

## Useful Xmas Gifts

For Father, Mother,  
Sister and Brother



If you contemplate buying a Christmas gift, you cannot afford to miss the inducements we are offering. Lower prices than we quote are not possible for goods of equal value, style, fit and workmanship. A few suggestions:

|                                            |   |                  |
|--------------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| A Man's Suit, good style                   | - | \$8.00 to 20.00  |
| A Man's Overcoat, good style               | - | \$8.00 to 18.00  |
| A Pr. of Douglas Shoes for Men             | - | \$3.00 and 3.50  |
| A Pr. of Pingree Gloria Shoes for Women    | - | 3.50             |
| A Pr. of Pingree Composite Shoes for Women | - | 3.00             |
| A Soft or Derby Hat                        | - | \$1.50 to 2.50   |
| A Suit for a Boy                           | - | \$1.50 to 5.00   |
| A Pr. of Trousers                          | - | \$1.00 to 5.00   |
| A Pr. of Warm Shoes and Slippers           | - | 50c to 2.00      |
| A Fur Coat                                 | - | \$10.00 to 28.00 |

A consignment of Nobby Neckwear  
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### J. D. Crosby & Son,

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.

## The Cass City Grain Co.

**Buys** All kinds of grain at the highest market prices.

**Sells** Grain, Hay, Coal, Lime, and Cement.

**Delivery** Will deliver any thing you buy from us in the city.

**Western Corn** Have just received a car load of western corn which is for sale in small or large quantities.

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Is the place to get your  
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We are better prepared to take care of you than ever.  
We grind every day in the week.

Ask your grocer  
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**WHITE LILY  
CERESOTA and  
FANCHON**

These are the best flours on the market.

Prompt attention to all kinds of Custom  
Work

Free delivery to any part of the city. Call Phone No. 1.

C. W. HELLER, Prop.

### LOCAL ITEMS.

Elias Killins is on the sick list.  
Archie Livingston of Greenleaf is very ill.

Mrs. A. Doerr went to Detroit on Tuesday.

Geo. Powell of Uby was in town on Thursday.

Peter Meredith has recovered from a severe illness.

Mrs. H. T. Elliott has been quite ill since last Saturday.

Miss Nina Karr has been on the sick list the past week.

Elmer Lazenby is now in the employ of Dr. A. N. Treadgold.

J. B. Auten was in Caro the first of the week on a business trip.

Frank Osentoski of Minden City was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Brooks spent Sunday at her parental home at Argyle.

Carola Fritz, who has been ill for several weeks, is improving nicely.

Jas. Gooden of Detroit is the guest of friends in town this week.

Little Laura Wagner, who has been ill with diphtheria, is convalescing.

Mrs. Chas. S. Seed of Rochester is visiting with friends here this week.

Mrs. Wm. Davis is improving in health. Mrs. Smith is caring for her.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dougald Livingston is quite sick this week.

Mrs. Barnes of Holbrook has come to spend the winter with Mrs. Eliza Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall of Hay Creek called on friends in town Wednesday.

Miss Grace Striffler of Argyle visited with friends in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. D. M. Houghton is spending the week with friends and relatives at Gageton.

Miss Grace Sommerville of Canboro spent Sunday with Misses Mary and Eliza Sommerville.

John Cawood of Marlette and Bert Emerick of Deford were callers in town last Saturday.

The little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cortes has been very ill the past week.

T. L. Tibbals was called to Marlette Monday owing to the serious illness of his mother at that place.

Miss Margaret Miller is home from Mt. Pleasant where she is attending college, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. D. Crosby has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Ballard, at North Branch.

Mrs. S. Lown of Canboro is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Halleck, and other friends.

M. Seeger has returned home from Black River where he has been employed for a number of weeks.

Miss Vera Ross left Tuesday morning for Kalamazoo where she will be employed as attendant at the asylum.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCallum now occupy the rooms above J. C. Brook's store, recently vacated by Jas. Tennant.

W. A. Seeger was called home from Detroit last week on account of the death of his grandfather, M. Steinhauer.

Rev. A. M. Stirtan of Petersburg, Mich., will deliver a lecture on "Socialism" in the town hall next Wednesday evening.

Last Thursday evening Jas. Nicol, living north and east of Wickware, fell through the floor of his barn and fractured his shoulder.

P. A. Koepfen sold this week to Alfred Goodall the 80-acre farm one mile west and one mile north of town, known as the "Ed Weaver place."

Mrs. Mahoney and daughter, Kate, left Wednesday morning for Battle Creek to spend the winter with Mrs. Mahoney's daughter, Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. M. F. Pray has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Chas. Brown of Jeddo and also her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Yakes, of Deckerville this week.

Theodore Frutchey of Bangor, Pennsylvania, has been a guest at the home of his brother, A. Frutchey, and at present is visiting with friends in Alpena.

Clayton Howard of Capac was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Roy Titus, Wednesday and Thursday on his way to Onaway, where he has secured employment.

Pearl Willey of Greenwood, Sterle Jeffery of Sanilac Centre and Miss Goldie Cook of Novesta are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lee this week.

Miss Ethel Karr, who has been employed as attendant at the asylum at Newberry, is expected to return to her home here this week for a three weeks' vacation.

Andrew Smith of Wickware has purchased an interest in John McLellan's livery and the business is now conducted under the firm name of Smith & McLellan.

Mrs. Anna Parker went to Ortonville on Monday in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Roblin, who is visiting relatives at that place.

The services in the Evangelical church next Sunday morning will be both English and German also the admission of new members. In the evening there will be a Y. P. A. meeting.

Miss Lottie Usher entertained a company of young ladies at her home on Monday evening. The costumes of the guests were very elaborate, some of them being the finery of bygone days. A good time is reported.

Last Friday evening the officers for Venus Rebekah lodge were elected for the ensuing term as follows: N. G., Mrs. T. H. Fritz; V. G., Lottie Usher; Sec., Mary Sommerville; Fin. Sec., Sophia Matzen; Treas., Mrs. C. D. Striffler.

Frank Meredith and Miss Grace Warren were united in marriage at the home of the bride last Thursday evening by Rev. J. W. Fenn in the presence of their immediate friends. They will reside for a time with the bride's parents.

Chas. Karr left last week Thursday for Detroit where he will take medical treatment. He has been in poor health for some time. Word has been received by his friends here that he will probably be detained in the hospital for some time.

Dr. J. P. Livingston of Caro was called in consultation with Dr. A. N. Treadgold on Tuesday over the severe illness of Miss Aggie Quinn. An operation was thought necessary at the time but the improvement of the patient since has favored a postponement.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, the people of Cass City and surrounding community will have the privilege of seeing the play "Rip Van Winkle," which will be given at the opera house by the Boston Lyceum company. The play will undoubtedly be one of the best ever presented here.

Laing & Jones have been authorized by the Williams Bros. Co., of Detroit, to make new contracts with pickle growers for 1905. The price paid will be 50 cents a bushel for No. 1 and 15 cents a bushel for No. 2. The checks for the last payment this year are now in the hands of the former gentlemen.

The business places are being decked in their holiday attire this week and things are beginning to look "Christmasy" everywhere. The window displays outrival past years and one of the prettiest in town is the display of cutlery, etc. of N. Bigelow & Sons in their show window. It will be worth your while to come down town to get a peep at it.

The Lady Foresters elected officers Wednesday evening as follows: C. R., Mrs. G. W. Goff; V. C. R., Mrs. Thos.

Powell; rec. sec., Mrs. M. H. Eastman; treas., Mrs. I. K. Reid; orator, Mrs. C. Dingman; S. W., Mrs. N. Kitchin; J. W., Mrs. C. W. Heller; S. B., Miss Hazel Randall; J. B., Mrs. R. Hutchinson; court deputy, Mrs. A. A. Brian; physicians, Drs. M. M. Wickware and J. H. Hays.

At the annual election of officers for the Epworth League held last Friday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., F. A. Bigelow; 1st vice pres., A. A. P. McDowell; 2nd vice pres., Miss Bertha Wood; 3rd vice pres., Miss Anna Scripture; 4th vice pres., Mrs. L. I. Wood; sec., Miss Lucretia Campbell; treas., Miss Faustina Brown; chorister, Miss Lottie Bradley; organist, Miss Ora McKim.

A special train passed through here Wednesday on an inspection trip over the P. O. & N. The party consisted of W. C. Sanford, superintendent; Mr. O'Brien, vice president; F. H. Carrol, auditor; W. J. Grigware, roadmaster; and W. R. Halleck, bridge foreman. Mr. Grigware says the new railroad bridge south of town is expected to arrive here in about six weeks. He thinks that it can be placed in position in a day and that there will be no delays to traffic. The abutments are now in readiness.

John A. Morrison, who has been employed as pharmacist in the drug store of T. H. Fritz, has accepted a position as manager of a drug store at Grayling and left for that place Monday afternoon. John is an upright, industrious young man who ought to succeed and he undoubtedly will. He has the best wishes of a large circle

of friends for his future welfare. Dalton H. Masure, who was formerly employed here but lately at Fairgrove, returned here Monday and now fills the vacancy in Mr. Fritz's store.

The following officers were elected Tuesday evening for Hazel Hive, No. 199, Ladies of the Modern Maccabees: Commander, Miss Lottie Usher; acting past commander, Mrs. J. F. Hendrick; lieutenant commander, Mrs. D. A. Freeman; record keeper, Miss Carrie Robinson; finance keeper, Mrs. M. L. Gulick; chaplain, Mrs. C. E. McCue; sergeant, Mrs. D. Tyo, mistress-at-arms, Mrs. N. Kitchen; sentinel, Mrs. E. J. Usher; picket, Mrs. Wm. Schwaderer; organist, Miss Dora Wallace; ass't organist, Miss Mae Landon; physician, M. M. Wickware.

Court Elkland, No. 826, Independent Order of Foresters, at their regular communication on Tuesday evening elected the following officers: C. D., D. Tyo; P. C. R., Jas. M. Allen; C. R., W. A. Anderson; V. C. R., A. E. Boulton; Rec. Sec., A. A. P. McDowell; Fin. Sec., I. K. Reid; treas., M. L. Gulick; orator, T. Schenck; organist, F. Lenzner; S. W., N. Kitchen; J. W., Jas. Wright; S. B., A. McGillivray; J. B., D. Hutchinson; trustees, A. H. Muck and Ed Eno; finance committee, T. Schenck, A. E. Boulton; phys., J. H. Hays and M. M. Wickware; delegate to High Court, Jas. M. Allen; alternate, T. Schenck.

More Locals on Last Page.

For Sale.

Forty acres, all improved, fair buildings, or will exchange for Cass City property. A. A. McKENZIE. 12-16-

## Hard and Soft COAL

These chilly mornings remind one that winter will soon be here and invite everyone to make ready for the cold weather that accompanies it. If you have not laid in a supply of coal already, it behooves you to attend to that duty now. Select what you want from the following:

**Saginaw Domestic Lump  
St. Charles  
Pocahontas** The Celebrated  
C. C. & E. Smokeless  
**Scranton Anthracite**

You will find that the quality and price are right. Farmers who have been or intend using coal as a fuel this season will find it to their advantage to purchase now while the roads are in good condition and the hauling made easier.

**A Full Line of  
Building Material**

**CASS CITY LUMBER & COAL CO.  
LIMITED.**

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We have the best assortment of useful gifts yet. Bibles, Books, Fountain Pens, Toilet Sets, Perfume, Medallions and a fresh Stock of Lowney Chocolates.

Ask us for the best calendar you ever saw for 1905.

**L. I. WOOD & CO., Druggists**

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Highest Market Price Paid

For all kinds, on any day of the week until the poultry season closes. Coops furnished to customers.

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 On terms to suit the borrower, without commission or extra charges.  
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 PASSENGER TIME CARD.  
 Trains run on Central Standard Time.

| GOING NORTH |            |            |            | GOING SOUTH |            |            |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Tr.         | St.        | St.        | St.        | Tr.         | St.        | St.        | St.        |
| No.         | St.        | No.        | St.        | No.         | St.        | No.        | St.        |
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| 8:50        | 15         | 8:15       | 15         | 7:45        | 10:40      | 4:00       | 4:00       |
| 9:15        | 23         | 8:28       | 23         | 7:30        | 10:25      | 3:35       | 3:35       |
| 9:30        | 33         | 8:35       | 33         | 7:15        | 10:10      | 3:00       | 3:00       |
| 10:10       | 40         | 8:55       | 40         | 7:00        | 10:00      | 2:30       | 2:30       |
| 11:05       | 10         | 9:05       | 10         | 6:55        | 9:55       | 2:05       | 2:05       |
| 10:25       | 17         | 9:12       | 17         | 6:46        | 9:46       | 1:20       | 1:20       |
| 11:55       | 30         | 9:32       | 30         | 6:30        | 9:30       | 12:55      | 12:55      |
| 12:30       | 40         | 9:44       | 40         | 5:58        | 9:19       | 12:30      | 12:30      |
| 12:58       | 50         | 9:56       | 50         | 5:40        | 9:07       | 11:55      | 11:55      |
| 1:13        | 59         | 10:03      | 59         | 5:29        | 8:59       | 11:40      | 11:40      |
| 1:57        | 24         | 10:16      | 24         | 5:14        | 8:45       | 11:25      | 11:25      |
| 2:50        | 38         | 10:32      | 38         | 4:44        | 8:26       | 10:32      | 10:32      |
| 3:27        | 51         | 10:50      | 51         | 4:36        | 8:11       | 9:55       | 9:55       |
| 3:49        | 64         | 10:59      | 64         | 4:24        | 8:02       | 9:30       | 9:30       |
| 4:18        | 12         | 11:07      | 12         | 4:14        | 7:55       | 9:15       | 9:15       |
| 5:15        | 28         | 11:25      | 28         | 4:00        | 7:43       | 8:55       | 8:55       |
| 5:45        | 41         | 11:40      | 41         | 3:40        | 7:28       | 8:35       | 8:35       |
| 6:15        | 52         | 11:55      | 52         | 3:30        | 7:17       | 8:20       | 8:20       |
| 6:15        | 59         | 12:00      | 59         | 3:20        | 7:12       | 8:05       | 8:05       |
| 6:45        | 10         | 12:15      | 10         | 3:05        | 7:00       | 7:40       | 7:40       |
| 6:49        | 12         | 12:18      | 12         | 3:00        | 6:58       | 7:40       | 7:40       |
| 7:00        | 25         | 12:35      | 25         | 2:45        | 6:45       | 7:15       | 7:15       |
| P. M. 7:00  | P. M. 7:00 | A. M. 7:00 | P. M. 7:00 | A. M. 7:00  | P. M. 7:00 | A. M. 7:00 | P. M. 7:00 |

\*Flag stations. Trains stop only on signal.  
 All trains daily except Sunday.  
 Connections—Pontiac with Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Ry. and Mich. Air Line Division of Grand Trunk Ry.; Oxford with Bay City, Division Mich. Central Ry.; Ingham City with Chicago & Grand Trunk Ry.; Olford with Pere Marquette Ry.; Pigeon with Saginaw, Tuscola & Huron Ry.  
 W. O. SANFORD, Gen. Supt.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**  
 Contributed by Clara Lenzner.  
 Earl Eno entered school Friday.  
 Hugh Adair has entered fifth grade.  
 Earnest DeLong has entered the third grade.  
 New books have arrived for the German III class.  
 Beryl Koepfen and Margaret Miller visited school Tuesday.  
 American Literature class are reading "Building of the Ship" by Longfellow.  
 There have been many brilliant recitations in chemistry lately. Quiz Friday.  
 Many pupils are doing their fall house cleaning as they are getting tired of their seats.  
 The "Caesar" class have finished the first book and the "Virgil" class the first two books.  
 The English Literature pupils are about to begin the reading of "The Traveler" by Goldsmith.  
 Many pupils of the lower rooms wrote letters to Santa Claus. They will appear in the Chronicle.  
 The Senior class had a reading of the "Showman's Ward" Monday night preparatory to giving the play.  
 In Geometry III class it was decided that when a person got mixed up on a proposition then it was time to quit.  
 Mrs. Fritz and Miss Bellow entertained the teachers, school board and their wives Wednesday evening at a star party.  
 The cantata "Crowning of Christmas" will be given by the pupils of the fifth and sixth grades on Thursday, December 22.  
 Program for Friday is as follows: Solo, "My dream of you," Ora McKim; Debate, "Resolved that Washington did more for our country than Lincoln," Affirmative, Harry Sansburn, Florence Smith; negative, Lola Fritz, Wilmot Moore. Male Quartette, Lloyd Yakes, Irwin Bradford, Arthur Cooley, Roy Phillips. Oration, Adah Caldwell.

**NEW ADS.**  
 J. D. Crosby & Son—Useful Xmas gifts.  
 W. A. Fairweather—Holiday offerings; remarkably low price for first grade oil.  
 The Model—Useful Xmas gifts.  
 Lenzner's Furniture Store—Xmas suggestions.  
 L. I. Wood & Co.—Holiday gifts.  
 A. A. Hitchcock—Revise the old saying.  
 T. H. Fritz—Books and toilet sets.  
 Wilson Harrison, the tailor.  
 Chas. Spencer & Son—Reduced prices on jewelry.  
 W. Fallis—Xmas presents.  
 H. T. Elliott—Christmas headquarters.  
 J. S. McArthur—Xmas greeting and special sale.  
 H. L. Hunt—\$1,000 worth of holiday goods.

**ARGYLE.**  
 Isaac Henry is visiting friends in Canada.  
 Joseph McCarty spent a few days at Caro this week.  
 Mrs. Glen McQueen is visiting friends in Canada.  
 Geo. Geister of Melvin is visiting friends in this vicinity.  
 The infant child of David Spaetzler is very ill at this writing.  
 John Langenburg is building a fine new residence on his farm east of town.  
 Miss Helen King has gone to Wolverine to spend the winter with her brother.  
 Grace and Fred Striffler transacted business in Cass City last Tuesday and Wednesday.  
 Mrs. Robert McQueen and children have returned to their home in Pelletson, Ont., after a few weeks' visit here.  
 Closing out sale of millinery from Dec. 19 to Jan. 1. The Misses STRIFFLER, Argyle.

**ELMWOOD.**  
 The snow has come at last and quite a lot of it.  
 P. W. Stone made a business trip to Caro last Friday.  
 P. W. Stone and Bertha Faust visited with friends in Akron Sunday.  
 Frank Hendrick was drawing dry wood to Cass City last week.  
 E. F. Stone was on the sick list last week on account of falling on the barn floor.  
 L. Huffman has a fine hard coal heater that he bought of J. B. Coates of Cass City.  
 Mrs. W. A. Lockwood was taken quite sick Sunday at Marion Parker's south of Cass City.  
 Miss Tillie Sherman returned to her home northeast of Cass City after spending two weeks with friends in this vicinity.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lockwood visited at Geo. Martin's and at John Doerr's the first of last week.  
 Fancy aprons at A. A. Hitchcock's.  
**FREIBURGERS.**  
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Peter, Dec. 8, a son.  
 Miss Mary Conus is visiting in Detroit this week.  
 Sarah Litt is working for A. C. Graham this week.  
 Jesse Pinkerton is engaged as chore boy at A. C. Graham's.  
 Joe Franzel's little boy had the misfortune of breaking his leg.  
 A. C. Graham's sale, which was held last Saturday, was well attended.  
 Ben Wells has purchased a fine fur overcoat. Looks like cold weather.

Maggie Trudeau, who has been working in Minden City, has returned home.  
 Wm. Hall was called to Grindstone City on account of the sickness of his brother.  
 John Gates had the misfortune to fall from a load of hay and was badly bruised up.  
 Mrs. Joseph Trudeau, who underwent an operation for abscess, is rapidly recovering.  
 Miss Valre Creguer brought her sister, Maggie, who is very sick, home from Lorain, O.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schiestel of Cumber were guests at the home of Stephen Peter one day last week.  
**CUMBER.**  
 Geo. Mulloy has gone to Pontiac to work.  
 John Baker visited friends and relatives in Ubyly the past week.  
 M. H. Schiestel passed through town enroute for Sanilac Centre last week.  
 John Franzel of Freiburger called on Geo. Schiestel and wife one day last week.  
 Martin Miller and John McKichen, who have been working in Caro, have returned home.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller visited at the home of Geo. Schiestel north and east of town Sunday.  
 Mr. Mills of Laing, our teacher, has decided to have a Christmas tree in the school house Dec. 23. Everybody come.  
 Geo. Schiestel, Chas. Ewing and Peter Brown attended the rural examination at Sanilac Centre last Saturday.  
 Miss May Flynn of Roscommon, who has been visiting at the home of Louis Bookie, has returned to her home again.  
 Mr. Mills of Laing, who purchased the store in town, is putting in a fine stock of Xmas goods. All try and patronize him as we need a good store in town.  
**KINGSTON.**  
 Arthur Hicks is on the sick list.  
 Miss Cora Weldon spent last week at home.  
 Charley Hill of Illinois was a visitor here last week.  
 Elmer Kean of Gilford was a caller in town Saturday.  
 Geo. Purdy and wife of Caro were Kingston callers Tuesday.  
 Christmas exercises will be held at both churches Christmas eve.  
 Frank Moyer had his right hand badly cut in a buzz saw Thursday.  
 G. C. Veit spent a couple of days in Oxford this week on business.  
 Maud Reddon, who has been employed in Detroit, has returned home.  
 Township treasurer, John Hunter, will be in town Thursday to collect taxes.  
 The B. L. A. will serve dinner in the church parlors next week Wednesday.  
 Grover Ross and Jesse Curtis attended a play at North Branch Thursday evening.  
 The second number of the lecture course will be given Wednesday evening this week.  
 The M. E. L. A. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Swales last week Wednesday for tea.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harper, father and mother of the former pastor of the P. B. church, are visitors here.  
 Jas. Lotimer started by over-land route for Rochester Sunday and will visit a friend in Clifford on his way.  
 Rev. Hinzman will be in Novesta next Sunday and Rev. Curry will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church morning and evening.  
**STARTLING EVIDENCE.**  
 Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Rentonville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all lung and throat troubles, consumption, pneumonia and grip. Guaranteed by L. I. Wood & Co. druggist. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c and \$1.

**CASS CITY MARKETS.**  
 Cass City, Mich., Dec. 15, 1904.  
 Wheat, No. 1 white ..... 1 10  
 Wheat, No. 2 red ..... 1 11  
 New Rye No. 2 ..... 77  
 New White oats No. 3 ..... 29  
 Choice Handpicked Peas ..... 1 35  
 Cloverseed ..... 5 50 7 00  
 Barley ..... 85 95  
 Peas ..... 60 75  
 Eggs per doz. .... 25  
 Butter ..... 18 20  
 Potatoes, per bu. .... 25  
 Live hogs, per cwt. .... 4 00  
 Beef, live weight ..... 2 00 3 50  
 Sheep live weight, per lb. .... 03  
 Lambs ..... 4 50 5 00  
 Live Veal ..... 5 00  
 Dressed Hogs ..... 5 00  
 Dressed Beef ..... 4 00 5 00  
 Chickens ..... 05 07  
 Ducks ..... 08 09  
 Geese ..... 07 08  
 Turkey ..... 15 16  
 Hides, green ..... 06  
**ROLLER MILLS.**  
 White Lily, per cwt. .... 3 25  
 Ceresian, per cwt. .... 2 50  
 Economy per cwt. .... 3 40  
 Graham flour per cwt. .... 3 00  
 Granulated meal, per cwt. .... 2 00  
 Feed per cwt. .... 1 40  
 Meal per cwt. .... 1 40  
 Bran per cwt. .... 1 10  
 Middlings per cwt. .... 1 20  
 Buckwheat, per cwt. .... 3 00

**Revise with us the old saying**  
 "Don't put your foot into it"  
 by putting your feet into a pair of our Comfort Slippers; felt with fur trimming; in all colors and sizes. They make a very acceptable Xmas gift.  
**What is a better Xmas present than a nice fur?**  
 We have them in sets for children, collars and muffs for all sizes, long and short neck furs at all prices; also all our  
**Coats at Cut Rates**  
**A Sweater for the boys and girls**  
**A pair of Long Leggings**  
**A New Cap and Mitts**  
 They are all bound to be welcome Xmas presents.  
**A. A. Hitchcock,**  
**OPERA BLOCK. Wood for sale.**

**Holiday Gifts**  
 In Quadrupled Plated Hollow Wares we are showing  
**Cake Baskets, Bread Trays, Celery Trays, Fruit Dishes and Pickle Castors**  
**Also a Full Assortment of Silver Cutlery**  
 See our fine assortment of Cut Glass in our show window. Handsome patterns in Havelin China.  
**NOVELTIES IN SILVER, EBONY AND STAG HORN. . . .**  
 Our Jewelry Department is complete in every detail. Call and examine our stock.  
**J. F. HENDRICK**

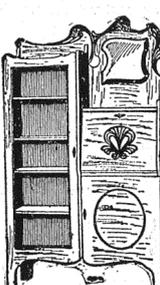


**Wine of Cardui Cured Her.**  
 213 South Prior Street, ATLANTA, GA., March 21, 1903.  
 I suffered for four months with extreme nervousness and lassitude. I had a sinking feeling in my stomach which no medicine seemed to relieve, and losing my appetite I became weak and lost my vitality. In three weeks I lost fourteen pounds of flesh and felt that I must find speedy relief to regain my health. Having heard Wine of Cardui praised by several of my friends, I sent for a bottle and was certainly very pleased with the results. Within three days my appetite returned and my stomach troubled me no more. I could digest my food without difficulty and the nervousness gradually diminished. Nature performed her functions without difficulty and I am once more a happy and well woman.  
 OLIVE JOSEPH,  
 Treas. Atlanta Friday Night Club.  
**Secure a Dollar Bottle of Wine of Cardui Today.**

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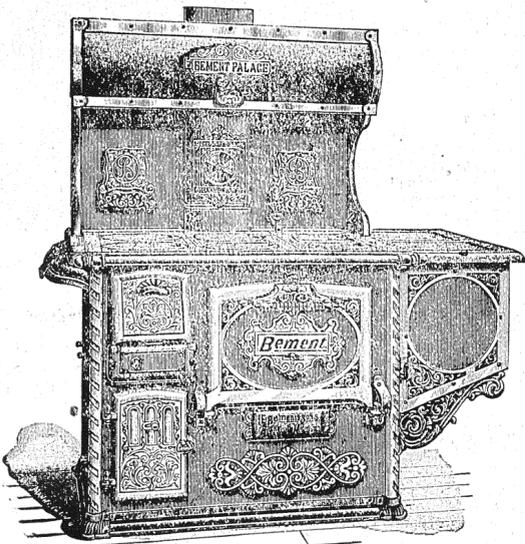
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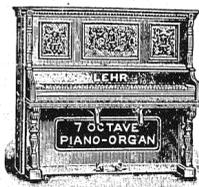
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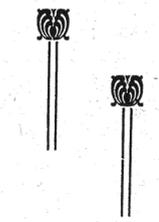
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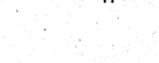
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**SHABBONA.**

Mrs. E. A. Keyworth is on the sick list.

Percy Atkins has returned from Flint.

Geo. H. Jones was a business caller in Sanilac Centre Saturday last.

W. F. Ehlers was a business caller in Saginaw last Thursday and Friday.

Otto Nique attended another number of the lecture course in Cass City Wednesday evening.

A spider web social will be held in the hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, by the literary society.

R. F. D. route No. 3 will start from this postoffice on Jan. 16, 1905. Prepare to get your mail box up.

Henry Lorentzen, W. T. Stephens and Wm. Fox, who are candidates for carrier on R. F. D. route No. 3 from this postoffice, attended the examination held at Sanilac Centre last Saturday.

A general good time was enjoyed by all who attended the close of the K. O. T. M. contest for new membership on Friday night. Ed Phetteplace was awarded first prize, a gold ring, and John Proctor second, two dollars in cash. Thirty new members was the result of the contest.

**ALMER.**

Alfred Hall was at Colwood Monday.

Chas. Mulholland was at Ellington Saturday night.

The snow is falling very fast and it looks as though we would have sleighing.

J. D. Sutton and son, Ralph, have returned from their trip to Eaton county, Detroit and Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fish visited friends and relatives in Watrousville and Fairgrove Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Wesley and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mulholland, last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. M. Darbee's children are some better at this writing. Mrs. Ruth Sheldon is staying with Mrs. Darbee and helping to care for the children.

Rev. J. W. Mulholland has moved on the S. Bourn farm instead of the Brown farm as was stated last week. His son Charles remained on his other farm.

**DRIVEN TO DESPERATION.**

Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in burns, cuts, wounds, ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c, at L. I. Wood & Co.'s drug store.

**WILMOT.**

Alex. McCarthy's baby is sick at this writing.

L. O. Folsom was in Detroit Tuesday on business.

Wm. McCarthy has gone to Flint for the winter.

Chas. McCarthy of Marlette is visiting his parents here.

Fred Kelitz of Ellington visited at Mr. Stevenson's, west of town last week.

Mrs. Cleveland, from east of Cass City, visited at L. O. Folsom's last week.

Mr. Ogden of Lapeer visited his brother, Henry, east of town, last week.

Robert Maul died very suddenly last Saturday of heart failure. N. Karr of Kingston had charge of the remains, the funeral was held in the M. E. church and the burial took place in the Kingston cemetery.

**THAT THROBBING HEADACHE.**

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**PINGREE.**

Sufficient snow for sleighing.

Matilda Sherman has gone to Durand to work in a laundry office.

Viola Sherman is engaged to assist Mrs. C. Wells for an indefinite time. Delbert Ford of Ontario is calling on former acquaintances here at present.

Miss Merle Craig made a delivery of toilet and sundry articles to her customers lately.

L. Mallinoff of Bad Axe is buying up scrap iron, rags, fur and hides in this locality at present.

**HAY CREEK.**

Charlie Lord is able to be out again. Will Gracy dressed a beef for Allen Marshall Monday.

R. H. McQueen made a business trip to Argyle Monday afternoon.

Quite a number of the young people are attending the revival meetings which are being held at Wickware.

Ralph Lorey is expected home from Owosso, where he is attending college, to spend Christmas with his parents.

Henry Davis and Mrs. Glen McQueen expect to leave for Canada Thursday morning to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Fay Pringle is expected home the latter part of this week from Pt. Huron, where she has been visiting for some time.

**TOWN LINE.**

The beautiful fell on the Sabbath. C. Wentworth labors in Kingston. J. Hilderbrand did business in Caro Saturday.

Walter McFarlin has rented Wm. Pratt's farm.

Wm. Patch has returned from Oakland county.

Ben Sharp has finished threshing 75 bushels of clover seed.

Mrs. J. Retherford has returned home from Lapeer county.

Samuel and Joseph McCracken are in the northern part of the state.

Miss Anna Retherford has recovered from her injuries received in a runaway.

Miss Addie Sole has returned home from Dryden, where she has been visiting her aunt.

**WORST OF ALL EXPERIENCES.**

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For liver, kidney, stomach and bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by L. I. Wood & Co., druggist.

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# Mistress Rosemary Allyn

By MILLICENT E. MANN

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## CHAPTER II.—Continued.

"I walked down the path. I had but gone a short distance when I heard a shrill voice call:

"Wait a little, the lady bids you wait."

It was the old dame. I waited until she hobbled near, thinking the damsel had sent a message. I was mistaken. It was more jollity the lady wished.

"Take your fish, my Lord of the World," the nurse mumbled from between loose teeth, as she held out the basket of trout I had left on the grass. "I'll answer for it that ye'll get ne'er bite nor sup to-day but these same, my Lord—my Lord Fishmonger."

Then she cackled, echoed in the woods by a fresh young voice. Milady was enjoying herself immensely.

Such had been my meeting with Mistress Rosemary Allyn. I laughed now as I recalled it. Mistress Rosemary Allyn thought me a boor, and because I dressed as the villagers, that I needs must be one of them. 'Sdeath! she might have seen with half an eye, had she not been so engrossed in her own little tempest, that my kersymerie was of the finest, and my linen being from the hand loom to Nance was of as sheer a texture as any to be had in London, aye, or even Paris. Again, I laughed as I looked abroad. For as far as eye could see from the eminence we were upon, I looked upon my own land.

## CHAPTER III.

### A Pair of Blue Eyes.

We reached a point where two roads met. I took the lower one, telling Gil that I should be home anon. Inclination and desire to again see Mistress Rosemary Allyn pulled my horse's bridle reins in the direction of Castle Drouit.

Castle Drouit was the only dwelling

"No," I returned. "I prefer to give it into her own hands."

"Well, London," at last she admitted, with a shrug of her pretty shoulders. At which a lace scarf knotted about them became unloosed. "London of course—London the home of handsome women and gallant men. London should suit you, sir, and you suit London down to the ground," she added with a toss of her head, and quick change of expression as though to apply a compliment.

"Whereabouts in London?" I persistently asked.

"Seek and ye shall find," she briefly answered.

"If I should wish to see the maid," I said, and I gave her a glance meant to be most taking, "where shall I find her?"

"Seek her, too, and ye shall find," she said smiling audaciously. "But would you not like to see the bird's cage—I mean the Castle?"

I acquiesced and followed her for very idleness I think, through the portals into the house. We passed many rooms of old and quaint furnishings. We came to the end of a long hall in a wing separated from the rest.

She threw open a door in a mysterious, sly manner, and said in a raised voice while her eyes were demurely dropped:

"The mistress's."

The room was daintiness itself in its extreme femininity, albeit the bed was disarranged as if milady had but just arisen. Lace fine as cobwebs was valanced about bed and dressing table. The table was bare of any toilet articles, save a box or two, but many silken bows stuck here and there filled up the barrenness, and gave a touch of beauty to the whole. A large roomy chair of blue and white damask, an immense divan upholstered in the same material, with a few spindle-legged chairs was about all the room contained.

Such daintiness, such femininity

"No why," I answered bluntly. "Idle curiosity, as you will."

"Curiosity!" he echoed. "A woman's excuse. And what pray is that doing in your pocket?"

He touched with his sword, which he had been playing with since his advent into the room, the heel of the slipper sticking from where I had dropped it.

"My property, bought and paid for," I answered jealously.

"Bought from a thieving maid," he said, while he glanced scornfully at her, who with her handkerchief to her face seemed doubled up with fears and tears. "Since you value it so highly, perhaps you'll not mind fighting for it?"

"You see that I am unarmed," I replied with a shrug.

"That can be soon remedied," he said.

He stepped to the wall and took a rapier from the rack hanging there. He held it out hilt to hilt with the one that he had, measuring them.

"You see they are alike," he said.

I bowed and accepted the sword.

"Surely not here?" I made one more protest.

"Oh, lud!" the maid cried.

"Silence, you have brought it upon yourself," he said to her. To me with a bow, "'Tis as good a place as another."

I intended to lesson him quickly and have done with the business, which conferred no honor upon me. Back and forth we swept. I would not forget he was her brother! I soon found that his slender wrists were like steel, and that he was as agile as a cat. I was warm parrying his dexterous thrusts and sought an opportunity to end the affair with as little harm as I could; but fighting gets into the blood when you have a bright point before you, and we both fought as though we loved it.

I had him against the wall—he was almost tired out—his breath came in gasps. I looked into his face with the pink which should portend proceedings. God! he had eyes like his sister's, and the same daintily curved lips. It put me off my guard for the briefest second, but it was enough. Being a youth of great quickness, he took advantage of my momentary aberration. I received a thrust in the shoulder. He lowered his sword.

"First blood!" cried the maid authoritatively. "It is enough."

Honor was satisfied. The young spark was smiling slightly, but his face was as white as the lace handkerchief he drew back and forth over the gleaming length of his rapier, reddening it.

"As the gentleman has paid twice for the shoe in both blood and money, I think, sir, it belongs to him," said the maid persuasively.

The youth shrugged his shoulders while he muttered something about its being an old thing, and consequently of no account—a brother's view.

"I am afraid, sir, that you are more seriously wounded than you think," he said, as he pointed to the dark spot gradually enlarging on my shirt.

"A scratch; no more," I hastily said.

"Let me bind it up," begged the maid.

"I pray you accept of the maid's services," said the youth; "you will find her an adept at all such tasks."

He gave out a soft laugh.

"Castle Drouit will yet be your undoing, sir, I'm afraid," he then observed.

Evidently the youth had heard of the other scratch I had received from the falcon. I replied rather roughly as I reached for my coat and put it on:

"It is nothing, I assure you, sir. I bow before your superior handling of the rapier and a pair of blue eyes—eyes wonderfully like—"

"Like what, sir?" he snapped.

"Like—like—nothing in the world but another pair of blue eyes," I replied. "I bid you good day. In London I may again be so fortunate as to meet you."

(To be continued.)

## MUSIC AS A THERAPEUTIC.

Mental and Physical Ills May Be Relieved by Its Aid.

F. S. Kennedy says that much assistance is in many instances to be derived from the intelligent use of music, either vocal or instrumental, as a therapeutic adjunct. Melancholia, insomnia, hysteria, family affliction, business reverses, delirium, pain, fatigue, mental or physical, will all be helped by the beneficial influence of music, rightly used. As a post-operative measure it would have an undoubted influence for good in taking the patient's mind from his bodily distress.

So, also, could "painless" dentistry be relieved of some of its pain and distress by the quieting influence of music, which would, as has been amply demonstrated, produce a pleasant mental influence during the administration of nitrous oxide or other anaesthetic. A German writer recently stated (February, 1904) that in a number of test cases in which music was provided during the administration of the anaesthetic there was an absence of distress and resistance on the part of the patient; also an absence or reduction of the post-operative nausea under the same circumstances.

To be advantageous the nature of the composition must be carefully selected with a view to the needs of the individual case, and the execution must be as nearly faultless as possible.

I have lived to know that the secret of happiness is never to allow your energies to stagnate.—Adam Clarke.

## Drinks Not Well Known

Violet cordial, a liquor beloved of Yorkshiresmen, is one of the best of the home-brewed drinks. Made from freshly-plucked sweet violets, it is often kept for years by farmers, who drink it sparingly in tiny glasses, yet it retains all the delicious aroma of the fragrant flower from which it takes its name.

Home-made sloe wine is a drink which takes a lot of beating as a thirst-quencher. It is especially popular in Durham.

Cowslip wine is another prime favorite unknown to the inhabitants of cities. So, too, are a host of "teas," famous in rural parts not only for their refreshing, but also for their curative powers.

Years ago, before the tea from India and China could be bought cheaply, beverages brewed from mint, pennyroyal, dandelion, wild thyme, marjoram, camomile, balm, calamint and similar herbs, were almost universal.

Even to-day their fame is not dead, and they are frequently resorted to by housewives in hot weather, and when any small ailment shows itself in their families.

Leaves plucked from strawberry

plants and currant bushes make a fragrant beverage, as do ribwort and thoroughwort, the latter both as a refresher and a curative, being found in very many households.

Strange as it may seem, a drink can be made from sawdust. Here is the recipe:

Two tons of sawdust are boiled with sulphuric acid for three hours, the liquid matter then extracted by pressure, neutralized, left for eighteen hours to cool and clarify, and then fermented for four or five days.

The resulting alcohol is afterward distilled and rectified, but a yield of about nine and one-half quarts of spirit to every hundred-weight of sawdust is obtained. Quantities of this are consumed in France.

Palm wine is made from the sap oozing from the cut-off blossom stems of the oily palm tree, and of the cocoa tree. It is a pleasant, refreshing beverage, and not sufficiently known.

Itshimiyana is the weird name given to a deadly intoxicant made from molasses by the natives of Natal. An analysis of this drink made some time ago by an eminent doctor showed that it was 50 per cent stronger than any known alcohol.—Straw Stories.

## Habits of the Flounder

The expression "as flat as a flounder" has become proverbial, but it does not apply to very young flounders, which differ so much from the adult ones that they can hardly be recognized as belonging to the same family as their parents. Most boys and girls are familiar with full-grown flounders, but very few of them, and few older people, know anything about the appearance of young flounders and the wonderful transformations they undergo.

The flounders begin life as do ordinary fishes. When they first emerge from the egg they swim vertically, with the head turned upward. Their bodies are symmetrical and their eyes are on opposite sides of the head. Gradually the position of the body changes from vertical to horizontal, and the fish remains thus for some time, swimming like ordinary fishes; but while still very small there is foreshadowing of the bottom life they are destined for, and they enter upon a series of remarkable changes.

The most striking of these changes

is in the position of the eye. In some flounders the eye moves around the front of the head; in others it moves directly through the head. This shifting of the eye's position is accompanied by a change in the position of the body, which ceases to be upright and becomes more and more oblique. The side of the body from which the eye is moving gradually becomes inferior to the other, until by the time the change of the eye is complete the fish swims with its blind side underneath, and this position is ever after maintained. The flounder then ceases its free swimming habit and sinks to the bottom.

Some species of flounders are right-sided and others are left-sided. In the right-sided forms the left eye moves to the right side, and the left side becomes undermost. In the left-sided species the opposite conditions prevail. It rarely happens that right-sided species have left-sided individuals, and vice versa. In a few species both right-sided and left-sided fish occur in about equal numbers.—St. Nicholas.

## Danger in "Big" Shooting

The disturbing element in hunting elephant or seladang or rhino has been always, to me at least, the feeling of uncertainty as to whether or not I could stop the animal if I wounded it and it charged me, as it did on an average of once in three times.

Based on my experience, therefore, I should place the elephant first and the rhino third after the seladang, which is fully as formidable as the Cape buffalo, and is mislabeled the bison all over India. Each of these animals is dangerous on different and individual grounds; the elephant, though less likely to charge than any of the others, is terrifying because of his enormous strength, which stops at no obstacle, and the extreme difficulty of reaching a vital spot, especially if, with trunk tightly coiled, he is coming your way.

I know of no sensation more awesome than standing ankle deep in clinging mud in dense cover, with the jungle crashing around you as though the entire forest was toppling, as the

elephant or rhino has been smashing his way in your direction.

The seladang is dangerous, partly because of the thick jungle he seeks when wounded, but more especially because of his tremendous vitality and his usual, though not invariably, habit of awaiting the hunter on his tracks, and charging suddenly, swiftly and viciously. It requires close and hard shooting to bring down one of these six-foot specimens of Oriental cattle.

The danger of the tiger and of the lion is in their lightning activity and ferocious strength; but you have the shoulder in addition to the head shot, if broadside; or if coming on the chest, all sure to stop if well placed. The reason the rhino is so formidable is because its vulnerable spots are so hard to reach.

Its brain is as small in proportion as that of the elephant, and may be reached through the eye, if head on, or about three inches below and just in front of or just behind the base of the ear, according to your position for a shot.—Outing.

## The Old Pirate's Dreams

As a man I write of the boyish dreams Of yesternight by the coast-guard's blaze, When the sea-scarred sailor's war-plowed seams— Suggesting tales of his lawless days— Lively glowed in the log-fire gleams, As he sang this lay of lays:

The flag was as red as blood, With a hairy spot of black, An' the Spider bared her deadly fangs As she crawled on the windward tack!

He warned to his story and clove the air With his long clay pipe as he led his men Into the heart of the battle's glare; And he yelled his "Yo-ho!" once again, Till he broke his "sword" on the arm of his chair, With a stifled sob; and then—

The flag was as red as blood, With a hairy spot of black, An' the Spider bared her deadly fangs As she crawled on the windward tack!

"Why do your eyes shine, boy?" said he,

As he drained his mug and his lips he smacked.

Then he told me of Morgan and Kidd and Jones, And rattled their deeds, their chains, and their bones; While the wind came moaning up from the sea, And the tune rose, faint and cracked:

The flag was as red as blood, With a hairy spot of black, An' the Spider bared her deadly fangs As she crawled on the windward tack!

He would chuckle a bit, then sort of choke, "Ah, boy! I could turn 'e sick an' pale Wi' fright an' fire an' booze an' blood In the tropic calm an' the reef-born sand, For I ha' trodden the red-stained oar, Under many an' many a queer, queer sail!"

And then he would hum and creak: The flag was as red as blood, With a hairy spot of black, An' the Spider bared her deadly fangs As she crawled on the windward tack!

Crawled on the windward tack!— Stephen Chalmers in New York Times.

## Bottled Sea Water Good

"I have never understood," said a doctor, "why somebody didn't bottle the Atlantic ocean and sell the water under a fine name as a mineral water."

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"Did you ever smell any of those Kentucky sulphur waters after they have lain barreled in a cellar for a few weeks? The odor is pretty bad, but it isn't worse than that of ripening sea water."

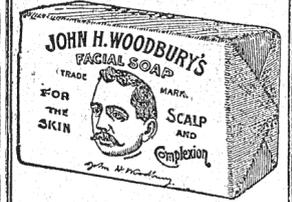
"When you take out the cork the whole household knows it. After a while the sea water loses its offensive smell, and then it is ready for use."

"I thoroughly like it, and if I were in the habit of doing things that lead men to drink mineral waters before breakfast I think I'd prefer plain Atlantic water to a good many that I could name which sell at pretty high prices."

"I don't know whether my patients have ever calculated the cost of bottled Atlantic, but if the bottling was done wholesale instead of retail it ought not to come very high, and it is certainly one thing that no trust could ever monopolize. I've a notion that the fellow who first puts up sea water in an attractive form and gets the attention of the public will make a handsome little fortune before his competitors can cut in and undersell or outadvertise him."—New York Sun.

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Giver Must Have Clear, High Standard of His Own.

From the top of a mountain you can see into the valley around about—your horizon is very broad, and you can distinguish the details that it encompasses; but, from the valley, you cannot see the top of the mountain, and your horizon is limited, says Annie Payson Call in Leslie's Monthly.

This illustrates truly the breadth and power of wholesome human sympathy. With a real love for human nature—if a man has a clear, high standard of his own—a standard which he does not attribute to his own intelligence—his understanding of the lower standards of other men will also be very clear, and he will take all sorts and conditions of men into the region within the horizon of his mind. Not only that, but he will recognize the fact when the standard of another man is higher than his own, and will be ready to ascend at once when he becomes aware of a higher point of view. On the other hand, when selfishness is sympathizing with selfishness, there is no ascent possible, but only the one little low place limited by the personal selfish interests of those concerned.

Roads Like a Miracle. Moravia, N. Y., Dec. 12th.—(Special)—Bordering on the miraculous is the case of Mrs. Benj. Wilson of this place. Suffering from Sugar Diabetes, she wasted away till from weighing 200 lbs. she barely tipped the scales at 130 lbs. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her. Speaking of her cure her husband says:—

"My wife suffered everything from Sugar Diabetes. She was sick four years and doctored with two doctors, but received no benefit. She had so much pain all over her that she could not rest day or night. The doctor said that she could not live.

"Then an advertisement led me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills and they helped her right from the first. Five boxes of them cured her. Dodd's Kidney Pills were a God-Sent remedy to us and we recommend them to all suffering from Kidney Disease."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all Kidney Diseases including Bright's Disease, and all kidney aches, including Rheumatism.

Oath According to the Koran. Ali Achmet, an Arab, was a witness in the New York court of special sessions recently. He refused to take the Christian oath, saying he would swear as becomes a member of his race and faith. He was allowed to do so, and this was the oath he took: "I swear by the beard of the prophet, by the kasha, by the black stone and by my harem to tell the truth, and all the truth, and only the truth."

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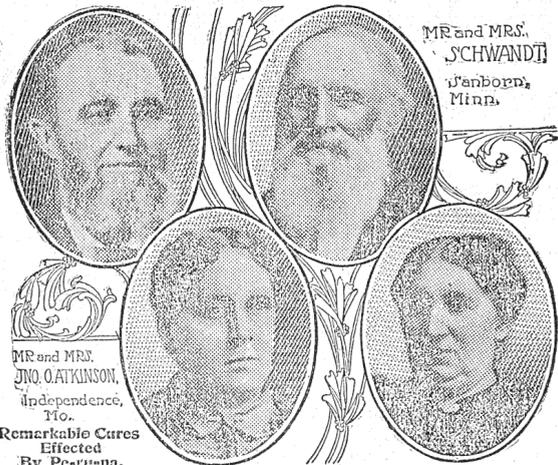
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# THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Are Never Without Pe-ru-na in the Home for Catarrhal Diseases.



Under date of January 10, 1897, Dr. Hartman received the following letter:

"My wife has been a sufferer from a complication of diseases for the past twenty-five years. Her case has baffled the skill of some of the most noted physicians. One of her worst troubles was chronic constipation of several years' standing. She was also passing through that most critical period in the life of a woman—change of life.

"In June, 1895, I wrote to you about her case. You advised a course of Peruna and Manalin, which we at once commenced, and have to say it completely cured her.

"About the same time I wrote you about my own case of catarrh, which had been of twenty-five years' standing. At times I was almost past going. I commenced to use Peruna according to your instructions and continued its use for about a year, and it has completely cured me. Your remedies do all that you claim for them, and even more."—John O. Atkinson.

In a letter dated January 1, 1900, Mr. Atkinson says, after five years' experience with Peruna:

"I will ever continue to speak a good word for Peruna. I am still cured of catarrh."—John O. Atkinson, Independence, Mo., Box 272.

Ask your Druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for 1905.

MR and MRS. SCHWANDT, Sanborn, Minn.

Mrs. Alla Schwandt, Sanborn, Minn., writes:

"I have been troubled with rheumatism and catarrh for twenty-five years. Could not sleep day or night. After having used Peruna I can sleep and nothing bothers me now. If I ever am affected with any kind of sickness Peruna will be the medicine I shall use. My son was cured of catarrh of the larynx by Peruna."—Mrs. Alla Schwandt.

Why Old People are Especially Liable to Systemic Catarrh.

When old age comes on, catarrhal diseases comes also. Systemic catarrh is almost universal in old people. This explains why Peruna has become so indispensable to old people. Peruna is their safeguard. Peruna is the only remedy yet devised that entirely meets these cases. Nothing but an effective systemic remedy can cure them.

A reward of \$10,000 has been deposited in the Market Exchange Bank, Columbus, Ohio, as a guarantee that the above testimonials are genuine; that we hold in our possession authentic letters certifying to the same. During many years' advertising we have never used, in part or in whole, a single spurious testimonial. Every one of our testimonials are genuine and in the words of the one whose name is appended.

## DEVIL GUARDED THE GOLD.

His Satanic Majesty's Portrait Indicated Treasurer House.

In this instance, as often, His Satanic Majesty proved a good guide to riches. Recently workmen were papering a wall in an old house at Perpignon, in the south of France. On the wall was fixed, as a curious ornament, a very ancient sculptured chair. The workman found it necessary to remove this, and discovered that the back of the chair had hidden a mural painting of the devil, horns, tail, cloven foot, diabolic grin—all.

Sounding the wall with their hammers the workmen easily found there was a hollow space behind it, into which they broke. There lay a big pile of tarnished gold pieces, some French, most of them Spanish.

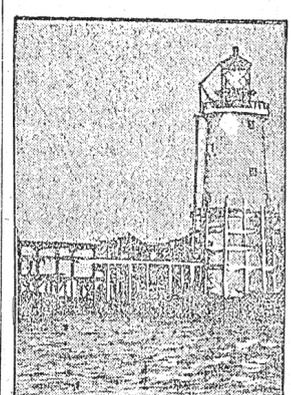
Of course this wealth amounting to some thousands of francs, reverted to the owner of the house. He rewarded handsomely those who found it, and does not concern himself whether it was accumulated by the aid of the sulphurous personage whose portrait indicated its hiding place.

## Newest Style of Lighthouse.

The Ram Island ledge (Maine) lighthouse, now practically finished, will, it is claimed, be the best in the world of its class. The appropriation was \$166,000.

The tower is of hewn stone, and the exterior is nearly as smooth as marble. It is lined with white enamel tiling, and the interior is finished in quartered oak of the finest quality. The glass is diamond shaped. The lantern is of bronze, cost \$10,000, and the salt air will have no effect upon it. The \$7,000 lens for the lamp was made in Paris.

The photograph shows the tower as



## Ram Island Lighthouse.

It looked just before the staging was removed.

Seven men are at work on the interior.

The light will be of the third order and will be a flash. The lighthouse is as firm as the great rock on which it stands. It will be of the greatest possible advantage to all masters of vessels entering or leaving Portland.

## Music-Charmed Water.

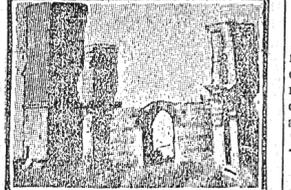
Interesting experiments showing the influence of a tuning-fork on jets of water have recently been made at the Royal College of Science in Dublin. A jet of falling water consists ordinarily of two parts—a clear column and a troubled portion. When the troubled part is photographed, with the aid of the electric spark, it is seen to be composed of a succession of drops following one another too rapidly to be separately perceived by the eye. These drops are irregular in size shape and distance from one another. But if a vibrating tuning-fork is placed in contact with the stand from which the jet starts, the drops fall into order with beautiful precision, a drop being cast off with each vibration. Many remarkable effects may be produced. A continuous jet may be thrown into a form like that of a vibrating string.

## Memorial to a Robber.

In the little town of Forlimpopoli near Bologna, a memorial tablet is about to be unveiled in the Municipal theater to the memory of a famous robber chieftain named Passatore. The reason why the theater is chosen for the home of his memorial is that in it was performed his most famous exploit. In September, 1854, while one of Rossini's operas was being performed in the presence of all the local beauty and fashion, Passatore and his band "held up" the audience and robbed them of all their valuables to the last penny.

## Palace of a King.

The palace of Alexander the Great was an imposing structure in its time, and the wonder is that any vestige of it stands to-day. It was built in a manner much more substantial than



that of to-day, though advocates of steel construction claim that the modern structure will defy time as long as any of those built by the ancients. Time alone will determine how much truth there is in this contention. On the Asiatic plain are the massive remains of an ancient gateway fringed with weeds, and, vaguely knowing who he was, the natives tell that this is all that is left of the palace of Alexander

## RAPID SPREAD OF PLANTS.

Seize Wide Stretches of Land in Glorious Profusion.

It is marvelous how rapidly some plants will spread themselves over wide stretches of land, says Longman's Magazine. The writer was struck with the way in which the yellow charlock took possession of the line when the Meon Valley railway was being made a few years ago. The very next spring after the embankments were thrown up their sides were clothed with this rampant and conspicuous crucifer. A line of yellow across the country marked in many places the course of the railway. Poppies, too, for some unknown reason, will occasionally appear in strange and wonderful profusion. The striking instance related by Lord Macaulay may be quoted by way of illustration. After the battle of Landen the ground, he tells us, "during many months was strewn with skulls and bones of men and horses, and with fragments of hats and shoes, saddles and holsters. The next summer, the soil, fertilized by twenty thousand corpses, broke forth into millions of poppies."

## Photography Foreshadowed.

La Fontaine, who died long before Scheele was born, gives in one of his fables a method of picture-making which may be regarded as foreshadowing the beautiful art which is now of service to mankind in so many different ways. It occurs under the title "Voyage Suppose," and a description runs as follows: "There was no painter in that country; but if anybody wished to have the portrait of a friend, of a picture, a beautiful landscape, or of any other object, water was placed in great basins of gold or silver, and then the object desired to be painted was placed in front of that water. After a while the water froze and became a glass mirror, on which an ineffaceable image remained."—T. L. Hopeworth in Chambers' Journal.

## Memories of Lady Tennyson.

Shortly after Lady Tennyson's marriage one of her women friends wrote the following: "We would find Mrs. Tennyson alone in the large drawing room—always writing—arrived in a dress of soft gray merino trimmed with velvet or fur, and with a long train, a piece of rich old lace, worn instead of a cap, drooping over her hair behind and coming to a point in front. She was extremely kind in lending us books; among these I particularly remember Fichte's philosophical works, which she admired greatly. Her manner was always most gracious and dignified—perhaps rather languid, but this arose chiefly from lack of vitality or physical strength."

## Games and Brains.

I have spent twelve years at the University of Cambridge and nine years of this period I have spent in teaching. I have always found that the fool at sports is the fool at books. Conversely, the good athlete is also a good student. The explanation is perfectly simple. A man or woman without brains cannot learn anything. They will be as great fools at games as they are fools at study.—Letter in London Mail.

## Singing Insects of Japan.

Among the natural curiosities of Japan are its singing insects. The most prized of these tiny musicians is a black beetle named "susumushi," which means "insect bell." The sound that it emits resembles that of a little silver bell of the sweetest and most delicate tone.

## Franklin's Wise Advice.

Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time. Resolve to perform what you ought; perform, without fail, what you resolve. Lose no time, be always employed in something useful.—Benjamin Franklin.

## COMPLETELY RESTORED.

Mrs. P. Brunzel, wife of P. Brunzel, stock dealer, residence 3111 Grand avenue, Everett, Wash., says: "For fifteen years I suffered with terrible pain in my back. I did not know what it was to enjoy a night's rest and arose in the morning feeling tired and unrefreshed. My suffering sometimes was simply indescribable. When I finished the first box of Doan's Kidney Pills I felt like a different woman. I continued until I had taken five boxes. Doan's Kidney Pills act very effectively, very promptly, relieve the aching pains and all other annoying difficulties."—Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

## Trying Spring Weather.

One of the odd observations of the medical profession is that of the deaths in all parts of the country, the number is larger in March and April of each year and smaller in October and November.

## THE PERUNA ALMANAC IN 8,000,000 HOMES.

The Peruna Lucky Day Almanac has become a fixture in over eight million homes. It can be obtained from all druggists free. Be sure to inquire early. The 1905 Almanac is already published, and the supply will soon be exhausted. Do not put it off. Get one to-day.



The letters of Miss Merkle, whose picture is printed above, and Miss Claussen, prove beyond question that thousands of cases of inflammation of the ovaries and womb are annually cured by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Gradual loss of strength and nerve force told me something was radically wrong with me. I had severe shooting pains through the pelvic organs, cramps and extreme irritation compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor said that I had ovarian trouble and ulceration, and advised an operation. I strongly objected to this and decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I soon found that my judgment was correct, and that all the good things said about this medicine were true, and day by day I felt less pain and increased appetite. The ulceration soon healed, and the other complications disappeared and in eleven weeks I was once more strong and vigorous and perfectly well.

"My heartiest thanks are sent to you for the great good you have done me."—Sincerely yours, Miss MARGARET MERKLEY, 275 Third St., Milwaukee, Wis.

## Miss Claussen Saved from a Surgical Operation.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—It seems to me that all the endorsements that I have read of the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound do not express one-half of the virtue the great medicine really possesses. I know that it saved my life and I want to give the credit where it belongs. I suffered with ovarian trouble for five years, had three operations and spent hundreds of dollars on doctors and medicines but this did not cure me after all.

"However, what doctors and medicines failed to do, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did. Twenty bottles restored me to perfect health and I feel sure that had I known of its value before, and let the doctors alone, I would have been spared all the pain and expense that fruitless operations cost me. If the women who are suffering and the doctors do not help them, will try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, they will not be disappointed with the results."—Miss CLARA M. CLAUSSEN, 1307 Penn St., Kansas City, Mo.

\$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove the absolute genuineness of the same. Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Mass.

One man's righteousness does not depend on his ability to prove another's wrongness.

Any fool can see a mistake after it has been made.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Those people who think that money is plentiful should be sent out collecting bills.

FREE THE GREAT KIDNEY AND LIVER CURE REMEDY, KENNEDY'S VITALIZER. Sold by Dr. KENNEDY'S SONS, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Some people who think they are simply perfect are perfectly simple.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Including Blood, Hemorrhoids or Protruding Piles. Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

When you lose an opportunity, don't lose time in worrying about it.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the bowels, relieves inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. bottle.

Most people who grant a favor expect two in return.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

The man who goes to the bad seldom has a long journey.

CELERY KING

The "Celery King complexion" is what one Brooklyn lady calls the beautiful skin that comes from the use of Celery King, the tonic-laxative. This great nerve tonic is made in both Herb and Tablet form. 25c.

Lady Skin Talk

"THE ONLY WAY" BETWEEN CHICAGO ST. LOUIS KANSAS CITY PEORIA

Handsomest, most luxurious train in the world; completely rock-bolstered roof, bed, no dust, no dirt, no smoke, no cinders.

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with name of publication in which you read this advertisement, to GEO. J. CHARLTON, General Passenger Agent, Chicago & Alton Railway, Lock Box 68, CHICAGO, ILL., and get the handsomest calendar of the year. Four beautiful scenes in color, unmarred by advertisements and ready for framing.

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It Cures Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Croup, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Influenza. A certain cure for Consumption in first stages, and a sure relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Sold by dealers everywhere. Large bottles 25 cents and 50 cents.

Mapi-Flake

for breakfast makes the work of the morning easier.

MEXICAN Mustang Liniment is a positive cure for Piles.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

The pictures we admire make our own portraits.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. For one 10c package colors silk, wool and cotton equally well and is guaranteed to give perfect results. Get dealer or we will send post paid for a 10c package. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MONROE DRUG CO., Unionville, Missouri.

# Useful Christmas Gifts

What gift can be more thoroughly appreciated than one or more articles from our

Lines of Clothing, Footwear or Furnishings

## Our Suits and Overcoats

have the "swing and go" that carry them into the good graces of particular people. The prices favor everybody \$5.00 to \$18.00. If you contemplate purchasing a suit or overcoat for yourself or friends, don't fail to see our snappy line.

## Royal Blue Rubbers

are fast gaining a reputation

They are the kind that is absolutely guaranteed. We have them in all styles.

## Selz Royal Blue Shoes for Men

The Duttonhoffer for Women and The Liberty Bell for Children

are lines that defy competition.

## Our line of Furnishings

NEVER WAS BETTER EQUIPPED. ANYTHING YOU MAY DESIRE IN

Neckwear, Collars, Cuffs, Underwear, Handkerchiefs, Gloves and Mittens, HATS AND CAPS, ETC.

Buy Black Cat Hosiery for men, women, boys and children. See our 50c Double Breasted Fleece Lined Underwear. Wishing you a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, we are At your service.



# THE MODEL

# JUST WHAT YOU WANT

## For Holiday Gifts

Will be found at our BIG DOUBLE STORE

### Ladies' Handbags

Complete assortment at 25c, 50c, \$1, \$1.25, \$2, and \$3 each. Something new for the children at 5c, 10c and 25c each.

### Ladies' Turnovers and Fancy Collars

New line to show you at 10c, 25c, and 50c each.

### Table Linens and Napkins

A very useful holiday gift. We have a good line to select from.

### Bed Spreads

At 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, and \$3.

### Lace Curtains

At 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, and \$5 pr.

### Floor Rugs

At \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5.

### Ladies' Furs

At \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 up to \$18 each. Good assortment to select from.

### Ladies' and Children's Coats

Ladies' Coats at \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$10, up to \$25. Children's Coats at \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, up to \$15. We have some special bargains to offer you in Ladies' and Children's Coats.

### Ribbons

1,000 Pieces of Ribbon. As this is the season for ribbons we have laid in an extra supply for holiday trade. All kinds, colors and prices. See our box of ribbon remnants for bargains.

### Holiday Handkerchiefs

Good assortment colored handkerchiefs for sofa pillows just in. 1,500 school handkerchiefs at 2c each, 3 for 5c. Ladies' handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c and 75c. Gents' handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 15c, and 25c.

### Fancy Pillow Tops

### Oil Paintings on Canvas

At 50c each.

### Underwear and Hosiery

Most complete line in the Thumb.

### Gloves and Mittens

Our stock is best values in Ladies', Gents' and Children's we have ever shown.

## OUR GROCERY DEP'T

Buy your holiday supply at our grocery counter. Everything fresh. Our stock of groceries is strictly new. All our canned goods is this year's crop; all high class goods.

Maple syrup ..... \$1 gal.  
Corn syrup ..... 35c gal. pail  
Corn syrup ..... 20c 1-2 gal. pail  
Corn syrup ..... 10c 1-4 gal. pail  
Royal Excelsior Cleaned currants ..... 10c lb  
North Shore peas ..... 15c can  
Empire Sugar corn ..... 10c can  
Empire beans ..... 15c can  
Empire tomatoes ..... 15c can  
Dundee tomatoes first quality ..... 10c can  
Choice Red Alaska Salmon ..... 15c can  
Medium Red salmon ..... 10c can  
Good tea at ..... 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c lb  
No. 1 Cheese ..... 15c lb  
Light honey ..... 15c lb  
We handle nothing but a No. 1 Granulated Sugar, our price ..... 61-2c lb

You can buy a cheaper grade of granulated for about 1c a pound less, but we find good cooks want nothing but the best.

### GOOD COFFEE

If you appreciate good coffee buy your next pound at our grocery counter. Good coffee at 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c.

### Christmas Candies and Nuts

Fresh supply just in for the holidays.

Mixed Candies ..... Almonds  
Cream Candies ..... Pecons  
Chocolate Candies ..... Filberts  
Salted Peanuts ..... Walnuts  
Peanuts in shell 10c lb ..... Brazils

### FANCY CAKES

25 Different kinds of Fancy Cakes at 10c, 12c, and 15c lb.

We will pay you as much for your butter and eggs as any other firm in town.

I will pay for the coming week, in trade

For strictly Fresh Eggs = = 25c per Doz.

For No. 1 Dairy Butter = = 18c per lb.

## I WILL SELL

1st Grade Water White Oil, Perfection Brand = = 8c Gal.

5 Gal. for 40c.

No. 1 Japan or Carolina Rice for = = 3c per lb.

# G. J. Fairweather

DRY GOODS.

### LOCAL ITEMS.

One and one-third fare for the round trip is the Xmas and New Year excursion rate on the P. O. & N. Tickets may be purchased on Dec. 24, 26 and 31, 1904, and Jan. 1 and 2, 1905, which will be limited to Jan. 4. One fare for the round trip by way of Pontiac will be charged to Canadian points. Tickets may be purchased on Dec. 15, 16 and 17 and are limited to Jan. 7. This includes all stations in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick except points west of Ailsa Craig, Chatham and Komoka, Ont., or to stations east of Hamilton or Canfield Junction on lines east to Niagara frontier. This exception will not apply to Toronto, Montreal or any points north of Lake Ontario. Children from 5 to 12 go for half fare in either case.

W. W. Wixon of Bay City, who is interested in the steam railroad project from Bay City to Pt. Huron, was in town Monday and in speaking of the project said that there is no doubt whatever in his mind but that the road will be built. Just what course will be taken through the country and what towns will be taken in he was not prepared to say. "I am confident, however," said Mr. Wixon, "that if Cass City will give the promoters sufficient encouragement, the road will pass through here. And if its citizens do not, I am equally confident that it will go through Deford or Wilmet and then on to Shabbona." When asked whether the road would reach Shabbona if it passed through Cass City, he said he thought it would not but would go straight east of here

until it had passed the Shabbona territory.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred at the elevator of McCallum & Co. last Friday afternoon. A span of young horses belonging to Wm. McCallum became frightened at the noise made by loading cans onto the dray to which the horses were hitched and Mr. McCallum stepped in front of them and took hold of the bridles, but they threw him down and it is thought one of them stepped on his head cutting an ugly gash over his left eye. The wheels of the wagon passed over his back as the horses started for town but it did not injure him, although he was unconscious for a couple of hours after the accident. One of the horses was caught near I. B. Auten's residence, having freed itself from the wagon. Neither horse was hurt and only the wagon tongue was broken. Mr. McCallum resumed his duties at the elevator the next day and other than a few bruises he feels none the worse for his experiences.

Michael Steinhauser, whose death was noted last week, was born in Wurtenburg, Germany on Sept. 16, 1835 and died Thursday, Dec. 8, 1904, after a long illness. He was first married in 1862 to Miss Amelia Childrop and to them were born four children, two of whom are living, Mrs. M. Seeger of this place and Michael Steinhauser, who resides in Seattle, Washington. His second wife was Miss Louisa Muntz to whom he was united in marriage in 1882. Nine children were born to them, eight of whom are living. Six are at home, a son is in Cleveland, Ohio, and the residence of one is not known at present. He was a resident of New York City for 15 years coming to Cass City in 1881. He was a mason by trade and laid the brick for the first building erected in this village. He was the contractor for all the Hitchcock buildings, the McPhail bank, the Crosby block, the Fritz block and several others. He has always been an active and industrious man until the last three years during which time he has been unfitted for labor on account of illness. The funeral services were held in the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Penn officiating and the remains laid to rest in Elkland cemetery.

A bunch of keys attached to small chain was lost last week on Main street. Finder will please return same to this office and receive suitable reward. 12-16-

House for rent, one and one-half miles from town. Inquire of S. G. BENKELMAN.

### A MATTER OF HEALTH

**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**  
Absolutely Pure  
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## Warm Footwear

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either price gets you a solid suit. A suit that you will feel at home in—that you'll feel dressed in—that will be strongly, thoroughly made.

It will be cut to fit you perfectly, it will be fashionable, and it will be big value for whatever money you pay for it.

Let us show you what's here.

Wilson Harrison,  
Anderson Block.

### BEANS \$2.25 A BUSHEL.

Farmers do you realize it pays to well care for a good paying crop? The genuine "Miller Bean Harvester" made only by the Le Roy Plow Company, Le Roy, New York, is better than it has been in its twenty-five years history. Others imitate it, but the genuine leads all others and costs no more. Furnished with steel or cast wheels. It overcomes the hardest part of raising the crop and never fails to give good satisfaction. For sale by STRIFFLER & McDERMOTT, Cass City.

### IN MEMORY OF MRS. D. SCHNIDER.

At Cass City Sunday afternoon  
Many eyes were sad and dim,  
Many hearts were aching sadly  
As they sang the funeral hymn.

Friends and neighbors too had gathered  
'Round the corpse with tearful eyes,  
But they vain could keep her longer  
From her home beyond the skies.

Her little children they shall miss her  
As the days and weeks go by,  
There is no one like a mother  
For to rock their lullaby.

But bright angels stood there waiting,  
And they waited not in vain,  
Friend Rosie now has joined them,  
And has left this world of pain.

She has left a blank behind her,  
She has left a vacant room,  
She in all her youth and beauty  
Now lies sleeping in the tomb.

But we know that God is wisest  
Though he took this loved one home,  
She in beauty and in glory  
Now with angels bright does roam.

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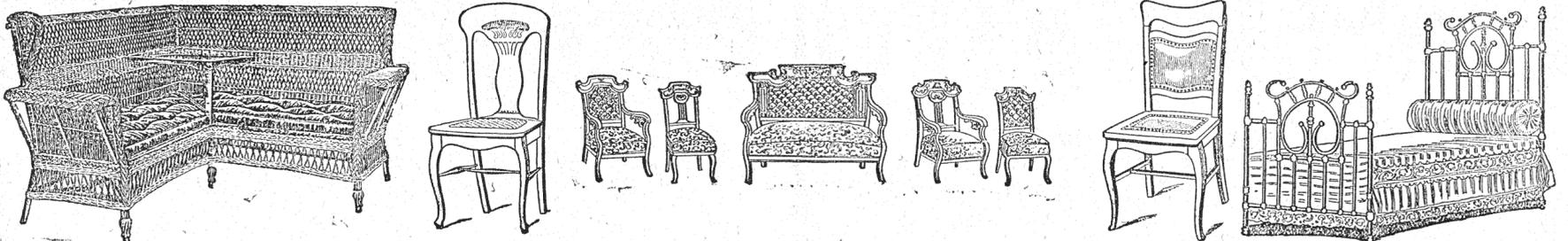
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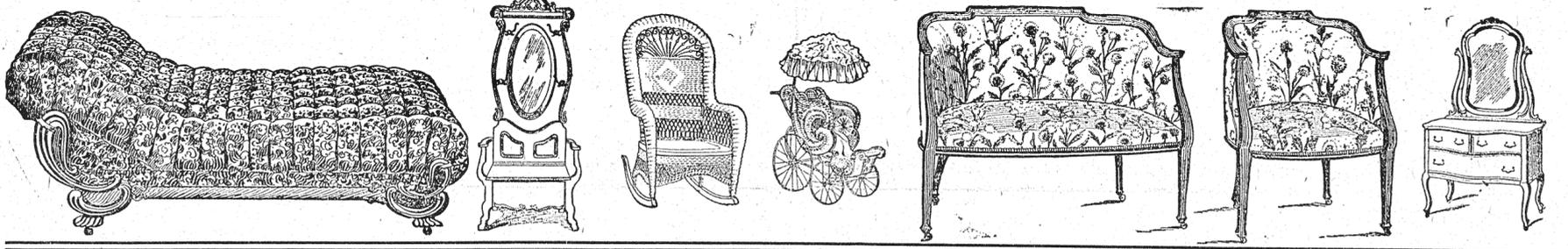
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## CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Two weeks ago the Chronicle offered a little prize to the boys and girls for the three best letters written to Santa Claus and we take pleasure in printing the letters, thirty-nine of them, in this issue, together with the decision of the judges. The boys and girls responded willingly to the invitation and we are sure they did their very best which made it a rather difficult question for the judges to decide. They awarded the first prize of seventy-five cents to May Benkelman, age eight years, of Cass City; second prize of fifty cents to Winifred McCracken, age seven years, of Deford; and third prize of twenty-five cents to Vera Bardwell, age seven years, of Cass City. The letters were judged according to composition; penmanship, number of errors, the age of the writer, and appearance of outside help received. The task was not easy to say the least, and we trust that everyone will be satisfied with the decision as we believe they have given the matter careful consideration. We are sure that our readers will enjoy reading the little letters as much as the Chronicle force has in preparing them to be printed and may every little boy and girl receive the best remembrances from Santa Claus. The letters are printed without corrections as follows:

Cass City Mich Dec. 10, 1904.  
My Dear Old Santa Claus:- It has been nearly a year since I heard much about you but I have thought about you lots of times so I thought I would write you a little letter and tell you a few things I would like to have for Christmas if you have them you can fetch them if not fetch anything that you like I would like a pony a sled and a pair of skate straps I guess this is all  
from  
**JOHN D. CRAWFORD**  
Cass City Mich

Deford Mich Dec 7 1904.  
Dear Santa Claus I am a little girl seven years old the 18 day of last October. I go to school I am in the second reader. I can add, subtract and multiply. I like my teacher. Please bring me a big sleepy doll Christmas with blue eyes and light hair. I live in the Township of Kingston County of Tuscola state of Michigan.  
by  
**WINIFRED McCRACKEN**  
Deford, Mich.

Kingston, Mich Dec. 8, 1904  
Dear Santa Claus:- I'm a little girl eight years old. I'm in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Elva Deo. Dear old Santie may be you would like to know what I want from your pack I want a set of furs. I've got a little sister that never seen a Christmas yet so don't forget her fill her stockings it won't take much. If there is any one to be left out leave me out. Good night old Santie from  
**MARTHA HARTSELL**  
Kingston Mich

Cass City Mich. Dec. 8, 1904.  
Dear Santa Claus. I am a little girl eight years old. I am trying to be a good girl. I help mamma do her work. Will you please bring me a set of dishes and a story book and a piano and a magic lantern and some candy and nuts. Be sure to bring my brothers something nice.  
**MAY BENKELMAN.**  
Age 8 years.

Cass City Mich Dec the 10 1904  
Dear Santa Claus I think it is about time that you was here now I must tell you what I want I want a horn and a drum and a engin and a fire wagon and lots of candy and nuts you will find the christmas tree in the setting room at the south side and there will be a nice peace of pie and some cake for you on the table in the dining room. well I guess that will be plenty for a little boy I will take good care of my toys. Good by from  
**WILLIE HENRY**  
to Santa Claus my age is 7 years I am in the first grade

Dec. 10-04 Cass City Mich  
Dear Santa Claus: Come down the chimney at Christmas. Be sure that you do not forget. You will find us all tucked in our beds snug and tight. Each hoping a gift to find. I want an air gun and a picture book and a ring that will change color every day. I will have a Christmas tree where you can find it to put my presents on. Isn't it nearly time for you to come Dear Santa Claus?  
Age 9 years. **CLAUDE ELLIOTT**

Dear Mr Santy Claus I have often wondered why they say you always come down the chimney but dear old santy it don't make any difference which way you come as long as you come to see me now dear old santy I can't wait until you come to fill my stockings now santy can I please hang up one of grand mamma because hers is good and big and mine is so so small I am your little friend  
Age 7 **IO HULBURT**

Dear Good Santa Claus i will write you a letter to tell you what i want for exmas first and most i would like a story book that has pictures in it and a pair of gloves and a dolly and a pocketbook to hold my money when i go shopping and a doll's trunk to hold my doll's clothes and a tea set and now dear santa i will say good bye Hoping you will not think i ask for too much  
**IRENE RENSHLER**  
Age 9 years.

Cass City, Mich, Dec. 10, 1904.  
Dear Santa Claus:-as it is nearly time for you to come I thought I would write you a letter and tell you what I would like you to bring I would like a magic-lantern and a set of tools and an airgun and a nice tory-book and plenty of nuts and candy and you will find the Christmas tree in the sitting room at the south side you will find a nice worm fire I guess that is all good by from  
**ROY HENRY**  
to Santa Clause My age is 9 years I am in the second grade

Dear Santa Clause the Chronicle said that they wanted all the little girls and boys in Cass City to write a letter to you and I am a little girl 8 years old going to school. Oh Santa I want a doll and cab a ring and a Bible. my stockings will be found on a chair in my bedroom and please Santa Claus dont forget. I have two little Sisters and two little Brothers and please Santy Claus dont forget to  
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This sale will include all our stock of Ladies' and Children's Cloaks; everything in Ladies' and Children's Underwear.

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### CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

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bring them something and the Good Chronicle man ought to have something too. Good Bye and hurry up X-Mas. PAULINE ELLIOTT.

Cass City, Mich.

My dear Santa Claus. How very nice and kind you are. It seems as though you were kin to me, you know you always came to our house the night before Christmas in Virginia, and here too; and filled our stockings with nice things I hope you may come again this year and fill our hearts with everlasting love to Christ our Savior whose birth you celebrate by your Christmas visits. With kind regards to you I am your little friend. SADIE M. BUTLER.

Age 9 years.

Dec. 5 1904 Gagetown, Mich.  
R. F. D. No. 2.

Dear Santa Claus—as it is now near Christmas I will write and tell you what I want you to bring me. please bring me a doll and go cart, a picture book, a new dress, a Little Rocking chair, nuts and candy, a set of Little dishes a parlor set for a doll, a pair of golf gloves, a gold ring, a sled, a shetland pony, and cart. I will not ask more for fear you will forget and not bring anything. From your Loving Little girl GERTIE McWEBB.

Age 9 years

Deford Dec. 5th, 1904

Dear Santa Claus I am a little girl ten years old and I would like to tell you what I would like you to bring me for Christmas a story book and a set of dishes and some candy and nuts Yours truly

WINNIFRED SPENCER  
R. F. D. No. 1, Deford Mich

December the 6 1894

dear old santa Claus I seen your picture and I thought I would like to have you come and see me I like santa so well I am just 6 years old my ma is dead and I live with my grampa and gramma my name is Mary Dunlap I have the tooth ake

Novesta.

Dear Mr Santa Claws will you please bring me a real live Sister for a Christmas gift enclose if you haint got any girl babys on hand we will take a boy it would be better than none. Dr. Tredgold took one to Liz-

zie Youngs. Dr Hays I guess he haint got any he was out here four times and did not bring a baby. So do Please bring a baby I will hold it all the time my sisters wash the dishes encorse I dont like to wash dishes anyway. I know my Papa will be glad if you bring a baby he is supvisor and gets pay for putting names down. there is a lot more things I wont but if you will only bring a nice baby I wont ask for any more things not even Candy. I am 8 years and 7 months old.

RETTA MAY BROWN  
R. F. D. No. 3 Cass City

Cass City Mich Dec 9 04

Dear Sandy claus Xmas is near and I thought that I would rite you a little letter I am seven years old and I go to school and I am in the second graid and my theacher name is Miss fritz and Pleas Sandy claus I want you to bring me a new suit of close and a drum and some story books and some shot for my air gun and a jack knife and a pair of Skates and that is all I will ask of you So good by Santy from JOHNNIE COOTS.

Deford Dec 7th 1904

Dear Santa Claus Will you come to my place Christmas and bring me a nice pair of gloves a pair of shoes a Christmas book a set of little dishes a tooth brush some candy, some peanuts, some gum, a pair of over-shoes, scrap book, and a album I am 9 years old I am a little girl My address is Deford Michigan Your truly ROSALIND SILVERTHORN

Deford Mich

Cass City Mich. Dec 4 1904

Dear santa Claus I am a little girl seven years old and I go to school I have a little brother his name is Lyle he is four years old. My teacher's name is Miss Ethel Hunt she has a small school there are 15 scholar's. For christmas I would like a warm pair of overshoes for I am afraid the weather will be cold. yours truly.

VERA BARDWELL.

Age seven years.

Cass City Mich Dec 9, 1904

Dear Santa Claus. It is so near Christmas I thought it was about time I was writing to you and telling you what I want Im always glad when you come with your reindeers Christmas eve you will find my stolkings hinging at the chimney so they will be handy for you when you come down the chimney will I guess this



WRITING TO DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS.

is all be sure and come Christmas. Good by from DUGALD DUNCANSON

Cass City Dec 9, 1904

Dear old Santa Claus I am a little boy eight years old. I have not heard much about you for a long time so I thought I would write you a letter. and let you know I have been trying to be a good boy. I thank you for the

present you gave me last Xmas. I would like you to come around to me this Xmas. your little friend HARRY McLAREN

Cass City, Dec. 10; 1904.

Dear Santa Claus I want a set of dishes and a doll, a comb and brush for my doll; and a cradle all for christmas and bring good toys to all the girls and boys and I. would like a table I, thank you for the presents

you have given me merry christmas. HELEN CAMPBELL,

age 7 years

Cass City.

Dear Santa Clusa, I thought that I would write you a little letter. I hope that you will call at my place. I hope it will snow so you can bring your sleigh and your eight tiny reindeer's. I don't believe I care for any dollie's this year. I think I am getting to be a big girl now. I would like a nice story book. So good by to your old Santa a merry merry Christmas your truly nine years old GRACIE MEISER

Deford, Mich. Dec. 9, 1904

Dear Santa Claus.—I am a little girl nine years old, and I live one and one half miles from Deford. I would like you to come to our place Christmas eve and leave me a few of your many toys. I would like a doll and a set of dishes, a cradle, and some candy and peanuts. From your little friend, MAUD E. GIBBARD.

Deford, Mich. Dec. 9 1904.

Mr. Santa Claus, Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl eight years old. I live one mile from Deford. I would like for christmas a little stove, dollcab, and a set of dishes. If you would be so kind as to fetch me those presents which I asked for. I remain your friend

IRIS WALKER,  
Box 12 Deford Mich.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 9, 1904.

Dear Santa Claus,—It is getting near Christmas I want a new doll Christmas I want two handkerchieves I like Santa Claus very well LAURA STRIFFLER.

Colwood, Mich., Dec. 9 1904.

To Dear Sandy Clows I wright to let you know that I am going to cho I now & I like my Teacher she is kind to me & all the others that good I now dear sandy clows that you will not for get me I would like a nice big doll & carriage & what ever you would be glad & thank you for what every you send I remain you True little frind LAURA GALLANGHER Colwood Mich

Colwood, Mich., Dec. 8 1904.

Dear Sandy Claws I wright you a little letter to remind you of another little girl that is looking for you to not for get her which I know you wount it is my little sister her name is NORA GALLANGAER Colwood Mich

Cass City, Dec. 10 1904

Dear old Santy. It is nearly time for you to come again? I am a little girl seven years old and I would like a large doll carriage and three handkerchiefs. I hope I will not be disappointed. You will find my stockings near the stove, and would you add some candy. Yours Lovingly, MYRL ROWLEY.

Cass City, Mich. December 3 1904

Dear Santa Claus,—For Christmas I want a doll that can wink, a set of dishes, a picture-book, a hair ribbon, a pussy-hood, and a sled, and a box of colored pencils. Now I can not think of any thing else, so I will close

INEZ SOLDAN.  
Age 8 years.

P. S. Oh! I forgot I want a pair of gloves.

Cass City, Mich. Oct 9 1904

Dear Sant Clause I heard you were going to sent out and have all the little children wright under 10 years old, and so I thought that I would write to, and tell you what I wanted for xmas present and I will tell you what I want a little rocking chair and Ring. I will be 10 years old the 26 of jan. I cant say any more so goodbye friend, MINNIE BRIGGS,

R. F. D. N. 3. Cass City, Mich.

Cass City, Mich. Dec. 3, 1904.

Dear Santa Claus—When you make your round on the night before Christmas don't forget to stop at my house. I want a doll two feet high and a trunk full of clothes for her and a doll's bed and wheel chair, and picture book. If you can't get this all into my stocking put my name on the rest so no one else will get my presents. Yours truly,

LILLY SOLDAN,  
age 5 years.

Cass City, Mich. Dec. 9 1904.

Dear Santa, It is very near Christmas and I will write you letting you know what I would like for Christmas. I would like a sled and a pair of skates, a pair of rubber boots and an over coat. From your friend

THOMAS SCUPHOLM.

Cass City Mich., Dec. 10, 1904.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,—I am a Little girl nine years old, my birthday and Christmas come on the same day. I want you to please send me a new pair of skates, a new sled, and a big doll. You can tie your reindeer to our gate post and come down the kitchen chimney for it is the largest and you will find my stockings hang-

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# Xmas Novelties in Abundance

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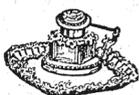
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## A Doll's Christmas

A Quaint Tale of Life in the Nursery When Little Boys and Girls Are All Sound Asleep

.....By LAWTON JOHNSON

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ONE Christmas eve a wax doll sat on a chair in a pretty room in which a number of children were in bed. A fire was burning on the hearth. Stockings were hanging to the mantel to be filled with toys for the children who were sleeping soundly, doubtless dreaming of what they were to receive in the morning. The face of one of them, a delicate, fair haired boy, was turned toward the doll, and she did not tire looking at it, for the face, though pale and thin, was very delicately molded.

On the mantel were two figures in porcelain. One was a boy in an old fashioned coat and knee breeches, with a sash around his waist and a cocked hat and feather. His right hand was thrust into his coat in front, and he looked like a figure of Napoleon. The other was a girl with a short dress and a sailor hat. Her head was poised one side, and she looked very well satisfied with herself. Indeed, she was very pretty.

"How do you do?" said the girl image to the doll. "Don't you think this a pleasant room?"

"Indeed it is, but I've not seen many. I was only born"—She paused to think again when she was born, but couldn't remember, so she said instead, "Isn't it a beautiful world?"

"Do you think so?" said the boy. "My sister and I have had a hard time getting into it. We were baked in a furnace, and it was so hot."

"Well, don't tell me about it," interrupted the doll. "I'd rather hear about pleasant places."

The figures told her a great many things, but the girl was very vain of her beauty, and the boy was taken up with what he knew about the world, of which the doll knew nothing at all, so she didn't listen long, but fell asleep while they were talking.

Suddenly she awoke with a start. What was that noise in the chimney? She had scarcely time to think about it when out on the hearth popped a little figure in fur. He unstrapped a pack he carried and filled all the stockings with toys. Then he jumped back into the chimney and was gone in a twinkling. This set the doll to wondering more than ever.

Everything was again silent except the clock, which ticked very loud. There were the children asleep in bed, the little pale faced boy with his head resting on his arm, the girl image on the mantel with her head on one side thinking how pretty she was and the boy thinking how much he knew about the world. The doll soon went to sleep again.

In the morning she was awakened by a shouting. The children were running about in their night clothes, talking their toys from their stockings and chattering like monkeys. The fair haired boy sat up in bed and looked on, for he was too delicate to get up like the other children. The doll noticed that he had great blue eyes, which seemed ever so large as he looked wonderingly at all that was going on. Then there came a knocking on the wall, and the children knew that it was a sign for them to get back to bed and not take gold, and back they scrambled, laughing and tumbling over one another, and covered themselves up.

Presently the father and mother came in and distributed the toys. The doll was for one of the girls, but the boy insisted on having it himself. Then when all were loaded with presents they carried them down to the breakfast room.

What a day it was! The children were racing about, playing with their toys, and people were coming in continually to see the presents, and the sun shone brightly on the snow outside, and the fire shone brightly within on the brass andirons and fender, and after dinner stories were told the children till they were all astonished by the number of wonderful things that happen. The boy with the light hair and blue eyes lay in his mother's arms, hugging the doll with his breast pressed against his, so that she could hear his heart beat, and she wondered why there was no such beating in her own heart. This was the happiest moment she had ever known. She was only a day old, but something told her that nothing in the world could ever make her happier.

When the children went upstairs the boy insisted on keeping the doll by him till he got into bed, when his mother persuaded him to part with it till morning. She placed it on a chair before the fire where he could see it till he should go to sleep and the first thing on awakening in the morning.

When the children were all asleep the doll looked up from the chair at the images on the mantel. She was too happy to go to sleep. "What a lovely day I have had," she said. "Just wait," replied the boy image, "till you have been knocked about the world awhile and you'll see." He looked as wise as an owl. "I think it very nice," said the girl image, "so long as you are young and pretty, but I don't like the idea of getting old and cracked, perhaps having my arms or legs broken off."

awhile, but presently it seemed to be too hot. The doll thought she began to feel a softening in her feet. She didn't know what it meant, but it frightened her. It extended to her legs; then she felt it in her arms and at last in her face and neck. A log of wood fell down on the coals, and the fire blazed higher, hotter than ever. The doll felt herself melting away.

"You're going," said the boy figure on the mantel. "It's just as well; the world isn't all like this household."

"It's just as well," echoed the girl image. "Your beauty will not have to fade."

"I don't want to go," cried the doll mournfully. "I want to stay with my blue eyed boy. The world may be full of sadness, but there must be pleasure as well, for it is here."

There was something so plaintive in her voice that even the images refrained from any further remarks. The fire blazed hotter, and the wax, which had as yet only softened, began to melt. Something splattered on the floor. It was a drop of melted wax.

Oh, that her little boy would get up and move her back from the fire! But he slept on peacefully, and as she had no voice for real children she couldn't call to him.

So the doll felt that she was melting away. Drop by drop she fell on the floor. The room, with its rich hangings, the children sleeping, the firelight flickering, the shadows and, above all, the memory of her brief existence—for, after all, a doll can only exist—seemed to be gradually fading away. She sighed to think that she couldn't have been born with a soul, to be loved and go on loving forever; that she could not grow up like a real child to see the unfolding of all the wonderful things in the world, passing from one existence to another instead of going out altogether. Then she thought that she might never have been born at all, never have had the one glimpse of the happy household, the one Christmas, the blue eyed boy and her single day of love. So she said: "I can't understand it. I will try not to murmur, but trust that it is all for the best."

And then—and then she awoke! The horror of melting had only been a dream. She had fallen asleep before the hot fire, but some kind hand had drawn the chair back, and in a few moments she was again clasped in the fond arms of her blue eyed boy.

### CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO.

How the Day Is Celebrated in the Land of Diaz.

In Mexico Christmas eve is observed, as in Spain, with the Noche Buena. The streets and plazas are thronged with people. Of all the shop windows so gay and brilliant in their holiday attire none is so bright as the confectioner's. Nowhere is the confectioner's art carried to a greater perfection. At midnight of the Noche Buena all Mexico forsakes its pleasures and repairs to the Misa del Gallo, or mass of the cock, a high mass of the most imposing character, which, in every one of the magnificent temples reared by the Catholic church in the City of Mexico, is celebrated exactly at midnight on Christmas eve or morning to commemorate the Saviour's birth. All the churches have an augmented choir and a large orchestra specially engaged for the occasion. The mass is celebrated with every concomitant that can heighten its effect and grandeur.

### Ancient Drinking Guilds.

It is gravely said by an authority that the Dutch guilds, the most ancient of workingmen's organizations, had their origin in the drinking guilds, which, although they did not, as in the case of the Greeks and Romans, exalt drink to the rank of a deity, made it a kind of civic dignitary. These drink guilds and drink brethren existed from the earliest times until the latter part of the sixteenth century, when their excesses led to their suppression. It is held that men who worked together drank together and thus formed the primitive club which developed into the guild.—Notes and Queries.

### Hose of Olden Time.

In the very long ago hose were not stockings as now worn, but made long and were often drawn up even to the waist, and, oddly enough, had pockets in their sides. We read, moreover, that in the time of the Tudors and Stuarts they were of great variety, both of material and color, and for such as could command the luxury were richly trimmed and costly; they were often called "nether stocks."

### Useless Labor.

"Don't be afraid of making me angry by telling me your candid opinion of my verses, old fellow. Criticism doesn't make any difference with me."

"I know that, my dear boy, but the trouble is that it doesn't make any difference with your verses either."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### Singular and Plural.

"Funny! There was a time when the barbers used to speak of my hair."

"You mean before you began to get bald?"

"Yes. Now they speak of my hairs."—Philadelphia Press.

## Long Afore I Knewed

JES' a little bit o' feller—I remember still—  
Ust to almost cry for Christmas, like a youngster will.

Fourth o' July's nothin' to it!—New Year's ain't a smell; Easter Sunday, circus day—jest all dead in the shell. I ust, though—at night, you know—to set around and hear 'The old folks work the story off about the ledge and deer And Santy shootin' round the roof, all wrapped in fur and fuzz—

Long afore I knowed who Santy Claus wuz.

UST to wait and set up late a week or two ahead; Couldn't hardly keep awake nor wouldn't go to bed; Kittle stevin' on the fire and mother sittin' here; Darnin' socks and rockin' in the skeezy rockin' chair; Pap'd gap and wonder where it wuz the money went And quarl with his foot heels and spit his liniment, And me a-dreamin' sleighbells when the clock 'd whir and buzz—

Long afore I knowed who Santy Claus wuz.



SIZE the fireplace up and figure how Old Santy could Manage to come down the chimney like they said he would;

Wish that I could hide and see him—wondered what he'd say

If he ketches a feller layin' for him that a-way. But I bet on him and 'lowed him, same as if he had Turned to put me on the back and say, 'Look here, my lad, Here's my pack: ja' he's yourself, like all good boys do.' Long afore I knowed who Santy Claus wuz.

WISH that yam wuz true about him, as it 'peared to be—  
Truth made out o' lies, that us' good enough for me! Wish I still was so confidin'—I could jes' go wild Over hangin' up my stockings, like the little child Climbin' in my lap tonight and beggin' me to tell 'Bout them reindeers and Old Santy that she loves so well.

I'm half sorry for this little girl sweetheart of his—  
Long afore She knows who Santy Claus is. —James Whitcomb Riley.

### Plum Pudding.

One pound of grated bread, one and a quarter pounds of grated suet, one pound of raisins, one pound of brown sugar, twelve eggs, well beaten; two wineglassfuls of brandy, one-quarter pound of citron, cut fine. Mix all these the night before. In the morning before putting it in the cloth stir two tablespoonfuls of wheat flour, beat the cloth and sprinkle with flour. Tie tightly and boil four hours. Put a plate turned on the under part in the pot under the pudding, add cinnamon and nutmeg if liked.

### CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

**A Youthful Schemer.**  
Little Emerson—You don't believe in any such ridiculous myth as Santa Claus?  
Tough Jimmy—Naw! I'm next to dat game. All de same, it's a good graft to let on you believe in him an' git all dat's comin' to you.

**Let Her Pass.**  
The mistletoe above the door Expectant swains were viewing. A maid passed through, but she was more Than thirty. Nothin' doing! —Philadelphia Press.

**Their Christmas Presents.**  
Papa—I am afraid that I shall not be able to get the children any Christmas presents this year.  
Mamma—Oh, John!  
Papa—Well, it isn't my fault. I have tried my very best to open their banks. —Brooklyn Life.

**His Plaintiff.**  
The Christmas cynic's here again To irritate the soul. He says that he gets neckties when He needs a ton of coal.

**An Insuperable Objection.**  
"I would like to give my object to you as a Christmas present," said young Poore to Miss Rocks.  
"Papa does not allow me to receive expensive presents from young men," replied the maiden.—Town Topics.

**Vanishing Pomp.**  
How worldly pride kin pass away, I's takin' for my text. What is a Christmas tree one day Is kindlin' wood do nex'. —Washington Star.

**A Friendship Christmas.**  
Eustacia—What shall we do this Christmas?  
Edmonia—You give me back all the things I've given you that you didn't like, and I'll give you all the things you gave me that I didn't like.—Detroit Free Press.

**The Foresighted Shopper.**  
With Christmas near I'm not distressed. With thoughts of what to buy; No gifts to seek, my soul's at rest— I bought them last July.

### CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Continued from second page.  
ing on the line in front of it. Goodby.  
SARAH LITTLE

Dear old Santa Clause how-do-you-do. Will you bring me a sled a story book and little game and a Christmas tree and some canies nuts—and then what you think best. From  
BELLE PARKER

Dec. 9, 1904.  
Dear Santa Claus. It is almost Christmas. I will write and tell you what I would like to have. A doll a ring and a bracelet and a set of furs a nice Christmas tree. please dont forget me I am 7 years old goodby.  
MABEL R. AHR.

Colwood Mich Dec 7-1904  
Mr Santa Clause

Dear sir. As the Tri County Chronicle has kindly offered to forward the letters of its young readers to you, I will inform you what I most wish. I am nine years ten months old and love to write letters and do a lot of writing and would be pleased if you would bring me a box of letter paper and envelopes with the heading printed Miss Thressa McCarthy Colwood Mich on the heading of each sheet as I am going to school every day. I would like a pair of overshoes now I think that will be enough for my share as you have so many little children to give to. I hope you will have the best of health for years to come I remain your loving little Friend  
MISS THRESSA MCCARTHY  
Colwood Mich

don't forget to put this in the paper  
Cass City Mich Des 19 1904  
Christmas is coming I would like to no what I was going to have for Christmas Would you tell me. I would like to see you?  
LAURA MAIER  
Christmas is a very good man  
Cass City Dec. 10, 1904.

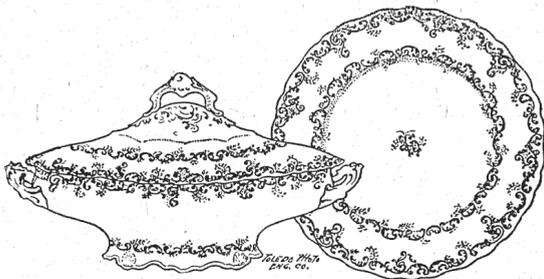
Dear Santa:— I am writing you a letter and I am going to have a printed in the Chronicle. I hope you can read that take the Chronicle, because mamma says its the best paper there is. I want you to bring me for Christmas a teaset a Bible and some cream candy. And bring Justin (he's my little brother but can't write.) a set of marbles, a hammer, and some taffy.  
Your friend  
BELLE McDERMOTT.

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## H. L. HUNT

### What the Robin Told The Holly Sprig

By MARY BAIN BILTON

ON a mountain side grew a sprig of holly. Beneath, in the valley, nestled a village, and the holly could see the people moving about, the cattle going to and from the brook for water; indeed, there was constant motion, while the holly sprig was always still except when the wind set it in motion. One morning a robin lit on the holly sprig, clutching it with its tiny claws.

"How I wish I were you!" said the sprig to the bird. "You can fly anywhere and see what is going on, while I am doomed to hang here, passing my life in one spot."

"Yes," said the robin, "I can go about and see the world, and I have opportunities of learning. The other day—it was Sunday—I perched on a limb near a church and heard the clergyman say that one of the greatest blessings was contentment."

Then the robin flew away. One winter morning when the snow had fallen the holly sprig heard merry voices, sounding very loud in the moist air, coming up the mountain side, and presently a number of children approached. They were gathering holly, and one of them took hold of the little holly twig and twisted it off its parent bush. Then it was thrown into a bag with other sprigs and taken down to the village. For a time it lay perfectly still, but suddenly the mouth of the bag was opened, a hand thrust in and the holly taken out.

Then for the first time the holly sprig saw a new sight. It was in a lighted room where boys and girls were at work. The girls were tying evergreens together and making ropes of them, while the boys were standing on tables and stepladders arranging the ropes on the walls in festoons. Some of the girls were making evergreen wreaths and hanging them in the windows. One little girl took the holly sprig and hung it to a chandelier.

The holly sprig was supremely happy. How much more delightful was this than the bleak mountain side, with no change from day to day! It was somewhat disappointed when the boys and girls put out the lights and went out, leaving the room in darkness. It could see nothing, whereas in its mountain home on clear nights it could see the stars, and often the moon lighted up the trees about it and the valley below. However, in the morning the children came back to view their work, and people were coming and going all day, so that the holly sprig was not lonely. Indeed, it was charmed with its altered condition, which, it supposed, would last forever.

That day a young evergreen tree was brought into the room and stood before the chimney piece. The children brought in boxes, from which they took little wax candles and fixed them all over the tree. From other boxes they took iridescent and gilt globes, spangles and tinsel chains, which they scattered in profusion among the branches. But the climax of delight to the holly was in the evening, when the children

not feel lonely during the night, expecting that it would again have plenty of company on the morrow.

In the morning before the sun was up servants came into the room and took out the evergreen from the wall. The holly sprig looked on, terrified. One of the servants said to another: "It's a pity master doesn't like to see these things about after Christmas. They would look pretty for weeks." With that the holly was pulled down and thrown into the general heap, all of which was taken down into the cellar.

Then the holly sprig wished itself back on the mountain side, where it could see the sun sparkling on the snow and icicles by day and the stars and the moon by night, but as the juice of life dried out of it it gradually lost sensation.

One spring morning a servant came down into the cellar and looked about for some kindling. Seeing the holly sprig, she took it upstairs, put it on the hearth in the room where the tree had been, laid wood on it and touched a match to its dry leaves. As it burst into a flame it thought of its home on the mountain side, where the buds were sprouting, the soft south wind was stealing up the valley and the sweet summer time was at hand. Its last remembrance was what the robin had heard the clergyman say: "One of the greatest blessings is contentment."

### CHRISTMAS TREES.

Where They Come From and How They Are Sold.

Where do all the Christmas trees come from? You would think there were not enough to supply the huge demand, but in almost all parts of the country there are big pine, fir and cedar tree forests that remained undisturbed for centuries until Mark Carr gave Americans the idea of cutting them for Christmas.

It used to be that Maine furnished 90 per cent of them, and for two months before the holiday the woodmen were busy chopping and the farmers were busy carting them to the stations, where they were loaded into cars and sent west and south to be sold to the dealers. Today Maine has rivals, and all the northern border states deal regularly in Christmas trees. Christmas tree selling is a paying business nowadays, and it is entered into with all the formality and shrewd business methods that you might use in disposing of acres of land.

The woods that furnish spruce and fir are sold on contract, and the jobber visits them in October to "size them up." He offers so much apiece for each tree as the trees run—usually about \$3 a hundred—and makes the money payable on receipt of the package of trees at the nearest railroad station. On their arrival in the city the jobber sells them to the wholesaler, getting about \$7 a hundred for the trees, after which the wholesaler sells them to the retailer at a good profit, and the retailer does his best to get big prices from the housewife and the head of the family.

The boughs of fir bring the highest price because of their symmetry and grace. After them come the stiffer pine and cedar, but when they are covered with gorgeous tinsel and brilliant baubles and strung with popcorn, candy, toys and presents you really do not see much of the form of the tree.

One of the most remarkable facts about the Christmas greens lies in connection with the people who handle them. Christmas tree merchants do a rushing business and work steadily from October to the 1st of January, after which they take a vacation and are the laziest of all idlers from January to the next October. Their season is only three months long, but they have to "step lively" during that time or it will pass them by unremunerated.—Washington Star.

### Christmas in Bethlehem.

Christmas in the Holy Land is an interesting experience. Indeed it is one never to be forgotten, and every Christmas thousands of persons from all over the world make a journey to Palestine in order to witness the various ceremonies held there during the festive season. Every one almost puts up at Jerusalem and on Christmas morning makes his way to Bethlehem, which lies almost due south, about six miles away as the crow flies, over a range of hills. No highway the world over presents such a motley crowd as may be seen streaming along this thoroughfare early on Christmas morning.

### Where the Heavens Open.

In Poland it is believed that on Christmas night the heavens are opened and the scene of Jacob's ladder is re-enacted, but only the saints are permitted to see it. In Holland the people enter thoroughly into the spirit of the Nativity. In nearly every Dutch town at 2 o'clock Christmas morning the young men assemble at the market place, singing the "Gloria" and other hymns. One of them carries a large star on a pole. This is supposed to represent the star that guided the steps of the three kings to the stable at Bethlehem.

### A Holiday Jingle.

Cedars standin' in de cold,  
Trim dat Christmas tree.  
Maple drops a bunch o' gold,  
Trim dat Christmas tree.  
Stars a-shinin' in de night,  
Make de snowflakes glisten bright,  
Gwine to hab it lookin' right,  
Trim dat Christmas tree.  
Rabbit's track runs roun' about,  
Trim dat Christmas tree.  
Simmons fallin'—hyuh me shout,  
Trim dat Christmas tree.  
Is my eyes a-gettin' dim?  
What's dat hangin' 'f'm de limb?  
Possum! An' 'T's proud o' him!  
Trim dat Christmas tree.  
—Washington Star.

### The Mistletoe Bough



[The following poem was written by Thomas Haynes Bayly, an English poet, novelist and dramatist of considerable note; born 1797; died 1839.]

THE mistletoe hung in the castle hall,  
The holly branch shone on the old oak wall.

And the baron's retainers were blithe and gay  
And keeping their Christmas holiday.  
The baron beheld, with a father's pride,  
His beautiful child, young Lovell's bride,  
While she with her bright eyes seemed to be  
The star of the goodly company.

"I'm weary of dancing now," she cried,  
"Here tarry a moment—I'll hide; I'll hide!"

And, Lovell, be sure thou'rt first to trace  
The clue to my secret lurking place."  
Away she ran, and her friends began  
Each tower to search and each nook to scan,  
And young Lovell cried: "Oh, where dost thou  
hide?  
I'm lonesome without thee, my own dear bride."



THE OLD MAN WEEPS FOR HIS FAIRY BRIDE.

THEY sought her that night, and they sought her next day,  
And they sought her in vain when a week passed away.

In the highest, the lowest, the loneliest spot  
Young Lovell sought wildly, but found her not.  
And years flew by, and their grief at last  
Was told as a sorrowful tale long past,  
And when Lovell appeared the children cried,  
"See, the old man weeps for his fairy bride!"

A length an old chest that had long lain hid  
Was found in the castle. They raised the lid,  
And a skeleton form lay mouldering there,  
Oh, sad was her fate! In sportive jest  
She hid from her lord in the old oak chest.  
It closed with a spring—and, dreadful doom,  
The bride lay clasped in her living tomb!

### FANTASTIC CELEBRATIONS.

Mysteries and Moralities at Christmas in Middle Ages.

During the middle ages Christmas was celebrated by the gay fantastic spectacle of dramatic mysteries and moralities given by personages in grotesque masks and singular costumes. The scenery usually represented an infant in a cradle surrounded by the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, bulls' heads, cherubs, eastern magi and many ornaments.

Then there were the Christmas carols or some which recalled the songs of the shepherds at the Nativity. These songs were attended by dances to the rhythm of the various musical instruments. Everybody joined this merry-making, and the wild music and singing were kept up the livelong night. Of these ancient Christmas carols but few have been preserved to us. The foregoing seemed to be the custom of all Christian nations during the middle ages.

In Italy it was the custom of the Calabrian minstrels to descend from the mountains and discourse their wild music before the shrine of the Virgin Mary. In England and on the continent the bells are still rung at midnight. Among other revels of the Christmas season were the so-called feasts of fools and asses, in which everything serious was burlesqued, inferiors dressed up as their superiors and great men becoming playful, the whole showing the proneness of man to reverse the order of society and to ridicule its deceptions.

In England Christmas is a term at once for a religious and merry-making festival for every rank and age, the festivities commencing on Christmas eve and lasting till Candlemas, and every day being a holiday till Twelfth Night (Jan. 6). In the houses of nobles a "lord of misrule" formerly was appointed, whose duty it was to provide the rarest amusement and whose rule lasted from All Hallow eve till Candlemas. They lived on the fat of the land, and all of the tenants were invited in to share the general fun and merry-making.—Houston Post.

### Burgundy's Christmas Carols.

In Burgundy carols are exceedingly popular. Indeed not more cherished is the German's Christmas tree, with its glittering ornaments and the Christ Child, or the Englishman's red holly berries, mystic mistletoe, blazing hearth fire and smoking plump pudding than are the ditties sung all through advent until Christmas eve by the good folk of that province.

### RAILWAY MAPS.

They Are a Valuable Aid and Guide to the Traveling Public.

Robert Louis Stevenson, one of the most notable English writers known to the present generation, was wont to say that nothing interested him more than the perusal of a good map, and without doubt a map that is well made and accurate catches the eye and arrests the attention of many people as few other things can do.

The men in charge of railway traffic possess a most positive appreciation of this fact, and a large expenditure of time and skillful thought is made on this feature of railway publicity.

Said an official of the Chicago and Northwestern railway while talking on this subject: "There is no doubt that the American railway map engraver has carried his art well nigh to the borders of perfection. I do not know of any road maps or other detailed data for the state of Wisconsin, for instance, that equal those published by our passenger department, showing the haunts of summer tourists and fishermen. They are on file in public libraries as part of their reference records. Other portions of the western country have been similarly taken up by our people and maps of a most complete character made for them—in fact, the western lines are fully alive to the value of a good map in the hands of the traveler. The map publishing business of the large railway systems is today reduced to scientific principles and handled in a most systematic manner."

### Fish Delusions.

There are two popular delusions about fish—one that they cannot live out of water and the other that they can live in any pure water, the food supply taking care of itself. As a matter of fact, there are fish in Africa which, having to exist in absolutely dry rivers for a portion of the year, have developed lungs, while in many an amateur's aquarium fish cannot live in the water provided owing to lack of food.

We measure minds by their stature. It would be better to estimate them by their beauty.—Joubert.

### A LATE SANTA CLAUS LETTER.

Novesta Mich Dec. 10. 1904.  
Dear Santa Claus. As it is nearly Xmas time I thought I would write and tell you what I would like. Please send me a big Doll 24 in. high so I can dress it in vacation week. I pair of overshoes. And a sack of candy and nuts. Well I guess this is enough for one little girl. As you have so many little boys and girls to visit, Please don't forget me,  
ESSIE L RUSSELL.  
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