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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

The subject of the lesson-sermon for next week is "Christian Science."

Meetings are held over the Cass

City Bank on Thursday evening of

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We would like to show you the best

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## CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT THE CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS HAVE ALL PREPARED PROGRAMS.

M. E.'s Start Festivities Sunday, Baptists and Presbyterians Tuesday and Evangelicals Wednesday.

All the Sunday School societies in Cass City have prepared Christmas exercises for next week.

The M. E. Sunday school is preparing an excellent program suitable for a Christmas entertainment and will give this program Sunday eveming, December 21. They are not going to have a tree, but plans are being made to have a tree and a supper for the Sunday School scholars between Christmas and New Years.

The Baptist people will give a supper Tuesday evening to the members of the Sunday school. A few musical numbers will be given by the choir and gifts will be distriubted.

The program prepared by the Presbyterian scholars will be given Tuesday evening, Dec. 23. There will be a few good Christmas readings and musical numbers and a cantata and chorus to be given by Mrs. F. E. Kelsey's class. Two other features which promise to be interesting are the Sunbonnet Girls and Overall Boys by by Mrs. James Tennant's class. There will be a Christmas tree and a distribution of gifts at the close.

The Evangelical Sunday school will render their program Christmas eve and promises an interesting program to attendants. Because of the evening, the program is being made short so that people may finish their Christmas preparations after the entertainment. Two trees will be placed to bear the Christmas burdens which may assemble.

## HUNT AND FISH IN FLORIDA

Dr. ard Mrs. Wickware Left for Citrus Center Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Wickware left Monday morning for Citrus Center, the columns of the Chronicle. Florida, where they will spend sever-death blow last March when two atal weeks and the doctor will take a torneys were engaged to come rest from the strenuous life his prac- from Caro, who told the subscribers tice has demanded. Citrus Center and stockholders among other things boasts a good hotel and here Mr. and that they didn't have to pay their Mrs. Wickware will remain for a few weeks until they become acclimated; gaging those attorneys paying them then back to the simple life in a \$30.00 for a few hours' work without tent or shack. The doctor says that some object in view? there is excellent hunting and fishing this, in the first place certain invesin that vicinity and anticipates much tors were trying to get out of paying sport with rod and gun.

He has acquired an option on 10 acres of land just outside the village ty expected to get control, if and will combine business with pleas- sole ownership of the Standard Conure while there in looking up crop densed Milk Plant for an investment conditions and considering the advisa-vited me to 30 in with him, pay off bility of concluding the purchase of the indebtedness on the plant the tract and setting out an orange take a mortgage back saying that no

practice during the latter's absence. me and break up the company. practice at Bear Lake and expects to locate soon in one of the larger cities of the Canadian Northwest.

#### **NOWLAND SENTENCED**

Judge Beach Gives Him One Year at Ionia Reformatory.

Harry Nowland, who pleaded guilty to a charge of felonious assault in circuit court a few weeks ago, was to one year's imprisonment in the Ionia Reformatory.

A decree in favor of the complainant was given in the chancery case of Jonathan and Thos. Agar vs. Daniel W. and Annie E. Streeter, bill for specific performance of contract. This case was carried over from the September term.

The people vs. John Roble et al, the defendants were acquited. The proposition. action was assault with intent to do of murder.

one for Xmas-\$3.50. Bigelow's.

Two special values in fur coats. Fine fur 'ined coat. See Geo. L. Hitchcock.

Combination sets of handkerchief, socks, tie and wooden tie-holder to are hereby notified that I will be in match at Crosby & Son's from 50c to my office every day to receive \$1.50. All above sets are enclosed taxes of that township. H. L. Hunt, in boxes and can be easily mailed.

PROBATE NEWS.

In the matter of the estate of Mary Moe, late of Wells, deceased, will was admitted to probate and H. P. George was appointed executor.

In the matter of the estate of Dora Bristol, late of Millington, deceased, will was admitted to probate and E. T. Pedlow was appointed executor.

In the matter of the estate of Levi Haight, late of Vassar, deceased, final account allowed.

# **PROCEEDINGS**

DEFORD CONDENSED MILK CO. GET HEARING DEC. 20.

Majority of Directors Admit Inability to Pay Debts; W. M. Neeper Makes Statement.

A petition of creditors of the Standard Condensed Milk Co. of Deford to have that concern adjudicated a bankrupt has been presented to Arthur J. Tuttle, referee of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern Division, and a subpoena has been served on the company through W. M. Neeper for a hearing at Bay City on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Among other paragraphs, the petition contains this information: "A majority of the directors met at Dethe primary department and a chorus ford Nov. 21 and admitted the inability of the said company to pay its debts and hereby consent that the said company be adjudicated a bankrupt on such grounds."

> Three creditors are on the petitions and the amounts claimed by each are as follows: O. A. Braman, List of Names Drawn for Circuit Observe Simple Rules and Avoid \$1,076.36; James McGrecr, \$53.16 and Cass City Grain Co., \$44.57.

W. M. Neeper, the original promoter of the Standard Condensed Milk Co., presents in the Chronicle today the first public statement he has made since the troubles of the company were aired. He gives his side of the story as follows:

As I have been asked and written to so many times in the past month as to what is to become of the Standard Condensed Milk Company, I have decided to answer one and all through

subscriptions or notes. Now what was the object in en-

Now, my cpinion of the act their \$400 notes that they had given the company for stock.

farmer would come across with anoth-

Dr. Robt. Foster, a brother-in-law er \$100 to save it). When I didn't consent to take part in the deal of Dr. Wickware, will care for the he sought other ways to get back at He and Mrs. Foster are occupying as I have mentioned and next by callthe Wickware residence and Kenneth directors' meetings and voting to can-Wickware is making his home with cel stock holdings and removing direc- National Grange, Patrons of Husbandthem and going to school. Dr. Fos- tors and officers at their pleasure and ry, the Secretary of Agriculture made their call and do their bidding.

They also took notes and placed tribution: them in other parties' hands for colso, without the endorsement of the Standard Condensed Milk Company per Pres., or Sec.

Finally, through the efforts of O. bookkeeper, mostly within the past year, a petition has been filed placing annual meeting Jan. 15th., (if they seeds and plants. If Congress sees have one) whether they reorganize or die a natural death.

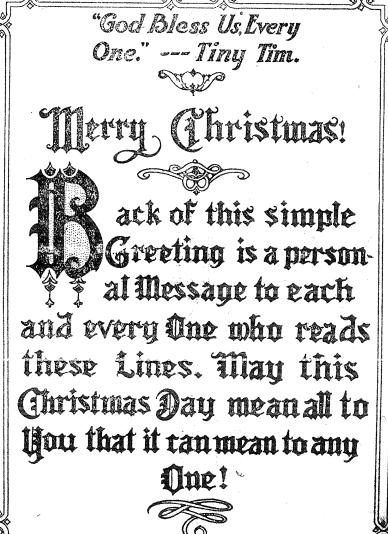
sentenced Wednesday by Judge Beach about the amount of stock that I re be given to the securing and districeived for my interest in the plant bution of new and valuable seeds and that was turned over to the company. plants, including forage-crop seeds, and I wish to say that I only received 1000 shares of common stock which whose character and quality will be has little or no value in a preferred thoroughly known and tested; and stock company until all of the pre-pains will be taken in every instance ferred stock is taken care of. The to see that a sufficient supply is sent balance of the common stock issued to me was to go to the organizers and promoters for financing the com- vidual farmer to make an experipany, which would have been reason-ment." able enough had they been allowed to have carried out that part of the

great bodily harm less than the crime many of the stockholders and sub- kettles and other practical articles at scribers have only one side of the story, I have taken this way to present a few facts. A great deal more You can buy an electric iron now could be said but a few words to as well as in hot weather. Get her those who are interested should be sufficient, for I can vindicate myself of any slanderous reports that have been given out by them. W. M. NEEPER.

Treasurer.

Tax Payers Notice. Tax payers of Elkland township

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#### JURORS FOR JANUARY

Court in Sanilac County.

The following are the jurors for the January term of circuit court in

Sanilac county: Herbert McKay, Fremont. Geo. H. Welsh, Worth. John A. Rea, Croswell. Archie Wagg, Sandusky. Ernest McKnight, Brown City. Charles Rank, Delaware. Joe O'Brien, Minden. Milo Rathbura, Austin. James Jackson, Greenleaf. Levi Holcomb, Evergreen. August Hartell, Argyle. Sidney Bufton, Wheatland. Thomas Rumble, Marion. F. Murray, Forester. Charles Wallace, Bridgehampton. Robert Kirkpatrick, Custér. August Miltzaw, Moore. John J. Harris, Lamotte. David Jones, Marlette. Milford Hudson, Elmer. Harry Phillips, Watertown. Hiram Garbutt, Washington. Henry Massman, Sanilac. Albert Yake, Lexington. John L. Arnot, Buel.

#### SEED DISTRIBUTION

Sec. of Agriculture Recommends Distribution of Seeds Discontinued.

In his recent address before the Forty-seventh Annual Session of the ter recently disposed of his medical putting in those who would come at the following reference to seed dis-

> "You may be interested to know lection without any legal right to do that in the estimates just submitted to Congress it has been recommended that the distribution of ordinary vege table and flower seeds be discontinued A. Braman with a bill of \$1076.36 for and that part of the \$300,000 heretofore devoted to this purpose be used the company in bankruptcy, so it will to procure, propagate, and distribute be up to the stockholders at their among the people new and valuable fit in its wisdom to accept the rec-They have had considerable to say ommendation, particular attention will to see that a sufficient supply is sent to make it worth while for the indi-

A grand line of aluminum ware While I am aware that a great percolaters, coffee and teapots, tea-Cootes' Hardware

> House slippers at Crosby & Son's for women and men from 50c

Have you joined the premium club at W. W. Hargrave's? Bigelow's pack purchases for ex-

press shipment when requested. Jones is looking for you. Don't dis-

appoint him. Money to loan L. I. Wood, agent er, R. 2, Cass City.

Holiday Fires.

desires to call the attention of the people of Michigan to a few "Christmas Don'ts" and says that if the peofollowing simple rules there would be no recurrence of the holiday fires every year:

Don't forget that a resinous tree, decorated with cotton batting, tinsel and varnished toys, together with lighted candles forms a cangerous

Don't let currents of air blow in from open windows or doors on the tree while the candles are lighted. Don't select inflammable decora-

tions for the tree. Don't put the presents on the tree; put them under and around it. Don't let gaudily dressed Santa

Claus get too close to a blaze. Don't fail to have a pail of water

Don't put cotton and paper decorations too close to lamps, stoves, or stovepipes, either in homes or stores. Don't have defective electrical con-

Don't lose your head, if there is

### MEAT THIEVES AT BAD AXE

Thieves Friday night entered the Terwilleger meat market at Bad Axe and took a large quantity of meat, besides several live turkeys. The same evening the Grand Trunk depot was broken into and a hand-car stolen and taken about seven miles down the track where it was dumped in the ditch. It is presumed the thieving was done by the same parties who stole the car to carry away

Good Form suit, trousers and shoe ation at Crosby & Son's from 15c to \$1.00. Good gift for a man who hangs his suit on a nail and throws his shoes on the floor.

package, is just a little better. W.

The White Coaster wagon and sled would please any boy. Try it and on yours Xmas. Bigelow's.

A driving lamp would be appreciated more than some useless finery by any hard-headed, big-hearted farmer. Get "Dad" one for Xmas. Bigelow's

et Bigelow's \$1.25. Sharpens Safety

Thoroughbred Rose Comb Brown

#### CHRISTMAS DON'TS

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Our 40 and 50 cent tea, in sealed

Ayershire bull calf 9 months old; eligible for registration. Kenneth McRae. 12-12-

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Leghorn roosters for sale. Matt/Park-er, R. 2, Cass City. 12-19-2p

#### Allison S. Coles, 22, Arbela; Ina May Brand, 20, same. William C. Hanks, 23, Buffalo, N. Y.; Lillian Hanks, 21, Cass City. Frank Heath, 25, Bay City; Nora Heath, 23, Akron. William G. Briggs, 20, Akron; Ver-

VASSAR TO ESTABLISH MUNICI-PAL GYMNASIUM.

Passenger Service From Bay City to Snever to Start Soon; Other News Items.

Mariette's poultry show is on this week-Dec. 18 to 20, inclusive.

Freight Conductor Greenway met with a serious accident at Snover recently. While riding on top of a box car he was caught in a telephone wire and had one of his ears nearly torn off. He noticed the wire was hanging rather low, but thought that he could pass under it with safety.

J. T. Hadwin, who has been cashier of the Sebewaing State Bank for the past sixteen years, has disposed of his interests in that institution and will leave Sebewaing after January 1st. Mr. Hadwin will engage in other business. He will be succeeded by Geo. Everingham, of Bad Axe.

The Croswell Jeffersonian, the old-All the half bushel measures in the est paper in Sanilac county, came out state of Michigan are short measure. last week 16 pages strong and printed The standard measure for the on green paper. It was brim full of state, which has been in use for more news, Christmas stories and adverthan 50 years and is made of brass, tising. "Dave" Hubbell, the new pubwas sent to Washington a few days lisher of the Jeff, is giving Crosago to be passed on by the govern- well citizens an extra good newspa-Enthusiasm and a good attendance

at the meeting Monday evening give assurance that in a short time Vassar will have a municipal gymnasium. The committee appointed is arrang-Mr. Helme has not stated just ing for the rental of the Clarke buildhow short the measure is. He de ing, where the Miller garage was forclared a new measure would be ready merly located, and it is expected that within a short time the gymnasium ply with the bureau of standards. All will be opened. School students, persons using the present half bush- young people, business men and women will all be welcomed into memcial purposes will be forced to dis- bership. The Clarke building will ple of our state would observe the card them in the near future, at a make an ideal gymnasium or "municidate to be determined by Commis- pal play house." Measuring one hundred by thirty feet, the building will which are reported to the department ures. The change necessitated will afford ample room for indoor baseball basket ball, volley ball, in fact all kinds of indoor games and sports. Iron screens will be placed over the windows, and with the addition of a small amount of flooring (a large part of the cement floor is now covered with hard wood) this place will be Next Number of Lecture Course on ideal for such games. It is planned to equip it with dressing rooms immediately and with everything else that will be needed in these games .- Pilight a Cass City audience at the oneer-Times.

> We would like to show you the best wagon you have ever seen. J. A. Caldwell.

> Carload of wire for sale at reasonable price. I will be in town every Saturday to take orders for spring

> Good buggy, harness, rope, blanket and other small articles for sale cheap. E. McKim.

Real Estate. Are you looking for 40 acres? We have it. All kinds of real estate for sale. Call and see us before buying. Fritz & Waidley.

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> Skates for the boys and girlssleds for the children at Cootes'.

The finest line of pocket knives, tra and many concerted numbers are carving sets, embroidery shears. given, including instrumental quartets buttonhole shears, etc., at Cootes, Hardware.

Thoroughbred S. C Brown Leghorn

cockerels and a few yearling hens for sale. Write Harry Rockwell, Brown For Xmas gifts books, calendars

and post cards see Treadgold's line All the latest designs in Parisian

lvory Xmas goods at Treadgold's. Ask to see those handsome mani-

cure sets in leather travelling cases at Treadgold's Drug Store.

See E. McKim. 12-19-

ing, a pair of house slippers for dad. Crosby & Son have them from 50c to

Let Jones help you get ready for

Parties owing me will oblige great-ly by calling and settling their accounts. Mrs. M. J. McGillvray.

A pair of high top shoes will please the boy. Crosby & Son have them in black and tan from \$2.00 to \$3.50.

Flannel shirts for men at Crosby & Son's from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

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#### KINGSTON.

Mr. and Mrs. John Noble of Detroit visited the latter's mother, Mrs H. A. Reid, a few days last week.

Everett Nye of Pontiac is visiting his brother, Frank Nye, this week. Miss Helen Miller of Marlette vis-

ited friends here last week Arthur B. Payne left last week for

St. Cloud, Florida, where he expects to spend the winter. Mrs. C. A. Pelton is spending

few days with friends in Kings Mills and North Branch. Mrs. Ira Rock visited relatives in

Pontiac last week. Mr. Johnson of Cass City was a

Friday caller in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Oto Duckwittz and family have moved into the rooms over the barber shop. Mr. Duckwitz is the new drayman, having purchased the dray business of Frank

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of Alton, Ont., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jas. Hartsell, and family.

Geo. E. Hopps of Highland Park was a caller in town one day last

Miss Evelyne Banghart visited at her parental home near Mayville over Sunday

Geo. Moshier was a Caro caller

Carl Kunze of Port Huron was in town a few days last week.

Jay Ballagh won the silver medal at the contest held in the M. E. church Friday evening

Miss Laura Palmerton of North Branch visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmerton, over Sunday.

B. H. McComb of Caro was calling on old friends here the first of the

Miss Dollie Ross of Deford visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wolven Sunday.

Chas. Soper of Barryton, Grant Soper of Detroit, Harry Soper of Lum and Von Soper of Marlette were called here last week by the severe illness of their sister, Mrs. Frank Weldon, who underwent an operation on Saturday. She is a little better at this writing.

Asa Wilcox of Caro was a caller in town Friday.

Judd Hughes of Pontiac was in

town last week. Mrs. Chas. Kilgore of Deford spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Wolven.

Mrs. J. D. Hunter and Mr. and Mrs John Burnes were Cass City callers

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Webster and little son, Harold, Miss Mary Webster, Mrs. J. H. Holmes and daughter, Irene, were callers in Cass City Wednesday last.

#### For Christmas.

One dollar pays the subscription price of the Chronicle for one year. A very acceptable Xmas gift.

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Pays

Interest on time deposits if left three months or longer.

Makes collections at reasonable rates.

Rent boxes in fire proof vault at one dollar a year.

> Conservative and Progressive

#### ELMWOOD.

George Wald passed away Saturday evening after a long illness with tuberculosis. He is survived by a wife and five children, four girls and one boy. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery at Gagetown Monday.

Dan Murphy, the dredge man, finished the ditch Saturday. He did a ine job and everyone is well pleased. Jake Moore and family are moving

into their new home. Mr. and Mrs. George Youmans and

family drove to Berne Saturday. Jud and Wallace Morse were in Caro Wednesday.

Miss Ethel MacKey was the guest of Miss Eliza Evans Saturday and

traded horses last week.

There will be a supper served er front at the lower end of the city of Christmas evening at the Baptist Hankow are situated the foreign conchurch for the Sunday school scholars and members.

Hiram McKellar is drawing gravel under his barn

If the farmers don't get their plow- the Three Cities. ing done this fall, it won't be the fault of the weather man.

#### PINGREE.

Remarkable weather; some indications of green Christmas.

Geo. L. Johnson has purchased a new auto seat cutter. Albert Kitchen is wonderfully im-

proving his new barn Robert Craig set 40 rods of fence

posts on Friday. his fall. A good start for putting the smoke hanging over the arsenal.

in spring crops is now anticipated by the most of the farmers. Earl Vance is numbered with the ball.

Geo. Hubble exchanged horses with

Mr. Knowles of Cass City. Miss Reva Fox has accepted a po-

sition in Cass City. N. W.. Cooke and I. F. Cooke are

now members of the Detroit Fire de-Fall wheat still retains its good

color and appears to be in fine con-We are much gratified to think Walter McCool has graded a portion

of the highway between sections 5 and 6. This line of road needs the attention of the township to some etent, as it certainly has been neglected.

#### WICKWARE.

James Turner spent part of last week at Elmwood with his son.

Watson spent one day Mooretown last week. His father-inlaw, Mr. Moore, returned home with

Corn huskers are busy at J. D. Wat-Mrs. Wm. Brown of Detroit visited

elatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown and famiy spent Sunday at Mrs. Wm. Fulcher Mr. Durkee of North Branch was

n our vicinity one day last week. Floyd Eneigh spent part of last

veek at Marlette. Mr. and Mrs. Mason Watson spent Sunday at Walker's near Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Watson left Satarday for Port Huron where Mr. Watson expects to undergo an operation. Mr. Singleton of Snover visited par of last week with Guy Watson.

#### COMPENSATION.

The whole story of earthly existence is one of compensations. Many a gift we craved and were denied held in its train ills we are glad to have been spared. Many a sorrow that has darkened our way, though its memory may still remain bitter, has wrought some change of character or conditions that we would be unwilling to give up.

Boredom of Perfection. "Well, what was Frau Roth's after

noon like yesterday?" "The tea was good; the cakes de licious; the tablecloths exquisite—in a

word, it bored me to tears."-Fliegend Blatter. Great Success.

"Were the amateur theatricals good?" "Splendid: I never saw anything worse."-Life.

Dr. Hobson's Ointment Heals Itchy

Eczema, The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, tetter, salt rheum and skin eruptions promptly cured by

Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Geo. W. Fitch of Mendota, Ill., says: "I zema Ointment. Have had Eczema ever since the civil war, have been treated by many doctors, none have given the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has. Every sufferer should try it. We're so positive it will help you we guarantee it or money refunded. Price 50c. L. I. Wood & Co.'s.

# Under Tortoise

A Tale of the Three Cities

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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At that point where the River Han empties into the great Yangtzekiang are the Three Cities, each crouching behind its high wall. On the south bank of the Yangtze is Wuchang. On the north bank of the river and sep-Ezra Winchester and Joseph Miller arated by the busy little Han are Hanyang and Hankow. Along the rivcessions, with their protecting warships in the stream.

There is a saying that whatever evil and preparing to put a cement wall is plotted in one city finds effect in the second and is avenged in the third of

> It remained for Cecil Rollins, English agent at Hankow, and his American friend, G. P. Bardwell of Shanghai, to discover the truth of this adage.

This story might never have been written if Rollins had not kicked his Chinese caddie one September day out on the Hankow golf course.

Of course Lan Ping had been often kicked by various masters, for he openly invited chastisement by his idleness and stunidity. Today he had failed to retrieve Rollins' ball when the sphere had sailed out of bounds. and only the aforementioned kick had Much fall ploughing is being done aroused him from a squinting stare at

> Instantly, as though the kick had actually impelled him in the proper direction. Lan Ping trotted after the

"Idiot!" fumed Rollins impatiently. "What else can you expect from a cross eyed Chinese?" yawned G. P Bardwell.

Rollins lifted a blond eyebrow. "I'm not superstitious that way," he grunted. "Fact, combined with what is simmering yonder." Bardell nodded toward the city.

'Simmering? Well, it's rotten hot out here, too!" ejaculated the Briton. "I don't mean that sort of heat. Your caddie is more absorbed in watching for the broth to bubble over than

he is in chasing your golf balls." "What broth?" "The revolutionary kind."

"Bah! Do you believe that rubbish? I had the notion you had lived in China long enough to take these local theat ricals at their face value.

"I do. That's why I'm here now Do you know Rollins, I've more than a smattering of the language, and during the week I've been here in Hankow I've heard things. Man, things are going to happen right now-right here!

What? When? Blankety "Eh? blank!" As these words exploded off Rollins' tongue he glared down at the lean and yellow hand that insinuated titself at his elbow. The vellow hand held the missing golf ball.

Even the self contained Bardwell looked disturbed when he realized that Lan Ping might have been standing there unseen for several minutes, long enough to absorb the meaning of what the foreigners had said. Not that much had been said on either side, only there are times when even a faint interest in secret affairs is highly impru

This was one of the times, for Chin was on the eve of turning over and

awakening from her long sleep. The smoke hanging over the arrows where half naked men worked day and aight might be one indication of the stirring of the ancient empire.

The sun was setting and the gray of early twilight had clouded the golf course when the two friends gathered up their clubs and moved toward the stables.

"China never will wake up." yawned Cecil Rollins as he looked around for a Chinese to fetch his horse, but the stables were deserted, even to the very horses, as was proved when the two men looked inside. "This is a bally fix!" growled Rol

"Lan Ping, of course," was Bard well's comment. "Come along, Rol lins. We'll have to foot it in."

The two men left the clubhouse and went down the road that led to the city. Off to the northwest where the railroad turned to the north there was a strange confusion of sounds. They had yet to learn that the first note of the revolution had been sounded. The locomotive whose shriek they had heard a short while before had found torn up tracks and met disaster beyond the city walls. Rebels were rejoicing over the wreck of the passenger train and the many victims of the

catastrophe. Darkness had settled over the road. Here and there a lamp swinging from its wooden post cast a feeble radius of

Halfway down the road there crossed another road at right angles. This road, leading to Hanyang by devious ways, was darker than the road to the golf course. Just as they reached the junction of the two roads something

happened. Dark forms came hurling out of the Hanyang road and enveloped the two foreigners in a writhing mass of arms and legs and dodging heads, and when the confusion was over Cecil Rollins was gagged and bound in a sedan chair, while G. P. Bardwell, in the

same helpless condition, occupied another chair.

From his uncomfortable position in the chair, swinging along under the heaving shoulders of four bearers. Bardwell twisted his head until he could peer out through a crack in the door and see where they were being

taken by their captives. At last when Cecil Rollins and Bardwell, freed from their bonds, faced each other once more it was in a tiny stone cell, stifling hot and with but one visible aperture—a small window se high in one wall. From a lantern hanging outside this window there shot a ray of red light into the darkness of

"Rollins?" asked G. P. Bardwell doubtfully, and he was relieved to hear the Briton's affirmative.

"How did it happen?" asked Rollins. "Lan Ping, of course, and the bubbling of the revolution pot." was Bard well's disgusted reply.

"Of course we must get out of this. You know we can't let them boil us in oil or anything of that sort," said Roilins. "You take one side of this cell and I'll take the other, Bardwell." "Wait a bit," said the other cau-

tiously. "If you've got any plans to discuss you might exercise your German, eh?" Rollins appeared to think so, too,

for after that they conversed in Ger-"First, let me repeat to vou an an-

cient saving of the Three Cities.' said Bardwell to his friend, and thereupon he related the adage that declares whatever evil is plotted in one city finds effect in the second and is avenged in the third.

"Our capture was plotted in Hankow. We are imprisoned in Hanyang. Our rescue must lie in Wuchang, across the big river. Let us get out of this and try to get across to Wuchang. I know a chap in the mission there-John Hildreth. He will take care of us.'

They solemnly shook hands over the resolution, and then they examined the cell for a means of exit. There was none save the wooden door, which appeared to be fastened from without by a wooden bolt.

Bardwell brought forth matches and deliberately proceeded to set fire to the ancient door where it was latched. After repeated attempts the worm eaten wood ignited and burned slowly. giving forth an acrid smoke that soon filled the little cell, but the wood burned sullenly until there was a charred spot that Bardwell could break away with his fist. The rotting bolt went with it and the door swung open.

In the corridor Rollius stumbled over their bags of golf clubs, and with an exclamation of delight he thrust two of the iron heeled sticks in Bardwell's hands and kept two himself.

"Right ahead," was Bardwell's advice, and so they forced themselves away from the smoke that hid their The corridor turned and twisted, and from rocky walls on either side their hands encountered earth that narrowed down to a three foot hole in the ground. Crawling through this aperture, they found themselves outside the walls of Hanyang, with Tortoise hill looming above them.

"Cut around to the right! Follow the wall to the river front! Use your were Bardwell's directions. clubs!" And Rollins followed them to the let They met only two Chiname: ter. and both went down into the wat filled ditch under the sharp blows the iron clubs.

Panting for breath, they reached flight of greasy stone steps. At the foot of these were a number of sam pans. In a moment they had entered one and were putting forth across the river toward the Wuchang shore.

In the middle of the stream they paused and looked back at the two cities. From the direction of the railway there came the sound of firing. and the red scourge of fire was licking the outskirts of the cities.

Over on the Wuchang shore the river front was alive with people watching the flames, and from within the ancient capital of Hupeh province there came a restless murmur, as of countless people running to and fro in fear as the rebels pillaged the city. The firing of Hankow had been the signal.

The sampan drifted down the middle of the stream, plainly visible to the watchers on shore. But who was interested in fishermen tonight when the world was being made over? Not the people of the Three Cities.

It was long after midnight when the watch of the man-of-war Dillworth spied a sampan bobbing along under the counter of the big vessel. A sharp hail was satisfactorily answered. A ladder went over the side, and presently two much bedraggled men. clinging affectionately to several golf clubs, arrived on deck, where they were immediately escorted to the officers' quar-

At dawn as they turned into the berths provided by the hospitable British officers, bathed, fed and clothed and in a contented frame of mind, Cecil Rollins remarked to his American friend:

"By the way, Bardwell, old man, I thought you quoted a proverb—something about evil plotted in one city finds effect in the second and is avenged in the third. Now, where do we come in? How about the third city?" But G. P. Bardwell, unable to explain the fallacious prophecy and entirely thankful for his rescue from

bed and grunted: "It's just an American joke. Rollins." "That's just what I thought," murmured Cecil Rollins, with evident relief. "but." he added thoughtfully as he looked at his bruised wrists, "I fancy the next time I kick a Chinese caddiewhy, I won't, don't you know.'

Chinese mob, merely turned over

And he had a quiet laugh all to him-

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#### CHAPTER VIII.

The Odell-Carneys.

HILE Odell-Carney was studiously adjusting his eyeglass for a final glare at an unoffending bus boy who almost dropped his tray of plates in consequence, Mr. Rodney fussily intervened and introduced the Medcrofts. Mrs. Odell-Carney was delightfully gracious. She was sure that no nicer party could have been "got together." Her husband may have been excessively slow in most things, but he was quick to recognize and appreciate feminine beauty of face and figure. He unbent at once in the presence of the



"Where the devil did you get such

unmistakably handsome Fowler sisters. His expressive "chawmed" was in direct contrast to his ordinary manner of acknowledging an introduction. "Mr. Medcroft is the famous archi

tect, you know." explained the envious

Mrs. Rodney. "Oh, yes. I know," drawled Mr.

Odell-Carney: "You American archi tects are doing great things, 'pon my soul," he added luminously. Brock stuck his eyeglass in tighter and hen med with raucous precision Mrs Medcroft stiffened perceptibly. "Oh, but he's Roxbury Medcroft, the

great English architecti" eried Mrs. Rodney in some little confusion Odell-Carney suddenly remembered. He glared hard at Brock. The Rod neys saw signs of disaster.

"Oh, by Jove! Are you the fellow who put those new windows in the Chaucer Memorial hall? 'Pon me son! Are you the man who did that? There was no mistaking his manner He was distinctly annoyed.

Brock faced the storm coolly for his friend Medcroft's sake. "I am Roxbury Mederoft, if that's what you mean, Mr. Odell-Carney."

"I know you're Mederoft, but, hang it all, wot I asked was, did you design those windows? 'Gad, sir, they're the laughing sensation of the age. Where the devil did you get such ideas-ch wot?" His wife had calmly, diplomatically intervened.

"I hate that man," said Mrs. Med croft to her supposed husband a few minutes later. There was a dangerous red in her cheeks, and she was breath ing quickly. Brock gave an embar rassed laugh and mentioned something audibly about a "stupid ass."

The entire party left on the following day for Innsbruck, where Mr. Rodney already had reserved the better part of a whole floor for himself and guests Mr. Odell-Carney, before they left Munich, brought himself to the point of apologizing to Brock for his peppery remarks

He was very sorry and all that and he hoped they'd be friends; but the windows were atrocious, there was no getting around that. His wife smoothed it over with Edith by confiding to her the lamentable truth that poor Odell-Carney hadn't the remotest idea what he was talking about half of the time. After carefully looking Edith over and finding her valuably bright and attractive she cordially expressed the hope that she would come to see her in London.

"We must know each other better my dear Mrs. Medcroft," she had said amiably. Edith thought of the famous drawing rooms in Mayfair and exulted vastly. "And Mr. Medcroft too I am so interested in men who have a

Practical Xmas Gift. The Chronicle, one year, \$1.00. craft. They always are worth while really, don't you know. How like an American Mr. Medcroft is! I daresay he gets that from having lived so long with an American wife. And what a darling baby! She's wonderfully like Mr. Medcroft. don't you think? No one could mistake that child's fathernever!"

Edith may have gasped and looked wildly about in quest of help, but her agitation went unnoticed by the new friend. From that momentous hour Mrs. Medcroft encouraged an inordinate regard for the circumspect She decided that it was best never to be alone with her husband. The future was now too precious to go unguarded for a single moment that might be unexplainable when the triumphal hour of revelation came to hand. She impressed this fact upon her sister, with the result that, while Brock was never alone with his prudent wife, he was seldom far from the side of the adorable lieutenant. As if precociously providing for an ultimate alibi, the fickle Tootles began to show unmistakable signs of aversion for her temporary parent.

Mrs. Rodney, being quite an old fashioned mother, could not reconcile herself to this unfilial attitude and gravely confided to her husband that she feared Medcroft was mistreating his child behind their backs.

"Well, the poodle likes him anyway," protested Mr. Rodney, who liked Brock, "and if a dog likes a man he's not altogether a bad lot. If I were you I wouldn't spread the report."

"Spread it!" she sniffed indignantly. "Are they not my own cousins? Twice removed," she concluded as an after thought. "Do you imagine that I would spread it? He may be an upnatural father, but I shall not be the one to say so. Please bear that in mind. Alfred."

"Well, let's not argue about it," said Mr. Rodney, departing before she could disobey the injunction

Of course, there was no little confusion at the Hotel Tyrol when it came to establishing the Medcrofts For awhile it looked as though Brook would have to share a room with Tootles, relegating Burton to an alcove and a couch, but Constance, in a strictly family conclave, was seized by an inspiration which saved the day-or the night, more properly speaking.

"I have it, Roxbury," she cried, her eyes dancing. "You can sleep on the balcony. A great many invalids do. you know."

"But, good heaven, I'm not an invalid," he remonstrated feebly.

"Of course you're not, but can't you say you are? It's quite simple. You sleep in the open air because it does your lungs so much good. Oh, but I know! It isn't necessary to expand your chest like that. They're perfectly sound, I daresay. I should think you'd rather enjoy the fresh air Be sides, there isn't a room to be had in the hotel."

"But suppose it should rain!" he protested, knowing full well he was doomed.

"You poor boy, haven't you an um brella?" she cried with such a perfectly entrancing laugh that he would have slept out in a hallstorm to provide recompense. And so it was set tled that he was to sleep in the small balcony just off the baby's luxurious room, the hotel people agreeing to place a cot there at night in order to oblige the unfortunate guest with the affected inng.

You are so dear and so agreeable Roxbury," purred Mrs. Medcroft, very much relieved. "If ever I hear of a girl looking for a nice husband I'll recommend you."

"It's all very nice," said he with a wry grin, "but I'm hanged if I ought to be expected to remember all of my accomplishments." They were sitting in her room, attended by the faithful duenna, Constance "First, the eye glass, then the English language, with which I find I'm most unfamiliar; then a deafness in one of my earscan't remember which until it's too late, and now I'm to be a tubercular You've no idea how hard it is for me to speak English against Odell-Carney I'm an out and out amateur beside him. And it's horribly annoying to have Ulstervelt shouting in my ear loud enough for everybody in the din ing room to hear. It's rich, I tell you. and if I didn't love you so devotedly, Edith. I'd be on my way at this very instant. There! I feel better. 'On my way' is the first American line I've had in the farce since we left Stutt

"And, by the way, Edith, I'm afraid I'll have to punch Odell-Carney's con founded head before long. He's get ting to be so friendly to me as Roxbury Medcroft that I can't endure him

"I-I don't understand," murmured Edith plaintively. Constance looked up with a new interest in her ever sprightly face.

"Well, you see, he's working so hard to square himself with Medcroft for the break he made about the windows. that he's taking his spite out on all American architects. Confound him. he persists in saying I'm all right, but God deliver him from those demmed rotters, the American builders. He says he wouldn't let one of us build a hencoop for him, much less a dog kennel. Oh, I say, Connie, don't laugh! How would you like it if"- But both of them were laughing at him so mer rily that he joined them at once. Bur ton and O'Brien, who had come in

were smiling discreetly. "Come, Roxbury, what do you say to a good long walk?" cried Constance 'I must talk to you seriously about a great many things, beginning with ego tism." He set forth with alacrity, rejoicing in spite of his numerous limita

tions.

Upon their return from the delight ful stroli along the mountain side, she

went at once to her room to dress for dinner. Brock, more deeply in love than ever before, lighted a cigar and seated himself in the gallery, dubious ly retrospective in his meditations. He was sorely disturbed by her almos constant allusion to Freddie Ulsterver and his "amazingly attractive ways. Was it possible that she could be reat ly in love with that insignificant litt! whipper snapper? He seemed to ! propounding this doleful question lofty, sphinxlike Waldraster Spitze, looming dark in the path of the

"Hello" exclaimed a voice close his ear-the fresh, confident voice that he knew so well. "I've been lookin for you everywhere." Freddie drew up a chair and sat down at his "goo side." The young man appeared t have something weighty on his mind Brock shifted uneasily. "I want to pu it up to you. Mr. Mederoft, as man t man. You are Connie's brother-in-law and you ought to be able to set me

"Ah, I see," said Brock vaguely. "You do?" queried the other, surprise

and doubt in his face. "No, I should say I don't, don't you

see," substituted Brock.

"I was wondering how you could have seen. It's a matter I haven't discussed with any one. I've come to have a liking for you, Roxbury. You're my sort; you have a sort of New York feeling about you. I'm sure you're enough of a sport to give me unprejudiced advice. Hands across the sea see? Well, to get right down to the point, old man-you'll pardon my plain speech-I think Constance ought to marry an American.'

Brock sat up very straight. "I think that's-that's a matter for Miss Fowle: to determine," he said coldly.

"You don't quite get my meaning. persisted Freddie, crossing his legs comfortably. "I was trying to make it easy for myself."

"You mean, you think she ought to marry you."

"That's it, precisely. How cleves you are."

"But you are said to be engaged to Miss Rodney," ventured Brock, feeling his way.

"That's just the point, Mr. Mederoft We're not really engaged-but almost As a matter of fact, we've got to the point where it's really up to me to speak to her father about it, don't you know. Luckily I haven't.' "Luckily?"

"Yes; that would have committed me don't you see. I've been tentatively engaged more than a dozen times, but never quite up to the girl's father Now, I don't mind telling you that I've changed my mind about Katherine She's a jolly good sort, but she's not just my sort. I thought she was, butwell, you know how it is yourself. The heart's a d-d queer organ. Mine has gone back to Constance in the last two lays. You are her brother-in-law, and you're a good fellow through and through. I want your help. I've got money to burn, and the family's got position in the States. I can take care of her as she should be taken care of No little old six room flat for her. But of course, you understand, I can't quite carry the thing through with Kath erine still feeling herself attached, as it were. The thing to decide is this How best can I let Katherine down easily and take on Counie without put ting myself in a rather hazardous position? I'm a gentleman, you see, and I can't do anything downright rotten such as Italy, fine singers abound It wouldn't do. I'm sure in her heart | Song birds are vegetarian.' he con-Connie cares for me. I could make her cluded. "Carnivorous birds croak."understand me better if I had half the chance. But a fellow can't get near her nowadays. Don't you think you are carrying the family link too far? Now, what I want to ask of you as a friend is this: Will you put in a good word for me every chance you get? I'll square myself with Katherine all right. Of course, you'll understand, I lon't want to actually break with Katherine until I'm reasonably sure of Constance. I'm a guest of the Rodney family, you see. It would be down right indecent of me. No, sir: I'm not that sort. I shouldn't think of ending it all with Katherine so long as we are both guests of her father. I'd wait until the end of next week.'

ment to the opening portion of this in genuous proposal. As the flexile youth progressed amazement gave place to in dignation and then to disgust. Brock's brow grew dark; the impulse to pull his countryman's nose was hard to overcome. Never in all his life had he listened to such a frankly cold blooded argument as that put forth by the insufferable Knickerbocker. In the end the big New Yorker saw only the laughable side of the little New York er's plight. After all, he was a harm less egoist, from whom no girl could expect much in the way of recompense It mattered little who the girl of the moment might be, she could not hope to or even seek to hold his perambula tory affections. "He's a single exam ple of a great New York class," reflect ed Brock. "The futile, priggish right There are thousands like him in my dear New York-conscienceless, invertebrate, sybaritic sons of idleness, college bred and underbred little beasts who can buy and then cast off at their pleasure. They have no means of knowing how to fall in love with a good girl They have not been trained to it. It is not for their scrambled in tellects to discriminate between the chorus girl brand of attack and the subtle wooing of a gentlewoman. They can't analyze: they can't feel! And this insipid, egotistical little bounder is actually sitting there and asking me to help him with the girl I love Good Lord, what next?" He surveyed the eager Ulstervelt in the most irri tating manner, finally laughing out right in his face. The very thought o him as Connie's accepted lover! She

the adorable, the splendid, the unap

Brock had listened in utter amaze

proachable! It was excruciatingly funny!

"Oh. I say, old man," cried Freddie when the disconcerting laugh came. "don't laugh! It's no joke."

"'Pon my soul, Ulstervelt," apologized Brock, with a magnanimous smile, "I haven't said it was a joke

"Then what are you laughing at Something you heard vesterday?" with ing away was expensive, fail to refine scorn. Brock stared hard at the move the price tag. flushed boyish face of the other. It | Don't hunt for price marks on the was weak and yet as hard as brass. presents you receive. hard with the overbearing confidence of the spoiled child of wealth.

"See here, Ulstervelt," he said, with sudden coldness, "you're asking my help. That's no way to get it." "I beg pardon. I don't mean to be

rude," apologized Freddie. "But, 1 say, old man, I'll make it worth your while. My father's got stacks of coll and he's a power in New York. Ode!! Carney's right. American architec's can't design good hencoops. What we want in New York is a rattling good up to date Englishman or two to show 'em a few things. They're a lot of muckers over there, take it from me By Jove, Roxbury, you don't know how I'd appréciate your friendship in this matter. It will simplify things immensely. You'll speak a good word for me when the time comes, now won't you?"

"You want me to do you a good turn," said Brock slowly. He found himself grinning with a malicious joy "All right, I'll see to it that Miss Rodney doesn't marry you, my boy. I'll attend to her."

"Just a minute," interrupted Freddie quickly. "Don't be too hasty about that. I want to be sure of Constance

"I see. I was just about to add that I'll give Constance a strong hint that one of the most gallant young sparks in New York is liftely to propose to her before the end of the week. Thin will"-

"Heavens!" exclaimed Freddie in disgust. "You needn't do that. I've already proposed to her five or six times.

"And she-she is undecided?" cried Brock, his eyes darkening.

"No, hang it all, she's not undecid ed. She's said no every time. That's why I'm up a tree, so to speak."

"Oh!" was all that Brock said. Of course she couldn't love a creature of Freddie's stamp! He gloated. "''Gad, you're a lucky dog, Roxbury.'

went on Freddie enviously. "Money isn't everything. You're married to one of the prettiest and most fascinating women in the world. She's a won der. You can't blame me for wanting your wife as a sister-in-law. Now. can you? And that kid! You lucky

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Meat Versus Song. The great tenor's lunch consisted of a cheese omelet, asparagus, fruit and

"No meat?" said the reporter. "As little meat as possible," the tenor replied "Meat kills song. The nightingale, the thrush and lark are grain eaters, and their song is sweet. The carnivorous birds, the crow, etc., only croak. And in countries that go in for excessive meat eating-England for instance—there are few good voices. while in the more vegetarian countries. New York Press.

Old World Canals. China has led the world in the mut ter of canal making, and to this day stands first among the nations for the skillful utilization of her inland waterways. One great canal maintains communication between Peking and Canton, a distance of 1,200 miles, and the total extent of the canals of China is over 5,000 miles. Russin owns the longest canal in the world, extending from St. Petersburg to the Chinese frontier, a distance of 4,472 miles, and also the second longest, covering 1,434 miles, between Astrakhan and St Petersburg. As regards numbers of separate canals, Holland claims precedence, but her total mileage of inland waterways is only 930 miles.

#### The Fez In the Orient.

The fez or tarbush is limited by no considerations of nationality or faith. It is the almost universal head covering of the eastern and southern lands of the Mediterranean and has been widely distributed in the still active diffusion of Mohammedanism. This type of felt hat without brim is of the utmost antiquity and seems to have undergone no marked change save the tassel from the early monumenta! record of the Euphrates valley. The designation fez, comparatively modern in its application, derives from the oasis of that name, which was long considered the only source of dyestuffs which could give the peculiar shade of red most favored.-New York Sun.

He Has Two Signatures. There is one New York business man who is reasonably proof against the forger, as he has two signatures, and the forger must first get hold of one of his bank checks to get any action. Seeing the signature on a letter or hotel register would do the forger no good. The bank would not recognize it. "I don't particularly fear the forger," the business man admitted, "but my two signatures make me feel safer just the same. I am surprised that everybody doesn't hit on the same plan. It's very easy after you get the knack of signing your name two separate and distinct ways."-New York Globe.

## **CHRISTMAS DONT'S**

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weeks is human. Don't, if the present you are send-

Don't wait till Christmas for the purpose of being kind. Don't let your left, pocket know what your right pocket gives for

friendship, for love or for charity. Don't be grouchy merely because some delivery boy happens to prod you with the corner of a box that is twice as large as he.

Don't let yourself suppose when you crowd into the place where Christmas shopping is being done that you are the only one who is in a hurry.



Don't present your Christmas gift as if you were conferring a favor. Don't give merely for the purpose of creating the impression that you



Dear Santa Claus: My mother she Says what she wishes you'd bring me On Christmas is a heart that's kind And—and—oh, yes, the wish to mind, And happy smiles for every day And goodness that won't wear away.

Dear Santa Claus, please won't you bring These all on Christmas—everything My mother wishes that you would? And—and a sled that's strong and good, And I would like to have a gun— The kind that shoots—an iron one.



My father told me if I'd write And ask you for it that you might Bring me the wish to study well And learn to read and write and spell. And thankfulness for limbs that's straight And youth and health that's simply great.

Friend Santa, bring them all and I'll Be good and cheerful all the while; But if I can't have everything But if I can't have everything
My parents say they wish you'd bring,
And if I can't have only one,
Why, please, I'd rather have the gun.
GEORGIE.



A Preference. "Bobbie, would you rather find your Christmas present in your stocking or

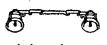
"I'd rather have it on a tree, 'cause there's more room there."



Wise King Solomon. "King Solomon had a great head, all right."

"Certainly. He was the wisest man who ever lived."

"I guess he was. He had all those wives of his before there was any such thing as Christmas."



Independence. "Well," said the good man, patting little Willie on the head, "have you written to Santa Claus?"

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be amazed at the resourcefulness of Teather manufacturers. They take a marking of white, has been pasted the plumage of all our barnyard inhab- on. Itants and manipulate it into new and strange and beautiful forms. They dye and trim and paste and bleach until we cannot even guess the origin of the feathers which charm us with their queer shapes and markings.

This is the day of triumph for fancy reathers, and no wonder. They deserve their popularity.

Two lovely hats pictured here show how effectively these odd, new ornaments in feathers trim the pretty, demi-dress hats which make up the most useful of our millinery belongings. The first model, with soft crown of velvet and small rolling brim, is a draped affair in taupe color. The crown is managed so that two points or loops of velvet are a part of it. It is a clever bit of draping, too, managing to convert the small, plain turban shape into a little Rembrandt hat of excellent style.

Along one side, and extending into the back, small, ragged chrysanthemums of grayish pink shadings outline the upward lift of the velvet. Springing from the back five sprightly feathers complete an elegant conception in millinery. These dashing feathers come from the guinea hen or perhaps from the woodduck. At any rate they are all in the natural colors, gray, with white dots laid on, in the incomparable beauty which nature accomplishes. But they have

F we knew where all the oddities been retrimmed and reshaped by the in feathers come from we would artist in fancy feathers. A small "eye" in irridescent plumage, with These add a sparkle to the otherwise grave coloring.

From the pheasant, probably, the beautiful, mottled feathers shown in the other hat, were taken. The standing quills are not changed, except that they are shortened. The band about the crown is of small feathers sewed to a foundation.

Often a long, soft quill takes the place of a feather band, and is laid appeared, I am kind at heart." about the brim in the same way as a Among the shapes which turn band. up at the side or back the mounting learns that I have been able to win of these quills and bands is accom- your respect." plished by making a slit in the brim and thrusting the quill through this. talk," the eminent gentleman contin-Nothing else is needed on a soft, vel- ued. our or velvet or beaver hat for trim mother's sake to win the approval of ming, although ribbon in the color others may always be depended upon of the hat is often used with the feath to give a good account of himself.

ers to choose from, there is no good you. reason to lament one's inability to buy more expensive but not more beautiful trimmings. And all those feathers which involve the practice of cruelty to obtain them, or those which threaten the extinction of species of beautiful birds, cannot possibly be in good taste on the heads of women. For they bespeak an indifference which is unkind, and therefore unwomanly. The responsibility rests upon women.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

### CIVET FUR TO BE FEATURE OF **COMING SEASON**

fur with striking markings in hat most effectively. white which is so much in demand for the coming season. The markings are managed by the furriers with remarkable resourcefulness, for it seems one hardly sees two pieces that are alike.

A muff and scarf are shown here that are more ample than the average sets of this fur. In fact, such striking fur is better used in smaller quan-



tities and as a trimming for other furs, or for neck pieces and muff made of velvet or other fabrics. This dress accessories and comfortable below ho cannot afford such coats. I scarf and neck piece show the size youd expression. and shape of many similar sets in curved on the lower edges at the corners. The handsomest and the most expensive furs are made up along

their lines. There is a great vogue of small

a soft little hat made of brocaded crepe and chiffon in mole color, and a muff of the same fabrics having narrow bands of moleskin. A touch of lace on the hat and muff is often added. A single bright flower in silk TVET cat gives us the very dark or velvet or cloth of gold finishes the spectfully."

must made to be worn with them, mother and such a character as you make up a set that is quite as ex-seem to possess I have no doubt that pensive as the better fur sets, unless you will succeed in life. It would they can be made at home. Muffs are be a pity to disturb your self-reliance not difficult to make, and the simpler by giving you money. I shall not do hats can be successfuly managed by that. I do not believe in giving money the amateurs.

are to be had in several sizes and are tending help that are much more efbed and a shirred lining of satin mes. do something for you." saline provided, which should match the outside in color. In order to you, sir." make a must successfully it is best to examine one at the furrier's and be guided by it. Milliners usually are prepared to make the muffs to match hats and will help one who buys material of them, with suggestions. The value of these pretty pieces lies as much in the making as in the goods. Among the furs available for trimming, none is better than civet. A small neck piece of civet with hat and muff of black velvet trimmed with narrow bands of the same fur and finished with a little good lace, leaves nothing to be desired. The white of the civet fur is yellowish and goes unusually well with creamy

Very satisfactory beds for muffs are easily made of wool batting. Two or three rolls of it will be enough for a muff. Such a bed keeps its shape well and is very warm. The bed should be covered with a thin muslin first, tacked on at the top and bottom. Two puffs of velvet and two bands of fur make the outside covering, with a cascade of lace at the to tell you how much it cost. But I front. In place of lace, limp ruffles need not dwell upon that. I have of crepe chiffon are often used. A found it extremely comfortable. It muff is among the most graceful of has caused me to feel sorry for others

The possessor of a fur cape or coat that has come to me. With the colother furs. The scarf is plain and that has become shabby may cut the lar of my warm coat turned up so the must rather large and flat. It is good portions and make bands for that it covers my ears I am able to trimming a set made of velvet. The keep comfortable in the coldest small collar is lined with a thin wad- weather." ding under soft satin. The muff is made as already described. A turban shape with soft crown of velvet is neck pieces of fur to be worn with finished with a band of fur. A little hats and muffs made of velvet or oth- touch of color in flower or ornament er fabrics, trimmed with fur like that is the last word in this little poem of In the neck piece. For instance, a comfort. It is in such combinations meck piece of moleskin is worn with that civet fur shows to best advan-



"My boy," said Bullington Bilger. the eminent speculator in stocks. intend to do something this year that I have never done before. I have never taken much stock in this Christmas foolishness. It seems to me that people carry it to an absurd extreme; but, as I have said, I am going to break away from my custom this year. You are helping to support your widowed mother,

are you not?" The boy who marked the quotations up on the big blackboard a strong effort to conceal his emotion as he answered: "Yes, sir. I al-

ways carry my earnings home to "That is noble

of you. You deserve the highest praise for your thoughtfulness. A mother who has such a son

should be very proud of him, and I have no doubt that your mother fully appreciates your worth. What I started to say a moment ago was that I intend to do something to encourage you in your work-something to prove to you that I wish you well and that, however cold I may have at times

"Oh, thank you, sir," said the boy. "Mother will be proud when she

"I like to hear a boy talk as you "A boy who is glad for his You may not have suspected it, but I With a world of lovely fancy feath have for a long time been watching I have noticed that you do not

> that you use little slang; that you pay strict attention to your duties and alwavs show proper deference to those above you.

smoke cigarettes:

"My mother told me when L started out in the world." the boy replied, "to always keep away from bad habits and be respectful to those who the right to be treated re-

"Good. It is evident that you have These neck pieces, with hat and an estimable mother. With such a to people anyhow. It is a bad prac-Ready-made "beds" filled with down tice. There are other ways of exnot expensive. The velvet or bro- fective—much better for those who cade or other fabric is draped on the receive it. Now it is my purpose to "I—I hardly know how to thank

> "Oh, never mind that, my boy. The most eloquent thanks are not always

 $9 \times p \cdot r \cdot e \cdot s \cdot s \cdot e \cdot d = i \cdot n$ words. There are other ways of showing appreciation. So don't bother yourself if words happen to fail you. There are indications that this is going to be an oldfashioned winter, and I know what it is to be tor-

tured by the cold. You have seen that I have a aew overcoat with a Persian lamb collar and real mink lining, have you not?"

"Yes, sir."

"You would be surprised if I were think it must be the Christmas spirit

The boy felt a lump rising in his throat and he was compelled to wink rapidly to keep back his tears of

gratitude. "This morning," Mr. Bilger continued, "I found a pair of plush earmuffs that I used last winter, and I have decided to present them to you."

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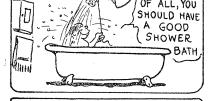
Dr. A. B. Spinney, Smyrna, Mich.

The first thing to do if a child is born on a very cold day in December is to get it some warm clothes.





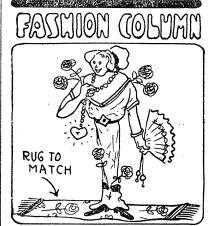




For the Complexion-Mix one cake of green soap in a basin of water for 3 minutes, Bathe your complexion with this (2 minutes more). Then dry. Result, complexion



SCHOLAR-Cannot say if the world is round like your head, because you may have a square



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The humming birds were singing and the air was filled with air; and some smoke. A family of pink squirrels were having their noonday meal of boneless nuts. One said, "If an old maid wanted to go to the country would a lettercarrier?"

Two bellhops were sitting on the bench smoking expensive cigars (5 cents straight), when the clerk called one and said If that young man sitting over there and his sweetheart were to get married secretly, would the hotel?"

#### Twice In the Same Place.

Some people seem to be more likely to be struck by lightning than others. Father Bosco of Turin was struck three times on different occasions. Mrs. Hain, an American woman who was wounded in the left foot by lightning in the year 1840, was struck again in the same spot in 1855. The great Mithridates was reputed to have been struck in the forehead while a chiland to have had his sword fused by lightning as he slept with it by his side in later life.

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Sympathy.

"What made you kick Jimpson?" "He called me an ass."

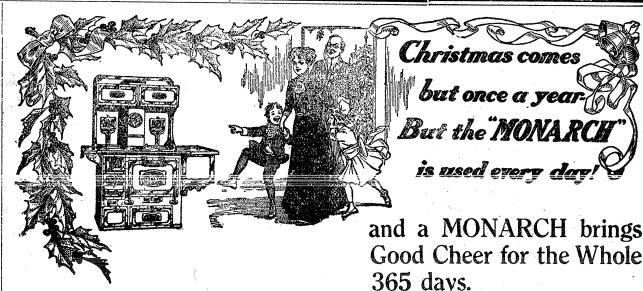
"Oh, well, kicking is a charactertistic of asses, but I shouldn't think you'd want to confirm Jimpson's statement so quickly."-London Telegraph.

Waiting. with Miss Cashleigh progressing? possible cost in fuel consumed. Tom-Slowly. I'm playing a waiting game just now. Jack-A waiting game? Tom-Yes; I'm waiting for her to change her mind.

His Jubilee.

Judge-Are you aware of any mitigating circumstances in your case? Prisoner-Yes, your honor. This is the fiftieth time I have been here for vagrancy, and I thought that perhaps we might get up a small jubilee.

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> Warren and James Stevenson of Deckerville were business callers in town on Saturday.

> The Misses Elda McLean and Alice Guein spent Sunday in Hay Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marshall of Hay with his brother, Evans Rose, at El Creek spent Sunday with Mrs. C. lington. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kitchen of No- ter of Detroit are visiting friends vesta are visiting friends and rela- here this week. tives here this week.

Roland Starr, who has spent the past two months in the Northwest, returned home on Saturday.

day after spending several days

Harry Rose returned home on Mon-

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"	Wells	8:10	a.	m.
"	Dayton	8:15	a.	m.
"	Seeley	8:20	a.	m.
	ng at Bay City			



## Gifts That A Man Likes

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Shoos		\$2 to \$5
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Umbrellas		\$1 to \$3
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sir, if you don't apologize in your next

next day: "We extremely regret to announce that the paragraph in our last

issue which stated that Major Blazer

was dead is without foundation."-De-

A Ducal Bull.

oratorical muddle in a speech he deliv

ered one day. He was speaking of the

great siege of Londonderry and of how

bravely the citizens had defended their

city against the besieging army. "They

withstood the siege," he went on. "i! order that they might hand down their

birthright to their ancestors, who are

Irish Stew.

Irish stew is a dish unknown in Ire-

land. The famous concoction is of

yourselves!"-London Mail.

New England origin.

The Duke of Abercorn made a queet

troit Free Press.

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C. D. Striffler is in Detroit on busi-

LOCAL ITEMS.

Irvine Striffler is numbered with the sick.

J. D. Brooker was in Caro Wednesday on business

Charles Kleinschmidt of Pigeon was the guest of Miss Bernice Kolb Sun-

James Brooker, who has been quite ill with tonsilitis, is improving in

Mrs. A. T. Craft visited her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Moore, at Colwood

Don't let Old Man Time slip one over you. Christmas will be here before you know it.

Mrs. A. J. Knapp, sr., went to Ypsilanti Tuesday to spend the holidays,

with her daughter. Mrs. Victoria Coaty of Gagetown came Tuesday to visit at the home

of William Zinnecker. Miss Joyce Retherford of Deford was the guest of Miss Alice Bentley

Saturday and Sunday. Miss Adah McKenzie of Winsor,

Ontario, came Thursday to visit at whip you within an inch of your life, the home of William Crandall. Henry Wettlaufer left Tuesday for

Detroit where he will make his home The editor inserted the following with his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Ratz. Miss Lucy Parker, who has been employed at Caro, came Tuesday to

spend a few weeks at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corkins and son, Ivan, and Lewis Krahling spent Sunday at the home of P. H. Muck at Colwood.

Mrs. Carrie Leek of Northeast Kingston came Thursday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hutchinson, over Christmas.

Mrs. Hugh McDermott and two children of Bad Axe were guests at the home of William Weldon Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Schenck of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Wm Maxwell of Sault Ste. Marie are expected the first of the week to spend Christmas at the home of W. T. Schenck.

The tax man is getting the money. Mrs. Henry Deming is numbered with the sick.

Miss Ida Johnson of Pigeon was a caller in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schmidt were risitors in Bad Axe Monday.

Miss Lydia McInnes spent Sunday with friends in Shabbona. Lewis McGeorge was in Decker on

ousiness the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. John Burns of Kingson were business callers here Mon-

day from Detroit where she has spent

Mrs. I. Agar, who underwent an two miles south of Cass City. operation last week, is getting along

the home of John Ball.

Mrs. George Zinnecker and children Kathryn and Henry, of Owendale were callers in town Saturday.

The open meeting of the Woman's Study Club which was to have been held Monday afternoon, Dec. 15, has been postponed until some time in January.

Correspondents and advertisers are requested to send their copy to the Chronicle on or before Monday of next week on account of the Christmas holiday.

for Huron, South Dakota, where he per hanger.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Williams of meeting on January 7.

L. I. Wood nad family, Mrs. Dora Mt. Pleasant. Fritz and family and Miss Etta Schenck.

Tyler Lodge, F. & A. M., closed a successful year Saturday evening and re-elected the same officers for another year as follows: W. M., G. A. Tindale; S. W., Richard Bayley; J. W., Marc Wickware; secretary, I. Israel Palmateer, J. D., and Arthur Atwell and Meredith Auten, stewards.

Miss Abbie Hickman, who has been ill at Pleasant Home Hospital with re that was an inmate of the county farm home. She has a sister employed at the Leonard House at Bad funeral arrangements had not been

Miss Adah Foe returned home Monday after a two months' visit with relatives and friends in Detroit, Flint, Oxford and Dryden.

The Royal Neighbors met with Mrs. J. A. Caldwell Tuesday evening, and after a very pleasant session, refreshments were served.

At a meeting of the Modern Woodmen held Monday evening officers for the following year were elected and all officers were re-elected to their own office.

Ira Hayes of Elmwood has purchased G. E. Reagh's residence in the Mrs. Joseph Frutchey returned Mon. Ale addition. Mr. Reagh has decided to engage in farming next spring and has leased the A. A. Hitchcock farm

The Venus Rebekah Lcdge held their annual election of officers Fri-Miss Dolly Gale arrived home Mon- day evening and the following were day after spending a week with elected: Noble Grand, Mrs. Belle friends in Detroit on her way here West Vice Grand, Mrs. Lydia Brian; recording secretary, Mabel Bri-Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pitcher re- an; financial secretary, Mrs. Eleanor turned Tuesday to their home in Pon-Usher; and treasurer, Mrs. Cora tiac after spending a short time at Striffler. The society will hold its installation at the first meeting in

> The A. O. O. G. held their annual election of officers Thursday evening with the following results: Chief Gleaner, Frank Nash; Vice Chief, Arthur Anthes; chaplain, Mrs. Williard Root; lecturer, Henry Hulburt; secretary-treasurer, Sam'l G. Benkelman; conductor, Israel Palmateer. The installation will be held in Janu-

The Oddfellows elected their officers for the coming year at their last meeting. The newly elected officers A. J. Spittler left Monday morning are: Noble Grand, Morton Orr; Vice Grand, Preston Stone; recording secwill spend the winter and possibly re-retary, George Seed; financial secremain during the spring months to tary, P. A. Schenck; treasurer, A. work at his trade as painter and pa- H. Higgins; trustee, George West. The officers will be installed at their

Stockbridge, Mich., announce the ar- The following students are expected children, Olive and William, of Derival of a 914 pound son on Dec. 10. home during the next few days for troit are expected to spend Christ-He has been named Paul Arthur. Mr. their Christmas vacation; Misses Jesand Mrs. Williams were former resi- sie and Marcaret Duncanson of Alma, dents of Cass City, the former serv- Miss Ruth Benkelman of Mt. Pleasing as agent of the P., O. & N. R. R. ant, Miss Marie Brooker, James Hur-Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Schenck will ley, and Miss Jessie Spence of Ann Galesville, Wis., will spend the holfentertain for Christmas, Miss Lucile Arbor, Guy Lamb of Saginaw, Stan-Schenck of Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. D. ley Striffler of Ypsilanti, Earnest Rhinelander, Wis. J. Schenck of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Schwaderer and Glen Benkelman of Wm. Maxwell of Soo, Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette, Ind.; Miss Besse Miller of

City puublic schools left Friday for ning and there will also be a tree. their homes to enjoy a two weeks' ton, Armada; Miss Anna Finkbeiner, Swan Lindskold. Detroit; Miss Florence Fields, Grand thur Flynn has been appointed S. D., Rapids; Miss Grace Northrup, Pon-

pneumonia for two weeks, died turn here for the holidays. A few roll, Mrs. I. A. Fritz; librarian, Bertha. Thursday morning. She has been em of them are, Miss Lucile Schenck of Wood; supt. primay dept., Mrs. Dora ployed at the Gordon Tavern and be-Clinton, Miss Gertdude McWebb of N. Fritz. Dr. I. A. Fritz, the retiring Axe and a half brother at Pigeon. At Alex Duncanson of Ithaca, Dan Dunservice and proved to be an excellent the time the Chronicle went to press, canson of New York, Miss Mable Cle- official in that work. land of Cadillac.

Joseph Frutchey was in Decker o business Wednesday.

Grover Eurke will spend Chistmas at his home at Marlette.

Andrew McKim, who underwent an operation recently, is reported im-

proving nicely. Mr. and Mrs. S Y. Kenyon are spending the week at the home of

H. S. Wickware at Caro. Mrs. M. C. Spencer, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Laud-

erbach, is in very poor health. Ex-sheriff Stone of Sandusky called on his niece, Mrs. Geo. Warner, a

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Oesch have moved from the Heller residence East Main street to Garfield avenue.

fow days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Collins are rejoicing over the arrival of Harold Leo, an eight pound son, on Dec. 3. Miss Carrie Hurley closed the Bird

school for two weeks vacation Friday afternoon. A short program was giv-A. K. Hower and Jay Hower are

spending the holidays with the former's daughter, Mrs. Fred Ball, at William Ackerman left Wednesday

for Detroit and Montgomery, Ohio, where he will spend several days with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kennedy and

children will spend the Christmas

holidays at Mr. Kennedy's parental home at Sterling. Harry Fisher of Akron and B. R.

Laudach of Berwick, Pa., were guests at the home of G. W. Seed Wednesday and Thursday. E. W. Jones' delivery wagon is at-

tracting much attention by the white hood which has been placed on it and which gives it the nature of a gypsy Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hancock and

mas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elias McKim. Miss Frances McGillyray, who is

teaching in the public schools at days at the home of an uncle at Miss Hazel Mead will close the Quick school Monday for a two

weeks' vacation. She has prepared The following teachers in the Cass a program to be given Monday eve-Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martus and

vacation-Miss Audrey Pell, Howell; grandsons, Graydon and Neuman Lind-Miss Coral Reed, Big Rapids; Miss skold, left Wednesday for Rockford, Elsie Clark, Eaton Rapids; Miss Ula Illinois, where they will spend the Grace, Kalamazoo; Miss Mabel Mil- winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

The following are the new officers of the M. E. Sunday School: Supt., F. A. Bigelow; as'st, supt. C. R. That Cass City is prominent in edu- Townsend; sec., Niva Gable; treas., cational circles is shown by the num- Lester Childs; chorister, Hazel Mead; ber of teachers who claim Cass City pianist, Carola Fritz; supt. home as their home town and always redept., W. W. Withey; supt. cradle Eaton Rapids, Miss Hester McKim of superintendent of the Sunday School, Clifford, Miss Lena Gallagher of Itha- has served in that capacity for nearca, Miss Ora McKim of Mancelona, ly eight years. He rarely missed a

More locals on page seven.

That you do not postpone any longer the selection of your holiday gifts. Remember there are but four days left in which to make your purchases and we advise you to act at once if you have not already done so. Our lines as yet are still complete and practically unbroken but every day sees it rapidly deminishing and the sooner you come the better display we can present and also give you better service. No doubt the one particular gift you are looking for is here and below we give a list in order to help you decide.

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#### LOCAL ITEMS.

The Wright school closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation, Miss Elizabeth Beebeheyser, the teacher, will give a program at the schoolhouse Saturday evening which promises to be very interesting.

H. D. Schiedel entertained the young men of his Sunday school class at his home Tuesday evening. The evening was spent as only boys can spend it and a jolly time resulted. Light refreshments were served.

Fred Schwaderer of Lewistown, Montana, came Wednesday to visit his father, William Schwaderer, for a few weeks James Schwaderer, also of Lewistown, is expected Saturday and is now visiting in Cleveland and Detroit On their way here, the gentlemen visited in several of the southern states.

Mrs. John Fanning's class of the Baptist Sunday school, The Sewing Circle, was entertained by Miss Zella Hall Tuesday evening. The young ladies had a tree and a really truly Santa Claus who distributed his gifts | dark eyes. Once she had been very to them and caused no little excitement. Popcorn, candy and apples

Hugh McColl returned Thursday evening from Citrus Center, Florida, where he has been several weeks. He reports the purchase of a house and lot in that village and that Mrs. Dan Schneider has purchased two building lots there also. He says D. M. Houghton, who was among the small company of Cass City people who are spending the winter there, is not enjoying as good health as he hoped the change in climate would

Highway Commissioner Gallagher and a surveyor were busy the first of the week in surveying 1/2 mile of road between the east corporation line of Cass City and the Elkland cemetery corner and another half mile of road between the southern village corporation line and the Elkland and pecting a letter," snapped Sophia, hold-Novesta town line. Besides these two ing out her hand for the missive. half miles of road, there are 21/2 miles of road surveyed for improvement under the state reward law as follows: One mile running past the Geo. Predmore farm in West Elkland, one mile of road east of Gagetown and ½ mile of road east of the state reward roads in Greenleaf and Elkland townships.

Miss Carrie Thomas entertained the Priscilla Club Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. A. N. Treadgold. The affair was a Christmas party and the little girls each hung her stocking for Santa to fill and it is a wonder the dear old man didn't get scared at the dazzling array of color shown, for every hue discovered by scientists was represented in the aosiery. Each little tot received ten gifts, one from each of her friends, and it so happened that everyone reseived some sort of a musical instrument and an orchestra was soon organized. A certain miss received a diamond ring which created no lit shurch matters. Ministers are very tle comment and another received six busy men." men showing that every one thought | Sophia looked ready to cry. she needed one. After all the gifts had been examined, punch and fried cakes were served.

Mac Innes Neilson, the lecturer wh was to speak at the opera house Thursday evening, as the second num with a hidden meaning in her tone. ber of the lecture course, reached Cass City safely, but was unable to speak on account of a severe cold. Mr. Neilson's lecture was postponed from the evening of Nov. 13 on account of the storm which occurred that week. There was a good audience at the opera house Thursday evening for Mr. Neilson has been at Cass City before and was very well liked. Mr. Neilson had been obliged to come from Crystal Lake to Cass City between lectures, and in order to make connections, he had to ride on a freight train part of the way and so aside from a severe cold would not have been in the best of conditions to lecture. He was very sorry to disappoint the people and promises to come at some later date and with his wife and niece give an entertainment for the Woman's Study Club. The ladies of the club were very disappointed and promise to make up for the number in some it would be a long day afore de pahson

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church are justly proud of the returns of their church fair which they conducted Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5. The bazaar was con- her claim to the letter, and so it stood ducted in the church basement and on the mantelpiece day after day, unconsisted of 5 booths; a candy booth, a pop corn and cracker jack stand, a lunch counter, a fancy work corner and a useful needlework booth. The second evening of the fair an entertainment, Mrs. Bangs' Rag Doll Concert, was given and declared to be the best worry-chaser ever presented here. The ladies cleared \$145.00 from ing the winter. His attentions to the the affair and feel that it was well three sisters had been distributed with worth the time and trouble. The careful nicety and exasperating uncermoney was spent in making a paye debt incurred in improving the manse. The Aid expects to ce this an annual affair for the church and feel that next year they will realize even more for they will have a better knowledge of conduct-

ing such a fair. More Locals on Page Eight.

Forty-acre farm for sale. Enquire knew that if he dared the parson would marce. Yet they were strangely happy. at Chronicle office.

## Miss Bean's Letter

A Question of Ownership.

By CLARISSA MACKIE

The three Misses Bean were eating breakfast in their prim dining room overlooking the flower garden.

Sarepta was enjoying cereal, coffee and dry toast; Sophia was almost purring over a bowl of oatmeal and cream, while Sarah, the eldest Miss Bean, drank strong green tea, with rolls and a chop. Sarepta was thin and dark and delicate looking; Sophia, her twin sister, was plump and rosy like a gray and white kitten, and Sarah was tall and bony, with sandy hair and eager handsome, but that was long ago.

Hannah, the black cook, padded heavily into the room with a letter held between thumb and foretinger.

"Ephie done brung de mail, ma'am," she said, placing the letter beside Sarah's plate, "an' dey wa'n't no mo'n dat one letter."

"Very well, Hannah," said Sarah, adjusting her glasses to scan the superscription on the large, thick, square envelope. As she read her face grew quite red, and she looked at the others. 'It's for me, I think," she said uncer-

Sarepta bristled instantly.

"It might be for me," she said tart ly, "unless it is addressed to you." "In that case there would be un doubt at all whom it was for." giggled Sophia, sprinkling sugar on her oatmeal.

"It says 'Miss S. Bean.' " said Sarah with dignity. "From its appearance I should judge it was for me.'

"Let me look at it, please; I am ex-Sarah surrendered the letter and

was irritated to note that Sarepta's dark face glowed strangely.

"It's the one I've been waiting for," declared Sarepta, with the handle of a spoon slipped under the flap. "I recognize the handwriting."

"So do I." was Sarah's obstinate reply. "You have no right to open it. Sarepta, until you are sure it is yours."

"I am sure." Sophia blinked her blue eyes and

looked up from her empty bowl. "Let me see the letter. It may be for me. I am 'Miss S. Bean' aiso; you appear to forget that fact," she said fussily.

"Why, it's Mr. Gray's handwriting, girls!" she exclaimed bluntly. "I think it's for me. I have a great deal of talk and correspondence with him overover-church-and personal matters. she ended, with a simper.

Sarah's mouth hardened. "The letter is for me. Sophia. It's all nonsense your thinking Mr. Gray would bother to write to you about

"I think he's as likely to write to me as to you or Sarepta-more likely. I understand why he has been calling here regularly all winter.' Sarenta laughed shortly.

"I understand why, too," she said.

"It is nonsense for us to bicker over this letter," said Sarah impatiently. "It must be opened, and it is my place as the eldest to do it. I can tell instantly by reading the first line wheth-

er it is for me or not.' "So can I." retorted Sarepta.

"And I," sniffed Sophia, dabbing at her eyes with a snowy cambric handkerchief.

"Well, the best way to find out is to inquire of Mr. Gray whom it is for," decided Sarah judicially. "I will send Eph over to the parsonage with a

The letter was placed on the mantelpiece behind the Chinese vases, and Sarah wrote the note and sent it off by Eph, the black boy.

Ten minutes afterward he rushed into the sitting room breathless with excitement.

"Marse Gray done gone away in a turrible hurry, Miss Sarah, yes'm. Seems lak he had a telygraft last night that his paw wore killed on de railroad, and Mr. Smif said he guessed come back, fer dey was gwine to give him a good vacashun to git over de shock. He's gwine clean to Californy,

whah his paw lives. It was characteristic of the Beans that not one of them would relinquish opened, waiting for Mr. Gray to return and divulge the identity of the "Miss S. Bean" to whom the letter be-

In the bottom of each maiden heart there was a firm belief that the letter contained a declaration of marriage, for Mr. Gray had called with marked regularity every Thursday evening durtainty. When their niece, Estelle Bean. from Little River, had visited them the minister had sung to them while Estelle played upon the old square piano. and the songs he chose were disquiet-

ing to sentimental ladies. When he lifted his handsome head with its noble crown of graying hair. and sang about "Annie Laurie," Sarah

substitute her name for that of Scotch Annie, while Sarepta and Sophia were quite as certain that he meant themindividually.

As for Estelle, she was a meek mouselike little person with sweet gray eyes and a gentle manner, and she was much beloved by her three aunts, and she loved them in return. She never looked at the middle aged minister when he sang. Her cheeks always grew very pink, and she bent her blond head over the keys until Sarah chided her for bashfulne-Then she lifted her head and was quite gay until Sarepta took her aside

and told her not to act "so shallow." Five months went by, and the letter remained unopened on the mantel-

One golden September day Sarah and Sarepta and Sophia climbed into their surrey and drove over to Little River to call upon their brother, Estelle's father.

Jacob Bean was gathering late corn in the fields that bordered the highway, and he came over to the fence and talked to his sisters while he nibbled a straw. He was a big framed man, and he had five big sons, who worked the farm with him. It was a prosperous farm, and Estelle, the only girl, was petted and indulged. But it did not seem to spoil her. They were all fond of Estelle.

"You look worried, Jacob," said Sophia when their greetings were over. "I am," said the man, with a glance toward the distant house. "Girls, Maria and I think Estelle's going into a

decline. "What does the doctor say?" asked Sarah sharply.

"Nothing. He says there's nothing to say. You know Brown's way of joking. He said that Estelle was pining for her sweetheart. Why, land. Maria was so mad she wouldn't have him in again!"

"Nonsense!" cried Sarepta sharply. Estelle's only a child. If she don't have a beau for ten years yet it will be time enough."

"That's what I say." grunted Jacob and he returned to his pumpkins,

The three sisters found their nieco swinging in a hammock on the shaded front porch. Her mother sat beside her knitting a pink wool shawl. Estelle was asleep, and she looked alarmingly pale and thin.

Mrs. Bean greeted her sisters-in-law affectionately and called a stable boy to take the horse. Sarah brought in a basket of grapes and some jars of quince jam she had just made, and the four women sat and talked in low tones about Estelle's health.

"Estelle's never had any beaus, has she, Maria?" asked Sophia carelessly. To Sophia Estelle was a child.

"No, she never encouraged any one except-well, I suppose you've heard folks mention it, though Estelle's dumb as can be about it-except Mr. Gray. But he's gone away now," said Maria complacently. "He always was too old for her, but nice as could be. I almost fell in love with him myself." "Mr. Gray?" asked Sarah blankly.

"Mr. Gray?" echoed Sarepta in a discussed letter.

her mind flying to the letter.

"Oh, Mr. Gray!" said Sophia in her blunt way, throwing up her romance with generous hands. "Why, there's a letter over to the house from him three successive weeks previous to addressed to Miss S. Bean, and there successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Cass wouldn't one of us open it because we will chronicle, a newspaper printed wasn't sure which one of us it was and circulated in said county.

The successive weeks previous to fend the house in case of his absence. After the bullet had been dug out of his leg, and the cow buried dug out of his leg, and the cow for. It couldn't be for Estelle, for her name begins with an 'E,' " ended Sophia dubiously

The hammock stirred, and a rosy face appeared over the edge. With her tousled fair hair Estelle looked

more like a little girl than ever. "Aunties, I heard all your remarks," she said tremulously, "and perhaps the

letter is for me!" "But, dear, your name begins with

E," persisted Sophia kindly. "I know, but he. Mr. Gray, called me 'Stella.' He said it meant a star." The girl turned a glorified face toward

her mother. "Oh, mother, don't you believe it was for me? If I never answered he might think I didn't care. and so he stayed away.' Maria turned pale with emotion.

Maria turned pale with emotion.
"Perhaps so, dear," she said in her heavy way. "If we can get the letter over here you should let your three aunts open it and each one read the opening line. Then they could tell whether it was for one of them. Their names all hear with "S," you know." names all begin with 'S,' you know." "Of course, mother," palpitated Es-

"I wish the letter was here now."

Sarah arose. "I'll go in and telephone to Hannah to send Eph over with it," she said decisively. "It's been on the sitting room mantelpiece for five months.'

When she returned they talked of other things until Eph's shining black face appeared at the gate. After he had given up the precious letter and disappeared toward the kitchen Mrs. Bean arose and went in to see about supper.

Estelle took the letter, smiled at the meager address, wondered at her lover's mistake in addressing it to Westbrook instead of Little River; then she tore open the letter and gave the thick. folded sheets to Miss Sarah.

"You first," she said softly. But Sarah shook her head, and Sacepta shook hers, and Sophia refused oint blank, and they all kissed Estelle and said they were going to try to get Mr. Gray to come back to the church so she would be with them. and Sophia said they would talk about

her wedding. They went down to look at the dahlias in the garden, and they smiled at each other and nodded, contented in Estelle's happiness, and in their hearts each one knew that this was the nearest she would come to ro-

NOTICE OF MEETING OF TOWN-SHIP BOARDS.

To Whom It May Concern: Be it Known, An application, in writing, by Peddie Bros., and thirteen others, on December 6th, A. D., 1913, was filed with Albert Hunter, County Drain Commissioner, Tuscola County, Michigan, praying for the locating and establishing; cleaning out; deepening, widening and extending of a drain therein designated as follows:

Beginning at the south side of section one, Ellington, running in a northwesterly direction through section 1; thence running northwesterly; thence running northeast following the natural water course through section 35; thence running northeast through section 26; thence into section 25, ten rods into the east half of the southwest quarter.

Also a branch beginning about seventy rods northwest of southeast corner section 35 extending northeast to section 36; thence easterly and north-easterly to the north section line. The branch through section 35 to be tiled 12 inch tile. Also another branch commencing about 38 rous from the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 35 extending westerly across section 35 into section 34 about 4 rods into the northeast quarter of southwest quarter said branch to be tiled with eight inch tile. Also main ditch to be tiled with 12 inch tile from where it crosses section line between sections 35 and 26 to its source; that said drain will traverse the townships of Ellington

and Elmwood. Be it Further Known, That on the 30th day of December A. D., 1913, a joint meeting of the township boards of the townships of Ellington and Elmwood will be held at the residence of Jas. Walters section 35, township. of Elmwood, at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of determining the necessity of such drain and whether the same is necessary and conducive to public health, convenience and welfare; at such meeting all persons owning lands liable to assessments for benefit, or whose lands will be crossed by said drain may appear for or against said drain proceedings.

Given under our hands this 18th lay of December, A. D., 1913. M. P. Freeman, Township Clerk Elmwood Township.

Robert Spaven, Township Clerk Elington Township.

#### ORDER FOR PUBLICATION. Final Administration Account.

State of Michigan, The Probate ourt 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 9th day of December A. D. 1913.

Present: Hon. D. Healy Clark, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of Edmund Fitch, Deceased.

John Wagner having filed in said court his final administration account, and petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue It is ordered, that the 5th day of

January A. D. 1914, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate ofstunned tone, her mind on the much fice, be 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 publica-D. HEALY CLARK,

Judge of Probate A true copy.



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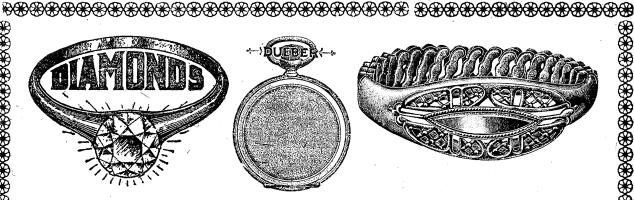
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MIDDLETON'S **CANDY LAND** 

Don't forget that farmers did plowing at Thanksgiving time two years ago. So don't get restless and trade your fur coat for a linen duster-not yet.-North Branch Gazette.

A Minden farmer purchased a revolver for his wife, and insisted on result of an accident which happened for target practice, so that she could de- last week when a bullet crashed dug out of his leg, and the cow buried he said he guessed that she'd better sequently she was not injured to any shoot with an axe.

Marshal Miles of the village of Port Hope has been instructed to arrest all boys who are found carrying the 22-callibre rifles so common among the youngsters. This action is the great extent.



# Four Shopping Days Left

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You'll be happy ever afterwards if Mate McCreedy last week. you get those Wedding Invitations from the Chronicle Printery.

#### SCHOOL NOTES.

"Sodbusters Day" Friday.

Two weeks of Christmas vacation. "Zeke's" German translation of 'Wer hab geniest; welches Kind war es?" "Somebody sneezed, whose kid

E.-What makes moisture in the air? J. T-The wind blowing over bodies of water. E-Well, where would the air be dry then? J. T .-Where the wind blows over the des-

We heard K. McC keeps a copy of 'Miss Billy," in her desk. We wonder if she does.

"Nork" has recently quit swearing. He refuses to say "hell" in Ger

A man living in Belgium after studying the subject over 40 years says that men talk more than women. This is true at the H. S. The black boards have three girls and six boys names on them.

Rey S. substantiating his argument in English 10-"I like Eppie better as a child because I don't like grown

The Mid Winter Carnival.

Such a din! Such a crowd! And such splendor! Why, you almost imagine yourself at a great festival rather than a high school carnival! Din does but partially describe the great turnivil of that active place. Boys shouting shrilly to visitors to buy their wares, "Popcorn, candy, fresh lemonade, and here's where you get your red hots." But you escape as many of these as possible and approach a booth, most artistically draped and decorated with hanging tapestry, where you are courteously shown prethandpainted post cards and pictures of mounted scenery, which display great skill. This is the booth from China, under the control of Helen and Mae, the two industrious Chinese ladies. While you are admiring these, someone shouts in your ear, 'Come and have your fortune told, get an introduction to your future! Skillful! Wonderful! Truthful!" You pay a nickel and lifting the curtain enter a dimly lighted booth, where sits a curious old woman with a large, mysterious looking book before her. She takes your hand and examining it closely, tells you whether or not you will be prosperous in life and many other facts about which you have often wondered, making you either happy or sad as the case may be; but if it is the latter, you soon forget it when you re-enter the buzzing crowd. You then fish and get a bite by an amusing toy which you keep as a remembrance. But you haven't half time enough to see everything. The Japanese girls! The fancy work! The counter crammed with delicious home made candy around which small children are clustered! It is growing late and you elbow your way through the jam and after being bumped against by people on every hand and confronted by boing carrying grab-bags, penny photos and almost every conceivable article, yo at last reach the open doorway and leave the scene of the carnival with the shrill shouts of the ware-boys

#### BETHEL.

ringing in your ears.

A baby girl has arrived to make 

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley-Harder and family of Brookfield were Sunday guests at the home of Alfred Maharg. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hoffman and son, Monroe, spent a few days last

week at the home of their son, Glenn Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barnes are

he proud parents of a baby girl born Wednesday evening. Mrs. Robort Day will entertain the

Bethel Ladies' Aid Thursday of this Bean threshing in this neighborhood is over for another year. Some

clover hulling yet. Mr. and Mrs. G. Hoffman were

Sunday evening visitors at the home of M. Crawford in Grant.

E. Reader and Mrs. Frank Reader and little daughter spent Monday with the former's daughter, Mrs. Alfred Maharg. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hoffman are also spending a few days at the Maharg home.

#### COLWOOD.

You have a 1914 calendar at Muck & Benkelman's. Come and get it Xmas week. Mrs. C. D. Andrews spent Friday

and Saturday visiting relatives at Ca-Earl Seeley, who is visiting his

brother, Fred Seeley, was given a surprise party Thursday evening be fore leaving for California. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corkins of Cass

City spent Sunday at the Muck home. 185-R 6 is the ring for the teleonone placed in the home of Mrs.

Mr. ar 1 Mrs. Smith Luther, attended the funeral of the latter's niece

at Unionville on Sunday. Louis Krahling of Cass City visited friends here Sunday.

#### LOCAL ITEMS.

I. B. Auten is spending the week bly improved. in Detroit.

with the ill this week.

Malaam Fordyce was in Detroit bell. from Saturday to Wednesday. Frank Nellis and H. A. Honsinger

were in Sandusky on business Tues-

Marc Wickware and Miss Madeleine Auten spent Sunday with friends

Miss Iva Kolb was able to resume

Ray Meiser, who has been employed in Pontiac, came Monday to spend a few weeks with his mother.

West of Detroit.

for some time, is reported considera-

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mellon and son, Mrs. E. W. Keating is numbered Floyd, of Pontiac spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Margaret Camp- day in the Chronicle.

Miss Alice Libby of Western Colday to spend the holidays at the home of I. B. Auten.

ter, Virginia, left Tuesday morning for Virginia where they will spend City and attended school here for two visit friends at Columbia Furnace, home in Detroit where the groom her duties at the post office Tuesday Harper's Ferry, Richmond, Harris- employed. burg, Lexington and other points in that state.

The greatest Christmas joy, that you can have comes from giving to Sunday are as follows: Bible school, Miss Merle Gale has accepted a those you love the gifts you know 10:00; Christmas sermon, 11:00; Y. position with the Decker Grain and will suit them best, the gifts that P. A., 6:30; evening sermon, 7:30. Lumber Co., and left Wednesday for will be the most appropriate and car- The church board have decided to Mrs. I. B. Auten served afternoon brance. It is sometimes difficult to ning, Jan. 11, circumstances permittea to a number of ladies Wednesday decide just what those gifts shall be, ing. The public is invited to attend.

Grant McLarty, who has been ill lished in The Chronicle, you'll find the suggestions that you need-suggestions that often include very exceptional qualities at very unusual prices. Read the advertisements to-

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Pearl Wheellege, Oxford, Ohio, is expected Fri-er of Detroit to James Keating of Detroit at the bride's parental home, 1025 Crane Avenue, on Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Day and daugh- December 3. Mrs. Keating formerly lived on a farm northeast of Cass the winter months. They expect to years. The couple will make their

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

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ry the most of love and kind remem- begin special meetings Sunday eveof last week in honor of Mrs. Edith but if you'll read the advertisements Preaching at Quick schoolhouse of Cass City's leading merchants, pub 3:00 p. m. Sunday.

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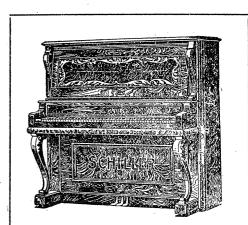
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OU are earlier than neces sary," remarked Aunt Elise as I appeared at 10:30 on the night of the third Christ "for we do not sit in the work room for at least fifteen minutes, and I feel sure that you will not find the kiding place, and if it is not found you cannot marry Elsie, and if you are not to marry Elsie it is not wise for you to see so much of each other." And Bisie's welcoming kiss was strongly tinctured with reproach. Not liking the reproachful flavor, I immediately kissed Elsie to dissipate the taste.

Then I displayed the gift I had brought, and Aunt Elise shook her head reprovingly, even as she gloated over the solitaire that I slipped on Ei sie's white hand.

"You would better have saved your money. Remember, this is the third Christmas, and I don't believe you will find the hiding place.'

"Then we will be married right away," I said. "Please bear in mind ! now have a salary with which to propitiate the wolf when he howls at our door.'

"And so have I, thanks to dear old uncle!" cried Elsie.

Aunt Elise, by the way, is neither Elsie's aunt nor mine. Elsie and l are, or, rather, were, the wards of Aunt Wiss's tracker, Judge Breen, who

died more than three years ago, leav ing the old Breen home to Aunt Elise. who had a modest income of her own. and the remainder to Elsie and me con ditionally, the conditions being set forth in the letter which Lawyer Pat terson, Judge Breen's lifelong friend whom he had appointed executor of his will, handed to us during the week following his death. The letter ran:

My Dear, Irresponsible Children-I have as Mr. Patterson will tell you, converted my entire estate, with the exception of the old home, into money, which I wish you Gilbert and Elsie, to share equally. have this money put away for you. It he comes yours at the moment that you

Now, I will remind you that I have at ways earnestly deplored the idle, frivolous pursuits which have occupied you and desired you both to master some useful occupation, but you have temporized have allowed you to grow up without the

ability to earn a penny.
Elsie, your artistic daubs and, Gilbert. your long winded poems are all very wel for a harmless pastime, but you can nei-ther eat, drink nor wear them. Moreover. It is a disgrace for any ablebodied per-son to be without the knowledge of some

useful vocation. I suppose that I am to blame for not training the artistic tommyrot out of you. but I loved you both far too well to exact obedience from you. I now am determained to atone for my weakness as far as lies within my power. I have decided

that you must both acquire a vocation and have chosen my own, telegraphy, for you. My best and happiest days were spent in a lonely little station in Arizona
You are to master this thoroughly. No mere smattering will answer You are to prove your ability by securing and acceptably filling positions.

your studies at once.

Then in memory of me I ask you both to join your Aunt Elise in a quarter of an hour's vigil in my workroom on Christ-mas night. I wish my inventions to re main there untouched. I also wish you to wind and start the big clock which I have just finished. It will run for the brief time that I ask you to keep tryst with my memory in the workroom where I have spent so many, many happy hours
If after following my instructions you
do not find your inheritance, which I in-

tend to come to you as a Christmas gift come again for the vigil on the second Christmas, and if you have not found it then return again on the third. If you have not found it on the third Christmas you will have forfeited your legacy and will find your knowledge of telegraphy most useful to provide bread and a reasonable amount of butter.

Do not under any circumstances tamper with the contents of my workroom, which I wish to remain just as it is during the

lifetime of your Aunt Elise.
You failed to obey me in life, but
your disobedience after my death will be fraught with graver consequence, for un-less you meet the requirements set forth here you will never know the whereabouts of your legacy. This letter is written with a heart full of love for my spoiled children. From UNCLE AMBROSE.

And now the time of the vigil of the third Christmas had arrived, and we knew no more about the hiding place of our inheritance than on the day that we received the letter. True, we had not followed his instructions in regard to telegraphy until very recently It seemed so preposterous that merely mastering a vocation would aid in the unearthing of our legacies. So Elsie and I optimistically painted and poetized through the first year, serenely confident that the money would turn up without strenuous effort on our part.

On the first Christmas we wound the clock and sat expectantly through the fifteen minutes Nothing happened. We were slightly disappointed, but not at all uneasy. Then during the next year between the intervals of pictures and poems we ransacked the old place from garret to celler. Only a wholesome fear of Aunt Elise's anger prevented our laying vandal hands upon that wretched clock and disemboweling it in our search for a clew to the hidden treasure. We met for our seance in the workroom without having so much as begun the study of telegraphy. Again we sat through the allotted time, listening to the eccentric, irregular ticking of the clock with no visible results, save that Aunt Elise caught a fearful cold.

"Gilbert," said Elsie soberly that night when we had adjourned to the cheery parlor, "do you know, I don't

believe Uncle Gilbert had any money to leave. I think he had lost it am that was why he was so worried to think that we were not fitted to support ourselves. We disobeyed and disappointed him in life. Now let uatone as far as we may by obeyin: his last wishes. Gilbert, dear, let us learn telegraphy-not for the sake of the money, but because he wished it because of what we owe him "

And so we mastered telegraphy. Et sie much more readily than I. We had been full fledged "brass pound ers," with fairly lucrative positions for almost three months preceding the third Christmas. We were burstingly proud of our jobs-that's what we called 'em-and we felt that our dear old guardian had, in foreing upon as the gift of independence, bestowed up on us a treasure of greater value than the legacy for which we had hoped.

So with no further expectations or hopes concerning the hidden inheritance and with cheerful resignation to its loss we met in loving compli ance with his request for our third and last vigil in his workroom, with his many inventions, which Aunt Elise kept carefully covered, looking like shrouded ghosts.

Aunt Elise alone of the trio seemed gloomy and despondent.

"If you don't find where the money is hidden tonight I suppose we would better plan for you to marry Percy Gaines, Elsie," she said as I stepped upon the table to wind the clock, or rather, "crank" it, for its mechanism was set going by giving some dozen turns to a handle protruding from its left side-a handle not unlike that of an old fashioned coffee mill.

"But he sort of snitfles, and his socks and neckties are so shrill," protested Elsie, referring to Mr. Gaines.

"Well, then, there's old Mr. Binney. suggested Aunt Elise. "I've noticed that he is quite neutral in his dresa; "But he talks to himself and ges

ticulates frightfully with his walking stick," replied Elsie. "I should be afraid to get near enough to caress him, and, besides, I think he proposed to me during a brainstorm, and it would be taking an unfair advantage to accept. Don't you think him a wee bit daffy?" she asked me. "He's so nutty, Aunt Elise," I sol

emnly asseverated, "that when be strolls about in his ancestral groves the squirrels pursue him. "Dear me! How extraordinary!" ex

claimed literal Aunt Elise.

"So, you see," observed Elise, "after all, I had better marry Gilbert."

"I think so, too." I agreed. "You see. Aunt Elise, thanks to Uncle Am brose, I can earn a living for my" Here I broke off abruptly and stared astounded, at that extraordinary clock Elsie, with her dear little jaw sagging in sheer amazement, was staring too

"What are you two gaping at?" de manded Aunt Elise in alarm. "Now why do you stare like stuck pigs?" she queried a moment later, for Elsie and sat as if spellbound listening.

We found ourselves listening to the now familiar staccato-tapping of a telegraph instrument. Clear and shart through the invisible sounder came a message tapped by an unseen key, and mechanically - no, automatically - our dazed minds caught the message.

"Elsie and Gilbert, my idle girl and boy," ran the message, "Patterson has the money for you. Ask him for it tonight. It is my Christmas gift to you. Merry Christmas! God bless you both! Goodby!"

"The clock!" I gurgled. "It's in the clock! Listen!" For after an interval of hoarse, clucklike ticks the message was repeated.

"Now, why are you making such a fuss about that clock?" demanded Aunt Elise. "That clock never has had a sane, natural tick. It has at ways made a noise just like that."

And this was true. Twice before we had held our vigil in the workroom un heeding, while the faithful clock had patiently delivered the message which we failed to comprehend.

"There cannot possibly be a tele graph instrument in that clock," de clared Elsie, "but there are little automatic transmitters with Morse alpha

bet records for students, you know."
"Elsie," I said after I had carefully examined the vitals of that blessed clock, "you certainly are the original Miss Nancy Know It All. There is an automatic telegraph transmitter in that clock. Here's the tape!"

Elsie eyed the coiled strip of paper tape with its perforations correspond ing to the dots and dashes of the Morse alphabet with much interest.

"Now for Patterson," I interrupted "I'll wager that he has been chuckling in his sleeve these past three years I'm going to call him up this instant I hope that I'll get to rouse him from his beauty sleep," I continued mali

But in this I was disappointed, for he answered the phone promptly.

"This is Gilbert Ashcraft speaking," I began with much dignity. "Miss Elsie Martin and I would like definite information concerning the money be queathed us by Ambrose Breen, which he left in your care."

There was a moment's silence; then a chuckle trilled melodiously over the telephone. "Say, young man," said Lawyer Patterson, "you're all right. and Miss Elsie too. Great scheme of Breen's, wasn't it? You'll find your bank books, deposit slips and other pa pers in the package that I left with your Aunt Elise yesterday Merry Christmas! Good night, son.'

And that's all, I believe, except that Elsie and I are married, and it is our present intention to "live happy ever afterward." We hold dear, wise old Uncle Ambrose in grateful memory and we do not permit even that fat, spoiled rascal, Ambrose Breen Ash craft, to tamper with that clock.

## MANAMANA

# In the Spirit

#### **BUTTANAMENTA**

Many a woman is known by the Christmas presents she takes back to be exchanged.

If there is a Christmas season in heaven the department store clerk will hardly want to go there.

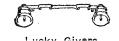
The woman who looks for the price mark on her present generally gets mad if she finds it.

A good thing about some Christmas presents is that they don't last more than a day or two.

People who put off buying things they really need until after Christmas hardly ever find them in their stock-

Some people don't permit their children to believe in Santa Claus because they selfishly want all the credit themselves.

If Santa Claus were a woman Christmas would always have to be postponed for a few days while she administered the finishing touches.



With happy hearts some people give And never mind the price; They know the gifts they will receive Are sure to be as nice.



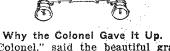
A Warning to Liars. "What was the happiest moment of your life, dear?" she asked.

"It was when you said yes, darling, he replied. She sighed and permitted her cheek

to rest against his breast for a long time. Then she said: "Harry, do you remember that dia-

mond ring we looked at in Blazem's? was there vesterday and they had it still. What a splendid Christmas present it would make." After he had reached the next room

he whispered to himself: "That's always the way. Never told a lie in my life without having immediate cause to be sorry for it."



"Colonel," said the beautiful grass widow, "why is it you so strongly object to the exchanging of Christmas presents?"

"I'll tell you," he replied. "I used to be as crazy as other people over the sending of gifts. There was a girl that I thought a good deal of in

hose days, and a sister of mine who and been married only a couple of ears was made glad by the arrival of little one only about a month before hristmas. I thought a nice present 'or her would be a book on the care and nursing of infants. So I bought t. At the same time I bought a very handsome volume of poems for the

S. E. KISER They get mixed. I believe this Christmas present business is all fool-



"If I were to catch you under the mis-letoe would you try to get away?"
"Of course I should—but I feel almost sure that I should not succeed."
—S. E. Kiser.

An Exchange. "What did your mistress give you

for Christmas? "A box of cheap handkerchiefs."

"What did you give her?" "A week's notice.

A Lucky Man.

He sees the sun through spreading rifts, He hears the wind sing songs of cheer; His wife will buy no Christmas gifts And have them charged to him this

FAIR WARNING TO SANTA CLAUS.

There ain't no Santa Claus, I guess, or if there is, why he Don't know so very



And last year when I wrote to him I said I'd like a one of these

here spaniel dogs that's kind of that's brownish red; But blame the luck, I didn't git a soli-

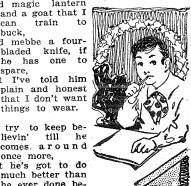
tary thing overcoat and plated a cap and napkin ring.

I've wrote him this year that I want a hook-and-ladder truck
And magic lantern
and a goat that I train

And mebbe a fourbladed knife, if he has one to spare, But I've told him plain and honest that I don't want

things to wear. I'll try to keep be-lievin' till he comes around once more, But he's got to do

he ever done be-If he brings another sister in the place of what I'd like, Why, I'll quit believin' in him from that minute, the old Ike!



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Margate Sathing Justoms.

Almost as much pomp as attended the Duchesse de Berri when she took her daily dip in the sea was displayed toward the ordinary bather at Mar gate a century and a half ago, when Benjamin Beale, the Quaker, invented the bathing machine. According to an old guidebook, the company desiring to bathe assembled at the bathing rooms in the High street, where they waited their turns. When a machine was vacant a bell rang, and an attendant solemnly conducted the bather to the seashare: watched him while in the water and brought him back to his admiring friends. The charge for half an hour's dip, including the "guide," was 1s. 3d.—London Globe.

Fine Air. "You never know how a patient is going to follow your advice."

"What's gone wrong now, doc?" "I told a man to go to some secluded spot daily and practice deep breathing. What spot do you suppose he picked

"I'll give it up." "A place back of the gas house."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Try a Woodchuck!

"I tried to dine on a woodchuck once when I was a boy, but never have felt inclined to repeat the experiment." says John Burroughs in the Century. "If one were born in the woods and lived in the woods maybe he could relish a woodchuck. Talk about being autochthonous and savoring of the soil -try a woodchuck! The feeding habits of this animal are as cleanly as those of a sheep or a cow-clover, plantain, peas, beans, cucumbers, cabbages, apples—all sweet and succulent things go to the making of his flabby body; yet he spends so much of his time in pickle in the ground that his flesh is rank with the earth flavor."

Deceived.

Countryman at the National Gallery)-Why, them's the very same pictures I saw here the day before yesterday! Attendant (dryly)-Quite likely. Countryman-Then that clerk at the hotel is an awful liar. He told me that the pictures was changed daily in all the leadin' picture houses. -London Opinion.

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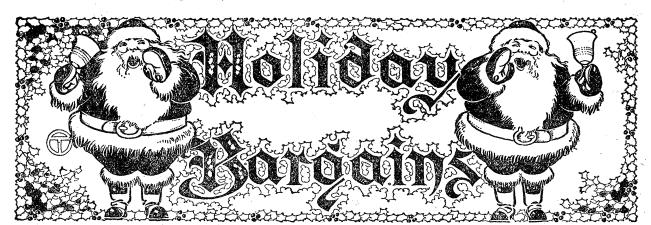
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ANNA A. PARKER

# The MacTavish ‡ Mystery

It Occurred on Long Island In Colony Days.

By F. A. MITCHEL

In the olden time when New York was called New Amsterdam, when the rotund Dutchmen of Manhattan, increasing and multiplying, were spreading eastward on Long Island, meeting the lean Yankee, also increasing and multiplying, from Connecticut, there lived on that coast a family named MacTavish, but recently arrived from bonny Scotland. Long Island in those days was not crowded with settlers, and the Indians were getting scarce.

The MacTavish family lived a lonely life, their home being built on rising ground overlooking the ocean. All day long they listened to the waves rolling in on the sand and watched the guils hovering over the water, every now and again descending to pounce upon some luckless fish. Farther out on the horizon at rare intervals a sail would appear and while passing served to lessen somewhat the loneliness, for, though they could see only a spot of white canvas, they knew that there were living human beings there.

MacTavish was both farmer and fisherman, giving his personal attention to the latter, while his wife and his eldest son. Alex, attended to the former. The bulk of the product both of the farm and the nets was consumed by the family, but MacTavish would occasionally in summer sail to New Amsterdam with a load of vegetables and when the weather was cold enough to transport fish would carry his hauls to the same market.

One autumn he bade goodby to his wife and children, intending to take a cargo of potatoes and other vegetables to Manhattan. They watched him sail out of the inlet where he kept his boat and, riding the waves, grow less and less in the distance till at last they could see him no longer. Then Dame MacTavish gathered her children about her in the house, as she always did when her husband went on his trips, to keep off the loneliness that persisted in stalking in as he sailed away.

MacTavish was usually absent a week, sometimes more, sometimes less. A week passed, and his family began to look for his return. One, two, three days more elapsed, and they saw nothing of him. When two weeks had gone by and he did not appear his wife began to worry, for he had told her to look for him in from a week to ten days. Still another week slipped by and no sign of the father of the fam-

Mrs. MacTavish, now thoroughly alarmed, determined to go to New Amsterdam to learn if her husband had been there. Her only route was by land, and in those days there was no public conveyance. So the family horse was saddled, saddlebags were put on him, containing, besides clothing, a stock of provisions, and leaving Alex, a boy of sixteen, in charge of the other children, she sallied forth on her

Having reached the bank of the East river, leaving her horse, she was ferried across and proceeded to the house of Dietrich Van Vorst, who she knew was accustomed to buy her husband's produce. There she met with a shock. Van Vorst told her that he had seen nothing of her husband. Had MacTavish been there Van Vorst would undoubtedly have seen him, for the town was then a mere cluster of houses gathered about the Battery.

Mrs. MacTavish, though without hope of receiving a different answer. asked others the same question. No one had seen MacTavish. What had become of him? The weather had been fair at New Amsterdam and at the MacTavish home. There could have been no storm to swamp the little boat. nor had there been any fog. The disappearance of the husband and father was a mystery.

There was nothing for the poor woman to do but go back to her home and wait. She started, hoping that she might find her husband there on her arrival. She was disappointed. He had neither come nor sent any word.

Every day that passed added to the discouragement of the mother and her children. One day, a month after MacTavish had sailed away, a neighbor living some ten miles eastward of the MacTavishes went to New Amsterdam. Hearing that he was going. she sent to him requesting him to make inquiries in the town with a view of getting news of her husband. The traveler returned and said that a British ship had arrived and reported having seen off Sandy Hook a deserted fishing smack, with nothing whatever in her except a few scattered potatoes and onions. She was not considered worth bringing in and left where she was. When last seen she was drifting southward along the New Jersey coast.

It was believed that this was Mac-Tavish's boat. If so he must be alive. But why had he deserted her? What had he done with his stock of vegetables? And why had he not returned to his home? In these days men's disappearances are usually attributed to a woman's influence, and the missing man's accounts are investigated. But at that time the women were all married and settled in their homes when very young, and their time was all spent in taking care of their numerous

progeny. As to funds, MacTavish had only what his cargo of vegetables yould bring, a matter of about \$20 in the currency of the present day. Moreover, Mrs. MacTavish was as sure of her husband's affection for her and his children as she was of the rising and the falling of the tide. After the finding of the fishing smack she believed that he was alive. What was seeping him away from her she could not know, but she believed that some day he would return to her. He might do so when she was away, and in this case she wished that he might find everything in condition for his reception. He had always occupied a bedroom alone. His wife kept his room just as it was when he went away so that should he return at night it would be ready for him. Whether her comfort was at the bottom of her action is uncertain. It is likely that the poor woman was trying to comfort herself in knowing that his room was as it had always been and in thinking that it would in time be again occupied.

Two years passed, and not a word was heard from MacTavish. Then one day the family on Long Island received a terrible scare. Toward evening of an autumn day a sail was seen to the westward, much nearer the coast than it was usual for ships to pass. As it came nearer its hull was seen to be very low and its masts very high, enabling it to carry a large amount of canvas. It floated no flag.

These were the days of the buccaneers, whose depredations were largely on the Spanish main intercepting galleons laden with gold from the mines of Mexico, but not averse to attacking any merchantman worth making a prize or ravaging a craft. Long Island had received one or two such visitors. though there was scarcely enough plunder among the scattered settlers to

make a landing worth while. The fears of the MacTavish family were confirmed by seeing a horseman come dashing eastward, who passed the house without stopping, shouting: "A pirate! She's coming up the coast"

Go inland as quick as you can!" Mrs. MacTavish cast a glance at the rakish vessel and, gathering the few valuables of small compass she possessed and taking her children, ran as fast as possible and kept running until she had put several miles between them all and the coast. Coming to a thicket, she entered it, and, sinking on the ground, the family occupied themselves in regaining their exhausted

They remained there the rest of the day. At evening they saw from their hiding place the man who had warned them and called to him. He was looking for them to tell them that he had seen a man dressed in the fashion of a buccaneer on their farm. A fog had rolled in from the ocean and enveloped the pirate ship. They should make sure that the pirate he had seen was not there before they returned. Then he rode away.

Mrs. MacTavish kept her children in the thicket till late that night. Then they began to cry for food, and she concluded to take them to a point near the farm, leave them there and go forward herself to reconnoiter. It was after midnight when she came to a clump of trees a short distance from her house. Leaving the children in care of Alex, she stole forward. There was no sound except the splashing of the waves on the beach beyond nor sign of any one within the building. The fog had cleared away, and the moon in the third quarter shone bright

ly. Entering the house, she listened. then with your left hand hold the oc The door of her husband's room was open, and she heard some one breathing in sleep. Tiptoeing to where she could get a view of the chamber, she looked inside. A man was sleeping in the bed.

She drew back. Clothes were on a chair-clothes that she recognized as a pirate's garb. Several pistols and tumbler, and use it again and again. knives lay on a table. The man in the bed must be the pirate who had been seen in the place. She was about to retire in terror when, casting a glance at the buccaneer's face, lighted by the moon, something in it reminded her of her husband. Advancing to get a nearer view, she struck a chair. The man opened his eyes.

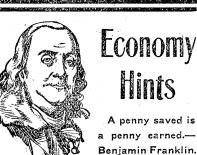
"Mary!" he exclaimed, and, throwing off the covers and jumping out of bed. he clasped her in his arms.

Her thought that her husband might return when she was away and find his room ready for him was realized.

After the children had been brought in and the younger ones had been embraced by their father and put to bed MacTavish told his story. On his voyage to New Amsterdam he had been met by a buccaneer, who appropriated his vegetables and gave him the option of joining the pirate crew or walking the plank. He had chosen the former alternative, hoping eventually to make his escape. After he had lived a dreadful life in the West Indies for two years the buccaneer sailed for the north. She passed the Long Island coast and sent boats ashore to loot the settlers and gather provisions. Mac-Tavish had been in one of the boats. and the coming of the fog enabled him to get away from his companions under its cover. The ship had sailed without him, and finding his home deserted, as was to be expected on account of the vicinity of the buccaneer, he had decided to go to bed and await the return of his family.

There was a long period of rejoicing in the MacTavish family at the return of the husband and father, and that was the last of his taking his produce

to the city by water. Mrs. MacTavish lived to be an old woman, and to the day of her death when any one of the family was away from home she would keep the absent one's room ready that it might be occupied by its accustomed inmate. There were trequent departures, but no one of the family ever returned in a pirate's garb.



How to Reduce Flesh.

As a change from the strenuous exercises usually advised for obesity by xpensive specialists why not embody these gymnastics in the everyday task thereby adding interest to the tasks and grace to the body? If your waist is inclined to thickness you can incline it to suppleness by always washing your hands in the bottom of the bathtub. Do this, if possible, without bending the knee. If faithfully pursued this little practice will accomplish as much as ten minutes of bending exercises.

Have you a desire to improve your carriage and add weight to your appearance? Have the hooks in your wardrobe almost beyond your reach so that every time you go for your hat or a garment you will have to stretch your arms upward and stand on tip-

Do not sit down to put on your shoes and stockings. You may have to perform all sorts of queer antics to accomplish your purpose, but the bending exercise you go through in doing so is worth more than those of the gymnasium, because you will work harder with a tangible object in view.

Hairbrushing is a wearisome task but if the desire to move with grace is put into every stroke and if the wrist is held firm the action is certain to be an excellent hand and wrist exercise. If you do your own marketing walk to and from the market briskly, taking long, even strides and swinging the limb from the hip without bending the knee. All the bending and reaching exercises of your household work may be transformed into benefits if they only will be considered in that light and if the mind will work with the body in tabulating them as beneficial exercises instead of physical exertions.

#### HOUSEHOLD HINT.

How to Make Convenient Paper Covers For Leftovers.

The housekeeper uses all sorts of dishes-cups, tumblers, pitchers and tins-as receptacles for the leftovers that are inevitable in housework. The white of an egg, a little apple sauce. pieces of butter, half a tumblerful of cream-countless odds and ends have to be saved. Frequently they occupy a large part of the pantry crockery. Most of the improvised receptacles lack covers, yet it is important to protect the contents. Paper covers will do the work. They are light, clean and convenient and once the knack is acquired are easy to make. Filter paper, such as chemists use, is the best for the purpose. It is inexpensive and so soft and tough that it can be folded several times without breaking.

Cut out a square piece twice the size of the top of the tumbler or dish to be covered. Clip off the four corners; tagonal piece in place upon the tum bler. Roll the projecting edges of the paper inward and upward and press them against the outside of the tumbler or dish.

If you have made the cap correctly you can easily remove it from any smooth edged receptacle, such as a

How to Use Dried Fruit.

Take the required quantity of the dried fruit, rinse well under running water, then soak in fresh water for about fourteen hours. Next prepare a sirup to taste by adding best white sugar to boiling water. When the sirup has come to the boil place the soaked fruit very carefully in the sirup and allow it to simmer for fifteen minutes. On no account let the sirup boil when once the fruit is in it, as if you do it will become pulpy and unsightly.

Serve cold or hot, as required, as stewed fruit or in pies and tarts.

To make jam prepare the dried fruit as for stewing. Place the required quantity of soaked fruit in a preserving pan and add one pound of the best white sugar for each pound of soaked fruit. The time is as with the fresh fruit, but it is necessary to add more

Moreover, one pound of dried fruit will make four pounds of jam.

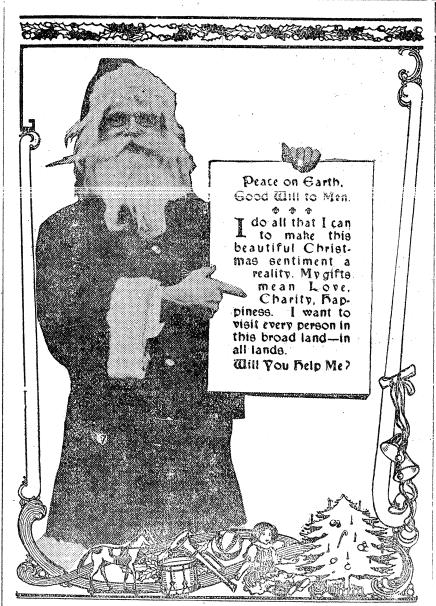
How to Care For Overshoes.

When buying overshoes be careful to see that you get those that have not been left over from last season. Even the best quality will deteriorate during the heat of summer and wear out much faster than the new stock.

The cracks in rubber overshoes, which will soon result in holes, rendering the shoe useless, may be nicely mended with a piece of surgeon's adhesive plaster. Fit a piece of rubber or thick felt into the heel and then cover this with the plaster. It will be a protection against wear.

When rubbers look old apply a coating of patent leather shoe polish and they will be like new.

How to Remove Match Scratches. When paints have become scratched with matches rub them first with a slice of lemon and then wash with soap and water. This removes all traces of the match scratches.



Mrs. Newed-I am in an awful fix, mamma. Mrs. Eaglebeak-What is the matter? Mrs. Newed-I went through George's pockets last night to hunt for change, as you advised me to do, and 1 found some letters which I gave him to post last week, and now I dare not scold about the letters for fear he'll scold about my going through his pockets.—Puck

Prompt. Post-A beautiful garden party was given yesterday under the auspices of

Lady Black. Mrs. Newrich - I'll have our landscape architect plant some auspices on

Knowing and Telling. "I don't object to a man tellin' all he knows." said Uncle John, "if he honestly knows all he tells."

"As a matter of hard fact," said Mr Cumrox rather testily, "the value of this picture depends on the signature of the old master." "I must admit it."

"Well, my signature is just as valu able as his, and it doesn't take me any thing like as long to write a check as it took him to paint a picture."-Washington Star.

Fine Exercise.

Mrs. Exe-My husband walks in his sleep.

Mrs. Wye-I wish I could get mine to. His daily work is so confining the poor fellow gets hardly a bit of exercise.-Exchange.

She Talked Too Much. Mrs. Benham-Money talks. Benham-Keep the change, please.-New York Press.

Spurgeon's Long Sleep.

Among modern preachers Spurgeon held the record not only for the greatest number of sermons, but also for the largest audiences. On the national fast day, Oct. 7, 1857, he preached in the central transept of the Crystal palace. London, to a congregation of 25,000, and was clearly heard by all. The physical effort involved, however, had a curious effect on the preacher.,

"I was not conscious at the close of the service of any extraordinary exhaustion." he wrote in his autobiography. "yet I must have been very weary, for after I went to sleep on that Wednesday night I did not waken until Friday morning, sleeping right through Thursday.'

mira pojs.

Bird dogs have been known as such for only about three or four centuries. So far as we know, the Duke of Northumberland, sixteenth century, was the first trainer of bird dogs. The duke was followed by others who trained dogs to "set" birds, but it was not till the beginning of the nineteenth century that any reliable record of a distinct brand of bird dogs can be found. The Gordon setter was founded by the Duke of Gordon about 1800.-New York

Most Ancient Music.

The most ancient piece of English music in existence, "Summer is icumen in," is quite modern in comparison with a score of the "Orestes" of Euripides, dating from the fourth century B. C., which was exhibited at the international exhibition of music at Vienna some years ago. Even more ancient is the chant "The Blessing of the Priests," which was sung in the temple of Jerusalem before the captivity and is still in use in the Jewish synagogues in Spain and Portugal.

Aiphabetical.

Two commercial travelers in a railway carriage entered into conversa-

One of them tried hard to make the other understand something, but he was either very hard of hearing or slow in believing.

At last his friend lost his temper and exclaimed. "Why, don't you see? It's as plain as A B C!"

"That may be," said the other; "but, you see, I am D E F."-London Tel-

Making an Actress.

At the amateur theatricals: Mother-One thing I must say to you, Ida. Do not laugh in that satirical way you have in the sad parts. If you can't cry then for goodness' sake be neutral.-Fliegende Blatter.

# Notice!

Cass City, Dec. 9, 1913

Beginning January 1st, 1914, we will discontinue loaning bags to farmers to bring in beans and grain.

One of the requirements in the grade of choice hand-picked beans is that they shall be put up in new clean bags. Any bag that has been used around a threshing machine for two or three days, is usually too dirty to pass as a new bag, and hence it means a loss to the elevator man. The same is true in handling grain; bags get lost, torn, and damaged, and during a year's business in many instances means several hundred dollars loss. We are anxious to accomodate our patrons in every way possible, but this matter has become so expensive, we feel obliged to take this step.

Signed

FARM PRODUCE CO. CASS CITY GRAIN CO.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Stephen Dodge and wife to John Leishman and wife, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 section 34 Elmwood, \$1800.

J. Wesley Ridgeman and wife to George W. Ridgeman e 1/2 of ne 1/4 section 35 Denmark, \$1.

Wm. A. Heartt and wife to Henry Legg et al, se ¼ of sw ¼ section 19

Kingston, \$150.

Joseph Perry and wife to Bert Perry, sw ¼ of se ¼ section 31 Elmwoo \$1,000.

Marion E. Bover to Marion L. Bover and wife, se 1/4 of nw 1/4 section 6 Fremont, \$1.

George B. Kilbourn and wife to James J. Lucas, ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 section 32 Vassar, \$300.

Alena Wightman to Walter A. Peck and wife, pt village of Vassar, \$1,000. Palmer Carr to Sarah J. Weeden, ne ¼ of nw ¼ section 18 Kingston,

Thomas Agar and wife to Palmer

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your firm and have you conduct the

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J. B. RAMSEY, Manager.

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| Carr, pt village of Kingston, \$2,000. Abram Suyder and wife to Henry A. Brandon and wife, ne ¼ of sw ¼ and s 34 of nw 14 of sw 14 section 21 Elmwood, \$2800.

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Jacob Mosher and wife to Nathanie?

Albert F. Smith to Wm. B. Perry, ot Twp of Juniata, \$800.

D. T. Rundell and wife to Hiram Smith and wife, pt Twp of Fremont,

James Baston and wife to James E. Parker et al, s ½ of se ¼ section 17 Novesta, \$3600.

Jacob Maier and wife to Anna A. Parker, pt village of Cass City, \$264.

Just the Point.

"Up again, eh. for evading the law?" "But I didn't evade it, your honor." Here I am."-Washington Herald.

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Yours truly

Gentlemen

Merry Xmas. Mrs. A. L. Bruce and Mrs. E. R.

A. J. Mirklei to Michael Ford and day from several weeks' visit with all parties interested, and bids must

relatives in Attica and Lapeer. Mrs. Anna Dorman and son, Wilbur, spent Sunday with Mrs. T. Balch.

Messrs. Bruce, Livingston and Bettes were in Bay City Friday eve-

Mrs. D. Croop was a Cass City caller Monday.

Sadie Stubbs at Caro Mrs. Sam Sherk and Mrs. B. Schmidt were Kingston callers Fri-

Dolly Ross spent Sunday with her

ister at Kingston. Mrs. James Gooden returned Mon-

day to Detroit. Mrs. C. McArthur returned from Pt.

Miss Joyce Retherford spent Sun-Real day with Cass City friends.

Mrs. Grant McLarty spent Friday with her sister, M. Quinn.

Mrs Guy Landon of Cass City spent Wednesday with Mrs. F. Strif-

C. J. Malcolm was a caller in Bay

Miss Soloma Beaver of Bad Axe spent Friday with Maud Quinn.

Mrs. Ed. Spencer, Mrs. A. Curtis and Mrs. R. Spencer were in Cass City Saturday.

Miss Irene Retherford spent Saturday at Caro.

H. Stephens and daughter, Belle, were Cass City callers last Saturday. Mrs. James Thomas and daughter,

Alice, are visiting friends at Owosso and Lansing until after the holidays. Willie Patch of Deford was a townline caller Sunday.

Mason Leek of Fostoria is spendg the week with his family here. Miss Ella Lombard is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Anderson Hanna, at Detroit.

Mrs. H. Holcomb is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Skim, of North

Mrs. Geo. Cooper of this place and her mother, Mrs. Phillips, of Shabbona returned home last week Tuesday from Alma where they have been visiting the latter's son.

Mrs. Geo. Lee is visiting friends at Benton Harbor.

Irs. Harry Brown of Decker attend ed the Leek Ladies' Aid society at the home of Mrs. Carrie Leek last week Thursday.

Foster VanBlaricom was out of school a few days last week on account of sickness.

Elmer Bruce of Deford was a townine caller Monday. The Ladies' Aid Society held at

Mrs. Carrie Leek's last week Thursday was largely attended, and a good

#### NOVESTA.

Corn shredders at Bunker Brothers. Mrs. Elmer Collins is on the sick

Mrs. Harry McCaughna and mother were callers in Cass City Saturday.

The Home Circle met with Mrs. Frank Benedict December 10th. A jolly time was reported by all who

Mr. and Mrs. John Wentworth are visiting the former's brothers, Clayton, of Detroit and Ben of Dryden.

day night was well attended. Everything peaceable and a fine time enjoyed by all.

A young son came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner on December 10. They call him

Mrs. Fred Palmateer and sister,

Lena, were in Cass City Saturday

on business. William Sangster's people, who have been battling with typhoid fe-

ver so long, are improving nicely

#### NOTICE OF LETTING DICKINSON DRAIN.

Notice is hereby given that I, Albert Hunter, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, will on Tuesday, December 30, 1913 at the residence of L. E. Dickinson Section one, Town ship of Ellington at nine o'clock in the forenoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the construction of a certain Drain known and designated as Dickinson Drain located and established in the townships of Elling-

by me to be for the best interests Wood & Co.'s.

of all concerned, which determination will be announced on that day; if let by sections that at the outlet will be let first, and the remaining sections in their order up stream, sections in their order up stream, in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said drain, in my office, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids must be made and will be received accordingly. Each bidder will be required to deposit, in advance, with the County Drain Commissioner a check. properly endorsed in the Bruce spent last week with friends in accordance with the diagram now Mrs. M. Webster returned Satur- to which reference may be had by properly sum of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) certified to by the cashier of some bank or banker doing business in Tuscola County, as a guaranty of good faith and of a purpose to enter into a contract for the Blanche Bruce spent Sunday with performance of the work if making a successful bid. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the contract, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, but the right to reject any and all bids is hereby expressly reserved to myself. The date for the completion of the work, and the terms of payment therefor, will be announced at the time and place of

Mrs. C. McArthur returned from Pt. At the same time and place bids will also be received for the construction and erecting of the several necessary bridges incidental to said drain, and bidders therefor will be required to deposit checks certified and in like amount as hereinbefore required of the other class of bidders. Bridge bids must in all respects conform to specifications prepared therefor and which will on the day of letting, be made fully known to prospective bidders.

Notice is further hereby given that at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and thereafter to which I, said Drain Commissioner, may County adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the special assessment district of such drain and the apportionment thereof will be announced by me and will be subject to review KINGSTON-NOVESTA TOWN LINE. for one day; such review will be held from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon of the day named.

The following are descriptions of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the special assessment district of such drain.

S 2-3 of E 34 of SE 14 of SW 14 SW ¼ of SE ¼ except N ½ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼, sec. 36. S ½ of SE ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼

S % of E ½ of SE ¼ sec. 36. All being in Town 14 N Range 10 East and also the Township of Elm-

wood at large.
S % of W ½ of SW ¼ sec. 31.

SE ¼ of SW ¼ sec. 31.
SW ¼ of NE ½ of SW ¼ sec. 31.
SW ¼ of SE ¼ sec. 31.
All being in Town 14 North Range 1 East and also the Township of

Elkland at large. N ½ of NE ¼ sec. 1.
E ½ of NE ¼ of NW ¼ sec. 1.
SE ¼ of NE ¼ sec. 1.
SW ¼ of NE ¼ sec. 1.

E 3-5 of SE ¼ of NW ¼ sec. 1. N ½ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ sec. 1. N ¼ of W ½ of E ½ of SE ¼ sec.

N ¼ of E ½ of E ½ of SE ¼ sec. All being in Town 13 North Range

10 East and the Township of Ellington at large. NW ¼ of NW ¼ sec. 6.

NE ¼ of NW ¼ sec. 6. W ½ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ sec. 6. SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 sec. 6. SE ¼ of NW ¼ except SE ½ E ¼ of same sec. 6.

NW ¼ of SW ¼ of NE ¼ sec. 6. N ½ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ sec. 6. NW ½ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of SW

All being in Town 13 North Range 11 East and also the Township of Noesta at large.

Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and every person whose lands you J. A. Peddie, H. P. Streeter, A. Daus, George Predmore, Fred Parker, Hiram Bearss, C. Mitchell, Wm. Ware, J. Hartley, L. E. Dickinson, Mrs. Cooper, O. A. Hendrick, G. A. Dickinson, J. Heenan, Hugh Cooper, Chas. Montague, N. A. Perry, Supervisor and Joseph Barthelomew, Highway Commissioner of the Township of Elmwood and Geo, Hall, Supervisor and J. J. Gallagher, Highway Com-missioner of the Township of Elk-land, Jas. B. Deitz, Supervisor and C. J. Schradov, Highway Commission C. J. Schrader, Highway Commissioner of the Township of Ellington and The dance at the Gleaner hall Friay night was well attended. Every-bing reaccable and a fine time eneach of you are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said hearing may be adjourned I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said Dickinson Drain in the manner hereinbefore stated; and also at such time of letting from nine o'clock in the forenoon to five

> subject to review. And you, and each of you, owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of said letting and be heard with respect to such special assessment and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire. Dated Dec. 11, A. D. 1913.

o'clock in the afternoon, the assessments for benefits, and the lands comprised within the Dickinson Drain

Special Assessment District will be

ALBERT HUNTER, County Drain Commissioner of the

ounty of Tuscola, State of Michigan.

Croup and Cough Remedy. Croup is a terrible disease, it at tacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke unless given the proper remedy at once. nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery. Lewis Chamton, Elkland and Novesta and traversing sections numbered 1, Ellington about his children: "Sometimes in and Sec. 6, Township of Novesta and Sec. 31, Township of Elkland in would die, but since we proved what Sec. 31, Township of Elkland in towns 13 and 14 north ranges 10 and 11 east in said county and state. would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We re-Said job will be first offered in ly on it for croup, coughs and colds sections and will be let in sections. So can you. 50c and \$1.00. A bottle or otherwise, as may be determined should be in every home. At L. I.



Gee! Get A Move On You

Some men have to be kicked into action. Others have to have a brick house fall on them before they "take a tumble." But the wideawake, aggressive, successful fellow requires no prodding. He acts. He doesn't wait for things about the place to get into a "rickety" condition. He knows that after things get started going to the bad, they go fast. He finds it much cheaper to keep things in shape than to put them in shape after they've gone to smash.

Which class do you belong to? Take another look about the place and see if a little lumber used in certain places, right now, will not save a big bill a little later on

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We desire to call your attention to our holiday stock which we have selected and gathered from far and near and which bristles with a complete assortment of presents that everybody appreciates. We cannot mention all of them here, but wish to give a few hints and hope to see you at our store at an early date to see for yourself.

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Watches, Bracelets, Rings, Necklaces, Combs, Brooches, Lockets and Chains, Belt Pins, Hat Pins, Fobs, Clocks, Tea Spoons, Silverware.



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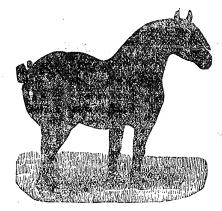
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LADIES' NECKWEAR—Collars in all the new styles. collar and cuff sets, Boys' bar pins, set pins, lockets, chains,

MEN'S TIES—A Peerless line of the best styles at 25c, 50c, 75c, new velvet ties 75c each.

TOILET ARTICLES—All kinds and prices. Holiday china in large assortment always appropriate for Xmas Presents. TOYS—All kinds, 5c 10c 15c 20c 25c 50c 75c \$1.00.

Groceries at Special Prices This Week

# Candy for every- 10c per lb.

Just received another large shipment direct from the factory, all fresh and good; why pay from 20c to 25c lb. when you can get the same kinds here for only 10c lb.

#### PALMER BROS., Gagetown

"LIVE CLOSE" NEXT YEAR

of New Tariff Law.

Although the Michigan Sugar com- casion. pany will close one of the biggest May every child of God make campaigns in its history within the special effort to attend Christmas next few days, according to General worship in their respective churches Manager W. H. Wallace, the company and make the house of God ring with will not spend a dollar more than is glad voices in appreciation of God's absolutely necessary to keep the fac- greatest gift to the world. Pastor tories in shape during the next year. | Hayward would appreciate any in-

says Mr. Wallace.

tracts with farmers on a flat rate ba-

Three houses for sale. Enquire at

#### BAPTIST CHURCH.

The object of this policy is to await formation of any one of Baptist conthe outcome of the new tariff law, gregation or who may not be in the custom of attending any church who The company will only renew con- may be sick, or in need of any help to make glad this Christmas tide. 10:30 morning subject: "The Christmas festival." Gal. 4: 4. 7:30 evening subject: "The Victory of Christ-

mas." Rom. 8: 3.

#### CLEOPATRA IS COMING.

The management of the Rex theatre has gone to considerable expense duction "Cleopatra" to be exhibited here on Thursday, Dec. 25. Cleopatra, the slender goddess of the hill, will appear in all her glory, fascinating beauty and charm of personality, at the time when her power was greatest, when womanhood's morning had just reached the brilliancy of the noon, when life and love meant all to her and just when death slips in and closes this romantic and historical tragedy with the sting of an asp. Those who have read "Cleopatra's Life" will appreciate this wonderful picture all the more.

Miss Helen Gardner, who takes the part of Cleopatra, does it in a way that would tax the powers of Bernhardt.

It is expected, if weather conditions permit, to have passenger service between Bay City and Snover on the Detroit, Bay City & Western rail- Mrs. H. T. Phelps, Caro, Mich. 12-19-2 early in order to avoid the rush. All road in a short time. Ballasting is ar beets this fall, approximately 1,500 carloads being handled. Sunday night 32 carloads were brought in from on West St. along the line and it is estimated ver. that there are yet about 300 cars to handle.—Caro Courier.

Possibilities of a war with Mexico or perhaps Graves martial band pieces have stirred a number of men of Vassar to that extent that a ri-On Sunday Pastor Hayward will f'e range club is to be formed. At Sugar Companies Will Await Outcome preach two sermons bearing on the present only six have signified their birth of our Lord. The singing will intentions of becoming members, but also be appropriate for this glad oc- it is expected that after the club has been organized more will join.

#### SHABBONA.

Mrs. R. M. Riley and daughter, Beatrice, visited relatives in township last week.

Otto Nique is installing a steam plant in the bank building at Decker

Mr. and Mrs. oJseph Parrot entertained a number of young people Monday evenign in honor of Miss Medie Parrot of La Grande. Pedro and be closed all day Christmas and New dancing furnished the evenings amuse

Few more Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels for sale, \$1.00 each.

#### M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

Topic of the morning sermon, "Is the usual evening service. The W. H. M. S. will meet with Mrs. Robert Proctor, 2:30 p. m., on

A man never has enough collars. \$1.50 will buy him at Crosby & Son's a dozen linen collars, enough to last

A fine lot of Indian Runner ducks at a bargain, if taken at once, innow. G. W. Landon.

Have placed my accounts with G. up to date millinery store. A. Tindale for collection. Parties ow D. G. Schneider. 12-19-4

On sections 19 and 20 Elkland Township, a large amount of Tamarack and Cedar timber. This timber \$2.00 to \$3.00. is green and has never been cut over. For price and terms apply to

being completed on the last quarter of Paragon washing machine good as ers, palms, ferns, etc., for all occa-a mile into Snover. The line has new; bargain. Thoroughbred Barred sions at Oxford Greenhouse. R. W. done a big business in handling sug-City phone 131-2L, 1 S.

> Heavy buggy robe lest, probably n West St. Return to John Scri-12-12-2p

Found-Brown muff. Enquire a Chronicle office.

Feed grinding on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at my farm ¼ mile west of Wickware. A. Heben-12-12-2p

am closing out my winter stock of millinery. Call and see the excep-

Sweater coats at Crosby & Son's from 50c to \$7.50.

"Swissalu" Aluminum is the "Sterling" of good taste in kitchen ware. Bigelow's show largest line brought to Cass City.

Span of mules for sale. Harry

Years by mutual agreement of the na.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Special Christmas services will be the Christmas Sprit Growing Among conducted Sunday, December 21. The in securing that truly wonderful pro- Men?" The Sunday school Christmas choir has prepared additional an- Beans, new.....

Beans, new..... program will be given in the place of thems for both morning and evening Barley Cwt..... mornings discourse is "Good Tidings

The Sacrament of the Lord's Sup- Peas. per will be administered the first Corn Sabbath of the new year, Jan. 4, 1914 Baled hay-No. 1 Timothy......

Pariseau's orchestra at

#### None Better.

When selecting gifts, remember Steers, cluding my 1st. prize winners at the that hand-painted china makes ideal Fat sheep, Cass City Poultry Show; getting eggs wedding, anniversary or Christmas presents. You can seem ine at Mrs. M. J. McGillvray's, the You can secure the genu- Hogs,

> Suggestion for Xmas Gift.
> The Chronicle would make an acceptable Xmas gift for your friend,

> Fur caps at Crosby & Son's from

phone, mail or telegraph orders will receive prompt attention. Cut flowford, Mich.

All winter coats sold at great reductions at Mrs. G. W. Goff's 12-5-

Jones' 10c counter and souvenir 14 line is complete.

Pair bob sleighs, in good condition, for sale. Enquire at Cootes' Hard-

Residence lots for sale. Fritz & Vaidley. 10-17-

Cash for Poultry, Eggs and Cream. I have established headquarters in my store on Main street and will pay

and fur. Oscar Auten.

House to rent or will sell on reasonable terms. P. S McGregory. 12-5-

Thoroughbred Red Jersey boar 1

mile west, 80 rods south of Shabbo-Samuel Hamilton.

Need some calling cards? The For sale cheap. Brown mare, 6 Chronicle Printery can supply you years old. W. C. Morse, Gagetown, R. 2. Chronicle Printery can supply you with either printed or engraved cards.

## CASS CITY MARKETS.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 1819 13 Buying Price-Alsyke .....

June or Mammoth..... Hall Dec. 24. Brown & Goff. 12-19-pd Eggs, per doz..... Butter, per lb.... Fat cows, live weight, per lb ...... Dressed hogs. ..... Calves.....

Hides green....

Ducks.

A creamery, (brick) with cold storage attached in one of the best creamery sections in Canada. Running water on every farm. Apply to G. and J. McKechnis, Durham, Ontario. 12-19-

# Best line of leather purses, handbags and mesh bags in town at Tread gold's Drug Store.

ford E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of sec. 30, Novesta, about 40 acres improved balance good grazing with running water; also horse stable and some fruit. Will sell at a bargain and on easy terms. If desired I will take & smaller farm in part payment.

Be quick if you get one; just a few left, exact reproduction in 9 colors, of the famous paintng

x 18 inches, sent prepaid for only 50 cents. Enclose stamps or coin. Phelps: Specialty Co., Caro, Mchgan.





Merry Christmas to you all. Are you all ready for the great holiday? There are just four days left to do your shopping. Bring in your lists and we will help you find something for everyone.

We are still showing an excellent and complete line of Beautiful China, Toys, Trains, Dolls, Doll Cabs, Books and Handkerchiefs. "Everything here to make everybody happy."

Our Candy Dept. is one of our "hobbies." Here you will find the choicest of goods manufactured and a stock that is always fresh. It's a treat to look over the supply we have for the holiday season. Take a peep.

The Christmas dinner is half the day. Insure a good one by buying your Groceries, Fruits, Nuts, etc. from us. Our line of Xmas Candles, Candle Holders, Bells, Tree Decorations, Tinsel and Xmas Tags is complete. Number of Boy Scout Books, cloth bound 10c. Special from now until Christmas.

Three pounds Fancy No. 1 Peanuts only 25c

We have a calendar for you and want to place one in every home. Thanking you for your liberal patronage, we extend the "Season's Greetings."



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