# 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 \$8.00 to 18.00

\$1.50 to 2.50

\$1.50 to 5.00

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A Man's Overcoat, good style A Pr. of Douglas Shoes for Men \$3.00 and 3.50

mile west and one mile north of town, known as the "Ed Weaver place." Mrs. Mahoney and daughter, Kate,

nesday evening.

fractured his shoulder.

A Pr. of Pingree Gloria Shoes for Women

Creek to spend the winter with Mrs. Mahoney's daughter, Mrs. Brown. Mrs. M. F. Pray has been entertain-

Detroit last week on account of the

death of his grandfather, M. Stein-

Rev. A. M. Stirtan of Petersburg, Mich., will deliver a lecture on "So-

cialism" in the town hall next Wed-

Last Thursday evening Jas. Nicol.

living north and east of Wickware,

fell through the floor of his barn and

A Pr. of Pingree Composite Shoes for Women

Jeddo and also her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Yakes, of Deckerville this week.

A Soft or Derby Hat A Suit for a Boy -

A consignment of Nobby Neckwear

just arrived. All the new shapes and colorings.

J. D. Crosby & Son,

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of his brother, A. Frutchey, and at are now in readiness. present is visiting with friends in

A Pr. of Trousers A Pr. of Warm Shoes and Slippers A Fur Coat \$10.00 to 28.00

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 em-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 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 Andrew Smith of Wickware has

purchased an interest in John Mc-Lellan's livery and the business is now conducted under the firm

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 Mrs. H. T. Elliott has been quite of the guests were very elaborate, some of them being the finery of by-

gone 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.

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 medvisiting with friends here this week. | ical treatment. He has been in poor health for some time. Word has been health. Mrs. Smith is caring for her. received by his friends here that he A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. will probably be detained in the hospital for some time. Dr. J. P. Livingston of Caro was

Mrs. Barnes of Holbrook has come called in consultation with Dr. A. N. illness of Miss Aggie Quinn. An op-Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall of Hay eration was thought necessary at the Creek called on friends in town Wed-time but the improvement of the patient since has favored a postpone-

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, the people of Cass City and surrounding Mrs. D. M. Houghton is spending community will have the privilege of the week with friends and relatives 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 & Janes have been authorized Emerick of Deford were callers in by the Williams Bros. Co., of Detroit, to make new contracts with pickle The little two-year-old daughter of growers for 1905. The price paid will Mr. and Mrs. John Cootes has been | be 50 cents a bushel for No. 1 and 15 cents a bushel for No. 2. The checks

T. L. Tibbals was called to Marlette for the last payment this year are now Monday owing to the serious illness in the hands of the former gentlemen. The business places are being decked in their holiday attire this week and

Mt. Pleasant where she is attending 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

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

a peep at it.

ng for Kalamazoo where she will be man; treas., Mrs. I. K. Reid; orator, ton H. Mosure, who was formerly ememployed as attendant at the asylum. Mrs. C. Dingman; S. W., Mrs. N. Kit- ployed here but lately at Fairgrove, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCallum now chin; J. W., Mrs. C. W. Heller; S. B., returned here Monday and now fills occupy the rooms above J. C. Brook's Miss Hazel Randall; J. B., Mrs. R. the vacancy in Mr. Fritz's store. Hutchinson; court deputy, Mrs. A. A. store, recently vacated by Jas. Ten-Brian; physicians, Drs. M. M. Wick- Tuesday evening for Hazel Hive, No. ware and J. H. Hays. W. A. Seeger was called home from

the Epworth League held last Friday past commander, Mrs. J. F. Hendrick; evening the following officers were lieutenant commander, Mrs. D. A. elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Freeman; record keeper, Miss Carrie

P. McDowell; 2nd vice pres., Miss Gulick; chaplain, Mrs. C. E. McCue; Bertha Wood; 3rd vice pres., Miss sergeant. Mrs. D. Tyo, mistress-at-Anna Scripture; 4th vice pres., Mrs. arms, Mrs. N. Kitchen; sentinel, Mrs. L. I. Wood; sec., Miss Lucretia Camp- E. J. Usher; picket, Mrs. Wm. bell; treas., Miss Faustina Brown; Schwaderer; organist, Miss Dora Walchorister, Miss Lottie Bradley; or-lace; ass't organist, Miss Mae Landon; P. A. Koepfgen sold this week to ganist, Miss Ora McKim.

A special train passed through here Alfred Goodall the 80-acre farm one left Wednesday morning for Battle O'Brien, vice president; F. H. Carrol, D. Tyo; P. C. R., Jas. M. Allen; C. R., auditor; W. J. Grigware, roadmaster; W. A. Anderson; V. C. R., A. E. Mr. Grigware says the new railroad ell; Fin. Sec., I. K. Reid; treas., M. ing her sister, Mrs. Chas. Brown of bridge south of town is expected to L. Gulick; orator, T. Schenck; organarrive here in about six weeks. He ist, F. Lenzner; S. W., N. Kitchen; thinks that it can be placed in posi- J. W., Jas. Wright; S. B., A. McGill-Theodore Frutchey of Bangor, Penn- tion in a day and that there will be vray; J. B., D. Hutchinson; trustees, sylvania, has been a guest at the home no delays to traffic. The abutments A. H. Muck and Ed Eno; finance com-

> employed as pharmacist in the drug ware; delegate to High Court, Jas. M. store of T. H. Fritz, has accepted a Allen; alternate, T. Schenck. 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 ings, or will exchange for Cass City

Miss Vera Ross left Tuesday morn- Powell; rec. sec., Mrs. M. H. East- of friends for his future welfare. Dal-

The following officers were elected 199, Ladies of the Modern Maccabees: At the annual election of officers for Commander, Miss Lottie Usher; acting F. A. Bigelow; 1st vice pres., A. A. Robinson; finance keeper, Mrs. M. L.

physician, M. M. Wickware. Court Elkland, No. 826, Independent Wednesday on an inspection trip over Order of Foresters, at their regular the P. O. & N. The party consisted communication on Tuesday evening of W. C. Sanford, superintendent; Mr. elected the following officers: C. D., and W. R. Halleck, bridge foreman. Boulton; Rec. Sec., A. A. P. McDowmittee, T. Schenck, A. E. Boulton; John A. Morrison, who has been phys., J. H. Hays and M. M. Wick-

More Locals on Last Page.

For Sale.

Forty acres, all improved, fair buildhas the best wishes of a large circle property. A. A. McKenzie. 12-16-

# The Cass City Grain Co.

Buys All kinds of grain at the highest market prices.

Sels 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.

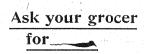
## The Cass City Grain Co.

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Is the place to get your \$8 Buckwheat Grinding Done

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



## 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.

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.

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

Mrs. A. Doerr went to Detroit on

Tuesday. Geo. Powell of Ubly was in town on

Thursday. Peter Meredith has recovered from

severe illness.

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.

I. 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 everal 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 Mrs. Wm. Davis is improving in

Dougald Livingston is quite sick this

to spend the winter with Mrs. Eliza Treadgold on Tuesday over the severe

Miss Grace Striffler of Argyle visit- ment.

ed with friends in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

at Gagetown. Miss Grace Sommerville of Canboro

spent Sunday with Misses Mary and Eliza Sommerville. John Cawood of Marlette and Bert

town last Saturday.

very ill the past week. of his mother at that place.

Miss Margaret Milier is home from college, to spend the holidays. Mrs. J. D. Crosby has been spending

F. C. Ballard, at North Branch. Mrs. S. Lown of Canboro is spendng the week with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Halleck, and other friends.

few days with her daughter, Mrs.

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

# Hard and Soft

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 C. C. & B. 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.

## HOLIDAY GIFTS.

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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.

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# Poultry Wanted

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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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## Tri-County Chronicle.

KLUMP-LENZNER Co., PUBS.

CASS CITY.

MICHIGAN.

Bow legged men, as usual, will be the first to adopt next season's skin tight trousers.

A New York policeman inadvertently arrested his wife for drunkenness. Trouble brewing.

Andrew Carnegie is a sufferer from lumbago. Has he ever tried a poor man's plaster for it?

The standing army of the Panama republic has been reduced to twentyfive men-all generals, of course.

Those Turkish troops that are demanding their pay must seem to the ism.

Cupid, after seeing the average married couple safely through the honeymoon, goes off on a long vaca-

The minister who thought he would be "more useful" if he fasted forty days has now no utility at all. He is dead.

Mme. Emma Eames is said to be as 'coldly lovely" as ever. The description somehow reminds one of ice cream.

That American heiress who refused to pay \$70,000 for a count may have reasoned that this was an overcharge of \$69,999.70.

Paul Kruger left a fortune of nearly \$4,000,000. John Bull must admit now that the war in South Africa was in a sense a failure.

When a child with one twisted foot is thankful the other is straight, the grouchy pessimist should try to escape from himself.

A slim attendance is reported for the New York horse show. The women couldn't have been a very attractive lot this time.

The French sardine crop is a failure this year. No matter. It will cost no more to put a French label to make. on the Maine sardines.

The football season is ended for this year. Now if they will please quit raising the price of meat good cheer may be expected to prevail.

That Pennsylvania man who married a widow after a platonic friendship of twenty-five years must now admit that the elder Weller was right.

This sudden thrusting of the zemstvos into public notice is caus- to promotion in order to give Baldwin ing a great many busy people to drop everything and run to their cyclope-

"Every mail brings Nan Patterson offers of marriage." And still there are people who affected not to believe in Max Nordau's theory of degenera-

ation.

From the revelations in the matter of the failure of a "women's broker" it would seem that the sucker that is born every minute has a dear little communication from Grand Rapids, twin sister.

The people of New York might pay ing admission the next time a chorus girl is tried for murder.

A scientist says that pumpkin pie is filled with microbes. That is better than having the microbes filled with sumpkin pie, for there wouldn't be any left for the rest of us.

John W. Gates was in an automobile accident in New York the other day. The car upset and the chauffeur was seriously hurt. Nothing happened to Gates. Nothing ever does.

A Philadelphia society girl actress has gone to work as a cook. There are a battalion of other society girl actresses who, if they can't cook at

The letters of Queen Victoria are to be published, after being edited by friends of the royal family. have no doubt that it will be quite safe to place the book in the hands of young girls.

"Bulletin No. 1" of the National Mosquito Extermination Society has just been issued. Evidently the society believes it will be necessary to work overtime if the mosquitoes are ever to be exterminated.

The beauty editor of the Chicago Record-Herald says a mother should always encourage her daughter to consult the mirror frequently. Most mothers will not find that this duty makes life unduly strenuous.

A run on a Cleveland bank was stop ped the other day by the arrival of an automobile at the bank loaded with money for the depositors. Under such circumstances the driver might be excused for violating the speed

A Pennsylvania cow licked up the contents of a two gallon can of green paint the other day and to the delight of her owner lived. She was probably trying to color her interior in accordance with the modern freak idea of animal painting.

#### THE LEGISLATURE.

Reports and Rumors That Are Now in Circulation.

Senator Charles Smith, of Houghton county, will be the veteran of the legislature in the coming session, as he has served since 1893. Senator Smith will last two sessions. According to his view, the disturbance, and it was at once the upper peninsula is not anxious to realized that robbers were at work. have one of those biennial junkets in The first citizens to appear on the which legislatures so often indulge at the expense of the people of upper peninsula cities.

The movement for the abolishment of the state tax commission has gone so sultan to be sadly lacking in patriot- far that a bill for that purpose has already been drawn up by Representative V. Lovell, of Berrien county. The latter was a member of the last house. It is urged that while the tax commission may be abolished as such, it will still be necessary to have a state board of assessors to assess the railroads, if the present system of taxing the transportation companies upon the value of

their property is to be continued. Senator Smith, of Houghton, says: " think the coming session will be somewhat shorter than heretofore and that it will be purely and sharply a business session.

Representative Nottingham, of Lansing, re-elected to the next legislature, has started a movement looking to the organization of the next house in a way to secure a greater measure of primary reform than has been generally considered to be on the program.

A new measure for the taxing of the railroads will be presented at the coming session, said bill being one to change the method of assessment. It is not intended to ask that the state shall return to the old system of taxing the roads on their earnings, but that the state board of assessors, the tax commission, be given the power to equalize between the different classes of property, so that the railroads will be on the same basis of assessment as the general properties of

the state. Governor-elect Fred M. Warner was in Detroit all day Friday and received calls from a number of the local political lights. He is hearing all requests for appointments but is giving no answers as yet. Neither is he making publie any appointments which he intends

## Remarkable Compliment.

An interesting situation developed in Washington Thursday concerning the next vacancy in the major gen al's rank in the army. Personal influence and his service record are being used to secure the rank for Brig.-Gen. Frank O. Baldwin, of Michigan, now commanding the department of Colorado. It is asserted that Brig.-Gens. Frederick D. Grant and Frederick Funston, both of whom rank the Michigan veteran, will waive claims the step they say he has earned. Gen. Baldwin could be promoted if he were willing to retire, but he wants to serve his time out and to serve it out as a major general on the active list. If Brig.-Gens. Grant and Funston have waived their right of seniority, it is an act almost unprecedented, and officials say it is the highest possible compliment to the Michigan soldier.

## McGarry'a Parole.

The state pardon board received a signed by 75 or 100 of the most prominent citizens, including Mayor Sweet and ex-Senator Patton, requesting that a thorough investigation be made in the off their public debt by holding court matter of the proposed parole for in Madison Square Garden and charg- Thomas F. McGarry now serving a sentence in the state reformatory at Ionia for conspiracy in connection with the Grand Rapids water deals. The signers of the petition are opposed to the pardon or parole of McGarry, unless it can be proved that he had noth ing whatever to do with the water Other petitions have been presented to the pardon board, in which many of the rank and file of Grand Rapids citizens ask for McGarry's release. The board will consider the petitions at its next meeting.

## State Institutions Demands.

The state institutions of Michigan have made demands on the state legislature for appropriations for the ensuing biennial period aggregating \$2,073,460. From this sum the state board of corrections and charities has cut out all, can at least cook as well as they \$186,752 leaving the appropriations at can act. \$1.886,707. The amount of the appropriations approved by the board two years ago was \$1,688,250, so that if the legislature approves the recommendations of the board of corrections and charities it is difficult to see how state taxes will be reduced. It is noticeable however, that the appropriations desired for special improvements are less this year, but that the estimated cost of the current expenses is greater by at least \$200,000.

E. W. Chase, an old resident of Bentley for many years, was found dead in his home, where he lived alone, Neighbors were atrracted to the scene by the piteous neighing of his old horse, who discovered the animal's owner was dead. The old man had evidently passed away several days before he was found. He was 85 years old, and an ex-Baptist minister.

## The Flint Postoffice.

Better arrangements for the Flint postoffice are not only wanted, but Congressman S. W. Smith is after them. Seventy-five thousand dollars were appropriated by the last congress for a new postoffice at Flint. This was thought to be sufficient at the time. Now the people of Flint do not like the exteror finish nor the interior arrangement. Under the old plans the exterior was to be built of brick. The Flint people want marble. The interior was arranged in a manner satisfactory to the supervising architect, but it does not meet the approval of the citizens. They want senior of the Western State Normal hid more room.

#### A Child Tells a Story and Then Denies

BANK ROBBERS BATTLE An Early Morning Fight in Penceful

Metamora Street. Six or eight bank robbers terrorized Metamora early Tuesday morning in a desperate attempt to raid the Bank of Metamora. About 2 o'clock residents of the village were awakened also be one of the influential men in the by five successive explosions. It did upper branch, as he has been for the not take long to locate the cause of street, on being aroused by the explosions, were William Deeter and August Miller, proprietors of the Deeter house, and Charles Van Kirk and John Groff, who live in the house adoining. These were joined later by William Fielding, a traveling man of Detroit, and two others. The hotel is about ten yards from the bank and the party decided to try to scare the robbers, who were still at work. With revolvers and a shotgun they went out to the sidewalk and fired a shot. There were three robbers standing in front of the bank at this time. Four explosions had already occurred and at that moment came the fifth, which seemed to blow out the whole front of the bank building. The posse was debating about advancing upon the desperadoes when one shouted:

"Come on, Bill, let's get out of Then the robbers stampeded for the railroad tracks. At the south switch they stopped a north-bound freight train, on which they are beieved to have made their escape. That one of them was wounded was evidenced by the trail of blood from the front of the bank toward the rail-

When the robbers had fled the citizens-investigated. The glass front of the bank had been blown out; the interior of the bank was utterly wrecked, notes and other papers being scattered everywhere. The robbers had secured no booty, but one more charge of nitro-glycerine would have placed them in possession of about \$3,000 in cash. The officers of the bank were called and reported nothing missing. The vault door is utterly ruined, being twisted and torn so it cannot be opened or closed. The bank occupied a new building of its

Metamora is a village in Lapeer county, of 325 population, on the Michigan Central, Bay City division. The Bank of Metamera is the only financial institution. D. H. Powers is president, A. F. O'Brien, cashier.

Three boys were drowned Wednes day afternoon while skating on Lake of the Woods, near Decatur. Ralph Adams, aged 17; Frank Bayles, aged , and Burdett Bleet, aged 17, with a number of friends, went from school to the lake to skate. It is believed that in the gathering darkness the three went too far out in the lake and fell into a hole. Other school children made an effort to rescue them, but could not get to them. The bodies of Adams and Bayles were located that night in about fifteen feet of water, a short distance from where they went through the ice. Upon learning of the tragedy, Mrs. Bleet, mother of one of the boys, became almost insane and attempted to kill herself with a revolver, but was restrained. The famlies of the boys all reside in Decatur.

## An Armed Lifer.

Deputy Sheriff A. L. Palmer, of the lackson prison, says that Thomas Me-Grath, serving a life sentence for the murder of Horton Warren, recently planned to gain his liberty. Two loaded evolvers were found in McGrath's cell and a man named Harvey French has peen arrested in Toledo on suspicion of having smuggled the weapons into Mc-Grath. While McGrath was confined in the Wayne county jail he sawed the bars of his cell and his work was just letected in time to prevent his escape.

## Shot Himself.

Melchor Zeller, a eigarmaker, went nto Cahill's saloon in Coldwater Friday morning and sat down to a table. A few minutes later he said "Good-by" to the bartender, placed the muzzle of a heavy revolver to his forehead and the next moment lay dying on the floor. Zeller had been on a protracted spree and was trying to sober up. He leaves a widow and son aged 12. He was 41 years old and a quiet, hard-working man, but was despondent over the fact that he was a slave to liquor.

## Covers All the Shore.

A deed was filed with the register of leeds of Grand Haven which was given by S. M. Biddison and Stella Biddison of New York, to the United States Mill & Lumber Co., of Washington, D. C. for all the land lying on the western border of Ottawa county outside of the government meander survey, comprising 30,000 acres. There is considerable speculation as to what this tract really comprises, it being on the Lake Michigan beach the entire length of the coun-

Mrs William Halladay celebrated her 91st birthday at Battle Creek with a party. She is one of the oldest settlers and relates that her late husband umpired a pioneer professional ball game in what is now Battle Creek's Mair. street. Farmers drove in through the woods and almost a hundred people saw the game. Mrs. Halladay was showered with gifts at her party.

Darius Jarvis Davidson, clerk of the United States district court since 1871. died at his home in Detroit Friday af ternoon

An immense amount of cider has been nade in Marshall this fall, over 3,600 gallons being turned out daily for the nast ten weeks. George Vedte, a farmer near Lake

Odessa, fell from a windmill to the ground, a distance of thirty feet, and was instantly killed. To save her class colors from the on-

slaught of a junior rush, an ingenious them in her stocking.

### HENIOUS OFFENSE

The fate of Calvin French and Mrs. Nancey Tracey, prisoners in the Eaton county jail, hangs upon the word of 14-year-old daughter, Blanche Woodruff. It was due to statements made by the child to a friend that the mother and her farmer friend, French, find themselves facing a charge the particulars of which are as degrad ing as they are heinous. But now that the arrests have been made and Presecuting Attorney Lewis J. Dann has prepared what he considers a strong ease, the child denies the truth of the statements she herself made. The peo-ple's star witness will be Mrs. Bertha Harmon, a farmer woman and neighoor of French's to whom the child made the statement. The prosecution's case is based upon the following propo-

Mrs. Tracey and daughter. Blanche, occupied a room in Charlotte directly adjoining one occupied by French. During the summer the child found her way to Mrs. Harmon's home, where she told the most shocking tale. The charge against French was an in famous one. Equally so was the state ment regarding the mother, whom the child charged with forcing her to submit to the degradation imposed upon her by French. Mrs. Harmon finally acquainted the officials of the county with the statements made to her by the child and the charge was prepared.

#### MICHIGAN NEWS NOTES.

Frank Hill, a blacksmith, of Burr Oak, hanged himself with a dog chain while despondent.

Bread and meat wars are being, waged in Benton Harbor and price have been deeply cut.

Tuscola county is talking for a new court house to cost \$100,000, and sentiment is strong in favor of it.

Circuit court opened in Alpena Mon lay with five criminal cases and seven divorce cases on the calendar.

Cadillac meat market men are in a stew because outsiders are allowed to come in and peddle meat from door to door.

A large ofter, nearly extinct in Michigan, was shot by a hunter west of Standish on Tittabawassee river. It is coa! black and a fine specimen. Notices were sent out Friday morn-

ing of the closing of the Malta Vita Pure Food factories, one of the oldest and largest in Battle Creek. The dry kiln of the Grand Rapids

School Seat Furniture Co., containing 350,000 feet of hardwood lumber was burned Saturday night. Loss, \$75,000. James Longcore, aged/45 years, and a resident of Ashland township, shot himself fatally at his home. He leaves five children. No cause is known for his act.

Fire, probably from a defective chimney, partly destroyed the senger depot of the Air Line division of the Michigan Central railroad in Cassonolis. William Sehring, of Kalamazoo was

found dead in his bed with a bottle of alcohol by his side. He was last seen Saturday afternoon, and it is believed he died that same night. The crusade in Battle Creek against

fraudulent medical practitioners will bring out some interesting facts, and whichever side wins the cases will be eventually taken to the supreme court. Fairfield is very much agitated con-

cerning school matters. It is proposed to unite four districts and build up a good graded school in the place of one teacher trying to teach ten The cutting and sale of Christmas

trees at Rapid River, Delta county is coming to be quite an industry, and it is estimated that 75 carloads of trees will be shipped from there this

There has been a great falling off in he saloon business in Battle Creek Fifteen proprietors are listed to quit the business before spring. Heavy fines and stringent laws is said to be the cause.

After deserting her husband for two years. Mrs. William Lickert has returned from Soo City, I. T., to Traverse City, and her husband has forgiven her. This is the second time that he has taken her back.

Paul Ninkie 19 years old, of South Haven, while hunting rabbits, accidentally shot himself in the hand, cutting the left thumb entirely off. His father had just purchased the gun for the young man's birthday present.

Among those who will receive Christmas pardon from Gov. Bliss is George Hardy, of Calhoun county, who was sent up for life years ago by Judge Van Zile, having been convicted of killing a woman at Duck Lake.

The new school, erected in Yale at a cost of \$80,000, will be ready for occupancy January 1. It has nine other modern improvements, making t one of the finest schools in the state. Snowflake, a little town near Peteskey has a new industry. Indians gather the cones of the jack pine and they are shipped to Snowflake, where they are sorted, stemmed and slightly heated to open the seed centers. The seed are shipped to nurserymen, bringing \$7 to \$10 per pound. The little son of William Shannon

skated on to thin ice and went down in 35 feet of water in Orion lake. Campbell, aged 16 years, with great presence of mind, threw himself face down on the thin ice and when the boy came up seized him and was successful in getting him out. His companions worked over him until he was revived, when they took him home.

The Suttons Bay schools are closed until further notice because the people are afraid of smallpox. There are number of cases in Peshawba town the Indian village, three miles from Suttons Bay, also several cases near the school house and five at the Indian settlement of Northport, causing much alarm among white people, especially as Indian children attend the white schools. As the result of falling down stairs

with her clothes afire, Miss Minnie Clark, daughter of Riley Clark, a Hesperia farmer, is seriously burned about the head, her mother is suffering from severe burns and the house and contents are totally destroyed.

CONGRESS.

Brief Sessions-Resolutions of Respect Mrs.

For Dead Senators. The last session of the fifty-eighth congress was called together at noon Monday, amid scenes that for years

States commissioner in New York
Thursday on a technical charge of have made the reassembling of congress aiding and abetting a bank official

notably interesting one, for, with the in- stage in this remarkable case was beauguration of President Roosevelt, the session will go out in a blaze of glory. Once in four years does congress have an opportunity to wind up its affairs under the historic conditions which will prevail next March.

Williams, Mass., were appointed a com- has grown from less than \$200,000 to mittee to notify the president, and the more than a million, and her counsel house, after extending until Jan. 5. at the request of Mr. Grosvenor, the time amount to twenty millions for all he when the merchant marine commission knows. shall submit its report; and adopting resolutions of respect to the memory of m., adjourned until Wednesday.

After prayer by Chaplain Hall, the roll call showed 73 senators present. Then the flowers were removed and the routine business of the session was opened.

to inform the house of representatives ing and carried her to the marshal's that the senate was in session and ready office. The corridor was jammed with to proceed with business, Senator Al- curious people. lision made the usual formal motion that a committee be named to inform the president that the senate was ready to receive any message he had to communicate. Allison and Cockrell were appointed for this duty.

The death of the late Senator Quay order to give Mr. Lodge, of Massachu- to be the last straw at which the credisetts, an opportunity to announce the tors may grasp. death of his late colleague, Mr. Hoar,

Mr. Lodge then presented a resolution on behalf of himself, asking that the senate adjourn, and the session came to a close at 12:13 o'clock.

for a \$50,000 postoffice at Niles. Wm. Alden Smith is being mentioned trust for her property worth \$10,000, for a place on the ways and means committee to succeed Rep. Metcalf, of Cari- has been charged, are worthless, and fornia, at present secretary of the de- Carnegie has denied all knowledge of

partment of commerce and labor. election of the president and vice-presi- which has been drawn to consider evident for a term of eight years and of dence against Mrs. Chadwick. senators by the people for terms of the same length has been introduced by Rep

Norris, of Nebraska. Speaker Cannon is against tariff revis-

The annual fight on the civil service commission was begun in the house 203-Meter hill. Up to that time the Thursday. Bartlett, of Georgia; Hep- warships had been able to seek shelter burn, of Iowa, and Grosvener of Ohio, from the Japanese fire under Pelyu each taking a fling at the system. Hepburn moved to strike out the entire appropriation for the commission and its the Japanese to train their guns on force of clerks. Mr. Gardner, of Michi- the Russian vessels, with the result gan, criticized the levity with which he that a number of them have been set said the commissioners were regarded in on fire and the others must either put congress because they were undertak- to sea or suffer irreparable damage ing to do their duty under the law.

ecutive and judicial appropriation bill ground in contention. The Japanese practically as it comes from committee, are increasing their defenses on the The civil service commission provision position and have succeeded so far in disposed of there was no long debate on repelling all the assaults. The Rusany item today. Throughout the ses- sians have suffered the heaviest losses, sion the policy of retrenchment held and it is estimated that they have full sway, and all attempts to increase sacrificed 3,000 men in their effort to salaries failed.

journ on December 21 until January 4, hold. 1905, for the usual Christmas holiday No extraordinary session of congress

will be held next spring for a revision of the tariff. That has been decided 203-Metre hill, the scene of the awful definitely. The question of an extraordinary session next fall 's in abey-

urday.

## Exterminate Criminals.

"Much as I admire President Rooserelt as a true man, we have seen today the sorry example of the mistake a strong man can make. The president was appealed to by a colored Baptist minister to save the latter's son from Hill fronting on Port Arthur, on Dec. the gallows for the murder of a farmer rooms, steam heat, electricity and all in Canada. The president listened to the appeal and has succeeded in securing a commutation of sentence. don't admire the president for that.' This statement was made by Andrew D. White, formerly United States ambassador to Germany, in the course of an address or "Evolution vs. Revolu-tion in Politics," before the League for Political Education.

"Crime is crime," said Mr. White. and it is our duty to make its prosecution more speedy and less intricate. We should stand together to exterminate criminals." Present American methods, Mr. White declared, are lead-that since the consolidation into the ing to catastrophes and filling lunatic asylums and poorhouses. He predict-ed that if better methods are not de-75.76. A table of arrearages in taxes veloped Anglo-Saxons will die out and be succeeded by an older race of tougher fiber.

## A Henvy Deficit.

The annual report of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, made public Wednesday, gives the total receipts of the government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, as \$684,214,373 74, and the expenditures \$725,984,945 65, leaving a deficit of \$41,770,571 91. Compared with 1903, the receipts show a decrease of \$10,406,743 90. There was an increase in expenditures for 1904 of \$85,661.-

The total estimated revenues for 1905 are \$700,472,000 72, and the estimated expenditures, \$718,472,000 72, or a deficit of \$18,000,000.

AMOUNT GROWING.

Chadwick Arraigned - Debts Mounting Up.

With the arraignment of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick before a United among the notable events of the coun- misapplying the funds of a national ry.

This will be a short session and a bank—that is by cashing the \$12,500 note in the Oberlin bank—the second which the case has been shrouded. It is asserted by knowing ones that time will show this to be the most stupendous and far-reaching case of its kind When the house was called to order, in many years. Within two weeks Reps. Burton, O.; Tawney, Minn., and Mrs. Chadwick's known indebtedness

Mrs. Chadwick's arraignment was delayed until nearly noon to give Atthe late Senators Quay and Hoar, as a torney Carpenter time to secure bail still further mark of respect, at 12:45 p. for her. Finally, as no bondsmen appeared, she was arraigned, pleaded not guilty, and was held in \$15,000

bonds for a hearing December 17.
When Mrs. Chadwick left the court for the U. S. marshal's office a battery of flashing cameras in the corridor let loose. The sudden flashes caused her to faint. Marshal Henkel Mr. Platt (Conn.) offered a resolution and her son Emil saved her from fall-

#### Where Millions Went.

Revelations that Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick had obtained millions of dollars on worthless paper led to a new and startling move on the part of her dupes. Efforts were begun to find the whereabouts of Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, was announced by Mr. Penrose, who in Europe, and to recover what may be said he would later in the session make left of the \$2,500,000 which, her own some remarks concerning the career of attorney said, she had given her hushis colleague, and ask that a day be band. Dr. Chadwick and his daughter, set aside that a public tribute might be by a former wife, have been reported made. He withheld the customary mo- at several places in Europe, but Mrs. tion that the senate adjourn out of re- Chadwick and her attorneys have kept spect to the memory of Senator Quay in his exact location : secret. This seems

## Cansle's Securities.

Among the papers found among the so-called trust securities left with Iri Reynolds in Cleveland by Mrs. Chadwick was what purported to be a copy Rep. Hamilton has introduced a bill of a trust agreement between Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Chadwick in which the former acknowledged he held in her. He has been subpensed before A joint resolution providing for the the federal grand jury at Cleveland

> Punishing the Russians. The effective bombardment of the Russian battleships in Port Arthur. which began on Saturday last, was one of the results of the capture of mountain, but the capture of 203-

The Russians are nightly attacking 203-Meter hill in a determined en-The house passed the legislative, ex- deavor to retake the summit of the recapture the ground which the Jap-The house passed a resolution to ad- anese are confident in their ability to

Fenriul Carnage.

A correspondent who has visited six days' fight, which ended with its capture by the Japanese, reports that the advance works and the crest of President Roosevelt announced this the hill were torn away, the slopes of decision to several of his callers Sat- the hill were covered with the debris and the trenches were smashed and filled with soil. In a single section of the trenches 100 yards long over 200 Russian dead and wounded were seen. They had been horribly mangled with dynamite grenades.

Japs Keep Taking Things. The Japanese troops occupied Akaska

The Russian armored cruiser Bayan is reported to be aground. It is officially innounced that the Russian battleship Poltava has been sunk in the harbor of Port Arthur as a result of the Japanese bombardment and that the battleship Retvizan has been seriously damaged.

The present borrowing capacity of the city of New York, in round numbers, is \$93,800,000, according to a statement of the city's financial condition presented to the board of estimates by Comptroller Grout. It is shown by the statement: greater city, the city debt has increased shows that nearly \$64,000,000 remains unpaid and only about half of this is collectible.

"The Prison Demon," Ira Marlatt at present in Columbus, O., penitentiary, stabbed John Jones, another prisoner, in the lung. Jones is in a critical con-

dition. The W. C. T. U. is to have bills in: troduced in the legislatures of states where there are army posts forbidding the sale of liquor within three miles of such posts, if prohibitory laws do

not exist in those states. Hannah Elias, the negress accused of extorting \$680,000 from John R. Platt of New York, has asked for an jury trial in the supreme court of the(Copyright, 1904, by Daily Story Pub. Co.)

this?"

"President Elliot! He gave you

"He was my college president."
"What!" The man half rose in his

chair. "I have been a professor in

his college a good part of my life.

"Nine years. Let me see-yes I was

in Europe a year or two about that

that time for my health. But we must

both have been in the college during

your undergraduate days at some

time. Phillips, Phillips—the name seems familiar."

"It is a perfect combination—with

The professor's hand was suddenly

you, Phillips," he said. "I never ex-

pected to see any of my students

again. It is delightful. What?" as

Philipps put out his left hand some-

what awkwardly, "is your right arm

"N-no, not yet. But it doesn't

matter. I will attend to it as soon as

I go away. I don't mind a little thing

"Mary shall look after it at once,"

lecisively. "She is a very good sur-

geon, and included medicine in her

least," interposed Phillips hastily. "I

would much rather not have it looked

But the professor paid him not the

least attention. When his daughter

appeared he nodded toward Phillips

"Wounded," he said, "and from the

looks of that round hole in his coat

sleeve I should say it was a bullet.

That kind of cloth does not show

blood saturation much, or I think we would have noticed it before. To think of him sitting here all this time

in his eyes was an impervious request

happen at any moment to an adven-

turer like me," he answered, "and I

assure you it is not worth a moment's

uneasiness on your part. I would

much rather you had not noticed it;

but since you have, and to relieve any

possible anxiety, I will subrect. But

please understand it was a mere acci-

dent, with no one to blame but my-

One afternoon, a month later, Phil-

lips and Mary walked down from the

piazza, under the trees. The profes-

sor was asleep in a reclining chair at

the far end of the piazza, a paper over

his face. It was the first time Phil-

lipps had left the house after a long,

"It is nothing but what is liable to

for silence. And she understood.

"Really, it doesn't matter in the

curriculum. Mary! Oh, Mary!"

disabled? What is the matter?"

you."

stepped upon the piazza."

the time, you know."

"This morning."

"Been attended to?"

"Recent?"

like this."

after just now."

right arm.

tend to it."

self."

steady and direct.

"Yes, we were together nearly three

"I graduated nine years ago."

"Yes. Do you know him?"

When were you there?"

The girl had caught him red-handed, 1 slipping into their horse stable; and during the past week they had lost three of their best animals. But the prisoner was imperturbable, even when in the first excitement of discovery she had fired a bullet across his shoulder as a warning to accept the capture without protest. He had turned calmly, but with an odd look of amazement in his eyes; and as he raised his hat-with his left handand tried to say something about wandering into the valley by accident, she had cut him short, with a curt, "Move on ahead there, and don't attempt to touch your weapons."

"If you will excuse me, miss," he observed quietly, after they had covered half the distance to the house, "isn't it rather odd to build such a home as yours in so wild a place? I did not suppose there was even a log cabin within a hundred miles."

"My father likes the location," the girl said coldly, "and so do I. Here we are now-that is my father on the piazza.'

As she spoke they passed from behind a hedge of transplanted New England barberry bushes, brilliant with their scarlet clusters of seedy fruit, directly in front of the entrance. had half looking down at them inquiringly.

"This is a man I caught in our horse stable, father," the girl explained. "He says he was looking in out of curiosity, but I believe he is the thief who has been taking our horses. You can talk with him though, and find out. Watch him closely, for he's armed. I will go round to the kitchen and see if the Chinaman has got dinner about ready."

As she disappeared in the house the stranger turned away to hide a smile. These people were not very experienced in thief-taking.

"You will excuse my not rising, sir," the host was saying courteously, "but unfortunately I am at present a little indisposed. Please step up on the piazza and take that chair. Place the books upon the table."

There were several small tables on the piazza and a number of chairs, and tables and chairs were all occupied by books. The prisoner went to the chair indicated and removed the books to the table at the man's elbow. As he did so he gazed at the thin, smoothly-shaven face with a puzzled look

that was half recognition. But the keen, quizzical eyes were piercing him through and through, and as he sat down he had a feeling that he was back at college and his professor was probing him for the truth of some misdemeanor. Soon, however, the man's face cleared and the searching eyes lost their look of fixed inquiry.

"You are blameless, sir," the incisive voice declared conclusively. "and I apologize for my daughter's suspicion. Perhaps, though, it was natural under the circumstances. Of course you will stay to dinner. May I ask your name?'

"Reynolds Phillips." All the time the man had been speaking Phillips' gaze had been



"Move on ahead, there."

wandering longingly over the profusion of books. They were a familiar avenue back into his past. Involuntarily he reached out and picked up one, opening at the fly-leaf. As he did so he uttered a surprised exclamation.

wound. In Mary's eyes was a tender. surprised joy.

"It is good to see you out again, Reynolds," she said. "At one time I was afraid that-that-He turned his eyes away, gazing up

the valley, conscious of the flush that was coming to her face. It was the first time she had called him by that name. There was joy in his own eyes. "I shall always keep the bullet as the direct cause of my great happiness, Mary," he said, with a low the rest of my life in this wilderness, for I love freedom. But the prospect was never wholly satisfactory. Sometimes the influence of the East came over me, with a longing for its books. and I had to fight the feeling away. This valley now brings me the East. with cultured people to talk to, and with the freedom of the wilderness at the very door. It is a perfect combination-- h vou.'

#### FORCED TO BE CLEAN.

Administering Baths in New York Municipal Lodging House.

"Six Weeks in Beggardom," Everybody's Magazine, Theodore Wat ers begins an account of his investigation of the beggar problem for that magazine. The following is a partia! description of his experiences, dis guised as a destitute workingman, in the Municipal Lodging House of New mouth shut. The stranger disappeared. York:

"After the medical examination we filed through the outer office, where we gave over our pedigrees and the envelopes, in which we had been obliged to put our trinkets, to the bookkeeper: and after that we went down a flight of steps to the basement where hundreds of dirty men were being made clean. Every man was instructed to remove his clothhim for the purpose. The garments subjected to a temperature of 230 degrees F. The men meantime were compelled to take a handful of green soap and rub it upon their heads, and then to stand under a very Niagara of water which descended from taps in the ceiling. There was no escaping this drenching process. A big attendant armed with a mop handle inspected each man as he went under the water, and never failed to object vigorously when any attempted to escape while the slightest particle of grime remained upon him. I saw what I felt sure must be the dirtiest man in New York give up his clothes and go under the shower grudgingly, and after determined urging on the part of the attendant, come out clean. There vere many such in the City Lodging House that night, but the majority of them welcomed the bath, the spotless night-gown, the comfortable slippers, and finally the repose on the cleanest of beds."

Up-to-Date Costume. Mrs. Patrick Campbell, famous for

her dramatic art and her pet dog Pinky Panky Poo, a Japanese spaniel of high culture, while in Washington recently went driving one day and incidentally dropped in to see a friend. years. I remember you perfectly now. The air was chilly, in fact cold, and You were my professor of literature. Mrs. Campbell wore a long coat of I half recognized you when I first Russian sable. Pinky or Panky or Poo was in a warm spot underneath the 6 50. coat, his shaggy little head, his eyes, extended. "Let me shake hands with and white teeth peering out.

"Oh, what a lovely coat that is," exclaimed Mrs. Campbell's hostess as she stroked it; "and what an odd frog you've got there at the button," as she took hold of Pinky's head. Pinky repulsed the gentle squeeze with a snap.

"Just a little scratch," hastily. "My heavens!" exclaimed the actress's friend. "What is that?" 'Men hunting in a wild country like this are running into something all "Oh!" exclaimed the actress laughingly. "It's just a little Jap thats got under a Russian's hide."-New York

Poor Croesus.

If I were rich as Croesus—
But—out on riches, dear!
For I have you and love to-day,
And just to-day is here!
If I were rich as Croesus—
I pause again and laugh—
The half the joy of you and love—
Wealth could not buy the half!

If I were rich as Croesus-I wonder if the flame
Of autumn leaves would be as red
If skies would look the same. If I were rich as Croesus—
Dear heart, I turn to you,
Would you hold me much dea
Love me more than you do? dearer then,

If I were rich as Croesus-Dear heart, there's naught I lack,
And if I lost what now I have,
No wealth could bring it back! If I were rich as Croesus,
And I were left alone,
Could golden dross bring back thy heart To beat against my own?

Nay, I am rich as Croesus,
Far richer, too. I ween.
For there are hearts so close to mine
That naught may come between;
Aye, I am rich as Croesus—
I've held your hands in mine!
He never clasped you in his arms,
Nor saw your dear eyes shine

with an arm too disabled to use, and not alluding to it. Mary, you must Nor saw your dear eyes shine.

—J. M. Lewis in Louston Post. cut the sleeve away at once and at-The girl's face had grown white Queer Religion of Japan.

with sudden comprehension. She The emperor and the empire, the went quickly to Phillips, her gaze empire that is the people—these con stitute the real religion of Japan, the "What is it?" she demanded. great idea through the divine virtue But Phillips' was equally steady, and of which the Japanese have accounted

> eyes of a Christian world. For his imperial majesty, Emperor Mitsuhito, the little brown soldiers of Japan joyously die, and for him do the thousands of bereaved ones suffer in proud silence that dreams in great peace of an afterward. And it is not weak indifference they display, these tearless ones; it is strength, the might

> for themselves before the wondering

iest ever seen on earth. By thousands they hear the grim news that robs them of all reason for living, and by thousands they retreat in splendid awe, tempered, bless God! by patriotic pride that has not its equal under the shining sun. Grief invisible racks the soul of Japan while she marches proudly on with a joy note in her war song.—Eleanor Frankserious fever which had followed his lin in Leslie's Weekly.

#### A MODEL.

After Twenty-Seven Years in Jackson a Pardon Comes.

George Hardy, of Albion, the "model life convict" in the Jackson prison, whom 27 years in prison has transformed from a disreputable, illiterate into a skilled mechanic, is to be given a worthy Christmas present this year, in the shape of a pardon by Gov. Bliss. Twenty-seven years ago one of the foulest crimes in the history of Calhoun county and the state was committed at laugh. "I had counted on spending Duck lake, in Clarence township, when Mrs. Leonard, an aged lady, was murdered.

Suspicion rested upon George Hardy, a young man and a neighbor of Mrs. Leonard's. He was arrested and after the due process of law he was convicted and given a life sentence in the Jackson prison.

Hardy was convicted on purely circumstantial evidence, and there is some evidence that he was never guilty of the crime at all. It seems that he became acquainted with a stranger from Chicago, and they loafed around together. The stranger asked him about the people of the vicinity and learned that Mrs. Leonard had about \$700. One evening he and Hardy were in a fishing shanty with some liquor, and Hardy went to his home to get something for them to eat. While he was gone, he claimed, this old lady was murdered by, the stranger, who secured her money, returned to the fishing shanty and gave Hardy \$100, telling him to keep his

#### Six More Go to Jail.

Six more election officials were sentenced to jail Tuesday by the Supreme Court of Colorado for disregarding its injunction order at the late election. They were Wm. Reid, S. S. Barker, Jno. E. Dixon and John Sullivan, 9 months' imprisonment and \$500 fine and costs each; Willis E. Spencer four months' imprisonment; Charles W. Bunch, three months' imprisonment. Sullivan was ing and place it in a net bag given Democratic committeeman; Reid, Barker and Spencer, judges; and Dixon and were then hung in a great oven and Bunch, clerks, in precinct 9 of ward 5, in Denver, the ballot box of which was opened in court last Friday, disclosing many fraudulent ballots.

#### THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Extra dry fed steers and heifers. \$4 50\tilde{0}\tilde{5}\

Veal calves-Market 25 to 50 cents lower. Best, \$6 50@7; others, \$4@5. Hogs-Light to good butchers', \$4 20@430; pigs, \$3 90@4; light yorkers, \$4 10@420; roughss, \$3 50@3 75; stags, one-third

off. Sheep—Best lambs, \$6 25@6 30; fair to good lambs, \$5 50@6; light to common lambs, \$5@5 25; yearlings, \$4 75; fair to good butcher sheep, \$3 75@4 40; culls and common, \$2 50@3.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, \$607 20; poor to medium, \$3 6005 80; stockers and feeders, \$2 2004 10; cows, \$1 5004; heifers, \$205; canners, \$1-3502 40; bulls, \$2204 10; colves, \$3 5007; western steers, \$3 4004 90, Hogs—Mixed and butchers', \$4 2504 45; good to choice heavy, \$4 4004 50; rough heavy, \$4 2004 20; light, \$4 1504 40; bulk of sales, \$4 3504 40.

Sheep—Lambs, 10015c higher; good to choice wethers, \$4 4005 25; fair to choice mixed, \$3 5004 35; native lambs, \$4 6006 6 50.

East Buffalo.—Best export steers, \$5.25 to \$5.75; few, \$6: best 1,200 to 1.300 shipping steers, \$4.25 to \$4.75; good 1,050 to 1,100 butchers' steers, \$3.60 to \$4.15; 900 to 1,000 do, \$3.25 to \$3.75; best fat cows. \$3 to \$83.50; fair to good, \$2.25 to \$2.50; trimmers, \$1 to \$1.50; best fat heifers, \$3.50 to \$4; medium heifers, \$2.60 to \$2.90; common stock heifers, \$2 to \$2.50; best feeding steers, \$3.25 to \$3.50; a few loads of choice brought a shade more; best yearling steers, \$2.75 to \$2.90; common stockers, \$2.15 to \$2.40; export bulls, \$3.25 to \$3.50; bologna bulls, \$2.25 to \$2.55; little stock bulls, \$2.25 to \$2.35. Fresh cows and springers, good to extra. \$38 to \$45; medium to good, \$28 to \$37; common. \$15 to \$20. Sheep—Best lambs, \$6.30 to \$6.40; fair to good, \$6 to \$6.25; culls to common, \$5 to \$5.85; best sheep. \$4.35 to \$4.50; fair to good, \$4 to \$4.25; culls to common, \$2.50 to \$3.50; yearlings, \$5.25 to \$5.50: wethers, \$4.75 to \$5. Calves—Tops, \$8 to \$8.25; fair to good, \$6 to \$7.50; heavy, \$4 to \$4.50.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—(Cash sales))—Wheat—No. I white, \$1 17; No. 2 red. spot, \$1 18; December, 10,000 bu at \$1 16 1-2, 10,000 bu at \$1 16 1-4, 5,000 bu at \$1 16 1-3, 8,000 bu at \$1 16, 5,000 bu at \$1 16 1-4, 15,000 bu at \$1 16, 5,000 bu at \$1 16, 5,000 bu at \$1 18, 12,00 bu at \$1 16, 5,000 bu at \$1 17 3-4, 10,000 bu at \$1 17 1-2, 5,000 bu at \$1 17 5-4, 10,000 bu at \$1 17 1-2, 5,000 bu at \$1 17 5-4, 10,000 bu at \$1 17 5-8, 5000 bu at \$1 17 5-4, 10,000 bu at \$1 17 5-8, 5000 bu at \$1 17 5-8, 5000 bu at \$1 11 5-2, No. 3 red. \$1 10 per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 2 cars at 45c; No. 3 yellow, 3 cars at 47c; do old, 1 car at 53c; No. 4 yellow, 2 cars at 45c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white, spot, 5 cars at 33c; December, nominal, at 33c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot nominal at 33c per bu.

Beans—December and January, nominal at \$1 60; February, 1 car at \$1 63, 1 car at \$1 61 per bu.

Chicago—Wheat—No. 2 spring, \$1 0800 1 15; No. 3, \$1 0200 13; No. 2 red. \$1 09 1-400 1 13 3-8. Corn—No. 2, 46 3-4c; No. 2 yellow, 46 3-4c. Oats—No. 2, 26 1-2023 3-4c; No. 2 white, 30 1-4c; No. 3 white, 29 1-20 30 1-2c. Rye—No. 2. 75c. Barley—Good feeding, 38c; fair to choice maiting, 420 47c. Flaxseed—No. 1, \$1 15; No. 1 north-western, \$1 23. Clover—Contract grade, \$12 50. Grain, Etc.

## AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending Dec 17. LYCEUM THEATER -- "The Street Singer. Mat Wed. and Sat. Eve. 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c. LAFAYETTE THEATRE -- The Byron Douglas Company, 15c, 25c and 50c. Mat. Monday. Wednesday and Saturday. Best seats 25c. WHITNEY THEATER—"NO Wedding Bells for Her" Mat., 10c, 15c, 25c. Eve. 10c, 20c, 30c. TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND -- Afternoons 2:15, 10c to 25c; Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50. AVENUE THEATRE -- Vaudeville -- Afternoons 15 25, and 50c. Evenings, 25, 35, 50 and 75.

Vice-President Estevez, of Cuba has esigned. Cripple Creek produced \$2,000,000 in

gold last month. President Roosevelt is to visit Philadelphia Jan. 30 and Feb. 22. Hoboes who strike Lansing from now

on will be given a job on a stone pile and a 20-pound hammer. Former Postmaster General James N. Tyner, died at 9:35 o'clock Monday morning in Washington.

Eleven big world's fair palaces costing \$15,000,000 have been sold to a Chicago wrecking company for \$386,000.

YOU OWE IT TO YOUR MOTHER.

To manifest an interest in whatever interests or amuses her.

To seek her comfort and pleasure in all things before your own.

Not to forget that, though she is old and wrinkled, she still loves pretty things.

To make her frequent, simple presents and to be sure that they are ap-

propriate and tasteful. To remember that she is still a girl

at heart so far as delicate little attentions are concerned.

To give her your full confidence. and never to do anything which you think she would disapprove.

To make her a partaker, so far as your different ages will permit, in all our pleasures and recreations To lift all the burdens you can from

shoulders that have grown stooped in waiting upon and working for you. To study her tastes and habits, her

likes and dislikes, and cater to them as far as possible in an unobtrusive To treat her with the unvarying

courtesy and deference you accord to those who are above you in rank or position. Never to intimate by word or deed that your world and hers are differ-

ent, or that you feel in any way superior to her. To bear patiently with all her peculiarities or infirmities of temper or disposition, which may be the result

#### Swett Marden in Success Magazine. MAXIMS FOR THE HOME.

of a life of care and toil.—Orison

To be cheerful divide the day beween work and leisure and slight both to keep health.

For a well furnished home sacrifice hundred knick-knacks for one piano, or one good chair.

To set a good table have few foods

at one meal, have enough of the few and learn to utilize leftovers. To be a successful mother, insist

upon obedience in important matters and be blind to little faults. To be economical, go without every-

thing you don't want until you have saved enough to buy one thing you do want. To be a happy wife trust the chosen

man, entertain his friends willingly and keep yourself informed and interested in topics of the day.

To be hospitable, give freely of what the house affords with words of honest welcome, and never make a fuss over the unexpected guest.

To be in style own but three dresses at a time, one for the home, one for the street and one for evening. Change the appearance of these with collars, ribbons and bits of laces.

## BY THE WAY.

Looking glasses are flat, but never flatter.

Freezing politeness is on a par with cold comfort.

The most brittle thing in the world

is a good resolution. When a woman is too angry to talk

her husband is in luck.

If women were quicker shots they would be slower backbiters.

#### LOSES HIS ARM, BUT WILL LIVE Mangled by Corn Shredder, Farmer

Takes Severed Limb to Town. Janesville, Wis., dispatch: With his severed arm lying in the bottom of the buggy James Costigan, a farmer, came to the city from a farm five miles north, where he had been horribly mangled by a corn shredder. After the accident he calmly walked to the buggy unassisted and drove to the city without exhibiting any great fear. He was weak from loss of blood, but will



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#### 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 Koepfgen and Margaret Miller visited school Tuesday.

American Literature class are readng "Building of the Ship" by Long-

There have been many brilliant recitations in chemistry lately. Quiz

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 English Literature pupils are here.

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.

Programs 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 Bradfield, Arthur Cooley, Roy Phillips. Oration, Adah Caldwell.

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H. L. Hunt-\$1,000 worth of holiday

ARGYLE.

Isaac Henry is visiting friends in

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 Spaetzel is very ill at this writing.

John Langenburg is building a fine new residence on his farm east of

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

ton, Ont., after a few weeks' visit Closing out sale of millinery

have returned to their home in Pells-

#### from Dec. 19 to Jan. 1. The Misses STRIFFLER, Argyle.

AUCTION SALE. Bertrand & McGregory will sell their recently acquired implement stock of A. W. Traver, by auction to-morrow, Dec. 17. Strifler & Mcmorrow, Dec. 17. Striff Kenzie are the auctioneers.

Thome made yarn at A. A. Hitch-

#### 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

L. Huffman has a fine hard coal heater that he bought of J. B. Cootes

of Cass City. 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. Hitch-

#### FREIBURGERS. Born to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Peter,

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.

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A MERRY XMAS TO ALL.

Maggie Trudeau, who has been working in Minden City, has returned

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

oruised up. Mrs. Joseph Trudeau, who underwent an operation for abscess, is rap-

idly 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

John Baker visited friends and rel-

tives in Ubly the past week. M, H. Schiestel passed through town enroute for Sanilac Centre last

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

Geo. Schiestel, Chas. Ewing and Peter Brown attended the rural examination at Sanilac Centre last Sat-

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 Mrs. W. A. Lockwood was taken stock of Xmas goods. All try and patronize him as we need a good store

#### 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.

both churches Christmas eve.

Frank Moyer had his right hand bad ly 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

The B. L. A. will serve dinner in the church parlors next week Wed-

Grover Ross and Jesse Curtis attended a play at North Branch Tnursday 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. Swailes last week Wed-

nesdav for tea. Mr. and Mrs. Harper, father and mother of the former pastor of the F. B. church, are visitors here.

Jas. Lotimer started by over-land oute for Rochester Sunday and will isit a friend in Clifford on his way. Rev. Hinzman will be in Novesta next Sunday and Rev. Curry will oc-

## cupy the pulpit at the Baptist church morning and evening.

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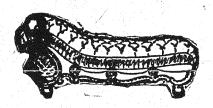
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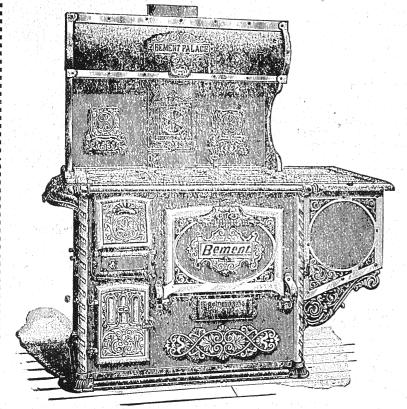
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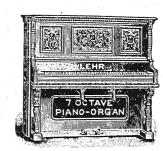
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SHABBONA.

Mrs. E. A. Keyworth is on the sick

Percy Atkins has returned from Flint.

Geo. II. Jones was a business caller in Sanilač 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, day.

by the literary society. R. F. D. route No. 3 will start from this postoffice on Jan. 16, 1905. Pre-

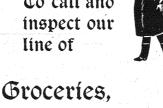
pare to get your mail box up. Henry Lorentzen, W. T. Stephens and Wm. Fox, who are candidates for carrier on R. F. D. route No. 3 from this postoffice, attended the examination held at Sanilac Centre last Sat-

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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.

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Shabbona....

Alfred Hall was at Colwood Mon-Chas. Mulholland was at Ellington

Saturday night. The snow is falling very fast and it looks as though we would have sleigh-

J. D. Sutton and son, Ralph, have returned from their trip to Eaton county, Detroit and Niagara Falis. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fish visited tomers lately.

friends and relatives in Watrousville and Fairgrove Wednesday and Thurs-

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

Mrs. M. Darbee's children are some better at this writing. Mrs. Ruth better at this writing. Mrs. Ruth
R. H. McQueen made a business
Sheldon is staying with Mrs. Darbee trip to Argyle Monday afterooon. 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

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WILMOT.

Alex. McCarthey'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. McCarthey of Marlette is visiting his parents here. Fred Kelitz of Ellington visited at

Mrs. Cleveland, from east of Cass from her injuries received in a run-City, visited at L. O. Folsom's last away.

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

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. I. Wood & Co., druggist.

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 Mrs. C. Wells for an indefinite time present.

Miss Merle Craig made a delivery of toilet and sundry articles to her cus-

L. Malinoff of Bad Axe is buying n scrap iron, rags, fur and hides in 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.

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

Ralph Loney is expected home from Owosso, where he is attending college, to spend Christmas with his parents. Henry Davis and Mrs. Glen Mc-Queen 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 Oak-

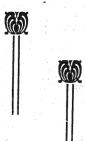
land county.

Ben Sharp has finished threshing 75 bushels of clover seed. Mrs. J. Retherford has returned home from Lapeer county.

Samuel and Joseph McCracken are Mr. Stevenson's, west of town last in the northern part of the state. Miss Anna Retherford has recovered

Miss Addie Sole has returned home from Dryden, where she has been vis-

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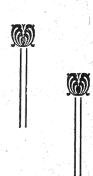
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CHAPTER II.—Continued.

I walked down the path. I had but it into her own hands." gone a short distance when I heard & 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 Fishmong

Then she cacchinated, 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 kerseymere 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 Drout.

Castle Drout was the only dwelling

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"No," I returned. "I prefer to give

"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," 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 barreness, 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



I received a thrust in the shoulder.

near Long Haut. It was much nearer | moved me like new made wine. than our huts (these lay at the salvage of vast woods) if one could have bridged the steep and ragged ravine which separated the two castles. As it was, the road led one some miles in and out of tortuous

I came near the castle. It loomed still and quaint as a deserted house. I got off my horse and left him to graze. I sat down on a bowlder not many yards from its postern gate. I supposed I was hidden from the eyes of its inhabitants, yet from my place of vantage could see if perchance any one either emerged or went in through the narrow portals of the gate. I had not been there many minutes siting with my chin resting upon my hands, when a voice said: What need to watch the cage when the bird has flown away?"

It was the wierdest place; people came upon one without a sound.

I started and my face flushed. Quickly I assumed an indifferent air, for one does not care to wear one's theart upon one's sleeve for daws to week at, and certainly this was a daw -a most pert one—that stood beside It was a red-haired maid with bold black eyes, which peered saucily into mine who had spoken. She was capped, aproned, and had all the other accessories that go to make up the toilet of a fashionable lady's maid. "Bird? What bird, my pretty maid?" I asked.

"As if the gentleman did not know?" she said.

"I know that you're a deucedly pretty one," I affirmed, and I kissed her cheek.

"Oh, lud!" she cried, with a mock show of indignation. "What would Mistress Rosemary say?"

To that terse question I had no an-"I levy where I may," I said instead.

Then, "My good maid, tell me where Mistress Rosemary Allyn has gone-"If gone she has?" "Where would a fine lady go?" she

said. "You have a glib tongue, my girl,"

I put in sharply. I serve a glib mistress," she retorted as sharply with a courtesy. "I have a message for her," I sug-

"Let me be the messenger," she -gaid, "since I follow her tomorrow."

grew hot for shamefacedness at myself-an intruder-going there. turned away, but not before I had caught sight of a pale blue satin slipper hiding under a frail chair. To see was to desire—to desire was to obtain. But how? All sorts of ludicrous ideas flashed upon me as a means of becoming the owner of that crumpled slipper. The maid-most acute observer-divined my thoughts ere I had time to say a word.

"Pretty, is it not?" she laughed. "Pretty, indeed," I admitted, admiring her cunning.

"What will ye pay for it?" she asked.

"What you will," I replied, delight ed at being able to gain possession so easily.

"A sovereign, please, sir," she said. I put my hand into my pocket and drew out the gold piece. I passed it into her greedy palms-fat pink palms. Evidently Mistress Rosemary Allyn did not work her maid to the spoiling of her hands.

I picked up the slipper, and before I put it away balanced it lightly upon the tips of my fingers, while I yet stayed to banter the pretty maid, even to pinch her saucy cheeks.

I had my back to the door. The woman faced it. I read in the steadying of her too heavily bowed cupid's lips that some one stood in its entrance. I turned, and saw a youth beside whose beauty the bold dash of the maid's faded as the lesser beauty must always before the greater when brought together. He looked not more than sixteen. He was blue-eyed, raven wigged, and as exquisitely appointed as a court beauty. Venetian lace fell over his jeweled fingers-ribbons knotted his low shoes. From his wrist a pouncet ball dangled and wafted all the odors of Arabia. He was a dazzling sight to behold.

"Mistress Rosemary's brother!" gasped the maid, and then she flopped

into the easy chair. "To what, sir, am I indebted for the honor of seeing you in this poor

room?" "The honor, sir, is mine," I replied, striving to make time in which some reasonable excuse should come to me for my presence in his sister's room. "But why, sir, why?" he asked again.

"No why," I answered bluntly. "Idle curiosity, as you will."
"Curiosity!" he echoed. "A wom-

an'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," 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-

could do no less. "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 "Tis as good a place as an-

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 a half laugh before giving him the pink which should stop 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 au thoritatively. "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 Drout will yet be your undoing, sir, I'm afraid," he then ob-

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

"It is nothing, I assure you, sir." bow before your superior handling of the rapier and-a pair of blue eyeseyes 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 IIIs 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. insomnia, hysteria, family affliction, business reverses, delirium, pain, fatigue, mental or physical, will all be The flag was as red as blood, 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 dis-

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 pleasanter 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 possi-

I have lived to know that the secret of happiness is never to allow your but it isn't worse than that of ripening energies to stagnate.—Adam Clarke sea water.

#### Well Drinks Not Known

Yorkshiremen, 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

Violet cordial, a liquor beloved of plants and current 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.

Isitshimiyana is the weirdy 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.

## Flounder

der" 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 expression "as flat as a fluon- 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

he bottom. Some species of flounders are rightsided 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 The most striking of these changes | about equal numbers.—St. Nicnolas.

## Darger in "Big" Shooting

elephant or seladang or rhino has been smashing his way in your direction 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 miscalled 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, especiany 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 ear, according to your position for

The disturbing element in hunting elephant you have wounded comes

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 invariable, habit of awaiting the hunter on his tracks, and charging suddenly, swiftly and viciously. It requires close and hard shooting to bring down ane 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 nead 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 entire forest was toppling, as the a shot.—Outing.

## The Old Pirate's Dreams

As a man I write of the boyish dreams
Of yesternight by the coastguard's
blaze,
When the sea-scarred sailor's war-plowed

seams—
Suggesting tales of his lawless days—
Lividly glowed in the log-fire gleams,
As he sang this lay of lays:

The flag was as red as blood,
With a hairy spot o' black,
An' the Spider bared her deadly fangs
As she crawled on the windward tac He warmed to his story and clove the

With his long clay pipe as he led his With a stifled sob; and then-

With a hairy spot o' 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 bones; While the wind came moaning up from And the tune rose, faint and cracked:

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

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

And then he would hum and creak: And then he would hum and creak:

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

#### Water Bottled 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. "The water of the Atlantic contains

some of the most wholesome mineral salts and has a decided value medicinally. Some of my patients keep it on hand much of the time, and profess to find it vastly beneficial.

"One of these men gets the sea water several miles off shore and at high tide so as to be reasonably sure that it is free from pollution. He bottles it in good-sized demijohns, and lets it ripen much as the famous juniper water of the Dismal Swamp is ripened for carrying to sea on board vessels making long voyages.

"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,

"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.

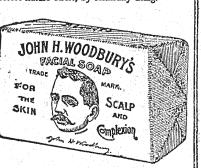
"I thoroughly like it, and if I were in the habit of doing things that lead men to drink mineral waters before breakfast I think I'd prefer plain Atlantic water to a good many that I could name which sell at pretty high prices.

"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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Payson Call in Leslie's Monthly. This illustrates truly the breadth and power of wholesome human sympathy. With a real love for human natureif a man has a clear, high standard of his own—a standard which he does not attribute to his own intelligencehis 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 nly 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.

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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 kasba, by the black stone and by my harem to tell the truth, all the truth, and only the truth."

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Neuralgia

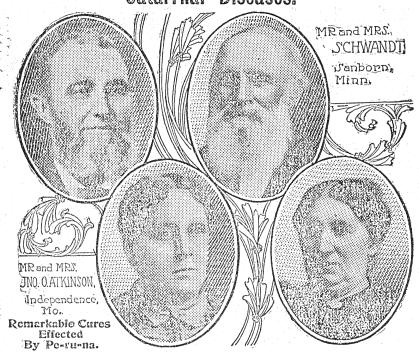


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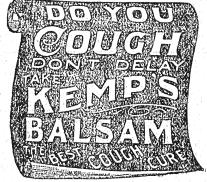
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FLOCKING INTO CANADA.

Immigration From Dakota and Adjoining States-Major Edwards, United States Consul General at Montreal, Describes the Movement as Due to Scarcity of Land.

Montreal, Nov. 15.—Major Allison Edwards, United States Consul General, who returned to-day from a visit to his home at Fargo, North Dakota, said in an interview: "The proper way to describe the manner in which the people you are getting are the ing over into Western Canada is to say they are coming over in droves. Among the people there did not seem to be any thought of there being a boundary line at all. It is simply a question," added the major, "of there not being any more land in North Dakota and the surrounding States, and the people are flocking to Canada to get good farms. Naturally the number that will come over will increase all the time, and I may say the people of North Dakota are combest people in the west. They are well supplied with money and are well acquainted with the conditions under which they will have to work." The agents of the Canadian Government are prepared to give the fullest information regarding homestead and

Earthquake Source of Profit. Earthquakes occasionally profit mankind, as in the case of Ouzoun-Ada, a town on the Caspian. The port of the town was visited by an earthquake last year, and since then it has been found open to steamers which

could not enter it before, owing to

other lands.

the shallow water.

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Laid By for a Rainy Day. Among the belongings of an aged pauper who died at Breslau were found more than two hundredweight of stale bread and biscuits, 300 bottles of medicine from the workhouse dispensary, \$300 in cash and \$250 in

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease. "I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now.—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

Baths in All Dwellings. The city of Reading, England, has passed an ordinance that baths shall be placed in all dwelling houses constructed within the borough in future.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it falls to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

The pictures we admire make our own portraits.

DEVIL GUARDED THE GOLD.

His Satanic Majesty's Portrait Indicated Treasurer House.

In this instance, as often, His Sacloven foot, diabolic grin-all.

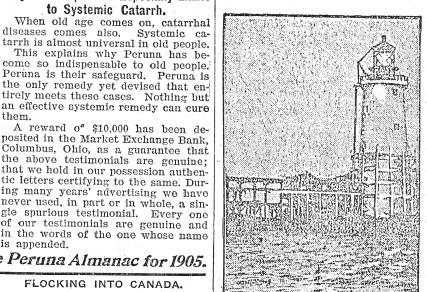
pile of tarnished gold pieces, some French, most of them Spanish.

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) light house, 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 upor of a picture, a beautiful landscape, or it. The \$7,000 lens for the lamp was made in Paris.

The photograph shows the tower as



Ram Island Ledge Lighthouse. it looked just before the staging was

Seven men are at work on the in

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 pos sible advantage to all masters of ves ls entering or leaving Portland.

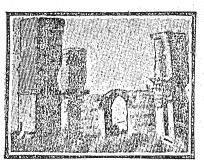
Music-Charmed Water.

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 of two parts-a clear column and a part is photographed, with the aid of the electric spark, it is seen to be composed of a succession of drops follow ing 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 fail, what you resolve. Lose no time, with beautiful precision, a drop being cast off with each vibration. Many re markable 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 remnants of an ancient gateway fringed with weeds, and, vaguely knowing who RAPID SPREAD OF PLANTS.

Seize Wide Stretches of Land in Glo-

It is marvelous how rapidly some tanic Majesty proved a good guide to plants will spread themselves over riches. Recently workmen were pa- wide stretches of land, says Longpering a wall in an old house at Per-man's Magazine. The writer was pignon, in the south of France. On struck with the way in which the yelthe wall was fixed, as a curious ornallow charlock took possession of the ment, a very ancient sculptured chair. line when the Meon Valley railway The workman found it necessary to was being made a few years ago. The remove this, and discovered that the very next spring after the embankback of the chair had hidden a mural ments were thrown up their sides painting of the devil, horns, tail, were clothed with this rampant and conspicuous crucifier. A line of yel-Sounding the wall with their ham low across the country marked in mers the workmen easily found there many places the course of the railway. was a hollow space behind it, into Poppies, too, for some unknown reawhich they broke. There lay a big son, will occasionally appear in strange and wonderful profusion. The striking instance related by Lord Macaulay may be quoted by way of illustration. After the batte 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 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 in effaceable 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-arrayed 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 perfeetly 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 jet of falling water consists ordinarily most prized of these tiny musicians is a black beetle named "susumushi." troubled portion. When the troubled 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 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 fif-

teen 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 inde-scribable. 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 nedical 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 Feruna 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 Merkley, 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 throught the pelvic organs, cramps and extreme irritation compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor said that I had ovarianteephe and advice the second of the contraction of t trouble and ulceration, and advised an operation. Istrongly 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

"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

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This great nerve tonic is

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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.

FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of.

BJIII above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness.

Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Megs.

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Mother Cray's Sweet Powders for Children. Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, reething 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.

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For children teething, softens the gurns, reduces indammation, allays pain, cures wind colle. 25 ca bottle. Most people who grant a favor expect two in return.

nedicine 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.

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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

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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.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

One and one-third fare for the round trip is the Xmas and New Year | ious accident occurred at the elevator excursion rate on the P.O. & N. of McCallum & Co. last Friday after-Tickets may be purchased on Dec. 24, | noon. A span of young horses be-26 and 31, 1904, and Jan. 1 and 2, 1905, longing to Wm. McCallum became which will be limited to Jan. 4. One frightened at the noise made by loadfare for the round trip by way of Pon- ing cans onto the dray to which the tiac will be charged to Canadian horses were hitched and Mr. McCalpoints. Tickets may be purchased on lum stepped in front of them and took Dec. 15, 16 and 17 and are limited to hold of the bridles, but they threw Jan. 7. This includes all stations in him down and it is thought one of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick them stepped on his head cutting an except points west of Ailsa Craig, ugly gash over his left eye. The Chatham and Komoka, Ont., or to wheels of the wagon passed over his stations east of Hamilton or Canfield back as the horses started for town Junction on lines east to Niagara but it did not injure him, although he frontier. This exception will not ap- was unconscious for a couple of hours ply to Toronto, Montreal or any points after the accident. One of the horses north of Lake Ontario. Children was caught near I. B. Auten's resifrom 5 to 12 go for half fare in either dence, having freed itself from the

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 it will go through Deford or Wilmot City, he said he thought it would not

A MATTER OF HEALTH



until it had passed the Shabbona ter

ritory. What might have been a very serwagon. 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, City in 1881. He was a mason by 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. trade and laid the brick for the first building erected in this village. He was the contractor for all the Hitchseveral 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. Fenn officiating and the remains laid to rest in Elkland cemetery.

small chain was lost last week on Main street. Finder will please return same to this office and receive suitable reward.

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

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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

**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 assort-

Better - than - usual

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,

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Most complete line in the Thumb.

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Dundee tomatoes first quality 10c can Choice Red Alaska Salmon........... 15c can Medium Red salmon.... 

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 F Salted Peanuts Peanuts in shell 10c lb Walnuts 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.

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## REV. IRL R. HICKS 1905 ALMANAC.

The Rev. Irl. R. Hicks Almanac for 1835 and died Thursday, Dec. 8, 1904, 1905 is now ready, being the finest edi- newspapers call the attention of their not prepared to say. "I am confident, after a long illness. He was first tion ever issued. This splendid and readers to the importance of putting however," said Mr. Wixon, "that if married in 1862 to Miss Amelia Schillostly book of 200 pages is a complete up Christmas presents in secure pack-Cass City will give the promoters suf- lop and to them were born four child- study of astronomy and storm and ages. Numbers of them, he says, ficient encouragement, the road will ren, two of whom are living, Mrs. M. weather for 1905. It is too well known come loose before they reach their pass through here. And if its citizens | Seeger of this place and Michael to need comment. See it and you will destination, causing the clerks a great do not, I am equally confident that Steinhauser, who resides in Seattle, so decide. The price, postpaid to any deal of unnecessary labor, besides hav-Washington. His second wife was address, is 30c. per copy. The Rev. ing the package arrive in an unsightly and then on to Shabbona." When Miss Louisa Muntz to whom he was Irl R. Hicks' scientific, religious and and often damaged condition. He asked whether the road would reach united in marriage in 1882. Nine family journal, Word and Works, now suggests that a shoe or a corset box or Shabbona if it passed through Cass children were born to them, eight of abreast with the best magazines, is a breakfast food carton makes a packwhom are living. Six are at home, a 75c, a year. Both Word and Works age of convenient shape for handling but would go straight east of here son is in Cleveland, Ohio, and the and the Almanac \$1.00 per year. No in the mail. It of course should be residence of one is not known at better investment possible for any securely tied with strong twine and present. He was a resident of New person or family. Try it and see, plainly marked, having the sender's York City for 15 years coming to Cass | Send to WORD AND WORKS PUB. Co., | address in the upper left hand corner.

LOST—On Monday evening near the residence of Mrs. E. J. Usher a was the contractor for all the Hitch-cock buildings, the McPhail bank, the Crosby block, the Fritz block and Lottie Bradley. 12-16-1

Slipper soles at A. A. Hitch-

Dry beach and maple wood for sale at \$2.00 and \$2.25 per cord. O. K. 11-25-tf All parties indebted to John

Schwaderer are requested to settle at Johnsons' Market.

## SECURE PACKAGES.

A railway mail clerk requests that

The Pope Bicycle Daily Memorandum Calendar for 1905 contains a memorandum leaf for every day in the year, and 365 original sayings in favor of good roads, good health, outdoor exercise, and that great vehicle of health-giving, the modern bicycle by our most eminent living men of marked accomplishment. The calmarked accomplishment. The calendar is free at Pope Mfg. Co.'s stores or any of our readers can obtain it by sending five 2 cent stamps to Pope Mfg. Co., Hartford, Conn., or 143 Sigel St., Chicago, Ill.

1 will be in my office on Wednesdays and Saturdays to collect the township taxes. B. F. Benkelman, Treas. 12-9-2

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Rooms to rent in the opera Inquire of Mrs. J. L. Hitch-

## 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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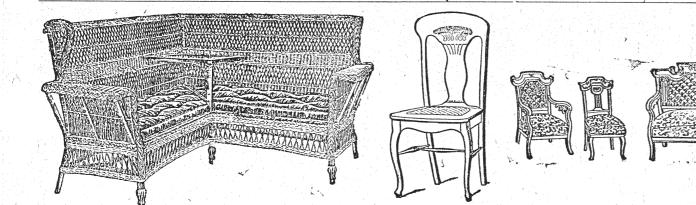
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IRON BEDS, all styles and colors Several kinds of SPRINGS

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Special prices to people from other towns and telephone and mail orders promptly filled.

WHAT IS THE MOST SUITABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

Grandfather and grandmother ought to have an easy chair and a new spring and mattress. Father and mother ought to have a new dining table and a set of chairs and really they do need a bed room suite. Yes and brother ought to have a writing desk and book case combined and his old rocker is broken. He said he wished some day he could have something to put his clothes in.

And there is sister she wants a dressing table and chiffonier and by rights ought to have an iron bed. She said she wanted a piece of the Prairie Grass furniture that she saw at the Fair. And poor baby he never had a high chair like other children and a little rocker and now would be a good time to get him a little

Yes and you know uncle has not a dresser in his house and needs a couch awful bad. Aunt said she would be satisfied if she got that buffet or sideboard she saw in the window and she said there were some handsome pictures in town.

Cousin said he wanted an office chair and his sister wanted a reed rocker, but I will take a Morris chair for mine.



Special arrangements have been made to deliver goods at the proper time

# H. T. ELLIOTT, The Undertaker

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### Our Chairs and Rockers

this year are ahead of anything that ever came to Cass City. 100 different styles to select from. The finest line of Oak Rockers ranging from \$1.50 to \$10.00.

#### A Handsome Line

of Reed Rockers and Prairie Grass, and the Leather Chairs this year are fine.

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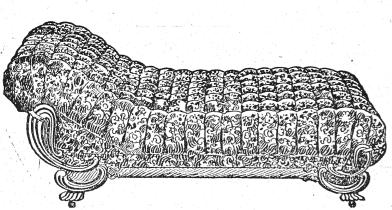
We have something new in the improved extension table and the price is right.

#### Our Assortment of Couches

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All goods not satisfactory are cheerfully exchanged. Free phone from people out of town,



















## WASTE OF MONEY AND A DISAPPOINTMENT

are many of the gifts made at Xmas time. No one will feel that way regarding any article which we offer for Holiday Presents, as each will find every day use and will renew grateful feeling in the recipient every day throughout the year. A few possible selections are given

## "Oneida Community" Silverware

Tea and Table Spoons, Cream Ladles, Butter Knives, Sugar Shells, Cold Meat Forks, Berry Spoons

They carry the heaviest plating of any goods made and every piece is guar-Avalon anteed for 25 years' wear.



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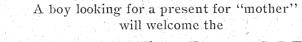
## and "Rochester Argentine" Ware

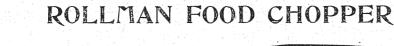
may be had in a beautiful variety of articles and for use, these wares surpass silver plate as they never tarnish and in price are a great saving.

A present for a man is always a hard thing to settle on, but when one sees our window, the array of

## ROBESON RAZORS, POCKET KNIVES and CARVING SETS

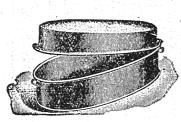
present hunting for the man will cease.





Seamless "Sav= ory" Roaster

or the



This list does not represent half the things we would like to mention but see our window and see them in complete assortment.



## CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

the three best letters written to Santa Michigan. 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 dethe Chronicle force has in preparing and nuts. Be sure to bring my broththem to be printed and may every little boy and girl receive the best remembrances from Santa Claus. The letters are printed without corrections

Cass City Mich Dec. 10. 1904. write you a little letter and tell you a few things I would like to have for setting room at the south side and fetch them if not fetch anything that you like I would like a pony a sled dinning room. well I guess that will 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

Two weeks ago the Chronicle offered | hair. I live in the Township of little prize to the boys and girls for Kingston County of Tuscola state of bye bye WINIFRED MCCRACKEN

Deford. Mich

Kingston, Mich Dec. 8, 1904 Dear Santa Clause:— I'm a little girl eight years old. I'm in the fourth stockens now santy can I plese hang 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 cision as we believe they have given be a good girl. I help mamma do her the matter careful consideration. We work. Will you please bring me a set are sure that our readers will enjoy of dishes and a story book and a piano reading the little letters as much as and a magic lantern and some candy ers something nice.

MAY BENITELMAN. Age 8 years.

Cass City Mich Dic the 10 1904 Dear Santa Claus I think it is My Dear Old Santa Claus:- It has about time that you was here now been nearly a year since I heard much | must tell you what I want I want a about you but I have thought about horn and a drum and a engin and a fire you lots of times so I thought I would | wagon and lots of eardy and nuts you will find the christmas tree in the Christmas if you have them you can there will be a nice peace of pie and some cake for you on the table in the 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 im in the first grade

Dec. 10-04 Cass City Mich Dear Santa Claus: Come down the October. I go to school I am in the chimney at Christmas. Be sure that second reader. I can add, subtract you do not forget. You will find us and multiply. I like my teacher. all tucked in our beds snug and tight. Please bring me a big sleepy doll Each hoping a gift to find. I want an and please Santy Claus dont forget to Christmas with blue eyes and light 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 up one of grand mamma because hers is good and big and mins 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 shoping and a dollys trunk to hold my dollys clothes and a tea set and now dear santa i will say good bye Hoping you will not think i ask for to

IRENE RENSHLER Age 9 years.

Cass City, Mich, Dec. 10, 1904.

Dear Santa Clause:-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 torybook 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 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

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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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Make our store your headquarters. Save money by buying our Special Bargains.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## McARTHUR

#### CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Continued from first page.

bring them something and the Good dont like to wash dishes anyway. I Chronicle man ought to have some- know my Papa will be glad if you thing too. Good Bye and hurry up bring a baby he is supvisor and gets X-Mas.

Cass City, Mich. My dear Santa Claus. How very nice and kind you are. It seems as I am 8 years and 7 months old. 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

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 GERTIE McWEBB Little girl

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

Desember 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 granpa and granma my name is Mary Dunlap i have the tooth ake

Novesta.

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 PAULINE ELLIOTT. 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. RETTA MAY BROWN

R. F. D. No. 3 Cass City

Cass City Mich Dec 9 04 Dear Sandy claus Xmas is near stockings with fine toys. and all our and i thought that i would rite you a hearts with everlasting love to Christ little letter i am seven years old and i our Savior whose birth you celebrate go to school and i am in the second by your Christmas visits. With kind graid and my theacher name is Miss regards to you I am your little friend. 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, more for fear you will foreget and not scrap book, and a album I am 9 years bring any thing. From your Loving old I am a little girl My address is Your truely Deford Michigan

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 Dear Mr Santa Claws will you you what I want Im always glad



WRITING TO DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS.

is all be sure and come Christmas. presants you gave me last Xmas. Good by from DUGALD DUNCANSON

Cass City Dec 9. 1904 Dear old Santa Claus 1 am a little

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 Please bring me a real live Sister for when you come with your reindeers boy eight years old. I have not heard dishes and a doll, a comb and brush little girl that is looking for you to doll. You can tie your reindeer to a Christmas gift encorse if you haint Cristmas eve you will find my stolk- much about you for a long time so 1 for my doll; and a cradle all for christ- not for get her which I know you our gate post and come down the got any girl babys on hand we will ings hinging at the chimney so they thought I would write you a letter. mas and bring good toys to all the take a boy it would be better than will be handy for you when you come and let you know I have been trying girls and boys and I. would like a is none. Dr. Tredgold took one to Liz- down the chimney will I guess this to be a good boy. I thank you for the 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 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

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 doil 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 Clause, Dear Santa Clause:-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.

LAURA STRIFFLER.

Colwood Mich

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 9, 1904. near Christmas I want a new doll into my stocking put my name on the Christmas I want two handkerchieves rest so no one else will get my pres-I like Santa Claus very well

Colwood, Mich., Dec. 9 1904. To Dear Sandy Clows I wright to let you know that I am going to chool doll & carriage & what ever you would over coat. From your friend be glad & thank you for what every you send I remain you True little frind LAURA GALLANGHER

Colwood, Mich., Dec. 8 1904. 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 carrage 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 GRACIE MEISER | 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

Cass City, Mlch. 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 exmas precent 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

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 pic-Dear Santa Claus,-It is getting ture book. If you can't get this all ents. Yours truly,

LILLY SOLDAN, age 5 years.

Cass City, Mich. Dec. 9 1904. Dear Santa, It is very near Christnow & I like my Teacher she is kind mas and I will write you letting you to me & all the others that good I know what I would like for Christnow dear sandy clows that you will mas. I would like a sled and a pair of not for get me I would like a nice big skates, a pair of rubber boots and an

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. Dear Sandy Claws I wright you a I want you to please send me a new little letter to remind you of another pair of skates, a new sled, and a big wount it is my little sister her name kitchen chimney for it is the largest NORA GALLANGAER and you will find my stockings hang-Continued on third page.

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## TO SANTA CLAUS.

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

Dear old Santa Clause how-do-youdo. Will you bring me a sled a story ed boy sat up in bed and looked on, for book and little game and a Christmas- he was too delicate to get up like the tree and some cancies nuts-and then what you think best. From

BELLE PARKER

Dec. 9, 1904. ring and a braicelet and a set of furs a nice Christmas tree. please dont and covered themselves up. forget me 1 am 7 years old goodby.

Colwood Mich Dec 7-1904

MABEL R. AHR.

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 sun shone brightly on the snow outlove to write letters and do a lot of side, and the fire shone brightly withwriting and would be pleased if you in on the brass andirons and fender, would bring me a box of letter paper and after dinner stories were told the and envelopes with the heading print- children till they were all astonished ed Miss Thressa McCarthy Colwood Mich on the heading of each sheet as hair and blue eyes lay in his mother's 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 ment she had ever known. She was come I remain your loving little only a day old, but something told her Friend

MISS THRESSA MCCARTHY Colwood Mich dont forget to put this in the paper

Cass City Wich Des 19 1904 Christmas is coming I would like to

LAURA MAIER Christmas is a very good man

Cass City Dec. 10, 1904. Dear Santa:- I am writing you a said. letter and I am going to have to printed in the Chronicle. I hope you can read and that take the Chronicle, because mamma says its the best paper there is I want you to bring me for cream candy. And bring Justin (he's me little brother but can't write.) a

> You triend BELLE MCDERMOTT.

## A Doll's Christmas

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

.....By LAWTON JOHNSON

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ing 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 morn-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 see 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

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 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

In the morning she was awakened by a shouting. The children were running about in their night clothes, taking their toys from their stockings and

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 Dear Santa Claus. It is almost children knew that it was a sign of for Christmas. I will write and tell you them to get back to bed and not take what I would like to have. A doll a sold, and back they scrambled, laughing and tumbling over one another,

> 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 by the number of wonderful things arms, hugging the doll with her 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 mothat 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 no what I was goin to have for Christ-till he should go to sleep and the first

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

"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."

The wind was rising without, and suddenly the fire blazed with a cheerful warmth. It was very pleasant for 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 "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 spattered 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

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, But I bet on him and lieved him, same as if he had never have had the one glimpse of the Here's my pack ; jes' he'p yourself, like all good boys does happy household, the one Christmas, the blue eyed boy and her single day

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 chair 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 as a Christmas present," said young in the time of the Tudors and Stuarts Poore to Miss Rocks. they were of great variety, both of material and color, and for such as could command the luxury were rich- replied the maiden.-Town Topics. ly 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 Knowed

Ust to almost cry for Christmas, like a ye

Easter Sunday, circus day-jes' all dead in the shell. The old folks work the story off about the sledge and deer And Santy shootin' round the roof, all wrapped in fur and

Long afore I knowed who Santy Claus wuz

IST to wait and set up late a week or two ahead: Couldn't hardly keep awake ner wouldn't go to bed Kittle stewin' on the fire and mother sittin' here Darnin' socks and rockin' in the skreeky rockin' cheer; And quar'l with his frost heels and spilt his lining And me a-dreamin' sleighbells when the clock 'd whir and

Long afore



say

If he ketched a feller layin' fer him that a-way Turned to pat me on the back and say, "Look here, my las

Long afore I knowed who

VISHT that yarn wuz true about him, as it 'peared Truth made out o' lies that un's good enough for me! Over hangin' up my stockin's, like the little child

Climbin' in my lap tonight and beggin' me to tell Bout them reindeers and Old Santy that she loves

Long afore

I'm half sorry fer this little girl sweetheart of his-

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 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 ried my very best to open their banks.

-Brooklyn Life. His Plaint.

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 myself to you.

"Papa does not allow me to receive expensive presents from young men,"

Vanishing Pomp. How worldly pride kin pass away, I's takin' foh my tex'. What is a Christmas tree one day What is a Christian.

Is kindlin' wood de 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.

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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 themin 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

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. 1 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 dont forget me,

ESSIE L RUSSELL.

## What the Robin Told The Holly Sprig

By MARY BAIN BILTON

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

"How I wish I were you!" said the sprig to the bird. "You can fly anywhere and see what is going on, while 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 sup-

posed, 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



THE HOLLY SPRIG SAW A NEW SIGHT. all came in together. The candles were lighted, and all stood about admiring the beautiful tree.

"What a happy change for me!" exclaimed the holly sprig. "Had not the children come and brought me down here I should now be a part of my parent bush, out in the cold wind, with nothing above me but a murky sky, nothing beneath but the cold snow."

Then some of the elder people who were present went to the evergreen tree and took off boxes and packages they had hung there in the night when the children were in bed and distributed them among the little ones. Each package was marked with the name of the child for whom it was intended and was opened eagerly. The holly sprig, hanging high in the center of the room, could see everything and as each child opened its package watched eagerly to see what was being unwrapped. There was frequent clapping of hands, shouts of laughter, everything

expressive of happiness. "This is delightful," said the holly spring to itself. "I wonder if they are going to do this often."

By and by, when the merrymaking had lasted a long while, the candles on the tree were extinguished and the children were sent to bed. Then their parents put out the lights, and the room was dark. But the holly sprig R. F. D, No. 3 Cass sity, Mich, had so much to remember that it did

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 tree, then tore down 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 cel

Then the holly sprig wished itself back on the mountain side, where it could see the sun sparkling on the mow 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

membrance was what the robin had heard the clergyman say: "One of the greatest blessings is cor

summer time was at hand. Its last re-

### CHRISTMAS TREES.

Where They Come From and How

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

The woods that furnish spruce and are sold on contract and the jobber visits them in October to "size them He offers so much apiece for each tree as the trees run-usually And when Lovell appeared the children cried, 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 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 snowslakes 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.
Trim dat Christmas tree. Is my eyes a-gettin' dim?
What's dat hangin' f'um de limb?
Possum! An' I's proud o' him!
Trim dat Christmas tree.

-Washington Star.

# 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 ga 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.

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

And, Lovell, be sure thou'rt first to trace The clew to my secret lurhing place." Hway she ran, and her friends began Each tower to search and each nook to scan, And young Lovell cried: "Oh, where dost thou

I'm lonesome without thee, my own dear bride.



THE OLD MAN WEEPS FOR HIS FAIRY

HEV 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 "See, the old man weeps for his fairy bride!"

To length an old chest that had long lain Was found in the castle. They raised

the lid, Hnd a skeleton form lay moldering there, In the bridal wreath of that lady fair. 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 fastastic spectacle of dramatic mysteries and moralities given by personages in grotesque masks and singular costumes. connection with the people who handle The scenery usually represented an infant in a cradle surrounded by the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, bulls' heads, cherubs, eastern magi and many orna-

> 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 merrymaking, 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

> 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 decencies.

In England Christmas is a term at once for a religious and merrymaking festival for every rank and age, the festivities commencing on Christmas eve and lasting till Candlemas, and every day being a holiday till Tweifth 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 merrymaking.—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 plum pudding than are the ditties sung all through advent until Christmas eve by the good folk of that province.