

## MERCHANTS REPORT GOOD XMAS TRADE

**POSTMASTER DODGE SAYS HOLIDAY MAIL WAS HEAVIEST YET.**

**Senior Railway Mail Clerk Shearer on Monday Brought Up Largest Mail of Holiday Season.**

Cass City merchants are greatly pleased over their holiday trade which showed up exceedingly well in comparison with that of recent years. "Our trade was better than last season and very little holiday goods are being carried over," is the report given by several business men.

Postmaster Dodge reports the same condition at the local office that has existed throughout the country, the mail being much heavier than at any previous year. Only the fact that they were kindly assisted each day during the rush by the railway mail clerks enabled them to get all the parcels mailed away on the afternoon trains. There was an assistant with the railroad post office clerks on trains between Cass City and Pontiac during the rush last week, but on Monday the Senior Clerk of the line, Mr. Shearer, was alone and brought up the largest mail of the holiday season, having some nineteen sacks and pouches for Cass City alone.

## MAY PROSECUTE DR. MACGREGOR AGAIN

**HURON CO. PROSECUTOR SAYS HE IS CONSIDERING ANOTHER CHARGE.**

Pt. Huron and Detroit daily papers have printed the statement that X. A. Boomhower, prosecuting attorney of Huron county, is being urged to prosecute Dr. Robert MacGregor in connection with the death of Albert Sparling near Uby on May 3, 1911.

MacGregor, who was appointed prison physician by the Jackson prison board of control Friday, was only recently pardoned by Governor Ferris after having served four years of a life sentence for the alleged murder of Cyril Sparling, brother of Albert Sparling, in 1911.

"I have been asked to issue a warrant for the arrest of Dr. MacGregor," Prosecutor Boomhower admitted Friday according to the Detroit Free Press. "I have not yet made up my mind whether to do so or not. The evidence against Dr. MacGregor in connection with the death of Albert Sparling is practically the same as that on which we convicted him of the murder of Cyril Sparling."

"Albert Sparling died May 3, 1911, and Cyril on the fourteenth of the following August. I have not been making any further investigation of the death of Albert Sparling. We had all the evidence pretty well in hand at the time of the trial. A very material witness in the case has died since then, however, one of the doctors."

**P. O. WILL BE THIRD CLASS**  
January 1, 1917, Kingston Postoffice Third Class.

Postmaster Neil H. Burns received notice from the Postoffice Department in Washington that starting January 1, 1917 Kingston Postoffice would be made a third class office.

Mr. Burns has been a very capable postmaster and it was thru his efforts with the co-operation of the patrons of the office that Kingston's postoffice has taken a step forward. He has held the position for two years and its looks good for him at least four more years. He is accommodating, pleasant, and on the job, which has won for him many loyal friends.

Mr. Burns will tear down the present building that quarters the postoffice next spring and build a new up-to-date building. The structure will be one story high and will be built in double front with a partition thru the center making two separate rooms. One will be for the postoffice, the other for general store purposes.—Kingston Enterprise.

**Money to Loan.**  
\$10,000.00 to loan on real estate mortgages at Cass City Bank. 12-15-4

Buy your meat crocks at Jones' 11-24

**EDGAR DAVIS**  
Old Resident of Cass City Passed Away Wednesday Morning.

Edgar Davis passed away Wednesday morning at the home of his nephew, W. O. Marshall. He was born in Vermont, March 7, 1838, but has lived in and near Cass City for many years. For the past six years he has been in very poor health and was confined to his bed less than a week before his death. His only relatives in this part of the country are W. O. Marshall and his family.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the Marshall home and burial was in Elkland cemetery. Rev. W. F. Zander officiated.

## NEW OFFICIALS WILL TAKE HOLD JAN. 1

**SEVERAL CHANGES WILL BE MADE IN COURT HOUSE FIRST OF YEAR.**

The first of next month marks the ending and beginning of political terms. In several offices in the Tuscola county court house new officials, who came into their positions through the medium of the November election, will take charge the first of the year and a corresponding number will retire to private life.

Oscar D. Hill of Unionville succeeds Judge of Probate, D. Healy Clark, Frank W. Bowles of Caro will step into the office of County Clerk Brown, and Wm. C. Sanson of Kingston will assume the duties at the county treasurer's office. H. S. Wickware, who completes his allotted two terms as treasurer, will make Detroit his future home. Henry W. Beecher of Caro will succeed Joseph Walton as register of deeds and John W. Quinn of Caro is the new prosecuting attorney. Geo. Hall of Cass City assumes the duties at the drain commissioner's office and Lawson M. Brumley those of surveyor. Both commence their first term Jan. 1.

Evan L. Evans and Henry B. Selden are the new circuit court commissioners and Sherman F. Chase and Carroll W. Clark both succeed themselves as coroners.

The sheriff's office shows no change. Erastus C. Brainerd, who completes his first term Jan. 1, was re-elected in November.

## HURON COUNTY EDITOR DIES

**JOHN MAYWOOD FAILS TO RALLY AFTER AN OPERATION.**

John Maywood, editor of the Huron County Independent, at Bad Axe, died at the hospital Dec. 20, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Maywood had been in poor health for several months and about three weeks ago entered the hospital for treatment. On Monday an operation was performed from which he failed to rally.

Mr. Maywood was born in Perth, Canada, December 13, 1846, and came to Michigan when he was about nineteen years old. In 1870 he joined the Methodist conference and was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Methodist church at Alpena. Two years later he entered Albion college and after completing his junior year, re-entered the ministry. In September, 1879, he was assigned by the conference to Port Austin where he remained until 1881 then coming to Bad Axe where with his brother, George Maywood, he purchased the Huron County Tribune. In 1883 he purchased his brother's interests and continued to run the Tribune until 1906 when he sold to G. E. English, the present proprietor. Mr. Maywood then went into the hardware business, which he conducted until about three years ago when he re-entered the newspaper field and purchased the Bad Axe Democrat, changing the name to the Huron County Independent.

He was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Ingersoll about thirty-one years ago. Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Snure of Los Angeles, Calif., and Miss Jessie at home. Three sons, William, Charles and George, all at home.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon.

## THUMB COUNTIES NEED SANATORIUM

**EDITORIAL IN LAPEER CLARION REGARDING TBC HOSPITAL BRINGS RESPONSE.**

**Dr. P. E. Marsh of Otter Lake States Facilities for Handling Scourge Adequate.**

Concerning the joint tuberculosis sanitarium of Tuscola and Huron counties, the Lapeer Clarion of Dec. 14 says editorially:

"Lapeer county should take steps to get in on this if our neighbors to the north will let us. The original proposition was to include Sanilac county but that county turned it down. The people of Lapeer county are immensely interested in the fight that is developing against tuberculosis and will welcome action against it by our authorities.

"The Clarion commends the subject to the consideration of the Board of Supervisors and asks that the above proposition, as the one promising earliest achievement be given first consideration.

"We also commend the subject to the consideration of the Lapeer County Medical Society. In this fight that live organization should be our leaders.

"We also commend the subject to the consideration of Women's Clubs, Grangers, Gleaner arborers, and similar study of live problems. Here is a live problem at your door.

"What are you going to do about it? "The tubercular can be saved if opportunity is given them. Will Lapeer county give the opportunity?"

The above editorial in the Clarion brought response from two prominent citizens of Lapeer county in the persons of State Senator elect C. B. Scully of Almont and Dr. P. E. Marsh of Otter Lake. Both of these gentlemen are well informed regarding the tuberculosis menace to the lives and health of the people and both feel the need of such a hospital for this county in combination with other counties in this section.

Almont, Mich.  
Dec. 18, 1916.

The Clarion,  
Mr. E. D. Mallory, Editor,  
Lapeer, Mich.

My Dear Sir:—I noted with much interest your editorial of last week, and was especially interested from the fact that I had been following the press articles of the counties that you mention to the north of us, on their co-operative efforts in endeavoring to merge Tuscola, for the treatment of tubercular patients.

Perhaps the readers of your paper might think lightly of this matter, from lack of authentic information.

However, personally I believe this to be one of the great problems of the day. We have in the state but two tubercular sanitariums, one at Howell which was established by the Legislature of 1905, the other in central Michigan, Jerome township, Midland county, established by the 1913 Legislature.

And again the 1915 Legislature made it possible by an appropriation of \$50,000 annually for year ending June 30th, 1916, and year ending June 30th, 1917, to make a Tuberculosis Survey of the state, which is now under progress and developing some very startling figures.

This survey work is conducted under the direction of the State Board of Health and in their report of work from Oct. 1st, 1915 to Oct. 1st, 1916, they visited 38 counties, examining 11,528 persons in free public clinics, 2,914 were diagnosed as positive cases of tuberculosis, 2,231 were diagnosed as "suspicious" cases, 404 were listed as "arrested" cases, the negative number where no trace of disease was found being 5,924. These figures indicate that of the persons examined 44.6 per cent were found to either have the disease or to be seriously threatened with the malady.

If this above mentioned survey work, under further development proves facts, it would appeal to me that the scope of territory, which you propose should be enlarged to take in the entire Thumb District of Michigan, embracing Lapeer, Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, and St. Clair counties.

Personally I believe such a movement to be not only justifiable but a forthcoming necessity and the sooner such a movement can be materialized the greater will be its benefits. I will be very glad to co-operate with others in behalf of such a commendable need.

CHAS. B. SCULLY.

Otter Lake, Mich.  
Dec. 18, 1916.

Mr. E. D. Mallory, Editor Clarion,  
Lapeer, Mich.

Dear Sir:—

Your favor of the 15th is at hand, also the copy of the Clarion, and I have carefully noted the editorial referred to. It strikes me that this is a move in the right direction, and I heartily favor it. The State Sanitarium at Howell is wholly inadequate to handle the number that should be cared for in such an institution, and auxiliary hospitals must be provided

if we do our duty to this unfortunate class of our citizens. Such a plan as the one proposed, carried out throughout the state would solve what is becoming a perplexing problem to the State and local Boards of Health.

Sanilac county will make a mistake, in my opinion, if it does not fall in line with this proposition.

Sincerely yours,  
P. E. MARSH, (M. D.)

COMING AUCTION.

Hugh McBurney will have an auction sale two miles northwest of Cass City on Wednesday, Jan. 10. The list of property offered, terms of sale, etc., will be printed in next week's Chronicle.

## GUNS TO HAIL NEW GOVERNOR

**NAVAL RESERVE DETACHMENT FROM DETROIT SECURED FOR SALUTE AND GUARD.**

In the absence of the Lansing battery of artillery, the salute of the inauguration of Albert E. Sleeper as governor will be fired by a detachment of naval reserves from the good ship Austria. Maj. Walter G. Rogers, quartermaster general of the Michigan National Guard, has been made general chairman of arrangements for the inauguration and he says three officers, fifty-four men and two guns from the Detroit station of the Michigan Naval Reserves, will furnish the salute.

The inauguration will mark a return of the formal ceremonies which featured these occasions prior to the inauguration of Governor Ferris four-years ago. A band from the Boys' Industrial school here will be stationed in the big rotunda of the capitol and will strike up "Hail to the Chief" after the gun salute.

After the governor has taken the oath, the other state officers and their deputies will appear before Justice Kuhn to be sworn in. Later it is expected that Governor Sleeper will give an informal reception in the executive office. The other state officers also will receive the congratulations of friends in their respective departments.

New Year's night a big public reception will be given by the governor and the newly-elected state officers and all of the supreme court justices. It will be followed by a dance in the corridors of the capitol.

## FORD BUMPS INTO RUNNING FREIGHT

**MORLEY PALMATEER HAS FORTUNATE ESCAPE FROM FATAL INJURIES.**

**Driver Fails to See Freight Engine until Almost Directly in Its Path.**

Morley Palmateer, highway commissioner of Novesta township, had a narrow escape from serious injury or death last Wednesday evening while driving a Ford car into Cass City when he struck a freight engine amidstships at the Main St. crossing.

Mr. Palmateer says this was the first time he drove into Cass City from the west and he didn't realize he was so near the crossing. This together with the fact that he was admiring the pretty illumination of the Community Christmas tree made him reach the crossing unexpectedly. When he noticed its nearness, he gave a quick glance each way but failed to note any danger. A few feet farther travel, however, brought him into the glare of the headlight of the engine pulling a train of freight cars just about to cross the highway. Bundled as he was in heavy wraps he had failed to hear the rattle and bell of the engine, but instinctively he threw out the clutch and put on the brakes.

If Mr. Palmateer ever did any quicker thinking in a few seconds' time, he hasn't any record of it. Three things occurred to him—to turn down the track to the left, to the right and to keep straight on head. He chose the last named and has since considered it a wise move. The Ford struck the steam chest of the engine. Had it been a few seconds sooner or later, the machine would probably have been smashed to pieces and Mr. Palmateer seriously or fatally injured. As it was the radiator was smashed, the front wheels broken and the windshield sent flying to the back seat. The engine of the Ford was slightly damaged. Mr. Palmateer went up through the top and down again, but aside from a severe shaking up, he was none the worse for the harrowing experience. He considers himself most fortunate and is glad that he did not have any passenger so that no more were exposed to the danger.

The Ford was the property of Thos. Little. Mr. Palmateer promptly gave him a new car to replace the damaged one which is now undergoing repairs in a local garage.

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He leaves one daughter, Miss Jennie Livingston, who is teaching at Chelsea, and two sisters, Misses Isabelle and Caroline Livingston, who made their home with him, also a niece, Catherine Whitfield.

Caro people attending the funeral were L. G. Seeley, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gallery, Miss Mead, Miss Orpha Hunter, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Handy, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morford, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Meredith, F. B. Ransford and daughter, Ruth, H. W. Cooper and Misses Bertha and Grace Cooper.

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## SPEAKING OF SKUNKS—

Howard Retherford and Dennis Funk of Novesta township and Ed. Griffiths of Detroit are champion skunk hunters of Michigan. They base their claim on the result of Thursday morning's hunt when they dug out 18 splendidly formed specimens of these animals renowned for their powers of ejecting an odorous secretion. The skunks were found on the John McCracken farm in Kingston township.

## GOOD FELLOWS GAVE LIBERALLY

**NEEDY FAMILIES MADE HAPPY WITH BIG CHRISTMAS BASKETS.**

Cass City's Community Christmas tree is today a memory, but hundreds of little folks will, for weeks to come, tell of the big tree with its pretty illumination, and of Santa Claus who personally and so generously handed out the many packages of candy and nuts.

Cass City has a host of good fellows who not only provided the wherewithal to finance the Christmas tree event, but who contributed liberally towards making happy the few needy families in the community. And among the contributors may be mentioned many big hearted farmers who joined with the village folks in this worthy movement. Big baskets of provisions, some clothing and coal were among the articles sent to different homes.

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All subscriptions to the Chronicle sent to points outside of the "Thumb of Michigan" must be paid in advance after January 1, 1917.

This action is necessary because of the high prices of paper and other materials and to eliminate losses in subscription accounts which are twice as heavy proportionally in the foreign subscription list than in the home list. We are asking all subscribers at distant points, both "good as gold" pay as well as "slow pays" to pay in advance, so we are showing no favoritism.

**CASS CITY CHRONICLE.**



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McHUGH.

Mrs. George Agar is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bullock and family were Cass City callers Wednesday. Wilbur Meadow and family are visiting the former's parents at Clifford. Mrs. Frank Perry of Mt. Clemens is visiting at her parental home here. Mrs. M. A. Ridley, who has been nursing in Detroit the past weeks, came Saturday to spend Christmas at home. Mrs. John Crawford of Detroit and niece, Dorothy Gray, of Pontiac are spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. James Burns at Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. O. Wells. Osborn Ferguson of Pontiac came Saturday to spend Christmas with his father, Geo. Ferguson. Roy Severance, who is attending school in Flint, is spending the holidays at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Perry of Romeo are visiting relatives in these parts during the holidays. Lyle Weatherhead of Flint is visiting at the home of Chas. Severance. Elder Douglas, wife and daughter, Dorothy, are Yale visitors during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Deneen of Cass City ate Christmas dinner with Wallace Bullock. S. Mitchell's family ate Christmas dinner at Burt Kitchen's. Wm. Bullocks spent Christmas at Cass City.

(Delayed Letter.)

Louis Mayo of Pontiac is visiting old friends in these parts. Lewis Craig of Pontiac visited at the home of Leo and Israel Hall recently. Elder B. Douglas has gone to Marshall, Mich., to assist in revival meetings. Little Russell Meadow was struck by an ax on Monday receiving a deep cut over one eye. Tax paying time again and the farmers are pleased to hear that their taxes are not as high as last year. Mrs. A. Auslander arrived home on Tuesday from Chicago where she was visiting her daughter and receiving medical treatment for her eyes which helped her much. On Wednesday, Dec. 6, the Greenbank ladies' aid met with Mrs. Thos. McCool for dinner. There was a large attendance and an enjoyable time was had by all present. Quilting was the order of the day.

SHABBONA.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all. Sleighing and ice weather for Christmas. Mrs. E. Travis spent Christmas



Cass City Bank of I. B. AUTEN Established 1882

Pays 4% interest

Money to loan on Real Estate

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT.

G. A. TINDALE, Cashier. M. B. AUTEN, Asst. Cashier.

with her son, Louis, and family of Hay Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riley entertained relatives from Caro and Elmer for Christmas dinner. The Farmers' Institute will be held in Ehlers Hall Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. Chas. Meredith returned last week from Detroit on account of illness. Mr. and Mrs. Vern McGregor spent Christmas with the latter's parents at Argyle. Hattie Morley of Snover visited at Wm. Meredith's Sunday. Marve Ehlers was in Detroit on business last week. Mr. Malsbury is visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. M. Riley. Florence Fullmer spent Christmas at her parental home at Argyle. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown and son, James Grant, of Cumber spent Xmas at the latter's home here. Miss Mable Leslie is taking a few days vacation. Mrs. D. Clark is numbered with the sick. Amy Travis of Cass City is spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. E. Travis. J. P. Neville spent Sunday at the home of his mother at Cumber. Fern Phetteplace of Port Huron came Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents here. Wm. Haney of Pontiac spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Morrell. Mrs. D. Lindsay is spending the winter in Ontario. Harvey McGregor left Tuesday for Pontiac.

NOKO.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hilburn, who was called to the burial of the latter's aunt in Peck, returned home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. H. Foster, J. A. and A. C. McKenney made the children here happy on Sunday after the Sabbath school, distributing apples, popcorn balls, nuts and candy. Mrs. Foster also presented each little girl with a box of wooden dishes. Our mail carrier, Harry Collier, has caused smiles on many faces during the past week with gifts from Toronto, Chicago, Detroit and other points near by. He will undoubtedly be glad to have the holidays over to have less freight to carry. A sleighload of young people from near Kingston attended the services here Sunday evening. Rev. Yorke preached and announced the special services to continue, commencing Tuesday evening and to be held every night this week except Saturday. The little three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Trainer, who has been ill with pneumonia, is now convalescent. We wish to correct the watchnight services as announced to be held Monday evening will be Sunday evening, Dec. 31, in the church here. Rev. Douglas, Mennonite minister, will preach the first sermon commencing at 8:00 o'clock. If time permits another sermon will follow. We hope to see a full house. Everybody welcome. The scarcity of coal not shipped in here has caused the farmers to draw their wood from quite long distances.

NOVESTA CORNERS.

Miss Jeanette Sangster is assisting Mrs. George Bunker with housework. Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Wentworth are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, born December 18. Mother and babe are doing nicely. Arthur Perry of Detroit spent a few days with his family here. Henry Wells of Bay City spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Wentworth. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker of Windsor spent from Saturday until Monday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fleming. John Wentworth left Monday for Detroit where he expects to find employment. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patch, sr., entertained for Christmas dinner, Arthur Perry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Len Patch of Detroit and Wm. Patch, jr., of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Colwell and son, Ray, Mrs. Celia Palmateer and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wentworth and daughter, Lena, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmateer.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Alvin Rawlings, 28, Washington Township; Mary Bingle, 23, Washington Township. Adolph Gerstenberger, 23, Lamotte Township; Bessie Harms, 19, Argyle Township.

Explained.

Pickens—Why have you nicknamed your wife Crystal? Dickens—Because she is always on the watch.

HOW

To Destroy Troublesome Insect Pests In Your Home

ROACHES.—Coal oil is one of the best agents for the destruction of roaches and their eggs. It should be sprayed freely by means of a machine oil can into the cracks and crevices of the floors and other woodwork where they breed. Powdered borax mixed with a little sugar is also a good remedy, but in the presence of other food borax is not very effective. It is suggested that cracks and crevices, which are their hiding places, be closed up with putty or paint. Since these pests hide by day and go forth at night to feed, it is essential that all foodstuffs be kept under cover and crumbs carefully swept from the floor. The kitchen sink should be kept scrupulously clean, while the kitchen closets should be thoroughly scrubbed from time to time. Ants.—These little busy workers may readily invade the home. They can easily be destroyed by tracing them to their nests and pouring into them gasoline, benzine or coal oil. When using these substances remember that they are highly inflammable. Fleas.—Human fleas, dog fleas and cat fleas are familiar household pests, the latter being the most prevalent. The larvae or embryo young of fleas live in the interstices of carpets, matings and in the corners and cracks of floors. Since cats and dogs generally bring these pests into the home, care should be taken that these animals be kept thoroughly clean. Special rugs should be provided for them to sleep upon and the dust from the rugs burned. Hot water, soap and the scrub brush are very effective in destroying the pests which hide in the crevices of the floors. Here again gasoline is one of the best destructive agents. Carpets and heavy draperies should be dispensed with during the warm weather. Bedbugs.—Their presence does not always reflect upon the housewife, as they may be found in very carefully kept homes. A good way to destroy them is to spray their hiding places with a solution of corrosive sublimate (one ounce to a pint of alcohol). This substance is poisonous and should be so marked. Gasoline is one of the most efficient agents used in the extermination of the bedbug and should be sprayed freely in cracks and crevices with a machine oil can. Turpentine and kerosene are less efficient and leave oily stains after their use. Moths.—These are very destructive in clothes when not properly protected. Furs and woollens are particularly susceptible to the influence of moths. Thoroughly brush and clean the clothes before they are put away for the summer. Pack them in large paper bags or boxes, which should be made air tight by sealing the edges with strips of paper. Wardrobes should be free of dust and thoroughly cleaned. Moth preventive or tar balls should be freely distributed in trunks, closets and in the pockets of clothes. It is also a good plan to unpack these clothes occasionally during the summer and give them an adequate airing in the sun. Flies.—Keep the garbage pail covered tightly. Fly paper freely distributed will be a great help in destroying them. A solution of potassium bichromate (one teaspoonful to two ounces of sugared water) or a few drops of formalin in sweetened water will kill flies when placed where they can drink. Mosquitoes.—Burning a pyrethrum powder or sulphur will stupefy them. They then fall to the floor and can be burned with the sweepings. Do not allow any water to accumulate in barrels, pans, buckets, on the roof of any part of the house, as mosquitoes breed readily in standing water.

THE SHARK INVASION.

Why These Dangerous Fish Have Left Their Old Haunts.

Apropos of sharks, says a contributor to the New York World, in the opinion of many of the merchant marine officials the present influx of them to our shores is due to several reasons: First, disturbing conditions attributed to the war in Europe, whereby they are driven from their native haunts and seek new quarters. The large number of horse ships attract them, the sharks following them often for days. When a ship loses, say, fifty horses in one voyage, one can easily see the reason for this. Emboldened by noninterference, they have made their appearance in large numbers off the coast of France and even in the Mediterranean sea, a thing unheard of hitherto. These remarks are the summing up of many British officers in the merchant marine service engaged in carrying large cargoes of supplies for the allies. Under the circumstances it would seem reasonable to expect these monsters to appear on our shores just as long as the cause of their presence exists, and, while it may interest the learned scientists to offer many interesting reasons for it, the fact still remains the same.

How to Protect Grapes From Birds and Insects.

Grapes may be protected from birds and insects by tying up the clusters in paper bags. Ordinary bags from the grocery store are sufficient, one being slipped over each bunch of grapes and made fast with soft twine. Perfect grapes can be grown in this way, and they will ripen a little earlier than otherwise. Bees are sometimes held responsible for damage to grapes, but they are falsely accused. Birds make the holes, and the bees simply feed on the juice that is exuded.

NOVESTA.

The Christmas tree and program at the Church of Christ was well attended. Stanley Asher of Pontiac spent Xmas with parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Asher. Mrs. and Mrs. James Tracy underwent an operation at Harper's hospital Tuesday. Ray Boughton of Detroit is spending the holiday week at the home of John Coulter. Mr. and Mrs. H. Stone and daughter, Thelma, spent Sunday at Frank Benedict's of Novesta. Mrs. Robt. Warner and two children, Harold and Charlotte, are visiting friends in Yale this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Dickinson and daughter, Roberta, and Wm. Haines are spending a few days at Detroit. Wm. and Ray Kilbourne, who have been working in Rochester, came Saturday to spend the holidays with friends here. Mrs. Stanley Warner and children are spending the week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pierce, of Caro. Robert Campbell and daughter, Maxine, expect to leave for Kalamazoo Wednesday where they will visit for a couple of weeks. Mr. and Mrs. D. Delong and son, Elwin, and Charles Kelley of Pontiac and Miss Lucile Parsons of Caro spent part of the week at the home of H. Kelley. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell entertained the following guests for Xmas: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tallmadge Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hulbert, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Livermore and daughter, Carol, of Clifford and Harry Tallmadge and sons, Grant and Donald.

ELLINGTON.

Miss Mabel Ostrander is seriously ill. The oyster supper at the Gleaner hall Wednesday evening was well attended. The Christmas entertainment at the Nazarene church Saturday night was well attended. Ira Hay, who is employed in Flint, came home Saturday to spend Christmas with his family. Miss Leafa Oesterle of Caro spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Oesterle. Mr. Jennie Eckert and daughter, Ethel, of Caro spent Christmas at the home of Dell Ostrander. Misses Hazel and Mina Oesterle of Caro spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Oesterle. Mr. and Mrs. George Turner and son, William, of Caro spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Jamison. George L. Parker of Jackson spent his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Medcalf. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brookbanks of Detroit spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Green.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell and son, John, and daughter, Alien, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sutton in Caro. Mr. and Mrs. A. Fadie, Miss Lizzie Fadie and Carl Fadie spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farsell in Almer.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lewis of Caro were guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Oesterle, Christmas day.

Wilber Dorman, Clarence Lowell, Thomas Harvey and Fred Fadie, who are employed in Detroit, spent their Christmas vacation with their parents here.

Miss Gertrude Sherman and pupils gave a fine program at the school Thursday evening. Mr. McComb was present and the Ellington school, Dist No. 1, had the honor of receiving a standard plate.

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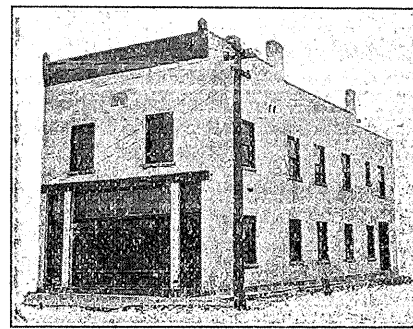
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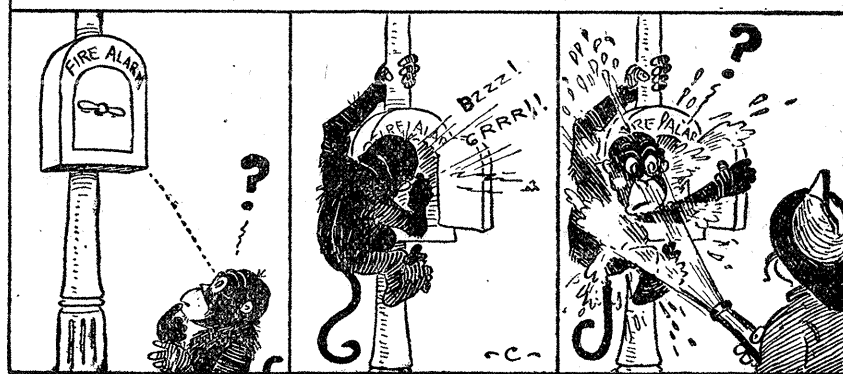
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The Cass City Chronicle sends Hearty Greetings and Sincere Wishes for the New Year to its readers everywhere.

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**Watch Night In Billville**

By FRANK L. STANTON

**WATCH NIGHT** in Billville—very biggest crowd That ever helped the heathen or praised the Lord aloud! They come from all the neighborhood. A new life to begin. To watch the old year goin' out, the new year comin' in.

The preacher, he give out the hymn. "Salvation full an' free."

'Tuz follered by "Amazin' grace, that saved a wretch like me."

An' "Greenland's Icy Mountains" went rollin' up on high Till it almost shook the windows in the everlastin' sky.

An' then we had a word o' prayer; the preacher stated plain

The object of the meetin', whar we never met in vain;

Then read a Bible lesson, which give our souls relief.

Then throwed the meetin' open fer experiences brief.

An' then said Brother Johnson, 'way down by the door—

He'd served the Lord fer eighty years an' wanted eighty more!

An' Brother Williams cried "Amen!" an' so the word went round

Till we thought the sleepest angel up in heaven heard the sound.

An' then we had more singin', an' how the tune did rise—

"When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies!"

An' Brother Scott, he said this word: "My real estate ain't here:

But, thank the Lord, in heaven I can read my title clear!"

An' the sisters, they stood up an' spoke, an' tears wuz fallin' fast,

For their gray hairs seemed to tell us they wuz nearin' home at last.

An' each one told of grace an' love that lightened up the soul

While crossin' o'er the river "where the surges cease to roll."

We most forgot the old year, we most forgot the new,

In tellin' of the wonders that the lovin' Lord could do.

An' talk about your shoutin'—I tell you, it wuz prime,

For we had, to speak it plainly, jest a halleluah time!

I tell you, 'tuz a meetin', an' I'd have you folks to know

The Lord wuz with them people as the old year turned to go.

An' the new year found 'em happy as the church bell tolled on high,

An' that watch night down in Billville took its place up in the sky.

**FRENCH NEW YEAR CARDS.**

Five Words of Correspondence Allowed on Them, but No More.

Frenchwomen and Frenchmen discharge their New Year obligations simply. A visiting card is put in an envelope of its size, which is left unsealed, and for a one cent stamp the post carries each card to its destination. One may even write on the card five words of mere compliment, such as "Best wishes for New Year!"

But if you write more or if your five words are real correspondence, such as "New Year's dinner at 8," and if the post clerk looks at it he may notify you to pass at the office and pay \$2 fine for infraction of postal laws. But if you put the regular letter stamp of 2 cents on your card envelope you may write all you will.

The circulation of these cards runs up in Paris alone into the millions. Extra squads of post clerks are put on for a month to handle them, for one may begin card calls before Christmas and continue not only to Twelfth Night, but to Candlemas day, in February.

Open baskets are put out along the counters of all the branch postoffices to receive these little envelopes.

**New Year Breakfast in Japan.**  
In Japan each person has a different table for breakfast on New Year's day. If a home consists of five persons they require five tables, no matter whether one or two may happen to be away.

**SUSPECT YOUR KIDNEYS**  
Too Many Cass City People Neglect Early Symptoms of Kidney Trouble.

If your back is lame—if you feel dull, tired and all-worn-out—  
If you have hard headaches, backaches and dizzy spells—  
If the kidney secretions are disordered—  
Suspect your kidneys and "take a stitch in time."  
Use Doan's Kidney Pills, the time-tried, home-endorsed kidney remedy. It may save you from some serious kidney trouble.

Make use of Mrs. Vader's experience. Mrs. A. E. Vader, West Pine St., Cass City, says: "Whenever there is any need of a kidney medicine in our family, we take Doan's Kidney Pills and they always respond with satisfaction. Personally, I can vouch for Doan's Kidney Pills, for I have taken them on several occasions for backache and disordered kidneys. We get this medicine at Wood & Co.'s Drug Store, and in every instance, have found them very beneficial."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Vader recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv. 8

**TEETH AND TRADE.**

The Old King of Mangaia Fooled the Hustling S. S. Captain.

The following story of a clever and enterprising trader, whose foresight, because of the longevity of a native king, profited him nothing, appears in Right Hon. R. J. Seidman's "Visit to the South Sea Islands."

I have spoken, says the author, of Numangatini, the old king of Mangaia (father of the present King John, who was said to have lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years and to have had three sets of teeth, the last set out when he was ninety years old! The statement was often received with incredulity by visitors, who believed it to be a legend without any true foundation. Referring to this king of Mangaia, however, the following anecdote is told:

An old ship trader, Captain John Ellicott, who was an Englishman by birth, but ultra American by preference and adoption, used to visit Mangaia with his vessel at times. On one occasion the captain noticed that Numangatini was getting old; indeed, he seemed to be in the last stage of decrepitude with only a week or two of life left in him, so he said to himself, "Old man, there will be a big funeral feast and much wailing for you; hundreds of people will come to it and wear mourning, white man fashion, for the dead king."

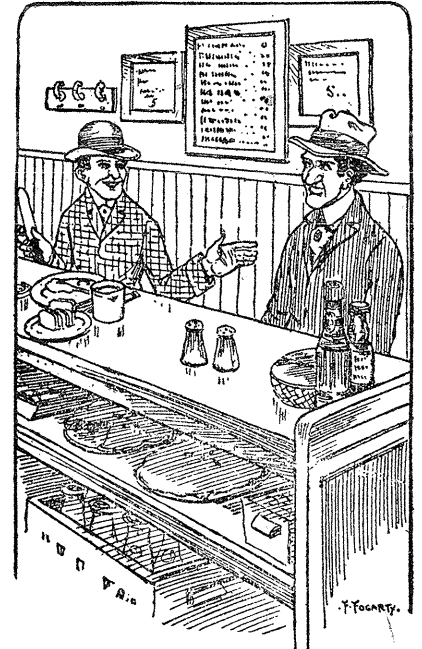
So he lifted anchor and sailed as fast as he could for Tahiti. There he bought thousands of yards of black print and hurried back to Mangaia. When he returned he found, to his horror, that Numangatini had started on a new lease of life. "He had been only cutting his teeth!" said the deceived sailor sadly, when relating the tale long afterward. "Not only did the old chief refuse to die himself, but not a single person of consequence died on that island for months and years. I carried that accursed black print about with me till I wished that I had never been born."

**Pick Your Company.**

It is certain that either wise bearing or foolish carriage is caught, as men take diseases one from another. Therefore let men take heed of their company.—King Henry IV.

**Oiling the Joints.**

One of our well known and very popular comedians played vaudeville dates last winter. One night after his turn he dropped into a short order res



**"PASS THE LINIMENT."**

aurant near the theater for a bite before going to bed. Sitting next to him was a former circus acrobat, who was doing a horizontal bar act on the same bill with the comedian.

The acrobat was sawing away at the knee joint of a fried chicken leg. Though the knife was sharp and the acrobat was athletic, he was making mighty little headway.

He waved his arm toward a bottle of catsup which stood upon the counter near the comedian's elbow.

"Say, bo," he requested, "pass the liniment, will you? The seagull's got the rheumatism."—Saturday Evening Post.

**Clever Rattler.**

A soldier was grumbling about the scorpions, rattlers and tarantulas that helped to enliven duty on the Mexican border when a boy from Kansas ventured to say: "In Kansas my dad keeps a rattlesnake in the house as a pet. One time, he said, a burglar broke into the house, and that rattler coiled himself around the burglar and rattled out the window for a policeman."—New York Times.

**Fixing For Company.**

Mrs. Shimmerpate said as she fastened her husband's tie: "Before you go downtown, dear, there are a few things I wish you would do for me."

"Yes, dear. What are they?"  
"Take the cat and dog over to Mrs. Umson's."  
"Yes."  
"Fasten the pump handle with a padlock."  
"Yes."  
"Put the garden hose in the attic."  
"Yes."  
"Hide the apples in the cistern."  
"Yes."  
"Put a wire fence around the rose-bush."  
"Here! Here!"  
"And nail down the barn."  
"Fortheloveofnlike, dear, what's the matter?"  
"Your sister is coming around to spend the day, and she is bringing her six boys with her."—Harvard Lampoon.

**HAPPENINGS IN OUR NEIGHBORING VILLAGES**

Reese citizens are happy over the fact that their village is now lighted by electricity. The juice was turned on last week.

Geo. Atkins has disposed of a half interest in his undertaking business at Vassar to Perry Johnson of Milford. The new firm will be known at Atkins & Johnson.

Ralph I Hether, of the Brown City Manufacturing Company, certainly believes in starting the Ford year out right. So far, he has sold 14 new Fords and on Thursday (today) has a bunch of 27 men in Detroit who will each drive a New Ford back. Some procession. Eh?—Banner.

The school officers of Tuscola county will hold their annual meeting in Caro January 5, 1917. Chief Clerk Coffey of the Department of Education will be present and conduct the meeting. Directors of schools are allowed two dollars per day and expenses while attending the meeting.

The following have applied for citizenship papers and will have their hearing at the January term of court in Sanilac county: Richard Kenney, Sandusky; Jules DeMoe, Sandusky; Geo. Cridland, Cass City; Chris. Micks Deckerville; Christian Scheenhals, Brown City; Constant Marten, Palms; Ernest Crick, Marlette.

At the meeting of the Sanilac county board of supervisors the following banks were chosen as depositories for the county funds: The State Savings Bank of Peck, The Brown City Savings Bank, The Exchange State Bank of Carsonville, The State Savings Bank of Sandusky and the State Savings Bank of Minden City.

Samuel Rogers, aged 71 years, was instantly killed in the Summers gravel pit near Imlay City, by the caving in of the embankment of the pit. A large chunk of frozen earth, estimated to weigh about four tons, fell upon him crushing his life out. The force of men working with him worked vigorously to get him out, in hopes that he was still alive, but found their hopes in vain.

While rabbit hunting near Pickerel pond on Wednesday last week, Ivan Lane of Almont accidentally shot himself, carelessly pulling the gun across a log toward himself. The charge entered the fleshy part of the thigh and tore a great hole, baring muscles, cords and nerves. He was hurried to the electric car line and taken to the hospital at Almont. He was very weak from loss of blood but is now out of danger.

We have had several yarns about beans this fall, most of the stories being concerned with the number of bushels produced per acre and the amount of the check received. Now comes Jas. Cargill, north of town, with a tale of what three bushels will grow to. Last spring he invested in three bushels of hand picked beans at \$5.25 per and recently sold 20 bags from the crop, getting \$311.85. He's ahead of the game all right.—Marlette Leader.

Leo, son of Floyd Allen, used kerosene oil in the radiator of his Ford to keep the water from freezing, but it gave him trouble last Saturday and he drove to the Ford garage to have it thawed. He blanketed Henry, and went in to get some advice, but very soon the radiator exploded, the kerosene instantly blazed, and before the fire could be extinguished the top, upholstery and all burnable parts were ruined. Mr. Allen does not recommend kerosene for use in radiators.—Caro Advertiser.

A sad accident befell Lloyd, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clemens, Monday afternoon at about two o'clock when the youngster was badly scalded by falling into a tub of water. Mrs. Clemens was finishing her washing and had set the tub of water on the floor preparatory to scrubbing the kitchen. While she was sweeping the room the little fellow suddenly backed against the tub and fell over into it. The child fell on one side and the burns were confined to this side. The flesh was not burned deeply but the child suffered such a nervous shock that for a time his life was despaired of. Luckily there were only one or two slight burns on the face. Yesterday morning the little fellow was reported as coming on nicely which will be a great relief to all.—Marlette Leader.

**BEAULEY.**

E. Reader, Frank Reader, Miss Ethel Reader, and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Crawford were Christmas guests at the Wesley Harder home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hartsell entertained Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin, Mrs. Eva Maharg and son, Earl, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, Mrs. Loretta Rhoden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dulmage, Miss Alta Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Webster and family for



**Christmas dinner.**

Miss Eva Baskin of Highland Park is spending the week with Mrs. C. E. Hartsell.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Huffman and son, Monroe, of Marine City are spending the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Martin had as Christmas guests, D. McDonald's and Abram Wilson's.

D. McDonald and Mrs. John Moore still continue quite ill.

**ELKLAND-ELMWOOD. TOWN LINE.**

J. F. Evans and A. L. Ewald returned to Pontiac Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bingham spent Xmas with Alonzo Bingham.

George Davenport fell and hurt

himself quite badly Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bingham spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Moor in Cass City.

Matie and Wm. Anker of Detroit spent Xmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anker.

E. A. Livingston, E. N. Slough, R. Burse, W. VanMeer and P. L. Livingston made a trip to Owendale last week for cotton seed meal.

C. M. Livingston and family of Owendale, Mrs. H. Livingston and sons, George and Arthur, ate Xmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. Daus near Cass City.

Sacred Mountain. Korea's sacred mountain, Kongo San, or Diamond mountain, as it is more commonly called, carries, it is claimed, 12,000 granite peaks, rugged and grotesque in form and almost impossible of being scaled.

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If your want is worth wanting, it is worth spending a few cents in the Chronicle's liner columns.



LOCAL ITEMS

George Wagner is ill. Elias Killins is numbered with the ill. Mrs. Gekeler is nursing Mrs. R. Harrison. Mrs. Ruby Harrison is numbered with the ill. Jas. Rossman of Kingston was a Cass City caller Tuesday. Mrs. S. B. Calley of Gageton was a caller in town Wednesday. Miss Mildred Schneider spent Tuesday with friends in Imlay City. Miss Carrie Eno and Miss Kate Crane spent Wednesday in Caro. Chas. Wood is visiting Colon McRae at Greenleaf a few days this week. Belva Tibbals went to Caro Thursday to visit friends for a few days. Mrs. M. A. Morris of Detroit pent Friday with her son, Dr. F. L. Morris. Mrs. E. B. Stoenor of Exeter, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. I. B. Auten. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Skinner, Friday, Dec. 22. H. Mickle went to Saginaw Tuesday after visiting friends here for a week. Kenneth Wilson underwent an operation for removal of tonsils Thursday. Miss Lucy Parker of Wilmot was a guest of Miss Eleanor Bigelow Tuesday. Miss Ora McKim of Flint is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. McKim this week. Miss Edna Gruhn spent the week end at her parental home at Sebewaing. Miss Isabel Schell of Sault Ste. Marie is visiting her brother, Walter Schell. I. Waidley went to Fairview, Pa., Thursday to attend the funeral of his brother. Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Wickware, who have been visiting in Detroit, returned home Thursday. A young man of town drifted five miles into the country to find a place to turn around. Wm. Fleenor returned to Detroit Thursday after spending a week with his family here. Alex Cleland of Prince George, B. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cleland. Mrs. E. McKim, Mary Lorentzen and Mrs. Mary Burns, who have been ill, are convalescent. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rohrbach and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Davis at Hay Creek. W. McClintock of Detroit was a guest at the Rohrbach home from Saturday to Wednesday. Martin Johnson and Miss Sadie Johnson of Detroit are spending the week at their home here. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zinnecker and family are moving to their farm in Novesta township this week. Mr. and Mrs. John McGrath and two children left Thursday to visit friends in Detroit and Youngstown, O. Mrs. I. Waidley has returned from Metamora where she visited Mrs. Edith Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. C. Young. Mr. and Mrs. John Rilker and family of Owendale were Christmas guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Morris. Lloyd McKim returned to Detroit Tuesday after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. McKim. Geo. Rohrbach and son, Emanuel, who are employed in Pontiac, visited at the Rohrbach home from Saturday to Tuesday. Miss Anna Finkbeiner will return to Detroit Saturday. She has been visiting at the Treadgold home during the holidays. Rev. F. Libby, Miss Alice Libby, C. W. McKenzie, Mrs. A. A. Hitchcock and Miss Madeleine Auten spent Tuesday in Caro. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houghton and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hodges returned to their homes in Detroit Tuesday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Houghton for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. John Clothier of Marlette, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Sharp of Clifford and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brown were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Dorman Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and daughter, Eva, of Highland Park and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Legg and son, Jack, of Royal Oak are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weidon this week. Mr. and Mrs. B. Patterson and daughters, Margaret and Isabel, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Tennant. Mrs. Patterson will not return to Detroit until next week owing to the baby's illness. Mable, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Ostrander, died early Thursday morning. Funeral services will be held at the Ostrander home in Ellington township Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

Claud Wood of Detroit is visiting his father, J. H. Wood. A. C. Edgerton of Detroit is visiting his mother, Mrs. A. Edgerton. D. F. McLachlan of Alvintone, is visiting Mrs. Sarah McLachlan. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coates spent Christmas with friends in Detroit. Chris Murphy of Sandusky is visiting Miss Mary A. Murphy this week. Miss Lydia Lee of Simcoe, Ont., is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. L. Morris. Clarence Keating of Detroit is a guest at the E. W. Keating home this week. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hock of Detroit are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCue. Clifford Gracey of Ann Arbor is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gracey. Miss Edna Colwell of Albion is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Colwell. Mrs. Geo. McCrea of Owendale visited her mother, Mrs. Emily Orr, Tuesday. Mrs. J. M. Bittner and Miss Ruth Bittner are visiting relatives in Flint this week. William Hurley returned Saturday from Detroit where he spent the past two weeks. Mrs. B. Clements of Wilmot was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Schwaderer Tuesday. Harold Benkelman of Detroit visited at his parental home from Saturday to Tuesday. Delvin Schneider of Ann Arbor visited at his parental home here Sunday and Monday. James Schwaderer of Detroit is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schwaderer. Mrs. Maria Bradshaw left Friday for Alymer, Ont., where she will visit relatives until Feb. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hargraves of Elmwood were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dodge Wednesday. Mrs. L. J. Carroll and daughter of Romeo came Tuesday to visit with relatives in Grant township. Miss Marie Tyo of Detroit visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Tyo, from Saturday until Tuesday. Mrs. John A. Morley of Harbor Beach is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Crandell. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wood of Ann Arbor are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wood. Anna Bell Tibbals went to Sandusky Thursday and will be the guest of Ollivene Sadoris for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Joos and children returned Wednesday from a few days' visit with relatives in Saginaw. Miss Alison Spence of Ann Arbor and Miss Jessie Spence of Ithaca are visiting their parent, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Spence. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Frutchey and daughter, Elizabeth, of Swartz Creek visited relatives here from Saturday until Tuesday. Mrs. B. Walker of Marlette and Miss Clara Foster of Ann Arbor were guests of their sister, Mrs. T. L. Tibbals, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Frank Reader's mother, Mrs. John Jeffery, died at her home in Oshawa, Ont., Friday, Dec. 22. Mrs. Reader was taking care of her mother at the time of her death. The young people of the Evangelical church enjoyed several happy hours at the pleasant farm home of Samuel Striffler Tuesday evening. The trip was made via sleigh, games were played and a lunch served. The home of Miss Mary A. Murphy was the scene of a happy family gathering Sunday when she entertained Mr. and Mrs. H. Frutchey and daughter, Elizabeth, of Swartz Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. David Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murphy. Morley Palmateer, highway commissioner of Novesta township, will leave next week for Lansing where he will pursue a course in highway engineering at the state highway department. The course will include profile study, cross engineering and bridge construction and will continue for a six weeks period. Milton W. Brown, M. A., M. Sc., will appear at the opera house next Wednesday, Jan. 3, and give a lecture as the second number of the lecture course. Mr. Brown comes well recommended by prominent educators, lecture committees and the press. He will lecture on one of these three subjects: "The Superfluous Man," "A Golden World" and "Us." Intense excitement reigned at the home of Mike Neifer on Houghton St. east when a spark set fire to the dress of their daughter, Kate, aged 15 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Neifer attempted to put out the blaze with their hands but failed, and Mrs. Neifer's hands were badly burned. Their son, seeing their efforts were futile, grabbed up a pail full of water and threw the contents over his sister thus putting out the flames.

George Hall is spending the week in Caro. Farmers' institute at Cass City Friday, Feb. 9. Wm. Sinclair is employed as clerk at the Gordon Hotel. Miss Margurite McPail is visiting relatives in Detroit. Dugald Duncanson of Ann Arbor is visiting Cass City friends. Mrs. G. Henderson of Gageton was a visitor in town Saturday. Harold Riggs of Albion is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Riggs. Mrs. Nellie Yerkes of Ypsilanti is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Crosby. Miss Nina McWebb of Birmingham is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary McWebb. Miss Irene Renshler of Detroit is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Law. Miss Marion Broderick of Pigeon is visiting at the homes of H. Gots and W. D. Striffler this week. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lapeer and two children visited relatives in Detroit from Saturday to Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. C. Schwaderer went to Newberry, Ont., Saturday to visit relatives during the holidays. Niclo Hitchcock of Detroit visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hitchcock, from Saturday to Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Daschke of Detroit are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoagland. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fenn of Detroit spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fenn and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bigelow. Alvin Benkelman of Ann Arbor came Thursday and is spending the vacation with his parents, Supervisor and Mrs. John A. Benkelman. Mrs. F. J. Nash, jr., Mrs. D. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schwegler spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ostrander at Ellington. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ward and family of Detroit visited Mr. and Mrs. F. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ward from Saturday until Wednesday. Dan Striffler, Albert Klinkman and Kenneth Cleland, who attend the Michigan School for the Deaf at Flint, are spending the Christmas vacation at their homes in this vicinity. Mrs. J. W. Thiel and daughters, Betty and Florence, of Garry, Ind., are visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Clark in Caro. They will visit Mrs. Thiel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Zinnecker, before returning to their home. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watson and family of Wickware, Mrs. Clyde Adams and son, Robert, of Ionia and Edwin Bigham of Woodstock, Ont., spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Burt Lanway of Clifford. Hazen Carson of Flint was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carson, over the Christmas holiday. Mr. Carson has a position in the purchasing department of the Buick Motor Co. and has a liking for that class of work. Stanley Bien, who went to Melbourne, Florida, as nurse with an invalid gentleman several weeks ago, has returned home and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Salome Bienen. He has accepted a position as instructor in the public schools at Woodland. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Retherford of Novesta township on Christmas morning, the girl arriving an hour before the boy. No, they are not twins. Evelyn, the daughter, came on Christmas Day in 1913 while the younger child is Philip Lewis, who made the home happy by his arrival Monday morning. Quantity of mixed hay for sale. J. D. Tuckey. 12-29-2p. Bean straw for sale. Matt Parker. 12-29-1. Tyler Lodge Special. A special communication of Tyler Lodge, F. & A. M., will be held Friday evening, Dec. 29, for third degree work. I. A. Fritz, Sec. 12-29-1. I. O. O. F. Installation Jan. 2. The installation of officers of Cass City Lodge, I. O. O. F., will be held Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1917. All brothers are requested to be in attendance. Supper. Bring something. S. Champion, V. G. 12-29-1. Card of Thanks. We express a very kind and hearty "Thank You" to the appreciative friends for their Xmas remembrances. Signed, "Phone Girls." 12-29-1. 60 A. farm for sale; 40 A. cleared, balance beech and maple, 4 ml. south, 3 1/2 east. Good buildings, 70 rds from school. Price \$2,200. Enquire of Frank Hall. 12-29-1p. Wanted—Men who desire to earn over \$125.00 per month write us today for position as salesmen; every opportunity for advancement. Central Petroleum Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 12-29-1p. Card of Thanks. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Mudge desire to express their appreciation for the generosity of those who contributed so liberally towards their Christmas basket. 12-29-1. Cows for sale—Your choice of six. Jno. Moshier. 12-29-1. Nice brown mare colt for sale. Lem O'Camb. R. R. 3. 12-15-3.

Poplar poles in exchange for cutting brush. Enquire of C. E. Hartsell. 12-15-3. Some good Barded Rock roosters for sale. D. Livingston. Phone 108-2 L, 12-15-3. Buy your potatoes—No. 1 potatoes at Jones'. 12-15-1. Wanted—Pianos and organs to tune. Work guaranteed. Edw. Gingrich. Phone 148-2R. 12-22-2p. Span of mules for sale. Harry Young. 10-13. For Sale or Rent. 80 or 160-acre farm for sale or will rent for cash or on shares. Alex Hamilton, 68 Raeburn Court, Pontiac, Mich. 12-22-4p. Farmers. We kindly ask that before buying barrels and kerosene from outsiders that you get our prices. We can furnish you with high grade products of the Standard Oil Co. and save you money. Satisfaction guaranteed. E. W. Keating, Agent. 12-1-13. New Year Post Cards, Booklets and 1917 Calendar Pads at Burke's Drug Store. Farm for sale, 80 acres, two miles north of Cass City. Good fair house with cellar, good frame barn 40x60 with lean-to on each end, good well and wind mill and outbuildings. Robt. Gallagher. 12-15-1. See Byron Perry about getting your lumber cut. Get your work done at home. Save your hauling, wood and sawdust. We bound ourselves and guarantee good work. Byron Perry, Cass City. Phone, 14-4R. 12-15-3. Restaurant for sale. George Phillips, Cass City. 10-6-1. Black fur mitt lost Christmas Day. Reward for its return to Chronicle office. 12-29-1. For that cough try Red Spruce and White Pine. Burke's Drug Store, 25c bottle. Wanted—Ambitious men desiring to earn \$35.00 or more per week. Every salesman given special training. Unlimited opportunities. Write immediately. Power Lubricating Co., Detroit, Mich. 12-29-1p.

We wish to thank you

for your very liberal patronage during the holiday season just past, and we assure you we shall endeavor to merit a continuance of the same by furnishing you merchandise of the very best quality at lowest possible prices.

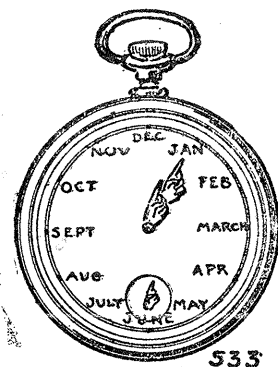
Groceries for this week

- 100 lbs. Granulated Sugar for \$8.00
24 1/2 lbs. No. 1 Bread Flour 1.25
24 1/2 lbs. Pastry Flour 1.10
4 lbs. No. 1 Rice .25
3 pkgs. Mince Meat .25
1 lb. Steel cut Coffee .25
25 lbs. Granulated Sugar 2.05
4 pkgs. Krinkle Corn Flakes .25

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year and again thanking you for favors extended to us, we are

Yours truly,

Geo. C. Hooper



We wish Our Patrons all the Joy that comes with New Year's Day. We hope there'll enter no Alloy to take the Joy away. We hope 'twill last for full a year. Till another Day rolls round. We hope Prosperity and Cheer may through all the year abound.

A. H. HIGGINS

Announcement

OUR ANNUAL YEAR-END 7-DAY SALE

STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:00

Saturday morning, Dec. 30

OFFERING GOOD VALUES IN

Dry Goods, Shoes, Rubbers and Groceries

Dry Goods

- Ladies' heavy fleece Union Suits... 89c
Ladies' heavy fleeced vests... 42c
Ladies' heavy fleeced pants... 42c
Ladies' heavy outing petticoats... 39c
Misses' and Children outing petticoats... 21c
Men's heavy fleece shirts... 42c
Men's heavy fleece drawers... 42c
Sweater coats, sizes 24 to 34... 98c
Sweater coats, sizes 38 to 44... \$1.10
Ladies' 35c value all wool hose... 25c
Men's 35c value all wool socks... 25c
A good assortment of ladies' 75c waists... 65c
Ladies' \$1.00 waists... 89c
Fleece lined dress... 90c
Good heavy bed blankets... 98c
Good heavy bed blankets... \$1.19
Good heavy bed blankets... \$1.39
Plain blue overalls... 48c
Heavy striped overalls... 98c

The above prices are much less than wholesale prices today.

Grocery Department

- We will give 10 per cent. off all our Bread Flour BLUE BELL, SILVER BELL, GOLD MEDAL, SUN BURST, WASHBURN'S BEST and RED CAP.
6 lbs. Oatmeal... 25c
3 pkg. Mince meat... 25c
Blue Ribbon or any brand raisins... 11c
15c pkg. Maple Wheat Flakes... 10c
Wyandotte Washing powder by the bulk, per lb... 05c (worth 8c per lb.)
6 pkgs. full count best matches... 25c
Two 15c cans Tomatoes... 23c
4 lbs. full head Rice... 25c
6 lbs. broken Rice... 25c
Best high test vinegar per gallon... 20c
Sugar at the lowest market price.
Some very fine Apricots worth 15c per lb. will sell during sale for... 12c
Another lot for per lb... 9c

Shoe Department

On account of buying early enables us to keep the price of shoes down. We offer our entire line of SHOES and RUBBERS at

10 per cent. Discount

from these low prices.

A special line of Men's Shoe Rubbers... 69c

Fresh Eggs 45 cents per dozen and raise of the market.

Yours for business,

L. H. WOOD, Cass City



NEW YEAR GUESTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pitcher expect to spend New Years with friends in Kingston. Hugh Gardner of Detroit will spend New Years with his mother, Mrs. Agnes Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. John Zinnecker will spend New Years at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Clark, in Caro.

forcibly illustrated in the following conversation, overheard and reported by a salesman for the Parlin & Orendorff Company, Canton, Ill., which took place between the farmer in his territory and the local retail dealer. The facts, as stated, should go far toward staying the wails of the most active calamity howler.

The farmer drove up to the dealer's place of business, and the following exchange of greetings took place:

"Good morning, Si." "Good morning, Hi." "I say, Si, what is the price of that wagon over yonder?" "Ninety dollars, Hi."

"Ninety dollars? Why, my father bought the same wagon thirty years ago for \$60."

"Yes, Si, he did, and he bought it of me, but as money was scarce at that time and I wanted some corn, your father delivered to me 300 bushels of corn in payment for the \$60 wagon, and I can use more corn at this time, and I will make the same trade with you today as I did with your father some thirty years ago on the same wagon, and will give you from my stock in addition to this wagon at . . . . . \$90.00

1 buggy at . . . . . 50.00 1 suit of clothes for yourself . . . 20.00 1 dress for your wife . . . . . 20.00 1 dress for the baby . . . . . 5.00 1 crib for the baby . . . . . 5.00 Box of cigars for your friends . . . 3.00 5 pounds of coffee . . . . . 1.50 2 pounds of tea . . . . . 1.00 20 pounds of sugar . . . . . 2.00 200 gallons of gasoline . . . . . 40.00 Lubricating oil . . . . . 2.50

the present purchasing power of 300 bushels of corn.

CASS CITY MARKETS.

Table with columns for 'Buying Price' and various market items like Wheat, Oats, Beans, etc. with their respective prices.

CORN'S PURCHASING POWER

An Interesting Comparison of Values Past and Present.

(Auburn, Ind. Weekly Bee). The relative values of farm products and farm equipment are very

Markham's Ruse

He Learned That He Was Not Married For His Money.

By ELINOR MARSH

Warner Markham, a young American, was very much afraid that, if he married, the girl he chose would place a much higher value on his money than on himself. He went abroad thinking that he might meet some girl with whom he might have a real affair of the heart. To conceal his wealth he traveled in second or third class railway carriages, stayed at pensions (boarding houses) instead of hotels and otherwise curtailed his expenses.

In Florence, where art is the principal attraction, he was one morning looking at the pictures in the Uffizi gallery when he came upon a young girl copying a picture by Titian. The sun, shining in at a window, glinted a lead of wavy hair the exact shade of that belonging to a girl represented in the painting she copied. Of the real girl and the painted one Markham greatly preferred the former. Indeed, his heart went out to her with one of those sudden, unaccountable impulses that are common in young persons.

Standing behind her, he pretended to be examining her work, but his eyes were fixed on her. A friend passed her, and she spoke a few words of salutation in the English tongue without the British accent. Markham judged that she was an American, and Americans abroad need no introduction. Our country seems very far from them, a distant land sunken far below the western horizon, from which they are cut off and from which they hear very little. This makes them all akin.

Markham, who was a fine judge of pictures, did not hesitate to express his approval of the way the copyist was doing her work and call her attention to some differences between her copy and the original. She looked up at him, saw admiration in his eyes and turned hers back upon her work with a fluttering of the heart that she had never felt before. Markham told her that he was an American, and she admitted being from the same land. After chatting awhile he passed on.

She was Madeline Trevor. Having some artistic ability and the necessity of making her own living, she had used a little money left her in a legacy to study art in Florence. Her funds had been used up, and she was now endeavoring to keep body and soul together by copying masterpieces for such Americans as would give her an order. Markham made up a story about himself to fit his being in Florence. He had come abroad on a venture to find pictures of great artists to sell to wealthy Americans at home on commission. He had been disappointed in not finding such pictures for sale, and those that were to be had were not acceptable in the American market. He let drop a hint that he was near the end of his rope and had not money enough to take him home.

He was looking at Miss Trevor when he said this and saw by her expression that he had touched a sympathetic chord. So he followed it up with a show of resolution to conquer adversity which excited admiration. Sympathy and admiration are two effective weapons with which to attack a woman's heart, as Markham very well knew, and by the time the first interview ended he congratulated himself that he had made a beginning.

The next morning Markham passed through the gallery again, and when he stopped to have a look at Miss Trevor's work she received him with a smile. Again he gave her some points as to her copy and let drop the information that he had had a very poor breakfast. There was no untruth in this, for no one on the European continent takes anything but rolls and coffee at breakfast, and it would be impossible for him to call any coffee to be procured there good. Indeed, it is all bad. But the girl conceived the idea that Markham was hungry on account of his poverty, and this excited pity. Markham added to the fact of the poor breakfast that even if he came to eat sawdust he would not flinch.

His confidence drew forth confidence from Miss Trevor, and she, too, at times confessed to hunger. This very nearly spoiled Markham's game, for it was all he could do to keep from inviting her to dine at the best hotel in Florence. He restrained himself for the time being, but the next day joined her, radiant. Claiming to have made a commission of 100 francs (\$20) on the sale of a picture to an Englishman, with true bohemian weakness he filled Miss Trevor with rials so expensive that they used up all his pretended commission. For this he received a lecture from her on his shortsightedness and his generosity; but, since that generosity was expended on her, it only bound her closer to him.

Markham began his lovemaking by a fit of despondency. When asked the cause he intimated that he had met with a change of heart. He no longer looked upon his poverty with unconcern. It was not long before Miss Trevor wrung from him the cause of this change. He was in love, and in love with her.

This set her to thinking. She had done very wrong to permit him to become so chummy with her. Poverty added to poverty makes misery. A

marriage between them would be suicidal. Markham lugubriously admitted the fact. He told her that he loved her and was only prevented from asking her to be his wife by the misery that such a union would bring upon her.

Markham noticed that there was no statement from Miss Trevor on this matter to match his own. She did not say, "Would that I had a fortune—how happy we could be together!" He wondered, if she had a fortune, whether she would throw herself away on a poverty stricken man with bohemian instincts. He feared not. He had given her to suppose that he was only prevented from being a spendthrift by not having any money to spend. Would her love for him should she become wealthy triumph over common sense?

While Markham appreciated common sense, he set more store upon Miss Trevor's love for him. He wished that she might suddenly get a windfall—a few hundred thousand dollars—that he might learn whether she loved him well enough to permit him to make ducks and drakes with it. This set him to thinking how he could give her the fortune without her knowing that it came from him.

One day Markham went to Miss Trevor very much agitated. He said that he had discovered an original Murillo. It had been taken from a part of a house that had been bricked up for several hundred years and was now being torn down. The surface was covered with dirt, and if there were a name in the corner it did not appear. When Miss Trevor asked him how he knew the picture was a Murillo he said that he relied entirely on his knowledge of the great artist's other works, this painting bearing the same individual characteristics.

Markham told her that what troubled him was that the work could be bought for a song and he hadn't enough money to buy a cigar, which in Italy may be had for a fraction of a cent. He begged Miss Trevor to try to raise 30 francs, the price asked by the finder of the picture. She happened to have the money, having just been paid 50 francs for copying a painting, and offered to lend it to her lover. But Markham would not listen to such a proposal. If she took a risk on his opinion she should reap the benefit in case he was right. She gave him the money to invest for her, and he brought the picture to her studio.

All depended on whether when the accumulated dirt was removed from the corner the magic name would appear which, like a Midas touch, would turn the picture into gold. Markham had brought with him cleaning materials and, setting the picture on an easel, began to rub. The first letter that appeared was an "I," then an "L," then another "I" and an "o." Then, working the other way, he exposed the word "Murillo."

Miss Trevor was too much excited to take an unbiased look at the picture, and if she had done so it would have availed nothing, for it was all, except the name, covered with dust. Markham took it away, promising to let her see it when it had been cleaned, but before the dirt had been taken off he reported to her that the painting had been snatched up by an American pork packer for 400,000 lire.

So it was that the impoverished American copyist was suddenly enriched by \$80,000, an amount which invested at 5 per cent would yield \$4,000 a year. To one who could not always afford an Italian breakfast of coffee and rolls this was wealth indeed. Markham expected—at least hoped—that the possessor would throw her arms around his neck and say, "Now we can be happy together." Instead she asked:

"When shall I get the money?" "I am to go to the bank tomorrow, where the purchaser will draw on Chicago. The draft will be cashed by the bank, and I will receive a certificate of deposit in your name."

Markham wondered if she would offer to divide. She said no more. He was curious to know if anything more to his satisfaction would be said on payment of the money.

The next day he brought her a certificate of deposit for 400,000 lire. She looked at it, feasted her eyes on it, and a pleasant smile came over her lips.

"Don't you think," she said, "that I ought to give you some of this for finding the picture—and doing it all?" "Not a cent. You risked your money and are entitled to the profit."

"I suppose now"—she began and paused.

"Now what?" "If you feel the same"—

"I do."

"There's no objection to"—

Markham was about to embrace her when she motioned him to desist.

"I'm afraid you'll spend the money and we'll be in poverty again. You must expect to leave it in my keeping."

"I promise."

"Your promise isn't enough. You must sign a paper waiving all a husband's rights to his wife's money."

This was a backset to Markham's happiness, but he consented. She produced a contract which she had had prepared by her attorney. He signed it, and they were married.

Markham had hired the picture painted for 30 francs, had put the artist's name on it himself and smeared it with dirt. He was the wealthy packer who had bought it.

When Mrs. Markham discovered that she had married a multimillionaire she felt a bit troubled about having required her fiancé to resign all rights to her fortune, but not for long.

"I don't think you treated me fairly, dear," she said to him.

"In what respect?"

"Why, if I had known how rich you are I would have required a settlement."

WHY Your Tires Blow Out When You Spin

ASK a tiremaker why tires break down and he will promptly answer "underinflation" or "overloading," which is the same thing. A highly inflated tire is almost as hard as solid rubber. Let out some of the air and its springiness increases. Since most of us ride for the joy of it we are inclined to pump air into our tires too sparingly. The car bows along easily; the tire absorbs all the shocks. But all the time the underinflated tire fabric is bending and bending at the sides, thousands and thousands of times, until at last the heated interior walls weaken and a loud explosion breaks upon the air.

That incessant bending and straightening of side walls to which a tire is subjected generate heat. Bend a piece of wire back and forth in your hand many times and it will become so hot that your fingers cannot hold it. Heat similarly generated breaks the chemical union between the inner fabric and the outer rubber and reduces a tire to separate layers. No longer are the strains equally distributed. One layer is pulled this way, another that way, moreover, with unequal forces. Blisters, corrugations, bumps large and small, appear on the surface.

Tires are popularly supposed to blow out because they have been heated by the sun. No tire manufacturer makes allowances for hot weather. It is true that heat expands, but the amount of expansion due to the sun alone is negligible. A certain degree of heat is generated in running over the road. But even that does not increase the air pressure as much as motorcar owners believe. If the temperature of the air is 32 degrees F. (cold enough to freeze water), if the tire is blown up to a pressure of seventy-two pounds a square inch and if the rise in the tire's temperature at the end of a run is 35 degrees the total pressure within the tube will be seventy-eight pounds, an increase of only six pounds. But if the thermometer records 90 degrees, as it often does on a summer's day, the rise in temperature at the end of an equivalent run will be only 33 degrees and the total air pressure seventy-seven pounds, an increase of only five and a quarter pounds. Paradoxical as it may seem, the increase in pressure due to the sun's heat is not nearly so great as motorcar users suppose. For a given distance it is actually less on a hot than on a cold day.

ONE TROUBLESOME PEST.

How to Get Rid of the Ants That Over-run Your Edibles.

How often the frantic housekeeper sits down and weeps when she discovers a perfectly fresh jar of preserves swarming with ants or a box of sugar black with the pests! They are not easy to get rid of, but it can be done.

If there are no children or animals around use a poison of arsenate of soda. Make a sirup of one pound of sugar to a quart of water with 125 grains of arsenate of soda. This mixture is boiled and when cool is poured to the saturation point on sponges. Place the sponges where the ants seem thickest. They will gather the sirup and carry it back to their nests.

Where the nests of the ants can be traced use kerosene, gasoline or bisulphide of carbon, squirting it into the nests with an oil can or syringe. Boiling water will kill a nest of garden ants.

Borax mixed with a little sugar sprinkled on shelves and around water pipes will keep away ants, and so will red pepper.

When ants are obnoxious set all food in pans of water until the pests can be done away with.

Why Distilled Water Is Not Healthful if Used Steadily.

Distilled water, which is the nearest approach to absolutely pure water, is not desirable for constant use on account of the lack of certain minerals. It is not the quantity of foreign matter in the water that renders the water impure, but the quality. Water that has a yellowish or even brownish color is not necessarily harmful, as the color is due to the fact that the water flowed through a swamp and came in contact with leaves or other vegetable matter. According to one expert, a pond that drains a swamp is often to be preferred as a water supply, because the water from it is generally less subject to putrefaction.

How to Clean Ivory Ornaments When Yellow or Dusky.

When ivory ornaments become yellow or dusky wash them well in soap and water with a small brush to clean the carvings and then place them while wet in the sunshine. Wet them with soapy water for two or three days several times a day, still keeping them in the sunshine; then wash them again, and they will be perfectly white.

How to Keep Flowers So They Will Travel Far.

To keep flowers fresh exclude them from air. To do this wet them thoroughly, put in a damp box and cover with wet cotton or newspaper, then place in a cool spot. To preserve bouquets put a little saltpeter in the water in your vase.

How to Bleach Clothes That Have Become Yellowed by Age.

When any white fabric becomes yellowed boil it in water that has been bleached and to which the juice of a lemon has been added.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O'Rourke of DeFord were guests of Mrs. J. H. Matoon Sunday.

Paul Bien of Detroit spent a few days this week with his mother, Mrs. Salome Bien.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nash of St. Charles will come Friday to visit at the Nash homes.

Miss Ora Martin and Ernest Beardley of Beausieu visited Miss Ellen Houghton Sunday.

Wm. Matoon of Pontiac visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Matoon, from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Greenleaf went to Detroit Saturday to visit friends during the holiday season.

Chas. D. Striffler returned Tuesday from Detroit where he has been spending a few weeks on business.

Mrs. Vera Fritz of Pinnebog, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Brackenbury, left Thursday to visit friends in Saginaw and Flint.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Clark and son, Carroll, of Caro and Mrs. John Thiel and daughters, Betty and Florence, of Garry, Ind., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zinnecker.

Got a Frost.

"Lovemaking goes better under auspicious conditions. I wooed my wife under a tropical moon."

"That's where I made my mistake. I proposed at Glacier lake."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



A NOTE TO YOU.

Next Monday is the beginning of a new year. Everything must have a beginning. Great things often times have very small beginnings. We trust that next Monday may be the beginning of a great year for you—a year great in prosperity and achievement and resulting happiness and that the first day of many succeeding years may dawn upon you in a like condition.

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Lecture Jan. 3

Milton W. Brown, M. A., M. Sc.

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Second number of Lecture Course given under auspices of Woman's Study Club. Mr. Brown has met and sustained every test in the past ten years. Following Russell Conwell, Col. Bain, Lou Beauchamp and other giants of the Lyceum and Chautauqua world, Mr. Brown has never failed to receive as glowing appreciation from press and lecture committee.

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**SCRAP BASKET**

Whenever I see a restless man in church, I always wonder whether its his corns or his conscience.

An exchange has a department, "Canning Difficulties." Just as though one might care to preserve them.

Every town has a blustering egoist who, in reality, is about as important and fully as popular as the letter X in the alphabet.

When Booze and Business become too intimate, one of them dies and Booze doesn't even go to the funeral.

**Loony Limericks.**

There was a young lady named Anais  
Whose voice was both cracked and  
tin-panny;

But she'd sing and she'd play,  
Many hours every day,  
Though the sound that she made was  
uncanny.

A maiden whose first name was Bess,  
Weighed two hundred pounds (we  
should guess,  
And to offset her size,  
The hat oe'r her eyes,  
Was the size of a pill-box—or less!

**Definitions for 1916**

Food—A modern luxury.  
Christmas—The exchange station  
of the year.

Electricity—The only juice that is  
more deadly than whiskey.

Political Discussions—Earthquakes  
that are set in motion by a chance  
word.

Education—Learning to become  
ashamed of father, mother and the  
old home.

War—The new name for excavat-  
ing.

Surgical Operation—A means of  
making doctors wealthy in a short  
time.

**Testimonial.**

Dear Doctor: It required but six  
bottles of your remarkable nerve tonic  
to restore me to normal condition  
after I had been a nervous wreck for  
more than a year. My dear husband  
bought the car just before I had finished  
the sixth bottle. I feel like a  
new woman.

**1916 Daffydils.**

Some tenors are able to cast their  
barks on the high C's.

If the shoe upper is kidding the  
vamp, would the shoe string?

When the cream is whipped, should  
the balance of the ice cream?

Sleeping on a counter, without cover,  
may produce a counterpane.

If you think the clock makes a loud  
noise, you ought to hear the bed tick.

Everything about the house is more  
or less unsteady. Even the porch  
swings.

Relief can be provided for farm  
land acres, but how can we relieve a  
window pane.

Could a man who had become tipsy on  
the juice of the vine be called  
grape shot?

No, Geraldine, when printers speak  
of their padded forms, they do not  
mean false calves and hips.

If the letter B invited the figure 8  
into a restaurant, would it not B  
responsible for what the figure 8?

**Twine Made from Paper.**

As Germany has been unable since  
the war to import in sufficient quantities  
the raw materials used for making  
twine and string, German manufacturers  
have turned to the production of these  
articles from paper and have succeeded  
so well that they now appear upon the  
market. Paper twine and paper yarn  
cannot be said to be novelties nor  
products of the war, as Japan manufactured  
yarn and textiles from paper pulp over  
100 years ago. America some sixty years  
ago and Germany since 1890. The products  
resemble those made from jute or hemp.

**And Now, Here's Something Else to  
Worry About**

Investigations by the geological  
survey have disclosed the fact that the  
surface of the United States is being

worn away at the rate of about one  
inch in every seven hundred and sixty  
years.

**GAGETOWN.**

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stearns are  
spending the holidays with relatives  
at Otter Lake.

Mrs. Theresa Proudfoot and David  
Ashmore left Friday for St. Charles  
for a months' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carolan and  
daughter, Dorothy, and Nellie McDon-  
ald drove to Bad Axe Tuesday to  
spend the day with Tony Carolan who  
is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Burden left last  
Friday for Augusta, Mich., to spend  
over Sunday with their daughter, Mrs.  
H. McLean, and family.

Mrs. J. Klein of Akron, who spent  
the past week at the C. A. Palmer  
home, returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Mosack and son,  
Anthony, of Detroit came Saturday to  
spend the holidays with relatives and  
friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Carolan and  
daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mat. Coots,  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Hennessey, Mr. and  
Mrs. J. Karner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Grap-  
pan, Harry Russell, Marie McKinnon  
William and Maty Anker. Paul Seur-  
nyck, all of Detroit came Saturday for  
a few days' visit with relatives and  
friends.

L. S. McEldowney of Caro spent the  
last week end in town calling on old  
friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dufty of Detroit  
came Saturday night to spend over  
Sunday and Monday with Mr. Dufty's  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. McDonald.

Mrs. T. Wald entertained for din-  
ner Xmas day, Mr. and Mrs. C. P.  
Hunter and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. J.  
Freeman and family, Mrs. Josephine  
McDonald and family and Miss Ro-  
salia Mall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Palmer and  
daughter, Helen, went to Akron Sun-  
day to spend Xmas with Mrs. Palmer's  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Frent.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Palmer ate Xmas  
dinner with L. C. Purdy.

J. L. Purdy and family entertained  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Leipprant from  
Pigeon on Xmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nienstadt of  
Palms spent over Xmas with the lat-  
ter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James  
Phelan.

Clayton Palmer, who is attending  
college at Barrien Springs, came home  
Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. A. J. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gage of Hamil-  
ton are visiting the former's mother,  
Mrs. H. Gage, for a week.

Mrs. J. L. Purdy entertained at her  
home on Main St. last Thursday eve-  
ning the ladies of the Thimble Club.  
This is the fourth annual Christmas  
the ladies have met with Mrs. Purdy.  
A social and sewing session was held  
after which the ladies were called to  
the dining room where a luncheon was  
served. The table decorations were  
carnations and the favors were nap-  
kins and napkin rings. The guests  
were all presented with a stocking  
which was hung up and filled during  
the luncheon period. The invited  
guests were Mrs. John Monroe and  
Miss Martha Clara.

**CUMBER.**

Sleigh bells are ringing.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Preston and daugh-  
ter, Viola, spent Christmas with Mr.  
and Mrs. Wheeler at Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robinson and  
family ate Christmas dinner with the  
latter's brother, Arthur Meredith, of  
Shabbona.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pettinger spent  
Christmas with their daughter, Mrs.  
Cyrus King, of Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hawksworth of  
Ubyly spent Sunday with the latter's  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert.

Elmer Hawksworth and family and  
Mr. and Mrs. John Pratt spent Sun-  
day at Jacob Meredith's at Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson attend-  
ed P. Livingston's funeral at Cass  
City Sunday.

Amos Lowe, who has been ailing for  
some time, is now taking treatments  
of Dr. Harrington at Bad Axe.

Mrs. Wolf, who has been visiting  
her parents in Ontario, returned to  
her home here Friday.

**WICKWARE SCHOOL NOTES.**

A happy New Year to all.  
School has closed for a week's vaca-  
tion.

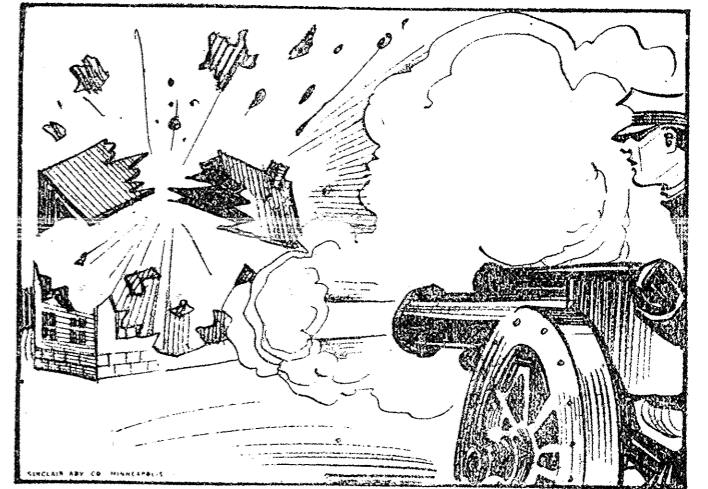
Pupils neither absent nor tardy this  
month were Kathryn Cridland, Bennie  
and Chas. and Jessie Kirton, Lynn and  
Kathleen Feuster, Tillie Cuddie, Lor-  
en Brown, Edwin, Delwin and Orion  
Fulcher, Earland Keyser and Edna  
Jackson.

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with a fountain pen.

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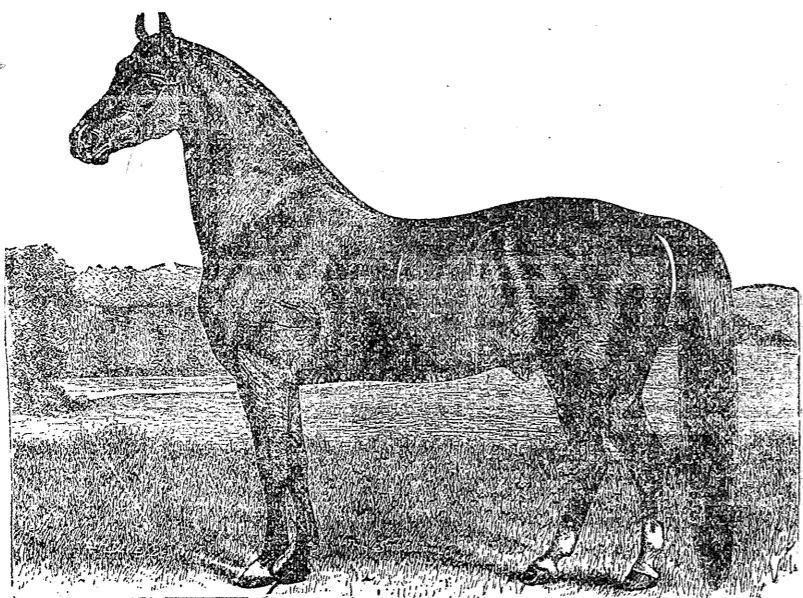
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**ELMWOOD.**

(Delayed Letter.)

Miss Norma Makey is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bentley were Gagetown callers Monday.

James Grice has sold his driver and has to hoof it now when he travels north.

Elsie Brock, who is working in Caro, will spend Christmas with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willson will spend the holidays in Detroit visiting relatives.

Harold and Ethelyn Brock were the guests of Miss Bertha Evans Sunday evening.

Jesse McNeill and William Lockwood were business callers at Squire Youmans' Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Burse leaves Friday for Ontario where she will visit relatives during the holidays.

John Evans and Arthur Ewald, who are working in Pontiac, will spend Christmas with their families.

Brock and Bessie Pardo of Detroit will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pardo.

Aaron Turner had the misfortune to have a toe crushed in Detroit where he was working and is home for repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Livingston and daughter, Audrey, will eat Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Linsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood of Wayne, Mich., are sending their friends here announcement cards of the arrival of a boy Dec. 13, who answers to the name of Wallace Clair. Congratulations.

**NOVESTA.**

(Delayed Letter.)

Arthur Anthes has moved into the Hedrick house and will work the farm next year.

Mrs. Travis, who has been visiting her sister, returned to her home in Cass City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce and two daughters of Deford visited at Stanley Warner's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Warner were in Caro Monday visiting the latter's father, who is very ill at present.

Mrs. Reynolds of Detroit and her sister-in-law of Chicago visited the former's mother, Mrs. A. J. Crafts, last week.

Mrs. Livermore of Clifford and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hulbert of Cass City spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Talmadge.

**CENTRAL GREENLEAF.**

Happy New Year to all.

Miss Elsie Barnes of Ypsilanti is visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Klinkman.

Miss Hattie Seeger is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Seeger.

Mrs. George Hubble became worse again and was taken to William Flint's to be cared for.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lepla, Wilford and Gladys, spent Xmas at Neil McCollum's at Greenleaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Allen and children, Leslie and J. C., spent Xmas with her parents, at Gagetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Klinkman, Elsie Barnes and Ernest Barnes spent Monday evening with Mrs. Fred McCaslin.

Fred McCaslin and sons, Roy and Ward, left on Dec. 23 for West Branch Ogemaw Co., to visit his sister. Before returning home, they will visit at Bay City and Flint.

**KINGSTON-NOVESTA TOWN LINE.**

Mrs. John McCracken is quite sick at this writing.

Miss Addie Sole of Pontiac is visiting at her parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Patch and family of Detroit are visiting relatives here.

J. B. Thomas and son, Fred, and Mr. and Mrs. Colon Ashley of Lansing are spending the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cooper spent Christmas in Cass City.

Chas. Hoffman of Highland Park is visiting here.

Mrs. George Martin entertained her sister, Mrs. J. Lovell, and children of Crosswell for Christmas.

The Leek W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. E. R. Bruce at Deford Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4 at two o'clock.

Three years ago this Christmas a baby girl, Evelyn, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Retherford and this Christmas a baby boy came on Christmas day. Who could wish for nicer Christmas gifts.

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**PLAN TO RESUME RAILWAY INQUIRY AFTER MARCH 4TH**

**Postponement Forced by Press of Congressional Business.**

**COUNTRY DEMANDS ACTION**

Shippers, Investors and Representatives of All Branches of Business Demand Unification of System of Railway Regulation—Roads Ask Fewer Masters.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Congressional Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce, which has been conducting the inquiry into government regulation and control of transportation, last week decided to suspend its hearings on the subject and adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman, because of the pressure of other work before Congress. According to the resolution creating the committee, it is required to submit a report by January 8th next. It is understood that before that time the committee will ask for an extension of time and that the hearings will be resumed at a later date, when some of those who already have appeared before the committee will be questioned further and a great many others will be heard. It is probable, however, that the hearings will not be resumed until after adjournment of Congress on March 4th. In addition to regular routine business the commerce committees of the two houses are charged with the important duty of preparing and presenting the legislation asked for by President Wilson to make impossible a railroad strike without previous investigation. This will leave little or no time for the consideration of the general questions of railway regulation.

**Country Wants Something Done.** Members of Congress and others who are interested in the inquiry undertaken by the Newlands Committee insist that there is no intention of abandoning it.

It seems doubtful, indeed, if the country would permit the matter to be dropped if there were evidence of a desire on the part of Congress to do so. The nation-wide evidences of interest evoked by the initiation of the Newlands inquiry show that the people of the country—shippers, consumers and investors, as well as railway men themselves—are alive to the fact that the railway situation is highly unsatisfactory and that steps must be taken without unnecessary delay to make it possible for the railroads to meet the growing needs of the nation.

From reports received here it seems as though almost every commercial organization and business interest in the country were engaged in studying the railroad question. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has been conducting an elaborate inquiry into various phases of the subject for many months past. Many local and state commercial bodies in every part of the country have committees engaged in study of the problem and have indicated a desire to come here and present their views. National organizations of manufacturers, lumbermen, coal operators, wholesale and retail dealers, have expressed through resolutions their desire for the unification of the system of railway regulation. The National Industrial Traffic League, speaking from the viewpoint of shippers using the railways, has endorsed exclusive federal regulation providing it is accomplished in such a way as to give full protection and prompt adjustment in matters relating to transportation within the states.

**Many Interests Studying Problem.** All these organizations represent primarily the shippers of the country, but they are not the only ones who are taking a hand in the discussion. The investors of the nation, through their own associations and through committees representing the savings banks and other financial organizations, are preparing to show the necessity of improving railroad credit and protecting the rights of those whose money is invested in railway securities. Finally the railroads themselves, being vitally concerned in the improvement of existing conditions, are planning to submit their views through their executives, operating officials and traffic experts and to assert their willingness to accept far-reaching federal regulation along lines that will enable them to attract capital and to provide the facilities needed for the prompt and efficient handling of the country's transportation business.

**Main Trouble Is Too Many Masters.** Not all of these interests are in accord as to the remedies that should be adopted. There seems to be a general agreement, however, that many of the difficulties which confront the railroads and which make it impossible for them to meet the requirements of the nation's commerce promptly and satisfactorily arise from the haphazard and often conflicting measures of regulation that have been adopted from time to time by the federal government and the forty-eight states and that what is needed is a well ordered, systematic scheme of federal regulation that shall cover the whole country and make it possible for the railroads to provide the extensions and improved facilities so badly needed, while at the same time protecting fully the public interests.

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**Foreclosure Sale.**  
 Default having been made in the payment of money due on and secured by a certain mortgage bearing date the 20th day of February A. D. 1914 made and executed by Sarah M. Goff to Isaac B. Auten and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, Michigan on the 24th day of February A. D. 1914, in Liber 135 of Mortgages, on page 449, which said mortgage was duly assigned by a written assignment bearing date the 11th day of April A. D. 1914, made and executed by Isaac B. Auten to The Oxford Savings Bank, of Oxford, Michigan (a corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan), said assignment being recorded in the Register of Deed's Office aforesaid on the 21st day of April A. D. 1914, in Liber 133 of Mortgages, on Page 498 and the said mortgage was again duly assigned by a written assignment bearing date the 4th day of October A. D. 1916 made and executed by The Oxford Savings Bank, aforesaid to Isaac B. Auten, said last mentioned assignment being recorded on the 25th day of October A. D. 1916, in Liber 116 of Mortgages, on Page 298.

That said default has been made in the payment of money due for interest upon said mortgage and in the payment of money due the undersigned for taxes assessed against the mortgaged premises hereinafter described and paid by the undersigned, and that by reason of said default the

**HAS CITIZENSHIP A VALUE?**

**CITIZENSHIP** has a definite value. This value cannot be computed in dollars and cents, but it is worth fighting for. Citizenship grows out of communities. Were there no communities there would be no citizens. We would then be merely unprotected individuals—entirely at the mercy of all other individuals who might wish to destroy any weaker or less ferocious one. By dwelling in communities we have many advantages. Some of us value and appreciate these advantages while others selfishly accept the advantages but refuse to do their share toward maintaining the community. Laws have been enacted to compel us to pay taxes—used for the financial support of communities for our protection. BUT THERE ARE NO LAWS WHICH COMPEL THE MEMBER OF ANY COMMUNITY TO SHOW APPRECIATION OF THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM LIVING IN A COMMUNITY. One of the benefits of living in a community is the opportunity furnished us to buy merchandise required for our comfort and indulgence, right here in our own town. This facility permits us to buy what we need when we need it. We can step into a store, lay down a dollar and buy a dollar's worth of goods. Perhaps we can get the goods without paying the dollar down in cash—that is, if we have the credit.

What a genuine benefit it is to be able to do this. In the olden days our forefathers were compelled to drive many miles to a store where the merchandise might be obtained. Large quantities were bought at a time because the trip to the store could not be made at frequent intervals. As our citizens increased in numbers and gathered into communities, stores were established at the various centers of the increasing population until now we can buy, right at home, our necessities and luxuries. That which we value we endeavor to protect. If we value the facility for purchasing goods at home we should protect it.

The best way to protect it is to make it possible for the storekeepers to continue to do business. If we do not help them to continue to do business here in our community the natural consequence will be for them to close up their stores and go out of business.

If we buy from our local storekeepers only such merchandise as we cannot buy conveniently elsewhere, we will soon discover that the stores will carry only such restricted lines of goods as are in demand by the people who live here.

Then we will find out that we are not much better off than our forefathers were. We must send away for such merchandise as we require. We must wait until the order has been received in the mail order house and filled in the due course of time by the employees of the concern we are patronizing.

There are many disadvantages in this method. We do not fully realize them now. But they will come home to us when conditions arrive which compel us to buy everything by mail—if such a time does come. However, if we look at the matter in the right light we will not permit such a contingency to arrive.

Why should we be deluded into sending our money away from home because of the fulsome and flattering descriptions in a mail order catalogue? Why should we prefer the questionable qualities in merchandise as exploited by a catalogue writer to the honest, dependable goods which we can see before us in our own local stores?

Do we save money by buying from the mail order houses? When the matter of freight and express charges have been figured out, when the question of delays, unsatisfactory shipments, breakage, damaged goods, etc., have been answered, where is the profit, if any?

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LOCAL MERCHANT IS ALWAYS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING HE SELLS. The purchaser can examine any article for sale in the local store and buy only that which is satisfactory. It will be delivered without delay. If there is any imperfection it will be quickly remedied. If there is any shortage in the delivery it will be supplied at once. A personal call or a telephone message will arrange everything quickly.

And when it comes to prices you will always get full value for your money when dealing with the local storekeeper. He buys his merchandise in the market and he sells it at a profit to us. He asks only a modest profit and he is entitled to it. We should be perfectly willing to pay him a profit for his investment, for his labor and for his ability to save us time, trouble and money.

**The Success of This Business**  
 is the making sure that the buyer who looks to us for service and satisfaction will never be disappointed.  
**B. F. BENKELMAN**  
 Groceries and General Merchandise.

**IT'S THOSE BUYERS**  
 who know value best and who know my methods best that consult me before buying Sewing Machines and Supplies and Lightning Rods.  
**CHAS. D. STRIFFLER**

**SENDING OUT OF TOWN**  
 to save money on anything in my line is like stopping the clock to save time. You're entitled to your money's worth; I'll see that you get it.  
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 Remember you will find the most complete line, prices that talk and service always at  
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 turns your purchase worries into wealth. We feature Reputable Harness, Wall Trunks, Trunks, Suit Cases, Leather Goods and Accessories at prices that should be higher.

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 is to bring your purchase problems in the Drug, Kodak and Supplies or Wall Paper line to  
**WOOD'S DRUG STORE**  
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 The demands of good taste are satisfied with none but the best. We deliver general merchandise of the highest standard and we mean to keep continually at it.  
**L. H. Wood Dept. Store**

**When a Wise Buyer's Mind**  
 Turns to thoughts of purchase, he's bound to be impressed with the sterling values found at  
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 Grain, Beans, Wool, Seeds, Flour, Cement, Plaster, etc.

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 That our merchandise offers the utmost style and quality at popular prices. See our stock of Ladies' Ready-to-wear Apparel, Dry Goods, Carpets, Rugs and Draperies.  
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 backed by dependable merchandise are to be recognized by the judicious buyers, we will eventually supply your wants in Lumber and Coal.  
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 suggests genuine in their basic qualities—there is more than ordinary satisfaction in the use of Tuscola and Red Rose Flours. Ask your dealer for it. Satisfaction guaranteed or you get your money back.  
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J. D. Brooker, Attorney for Mortgagee and Assignee. Business address, Cass City, Michigan 11-10-13

**Notice of Sale of Real Estate.**  
 State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the county of Tuscola. In the matter of the estate of Hugh Seed, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of an order of said court, made on the 15th day of November A. D. 1916, I shall sell, at public auction, on the 20th day of January A. D. 1917, at one o'clock in the afternoon at the premises hereinafter described in the Village of Cass City, in said county, the interest of said estate in the following described real estate, to wit:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-seven, township fourteen north, range eleven east, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence east eighty rods, thence south to Seed's Park Addition, being one hundred and three rods more or less, thence west to Oak street of Cass City, Michigan, being fifty-seven rods more or less, thence north twenty-three rods, thence west four rods, thence north twenty rods, thence west nineteen rods, thence north sixty rods to the place of beginning, and containing forty-five and three-fourths acres, more or less;  
 Also lots one and two of block five

of Seed's Second Addition to the Village of Cass City, Michigan. Dated this 4th day of December, A. D. 1916.

John B. Henderson, Executor of the estate of Hugh Seed, Deceased. 12-8-6

**Common Consent.**  
 Hicks—Has he any right to the title of colonel? Wicks—Sure! Everybody calls him that.

**Imagination.**  
 It takes an experienced traveler to tell about the things he saw that he didn't.—Chicago News

**CHEERFULNESS.**  
 Cheerfulness is a virtue that every one should cultivate. Cheerfulness is a thing to be more profoundly grateful for than all genius ever inspired or talent accomplished. Next best to spontaneous cheeriness is deliberate, intended and persistent cheeriness, which we can create, cultivate and so foster and cherish that after a few years the world will never suspect that it was not a hereditary gift.—Helen Hunt Jackson.



**DEFORD.**

Miss Alice Bentley of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. John Ross of Brown City spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bentley.

Miss Marguerite Ingerham of Cass City spent Christmas at her home here.

Mrs. J. R. Lewis is some better after a relapse of lagrippe.

Mrs. Dan Cole is confined to her bed with illness.

Mrs. Elmer Bruce is convalescing after a severe lagrippe cough.

Mrs. Chas. Osborn spent Christmas with her parents near Marlette.

Nelson Hartwick of Royal Oak spent a week visiting his brother, Fred Hartwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hicks and children came Saturday night to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Hicks, and Mrs. Stevenson.

Miss Myrtle Parks of Caseville and Howard Parks of Detroit spent Christmas at their home here.

Ellis Spencer and family are spending the holidays at their parents' home here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Gage and daughter, Bernice, are at Pontiac and Detroit spending the holidays.

Mrs. Chas. Silverthorn spent Christmas with her brother, Wesley McCain, at Pontiac.

Miss Persis Roberts underwent a serious operation at the hospital in Cass City Monday, but was getting along nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Retherford and mother, Mrs. I. Retherford, returned home Monday night after spending Christmas at Marlette.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hartwick and daughter, Lucy, of Detroit are spending the week with relatives here.

Ward Roberts of Mayville is visiting his grandparents for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Kennedy visited Sunday with their brother, George Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. George McArthur spent Christmas day at Wm. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Palmateer were guests of their father, J. W. Spencer, Christmas day.

Lewis Krahling of Cass City was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hare of Colling were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cross for Christmas.

**CEDAR RUN.**

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Leach, jr., and children spent Sunday at Robt. Spaven's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beardsley and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ware, jr., spent Xmas with their sister, Mrs. Fred Johnson, of Oxford where they attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Edna Johnson, on Xmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hendrick and daughter, Maxine, spent Xmas at Wm. Campbell's of Ellington.

Ernest Deming arrived Saturday to spend Xmas at his parental home.

Mrs. Wm. Burse left Friday for a two weeks' visit in Detroit and Glenaur, Ontario, where she spent Xmas with a sister whose son is driving a food truck in the great European war.

Xmas guests of Mrs. Lila Hendrick were Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Stone and children and Grandma Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright, Verne and the Misses Gladys and Cora Wright and Floyd Stone of Ada, Sask., who came Saturday to visit with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones and babies spent Sunday with A. F. Jones of Novesta.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hendrick and family spent Xmas at John Neuman's.

Glenn Jackson of Northwest Canada spent one day last week with his sister, Mrs. Edward Hartwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hartwick and children spent Xmas with John Jackson of Caro.

Those who spent Xmas at James Walters' were: Mrs. C. Walters and Mrs. Sherman of Cass City, Eldon Walters and Mr. Wood of Detroit, Mrs. Peddie and sons, George and James, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Welch of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson and sons and Mr. and Mrs. B. Crane and daughters.

**CHURCH CALENDAR.**

**Christian Science**—Subject for Dec. 31, "Christian Science."

**Presbyterian Church**—Special music with "New Year's" sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Hamblin, in the morning at 10:30. In the evening Rev. Frederick Libby of Exeter, N. H. will bring a message on "Peace." Everyone welcome.

**Baptist Church**—W. F. Zander, pastor. "The Old Year and the New" will be the subject of the sermon Sunday morning. Bible school at 11:45 with classes for all. Evening sermon at 7:30 on the subject, "What Is Your Life?" Everybody cordially invited.

**M. E. Church**—A pleasant feature of the Sunday evening service at the M. E. church was a vocal solo by Miss Mayme Young, daughter of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Young. Miss Young is spending holiday week at the parsonage and at the request of the chorister will sing at the morning service next Sunday. Her selection will be "The Ninety and Nine" by Alfred J. Silver.

**Evangelical Church**—Sunday School 10 a. m. At 11 o'clock the first sermon of the campaign will be delivered by Rev. C. E. Boone, Evangelist. The music will be under the supervision of E. G. Angevine, professor of music, from Binghamton, N. Y. These two gentlemen will conduct service.



E. G. ANGEVINE.

services for each evening for some weeks. Invitation is extended to all churches to assist in these services at any and all times. Especial appeal is made to parents who have children who have not as yet accepted Christ as their Savior to bring their children to these services. Parent, this is your privilege. Simon Cormany, Pastor.

**Declining.**

He—They say the demand for tips has greatly declined. She—Offer one to the waiter and see.—Exchange.

**CHRISTMAS GUESTS.**

Hazen Guinn spent Christmas at his home in Elkton.

G. H. Burke spent Christmas at his parental home in Marlette.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ross spent Christmas with friends in Sheridan.

Miss Cassie Johnson of Detroit spent Christmas at her parental home here.

Miss Fern Ricker of Owendale was the guest of Miss Goldie Hoagland Christmas.

Cornelius Francis Collins spent Christmas with relatives in Silver Springs, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williams spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mead.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bliss and family spent Christmas at the home of Miss Mary Murphy.

Misses Cecil and Geraldine Auten of Detroit spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Auten.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Keyser of Flint spent Xmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser.

Mrs. J. D. Crosby and Roy Crosby spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ballard in North Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Keating of Detroit spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Keating.

Miss Beatrice Koepfen of Alma is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Koepfen.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Helwig and Leon and Harry Bostwick of Pontiac spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kacey of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cross spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tewksbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McGillvray entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Cleland, Miss Mable Cleland and Mrs. M. J. McGillvray at Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. McBurney and children were guests at the home of Mrs. McBurney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rose, on Christmas Day. Twenty-seven sat down to a bountiful Christmas dinner.

Mrs. C. D. Striffler and son, Kenneth, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Emmons spent Xmas at the home of C. P. Miller in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hayes and baby of Elmdale and C. D. Striffler were also guests at the Miller home.

Miss Seva Withey of Detroit came Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Withey. On Tuesday afternoon, she left for North Branch where she was bridesmaid for a friend who was married Wednesday. Miss Withey accompanied the bridal party as far as Detroit Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Houghton and son, Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houghton and daughter, Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hodges, Miss E. Rock and Mrs. Edith Mickle, all of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dodge, Carl and Miss Marie Martin, and Glen and Bernice Mickle were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Houghton.

Miss Leane Linck entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoagland and daughter, Golda, Mr. and Mrs. George Daschke of Detroit, Miss Agnes Quinn and Joe and John Goodwin Christmas Day at the home of Wm. Martus. In the evening the party was highly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morgan and Miss Della Martin at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Martin. Music and singing were the program of the evening and a pot luck supper was served. The guests departed in the wee small hours.

**BROOKFIELD.**

The Christmas tree at the Brookfield church was well attended.

John Ross and Harry Roe of Pontiac returned home Saturday.

Mr. Ried gave an entertainment at his school Friday evening. Program was fine.

Work has begun on the town line by grading the road between Brookfield and Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCreay and family spent Christmas at Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Harder entertained for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hoffman and son, Monroe, of Marine City, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hoffman and son, Gerald, of Cass City Ephraim and Frank Reader, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maharg, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Crawford and Miss Ethel Reader.

**A Sable Philosopher.**

Hit's only de foolish one what asks de good Lawd ter change de weather from hot ter col' er from col' ter hot, ez ef Providence didn't know hits own mind at de time de weather wuz up fer considerin'! Whatever you gits in dis worl' is good fer you ef only you knows how ter find good in it.—Atlanta Constitution.

**FREED HER MIND.**

**When the Countess Gave Her Peppery Cook a Recommendation.**

The Count de Fontenay was a French gentleman with a discriminating appreciation of the pleasures of the table. His wife, the countess, desired to provide them for him and also for her guests, for the couple were both fashionable and hospitable and entertained freely. So she kept in her employ a certain Mlle. Louise, a truly admirable cook, who had, however, an outrageous temper. More than once, after outbreaks on the part of the cook that would naturally have insured her discharge, the countess yielded to the pleas of the count that such a culinary paragon must be permitted the "explosions of the nerves" so frequently characteristic of genius. But at last an "explosion" occurred when the count was not at home to plead, and the countess plucked up courage to give the explosive treasure notice. Mlle. Louise departed in a tantrum.

The next day she returned to demand a recommendation, which she wished to show to a certain baroness, Mme. de Fontenay's friend.

"You will give me a character if you please," said Louise loftily, "not for my cooking—that is well known—but for honesty and the rest of it."

Unfortunately for Louise her education had been neglected. She found it difficult to read writing, especially the fashionable but illegible scrawl of her mistress. She accepted without question or perusal the document that the countess gave her and carried it to the baroness, who read it, burst out laughing and declared:

"No, no, my girl; you won't do!"

This—when the indignant Louise carried her case to court—is the recommendation, and it set the judge and jury to laughing also:

"I, Countess de Fontenay, hereby testify that for three years I have been in the service of Mlle. Louise Giro and have done my very best to please her in all things and show her my devoted submission. I was often distressed at seeing that her temper was somewhat difficult to put up with, although I tried hard to live on good terms with her on account of the excellence of her sauces, of which monsieur the count was so fond that I should have liked to remain in Mlle. Louise's service much longer. My purse as well as my patience having been constantly dealt with by Mlle. Louise with unlimited liberty, I cannot say much about her honesty."

The smiling judge imposed a small fine upon the countess, but no more than the pleasure of relieving her mind was worth.

**A Kindly Rebuke.**

A just rebuke given in a spirit of true friendship should be welcomed. To resent kindly rebuke is not a sign of spirit, but of stupidity.

**Differing Meaning.**

"Many of us," said the bright woman, "are apt to attribute a wrong meaning to the most harmless words. We're a little like the woman who said: 'Doctor, I'm worried about my hair. It's coming out something dreadful.'"

"'Humph,' said the doctor; 'that signifies a rundown system. You'll have to diet.'"

"All right, doctor. With what?" said the woman promptly. "Heena or peroxide?"

**Did His Best.**

The teacher had explained that a monarchy is a country ruled by a king. The pupils got that. "If the king dies, who rules?" the teacher continued. "The queen," some one suggested. "Yes, under certain circumstances which I shall explain later, that is true. Now, if the queen dies, who takes her place?" Only one boy ventured to reply. "The jack," he said.

**Black and White.**

One of the features of the Michigan copper country winter is the enormous amount of snow that falls and stays for months; also, though the idea may not seem apropos, there are few negroes in the district. The only colored folk seen are the few waiters and porters from the railroad.

Two of them were walking along the principal street of the copper town just after a heavy snowstorm.

Said one to the other in speaking of a mutual acquaintance: "Dat niggah jes' treats me wif contempt lately. He jes' ignoos me. Passed me on de street yestidday wifout speakin' to me."

"Maybe he didn't see you," suggested the other.

"Didn't see me! Say, man, you mean to say dat one niggah could pass 'nuder on de street in dis yah town an' not see him? An' in all dis snow?"

**The Other Side of the Wall**  
**And Different Kinds of Love**  
**By CLARISSA MACKIE**

A farmer boy not out of his teens was taking the horses to water. The setting sun threw their shadows so far that their bodies were lost in the distance, while the legs looked like telegraph poles. Leaning on a fence enclosing a yard about a cottage beside the road was a young girl. Her feet were on the bottom rail, her head and shoulders being above the top one.

"You're looking mighty pretty to-night," said the young fellow.

"The girl snickered."

"The setting sun shining on that hair of yours makes it look yellow enough to be pure gold."

"That must be what you're looking for."

"What?"

"Gold. When you get a girl you can be sure she'll be the daughter of some rich farmer."

"Your dad isn't a rich farmer," replied the young man softly.

"I'm. I wasn't talking about myself."

"Whom were you talking about?"

"Well, there's Lizzie Blake."

There was no reply to this for the moment. He seemed to be thinking.

"I thought," he said presently, "that you and Lizzie were thicker than two peas in a pod."

"Well, what has that to do with it?"

"Why, I didn't think you would be jealous of her."

"Jealous? Who's jealous?"

"Oh, you're not, eh? Maybe you don't care who I keep company with."

"Of course I don't."

"Then I reckon I'll keep company with Lizzie."

"You can just do that as long and as soon as you want to; I don't care."

The young man gave a tug at the halters of the horses and moved on a few steps, when he stopped, turned and looked back at the pretty figure of the sixteen-year-old girl gilded by the last rays of the setting sun.

"Did you mean that?" he asked.

"Yes, I did," was the reply in a tone so bitter that it would have said plainly to any one except the person to whom it was addressed that she did not.

His only reply was another rank at the halters, and, turning again, he led the horses to the barn, fed them, made their beds and left them for the night.

As for the girl, she went into the house and that night when she went to bed she cried herself to sleep.

These two had been brought up side by side and had arrived at the mating age. A few days before the young man had kissed another girl on finding a red ear at a husking. And so what was about to happen did not happen. Fate makes many sudden turns.

"If I were a man," said Amelia Peddiferd impressively, "I would be tempted to use strong language!"

"Don't mind me, Aunt Amelia," grinned her nephew. "Don't let your sex bar you from any of the privileges of the—"

"'Piddiesticks!' snapped Amelia, quite restored to good humor. "Tom, what would you do about Donald Brown's chickens?"

"Catch 'em and eat 'em," said the practical Tom. "If they come into your garden and eat your lettuce and scratch up your corn eat 'em. They're fattened on your food, so to speak."

"I wouldn't do that," said Amelia thoughtfully, "but I was wondering if you wouldn't go over and speak to Donald about it."

"Certainly," agreed Tom. "And is old Brown's pretty niece stopping there now?"

"Linda, you mean?"

"Yes; pretty Linda Brown," said Tom sentimentally.

"No."

"Then I won't go—er—yes, I will. Aunt Amelia, shall I tell Mr. Brown that you, president of the Woman's Suffrage society of Blankton and a stern believer that woman is the equal of man, have sent me, a mere man, over to growl at him for permitting his chickens to invade the sacred precincts of your garden?"

"Tell him anything you please," sighed Amelia wearily.

Tom stepped through the open window and walked down a box bordered path to the high brick wall that separated the two places and provided tangible evidence that the old friendship between the Browns and the Peddiferds was no more.

And it had all been on account of marauding chickens on the one hand and Amelia's pet ram on the other side of the fence.

Tom knew a weak place in the wall and kicked out a brick to gain a foothold. The brick assailed Donald Brown upon his rheumatic foot as he hobbled among his old fashioned flowerers.

Mr. Brown did not call for a substitute. He roared for himself.

He greeted Tom's handsome face over the wall with a dark frown.

"You young rascal! What do you mean by throwing bricks at me?" he growled.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Brown, but it was an accident. I didn't know you were there." Tom swung himself around, balanced for a moment and dropped a

pair of substantial feet into the glass of a cold frame.

Donald Brown danced about excitedly and vowed vengeance upon the Peddiferds and all their tribe.

Tom stepped out of the ruin he had created and shook a reproving finger under the handsome nose of the traitor gentleman.

"Be a sport, Mr. Brown," he remonstrated.

"What do you want here?" demanded Donald Brown.

"I came to call upon Miss Linda."

"Linda, pooh! She isn't here, sir!"

"Then I came to complain about the chickens. Aunt Amelia's garden is ruined."

"Humph!" snorted Mr. Brown.

"Being unmarried, it's rather hard on Aunt Amelia," went on the young man gently. "If she had a husband to protect her rights!"

"Her own fault!" put in Mr. Brown gruffly.

Tom's eyes danced. Ho! There was an old romance here after all.

"She may have been hasty," agreed Tom.

"You mean she regrets—er—that she remained single?" demanded the other eagerly.

"Oh, no. I mean she regrets that she has had to speak to you about the chickens," explained Tom.

"Oh!"

"What a world of disappointment was expressed in the ejaculation! Tom winced and discovered that he was actually feeling sorry for Donald Brown and Aunt Amelia. "Why hadn't they ever married?" he wondered. Together they would make a spirited pair; apart they nagged at each other. "Both unhappy and don't know the reason why," he decided wisely.

"You know, a woman won't admit she hasn't made a happy choice when she decides to remain a spinster," explained Tom.

"Ah!" Mr. Brown sniffed a little and wiped his eyes with a spotless handkerchief.

"Still, it's never too late for a woman to change her mind on any subject," went on Tom.

"You might put it up to Amelia, then," said Donald Brown grimly. "If she'll change her mind I'll change mine."

"You mean it?"

"Certainly."

"Put it there, Uncle Don!" yelled Tom, pumping Mr. Brown's hand up and down.

"Please don't be quite so impetuous, young man," said Mr. Brown. "My niece hasn't exhibited any signs of interest in you—yet."

"Linda? Oh, she'll wait," said Tom, airily, for his mind was filled with visions of restoring Aunt Amelia to the arms of Donald Brown. Of course there had been an old romance, and this couple, soured by time and loneliness, only waited a diplomatic hand to join theirs in betrothal.

"Linda and I'll be the bridesmaid and best man," thought Tom as he retreated toward the wall.

"So you're going to put the question to Amelia?" asked Donald.

"If you say so?"

"Of course. Tell her I'm sorry it happened and that I'll take all the responsibility. I'm killing off my chickens anyway. Only got a dozen left, and they're nailed up tight as can be in the poultry yard."

"I'll tell her," promised Tom as he vanished over the wall.

Amelia Peddiferd was sitting in her rose arbor knitting a shawl.

"Aunt Amelia," said Tom impressively, "I've talked with Mr. Brown, and he—er—says—er—that if you'll forget and forgive, why, he will take all the responsibility and blame for the trouble."

Aunt Amelia stared. "Of course he was to blame," she said mildly. "He never should have kept chickens anyway. They ate up his own flowers and vegetables and—"

"And he wants to marry you, Aunt Amelia!" Tom confessed this hurriedly. He wanted the interview over. Had not Linda Brown just flashed past the house in her uncle's runabout?

"Donald—Brown—wants—to—marry—me?" shrieked Aunt Amelia wrathfully. "The old bigamist?"

"Bigamist?" gasped Tom.

"Of course! Didn't you know he was married? Married my old school friend, Lizzie Blake. Poor Lizzie's weak minded and been in the asylum for a dozen years. Marry me?"

"Perhaps he didn't mean that," admitted the wretched youth. "Let me tell you what he said, and you may understand."

So painstakingly word for word he repeated what had been said between the two men on the other side of the wall, and when he had finished Aunt Amelia was laughing mirthfully, and Donald Brown, who had slipped into the yard and also heard, laughed sympathetically.

"I proposed to Miss Amelia to remove the brick wall at my own expense," explained Mr. Brown, "and I was asking you to assure her that I was ready to keep my promise; also that I was eating up my chickens as fast as possible, and there would be no further annoyance from that source. And, Amelia, if you can wait until the other twelve chickens are disposed of—"

"Save them, Donald," interposed Aunt Amelia. "You may need them for Linda's wedding feast."

"And Tom's?"

"It looks that way now."

Their eyes followed Tom's manly form as he scaled the wall and disappeared from view.

He was going to Linda—and happiness.

The two friends in the rose arbor smiled at each other, secure in the happiness that the healing of old differences brings about.

**For there are many kinds of love.**



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