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UNITED ACTION NEEDED IN WORK

CITIZENS OF ALL TOWNSHIPS
SHOULD WORK FOR R.R.
RIGHT OF WAY.

The local railroad committee visited Bad Axe Tuesday evening and conferred with a similar committee of that city regarding the proposed branch of the P., O. N. from Bad Axe to Cass City. They returned to Cass City early Wednesday morning and brought with them the assurance that prospects were bright for the building of the road to this point providing the right of way was secured from Cass City to the Huron county line by the citizens of the townships through which the road will pass.

Members of the local Improvement Association started a movement on Wednesday evening to secure the right of way, above mentioned when the executive committee of the society was authorized to appoint a committee to undertake this work. The members of the association anticipate that the committee will have the hearty co-operation of citizens in this and adjoining townships through which the line will pass or which it will benefit, and that all will work in harmony and aid the movement as much as possible.

That the building of this road will be an advantage to Cass City there appears to be no doubt, but the largest benefits will result to the farming community through which the railroad passes. Improved farms located in townships where their owners have short hauls for their products often sell for twice the amount per acre over the farms that may have the same soil, the same improvements, climate and rainfall, but are not so accessible to the railroad. There is but one answer for the difference in price. It is the short haul of their products to shipping points and weigh stations.

With a railroad through Elkland, Greenleaf and Sheridan townships, there would be a sudden jump of farm values in those townships. And these lands would be worth this increased value to either sell or keep, because the increased annual profits would be there. The citizens of each township through which the railroad would pass should guarantee the right of way and station grounds through their township. The expense will be very small compared with the resulting benefits. Any community that loses this opportunity will probably never have another. The geography of this section would prevent another steam road after this one is built. It's a case of all work together, or all fall together.

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VOGEL-DECKER NUPTIALS

Marriage Performed at Home of
Bride's Parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Albert Vogel.

At the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vogel in Greenleaf township on Nov. 29, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Lillian, to Stephen Decker. The ceremony was performed at 2 p. m. by Rev. Wm. Vogel of Owosso, an uncle of the bride. It was witnessed by 85 of the friends and relatives of the young people.

The couple was attended by Miss Susan Vogel, sister of the bride, and Arthur Decker, a brother of the groom. The bride was becomingly attired in a cream messaline, while the bridesmaid wore a dress of white embroidery.

Following the ceremony a big wedding dinner was served. The guests present from a distance were John Schaller of Fowlerville, and Chas. Barney, Robert and Miss Freda Block, all of Ruth.

The happy couple will make their home on the groom's farm in Greenleaf township.

Post card albums, 10c to \$1.00 at Peters Bros.

Shorthorn bull calf for sale. Enquire of D. E. Turner. Citizen's phone. 12-8.

Wash Day a dream—with the Easy Washer. At Cootes. 12-8.

Keep your purse fat with the dollars you save at Crosby & Son's.

35 or 40 cords of green poplar and birch wood wanted. John Striffler.

Coasters for the boys, skates for the girls at Cootes. 12-8.

Fancy calendar pads, 1912, at Peters Bros. Make your own calendars.

Attention, Farmers! We buy WET and DAMP BEANS at any time. Cass City Grain Company. 12-8.

Foresters, Attention! A special meeting of Court Elkland, I. O. F., will be held at Crafts Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12. Officers will be elected and other business transacted. S. Champion, R. S.

Several pieces of furniture, in good condition will be sold cheap. Enquire at home of James Tennant before noon. Mrs. Agnes Paris. 12-8-1.

Shaving sets, mugs, etc., 25c to \$2.50 at Peters Bros.

BLUE PRINTS RECEIVED.

Argyle citizens received blue prints Wednesday evening of the proposed railroad from Detroit to Bad Axe via Mt. Clemens, Brown City, Snover, Argyle and Ubyly. The prints show the new road within 40 rods of the village.

A. E. Ripoepe, the promoter of this new road, is expected in Argyle between Dec. 11 and 15, and at that time, the citizens expect to learn more definitely about the project. At present they are quite confident that they will have a railroad in the near future.

DEPOT GROUNDS DONATED BY BAD AXE CITIZENS

Stockholders of Base Ball Association Vote to Give Base Ball Park.

By the terms of the arrangements under which the Grand Trunk Railroad Company agreed to build an extension to Bad Axe, the city must furnish without cost to the railroad company depot grounds and right of way.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Bad Axe Baseball Association last week it was voted to give all the land now enclosed and known as the Baseball Park for depot ground for the proposed new railroad. The railroad company's engineer made this selection as a part of the land required for depot grounds.

The baseball stockholders reserve the grandstand and the high board fence now on the grounds which will be sold as they stand or razed and the lumber sold. This property is valuable and in view of the facts must be considered a splendid gift to the city.

BIG RAILROAD MEETING AT SHABBONA WEDNESDAY

Two Committees Were Appointed to Work for Railroad. Large Number Present.

At a railroad meeting held at Shabbona Wednesday evening, two committees were appointed—one to interview Grand Trunk officials regarding the proposed branch of the P., O. & N. R. R. to Bad Axe and the second committee to secure the right of way.

The following gentlemen are members of the committees: W. F. Ehlers, R. M. Riley, John Caister, Geo. H. Jones and Chas. Severance. The last two named compose the committee to secure the right of way.

Ehlers' Hall, where the meeting was held, was filled to the door. It is said to have been the largest gathering of its character ever held in Shabbona. It is expected that another meeting will be held there in the near future.

COHN-KELLMAN

New Business Man Married to Cleveland Lady Sunday.

When Morris Kellman returned from Cleveland Tuesday evening, he informed his friends of his marriage in that city on Sunday, Dec. 3, and he is now receiving congratulations.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's father, Morris Cohn, at 4955 Othweith Ave., Cleveland. The bride, formerly Miss Blanch Cohn, is a graduate from a Cleveland business college and a young lady who is held in high esteem by her friends in that city.

Mrs. Kellman is expected to arrive here from Cleveland this evening. They will make their home in the residence rooms over Mr. Kellman's department store in the Cement Block.

FAMILY REUNION AT LAPEER.

Thanksgiving day a very pleasant family reunion of the Darby families was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Valentine at Lapeer. Representatives were present from Arcadia, Cass City, Clifford and several families from Lapeer. Promptly at 12 o'clock all sat down to a sumptuous dinner, consisting of turkey, chicken pie and the extras accompanying it. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snyder were among those present from Cass City, and they hope to be able to enjoy many more such gatherings.

One of the best Xmas gifts for a lady is a new silk waist. I have a large new line. Mrs. G. W. Goff.

Groceries always fresh and the very best at Mrs. Parker's.

Dance at Croop's Hall Saturday evening, Dec. 9. 12-8-1p.

Get your meat jars at Jones'. All sizes—10 to 30 gallons.

Fancy honey at Mrs. Parker's.

Few coats left and they're going cheap. Call and see them. Mrs. G. W. Goff.

It costs no more to buy shoes that fit right, as well as wear satisfactorily if you buy them of Crosby & Son.

We admit having the finest line of Xmas box paper in Cass City. Peters Bros.

Horse for sale. Harry Young. 11-10.

TO BOOST INTEREST OF THUMB DISTRICT

MEETING HELD AT PORT HURON
TUESDAY AND OFFICERS
ELECTED.

The organization of the Thumb District Improvement Association was perfected at a meeting in Port Huron Tuesday, representatives being present from all sections of the Thumb. There was much enthusiasm and the meeting was a success in every way. Officers were elected as follows:

President, William Canham, Port Huron.
Vice President, W. H. Aiken, Crosswell.
Treasurer, Robert W. McKenzie, Sandusky.
Secretary, Louis A. Weil, Port Huron.
Executive Committee, Capt. G. G. Scranon, Harbor Beach; F. W. Hubbard, Bad Axe; N. C. Potts, Forestville.

A committee consisting of W. H. Aiken, Crosswell, Robert W. McKenzie, Sandusky, and Louis A. Weil, Pt. Huron, was appointed by president Canham, to draft a suitable constitution and laws and submit the same at the next meeting of the association, the date of which has not been set.

PICKED COTTON AND DUG SWEET POTATOES

Jacob Anthes Has Visited 13 States
and Several Large Cities
Since Last June.

Jacob C. Anthes, son of Martin Anthes of Elkland township, writes the Chronicle from Taylorville, Florida, as follows:

"Since I left Cass City last June, I have been in 13 states and a few cities. I have visited Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Wellington, Jacksonville and several other places. Detroit has them all beaten from the standpoint of beauty, cleanliness and business, and Cass City is still the prettiest village I have seen. While in Washington, I was at the top of the Washington monument and in the White House, Navy Building and Art Museum.

"I have picked cotton in Georgia and dug sweet potatoes in Florida—not much of either, but enough to say that I did it. Oranges are fine here now, grape fruit is good too and lettuce is ready to ship, while all kinds of garden truck is doing fine. These are the crops they raise here: Winter onions, lettuce, peppers, potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, squash, egg plant, cucumbers, watermelons, peas, beets, beans and sweet potatoes.

"The land here is sand with clay sub soil. It sells wild at \$30 per acre and lake front at \$40 per acre. Ten to 20 acres make a farm here. Dealers are selling land here every day to people from around Milwaukee—Germans, most of them; also people from Illinois and Michigan.

"Sugar cane is great stuff. I have eaten a load since I have been in Florida. In some places it costs 5 cents a stalk and some times you can get it 2 for 5c.

"There is a fine lake in Taylorville with good fishing and boating. There is a big saw mill here and an ice plant and a number of houses will be erected right away. I will be here a month or more as this is a healthy place."

UNANIMOUS CALL

Extended by Presbyterians to Rev. S. H. Edgcombe.

Rev. S. H. Edgcombe of Grand Rapids has been given a unanimous call by the members of the Cass City Presbyterian church. This action was taken at a congregational meeting held in the church Monday evening.

Bargains in wall paper at Wood's Drug Store.

Rooms, suitable for housekeeping, in the second story of my residence. Mrs. Robt. Wallace. 11-24.

Farm for sale or rent. Jno. Hartwick, Shabbona, Route 3. 11-17-4p.

Buggies at cost to make room for our 5A blankets. G. W. Goff. 10-6.

Packing salt at Jones'.

Have you tried Wood's liver pills? They are good.

For Sale Furniture and carpets as good as new; also canned fruit. Mrs. Robt. Wallace. 11-24.

Fleck's stock food is guaranteed satisfactory. Wood sells it.

Choicest cranberries in town at Jones'.

Choice lettuce and carnations for sale at Hunt's Greenhouse.

Fancy honey at Jones'.

Square plaid horse blanket lost. Finder will please leave same at Chronicle office. 12-8-2p.

MOVING DAY IS HERE.

F. A. Bliss is moving his harness stock into the store building recently purchased of W. A. Fallis and his household goods into the residence rooms of the same. W. H. Ruhl will occupy the residence rooms in the Lamotte Block vacated by Mr. Bliss and will move his tailor shop into the east front room of the second story of the A. H. Ale Block after Dec. 15. Dr. P. A. Schenck will use the rooms now occupied by the tailor shop as his dental office and Dr. E. J. Wettlaufer will use rooms in the Fritz Block in which to practice dentistry.

CARELESS DECORATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

State Fire Marshal Asks for Best Efforts to Reduce Fire Hazard.

Fire chiefs, village presidents, township clerks and fire marshals have received the following bulletin from C. A. Palmer, state fire marshal:

"With the approach of the Christmas holiday season, we are reminded of the great loss of life and property annually occasioned at this time through the careless decorations of store windows, Christmas trees in homes and churches, and the reckless handling of electric wiring, inflammable materials, etc.

"In order to reduce the disasters resulting from the above, it is the desire of the Department that all Deputy Fire Marshals shall make an especial effort to carry into effect the following regulations:

"The use of tissue paper, excelsior, straw, cotton and all other light and especially inflammable materials in the decoration of store windows where there is an open gas jet, and in the wrapping of electric light bulbs is strictly prohibited, and you are requested to particularly enforce this provision. The decoration of Christmas trees in public places with any of the above materials, is considered a crime by this Department, and you are requested to urge the people of your locality to refrain from its use in that way."

"The department requests that you, in your capacity as Deputy Fire Marshal, exert your best effort to the reduction of this great fire hazard. Remember that a policy of fire insurance is invalidated if the terms thereof are varied in the slightest degree by the assured, and the careless handling of electric wiring, or the use of known fire hazards, has resulted in many a policy holder losing his entire indemnity.

"If you want to reduce the cost of your fire insurance, you must begin by reducing your fire hazard."

WHY WESTERN LANDS ARE HIGH IN PRICE

R. F. Gallagher Makes Explanation From the Viewpoint of a Westerner.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 23, 1911.

To the Chronicle: I suppose you will be surprised to hear from me, but the statement made in your paper of November 17 by our old friend, George Martin, needs a little explanation from a westerner's point of view.

If you will allow me a small space in your paper I will attempt to explain why our farm lands in the west are so valuable.

I am inclined to think that when George Martin was traveling through the western states and western Canada, that he did not get very far away from the railroad tracks; if so, he did not take into consideration the amount of revenue that is produced on an acre of land that ranges in value from \$150.00 to \$1500.00 per acre. For instance our fruit lands that cost from \$200.00 to \$800.00 per acre before there is a tree planted and which is valued at from \$1500.00 to \$3000.00 per acre produce a revenue of from \$500.00 to \$3000.00 per acre per year. Why, a man with a three or five acre fruit farm has an enormous large ranch out here. Again, the farmers of British Columbia always figure on harvesting at least two and sometimes three crops a year, especially of garden stuff, which brings a revenue of from \$500.00 to \$1500.00 per acre. Hay, they as a rule, harvest two crops, ranging from three to five tons per acre per cutting which brings from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per ton. I make these statements merely to show the readers of the Chronicle that even though the western "dirt" is valuable it brings somewhat of a corresponding revenue.

Thanking you for this space in your valuable paper, with best regards, I remain, Yours truly, R. F. GALLAGHER.

Toys! Toys! Get your Christmas toys at Jones'.

Red Wing Flour—there is none better. Sold at Mrs. Parker's.

Call and see my up-to-date skirts. Mrs. G. W. Goff.

A volume of claims won't prove the value of our suits so conclusively as six months' wear. Let us prove it. Crosby & Son.

New magazines at Peters Bros.

CATHCART RESIDENCE DAMAGED BY FIRE.

The beautiful residence of John L. Cathcart on North Seeger street was badly damaged by fire and water Thanksgiving morning.

The fire was discovered about nine o'clock and an alarm turned in, to which there was a prompt response by firemen and citizens. On arrival there was some difficulty in getting the fire located. Smoke poured from the house, but the blaze was confined to the space between the partitions, having caught from the furnace, and it was some time before it was extinguished.

Quite an amount of the furniture was removed from the first floor before it was damaged to any extent.

AUCTION SALES.

Wm. Haley announces an auction sale on page seven. It will be held 3 miles east and 1/2 mile north of Deford on Monday, Dec. 11, commencing at one o'clock. Striffler & McCullough are the auctioneers.

In the Chronicle next week, John Doerr will list property which he will sell at auction, 1 1/2 miles east of Gageton, on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TRADE

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early and Do It Here at Home.

Three more Saturdays. Thirteen more shopping days. Then—Christmas.

Possibly it may not seem so but that's all there are. Look and see for yourself. Thirteen days isn't a very long time and if you have not planned your Christmas shopping you had better get busy right away. The time limit will be reached before you are aware of it and one day means much at this time, to you, and the merchants as well.

The proprietors of the several up-to-date stores here have outdone their efforts of previous years and present to the public this season the fullest, largest, and highest quality stocks of Christmas wares ever exhibited to the purchasing public of this section. The goods are now on display and are awaiting your inspection and judgment.

There are at least five good reasons why Christmas shopping should begin now.

First.—Because you can get better bargains when the stock is fresh and full.

Second.—Because you thus have time to make proper selections instead of buying "just anything" to make out your gift list.

Third.—Because you can time the gifts you send away by express or by mail so that they will reach the recipients just before Christmas and not a day or so late.

Fourth.—Because by spreading your shopping over several weeks instead of doing all of it in a few hours in a great rush you will be able to get what you want when you want it.

Fifth.—Because you will be doing your part toward making things easier for the shopgirls and the other clerks, who are rushed almost to death when everybody buys everything the last few days before Christmas.

EDWIN C. CLARK

Died at the I. O. O. F. Home at Jackson, Mich., on November 27.

The remains of Edwin C. Clark, aged 60 years, were laid to rest in the Novesta cemetery on Thursday, Nov. 30. Rev. colon Ferguson had charge of the service.

Mr. Clark was born in Canada on Aug. 24, 1851, and came to Michigan in 1857 at the age of six years. Since then he has lived in this state and always remained single. He was an Odd Fellow and died at the I. O. O. F. home at Jackson, Mich., Nov. 27.

He leaves to mourn his departure two brothers, Lorenzo E. Clark of Bay City and William H. Clark of Montreal, and two sisters, Mrs. L. Glaspie and Mrs. Arthur Frost, both of Novesta. Also two nephews and three nieces, Mrs. C. Brown of Detroit, Harry Clark of Detroit, Mrs. J. Alchin of Bay City, Omar Glaspie and Miss Blanch Frost of Novesta, besides these a host of warm friends.

Carnations and lettuce for sale at Hunt's Greenhouse.

For Sale. Eight year old cow, half Jersey, du Jan 1. W. L. Ward. 13-1-2p.

For Sale. Two mares, two Holstein cows, spring calf, set heavy double harness. John Schwaderer. 12-1.

Notice. All parties are warned not to charge anything up to my account without my personal direction. Chas. I. Cooke. 12-1-2p.

Pop corn wanted at Jones'.

Try a liner ad in the Chronicle for prompt results.

Notice to Public. Charge nothing to my account without a written order from me. D. A. Preston. 11-17-8p.

TWO NEAR DEATH AT FREIBURGERS

AGED MAN AND HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW ARE IN PRECARIOUS CONDITION.

Joseph Franzel and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Franzel, jr., are in a precarious condition at their home near Freiburgers as a result of wounds inflicted by the former with a jack-knife.

Franzel is about 70 years of age and attacked his daughter-in-law, who is about 35, in the presence of her four boys, all under the age of 11, after they had quarrelled. She repulsed him and he drew a jack-knife it is alleged and stabbed her. She was wounded in the back and in the abdomen.

After this Franzel attempted to cut his own throat. The old man does not appear to realize the enormity of his offense. It is thought that the declining years have weakened his mind.

Farms for Sale.

240 acres, all improved, 2 1/2 miles from a two-railroad town. 200 acres, well improved, good buildings, 3 miles from town. Several smaller farms at a bargain.

Residence property and business places for sale or exchange. Fritz & Parr. 12-8-2.

School Directors' Notice.

A number of the districts having students in the Cass City high school have paid no tuition. This should be paid either a term or quarterly in advance and this is the time of the year we are short of funds. Please attend to this matter. I. A. Fritz, Treas. 12-8-1.

Low price does not always mean economy—value is what counts—you get it at Crosby & Son's in full measure.

A new lot of girls' and boys' books just in this week at Peters Bros.

Young man wanted to do chores during winter months for his board. For further information inquire at the Chronicle office or address S. D. Hill, Route 4, Cass City. 12-8-3p.

Nice Xmas box perfumes 10c to \$1.00 at Peters Bros.

Every first quality rubber we sell is backed by our guarantee; also the manufacturers'. The Model.

Blatford's calf meal at \$1.00 for 25 lbs. at Wood's Drug Store.

Go to Ruhl's for up-to-date tailoring. Over Wilsey & Cathcart's.

Order your storm doors and storm windows at the Cass City Planning Mill. 10-27.

The best 25c wool sock made. The Model.

Get your suits cleaned and pressed at Ruhl's old stand over Wilsey & Cathcart's.

Plymouth Rock pullets for sale. John Marshall. 10-6.

Fresh fish and fresh oysters at Cass City Meat Market. 10-6.

The best fleece underwear in the U. S. It's High Rock. 50c. The Model.

Will pay highest market price for poultry. Will receive same on Monday and Wednesday of each week. O. Autten. 6-24.

Registered O. I. C. hog for service. Also a few boars for sale. Chas. Severance, Deford. 11-17.

Money to Loan. The loan business heretofore done by Laing & Jones for outside parties has been put into my hands for care and attention. Call on me only. L. I. Wood 1-27.

Horses bought, sold and exchanged. L. E. Dickinson.

For Real Estate. Call on Fritz & Parr, Cass City, Mich. 4-14.

For a good clean, fresh stock of groceries call at Mrs. G. W. Goff's. 5-5.

To Tax Payers. I will be in Shabbona every Saturday up to Jan. 10, 1912, to collect taxes for Evergreen township. Philip Sharrard, Treas. 12-8-2p.

Dry seasoned wood, poplar and birch, for sale. Chas. Allard, R. R. 2, Cass City. 11-24-2p.

For Sale. 160 acre farm, 2 miles west and 1 mile north of Kingston, known as the Elliott farm. 100 acres cleared land, the rest good pasture, well fenced, about 1000 bearing fruit trees, besides small fruits. Fine basement barn, 40x60, comfortable log house and good outbuildings. Good well at house, flowing well on farm and good well and windmill at barn. This farm will grow anything that can be raised in this climate, but is especially adapted to fruit and stock. \$4000 will buy this farm if sold this month. One-half down, balance on easy terms. Call or address the owner, C. M. Pattan, Kingston. 12-8-2.

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BRANCHES IN ALL THE PRINCIPAL CITIES

SHABBONA.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ehlers were in Detroit Friday and Saturday of last week.

John Lorentzen moved into his new home Wednesday.

Miss Lydia McInnis was on the sick list last week.

Wm Bates was in Bay City last week on business.

Jacob Grimes, while hunting up north, shot a fine doe.

Arthur Meredith's oldest son is very ill with bronchitis.

Allan and Jay Muir of Dryden spent last week at the home of their cousin, Mrs. Jas. Ryckman.

Mrs. John Leslie of Detroit and Mrs. Myrtle Mellendorf of Beaulieu are visiting their sister, Mrs. David Leslie, and other friends.

Mrs. Geo. H. Jones left last Tuesday for Tawas to spend a few weeks with her sister at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Coulter and children of Holbrook spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. C's brother, Loren Weeks.

J. B. Proctor moved his household goods to Pontiac Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Proctor will visit near Marlette before going to Pontiac and Mrs. J. Proctor remained here for a week's visit with old friends. The good wishes of the community go with them to their new home.

A few friends of Geo. Gotham reminded him that Friday, Dec. 1, was his birthday. An oyster supper was served and all enjoyed a good time.

David Lindsay, sr., departed this life Nov. 24 at his home one mile south and one-half mile east, after a lingering illness. He was born 64 years ago in Scotland and at the age of 21 years was married to Janet Sligo. In 1907 they came to Canada and in 1908 came here, buying the Henry McLaren homestead, in Scotland. Mr. Lindsay followed the trade of a blacksmith. He was of quiet disposition and a devout Presbyterian. His wife and eight children survive.

Samuel Ray Summer of Los Angeles, California, grandson of Isaac Mudge of Shabbona, who enlisted for four years in the marine corps, June 26, 1911, was in service on Mare Island, Cal., until Nov. 20, when he was ordered on a sea going war vessel as a marine guard for a two year voyage around the globe.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

KINGSTON-NOVESTA TOWN LINE.

Mrs. B. Sharp is reported better at this writing.

Mrs. Howard Retherford and son, Kieth, spent Sunday and Monday with the former's sister at Owendale.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dodge entertained Mr. and Mrs. Tucker and children of Pontiac a few days last week.

Myron Retherford spent Sunday with Riner and Knoblet at the latter's home in Northwest Novesta.

J. Crawford, who has been working for A. L. Johnson the past year, has moved his family to the farm recently vacated by Everett Niles.

Geo. Martin and family spent Tuesday evening at the home of George Lombard of Northeast Kingston.

The Leek ladies aid will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cooper at Cass City Thursday, Dec. 14, for dinner. All are invited.

If you are troubled with chronic constipation, the mild and gentle effect of Chamberlain's Tablets makes them especially suited to your case. For sale by all dealers.

WILMOT.

Mrs. Elmer Young passed away last Tuesday evening after a short illness. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Friday afternoon and interment made in the Kingston cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hartt spent Thanksgiving in Pontiac with her daughter, Mrs. M. Mapley.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Kitchen visited in Cass City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Mayville visited at N. Kitchen's Monday.

W. B. Westerby entertained his nephew and wife from McComb county the past week.

No, the Wilmot people haven't said that the railroad from Bad Axe is coming here. We are not sure of anything until we see it.

Our new livery barn is doing a thriving business now. It accommodates from 12 to 24 horses every day.

A Terrible Blunder

To neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness, or inactive bowels and prevent violent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at L. I. Wood & Co's.

BEAULEY.

Everybody is very much delighted over the success of the Thanksgiving supper. The proceeds were so near \$50, that the amount was made up. The program was pronounced a good one and everybody had the royal Thanksgiving spirit. Come again.

We are in the midst of preparations here for the coming Christmas tree to be given by the Sunday school. The musical and literary committee are hustling to make this the best yet and pockets are being drained in the hope of making many expensive and splendid surprises by way of handsome presents. Come to Beaulieu to celebrate Christmas eve.

A few weeks ago a furnace was placed in the school house in Dist. No. 6 by Mr. McNabb of Caseville which proves a complete delight to the school and teacher, Miss Fama McIntyre.

Frank Fay, who bought the Watite Allison 40 acres a few weeks ago, is clearing thereon which, we are glad to say, improves our part of the globe much.

The Ladies Aid will meet this week on Wednesday at L. J. Carroll's. The change in day is caused to give our people a chance to attend the Canboro aid which meets on Thursday at Mrs. Charles McDonald's.

The pastor, Rev. Nicholson, preaches excellent sermons and is much appreciated by all who hear him.

Some of us were in attendance at the Balmer's Kaffir Boys Choir of Africa on Monday evening last and feel perfectly suited with our investment of a season's ticket to the lecture course. We never heard anything better. We hope to be present at the Fisher-Shipp orchestra on Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin W. Moore spent last week with friends in Vasar and Unionville.

Brown & Cawfield are finishing the bean thrashing in our locality this week.

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

WEST GRANT.

A number from here attended the Thanksgiving supper at Beaulieu and all report a fine time.

Mrs. Ballantine went to Cass City Monday to spend a few weeks with her brother, J. Wettlaufer.

Miss Fern Cooley returned home from Minden City Saturday where she has been employed as milliner.

Mrs. John Ricker entertained Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cross at supper Sunday.

Harlan Cooley of Bay City is visiting relatives here.

Miss Ethel Arthur spent part of last week with her parents at Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maharg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cross Sunday.

Mrs. Bingham visited her daughter, Mrs. Clara Stafford, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCrea spent Thanksgiving in Cass City with Mrs. Orr.

Mrs. A. A. Ricker of Cass City spent Friday with Mrs. Sam Ricker.

ELMWOOD.

Bean thrashing is nearly done in this locality.

L. L. Rothermel of Durand visited with his daughter, Mrs. P. W. Stone, part of last week.

John Sugden of Mayville visited with friends here over Sunday.

Mrs. D. M. Smith, who has been sick for some time past, has recovered so she was able to go to Flint on Monday to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Sherwood.

Get ready for taxes. When you have to pay a dollar an acre or more for the sake of having a farm, "life is hardly worth living." The man who has nothing is the better off.

C. Chaffee started for his new home in Illinois on Monday, his mother and sister having gone on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Webster are spending a few days in Saginaw and vicinity with relatives.

Harry Streeter has been on the sick list the past week.

John Hartley is in Caro on the jury this week.

NOVESTA.

Thos. Green visited friends in Detroit last week and also in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hulbert were called to Saginaw on account of the sickness of the latter's mother.

Ora Delong is on the sick list this week, also Frank Asher is sick with lagrippe.

Miss Margaret Stirton and Miss Gertrude Turner of Grant visited the former's sister, Mrs. N. McCullough, Saturday and Sunday.

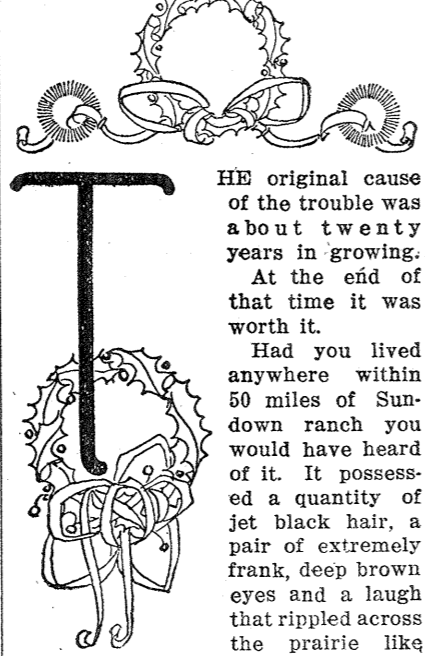
A. Crafts has moved into the Justin house, having bought that farm some time ago.

Gladys and Clarence McPhail are visiting friends in Cass City for a short time before leaving for their home in Beiding where they intend to go in a few days.

Miss Mary Warner of Buffalo is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. H. Warner, at present.

Backache, Rheumatism, Nervousness Mean disordered kidneys. Foley Kidney Pills have helped your neighbors; they will also help you. Mrs. Louisa Williams, Flint, Mich., says, "My daughter suffered with rheumatism for three years. I procured a supply of Foley Kidney Pills and she took them according to directions. In a very short time the rheumatic pains all left her and she has been well ever since. I am very glad to recommend Foley Kidney Pills to anyone suffering with rheumatism or other kidney trouble. L. I. Wood & Co.

A Chaparral Christmas Gift
By O. Henry



THE original cause of the trouble was a bout twenty years in growing.

At the end of that time it was worth it. Had you lived anywhere within 50 miles of Sundown ranch you would have heard of it. It possessed a quantity of jet black hair, a pair of extremely frank, deep brown eyes and a laugh that rippled across the prairie like the sound of a hidden brook.

The name of it was Rosita McMullen; and she was the daughter of old man McMullen of the Sundown sheep ranch.

There came riding on red roan steeds—or, to be more explicit, on a paint and a flea-bitten sorrel—two wooders. One was Madison Lane and the other was the Frio Kid. But at that time they did not call him the Frio Kid, for he had not earned the honors of special nomenclature. His name was simply Johnny McRoy.

It must not be supposed that these two were the sum of the agreeable Rosita's admirers. The bronchos of a dozen others champed their bits at the long hitching rack of the Sundown ranch. Many were the sheeps' eyes that were cast in those savannas that did not belong to the flocks of Dan McMullen. But of all the cavaliers Madison Lane and Johnny McRoy galloped far ahead, wherefore they are to be chronicled.

Madison Lane, a young cattleman from the Nueces country, won the race. He and Rosita were married one Christmas day. Armed, hilarious, vociferous, magnanimous, the cowmen and the sheepsbmen, laying aside their hereditary hatred, joined forces to celebrate the occasion.

But while the wedding feast was at its liveliest there descended upon it Johnny McRoy, bitten by jealousy, like one possessed.

"I'll give you a Christmas present," he yelled, shrilly, at the door, with his .45 in his hand. Even then he had some reputation as an offhand shot.

His first bullet cut a neat underbit in Madison Lane's right ear. The barrel of his gun moved an inch. The next shot would have been the bride's, had not Carson, a sheepman, possessed a mind with triggers somewhat well oiled and in repair. The guns of the wedding party had been hung, in their belts, upon nails in the wall when they sat at table, as a concession to good taste. But Carson, with great promptness, hurled his plate of roast venison and frijoles at McRoy, spilling his aim. The second bullet, then, only shattered the white petals of a Spanish dagger flower suspended two feet above Rosita's head.

The guests spurred their chairs and jumped for their weapons. It was considered an improper act to shoot the bride and groom at a wedding. In about six seconds there were twenty or so bullets due to be whizzing in the direction of Mr. McRoy.

"I'll shoot better next time," yelled Johnny; "and there'll be a next time." He backed rapidly out the door.

The cattlemen swept out upon him, calling for vengeance.

But the sortie failed in its vengeance. McRoy was on his horse and away, shouting back curses and threats as he galloped into the concealing chaparral.

That night was the birthnight of the Frio Kid. He became the "bad man" of that portion of the state. The rejection of his suit by Miss McMullen turned him to a dangerous man. When officers went after him for the shooting of Carson, he killed two of them, and entered upon the life of an outlaw. When he was, at last shot and killed by a little one-armed Mexican who was nearly dead himself from fright, the Frio Kid had the death of 18 men on his head.

Many tales are told along the border of his impudent courage and daring. But he was not one of the breed of desperadoes who have seasons of generosity and even of softness. They say he never had mercy on the object of his anger. Yet at this and every Christmastide it is well to give each one credit, if it can be done, for whatever speck of good he may have possessed. If the Frio Kid ever did a kindly act or felt a throbb of generosity in his heart it was once at such a time and season, and this is the way it happened:

One December in the Frio country rode the Frio Kid and his Satellite and co-murderer, Mexican Frank. The Kid reined in his mustang, and sat in his saddle, thoughtful and grim, with dangerously narrowing eyes.

"I don't know what I been thinking about, Mex," he remarked in his usual mild drawl, "to have forgot all about a

Christmas present I got to give. I'm going to ride over tomorrow night and shoot Madison Lane in his own house. He got my girl—Rosita would have had me if he hadn't cut into the game. I wonder why I happened to overlook it up to now?"

"Ah, shucks, Kid," said Mexican. "don't talk foolishness. You know you can't get within a mile of Mad Lane's house tomorrow night. I see old man Allen day before yesterday, and he says Mad is going to have Christmas doings at his house. You remember how you shot up the festivities when Mad was married, an' about the threats you made? Don't you suppose Mad Lane'll kind of keep his eye open for a certain Mr. Kid? You plumb make me tired, Kid, with such remarks."

"I'm going," repeated the Frio Kid, without heat, "to go to Madison Lane's Christmas doings, and kill him. I ought to have done it a long time ago."

"There's other ways of committing suicide," advised Mexican. "Why don't you go and surrender to the sheriff?"

"I'll get him," said the Kid.

Christmas eve fell as balmy as April. Perhaps there was a hint of far-away frostiness in the air, but it tingled like seltzer, perfumed faintly with late prairie blossoms and the mesquite grass.

When night came the five or six rooms of the ranch house were brightly lit. In one room was a Christmas tree, for the Lanes had a boy of three, and a dozen or more guests were expected from the nearer ranches.

The guests had arrived in buckboards and on horseback, and were making themselves comfortable inside.

The evening went along pleasantly. The guests enjoyed and praised Rosita's excellent supper, and afterward the men scattered in groups about the rooms or on the broad "gallery," smoking and chatting.

The Christmas tree, of course, delighted the youngsters, and above all were they pleased when Santa Claus himself in magnificent white beard and furs appeared and began to distribute the toys.

"It's my papa," announced Billy Sampson, aged six.

Berkly, a sheepman, an old friend of Lane, stopped Rosita as she was passing by him on the gallery.

"Well, Mrs. Lane," said he, "I suppose by this Christmas you've gotten over being afraid of that fellow Mc-



"Oh, Thank You!"

Roy, haven't you? Madison and I have talked about it, you know."

"Very nearly," said Rosita, smiling, "but I am still nervous sometimes. I shall never forget that awful time, when he came so near killing us."

"He's the most cold-hearted villain in the world," said Berkly. "The citizens all along the border ought to turn out and hunt him down like a wolf."

"He has committed awful crimes," said Rosita, "but I—don't—know. I think there is a spot of good somewhere in everybody. He was not always bad—that I know."

Rosita turned into the hallway between the rooms. Santa Claus, in muffling whiskers and furs, was just coming through.

"I heard what you said through the window, Mrs. Lane," he said. "I was just going down in my pocket for a Christmas present for your husband. But I've left one for you, instead. It's in the room to your right."

"Oh, thank you, kind Santa Claus," said Rosita, brightly.

Rosita went into the room, while Santa Claus stepped into the cooler air of the yard.

She found no one in the room but Madison.

"Where is my present that Santa said he left for me in here?" she asked.

"Haven't seen anything in the way of a present," said her husband, laughing. "Unless he could have meant me."

The next day Gabriel Radd, the foreman of the X O ranch, dropped into the post office at Loma Alta.

"Well, the Frio Kid's got his dose of lead at last," he remarked to the postmaster.

"That so? How'd it happen?"

"One of old Sanchez's Mexican sheep herders did it—think of it! The Frio Kid killed by a sheep herder! The Greaser saw him riding along past his camp about twelve o'clock last night, and was so skeered that he up with a Winchester and let him have it. Funniest part of it was that the Kid was dressed all up with white Angora-skin whiskers and a regular Santy Claus rig-out from head to foot. Think of the Frio Kid playing Santy!"

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 10c Spoons, Knives and Forks **5c** straight

All pieces of Glassware, each **10c**
 Table Linen, 75c to \$1 value. **40c to 60c** yd.
 Toweling, per yd **5c**
 New line of Print, per yd **5c**
 \$10 Men's Suits at **\$6.50**
 \$7.50 Men's Overcoats **\$5.00**
 New line Men's Suits, all tailor made, regular price \$16.50, Saturday only **\$12**
 25c Suspenders **16c**
 Boys' Coats, sizes 3 to 5 **\$1.60**
 50c Mittens **45c**
 Men's Woolen Socks per pair **20c**
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ALL 5c SOAPS 4c	35c CANS APPLES 30c
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30c TEA 25c	ALL 12c CANNED GOODS 10c
25c COFFEE 21c	12 BOXES MATCHES 43c
35c COFFEE 32c	12 BOXES MATCHES 25c
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BULK OATMEAL 4c	15c BAKING POWDER 13c
5c STARCH 4c	25c BAKING POWDER 20c
10c STARCH 8c	8c CORN STARCH 6c
PUFFED WHEAT AND RICE 8c	25c POSTUM 20c
12c CURRANTS 10c	15c POSTUM 12c
7c SODA 6c	10c TOOTH PICKS 5c
5c SPICES 3 FOR 10c	CAYENNE PEPPER 20c PER LB.
10c CHOCOLATE 8c	15c LAMP CHIMNEY 10c
10c TAPIOCA 8c	10c LAMP CHIMNEY 8c
10c PIE FRUIT 8c	8c LAMP CHIMNEY 6c
10c JELLO 8c	5c LAMP CHIMNEY 4c
25c COCOA 22c	LANTERN GLOBES 4 AND 5c
15c CODFISH 13c	CAN COVERS 10c a DOZ.
5c BOTTLE SYRUP 3c	BREAD CANS 25c, 50c AND \$1.00
20c CANS SALMON 18c	Everything in proportion. Must move at cost.

This sale will continue for 20 days at cash only. We will also sell all meats cheaper during this sale. We will do only a cash business during the sale and will be too busy to keep books. Do not ask for credit. Store will be open every evening.

L. E. WRIGHT, Cass City

WICKWARE.

Miss Annie Murray of Deford is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Murray.
 A number from here attended the meeting at Hay Creek.
 Ed Hartwick is having a well put down on his farm.
 Miss Caroline Johnson spent the latter part of last week as the guest of Miss Gibbons.
 Miss Vynnie and John McPhail and Mrs. Glen Moore and son spent Thanksgiving with their mother, Mrs. John McPhail.
 Miss Mabel Gibbons is on the sick list this week.
 Earl Spencer had the misfortune of losing his house by fire Sunday night.
 Phillip Sharrard spent Saturday and Sunday with his son, Stanley, at Caro.
 Miss Vynnie MacPhail visited the

ARGYLE.

school Friday afternoon.
 The Misses Edith and Mabel Gibbons spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Caro.
 Miss Margaret MacPhail is visiting in Cass City for a few days.
 Miss Jessie Wideman of Crosswell spent part of last week with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. McLaughlin.
 Austin and Laura Kitchen of Nevada spent Thanksgiving with their sister, Mrs. Percy Starr.
 A large number from Argyle attended the box social at Cumber last Thursday evening.
 Miss Mary Flannery Sundayed at her parental home at Freiburg.
 Mrs. Jas. McNaughton and son, Kenneth, visited friends in Crosswell last week.
 Dr. N. McLaughlin of Ohio visited

at the home of his brother, Andrew McLaughlin, last week.
 Miss Mary Rose spent Thanksgiving with Miss Anna Campbell at Cumber.
 Miss Cassie Stevenson of Detroit spent part of last week at Mrs. J. Messner's.
 Wm. Miller spent Thanksgiving at his parental home in Crosswell.
 Without opiates or harmful drugs of any kind Foley's Honey and Tar Compound stops coughs and cures colds. Do not accept any substitute. L. I. Wood & Co.
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GAGETOWN.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Jennie Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Willis. Mrs. Williams has been ailing for some years past, growing gradually worse, and passed away last Monday evening at six o'clock. Funeral services were held in the Episcopal church on Friday, Rev. Gallagher, of Trinity church, Caro, officiating.

Deputy Sheriff Bull of Unionville was in town Thanksgiving morning, on his way to Detroit with a prisoner, wanted for chicken stealing.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hurd received a telegram from Harper hospital last week, stating that Stephen, their son, was an inmate there, owing to a street car accident. A car, going at the rate of 35 miles an hour, struck him and carried him on its fender for more than a block. Although no bones were broken, Stephen was unconscious nearly three days. A later letter reports him as improving.

Clayton Palmer is home from Holly for a few days where he is attending school.

Mr. Fish of Ellington spent the week end at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. Seekins.

Robert Lloyd of West Grant was enrolled as a pupil in the high school last week.

Mrs. A. Karr is slowly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Herrington has gone to Saginaw this week to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. Campbell.

News has been received from Alberta of the death of Rexford Wald, from inflammatory rheumatism.

Miss Cleeta Bolton is visiting with relatives in London and St. Thomas, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Gore and daughter were at the home of A. G. Williams of Cass City for Thanksgiving.

Lawrence Keagen and family will spend the winter with the former's parents to recuperate after Mr. K's recent serious illness and operation.

Both Methodist churches are preparing Christmas programs. The M. E. church, a cantata, "Santa's Prescription," Saturday, Dec. 23 and the M. P. church, a sacred program on Christmas night.

DEFORD, R. 3.

John M. Reid and family and E. J. Reid and family ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Wm. Moore.

Don Clarke of the U. S. navy is here on a furlough. He has re-enlisted for another four years and is visiting his mother, Mrs. G. E. Clarke, and grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Moore.

Chas. Morse is on the sick list. Mail Carrier John M. Reid is taking his vacation. His son, John, is serving the route.

Geo. Bell has started a meat wagon.

A. W. Tibbit's are entertaining friends from Evar, Mich.

Dell Ostrander and family spent Thanksgiving at H. J. Ostrander's.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Reubner are visiting friends at Frankenmuth.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hillicker visited friends at Brown City and Marlette last week.

Elder R. L. Cope returned from his deer hunt with two deer to his credit.

UBLY.

R. C. Burroughs, J. H. Miller, Jno. D. McEachin and Jacob Miller have returned from the north, each bringing a nice deer with him.

Mrs. Lucy Little spent Thanksgiving with friends at Hart, Mich.

Rev. Thos. Hurd attended a meeting of the Presbytery at Port Huron on Wednesday.

Wm. Campbell, who lived four miles west of here and has been confined to his bed for about a year, passed away Monday morning. The funeral was held on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hagen will soon depart for Oklahoma where they will spend the winter.

An Optical Delusion.
 Unsteady Scot (to stranger who is helping him along)—I'm terrible obliged to ye, mon, for talking me arim, and wud ye mind just asking yer twin brother to tak' the ither?—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Santa Claus' Treasure Box

By J. F. HENDERSON

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CHRISTMAS was at hand, and Phillip Draper's heart was heavy. For a number of years he had seemed to be the particular pet of misfortune. As an artist his work displayed the magic touch of genius, and he was in a fair way to achieve fame and worldly success when the first of a series of calamities befell him. Soon after Phillip's marriage to pretty Lucille Girard, his father failed in business and died within a month thereafter, leaving nothing but a mass of debts as a legacy to his son.

Phillip, who had just been taken into partnership with his father, and whose outlook on the future was tinged with the color of the rose, was crushed by this blow; but with a quixotic sense of duty he set himself the tremendous task of paying off the debts of the firm. To accomplish this he had nothing to depend upon but the sale of his pictures; yet, year in and year out, he toiled on stubbornly and uncompromisingly, while he and Lucille and



their little boy were deprived of many of the comforts of life that the bulk of his earnings might go to his creditors. The house in which they lived was a roomy old mansion on the outskirts of the city, left to Phillip by a maiden aunt, who had passed away since the death of his father, and which Lucille had persuaded him not to sell. This house, by the way, had originally belonged to an eccentric old sea captain, Jeremiah Suggs by name, who was reputed to be something of a miser, and who lived and died a recluse.

The crowning calamity came to Phillip Draper when the debt was all but cleared off. It was then he was overtaken by a wasting illness, which kept him confined to his bed for almost a year, and leaving him destitute. The butcher and the baker threatened to deny him further credit, and his home was heavily mortgaged. The outlook was gloomy.

"And tomorrow is Christmas," he remarked to his wife, with a grim smile. "Never mind, dear; let us hold fast to our courage," said Mrs. Draper, trying to speak cheerfully, though there was an ominous quaver in her voice.

"What hurts me most is the thought that Christmas is so close at hand and that there will be no Santa Claus for Bobby."

"Poor, little dear!" said Mrs. Draper. Suddenly she started up with an anxious glance about the room. "I wonder where that child can be? I haven't seen him for at least two hours."

"Oh, don't be alarmed. I dare say he is rummaging about in the cellar or attic or some out-of-the-way closet, and is wholly absorbed in his investigations."

Mr. Draper had hardly finished speaking when Bobby popped into the room, held out a grimy little fist,



and, as he opened the chubby fingers, revealed a twenty-dollar gold piece lying on his upturned palm.

"Money!" gasped Phillip. He snatched the coin and examined it critically. "Where did you get this? What does it mean?"

"I found it in the attic!" explained Bobby. "There are lots more there. Come on, I'll show you where."

The next moment the father and mother, each grasping a hand of the frightened youngster, were hastening up the stairs. When they reached the attic the whole astounding truth was laid bare to them. Bobby had been rummaging, as usual. Finding a loose brick in the crumbling masonry of the big chimney, he had pulled it out and made a startling discovery.

"I wanted to find out how Santa Claus comes down the chimney," said the boy, regretfully. "I didn't mean to do any harm."

An exclamation from his father interrupted him. Phillip, tearing away the bricks to enlarge the opening, had thrust his arm into the cavity and drawn forth two small boxes, accompanied by a shower of yellow coins. Among them was a scrap of paper on which was written:

"I have no heirs, no kith nor kin. This property goes to the finder, and may he enjoy it. It consists of \$30,000 in gold and government bonds, and twice that amount in gems."

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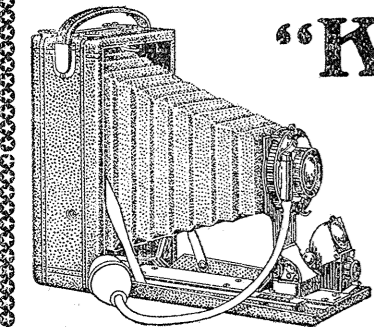
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WEEK'S DOINGS

Angus McPhall of Argyle visited in town Sunday.

J. D. Brooker was in Caro Tuesday on business.

J. C. Corkins was in Caro Tuesday on business.

Sam Champion went to Bad Axe Tuesday on business.

Mrs. P. S. Rice was in Gageton Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Houghton visited in Ellington last week.

W. L. Ward was in Gageton one day last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Tindale were in Deford Wednesday on business.

A. T. Farrell of Saginaw was a business caller in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Ella Turner of Detroit is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Brooker.

Mrs. Wm. Akerman, who has been quite ill the past few weeks, is better.

Mrs. Wm. Schmidt, who has been very ill for several days, is reported better.

Mr and Mrs. Frank Hall of McHugh visited with relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moore visited at the home of A. Welsh in Elkton Sunday.

Miss Nina Buchanan of Gageton visited with Mrs. Angus McGillvray Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Donnelly visited in Pontiac, Detroit and Durand part of last week.

Miss Mamie Brooker spent Thanksgiving in Saginaw and remained until Saturday.

Jay Ward has gone to Pontiac where he has secured employment in the E. M. A.

Mrs. Cora Sharker of Wickware is visiting at the home of her brother, George Bartle.

Mrs. Charles D. Striffler and Miss Stella McDougald visited in Ellington Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Craft and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Craft visited in Deford Wednesday.

Miss Melvina Campbell spent Thanksgiving in Rochester. She returned home Saturday.

Miss Bernice Kobb is employed in E. W. Jones' grocery store during the Christmas season.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve supper in the wing of the church next Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ward of Elkton visited with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moore, Monday.

The subject for morning worship at the Baptist church is "What is Salvation." Evening, "A Father's Love."

Miss Ruth Robinson, who has been ill the past two weeks and unable to attend school, is able to be out again.

Miss Lena Rice entertained Miss Erma Ricker of Owendale and Miss Sybil Burton of Gageton Monday evening.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. C. E. Chase next Friday, Dec. 15.

Morley Tindale of East Jordan and Miss Ida Gix of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tindale.

Mrs. E. M. Allen, who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias McKim, is spending a few days in Detroit.

Rev. W. B. Weaver is conducting revival meetings in the Bethel church and is assisted by Evangelist Ranshaw of Detroit.

Misses Florence Seeger, Dora Leipprandt and Ethel Wiley of Pigeon spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. M. Seeger.

Charles Rogers was called to Pontiac Monday owing to the serious illness of his son, Warren Rogers, who is about to undergo an operation.

Lewis McGeorge is assisting in the Deford Bank for a short time. Miss Maude Quinn is ill at her home in Gageton and Mr. McGeorge is filling the vacancy.

Lloyd Donnelly of Durand spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donnelly and made a business trip to Pigeon, Elkton and Bad Axe this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Craft and sons, Alfred and Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Craft and son, Owen, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Steven Moore at Gageton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Striffler of Croswell moved their household goods to Deford Wednesday where Mr. Striffler is manager of the Deford Grain & Lumber Company.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hutson and daughter, Ellen, of Argyle spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schmidt. They also visited at the Wm. Smith home before returning home.

The residence of Earl Spencer of Wickware was totally destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The cause of the fire is unknown as no members of the family were home during that time.

The missionary society of the Evangelical church will meet next Friday at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. F. Klump. An invitation is extended to all who are interested in missionary work.

Tyler Lodge, F. & A. M., elected the following officers Saturday evening: W. M., Neil McLarty; S. W., G. A. Tindale; J. W., Richard Bayley; secretary, I. A. Fritz; treasurer, E. H. Pinney.

Miss Flossie Durkee was happily surprised Wednesday evening when about thirty-five young people came to spend the evening with her. Games of various kinds furnished amusement for the company. The guests enjoyed sandwiches, pickles, cake, wafers and coffee as refreshments.

More locals on fifth page.

Rev. S. H. Edgecombe of Grand Rapids was entertained at the home of C. E. McCue on Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Weldon left Wednesday for Kingston where she will visit with relatives several days.

Mrs. Hattie Hartt and Mrs. Floyd Hopps of Kingston spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weldon.

C. D. Striffler returned last week from his hunting trip near Alpena, bringing back two deer with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McComb left Wednesday for Kalamazoo where they will be employed in the state asylum.

The Fisher-Shipp Orchestra will give an entertainment here Dec. 19 as the next number on the lecture course.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wells of Novesta were the guests of their nephew, C. W. Hulbert, and other friends here last week.

Jas. McKenzie has placed an electric sign for Peters Bros. drug store. The sign is of his own manufacture and looks neat and nobby.

Mrs. F. Nettleton, Mrs. A. Frutchey and Mrs. Jos. Frutchey went to Detroit Thursday afternoon on business. They will remain until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Chaffee returned from their wedding trip on Wednesday evening and are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Karr.

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Hayward very delightfully entertained the members of the Baptist church choir Wednesday evening and treated them to an excellent oyster supper.

Wm. Morris will establish a drug store at Gageton. Part of the fixtures have already arrived. It will be located in the new Seuryneck Block which has just been completed.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ed Pinney. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fitch returned from Cumber Monday where they have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl. They are visiting with Mrs. Catherine Fitch.

Mrs. Norman Kitchen and daughter, Mildred, of Wilmet visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Striffler from Saturday until Monday. Mr. Kitchen and daughter, Letta, arrived Sunday and returned home Monday.

E. H. Smith, manager of the Anketell Lumber and Coal Co. at Cass City, has accepted a similar position with the same company at Croswell. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for that city Thursday. H. D. Schiedel of Marlette is the new manager of the Anketell Co.'s business at Cass City.

Mrs. A. Frutchey entertained the Wide Awakes Friday evening at a six o'clock dinner. The menu consisted of beef loaf and brown gravy, mashed potatoes, scalloped oysters, macaroni and cheese, lima beans, hot rolls, pickles, olives, caramel pudding with whipped cream, assorted cakes and coffee. The table was beautifully decorated with carnations and ferns. The evening was spent in games.

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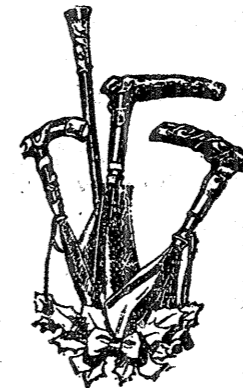
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GAGETOWN, MICHIGAN.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Miles Dodge is rapidly improving.
 Lloyd Reagh of Gagetown was in town last Wednesday.
 Mrs. Eva Maharg spent Thanksgiving with friends in Grant.
 Miss Eva Masters spent Thanksgiving at her home in Cumber.
 Marvin Eastman contemplates making a trip to Vancouver, B. C.
 Miss Alice Walden spent Thanksgiving at her home in Shabbona.
 Dr. Wm. Morris was in Saginaw several days last week on business.
 A. J. Palmer of Gagetown was a business caller here Friday afternoon.
 Albert Ratz of Detroit spent Thanksgiving at the home of Henry Wettlaufer.
 Mrs. Z. P. Lang and son, Harry, spent Thanksgiving at the home of W. S. Dodge.
 A farewell party was given Friday evening at Doerr's hall in honor of Chris Chaffee.
 The Priscilla club met at the home of Miss Christine E. Wettlaufer on Tuesday evening.
 Mrs. Hinman of Sebawaing is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Moore.
 Mrs. V. Chaffee and family left for their new home in Milledgeville, Ill., the first of the week.
 Frank and Annabelle Dodge visited their uncle, James Greenleaf, of Cumber a few days last week.
 Richard Hillicker of Elmwood township had the first finger of his right hand taken off and the thumb badly jammed Wednesday while working on a corn shredder.
 English services will be held at the Evangelical church Sunday. The morning subject is "The Position of Christ." Evening, "Problem of Sin." The Y. P. A. services will be conducted by Fred Buehrley.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, jr., entertained the following Thanksgiving day: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Young and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spurgeon, Mrs. John Marshall, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tulley.
 The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a business meeting at the home of Mrs. C. E. McCue next Monday at 3:00 p. m. Important matters will be considered and a large attendance is requested.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hitchcock entertained the employees of the Hitchcock store and a few of their friends at dinner at the Gordon Tavern Sunday. The following were members of the party: Misses Eva Masters, Cora Schwaderer, Leone Kile, Audrey Pell, Mable Lawrence and Clifton Champion, Ed Skinner and Norris Winslow.
 The Y. P. A. of the Evangelical church elected the following officers Tuesday evening: President, Mrs. H. F. Lenzner; vice president, E. W. Kaercher; recording secretary, Laura Striffler; treasurer, Martha Striffler; corresponding secretary, Mary Mark; missionary secretary, Phillip Muck; organist, Ruth Benkelman; chorister, Grace Meiser.
 A reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Karr Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Karr. About fifty were present and various games furnished entertainment for the evening. The guests enjoyed a dainty lunch consisting of sandwiches, cake, wafers, coffee, pickles, jam-jams, candy and nuts. Mr. and Mrs. Karr received many pretty gifts, mostly silver and china.
 Friends of Bruce Brown are having considerable fun at his expense. Bruce visited friends in Caro recently, making the trip to the county seat on a bicycle. During the day the weather turned warmer and in the afternoon when he started for home he found the roads pretty soft. Contending with mud and a puncture tire, Bruce could ride only three miles. The other thirteen he shoved the bike and walked. Was he tired? Well, ask him.
 More locals on page six.

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Making Him Comfortable.
 A drummer put up for the night in an out of the way boarding house. His room was under the roof. In the middle of the night, awakening from a dream that he was being drowned, he found a terrific thunderstorm in progress and the rain streaming in on him through a leak.
 "Landlady! Landlady!" he yelled.
 And in reply to his yells the old landlady staggered upstairs and into the room with a big wash tub. She plumped the wash tub down on top of the drummer, who gave a grunt of surprise and pain, and then she said as she turned to depart:
 "There, son; now yer all right, an' just as soon as the tub fills up yell ag'in, an' I'll have another empty one ready for ye."

The Joker.
 In the station restaurant the ham sandwiches were piled high upon the end of the counter when the 11:30 pulled in. The passengers had ten minutes to get a lunch, and the short, fat man realized this as he rushed in and called for a sandwich. The waiter



"Deal these over again, waiter," picked up one of the buns and slid it halfway down the counter to the hungry one. When the short fellow looked and saw there was no ham between the bun he slid it back up the counter, at the same time exclaiming: "Deal these over again, waiter. I got the joker."—National Monthly.

Clever Excuse.
 An Irish soldier, placed on guard over a cannon, was found by his officer in a public house some distance away.
 "How dare you leave your post?" was the stern rebuke.
 "Ah, but it's no consequence at all, please yer honor," said the man. "There's no two men able to lift that gun between them, much less carry it off. An' if there was more than two I know I wouldn't be a match for them, so I ken away, yer honor."

The Mule's Error.
 One one occasion, writes Attorney Earl B. Smith of Somerton, Yuma county, Ariz., I was obliged to remain at a primitive southern Arizona ranch over night, and at about dusk I was given a quilt, a clean sheet and a pillow and told to take them to the top of a twenty foot alfalfa stack and make up my bed. Knowing the conditions of the country, I did not murmur and climbed the pole ladder to spend the night. I never enjoyed a better night's rest at any hotel. At early dawn I raised my head and saw two yearling mule colts feeding at the edge of the stack. We exchanged glances for a few moments, while the mules' ears showed keen astonishment. Suddenly I rose to my feet, and in doing so the white sheet clung to my shoulders, whereupon the colts "lit out" down the lane as if the Angel Gabriel were descending to take them to celestial pasturage. While at the breakfast table I related the incident, which was much enjoyed, but no remarks were made at the time. As one of the ranch hands was passing out of the door he said in a subdued but distinctly audible voice that it was the first time he had ever heard of a lawyer being mistaken for an angel, and nobody but a mule would have made such an error.—Case and Comment.

A Sight Unseen.
 Mr. Heyburn of Idaho sometimes has trouble in getting a large audience of his fellows when he speaks on the floor of the senate. One day last July he rose to make a speech, and, seeing that there were only three men besides himself in their places, he moved to adjourn. This was prevented by the assembling of a quorum of senators who had been sitting in the cloakrooms. In beginning his delayed speech he said: "I do not understand the conduct of senators. I have seen them under all phases. I have seen a senator leave this chamber when he should stay here to receive good advice. I have seen him leave this chamber when by remaining he could have given good advice. The only thing I never saw a senator do was to back out of the door in the middle of his own speech."

The Foot Astray.
 William F. Cody was once relating a story which concerned an Indian who had met with an accident in a Buffalo Bill show. It was necessary to amputate the Indian's leg, and in the description of this operation Cody was interrupted frequently by a young doctor who injected technical and medical terms into the straight vernacular of the scout. He was irritated, but ignored the doctor. "A few days after the operation," continued the narrator, "the Indian learned that his leg had been buried. With a whoop he leaped from his bed and jumped upon the doctor with both feet."
 "Jumped with both feet after an operation?" shouted the doctor, exulting in his exposure of the great scout's absurd story.
 "I said upon the doctor with both feet," explained Cody, "in order to distinguish him from the other hospital physician, who had only one foot, having put the other into people's affairs so often that he lost it."

The Scrap Book

An Innocent Abroad.
 James Morro, day clerk at the Hotel Edward, in Kansas City, Mo., encountered a "new one" recently. The night before the "new one" was sprung a rural citizen from another state registered at the hostelry and was given the only unoccupied room in the house, one with a private bath in connection with it.
 The next time Morro was approached by the guest was when the latter was ready to check out.
 "Well, did you have a good night's rest?" the clerk asked.
 "No, I didn't," replied the rural innocent. "The room was all right, and the bed was pretty good, but I couldn't sleep very much, for I was afraid some one would want to take a bath, and the only door to it was through my room."

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 Is achieved,
 After all your foes are faced,
 Knowing how
 To wear worthily the laurels placed
 On your brow.
 —S. E. Kiser.

Nothing More to Say.
 John came home from the office in the evening in a rather bad humor and after a quick look at his smiling better half said:
 "You must have called me late this morning, Sylvena. It was 12 o'clock when I reached the office, and I had an important appointment for 10 o'clock too."
 "Why, I called you at 7:30, John!"
 "Was the clock right?"
 "Yes; I set it last night when you came home. You remember I called downstairs when you came in and asked you what time it was, and you said 10:30. The clock in my room said 1:45, so I turned it back to agree with your watch, and, of course, I called you by the correct time this morning."—Buffalo Express.

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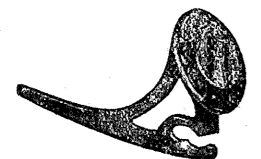
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Wm. Weldon and Howard Lauderbach are employed in Elmwood this week.

Wm. Ball and family of Ellington visited in town several days this week.

Ernst Hoadley of Brown City spent Sunday at the A. D. Mead home.

Miss Faustina Brown was in Pigeon several days last week on business.

Miss Sadie Kelsey returned from Caro Monday where she has been visiting several days.

James Maharg left for Chicago on Monday to attend the International Live Stock Exposition.

Mrs. Claude Rose of Akron is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Edward Knight, this week.

Miss Ella Ball and James Crane spent Thanksgiving with the former's parents in Ellington.

Miss Gladys Parker was in Gagetown Thursday and attended a Thanksgiving party there.

Thaddeus Patterson and Mrs. H. Patterson of Argyle visited with Charles Patterson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Knapp, sr., of Ypsilanti are visiting at the home of their son, A. J. Knapp, jr.

Chas. McCaslin of Flint arrived here Monday to visit with friends and relatives several weeks.

Mrs. Anna Ballantine of Owendale arrived Monday to visit with her brother, John Wettlaufer.

Miss Lillian Goff left last Wednesday for Saginaw, Clio and Flint where she visited several days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goff enjoyed a turkey dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown Thanksgiving day.

Harry Crandall left Monday afternoon for Chicago to attend the International Live Stock Exposition.

Mrs. W. H. Murphy and Mrs. Herbert Frutche were in Detroit several days last week on business.

Mrs. John Spurgeon and children have gone to Lansing to visit with the former's mother, Mrs. Randall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy of Romeo spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Collins.

Miss Mary Gulick left Monday morning for Saginaw where she will spend a week with friends and relatives.

Miss Minnie Moss of Marlette spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. M. J. McGillvray. She returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Flavius LaForge of Caro spent Thanksgiving with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Auten.

Mrs. Spencer Gale left for Tilsonburg, Ontario, Wednesday morning where she will visit with her parents several weeks.

Mrs. Giles and daughter, Josephine, of Lapeer are visiting the former's sisters, Mrs. Sam'l Bigelow and Mrs. A. D. Gillies.

A tiny lady arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jaus Thanksgiving day. She has been named Catherine Christina.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doerr returned Monday from Ann Arbor where the latter underwent an operation. Mrs. Doerr is reported much better.

Mrs. John J. Gallagher left for Stanton last Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with her daughter, Miss Lena, who is teaching at that place.

Miss Vida McConnell and cousin, Miss Nellie McConnell, of Detroit spent Thanksgiving with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McConnell.

John F. Copeland left Monday to attend the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago. He was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Robt Cowan, of Almer township.

Miss Hughena MacCowan left for her home in West Lorne, Canada, on Wednesday. She has been employed as trimmer in the store of Mrs. M. J. McGillvray the past season.

We wondered if Postmaster Wickware's question regarding the age of postal savings bank depositors will have a tendency to discourage women for patronizing that institution.

Mrs. G. W. Goff entertained the Wide Awakes Monday evening at a farewell party for Mrs. Cleaver. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Twenty children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John Striffler gave them a happy surprise when they came with well filled baskets on Thanksgiving day. All present enjoyed a hearty dinner and a pleasant time.

Post office employees will be glad to have patrons of the post office bring in their mail early during the holidays. The mails for each train must be made up to a certain minute and it will greatly facilitate matters if mail matter is brought in as early as possible.

Dr. N. L. McLachlan of Findlay, Ohio, was the guest of friends here over Sunday. He practiced medicine at Cass City in the "eighties" and is well known by the older residents of the town. Mr. McLachlan is returning from a trip through the western states and while in Washington was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Herman McPhail.

It is said that a certain young lady in this town would like to have white hands and one day while they had company asked the advice of the guest. "Soak them in dishwater three times a day," was the reply. The girl left the piano and sticking her head into the kitchen where her mother was washing the dishes said, "Ma, I wish you would save the dishwater when you get through."

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Santa Claus Headquarters AT LOSEY'S

Below we will list a few of the many articles which Santa will be liable to purchase for the Holidays.

To fill the stockings we have the best NUTS that money can buy. Candies that are fresh and sweet, no jaw breakers.

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To the China Buyer

We send you all a special invitation to visit our store, look over our stock and compare prices whether you buy or not. We are here to cater to the public, square dealing is our motto. Call early and avoid the rush.

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Only 13 More Shopping Days Before Xmas

To help you select useful as well as handsome gifts, we give here a list and will be glad to show you many other articles which space will not permit us to mention.

For Wife, Mother or Sister

- A Room Size Rug
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- A pair of Tapestry Curtains
- A Couch Cover
- A pair of fine woolen Blankets
- A handsome Comfortable
- A new Fur, Plush or Cloth Coat
- A fine sets of Furs
- A pair of Shoes
- A pair of Bedroom Slippers
- A handsome Hand Bag
- A pair of Kid Gloves
- A Silk Dress
- A long Kimona or pretty Dressing Sacque
- A handsome Back Comb
- A good Umbrella
- A Sweater Coat

For Husband, Father or Brother

- A Bath Robe
- A pair of Bedroom Slippers
- A box of Pretty Socks
- A box of Suspenders and Arm Bands
- A pretty Necktie
- A Silk Muffler
- A Fancy Shirt, Collar to match
- A good Umbrella
- A good warm Cap
- A pair Driving Mittens
- A pair of Kid Gloves
- A box of good Handkerchiefs
- A warm Outing Night Dress
- A Sweater Coat
- A pair warm Felt Shoes
- A pair Dress Shoes
- A pair high Overshoes

Never have we been able to show such an extensive line of Head Wear as now just received direct from the importers. A handsome assortment. Call and see them. From 25c to \$3.50.

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We have for convenience made two groups of our little novelties, such as Combs, Barrettes, Hair Bands, Jabots, Beads, etc., and they are priced at 25c and 50c. You will be surprised when you see the exceptional values offered in selection.

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Anthony Riggs Fortune

by Clarissa Mackie

"Christmas comes but once a year—and when it goes I'm glad of it!" misquoted Mr. Anthony Riggs, looking sourly at the toe of his slipper.

As Anthony Riggs lived all alone in the big house, there was no one to reply to his unpleasant remarks. Downstairs in the kitchen his one servant clattered noisily about her work. Everywhere else in the house it was very quiet. And there is no silence like that of a great house which has once known the joyful clamor of a large and happy family.

Years ago Anthony had had a love affair, but it ended most unhappily. The girl had married another man and Anthony Riggs had been left to develop into a morose old bachelor—and not so very old at that.

"Christmas comes but once a year—and I'll try to get as far away from it as I can," misquoted Mr. Riggs once more, as he kicked off his slippers and reached for his shoes. When he was buttoned tightly into his fur-lined ulster and his sealskin cap was pulled down over his ears there was nothing to be seen save a pair of very bright brown eyes and an aristocratic nose.

Once in the snowy streets Anthony Riggs found himself nearer to Christmas than he had been before. The shops were overflowing with holly wreaths and branches of mistletoe, toys and games and candy and nuts. Beautiful gifts were displayed in the windows and many happy, expectant faces were pressed against the plate-glass panes.

"Please, sir," said a small voice at Anthony's elbow, "can't you give me a job carrying your bundles?"

"What bundles?" frowned Anthony. "Your Christmas presents—what you're going to buy, sir," said the little boy, respectfully.

"I'm not going to buy any presents," replied Anthony quite fiercely. "Here's something for you—go and buy your own gifts and don't bother me!" He thrust a dollar bill into the eager little fingers and strode on, unmindful of the curious glances of those who had overheard his conversation with the little lad.

A glittering window full of jewels threw a flashlight on his memory. It was in that same shop he had once purchased a ring for Mary Wood. The ring had been returned to him and he had flung it into the farthest corner of his desk. It was there now.

He turned away and sauntered on. In front of his own church, friendly hands drew him into the brightly lighted basement of the edifice where the annual Christmas bazaar was in progress.

There was a merry throng of men, women and children moving to and fro among the booths devoted to the sale of fancy articles, toys and candy. Supper tables occupied one end of the room and in an obscure corner a fortune teller's tent was made of gay shawls. In the middle of the room stood a gigantic Christmas tree, loaded with gifts wrapped in tissue paper.

"Ten cents will entitle you to a gift from the tree," explained his guide.

"I don't like presents," said Anthony grimly.

Deacon Smithers smiled quizzically. "Very well, suit yourself, Anthony! There is the fortune teller—perhaps she will predict a happy future for you! There is the supper table, that will insure you a good meal—and the booths—pay your money and take your choice!" He moved away and left Anthony Riggs standing pale and cold in the midst of the happy crowd.

Perhaps it was because he did not know what else to do that Anthony awaited his turn at the fortune teller's tent, and once within its dim recesses he felt foolishly aware that the future held nothing for him that he did not know.

The gipsy's dark head was concealed in the folds of a lace mantilla; from the flowing sleeves of her red velvet bodice, two slim brown arms and hands flashed out and caught his large hand. The lace-draped head bent over his palm.

"You have had much sorrow," said the gipsy in a low musical voice, "but much of it has been your own making! Do the things I shall tell you and you will live to be very happy and see your dearest wish gratified!"

Anthony smiled sardonically. "And the three things I shall do?" he asked.

"The day after tomorrow is Christmas day. Tomorrow night you must make three persons happy. Find three persons who are poor and needy and sorrowful and take them to your home and provide them with a bountiful dinner; have gifts for them and when they have gone away blessing you—then, you may receive a gift yourself."

"What will it be? I don't want a gift—I haven't kept Christmas for years," protested Anthony, as he placed some money on the table.

"Time you did, then! Don't forget—

or you will lose your last chance of being happy. And stay—" A slim hand arrested his going.

"Yes?" Anthony's voice was very cold.

"Be sure to have that ring in readiness—you may need it!"

And the next instant Anthony found himself elbowed out of the tent by impatient waiters at the door, and without another glance about the decorated room he left the church and went home, much perturbed.

Of course, Anthony Riggs knew that the fortune teller could be none other than some member of his church who was familiar with more or less of the detail of his life and habits. He was surprised at his own lack of indignation because his private affairs had been discussed by a stranger—indeed, he almost felt a glow of gratification that he was still numbered among those to whom something wonderful might happen.

"I'll try it, anyway," said Anthony that night as he blew out his candle. "It can do no harm."

It is a simple matter to make poor people happy. Anthony Riggs found it so. The day before Christmas was marked by a series of galvanic shocks for the servant maid in the basement of Anthony's fine house. Before night the pantries were filled with delicious viands and the smell of spices and mince-meat pervaded the house.

Anthony's three persons became six, for it was so easy to add another one and still another to the little company he had invited. They were old men and women and they enjoyed the feast of good things with a pleasure that made Anthony's heart ache as it had never ached since the day when Mary Wood had sent back his ring.

At last he sent them home in carriages laden with the remains of the dinner and with many gifts that would add comfort to declining years. The best gift of all was that Anthony Riggs had promised not to forget them—he would be their benefactor till they had passed into the hands of the great benefactor.

When he was alone in the brightly lighted parlor, with the blaze of the chandelier falling on the silver threads in his black hair, Anthony thought



"And You—You Meant What You Promised?—That Happiness Would Come to Me?"

of the bitter years he had wasted—years in which he might have made many persons happy. The reward of good deeds was warm in his heart this night and he forgot that there was not one to offer him a gift with loving words. He had received the greatest of all gifts—the love and gratitude of his fellow men.

The door softly opened and a woman crept in, small, slender woman with dusky hair and dark eyes shining like stars.

Anthony Riggs did not look up. He had forgotten that the fortune teller had promised him a gift that night. On his little finger was a small ring set with a single pearl.

"Anthony!" The visitor's voice was low and musical.

"Mary Wood," said Anthony hoarsely; and then with a glance at the black lace draped about her head, he added:

"You were the fortune teller last night?"

"Yes."

"And you—you meant what you promised?—that happiness would come to me?"

"It has come, Anthony," she faltered drawing near to him. "We were so mistaken—you and I—and the years have been long. I am free now—they said you needed me and that night when I saw your bitter face I knew you needed the influence of a greater love than mine before we met."

Anthony Riggs took his sweetheart into his arms. "I have found the greater love, Mary, and its root is pity. My love for you will be better and worthier because of my love for the poor and needy. And tomorrow—tomorrow you will marry me and become my Christmas gift in truth?"

"Yes," said Mary Wood.

And so Anthony Riggs slipped the little pearl ring on her finger.

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A Way Out of It.

Anna was making Christmas presents.

"Oh, dear, this doesn't look nice," said she.

Little Helen, looking on, remarked in a sympathizing tone:

"Oh, well, Auntie, you can give it to some one who is near-sighted."

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY



Jingle, jingle, jingle!
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And the Christmas spirit
Stirreth everywhere.

Then we hustle,
Out through the stores we
peep,
Hoping to find something
For our friends that will keep.
And when we spy the things
we want

And money we do not spare,
But have our bundles rolled
and tied
And back through the frosty
air.

Then hustle to get them ready
To present to each separate
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With our hearts full of happy
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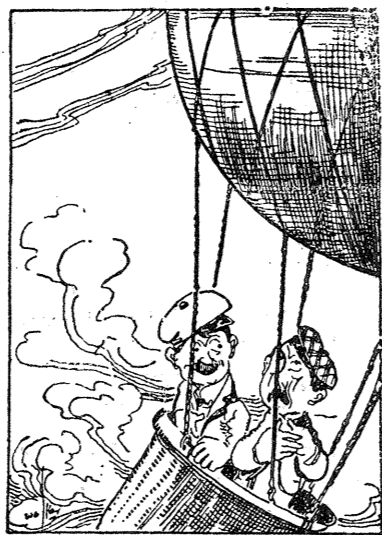
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- Plow
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- 2 crowbars
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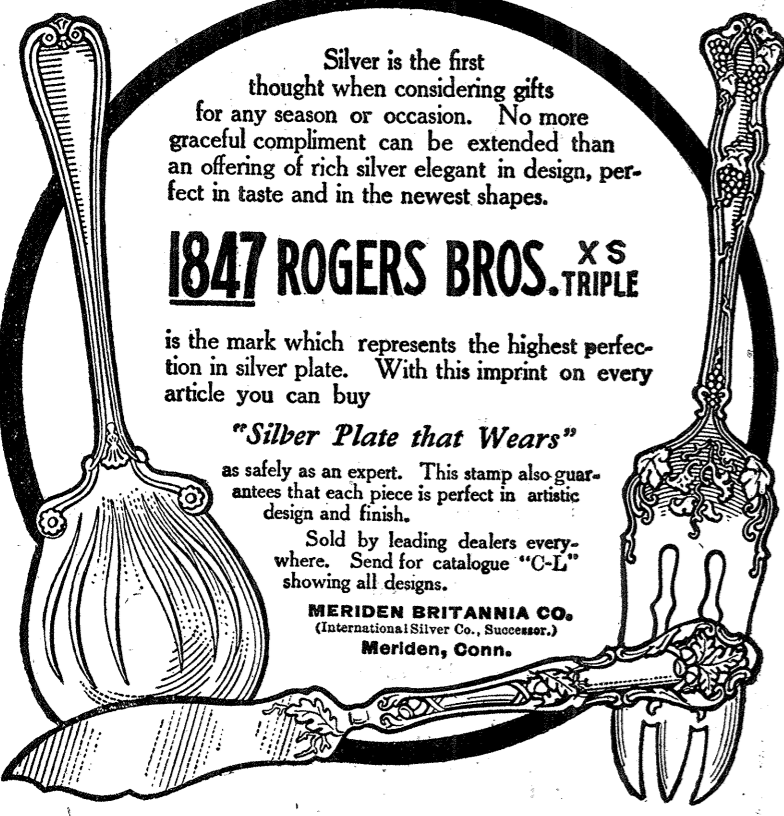
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A Pessimistic Benedict. As they talked over the three years of their married life, which had its ups and downs, she said in her philosophical way, "What a change a man can make in a woman's life!" "Yes," he assented sharply, "but I've observed that she gets more than change out of it. Usually she takes the whole roll."—Philadelphia Times.

The Human Heart

The heart is a wonderful double pump, through the action of which the blood stream is kept sweeping round and round through the body at the rate of seven miles an hour. "Remember this, that our bodies will not stand the strain of over-work without good, pure blood any more than the engine can run smoothly without oil." After many years of study in the active practice of medicine, Dr. R. V. Pierce found that when the stomach was out of order, the blood impure and there were symptoms of general breakdown, a tonic made of the glyceric extract of certain roots was the best corrective. This he called



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THE DANGER TRAIL

By JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD
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Again the door was closed and bolted, and the sound of Croisset's footsteps quickly died away beyond the log walls. Many minutes passed before Howland thought of his pipe or a fire. Then shiveringly he went to seek the fuel which Jean had told him was behind the stove. The old bay stove was soon roaring with the fire which he built, and as the soothing



THE HALF BREED CLOSED AND BOLTED THE DOOR.

fumes of his pipe impregnated the damp air of the room he experienced a sensation of comfort which was in strange contrast to the exciting happenings of the past few days.

He laughed aloud and began pacing back and forth across the rotted floor of his prison. And then a flush burned in his face and his eyes glowed as he thought of Meleese. In spite of himself she had saved him from his enemies, and he blessed Croisset for having told him the meaning of this flight into the north. Once again she had betrayed him, but this time it was to save his life, and his heart leaped in joyous faith at this proof of her love for him. He believed that he understood the whole scheme now. Even his enemies would think him dead. They would leave the Wekusko, and after a time, when it was safe for him to return, he would be given his freedom.

With the passing of the hours gloomier thoughts shadowed these anticipations. In some mysterious way Meleese was closely associated with those who sought his life, and if they disappeared she would disappear with them. He was convinced of that. And then—could he find her again? Would she go into the south—to civilization—or deeper into the untraveled wildernesses of the north? In answer to his question there flashed through his mind the words of Jean Croisset, "M'seur, I know of a hundred men between Athabasca and the bay who would kill you for what you have said." Yes, she would go into the north. Somewhere in that vast desolation of which Jean had spoken he would find her, even though he spent half of his life in the search!

It was past midnight when he spread out the furs and undressed for bed. With the breaking of day the hours seemed of interminable length. For a time he amused himself by searching every corner and crevice of his prison room, but he found nothing of interest beyond what he had already discovered. He examined the door which Croisset had barred on him and gave up all hope of escape in that direction. He could barely thrust his arm through the aperture that opened out on the plague stricken cabin.

In no situation had he displayed the white feather; at no time had he felt a thrill of fear. His courage and recklessness had terrified Meleese, had astonished Croisset. And yet what had he done? From the beginning, from the moment he first placed his foot in the Chinese cafe, his enemies had held the whiphand. He had been compelled to play a passive part. Up to the point of the ambush on the Wekusko trail he might have found some vindication for himself. But this experience with Jean Croisset—it was enough to madden him, now that he was alone, to think about it. Why had he not taken advantage of Jean, as Jackpine and the Frenchman had taken advantage of him?

He saw now what he might have done. Somewhere, not very far back, the sledge carrying Meleese and Jackpine had turned into the unknown. They two were alone. Why had he not made Croisset a prisoner, instead of allowing himself to be caged up like a weakling? He swore aloud as there dawned on him more and more a realization of the opportunity he had lost. At the point of a gun he could have forced Croisset to overtake the other sledge. He could have surprised Jackpine, as they had surprised him on the trail. And then? He smiled, but there was no humor in the smile. He at last would have held the whip hand. And what would Meleese have done? Meleese loved him. He would have staked his life on that. His blood leaped as he felt again the thrill of her

kisses when she had come to him as he lay bound and gagged beside the trail. She had taken his head in her arms, and through the grief of her face he had seen shining the light of a great love that had glorified it for all time for him. She loved him! And he had let her slip away from him, had weakly surrendered himself at a moment when everything that he dreamed of might have been within his grasp. With Jackpine and Croisset in his power—

He went no further. Was it too late to do these things now? Croisset would return. With a sort of satisfaction it occurred to him that his actions had disarmed the Frenchman of suspicion. He believed that it would be easy to overcome Croisset, to force him to follow in the trail of Meleese and Jackpine. And that trail? It would probably lead to the very stronghold of his enemies. But what of that? He loaded his pipe again, puffing out clouds of smoke until the room was thick with it. That trail would take him to Meleese—wherever she was. Hereafter his enemies had come to him; now he would go to them. With Croisset in his power and with none of his enemies aware of his presence, everything would be in his favor. He laughed aloud as a sudden thrilling thought flashed into his mind. As last resort he would use Jean as a decoy.

He foresaw how easy it would be to bring Meleese to him—to see Croisset. His own presence would be like the dropping of a bomb at her feet. In that moment, when she saw what he was risking for her, that he was determined to possess her, would she not surrender to the pleading of his love? If not he would do the other thing—that which had brought the joyous laugh to his lips. All was fair in war and love, and theirs was a game of love. Because of her love for him Meleese had kidnapped him from his post of duty, had sent him a prisoner to this death house in the wilderness. Love had exculpated her. That same love would exculpate him. He would make her a prisoner, and Jean should drive them back to the Wekusko. Meleese herself had set the pace, and he would follow it. And what woman, if she loved a man, would not surrender after this? In their sledge trip he would have her to himself, for not only an hour or two, but for days. Surely in that time he could win. There would be pursuit perhaps; he might have to fight, but he was willing and a trifle anxious to fight.

He went to bed that night and dreamed of things that were to happen. A second day, a third night and a third day came. With each hour grew his anxiety for Jean's return. At times he was almost feverish to have the affair over with. He was confident of the outcome, and yet he did not fail to take the Frenchman's true measurement. He knew that Jean was like live wire and steel, as agile as a cat, more than a match with himself in open fight despite his own superior weight and size.

He devised a dozen schemes for Jean's undoing. One was to leap on him while he was eating, another to spring on him and choke him into partial insensibility as he knelt beside his pack or fed the fire, a third to strike a blow from behind that would render him powerless. But there was something in this last that was repugnant to him. He remembered that Jean had saved his life; that in no instance had he given him physical pain. He would watch for an opportunity, take advantage of the Frenchman, as Croisset had taken advantage of him, but he would not hurt him seriously. It should be as fair a struggle as Jean had offered him, and with the handicap in his favor the best man would win.

On the morning of the fourth day Howland was awakened by a sound that came through the aperture in the wall. It was the sharp, yelping bark of a dog, followed an instant later by the sharper crack of a whip and a familiar voice.

Jean Croisset had returned. With a single leap he was out of his bunk. Half dressed he darted to the door and crouched there, the muscles of his arms tightening, his body tense with the gathering forces within him. The spur of the moment had driven him to quick decision. His opportunity would come when Jean Croisset passed through that door.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Not in His Seat.

A certain congressman was very busy at his desk in the house one morning when a page announced, "A gentleman in the lobby to see you, sir." "Tell him I'm not in my seat," said the congressman after looking at the card. The boy, a sturdy looking chap, did not move. "But you are in your seat, sir," he answered in matter of fact tones, "and I can't say you are not."

The congressman looked at the lad angrily, but, seeing that he was in earnest, moved into the vacant chair of his neighbor. "Now tell him I'm not in my seat."

"Yes, sir," said the boy briskly and went to deliver the message.

Great Exercise.

"Is he fond of exercise?" "Yes; he walks in his sleep."—Detroit Free Press.

What He Regretted.

Visitor—Do you regret the past? Convicted Counterfeiter—Oh, no! It's what didn't pass that I feel bad about.

The Mediterranean.

The deepest part of the Mediterranean is near Malta. The depth is 14,386 feet.

Little Mandy's Christmas Tree

By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Little Mandy and her Ma 'S poorest folks you ever saw! Lived in poorest house in town, Where the fence 'uz all tore down.

And no front-door steps at all— Ist a' old box 'g'inst the wall; And no door-knob on the door Outside,—My! but they 'uz poor!

Wuz no winder-shutters on, And some of the winders gone, And where they 'uz broke they'd pas' ist brown paper 'crost the place.

Tell you! when it's winter there, And the snow ist ever'where, Little Mandy's Ma she say 'Spec' they'll freeze to death some day.

Wunst my Ma and Me—when we Be'n to church, and's goin' to be Chris'mas purty soon,—we went There—like the Committee sent.

And Sir! when we're in the door, Wuz no carpet on the floor, And no fire — and heels—and—head Little Mandy's tucked in bed. And her Ma telled my Ma she Got no coffee but ist tea, And fried mush—and's all they had Sense her health broke down so bad.

Nen Ma hug and hold me where Little Mandy's layin' there; And she kiss her, too, and nen Mandy kiss my Ma again.

And my Ma she telled her we Go'in' to have a Chris'mus-Tree At the Sunday School, 'at's fer All the children, and fer her.

Little Mandy think—nen she say, "What is a Chris'mus-Tree?" Nen my Ma she gived her Ma Somepin' 'at I saw.

And say she must take it,—and She ist maked her keep her hand Wite close shut, and nen she kiss Her hand—shut ist ike it is.

Nen we comed away . . . And nen When its Chris'mus Eve again, And all of us childrens be At the Church and Chris'mus-Tree—

And all git our toys and things 'At old Santy Claus he brings And puts on the Tree;—wite where The big Tree 'us standin' there.

And the things 'uz all tooked down, And the childrens, all in town, Got their presents—nen we see They's a little Chris'mus-Tree.

Wite behind the big Tree—so We can't see till nen, you know,— And it's all ist loaded down With the purtiest things in town!

And the teacher smile and say: "This here Tree 'at's hid away It's marked 'Little Mandy's Tree!' Little Mandy! Where is she?" Nen nobody say a word. Stillest place you ever heard! 'Till a man tiptoe up where 'Teachers' still a-waiting there.

Nen the man he whispers, so Ist the Teacher hears, you know. Nen he tiptoe back and go Out the big door—ist as slow!

Little Mandy, though she don't Answer—and Ma say "she won't Never, though each year they'll be 'Little Mandy's Christmas-Tree.'"

Fer pore children"—my Ma says— And Committee say they guess "Little Mandy's Tree" 'ull be Bigger than the other Tree!

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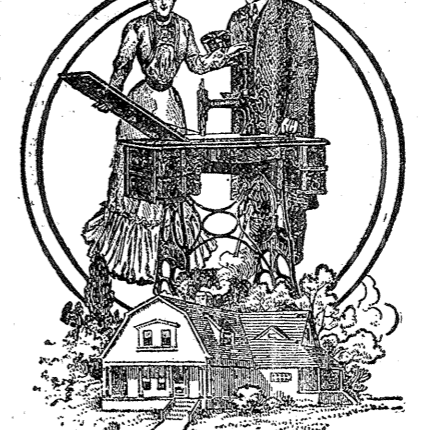
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Default having been made in the payment of money due on and secured by a certain mortgage bearing date the 14th day of May A. D. 1906, made and executed by Minard D. Mills and Mary L. Mills, his wife, jointly and as husband and wife, to Isaac B. Auten and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan, in Liber 118 of Mortgages on page 223 on the 15th day of May A. D. 1906, which said mortgage was assigned by said Isaac B. Auten to The First Commercial Bank of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 14th day of October A. D. 1907, the assignment thereof being recorded in the Register's Office aforesaid in Liber 110 of Mortgages on page 305 which said mortgage was afterwards and on the 16th day of September A. D. 1911 again duly assigned by said The First Commercial Bank of Pontiac, Mich., to Isaac B. Auten, the assignment thereof being recorded in Liber 116 of Mortgages on page 114 in the Register of Deeds Office aforesaid.

That there is claimed to be due upon said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of Six hundred and eight dollars and ten cents, and that by reason of said default the whole sum secured by said mortgage has become due and payable.

Now therefore notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on the 12th day of February, 1912, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The said mortgaged premises are described in said mortgage substantially as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner stake of the southeast quarter (1/4) of section twenty-five (25), township number thirteen (13), north range eleven, (11) east, and running thence south twenty-three and one-half rods (23 1/2); thence west twenty (20) rods; thence north twenty-three and one-half rods (23 1/2); thence east twenty (20) rods to the place of beginning, in the Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, which said premises will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage and the costs of foreclosure and subject to the lien of another certain mortgage made by the said Minard D. Mills and Mary L. Mills, his wife, to The First Commercial Bank of Pontiac, Michigan, upon which last mentioned mortgage there is unpaid the sum of Three hundred dollars (\$300) principal, and interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, payable annually from the 16th day of March A. D. 1911, and is recorded in Liber 124 of mortgages on page 402 in said Register of Deeds' Office aforesaid.

Dated this 15th day of November, A. D. 1911.

ISAAC B. AUTEN, Mortgagee.
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Business Address, Cass City, Mich. 10-6-13

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Gustav Seiler, 36, Detroit; Lucy Baumeister, 30, Delaware.
Frederick Fulcher, 23, Greenleaf; Ethel Vance, 18, Evergreen.
William R. Drau, 22, Crosswell; Edna Ellerthorpe, 21, Amadore.
Alvah Alexander, 29, Buel; Alice Enright, 23, same.
James Jakway, 22, Lansing; Phebe Kennedy, 20, Marlette.
James Davis, 21, Deckerville; Ver-na Van Sickle, 19, same.
Louis J. Leslie, 26, Applegate; Etta Cutler, 21, same.
Stephen A. Decker, 35, Greenleaf; Lillian Vogel, 21, same.
Cornelius B. Purdy, 54, Crosswell; Amanda Conner, 47, same.
John A. Nelson, 26, Carsonville; Lula L. Grandy, 20, Port Sanilac.
Edmond H. Freed, 18, Vassar; Gladys R. Laforge, 16, Reese.
Edward Clarence Steele, 25, Mayville; Della Wall, 21, Saginaw.
Henry L. Chaffee, 29, Cass City; Nina Bell Karr, 24, same.
Richard R. Sage, 23, Akron; Angelina Hetherington, 18, same.
Lee J. Bowerman, 22, Caro; Elpha E. Karr, 18, Mayville.
Alber Titworth, 61, Indianfields; Phoebe J. Silverthorn, 60, Vassar.
Matthew Cosens, 33, Akron; Alice Gertrude Black, 21, Wisner.
Thos. Nelson McGuigan, 45, Waretown; Maud Chaplin, 36, Fostoria.
Dr. Chas. Edwin Calley, 49, Rock Delta Co., 34, Caro.
Clair Hill Nixon, 21, Flint; Grace Elaine MacFarlane, 25, Quanicasee.
Charles Henry Hare, 23, North Branch; Ethel Mary Fader, 18, Unionville.
Benj. Wesley Gerra, 25, Akron; Effie Stephens, 20, same.
Sherman Streeter, 23, Gageton; Mabel Charlotte Bingham, 20, Owendale.
Charles Stannitz, 25, Sebawaing; Ida Lafave, 21, same.
Gust W. Fuhrman, 27, Bloomfield; Mable J. Tackaberry, 27, same.
John Gaeth, 28, Sebawaing; Martha Kurtzer, 28, same.
Henry Koleski, 46, Dwight; Mary Poleski, 28, Lincoln.

SURELY



She—'I wonder who wrote "Down in the Coal Mine?"
He—'One of the minor poets, I guess.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by L. I. Wood & Co.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.

Final Administration Account.
State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Tuscola.
At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the Village of Caro, in said county, on the first day of December, A. D. 1911.
Present, Hon. D. Healy Clark, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of **Jane Summerville, Deceased.**
James D. Brooker, having filed in said court his final administration account, and petition praying for the allowance thereof and for assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate,
It is ordered, that the second day of January, A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, he and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.
It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
D. HEALY CLARK, Judge of Probate.
A true copy. Probate seal. 12-8-4

NOTICE OF HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Tuscola.
In the matter of the estate of **Eth Leek, Deceased.**
Notice is hereby given that four months from the 26th day of October A. D. 1911, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the village of Caro in said county, on or before the 26th day of February A. D. 1912, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 26th day of February A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.
Dated October 26th, A. D. 1912.
D. HEALY CLARK, Judge of Probate.
Probate seal. 11-17-4

DEFORD.

John and Clayton Lee of North-east Kingston were in town Saturday and think they can beat the average farmer of this locality. They ploughed 1 1/2 acres Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving.
Mrs. Emily Warner was a caller in town Friday.
Frank Scriffer has moved his household goods into the Frutchey house east of the bank and will take charge of the elevator business.
Mr. and Mrs. McPhail of Bay City and Mrs. Freeman of Pontiac visited their sister, Mrs. R. Kennedy, for Thanksgiving.
Miss Iris Walker visited with Winnifred Spencer a couple of days last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Daugherty were Cass City callers Saturday.
Miss Mary Sargent of Caro spent Thanksgiving at her home here.
Florence Silverthorn of Kingston spent Thanksgiving at home.
Zella Hall of Cass City was a caller in town Saturday.
Miss Rebecca Randall of Cass City visited her brother, Elisha, last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Walker were Cass City callers Saturday.
Geo. Spencer has sold 40 acres of his farm to B. O. Watkins.
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wilson and daughter, Iola, were given a surprise party Friday evening before their departure this week for Kansas City, Mo. Upwards of 70 were present and reported a very enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were presented with a beautiful set of table linen and Miss Iola, a jewel box.
Friday, Dec. 1, was election of officers in Fern Hive No. 200. The following were elected:
Mrs. Wm. Neeper, Commander.
Mrs. Samuel Sherk, Lieutenant Commander.
Mrs. J. R. Lewis, Past Commander.
Mrs. Geo. Spencer, Record Keeper.
Mrs. Geo. Walker, Finance Keeper.
Mrs. Wm. Parks, Sergeant.
Miss Amanda Gillies, Mistress-at-Arms.
Mrs. Mary Vandermark, Sentinel.
Mrs. Geo. Phillips, Picket.
Mrs. Chas. Kilgore, Organist.

COOK'S CORNERS.

A number from here attended the dance in Gageton Thursday evening.
Mrs. Bosley visited friends in Akron last Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert spent part of last week at the home of Alfred Forshee.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Art Rochelau, a daughter, Nov. 28.
Mr. and Miss Luckhard spent Sunday at their home in Sebawaing.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rabidue and two children have gone to North Dakota to visit the latter's mother.
Geo. Hool spent part of last week in Bay City.
Mrs. Brocha of Akron visited with a friends here last week.
Mr. Brammire is quite poorly at present.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knapp and Fred Marshall of Bay City spent last week at the homes of Noah and Will Concenia.
Mr. and Mrs. P. Mullin and Geo. Hool and family spent Thanksgiving at the home of Tom Fournier.
Misses Lottie Goshlin and Margaret Fournier are employed in Owendale.

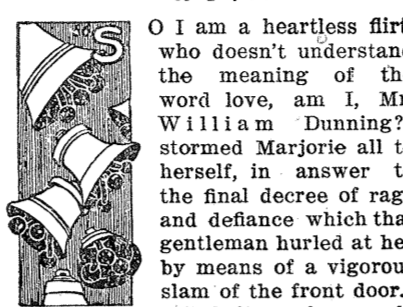
CUMBER.

Looks like winter just now.
Mr. and Mrs. Mose Karr were the guests of C. W. Law last Sunday.
Earl Master called on Miss Hattie Brown last Sunday.
Miss Eva Master of Cass City spent Thanksgiving with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Master.
Geo. Schiestal and family were the guests of Wm. A. Franzel last Sunday.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Franzel, Nov. 23, a son.
Ed Nelson called on Miss Goodwin last Sunday.
Talk about your railroads. Quit talking and get busy and build on from Wilmot to Bad Axe via Wickware and run a branch to our town as we need it just as well as a cat needs two tails.
Mrs. Herman Fitch of Detroit called on friends here. Mrs. Fitch was formerly Josephine Karl. They were married at Detroit last week. Congratulations.
Chas. Gilbert is at present balking hay. Keep at it.
C. W. Law made a business trip to Cass City recently.
Lightning Kills Few.
In 1908 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at L. I. Wood & Co.'s.

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Billy's Christmas Greeting
By EUGENIA RABBAS
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O I am a heartless flirt, who doesn't understand the meaning of the word love, am I, Mr. William Dunning?" stormed Marjorie all to herself, in answer to the final decree of rage and defiance which that gentleman hurled at her by means of a vigorous slam of the front door.
"I believe he would have shaken me, if he hadn't rushed out in time to prevent himself from doing it," she continued, the ever ready dimples venturing out of their hiding places, but she banished them severely. "I'll never, never forgive him, even though he asks me to, which of course, he won't! And he calls me stubborn!"
Next morning Marjorie was tremendously busy wrapping up dainty little parcels, for the next day was Christmas, and her many friends must be remembered, in spite of quarrels and Billy.
Still, she seemed very much preoccupied over her work, and quite suddenly she threw aside the piece of



holly she had been toying with, and fairly flew to the telephone.
In answer to her impatient summons, she was quickly connected with Brown & Co.'s book store. "Have you sent out those books that were ordered for Mr. William Dunning?" she asked anxiously.

The answer evidently pleased her, for she breathed a sigh of relief. "That's all right; I'm glad you haven't, for I have changed my mind about them. Please cancel the order."
Marjorie hung up the receiver with an air of triumph. "There, I'm glad I thought of that! Billy would have construed a Christmas present into an abject apology," she said, her indignation rising at the very thought of such a thing.

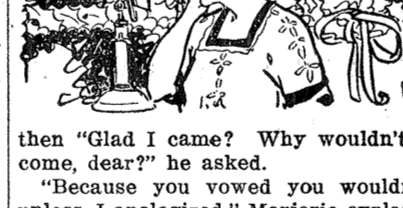
But when she went back to her parcels and picked up the little twig of holly she had intended tucking away into one of them, her face softened. "I know that isn't the right kind of a Christmas spirit to have, but I can't have Billy thinking that I am admitting I was wrong, when I know I wasn't," she argued with herself.

The joyous ringing of Christmas bells and merry shouts of her younger sisters and brothers, when they discovered their stockings the next morning, only served to emphasize her depression.
"Billy never loved me; if he really and truly did he never could treat me like this," she told herself as she stood looking with unseeing eyes at the happy Christmas world.

Just then a young man, fairly tearing around the corner, arrested her attention. It was no less a person than Billy himself who was coming, post haste, to see her.

Marjorie looked at him in wonder. What had come over Billy? Why this sudden contrition, when she admitted it now for the first time, even to herself she had been greatly, if not altogether, to blame for their quarrel.

"O, Billy, I am so glad you came," Billy took some little time to emphasize his appreciation of her welcome,



then "Glad I came? Why wouldn't I come, dear?" he asked.
"Because you vowed you wouldn't unless I apologized," Marjorie explained mischievously.
"You didn't think I'd be so narrow and unforgiving as to ignore your dear little peace offering? I brought one of the books with me to read something to you," he told her, and diving into his pocket he produced a little copy of "Romeo and Juliet."

Marjorie was surprised for a second, then it flashed over her what it all meant. Brown & Co. had forgotten to cancel her order and Billy had received the books. Billy had construed her sending them into a humble plea for forgiveness.
He most probably wouldn't have come at all if it hadn't been for that. She stiffened visibly and all her love was swallowed up in a wave of rebellious pride.

"You are mistaken," she commenced coldly, but Billy interrupted her. "Here, I have found it."
"My bounty is as boundless as the sea,
My love as deep, the more I give to thee."
"The more I have, for both are infinite," he was reading, and the simple beauty of the lines awoke something in Marjorie stronger than pride or resentment and she only smiled when he added tenderly: "My Christmas greeting to you, dear."



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SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. Harnish (in physics class)—**Now**, Mr. K., there is no use of your trying to discuss a question when you know nothing about it. Irwin C. Well, Mr. Harnish, that is the only way we have of finding out what we don't know.

Miss Clara Foster has returned to school after spending Thanksgiving at her home in Brown City.

Miss L. is very liberal when it comes to giving front seats away.

Miss L. (in algebra)—Mr. Y. sit down and stay sit down.

Nellie Fitch was absent a few days on account of illness.

The lecturer the other night made the statement that a boy who was not full of mischief and did not keep thinking lively was a mistake. Later one of the teachers was heard to remark that there were no mistakes in the C. C. H. S.

Miss Stella McDougal of Brookville, Ontario, visited the high school Tuesday afternoon.

The American literature class is reading Whittier's Snowbound.

The smiling face of Margaret Clark is again seen among the senior number after several weeks absence.

Misses Irma Ricker and Sybil Burton of Gageton visited high school Monday afternoon.

Helene Bardwell is back again in the sixth grade after an illness of two weeks.

Ruth Robinson is absent on account of illness.

In the first fire drill held last week some were very quick in getting out but two classes remained in session trying to play the boy on the burning deck. Look out, you'll burn up next time.

On Thanksgiving day Bad Axe defeated Cass City 3-0. Cass City outplayed Bad Axe two to one at many stages of the game and although they had the ball within a few yards of a touchdown several times were unable to score.

Bad Axe secured their three points on a drop kick in the second quarter, after Cass City had fumbled a punt and the referee had refused to allow several penalties inflicted on Bad Axe by the umpire.

While Cass City hated to loose the game they do not feel nearly as bad over that as they do over the treatment they received at the hands of the referee. We are sorry that Bad Axe was disappointed in not being able to secure a competent official. We are sure it was by no thought or desire of theirs, that they secured at the last minute a brother of one of the Bad Axe team and a man under the influence of liquor as referee. We are sorry that this happened. In the last quarter when Cass City started to leave the field this official was removed and another substituted.

While we do not blame defeat on the referee, at the same time we can not help but think, that perhaps

there was some truth in the following statement, made after the game by a former student of the Bad Axe high school and at present a resident of that city: "While I cannot say that Bad Axe did not deserve their three points, at the same time, how many would Cass City have secured, had the official been honest? Cass City sure showed that they were a game bunch."

Cass City has no idea of cancelling athletics with Bad Axe but in the future will insist on having some choice in the selection of the officials.

Thumb Notes

New Pastor a Caro—Rev. E. E. Lashley of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, has accepted the call to become pastor of the Presbyterian church at Caro.

Hotel Irwin to Be Enlarged—John Leonard, owner of the Irwin House at Bad Axe, says that he is getting ready to enlarge this well known hostelry by the addition of 25 new rooms.—Tribune.

Farmers' Institutes—Sec. James Haley, of the county farmers institute society has received from the department at the Agricultural College the places for the Huron county institutes for the coming winter. The two day round up will be held at Bad Axe and one day meetings at Pinebogus, Uby, Port Hope, Harbor Beach, Verona Mills, Grant M. E. church and Owendale.

Fine Specimen of Pine—Lumber that is lumber was taken from an old barn at the corner of Cass avenue and James street, Bay City, by Henry Hodgson and near the end of his work he found two Cass river pine boards which had been used as sheeting. There was not a flaw or knot in them and they were 12 feet long and 32 inches wide. The barn was built in 1872, nearly 40 years ago, by J. E. Loxley and James Sheet. The boards are genuine prizes, in fact, curiosities nowadays, and show how little value was attached to lumber two score years ago. White pine lumber of this quality, if it were possible to obtain it now, would be worth about \$80 per thousand.—Bay City Tribune.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of unclaimed letters at Cass City post office for week ending Dec. 2:

Norman Doyle.
A. J. Murphy.

Horse for Sale.

Weight about 1,100, good worker, good wind, good driver. Enquire of D. M. Houghton. A. D. Mead. 9-29

Lumber for Sale.

Quantity of maple lumber for sale; also beach and maple wood. W. E. Holcomb, Citizens' Phone, No. 146, 1 S. 11, 1S. 12-1-p4.

NOVESTA CENTER.

Forty-nine persons attended the dinner at the home of Louis Wheeler Wednesday. It was given by the Greenbank Ladies aid.

Novesta Arbor, A. O. O. G., has elected the following officers: C. G. A. H. Henderson. V. C. G. Alex Slack. Sec-treas, Mrs. McLeish. Chap., Chas. Cook. Conductor, Uriah Gooden. Conductress, Mrs. Lottie Henderson. Lecturer, Mrs. Chas. Cook. I. G., John Slack. O. G., Robt. Brown. Delegate to the bi-ennial meeting, Robt. Brown.

PRINTER GETS "DUNS" TOO.

A newspaper subscriber received a "dun" through the postoffice and it made him mad. He went to see the editor about it, and the editor showed him a few duns of his own—one for paper, one for type, one for ink, one for fuel and several others. "Now," said the editor, "I didn't get mad when these came because I knew that all I had to do was to ask several reliable gentlemen like you to come in and help me out, and then I could settle them all." When the subscriber saw how it was he relented, paid up and renewed for another year.

FROM THE EXCHANGES.

How dear to my heart is the cash for subscription when a jolly subscriber presents it to view. But the one who don't pay I refrain from description, for perhaps, gentle reader, that one may be you.—Elkton Review.

A Sanluc Co. paper says a Sandusky doctor went to Ann Arbor to take "Pasture" treatment. No wonder, with hay at home worth eight to twenty dollars per ton.—North Branch Gazette.

SIGN THIS PLEDGE.

"I will give no gift which I cannot afford.
"I will give no gift which has not love behind it.
"I will give some gifts which shall not be exchange gifts at all but genuine generosity to someone to whom it will mean very much."

Sheep for Sale.

A few fine Oxford Down sheep of both sexes for sale, \$7 and \$10 each. H. R. Perry & Son, Ellington, sec. 4 and 5, R. R. No. 2, Gageton. 11-24-3

P., O. & N. R. R Time Table.

Trains leave Cass City
Going north, 11:35 a. m. and 7:58 p. m.
Going south, 7:45 a. m. and 3:29 p. m.

The Christmas goods offered in this store are priced on the same low priced basis as found here every day in the year.

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Every article selected with a view of giving you the best value obtainable.

Fur Coats, Suits and Overcoats, Boys' Clothing

Men's Shoes, Boys' Shoes, Women's Shoes, Girls' Shoes.

Slippers

Splendid assortment of Slippers in Felt and Leather—neat and new—for all the family.

Gloves and Mittens

From the cheapest working mitts to the finest fur lined driving gloves or mittens.

Mufflers

Silk and knitted mufflers, wide range of colors and material.

Sweater Coats

Endless variety of the best goods to be found.

Neckwear

Our neckwear is the most gorgeous we have ever shown, new-est ideas in plain colors, spotted silks, persians, cross stripes, rainbow stripes all made by Temple who makes the best neckwear in the U. S. to retail at 25c and 50c

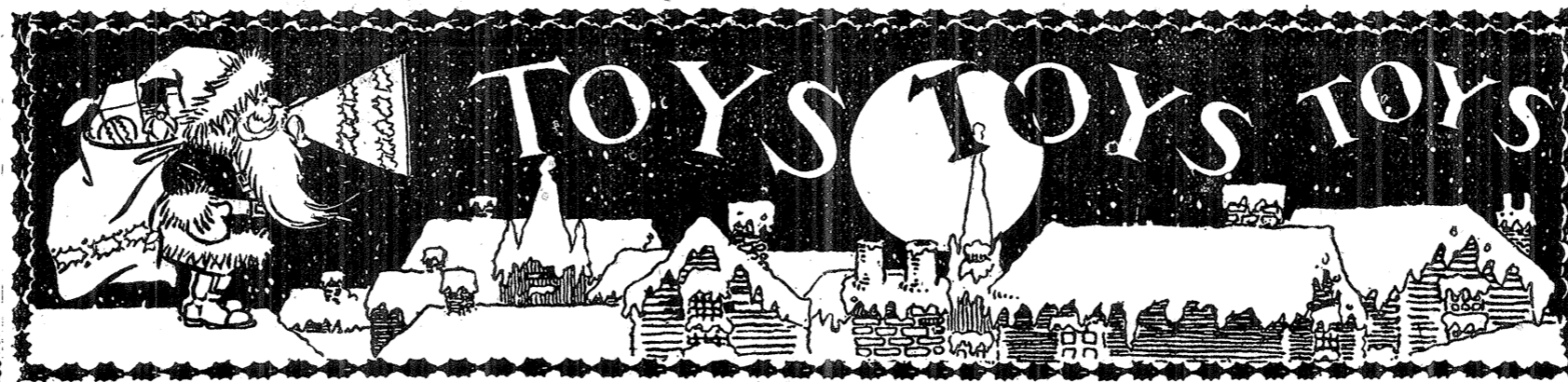
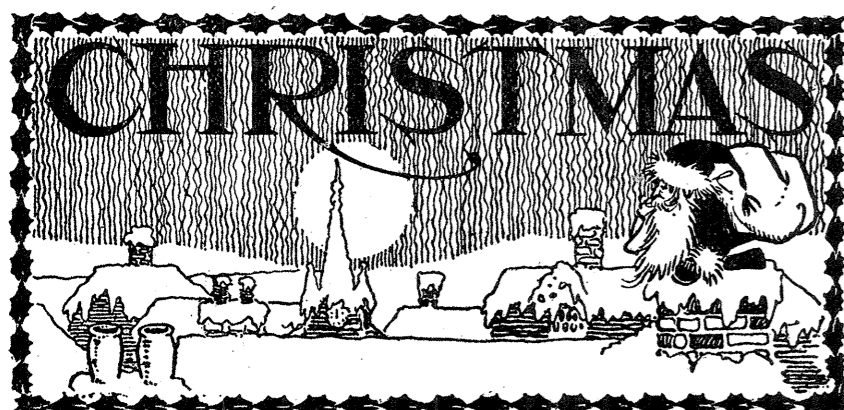
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New assortments for the holiday trade in latest designs.

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The volume of our trade in these lines tells us you get better value here.

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With acceptable, appropriate articles. Our Toy Exhibit is alike interesting to old and young, greater and more elaborate than any previous holiday time. We want you to view this wonderful array of gifts which with our line of Stationery, Post Card Albums, Necktie and Hat Pin Holders and Toilet Cases will fill Santa's Pack when he starts on his round Xmas Eve.

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Syrup Pitchers, Spoon Trays, Pepper and Salt Shakers, Mugs, Cream Jugs, Oatmeal Sets, Bread and Butter Plates, Celery Trays, and in fact everything one might wish in the line of Fancy China.

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Our stock of all the good things was never larger than now and you will be able to find everything you want in this line at a considerable saving in cost to you.

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