He grew possessed of a vehement desire to see every man who had committed a crime punished, and thus in some sort avenge that one particular crime to whose effects he could directly trace the overthrow of his happiness. Hatred of crime be-

came to him a more strongly personal passion than it had ever before been. So that now, in his pleadings for the prosecution, there came to be, in his determination to convict, an unsuspected, fiery eloquence which made him an object of both hate and dread to the prisoner at the bar, who saw retribution front him in the person of the man with the unyielding face and hunted glance of eye; a glance which in some occult manner communicated to the souls of these men the fear-someness which was in his own.

For, during these years of unsatisfying effort and undisputed success, Faramore did not lose companionship with that personality of dread which he supposed would go to his grave with him. The more he flouted it the more it grew in strength, and there came nights now and then when it required what he thought was courage superhuman for him to extinguish his gas jet. Because now, along with that unknown personality of fear, faces came to him, the faces of men whom he had convicted of crimes; and the malevolence in them, and the terror with which they inspired him, drove him to the very verge of what he feared almost more than the other, the weakness of acknowledging himself a coward. In time his existence of struggle began to tell upon him; his shaven chin grew lean, and the look in his deep, resistant eyes more marked. During these years, too, he had occasional chance meetings with the girl who was the embodiment of calm, and she was still to him what she had been. He could understand how such a thing could be, since her eyes had never beheld fear. But he thought sometimes that they followed him with a look of regret, and he had impulses toward going to her again and trying to explain the thing which he knew stood between them. It was only his dread of showing himself to her as a weakling that deterred him.

One night—it was rather morning than night, an hour between midnight and dawn when the thoughts of mankind turn most naturally to danger or crime—Faramore, who had been sleeping soundly, woke suddenly. Immediately there rushed to his eyes a fearful look, a look of expectation verified; for, bending above him in a faint light was a dark form, and an uplifted hand which held a knife. An instant the horrible fear lay in his eyes; then, into the brain behind them flashed a thought which raised Faramore to his



"I Fear Neither It Nor You."

elbow with a sharp exclamation; an exclamation so tense, so meaning, so alive with some startling comprehension, that at the sound of it the hand which held the knife dropped inertly.

Into the eyes of the man upon the bed had leaped a look of recognition—the recognition of that which for half a lifetime had pursued and tormented him. Fear took shape at last, and he saw in it now merely a dread of the particular form of death which he knew his father had met. Death itself had no more terror for him than for any brave man, and, strong in his new understanding, Faramore cried out, "I fear no longer!"

He sprang to his feet, facing the man who had come to kill; holding with his dauntless eyes the other at bay. "I fear neither it—nor you," he said, still holding the unwilling gaze of the criminal. "You will be unable to comprehend why, but I am too brave a man to-night for you to kill me."

And under the look and tone of the man he dreaded, the other cowered and was powerless.

Sidney Faramore's cure was complete and certain. His friends marked the change in him, and he himself marveled at the wonderful joyousness of life. And when he sought again the girl who embodied calm, the look which repelled had gone from his face, and she saw there instead what answered doubt, and assured her—happiness.

Too Old at — ?

In an age of hurry and "hustle" the value of experience is often overlooked, and the result is seen in the product, whether the work be manual or intellectual. If the older man has lost something of his "smartness" he has not the superficiality and carelessness of youth, and the employer who estimates agility above efficiency makes a bad bargain for himself in the long run.—Yorkshire Post.

That she should find pleasure in the society of a man other than her husband is not believable of a woman correctly educated.

You can get surer results by hustling than by being born under a lucky star.

GUARDING OUR MONEY

How the Treasury Vaults at Washington Are Protected.

WATCHERS DAY AND NIGHT.

Always on Duty and Always Prepared to Shoot to Kill—Never Has a Dollar Been Taken From Them by Force—One Daring Scheme.

Not a dollar has ever been taken from the United States treasury by force.

Perhaps the nearest approach to looting the vaults of the treasury was the time Martin Broadfoot had his plans about perfected. This was back in the eighties, and the plan was to get into the building by means of the great sewer which runs under and near the treasury and is known as the Fifteenth street sewer and which grows larger as it enters the Potomac about three-quarters of a mile from the White House.

Broadfoot's plan, as developed after his arrest, was to get into the building, crack the safes and place the money in large rubber bags and float them down the sewer to the Potomac, where his pals would be in waiting. These bags were found in his room when he was arrested, and secret service men had often seen him walking along the shores of the Potomac near where the big sewer empties. This sewer is about nine feet in diameter where it passes the treasury. A man could easily make his way up the sewer through a stream of water which under normal conditions is only about twelve inches deep. By entering the tunnel or sewer at the river the journey to the treasury could be made by keeping a sharp lookout. When the man or men in the sewer reached the Fifteenth street sewer nothing would separate them from the gold coin and bullion except about eighteen feet of earth and not too secure stone wall.

It was Broadfoot's scheme to dig his way through this obstruction and to let the earth float or wash down the sewer. It would not have taken one man more than two weeks, working only at night, to have made an opening large enough for a man to crawl through. Of course Broadfoot knew the exact location of the vaults, and when he once reached them he would have had no trouble in getting the gold coin and bullion. It was evidently his purpose to fill the rubber bags with the precious stuff and float them down the sewer to the river, where they would be looked after by his confederates. This was the only really well laid plot ever made to loot the treasury, and just why Broadfoot was never given a trial has never been known to the public. He was an intelligent man, and suspicion was first aroused against him by his frequent visits to the money rooms and vaults and by the questions he asked watchmen and messengers as to the hours of duty, when the time locks closed and what time they opened, and all such questions. That he could have successfully carried out his plans so far as getting into the building and the vaults are concerned, there is no question, for men have been in the sewer and conduits who say that it would have been easy work. The most difficult part of the job would have been in getting away with the money and bullion, for it would have required hard work to secure it and get away.

About the only chance would have been to bury it somewhere in Virginia, for if it had been placed on boats it would have been easy to recover it. It is the opinion of the secret service men that many celebrated cracksmen have from time to time contemplated the conversion of a few million treasury notes to their own use, but after careful study they have decided that the undertaking was too colossal in character. Secretary Folger when he assumed his duties was not slow in deciding that the treasury was not properly and safely guarded. There was not an electric alarm in the building, the watchmen were isolated and had no facilities for calling help, and the safes were of the old time lock and key sort, scattered almost all over the big building. The secretary went to work to bring about a proper condition of affairs. He had the watch system completely changed and reorganized, putting them under the strictest discipline. Elaborate and extensive alarm systems were installed. The old safes were replaced by modern steel affairs with time locks and intricate combinations. The gold and silver vaults were fitted with steel casings and time locks, different parts of the combinations being distributed among various officials, so that the vaults could be opened only with the concerted action of all of them, and then only at the stroke of the hour for which the time locks had been set. But without a perfect system of watchmen to guard the safes the treasury could be easily robbed, for the most perfect safe ever made is not proof against the professionals.

The watch force of the treasury is perfectly organized, and the least infraction of rules means a layoff or discharge. The men seem to realize the heavy responsibilities resting upon them, and they are careful almost to a fault. The watch is divided into three reliefs, the tour of duty lasting for eight hours. However, the watch does not anticipate an attack by robbers, but they are prepared for any emergency, and they will not be caught napping should one ever be made either at night or by day. Each watchman is a regular walking arsenal, and the instructions are to shoot, and shoot to kill.—Los Angeles Times.

AUCTION SALE

Having sold my farm, 3 mile west and 1 mile north of Cass City, or 1/2 mile east and 3 miles south of Gagetown, I will sell the following property at auction on

Tuesday, December 22

Commencing at 10:00 a. m.

Gray horse 10 years old, wt. 1500

Bay horse 5 years old, wt. 1460

Mare 3 years old, wt. 1400

Gray mare wt. about 1300

Cow 8 years old, due in March

Red cow 6 years old, due in Jan.

Fresh milch cow and calf

3 Cows 4 years old due in Mar.

Red cow 5 years old due in Mar.

2 Yearling steers Fat cow

5 Spring calves

Deering binder

Osborne corn binder, new

Osborne mower, 5 foot cut

Osborne steel rake, 10 feet

Empire disc grain drill, 11 hoes, nearly new

Steel roller Oliver plow No. 99

Pea harvester and buncher

Wiard plow

Lever spring tooth harrow

Floating spring harrow

Spike tooth harrows

2 One-horse cultivators

American cultivator, bean puller attachment

Feed cutter Fanning mill

Corn sheller 2 Sets heavy harness

Steel truck wagon

Narrow tired wagon Wagon box

Hay rack and box Cider mill

U. S. Cream separator, new

45 gal. caldron Grain cradle

Union churn 800 lb. truck scales

About 15 tons mixed hay

Quantity clover hay Gang plow

About 600 bu. corn in ear

Quantity corn in shock Corn stalks

16 acres bean fodder Quantity peas

Portland cutter nearly new

Top buggy Dinner bell

Two-seated spring wagon nearly new

2 sets three-horse eveners

2 sets two-horse eveners Set sleighs

2 Neckyokes Wheelbarrow

Step ladder Some household goods

Other articles too numerous to mention

Free Lunch at Noon and Free Hay for Horses

TERMS—All sums of \$5 and under, cash; over that amount, 12 months' time on good approved endorsed notes at 7 per cent interest.

JAS. MCKENZIE,

Auctioneer.

WILLIAM WELSH,

Proprietor.

Special Prices on Groceries for December

Eastern Granulated Sugar 5c per pound
25c will buy any of the following articles:

4 pounds crackers, 6 pounds rice, 3 pounds peanuts, 3 packages currants, 3 plugs tobacco—Spear Head, Square Deal, Yankee Girl, Town Talk; 8 bars Jackson, Lenox, Swift's Pride, 7 of Queen Anne, 6 of Naptha, Galvanic or Ivory soap; 2 packages Cream of Wheat, 2 Shredded Wheat, 2 Maple Flake, 3 of Kellogg's Toasted Corn Flakes; 2 packages high grade tea siftings, 4 cans Imperial corn, 7 packages Wyandotte washing powder, 3 packages Bell starch, 5 packages Victor starch, 6 pounds bulk starch, 4 packages Arm & Hammer soda, 3 pounds Blue Ribbon raisins, 2 packages XXXX coffee. Our own blend coffee, 17c per pound—you cannot buy better coffee at 25c anywhere. Chase & Sanborn's celebrated Seal Brand or White House coffee at 30c. Pail syrup (gallons) 35c. 1/2 barrel Henkel's Bread Flour, 75c. American A bags 20c, worth 23c. A full line of Staple Groceries at Extra Special prices for balance of 1908. You should not fail to take advantage of this golden opportunity.

WILSEY & CATHCART

For Christmas

We have unpacked the choicest, newest Holiday Goods, selected with a determination to give the public the most complete and varied line of goods at a wide range of prices. We have many new things of interest to show you in our lines of

Jewelry, Silverware, Chinaware

Call early and inspect our lines of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Watches, Rings, Bracelets, Jewel Cases, Fobs, Chains, Locketts, Clocks, Plated Ware, etc.

CASS CITY

T. L. TIBBALS

P., O. & N. R. R.

Reduced Fares for the Holidays

Tickets will be sold between all stations on its line at one and one-third fare for round trip December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st, 1909.

All limited to return not later than January 4th, 1909.

F. H. CARROLL, Gen. Pass. Agt.

BANNER SALVE, the most healing salve in the world.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR for children; safe, sure. No opiates

Santa Claus Sale

Santa having more Fur Coats than he could carry, sent us a consignment to be closed out Saturday and Monday, December 19 and 21. If you want a Fur Coat this winter now is the time. You will never have another opportunity for such High Grade Goods at Low Grade prices. Note prices and date.

2 DAYS ONLY 2

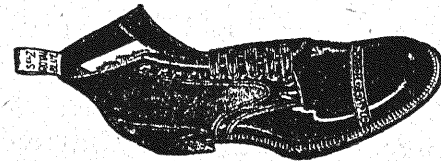


Ladies' Fur Coats	
Leak Astrachan, bargain at \$24.00 for	\$19.50
" " " " " " " "	32.00 for 25.00
Fine Russian Pony " " " "	50.00 for 37.50
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These are all High Grade Goods guaranteed to be the best makes in America. Same date as above we will sell all Boys' and Children's Overcoats at 1/4 off. A lot of Men's Macinaw Coats, worth \$2 at \$1.25 Men's Boots, all 6 and 7 in size, worth \$3.50 at \$1.75 Lots of other Special Bargains to please you.

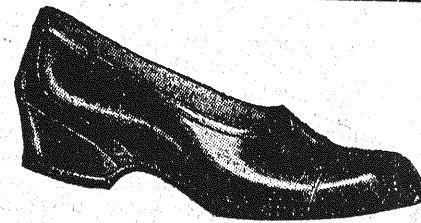
Men's Fur Coats	
Leak Calf	cheap at \$23.00 for \$16.50
Astrachan Calf	23.00 for 16.50
Russian	27.00 for 22.50
Artrachan	35.00 for 27.50
Montana Buffalo	16.50 for 13.50
Shorn Lamb	15.00 for 12.50

A fine line of Clothing, Gloves, Socks, Handkerchiefs, Underwear, Shoes and Rubbers, Hats and Caps, Fancy Collar, Tie and Glove Boxes, all of which will make handsome Christmas Presents at prices to compare with the lowest. Take advantage of above sale while opportunity offers.



See our Pocahontas Moccasins and Gloves tanned and made by the Bombay Indians.

THE MODEL CLOTHING AND SHOE CO.



JOHN B. PETTINGER SURPRISED

Fair Officers and Wives at His Home Thursday.

Three times plans have been made for a surprise party in honor of John B. Pettinger by his fellow officers of the Cass City Fair association. Twice because of bad weather and other hindrances, the event was postponed, but the third time the weather was ideal and the day chosen was convenient for several of the officers and their wives to be present.

The event occurred on Thursday, Dec. 10. Mr. Pettinger's home is near



JOHN B. PETTINGER.

Cumber and the remembrance of the pleasant hours spent there that day will linger long in the minds of the guests. A delicious dinner was served at the noon hour and the afternoon passed all too quickly. The Misses Pettinger, daughters of the host, furnished music during the afternoon which won much praise from the fair men and women.

A FAMILY REUNION.

A reunion of the Darbee family was held at the home of Edward G. Darbee, five miles north of Imlay City, on Thanksgiving day.

Thirty-two members of the family were present to enjoy the day. At noon a sumptuous dinner was served.

Mrs. H. B. Snyder of Cass City is a member of the family, but was unable to attend. Those who were present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs.

Jas. Snyder and daughter, Mrs. B. W. Miller and two daughters and Mrs. H. A. Darbee, all of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. B. Goodell, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Valentine, Ernest Darbee and family and Mrs. F. Goodell of Lapeer; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darbee, Mr. and Mrs. George Lowe and Bliss Darbee, all of Almont; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hartwell and Elmer Pace of Imlay City; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Patterson and son, Harry, of Melvin.

THUMB NOTES.

Sebewaing is looking for a man who has the "wherewithal" to conduct a feed barn in that town.

Andrew Nacley a respected citizen of Oliver township, Huron County, died at his home last Thursday at the age of 68 years. He was in poor health for about two years.

William Perkins and associates of Detroit were granted a franchise by the trustees of Caro, to build and operate a railroad through certain streets of the town when they shall have organized a railroad company for the purpose.

The firm of Beckman Bros., who opened a dry goods and furnishings store in Zimmer building on Main street a few years ago, have closed their doors and the business is now in the hands of Edison Moore & Co. of Detroit. For some time business has been poor, and the inevitable was seen by members of the firm and, to avoid any more distressing circumstances, they decided to give a trust chattel mortgage to the Detroit firm.—Sebewaing Blade.

Little Lillian Paige, the four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Paige, was horribly burned at her home Tuesday forenoon while attempting to light a candle with a match. The child with a younger sister were left alone in the living rooms of their home, the only other person in the house being a Mrs. Black who was busy in the laundry in the basement. The woman being slightly deaf failed to hear the alarm of the child and it was only the odor of burning hair that attracted her attention to the upper rooms. Upon reaching the child she found her to be completely enveloped in flames and threw a rug around her smothering the fire. Dr. McLean was called to attend the child and pronounced her injuries serious. She is resting well and the doctor says she will recover.—Deckerville Recorder.

CASS CITY MARKETS.

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Cass City, Mich., Dec. 17, 1908.	
BUYING PRICE—	
Wheat No. 1, white	96
Wheat, No. 2, red	96
Rye No. 2	69
Oats, new	49
Choice Handpicked Beans	3 00
Alsike	6 50 7 50
June or Mammoth	4 50 4 75
Peas	90
Hay	6 00 7 00
Eggs, per doz.	27
Butter, per lb.	20
Fat cows, live weight, per lb.	3 3/4
Steers, live weight, per lb.	3 3/4
Fat Sheep, live weight, per lb.	2 3/8
Lambs, live weight, per lb.	4 1/2
Live Hogs	4 1/2
Dressed Hogs	5 5/4
Dressed Beef	5 6
Calves	5 6
Chickens	7 8
Ducks	8
Geese	7
Turkey	12
Hides, green	5 6
ROLLER MILLS.	
White Lily, per cwt.	2 70
Economy per cwt.	2 00
Fanchon per cwt.	3 20
Gold Rim, per cwt.	3 20
Graham flour per cwt.	3 50
Buckwheat Flour, per cwt.	3 50
Granulated meal, per cwt.	2 50
Feed per cwt.	1 50
Meal per cwt.	1 75
Bran per cwt.	1 30
Middlings per cwt.	1 40
Oil Meal per cwt.	2 00
Gluten meal, per cwt.	1 80
Cotton Seed Meal, per cwt.	1 80
Salt, per bbl.	85 90

INSTITUTE DATES.

County Secretary James Haley of the Huron County Farmers' Institute society has announced the following dates for institutes during the winter months:

Sebewaing, Jan. 12—G. Gettel, local manager.

Owendale, Jan. 13—Dave Coulter, manager.

Elkton, Jan. 14—Oscar Rogers, manager.

Kinde, Jan. 15—R. Dukelow, manager.

Uby, Jan. 16—S. Donaldson, manager.

Harbor Beach, Jan. 18—Angus Morrison, manager.

State Speaker, H. B. Carmon of Rochester, Mich.

NEW OFFICERS.

Venus Rebekah Lodge elected the following officers Friday evening:

Noble Grand—Carrie Robinson.

Vice Grand—Edna Matzen.

Recording Secretary—Etta Wickware.

Financial Secretary—Mrs. Belle Seed.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. D. Crosby.

Buckwheat ground every day at the Cass City Roller Mills.



The Christmas Rush is On

All Christmas questions must be settled quickly now.

Here is where Christmas Shopping is made easy. Here is where you find the largest line of Holiday Goods shown in the Thumb.

Toys of all kinds. Dolls at all prices from \$1.00 to \$2.25 each. Toy Furniture—Cradles, Tables, Chairs, Settees, Dressers, Cupboards, Brass Beds, etc. at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.50. Doll Go-Carts at 48c and 98c.

Toilet Cases from 50c to \$4.00 each. Shaving Sets from 50c to \$3.75 each. Sewing Sets, Manicure Sets, Silverware, Post Cards in great variety. Post Card Albums, Musical Instruments, Fancy Glassware in Water Sets, 4-piece Sets and Fruit Sets; Fancy Work Baskets, Collar and Cuff Boxes.

Great 10c Line of Decorated China

Creamers, Cups and Saucers, Sugars, Mugs, Fruits, Mustards, Cake Plates, Hair Receivers, Puff Boxes, Bread and Butter Plates, Pin Trays, Salt and Pepper Shakes, Custard Cups, Childs' Cups, etc. Many articles in this lot worth 15c and 25c each, all go in at - 10c

Handkerchiefs galore, all kinds, all prices, 2c to 50c

Candy Candy Candy

We have the goods to meet all comers. Two Specials--3 pounds high grade Taffy 25c; 4 pounds Grocers' Mixed 25c; 3 pounds fresh roasted Peanuts for 25c.

PALMER BROS.

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK

GAGETOWN

Local Items

Subject of the pastor's sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning will be: "The Christmas Spirit." There will be no service in the evening.

Mrs. N. Bigelow was called to Pontiac Saturday by the death of her sister, Mrs. Brondige. Mr. Bigelow left Monday afternoon to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Wm. Murphy left Wednesday morning for a visit with relatives in London, Ingersol, and Thamesford, Ont. She expects to remain two weeks.

The Daughters of Rebekah gave a reception at Odd Fellows' hall last Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Geo. McCrear and Mrs. Frank Bliss at which a most enjoyable time was spent.

Cass City Lodge, I. O. O. F. has elected the following officers: N. G., P. P. Weber; V. G., George Bartle; treasurer, G. E. Perkins; financial secretary, P. A. Schenck; recording

secretary, Glen Moore. Installation of officers will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6.

One of our lady readers asked the Chronicle yesterday to request the merchants to leave a little snow on the sidewalks in front of their business places. Go-carts with wheels, the lady says, run badly on the side streets through the snow and sleighs are hard to pull along Main street on a shopping tour when the walks are bare.

Mrs. H. S. Wickware has received a Christmas cake from her daughter, Mrs. R. L. King. Though the cake made the long journey from Saskatchewan, Northwest Canada, to Cass City through the mails, it arrived in good condition. Dr. and Mrs. King have recently located in Prince Albert and are both enjoying the best of health. Their home was formerly in Grand Fell, Sask.

One hundred persons were present at the reception given at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening for Rev. O. A. Knapp, the new pastor. The occasion was a delightful one in

which those in attendance became better acquainted with the reverend gentleman and also with the members of the church and community. Rev. H. W. Clough, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. J. A. Schweitzer, pastor of the Evangelical church, participated in an impromptu program and gave short talks. Rev. Knapp responded. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, coffee and fried cakes were served.

Good work mare coming 5 years old, weight 1200, sound, for sale. 12-18 A. A. McKenzie.

Popular magazines at Rubl's.

Dry cedar kindling for sale. J. D. Tuckey. 12-11-

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

The following are the unclaimed letters in the Cass City postoffice for the week ending December 12, 1908: W. A. Anderson Mrs. A. Hitchcock Geo. H. Thornton

SCHOOL BOOK PROBLEM.

If the Committee of Six who were elected at the council room meeting Aug. 21, 1908 (to interview the school board of District No. 5 regarding their refusal to spend a postage stamp to get information as to what could be done to furnish school books at less expense to buyers as petitioned by our 200 taxpayers) would make a full report through the Chronicle, it would facilitate matters somewhat, besides answer many inquiries.

FRANKLIN LENZNER.

Great Music Offer.

Send us the names of three or more performers on the Piano or Organ and twenty-five cents in silver or postage and we will mail you postpaid our latest Popular Music Roll containing 20 pages full Sheet Music, consisting of popular Songs, Marches and Waltzes arranged for the Piano or Organ including Rud. Knauer's famous "Flight of the Butterflies," "March Manila" and the latest popular song, "The Girl I've Seen." Popular Music Publishing Co., Indianapolis, Ind.



BY FRANCES MARGARET FOX

Now had been falling in the mountains many days before Christmas. Down in the sunbright valley mother and little Nina gazed up at the shining peaks and were homesick.

"Will he hang his stockings by the stone fireplace?" asked Nina, "and don't you s'pose he'll be vited somewhere to dinner?"

"I wish we had stayed with him," said mother, "if he can live through the winter in the mountains, so could we."

"But he told us 'no,' don't you remember? He said he brought us to southern California on purpose so we could live always in a summer land."

Mother sighed. The little family had been west only a few weeks when father was offered a position as book-keeper for a lumber company away up in the Sierras.

Living in the mountains had been delightful through the summer, but at the first hint of cold weather the tent home was packed, father bought a cabin and sent mother and the little daughter to the valley.

Father was an artist and he declared that he should like nothing better than to paint pictures of snowy peaks with no one to interrupt him and nothing else to do but to guard the company's property.

"It is a wonderful chance," he had insisted.

Mother and Nina had tried to believe he was right; but the little bungalow which they rented already furnished, seemed but a poor excuse for a house.

"I wish I could see him hang up his stockings," continued Nina. "Oh, I wish I could put this penwiper I'm making in the very toe of it!"

Mother made no reply. She wished so much that she, too, might fill that lonely stocking in the mountain cabin.

"Oh, mother, mother!" exclaimed Nina, dropping her spool and scissors and springing to her feet. "I have a beautiful idea! You always have to keep your Christmas presents, don't you? You never can send them back, can you?"

"Surely not," was the answer.

"But, mother, s'pose you wish your Christmas present hadn't come. Would it be very polite to tell the ones that gave it to you that you were getting along nicely without their Christmas present and that you really didn't want it?"

"Why, of course not, Nina. We must think of the loving thought behind the gift, even if Uncle John should send no skates this very winter!"

Two arms flew swiftly around mother's neck.

"Oh, I have such a beautiful idea," repeated Nina. "We'll ride on the stage with the Christmas box and give ourselves to father for a Christmas present. He wouldn't return his Christmas present, now, would he?"

"Would you be contented, Nina, to live up there all winter?" asked mother. "You must remember that we will be four miles from Fredalba. You will have no little girls to play with, no school, no Sunday school, no—"

"But, mother, can't we have a school with you for the teacher, and a Sunday school? Can't I have a whole row of snow men to play with? And, mother! we'll have a real Christmas!"

Thus it happened that two passengers went up the trail on the last stage of the old year.

"Anybody going to meet you in Fredalba?" asked the stage driver. "The weather is pretty severe up here a few thousand feet higher. Had lots of rain in the valley and that means snow storms in the mountains."

"No one will meet us," said mother, "but we know the trail from Fredalba and our burros are there, although we didn't expect to see them again until next summer."

"You can telephone from Fredalba," suggested the stage driver. "They tell me your husband has a telephone out at camp."

"But we're Christmas presents," explained Nina; "so we must surprise him. Don't you know that to-night will be Christmas eve?"

"If the wind doesn't come up, you'll be all right," the man replied, but unless I'm mistaken, there's a heavy snow falling in the mountains this minute."

mother who would push on. "We know the trail so well," said she, "and the burros know it better. In two hours we can reach camp."

"It seems to me," said the stage driver as he watched the two disappear around the curve, "it seems to me that some folks haven't any sense," and shutting his lips in a determined fashion he went to the telephone and called for Nina's father. "I'll tell him his folks are coming and to go out to meet them," he explained to the men standing near. "Otherwise the poor fellow may have a surprise he won't like on Christmas day."

To the stage driver's dismay there was no answer to his call. Father's cabin in the Sierras was evidently deserted.

"See here," said he to a friend, "you call Brown up in half an hour and tell him that his wife and daughter are on the trail."

"The wires are down," declared a big man who came in at that moment from outside. "No use trying to telephone."

With fear for the safety of his passengers, the stage driver drove down the trail to the valley.

In the meantime the two plodded along on the sure footed burros, calling merrily to each other as they passed the well-known landmarks.

On and on, up and up they toiled, the snow falling faster and faster, the wind more furious every minute. One mile, two miles. By that time the snow blinded them and but for the faithful burros they could not have kept the trail. It grew colder and colder, and the short afternoon was ended. That meant sudden darkness among those solemn, snow-clad peaks. It meant too, that mother and Nina



But for the Faithful Burros They Could Not Have Kept the Trail.

were thoroughly frightened. They couldn't talk except to urge the burros on. The wind took their breath.

"We won't be Christmas presents, I'm afraid," sobbed Nina, through chattering teeth.

"Say your prayers," suggested mother, "it is all we can do now."

They had long since dropped the reins and trusted the burros to choose their own way. Mother recalled story after story of men who had perished on those mountain trails and she blamed herself for ever attempting such a journey. Suddenly a welcome sight appeared before the struggling travelers.

"The lights of Mr. Dean's cabin!" exclaimed Nina. "Oh, mother! We have reached Mr. Dean's ranch and we're still alive! To-morrow we'll see father!"

A funny thing then happened. Both burros began to bray. Mother and Nina laughed and cried at the sound. Instantly the signal was answered. Robert Dean flung open the cabin door and in a flood of light beheld his visitors.

"Well, well, well!" he exclaimed. "Who told you that we're having a Christmas dinner here this evening, turkey and all? Why, Miss Nina, your father is or was at the table!"

The next thing Nina knew she was in her father's arms and mother was removing her wraps.

"Are we frozen or anything, mother?" asked the child.

"No we're all right and so are the burros," was the reply.

"Oh, how glad everybody is!" the little girl exclaimed. "And I'm hungry—and—and father, we're your Christmas presents!"

Father, for some reason couldn't say "thank you," but didn't speak of returning the precious gifts and it is doubtful if anywhere in the valley below there was such happiness as filled the mountain cabin that Christmas eve.

Yuletide Musings

The joyous time is drawing nigh, the time of turkey, pudding, pie; nor do we dream of after ills, of squills, and pills, and Christmas bills.

A girl begins to hang up the mistletoe at about the age when she stops hanging up her stockings.

A pessimist is a fellow who wouldn't hang up his stocking for fear old Santa Claus might swipe it.

Christmas cigars are not always puffed up with pride.

There's many a slip 'twixt the Miss and the mistletoe.

Don't make it too strong. Many a man has been knocked out by one good, stiff punch.

Ask a truthful woman what she enjoys most about Christmas, and she will tell you the bargain sales afterward.

To sing a rhyme of Christmas time (that line is but the first of it), here's hoping you may not feel blue because you get the worst of it.

When a child writes a letter of thanks to Santa Claus, it should be cherished like a rare plant. That kid isn't long for this world.

No Christmas present is so useless that you can't pass it on to some one else next year.

Remember that it is better to give than to receive—the things you don't want.

Take off the tags. Many a friendship has been severed by the price mark on a Christmas present.

I have often wondered wherein consisted the wisdom of Solomon when he had a thousand wives. I am now convinced that it must have been in living in the days before Christmas was celebrated.

It's all right to pity the poor at this peace-on-earth season, but it is also well to remember that sympathy doesn't fill an empty stomach.

RULES FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

- Give willingly. Give tactfully. Put thought into your giving. Don't consider return gifts. Never give to others what you wouldn't want yourself. The unexpected gift insures a special appreciation. To give ostentatiously is the height of bad taste. Give to the sick and the sorrowful if you would know the true joy of giving. Never give more than you can afford.

A Yuletide Bouquet to You, My Friend

BY CAPT. JACK CRAWFORD

FROM out the larder of my soul, Where nature's mystic potes blend With fruits and flowers, I fill love's bowl, And serve it warm to you, my friend.

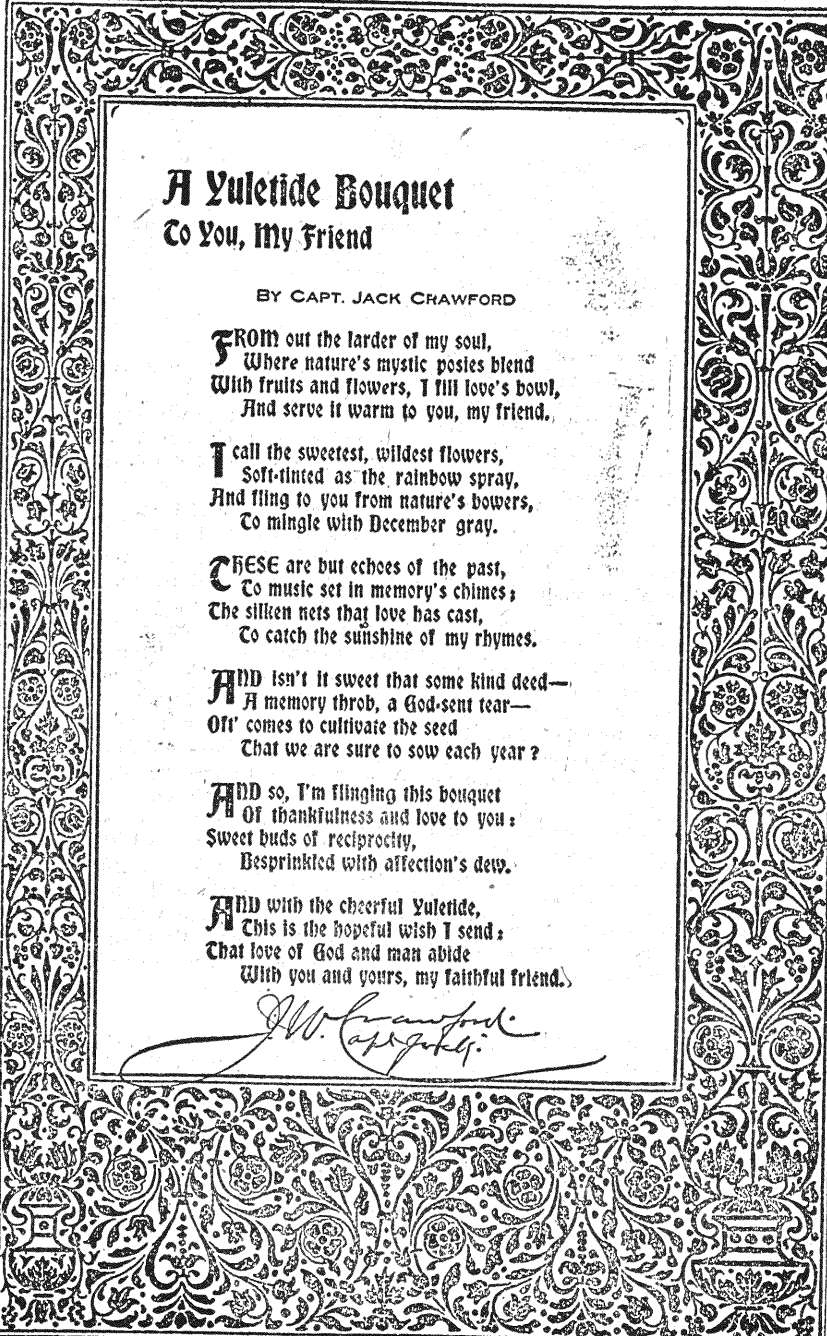
I call the sweetest, wildest flowers, Soft-lit as the rainbow spray, And fling to you from nature's bowers, To mingle with December gray.

THESE are but echoes of the past, To music set in memory's chimes; The silted nets that love has cast, To catch the sunshine of my rhymes.

AND isn't it sweet that some kind deed— A memory throb, a God-sent tear— Ours comes to cultivate the seed That we are sure to sow each year?

AND so, I'm flinging this bouquet Of thankfulness and love to you: Sweet buds of reciprocity, Besprinkled with affection's dew.

AND with the cheerful Yuletide, This is the hopeful wish I send: That love of God and man abide With you and yours, my faithful friend.



ford. Your friends know your circumstances as well as you do yourself and the pleasure of both giving and receiving is lost.

A Question in Finance.

"Are you good at arithmetic, my dear?" asked Mr. Perkaskie of his wife. "I was accounted the very best arithmetician at school," replied Mrs. Perkaskie, with a touch of pride in her voice.

"I have a problem for you." "State it." "How can I buy \$50 worth of Christmas presents with \$10 in cash and no credit?"

Why She Stood There.

"Don't you think," suggested a young man to his partner at a dance, "that we should move farther up the room out of the draught?"

"Oh, well, if you like!" replied the girl, snappishly. It was only when they moved away that the youth noticed that they had been beneath a large bunch of mistletoe.

MR. STAYBOLT AS SANTA CLAUS

Some Things He Would Like to Give If He Could.

"Do you know the Christmas present I'd like to make if I could?" said Mr. Staybolt. "I'd like to give cheerfulness to the downhearted; courage to the timid, and strength to the weak; the power of self-denial to those who yield too easily, and a desire to work to the lazy."

"I have often thought what a pity it is that you can't buy all these things, these helpful qualities, already put up and at such a price as to put them within the reach of all; canned cheerfulness, bottled hopefulness, courage in tablets, and strength, say, in the form of a powder, and so on; or you might, I suppose, put 'em all up canned, for that matter."

"But in the absence of such market preparations and our consequent inability to buy such things and send them as gifts to those whom they might most benefit perhaps you will permit me to offer to each a word of suggestion."

"To the dispirited take a cheerful view. To the downhearted, don't dwell on the doleful side. To the timid, don't be afraid. To the weak, or those who fancy themselves so, try your strength. You'll be surprised to find how much you've got."

To those who yield too easily, deny yourself once, and again, and feel the joy and strength that will come back to you. To the lazy, get a job with a shovel, in a gang of laborers, under a driving boss; and if you are not glad to get back to your present job to do the best you know how at it, I miss my guess.

"I can't send you these things in cans or bottles; but if anyone of you will take my advice and stick to it, you'll think that Mr. Staybolt was a very kind Santa Claus."



Lo, now is come our joyfullst time, Let every man be jolly; Each room with Ivy leaves is drest, And every post with Holly. Without the door let Sorrow lie, And if for cold he hap to die, We'll bury him in a Christmas Pye, And evermore be merry.

ALL of the evergreen plants have long been considered symbolic of immortality, of rebirth. Hence they, and they alone, are appropriate decorations for the Christmas season, which was originally a celebration, under the disguise of various national religious forms, of the turning of the sun at the winter solstice, and the consequent renewal of life on the earth.

When Constantine was converted, he seized upon every underlying likeness, however remote, between the old faith and the new. Every familiar symbol that might be stretched to fit the strange faith; every old custom that would help to reconcile his lately, and sometimes forcibly, converted people to their unaccustomed belief, was adopted and re-explained. And the return of the sun, bringing life and light to the winter-bringing earth, became the prototype of the coming of the Son of Man, bringing life and light to the soul of the sin-bound world. So that at first all the heathen observances were retained as far as possible, and merely given a new meaning.

At the Christmas festival, the Ivy and holly still made a summer screen of the stone walls, as in ancient Germany they had turned the huge halls at mid-winter, to bowers of greenery, wherein the sylvan sprites, who dwell in summer among the forest trees, might pass the frozen months without too much discomfort. An echo from Scandinavia is still heard in the saying current among the peasants of the old world that if any bit of holiday decoration is left in the house after Candlemas day (February 2), a troop of little devils will enter and sit, one on each withered leaf, every one bringing its own small curse upon the house. These little devils are merely the old forest sprites, detained against their will by their undestroyed winter refuge and fretting to return to the awakening woods of spring.

The churches were still green with Christmas garlands in those early days, and ablaze with candles, as the temples of Saturn had always been during the corresponding Roman festival of the Saturnalia. But, as Poly-dore Vergil remarks, "Trimming the temples with hangings, flowers, boughs and garlandes, was taken of the heathen people, which decked their idols and houses in such array." And as time went on, and it became no more necessary to make concessions that would help reconcile the people to their changed faith, these "heathen" customs became distasteful to the church. One of the early councils forbids men longer "to deck up their houses with lawrell, yvie, and greene boughes, as we used to doe at the Christmase season."

This command was observed in the temples, but in the baronial halls the old customs lived on; lived down their questionable past; won again the toleration of the priests who had sternly banished them, and to-day all the evergreens again are admitted to the strictest church, so that we again can say at Christmas,

"Now with bright Holly all the temples strow With Ivy green, and sacred Mistletoe."

The "Early Calendar of English Flowers," an old poem wherein each month is recognized by its appropriate plant symbol, ends with these lines: Soon the evergreen Laurel alone is greene, When Catherine crowns all learned menne.

The Ivy and Hollie berries are scene, And Yule log and Wassale come round agen.

The laurel is used not at all, and the ivy but little, in American decorations at Christmas, since both plants are exceedingly rare here. But in England the use of the ivy at least is universal,

and the references to it in Christmas song and story alone would fill a small volume.

Besides its claim to appropriateness for the Christmas season which it holds in common with other evergreens, it has two especially strong recommendations of its own. On account of its habit of clinging strongly to its supporting tree or wall, it is a popular symbol of friendship and fidelity, and as such, an excellent decoration for the season of good will and universal brotherhood. And it was, in Roman days, sacred to Bacchus, who, when a baby, was hidden by his aunt, Ino, among its leaves, to save him from Juno's destructive wrath. Frynne says:

At Christmas men do always Ivy get, And in each corner of the house it set; But why do they then use that Bacchus weed? Because they mean then Bacchus-like to feed.

This satirical explanation was but too true in the earlier days, when Christmas lasted for weeks, and was given over to a revelry almost wholly heathen in character.

To-day, in America, the Christmas decorations almost exclusively are of holly, which, for all its popularity, is less consecrated by legend than any other holiday greenery. To be sure we make a sparing use of the mistletoe, which, from the ancient Druidical meaning of purity given to its wax-white berries, and from its use by them in the marriage rite, has come to give a charter for kissing as "broad as the wind." And we have added the bitter-sweet, which has no traditional signification whatever, is not an evergreen, and is to be tolerated merely for its beauty's sake, and for the slight suggestion it gives of the holly berry.

Our American holly is said to be less beautiful than the European plant, having leaves of a duller green. But, making all allowances for possible disadvantages, it still is a remarkably beautiful tree. And as a symbol of the immortality which it is the season's special mission to teach, it surely has no rival. The leaves remain on the branches for three years, losing their hold only when they are pushed off at last by the growing buds of spring.

Throughout England, so little is its supremacy disputed, that it is popularly known as "Christmas," just as the hawthorn is called "The May."

Its name has been a matter of considerable interest. Theophrastus and other Greek authors named the plant Agria; that is, wild, or of the fields. The Romans formed from this the word Agrifolium and called it also Aquifolium, from actum, sharp, and folium, a leaf. Bauhin and Loureiro first named it Ilex, from the resemblance of its leaves to those of the Quercus Ilex, a species of oak which was the true Ilex of Virgil. Linnaeus adopted the name Ilex for the genus, and preserved the name Aquifolium for the most anciently known species.

Our popular name, holly, probably is a corruption of the word holy, as Turner in his herbal calls it holy, and holy tree. The thorny foliage, and the berries like drops of bright blood, could scarcely fail to remind a Christian of the crown of thorns, and this, together with the universal use of the plant in the churches at Christmas easily would account for the name.

In Germany it is known as Christ-dorn. The Danish name is Christorn and the Swedish Christorn. The same name, Christ's thorn, is found in some parts of England. But as no legend connects the holly with the crown of thorns, this name, universal among the Germanic peoples, must be merely the result of its appearance, and of its Christmas popularity, as before suggested.

A Useless Present. Aunt—Yes, Johnny, Santa Claus brought you a baby brother. Johnny—Great Scot! Another present that ain't any use!

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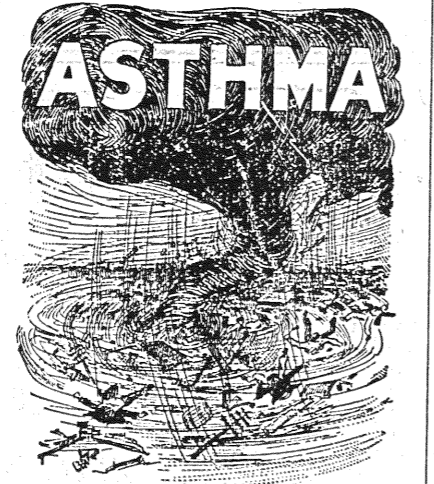
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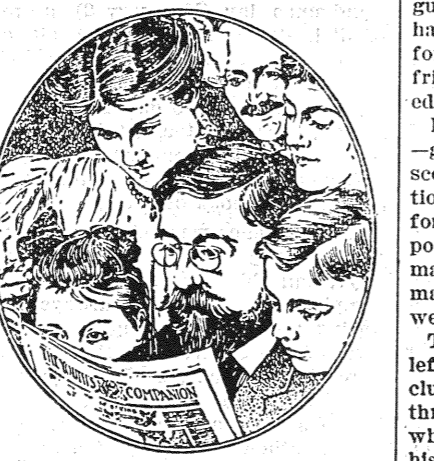
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CHAPTER XXII

REGORIO DEL PILAR, the picturesque Filipino leader, about whom so much has been written in praise by the war correspondents, was leading his men back into the danger fields, inviting the American pursuers into every trap which his crafty brain could devise.

Shortly after daybreak one morning a slim, black figure crept out from among the trees and gave the counter-signal to the challenging sentry. He was soon on his way to the captain's headquarters bearing news of importance.

"Halt! Who goes there?" A shot rang out in the stillness of the night. It was answered at once by another closer in. More shots followed, gradually increasing to a fusillade as the scouts and pickets came running back.

"Here they are! Now, then, boys, fire!" Volley after volley rang out. The foremost of the enemy fell at their feet. Hand to hand was the fighting. The bayonets lunged with deadly effect, but seemed powerless to thrust the mass back on itself.

Suddenly there was an exultant yell from the enemy. Instinctively Bansemmer knew that one side of the square

"We'll get a scrap that is a scrap, boys," said Connell exultingly. "These fellows are going to put up a fight at last. They're like bees up yonder. We've got to fall back on the company. If we don't, they'll chew us up before the little captain can get to us."

Too well did the men know the bellicose temperament of the big Irishman to think of grumbling at such a command, yet it was with a certain reluctance which invariably accompanies a backward step that the men retired to meet the advancing company.

Young Bansemmer in his khaki uniform was not the immaculate, debonaire man of the drawing room. Service, though short, had been hard and grueling. His face was even handsomer with its rugged lines and set features. He was thinner and browner; his eyes were clearer and a darker gray; his hair seemed thicker and fairer than before; his figure more erect and sinewy.

Every night before he lay down to sleep, in the rice field or the barrios, he took from his pocket a leather case and gazed at the small portrait it sheltered. No one had been permitted to see him in his devotions, for that was what he called these sacred moments. His lean face, full of fierce energy all day long, softened as his eyes devoured the dainty miniature.

"Who are you, my young friend?" asked Bansemmer, holding the boy at arm's length. There was no answer from the tightly closed lips, and Bansemmer shook him a little roughly. Then for the first time he perceived that he was not a Filipino. His skin was dark, but not the skin of the natives. The handsome, boyish face had regular features European in character.

"Spaniard?" inquired Bansemmer a trifle more gently, and again the boy flashed a look of hatred into his captor's eyes. "Look here, my young spalpeen," said Connell gruffly, "Filipino or Spaniard, if you want to save your hide you'd better answer questions—and no lies, do you hear?"

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had given way. Quickly turning, he rushed to give his aid and just in time caught the arm of a native about to slash him with a huge knife. With the two gripped hands high in the air struggling for mastery the adversaries became separated a bit from the rest of the chaotic mass of friend and foe, swaying out to one side of the plaza and under the walls of a convent. Bansemmer was facing it, and just at the moment that he felt his strength giving way and could see a grin of triumph on the fiendish face there came a flash and a report, and his adversary fell at his feet. Glancing up to ascertain who had fired the shot that had saved his life, he thought he saw a figure disappearing from one of the windows. The incident acted as an inspiration. Gathering together a few men, he reached the captain's side and communicated his plan. The opportunity was not to be lost. Groce gave an order; Connell repeated it. Then interpreting a temporary lull in the murderous struggle as their vantage, the men, with a cheer and dragging the field piece, broke for the building and by bayoneting and clubbing the insurgents out of the way accomplished the dash with slight loss.

Every village has its convent or barrios. Generally speaking, their size corresponds in a certain ratio with the population. But this particular building was an exception. Dimly lighted, it gave the impression of ranking in size with many of those far larger villages. Immediately the thought came to the invaders that the church might have sheltered the insurgent leaders. Aguineldo or Pilar might have directed the attack from inside these walls. Orders were given to search every corner and crevice to ferret out concealed foes. A rear window was open, proving that flight could have been by that means of egress. Bansemmer was almost positive that the bullet which had killed his assailant had come from one of the upper windows, but whether from friend or foe was undeterminable. Were they not in a cunningly planned trap of some kind?

Considerably perplexed, Bansemmer decided to keep on his guard. He was ruthlessly searching the chancel when a deep groan caught his attention. Presently, as he paused to listen, a dark figure leaped toward him from a recess back of the altar. The flash of a pistol blinded him and momentarily a sharp pain shot through his arm, but he recovered in time to throw his tall frame forward upon the slight, almost indistinguishable figure. There was a short struggle, and before his comrade could reach him his adversary was safely pinned to the floor. A moment later the torches in the hands of his friends were burning brightly above the figure of his captive—a slender boy who choked with terror and rage.

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Again the sick man groaned, tried to rise from the blankets and speak, but only to fall back moaning. Connell cautioned him against exertion and promised that no harm should come to either of them. While he reported the discovery to Captain Groce, he had the

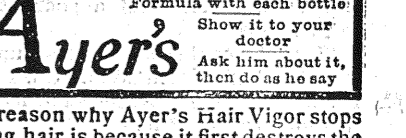
How came you here?" "Prisoners," was the sullen answer. "Of the Filipinos?" Bansemmer asked in surprise. "Yes." "Then why did you try to kill me?" "I hate you both! We Spaniards, have we not as much to fear from you? What difference does color make in brutes?"



There was a short struggle. "By the way, apostles! You're a gritty young 'un!" growled the returning sergeant. "Who's the other chap?" "My brother—he's dying," said the boy, his voice softening. "Holy Virgin, save him! For weeks we've been in the hands of Aguineldo's men. He's

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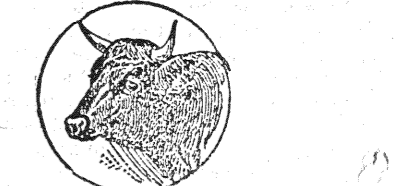
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Circuit Court.

The matter of the appeal of Geo. H. DuBoise and Mary E. Lewis from the allowance of the last will and testament of their brother, Isaac DuBoise, of Vassar has occupied the whole time of the court last week, and is expected to continue this week. About 25 witnesses for the contestants have been examined and a large number are expected to be heard in rebuttal. Frank L. Fales and Quinn, Wixson & Quinn are attorneys for proponents and James G. McHenry of Detroit, Harry G. Kimball of Washington, D. C., and Spears & Allen are for contestants. The heirs of Isaac DuBoise claim he was not mentally competent to make a will.

Probate Court.

In the matter of Harold Wilkin, Lee Botsford and Willis Coope, all of Wells, temporary order made placing them in charge of County Agent Rob Lyon.

In the matter of Jas. Hisecock, inmate of the county farm, Guy S. Graham appointed guardian.

Estate of Edward Bosley, late of Unionville, deceased, Allen D. Stranahan appointed general administrator.

BEAULEY.

Katie Thompson spent Sunday in Cass City.

Edward Chetsburg is still very ill, but improving.

The company machine has yet another week's work south of us.

Ladies' aid this week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Amos Hoffman.

Sleighting is good. Everybody enjoying the ride behind the bells.

Wm. Lowe and family spent Sunday at the home of Archie McAlpine.

Prayer meeting and trustee meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday evening.

Elias Killins of the power house at Cass City, spent Sunday with his mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Carroll spent Monday and Tuesday in Shabbona and Marlette.

Several of our people took in the sights in the California cars and were well pleased with the exhibits.

'Tis a treat to see the show windows of the merchants in Cass City. They certainly look ready for Christmas.

All our young folks are practicing for their Christmas programs. We will do well to hear them on Christmas night.

Among the people from here who will go on the holiday excursion to points in Ontario are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reader, Colson Blair, Joseph Crawford, Mrs. Wm. Murphy and Thomas Murphy.

PINGREE.

A good time to buy a big fat turkey.

A goodly number attended the party the other evening at William Gardner's.

The California exhibition cars were visited by a number from our locality and all seem to unite in much praise for the excellent appearance of the cars as well as the contents thereof.

Irvin F. Cooke has returned from Caro after a successful campaign in the manufacturing of sugar beets into granulated sugar and other sweets. The sugar beet industry is certainly a wonderful and interesting enterprise for the state.

Mrs. McLaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me." L. I. Wood & Co.

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Admiral Togo bears the marks of his splendid lineage. The mohair clip which was used to make Mr. Taft's pair of trousers was of six months' growth. It was cut last March and yielded ten pounds, which is said to be the largest six months' clip ever taken from an Angora goat.

It was suggested by some of the Angora goat raisers in Texas who are admirers of Mr. Taft that it would be doing a nice thing to have a pair of trousers manufactured from the mohair that had been cut from Admiral Togo. John B. Carrington of San Antonio took charge of the matter and sent the clip to a Philadelphia firm of cloth manufacturers. It was converted into an elegant piece of cloth. It was then sent to Owen Owen of Washington, D. C., who is one of Mr. Taft's tailors, and had his measure. It was found that the piece of cloth from the ten pounds of mohair was ample for a pair of trousers for Mr. Taft. Mr. Owen made the goods up in proper style and the trousers were then turned over to Col. Cecil Lyon, Republican national committeeman from Texas, for use at the Chicago convention.

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Chicago.—Judge Samuel R. Artman of Lebanon, Ind., who has a large



JUDGE S. R. ARTMAN

number of friends in the prohibition movement who favor making him the party's candidate for president, is a circuit court judge of Boone county, Indiana, who gave a decision against the constitutionality of licensing saloons February 13, 1907. According to the decision the state of Indiana had no more right to license liquor selling than to license gambling, being dangerous to public morals and public safety. The decision supported the claims of the Anti-Nuisance League of Indiana and was hailed by prohibitionists as affording a means of combating liquor-selling throughout the nation. Since the decision Judge Artman has been in demand as a lecturer for prohibition. He is a Republican.

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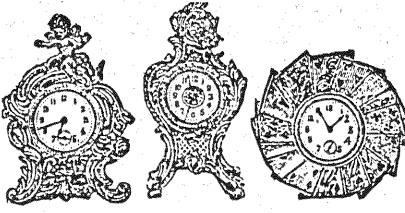
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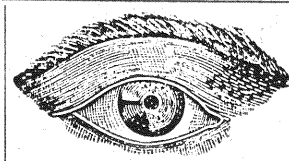
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