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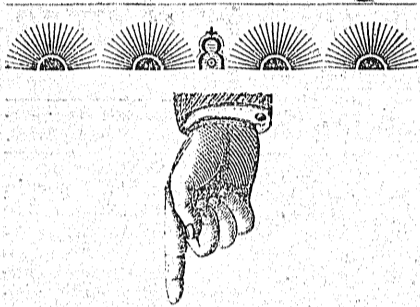
BY WICKWARE & McDOWELL.

THE EXCHANGE BANK,
Cass City, Mich.

Responsibility, \$40,000.

Accounts of business houses and individuals solicited. Interest paid on time certificates of deposit.

E. H. PINNEY, Proprietor.
H. L. PINNEY, Cashier.



McDougall & Co.

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With Care

And are now prepared to offer goods to the public at prices

LOWER THAN EVER

Mr. McGillvary's interest in the above firm has been purchased by

J. A. McDOUGALL,

who will continue to do business at the old stand.

Call and Be Convinced

That there is no cheaper place to buy Wall Paper.

T. H. Fritz, - Pharmacist.

Letters That Tarry.

The following are the letters un-called for at the postoffice at Cass City, Mich., for week ending Mar. 17: John Law, Miss Mary Marshall, Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Krohn & Netsorg. Persons calling for any of the above please say it is advertised.

A. W. SEED, P. M.

Low Excursion Rates South. March and April are the most un-healthy and unpleasant months in the North while in the South they are among the pleasantest. All nature is decked with bloom. Now is the time to come south. Very low round trip rates can be secured on excursions leaving St. Louis at 8:35 p. m., March 20th, April 9th, 10th and 24th, May 8th and 22nd, and June 5th, 1894, over the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. It will only cost you a trifle to visit the best and most beautiful section of the South where you can find cheap homes with as fine a climate as that of Italy. Full descriptions of the South sent free by E. E. Posey, General Passenger Agent M. & O. R. R., Mobile, Ala.

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We Pay 4 per cent interest on certificates of deposit if left three months. Money payable at any time without notice.

We Pay 5 per cent interest on money deposited for three months or longer.

We Will sell you a well-secured mortgage at par, drawing from 7 to 8 per cent interest. If you have money to invest buy securities of us, thereby getting the benefit of our experience and just as good a rate of interest.

If You have financial business of any kind to transact, call and see me.

C. W. McPhail, Proprietor.

W. S. Richardson, Cashier.

CASS CITY REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

C. W. McPhail, Prop.

40 ACRES, 1 1/2 mile south corporation line, has been sold for \$800. Will take \$500 cash. In 30 days. \$300 cash. Rents for \$6 per month.

HOUSE and lot in Cass City, well located. Cost \$1,000 to build. Will sell for \$500 if sold within 30 days. \$200 cash. Rents for \$6 per month.

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Caught On The Fly.

"Town Meetin' Day," April 2.

Democratic caucus, Monday evening, March 23.

Jochim, Hambitzer and Berry will take a vacation.

Republican caucus, Monday afternoon, March 23.

People's Party caucus, Saturday afternoon, March 24.

B. Leadbeater and J. Hunt, of Caro, visited in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Grigwar is visiting her parents at Casoville this week.

W. J. Cloakey reports the sale of a piano this week to H. S. Wickware.

Joseph Wallace and wife are visiting relatives in the southern part of the state.

Dr. McLean has sold his "Burt" forty in Evergreen to Isaac Austin, of Novesta.

Miss Tillie Reuter entertained a number of her friends Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McPhail were at their home in Caro from Saturday until Wednesday.

J. H. Striffler returned on Monday from Carson City, Mich., where he had been on business.

Wesley Heffolbower has rented his farm and will move to town as soon as he can rent a dwelling.

The Detroit Journal says that there is some talk of reproducing the Brazilian war as a comic opera.

Mrs. E. K. Wickware, milliner, announces the arrival of a well-selected stock of spring millinery. See advertisement.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fairweather and daughter, Lena, are spending a few days with friends and relatives at La-peer and Imlay City.

The demand for houses is already greater than the supply. Can not some of our capitalists find it profitable to erect a few houses?

Miss Maty Spurgon has just finished the winter term of school in District No. 2, Elmwood, and has been re-engaged for the summer term.

Agricultural implements have commenced to arrive. We notice that W. J. Campbell received a binder and several mowers the fore part of the week.

Thos. A. Childs, of Buffalo, has been in town this week. Mr. Childs is the owner of the "Beebe" farm in Novesta, and has leased the same to Mr. Lafayette of this place.

At the recent election of the Loyal Orange Lodge of this place, E. W. Keating was elected Worthy Master. The lodge is thinking seriously of celebrating Orangemen's Day—July 12.

Laing & James have laid a new walk along on the west side of their store property, and Segar Street residents smile. Many other pieces of sidewalk are needed in different parts of the village. Let the good work continue.

C. W. McPhail and A. J. Knapp took a very pleasant trip in a row boat down the Cass River on Sunday. They made the trip of twenty miles safely in about four hours. They returned to town Monday morning with horse power, via the highway.

John Landrigan, who had an auction sale of his stock and farming implements on Tuesday, will move to town and occupy J. L. Hitchcock's house at the corner of Houghton and Sherman Streets. Mr. Landrigan is obliged to retire from farming owing to ill health.

Henry Ball has returned from Indiana where he has been for about six weeks past disposing of territory for the sale of the Well's washing machine. He reports sales fairly good and plenty of notes, but little money. He has disposed of his territory and will now let some one else "talk washing machine."

Ralph Ballagh, the ENTERPRISE's Owendale correspondent—who by the way is a "hustler"—captured the prize writing desk offered to the correspondent sending in the largest list of new subscribers by March 17, he having secured seventeen new names. Mr. Ballagh's portrait and biography will be published next week.

A young man over in Windsor township, Eaton county, wanted a marriage license. He went to the treasurer instead of the county clerk, and asked what a license would cost. The treasurer's wife was in charge and thinking he wanted a liquor license told him that it would cost \$250 for six months. The young man raged and declared that if it cost \$250 every six months for license to live with a woman in Michigan he would go to Utah and take unto himself several wives at a much cheaper rate.—(Alpena Pioneer.

Henry Hare is in Imlay City, having been called there by the serious illness of his father, who is 85 years of age.

Many of our farmers propose to deal exclusively in "moody" cattle hereafter, many of them having had their bovines dehorned.

Merchant G. A. Stevenson is still endeavoring to bust up the panic times. If you don't believe it read the price list in his new ad this week.

J. H. McConkey and bride left for their far off Montana home on Monday. A large number of their friends gathered at the depot to bid them good bye.

Mr. Karr, the new wood worker in E. McKim's shop, will occupy the house of George Killins, at the west end of Pine Street. Mr. Killins moved to Kingston this week.

Messes. 2 Macks have a new spring announcement of interest to everybody. They have recently returned from the cities after purchasing large invoices of the latest spring merchandise.

As usual, the Enterprise office is prepared to print election tickets on short notice, on good book paper, in a workmanlike manner and strictly in accordance with the new election law. Send in your orders.

Mrs. C. W. Lynds will have an auction sale of a large amount of stock and implements at her farm three miles east and one-half mile south of Cass City, on Thursday, March 29, at 10 o'clock a. m. J. H. Striffler will preside as auctioneer.

John McCullough has rented his farm, one mile north and one-half mile west of Cass City, to Daniel McPherson, and will move to town. He will have an auction sale of stock and implements on Wednesday, March 28, at 1 o'clock p. m. J. H. Striffler will ask for bids.

Joseph Wallace and son William, harness-makers, have purchased the "Bader" building, which they have occupied for a number of years, and intend making some improvements to the premises soon. They are to be complimented on this evidence of prosperity.

Drunkards will take notice that the law providing for their sentence to prison for two years has been held by the supreme court as constitutional. Two years is none too long a sentence for one who wilfully fills himself with that which at any moment may prompt him to commit any crime.—[Ex.]

F. A. Turner, who recently engaged in the hardware business at Caro has also engaged in matrimony, being united in marriage to Miss Hattie Compton at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McHenry, at Caro, on Thursday evening of last week. The ENTERPRISE extends congratulations.

Dr. McLean was called to the home of Joseph Badger, about two miles south-east of Shabbona, last Monday night at 12 o'clock, to consult with Dr. McClinton, of Argyle. Mr. Badger, who is the proprietor of a saw mill, had his frontal bone, just above the right eye, fractured by the bursting of an emery wheel while engaged in "gumming" a saw. The doctors removed several pieces of bone which were pressing against the brain. It is thought that the chances are favorable for Mr. Badger's recovery.

We understand that peddlers are scouring the country tributary to Cass City, soliciting orders from farmers for groceries at "wholesale prices." The experience of many farmers in the vicinity of Marlette with peddlers of this kind, the particulars of which were published in these columns at the time, ought to be sufficient warning to would-be purchasers. The Marlette farmers got inferior goods—in fact almost worthless stuff—for which they paid in the end more than what they would have had to pay for A 1 goods from their home dealers. But, if for no other reason than justice, all should trade with their home merchants. The home merchant is the man who maintains the village at which you trade. The larger the place, the more varied its industries, and the better market it is for you. The home merchant pays the taxes which go toward the improvement of the place. The home merchant contributes out of his earnings to every public enterprise. He helps build the churches. He gave a bonus for the electric telephone; he helped bring the railroad here. In short, he made the town what it is today, and in making it created a market for your load of wood, your hay, your produce, the few dozen eggs or pounds of butter which you could not bother to ship to some foreign market and run the risk of dealing with strangers. You don't lose anything by patronizing the home dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelley are visiting in Canada.

We were struck by the lionish part of March weather this morning.

Wm. Wallace has moved into the O'Kelley residence at the corner of Leach and Third Streets.

We have been obliged to omit the council proceedings this week. They will be published in our next issue.

Mrs. Chas. Clarke has moved into the house formerly owned by Orlando Predmore, on Houghton Street west.

Mr. Baum, a practical cigarmaker of Vassar, is in town with the view of establishing a cigar factory at this place.

John Donnelly, three miles west and one-half mile north of Cass City, will sell his farm stock and implements by auction, at 10 a. m., on Tuesday, April 3rd. J. H. Striffler, auctioneer.

A daily paper gives an account of a young man who hung himself because people found fault with him. If the practice should become general the trees would be full of preachers, school teachers and editors dangling from pieces of rope.

Ladies, who are not particularly interested in fire protection, should not be misled by the peculiar heading to Laing & James' new ad this week. The heading is misleading, but the subject of the ad, and the prices quoted are sure to interest you.

While we admire that beautiful hymn, "Nearer, My God to Thee," we think that if you take a bushel of potatoes, a sack of flour and a big chunk of meat to some poor family who are suffering for the necessities of life, it will bring you nearer to God than all the spiritual songs you can sing for the next six months.

What we want are good roads, which can only be brought about by an improved and intelligible system of road-making. The highways in Argyle township are in such a frightful condition at present that it has been found necessary to close the schools for a few weeks. The good road system, like other reforms, must come, sooner or later.

C. E. Fritz, who has been assisting in his brother's store in this place for some time past, will, as manager, open up a "Bargain Store" in the R. S. Brown store building, Gageton, on Tuesday next, March 27. He will carry a stock of clothing, boots, shoes, rubber goods, gentlemen's furnishings, etc., all of which he advertises to sell at "big bargains." Mr. Fritz is a young man of good character and good business qualifications, and will doubtless conduct a business worthy of liberal patronage.

"In the future we shall make a uniform charge of seventy-five cents for the publication of resolutions in the columns of this paper. We feel that those who are interested in having articles of this character published will at least be willing to pay the cost of composition, and the price charged will barely cover this item. Correspondents will kindly bear this in mind."—(Caro Democrat. A good move, Brother Slocum. We adopted the plan some time ago, and have never regretted it. It is noticeable that this stereotyped and meaningless custom is rapidly becoming obsolete in this part of the world.

A brother editor says: It is an admitted fact that during the recent flurry in financial affairs no agency did more potent work to maintain confidence among the people in moneyed institutions than the country newspapers. They all swore by their towns and their banks; boasted of them as the safest in the land, managed by the most able financiers, and equal to any emergency. In some towns, had the local papers just dropped a hint of one line that things were not exactly safe, there would have been such runs on the banks that would have busted 'em wide open. It is the local papers that keep down excitement in times of peril and pour oil upon the troubled waters.

J. W. Murphy, of Maple Grove Stock Farm, visited the farm of A. D. DeGarmo, in Oakland County, last week. Mr. DeGarmo is noted in stock circles for raising polled Durhams. There are only two herds of natural polled Durhams in the United States, the originator of this peculiar breed of polled cattle being W. S. King, of Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Murphy purchased from Mr. DeGarmo, and brought back with him, a very superior animal to stand as head of his herd of Durhams, and expects to raise polled stock, as Mr. Garmo has proved by his experience that a polled bull always begets polled progeny—a sufficient recommendation when dehorning is becoming the custom, as this cruel operation will be avoided. We are pleased to note the frequent advent of thoroughbred stock in this vicinity.

Concert.

Following is the program to be given by Mrs. Rittinger and pupils, assisted by Messrs. Hitchcock and Pinney, and Messrs. Gilchrist, Knapp and McClinton, at the Town Hall, next Friday evening, March 30:

Piano—"Ein Herz, Ein Sinn"—Op. 323, Johann Strauss.
Laura Wickware and Winnie McClinton.
Song, in Character—"No Irish Need Apply"—Ora Wickware.

Piano—"The Joyous Return," Coluberts—Misses Belle McKenzie and Cora Farrar.
Song—"The Bell Buoy," Carl Rankin—A. J. Knapp.

Piano, six hands—"Pas Redouble,"—Ora Wickware, Florence Clarke, Ida Ross.
Song—"The Lighthouse Light," Hutchison—Will F. Gilchrist.

Piano—"Gallop," Bellak—Gertie Schooley and Beryl Koepfgen.
Song, in character—"The Bell Goes A-ringing for Sairah"—Winnie McClinton.

Piano, six hands—"Valse," Ludovic—Laura Wickware, Winnie McClinton, Gertie Schooley.
Song—"On Venice Waters," Otto Roeder—Miss Carrie Hitchcock.

Piano—"Caprice Hongrois"—Mrs. Rittinger and Nancy McArthur.
Song—"The Longshoreman," Chesnut—Will F. Gilchrist.

CANTATA—"THE LITTLE GYPSY."
Daisy Glenn, the Little Gypsy, Florence Clarke, Florence Earle, Companions, Ida Ross, Kate Bloomer, Laura Wickware, Ike, the Gypsy Boy, Herman McPhail, Frankie Ellis, Gertie Schooley, Nellie Fair, Claude McClinton, School and Village Children—Winnie McClinton, Ora Wickware, Beryl Koepfgen, Lizzie and Birdie Marshall, Frances Martus.

CONCERT—"THE MERRY TRAVEL."
Mr. Gray, counselor-at-law, N. F. McClinton, Mrs. Murrel, Miss Irene Pinney.
The admission will be 25c. and 15c.

Our Churches.

"How can a man be saved and know it?" will be E. Rushbrook's subject for Sunday, March 25th, at 3 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
Subjects of discourse for March 25: A. M., "The Resurrection of the Body." P. M., "Defence of the Gospel."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Another class of probationers were received Sunday evening.

Revival meetings were started Monday evening at Bethel appointment. Don't forget the missionary collection before breakfast Sunday morning.

The subject for the Epworth League meeting Sunday evening will be, "Es-ther: Risking all for God." Leader, Mrs. Jas. Eno.

The Epworth League steps to the front and announces an ice cream social for Tuesday evening, April 3rd, at the parsonage. Suitable temperature is guaranteed.

Appropriate Easter services will be held Sunday. As it is the anniversary of the Sunday School Missionary Society, the children will play a prominent part. The sacrament of baptism will be administered to children at the morning service, and the evening exercises will be largely participated in by the children.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
The preaching this week is by Revs. Cole, of Popple, and Steele, of Elkton. The latter will preach again this evening.

There will be the usual services on the Sabbath, and also another children's service at 4 o'clock. Like services will be announced from time to time.

The special evangelistic services at this church are being continued with unabated interest and increased attendance, and are happily being participated in by Christians of all denominations.

The Rev. Wm. Bullock, of the Second Marlette Church, is expected to begin a series of discourses on next Monday evening. The meetings will be continued throughout the week, as heretofore, except on Friday evening.

Let the people of God continue to pray and labor, that there may yet be a great turning to the Lord in this place. An urgent invitation is extended to all who can do so to come and hear the word of life and salvation. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

Passed The Examination.
From County School Com. Reavy we obtain the following list of persons who passed the teachers, examination held in Cass City, on March 9:

Ada McQuillan, Alfred J. Hall, Ida Jamieson, Maty Spurgon, Belle Schell, Nancie McArthur, Maggie Campbell, Nelson F. McClinton, Fred Schwaderer, Clark McKenzie, Charles Wilkinson, Willard Nash, Cass City; Mrs. Ora Bailey, Rena Gillett, Vassar; Hulda Hancock, Blumfield; Sarah C. Wright, Clifford; Blanch Handing, Marlette; Lucy Taylor, Tuscola; Fred Goff, Millington; Fred Cartwright, Akron; Etta Mitchell, Lily Allen, Kingston; H. A. McLean, Gilford; Iley Smith, Eva Hatch, Ellington; Austin E. Moden, Gageton. There were fifty one applicants.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Bad Axe is to have a local telephone exchange. The rental price of the 'phones will average \$10 per annum.

August Shadaek, a Pt. Austin merchant, has been arrested for the stealing of goods from the F. & P. M. depot.

Geo. Nofely, a retired farmer living at Marlette, suddenly expired last Friday. He was afflicted with heart disease.

The Vassar Times has been purchased by Messrs. Miller and Clynne, two Vassar young men, experienced in newspaper work. The Times has prospered under Mr. Tindall's management and we trust its prosperity will continue.

Henry Cole, of Forestville, aged 22, is under arrest for committing a criminal assault on a 16-year-old White Rock township (Huron county) girl, a few weeks ago. Cole had been arrested by Huron county officers, but escaped and was recaptured by a Pt. Huron detective.

An electric road from Carsonville to Sanilac Center is being strongly talked of at present. Experienced men say it can be built for \$25,000 and there is no doubt that this amount could easily be raised. Sanilac Center has offered \$10,000 for a road before, and there is a large country tributary to that village, the people of which would do most anything to see a road come that way.

The celebrated \$10,000 damage suit of Representative Moll vs. Eli Birtch, engineered by Senator McKinley, of Minden, came to sudden grief in the circuit court on Tuesday. The judge ordered a verdict of no cause of action, and discharged the jury, intimating that all that could be made of the declaration was sort of a drag net, gotten up for the purpose of "Molling" some of the bark off the Birch." It is rumored that the purpose of the suit was to raise money for Mac's campaign.—[Deckerville Recorder.

One would judge from the past maneuvers that Caro has a school for burglars located somewhere within the corporation and that the students occasionally go out for a little active practice. Last Sunday night some one entered the blacksmith shop of S. Parks and taking some tools proceeded to the bank of Carson & Ealy, opened the basement window and then pulled down the pipe leading from the furnace to the upper floor and tried to get through. This act was not accomplished for some reason. From the bank they proceeded to the home of M. R. Truesdell where their bungling work awakened the household and the "burglars" escaped in the darkness. Evidently some youthful bravos are sighing to join Vaughn and McMichael at Iona.—[Caro Democrat.

A Wrong Impression.

It appears that an impression has been formed to the effect that diphtheria is prevalent in Kingston. We are pleased to state that such is not the case. There have been a number of cases of what some pronounce "putrid sore throat," and from this fact has arisen the above-mentioned rumor. Dr. C. W. Morey is health officer for the village and also for Koylton township and has a thorough knowledge of the existing state of affairs. He is prepared to prove conclusively that he has discharged his duty as required by the State Board of Health. One case, a few miles from the village, was reported to Lansing, but within four or five days a second report followed, stating that the patient was convalescing. Two deaths have occurred in the village but Dr. Morey states positively that neither resulted from diphtheria. One was a son of George Meidlein and we publish below a copy of medical certificate, which speaks for itself. Citizens of any community should be very slow to repeat such a rumor, without knowing whereof they speak. The funerals of the deceased parties have each been public and largely attended, and although over two weeks have elapsed since the first one, not a single case of contagion has been reported.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.
We hereby certify that Jas. Meidlein, of Kingston, died from heart failure while convalescing from an attack of ulcerated tonsillitis.

GEO. SIMONSON, M. D.
C. W. MOREY, M. D.
GEORGE BATES, M. D.

Bad habits are material evidences of weakness.
A lie is an investment which seldom pays more than one dividend.
Abbotts East Indian Corn Paint cures all Corns, Warts and Bunions.

MICHIGAN DOINGS.

THE NEWS OF INTEREST OF OUR STATE IN BRIEF.

Two Men Struck by Lightning at Manistee—Quick Justice at Cadillac—Murder at Reed City—He Blow Out the Gas—Michigan Briefs.

Two Men Struck by Lightning. During a thunderstorm at Manistee, Thomas Anderson, a butcher, a prominent citizen of the fifth ward, was struck by lightning and now lies paralyzed and in a very precarious condition.

The frisky lightning of an equinoctial storm did considerable damage about Saginaw. Willard Sweet, 30 years of age, was repairing a pitchfork and had hold of the times, when a flash of the subtle fluid struck his face, passing down his right side and leg, burning him badly. The upper was torn off his boot as clean as it would be with a knife. He was carried into the house in an unconscious condition and is in a critical state.

Accident at a Big Launching. Three thousand people witnessed the launching of the Harvey H. Brown, at Wyandotte. Several hundred of them went home with wet feet and clothing in consequence. One of them, Charles L. Clark, of the firm of Charles L. Clark & Company, insurance agents, was taken home upon a stretcher with one leg broken and the other badly bruised. Otherwise the launching of the Harvey H. Brown—the largest carrier, though not the largest in dimensions upon the lakes—was a perfect success.

JUSTICE WAS QUICK. A Cadillac Ravisher Gets Ten Years in Short Order. Henry Moore, alias Henry Phillips, who attempted a criminal assault on Mrs. Henderson, of Henderson township, two weeks ago, was captured by Deputy Sheriff Spafford in a lumber camp near Iosco county. He was brought to Cadillac, pleaded guilty and sentenced to ten years at Jackson. He left for prison at 1 p. m. the same day in charge of Sheriff Dunham.

Suicide or Accident? James Christie was found dead in his bed at the home of his father, Alex. Christie, in Port Huron. He complained of a toothache at night and requested not to be disturbed. On the stand were found two bottles which had contained laudanum. There is a divergence of opinion as to whether he took an overdose of the drug taken to relieve his toothache, or deliberately committed suicide. He was 35 years of age and single.

Michigan Drowned in Mexico. A dispatch from Hermosillo, Mex., says: James Howard, an American civil engineer who left for the fishing grounds of La Paz, situated across the Gulf of California, was drowned on the first day after leaving Guaymas. He was leaning over the side of the vessel, when he lost his balance and fell into the gulf. He could not swim. His body was not recovered. The man is said to be a resident of Michigan, and possesses considerable property. He had been in Mexico for several months.

Murder at Reed City. Dingman Vernon shot and killed John M. Johnson in his saloon at Reed City, during an altercation. Vernon is a workman, and having some words with Johnson shot him through the lungs, twice in the temple and once through the lungs. Crowds at once assembled and great excitement prevailed; there was some talk of a lynching. Vernon was arrested and safely lodged in jail.

Blew Out the Gas. Frank T. Wyllis, a young man about 18 years of age, stopped at the Bailey house, Ionia, and blew out the gas upon retiring. With the door and window closed, he struggled through the night and was not discovered until morning, when it took four hours to bring him out of his asphyxiated condition.

Fatal Railroad Accident. Charles O'Connell, a freight brakeman on the Toledo & Ann Arbor railroad, was killed in the yards at Ann Arbor while coupling cars, his body being nearly severed in twain. He was 32 years of age, unmarried, and lived in Owosso.

Five Years for Stealing a Chicken. In the superior court at Grand Rapids Michael Lynch was convicted of breaking into a hen coop and stealing one chicken, worth 25c. Judge Burdette sentenced him to five years in the state prison at Jackson.

While John Butler, of Coldwater, was driving across a bridge in Girard township with a load of wood a stringer broke, overturning the load upon Mr. Butler and injuring him so seriously that his recovery is considered doubtful.

There is a county seat war on in Benzie and every hamlet in the county wants it. The people at Benzonia believe it should remain there, although it is a mile and a half from the center of the town. It was condemned some time ago as being unsafe and court has been held in a hall.

The house committee on election of president and vice-president has agreed to the joint resolution of the chairman, Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, for an amendment to the constitution providing that United States senators shall hereafter be elected by direct vote of the people instead of by the state legislatures.

Fourteen tramps "ran" a freight train that arrived at Kalamazoo after midnight and threatened to shoot Conductor Hall. They were all arrested by the police and sheriff. Four of them were taken to Grand Rapids to answer to various crimes. They had shoes stolen from a store at Fisher two weeks ago.

MINOR MICHIGAN NEWS.

The custom house at Muskegon will be opened on April 1. The Arnold mine of Eagle River has closed down owing to the dull times.

Mrs. James Kaley, of Traverse City, shot herself in the side. She may recover.

Gratton Grangers will hold their annual sheep shearing festival Thursday, April 5.

Ludington will bond itself to aid in locating the Epworth League training school there.

Birmingham schools were closed for two weeks, owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever.

The Michigan Republican Newspaper Association will hold its annual meeting at Owosso.

Marcellus has decided to bond the village for 8,000 to be used in constructing water works.

Negaunee has a first-class system of waterworks, and made a net profit of \$3,250 during 1893.

Charles Meyers, an inmate of the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids, was killed by a dummy train.

George Meerdink, janitor of the Kalamazoo public library, was found dead in the basement of the building.

Sherwood may have the oldest mason in the state. D. Spencer is 90 years old, and has been in the order for 55 years.

The last of six mills started in on full time at McBain. About 5,000,000 feet of logs are awaiting to be manufactured there this summer.

Lightning struck a barn belonging to Orin Johnson, near McBain. The barn was burned to the ground, together with horses, cows and hay.

Charles Meyers, an inmate of the Soldiers' home at Grand Rapids, was struck by a dummy train while walking on the track and was instantly killed.

Jack Garrison, of Central Lake, is charged with selling liquor without a license. It is not alleged that he kept a saloon, but that he retailed bottles on the street.

Oscar E. Wells, an aged pensioner of Saginaw, has been found guilty of assaulting little girls. He was a gate-keeper, and would entice children into the shanty by means of candy.

Crystal Falls, a village of only a few hundred souls, has a debt of \$40,000 hanging over its head. For that reason it is pretty hard to get a man who will act as village president, and for once the office begs the man.

The body of Mrs. Bonnel, who disappeared from Benton Harbor on Dec. 5, has been found in the river. The woman was traced to a bridge at the time. It is thought her clothes caught on snags and prevented her from drifting out into the lake.

There are to be 150 pupils at the Indian school instead of 100 as heretofore. To meet the increased expense entailed by the extra 50 scholars the secretary of the treasury has made the estimate \$32,500, instead of \$24,200, as has formerly been the custom.

A woman carrying an illegitimate male child begged food from the Negaunee police superintendent. The official thought a woman who had erred did not deserve such assistance. The woman just threatened to leave the kid with him. He gave her the food.

The saloon of A. Nichols in Loomis looks as if a cyclone had struck it. Somebody has smashed up the reformer and destroyed the cover of the pool table, cut up the cards, carried off the pool balls and 14 kegs of beer, and left a lamp burning in the cellar without a chimney.

The Dickinson county relief committee closed up its business and turned over the small amount of money and provisions on hand to the county poor commissioners. The period of distress is practically over, and the number of applicants is daily growing smaller.

Daniel H. Waters, a wealthy citizen of Grand Rapids, died in Florida. Before he went south he made hundreds of poor families happy by his contribution of \$5,000 to the relief commission. He has always been generous, and although a millionaire has worked as hard as a day laborer.

Local option in Antrim county carried by two majorities, according to the latest figures. In several townships it is alleged that Indians and woodsmen were not allowed to vote after registering, and rumors of contests are prevalent. Elk Rapids is the banner town, giving 210 majority against the measure.

Ex-Aud-Gen. Stone does not think it strange that state officials are not always as good men as they should be. The salary is entirely inadequate. During the two years he served his salary was \$4,000. His election expenses amounted to that much, so that he really worked for nothing except honor, and that is pretty cheap.

During the past year 23 horses have been mysteriously poisoned in Dryden township, Lapeer county. Martin Blow, aged 20, whose father is the man who has lost the greatest number, has been arrested on suspicion of being the poisoner. No motive can be assigned for the young man's actions, if he really is the one who committed the crime.

The village of Bancroft has now not a thing to show for the bonus offered for a brass and copper works which was promised to locate there for a \$10,000 bonus. Eighteen hundred dollars was advanced by the village for the buildings which were started, but the head of the firm suddenly disappeared and with him the money advanced, leaving the village to pay for the buildings a second time.

Michigan pensions: Original—John W. Hopkins, Lemont; Harvey S. Paddock, Three Oaks; John Barrett, White Lake; Elissa Hammon, Allegan; Oscar Thomas, Trent. Additional—Lewis W. Edwards, Holly; James Shepherd, Montclair; General—George W. Prescott, Grand Rapids. Renewals and increase—James B. Lincoln, Kalkaska; Wm. H. Smith, Olivet. Increase—John W. Taylor, Vassar; Francis Phelan, Detroit; Wm. J. Anderson, Reed City; George D. Paul, Monroe; Reissau—John D. Meyers, Brinton; Maria S. Roberts, Decatur.

The charred remains of a man were found in a burned lumber camp at Elmwood, not far from Menominee.

CONSUMPTION STATISTICS.

Extract From a Remarkable Document Proving That the Disease is Curable.

The following extracts from statistics compiled by the committee appointed by the Michigan legislature under the treatment for consumption, discovered by Dr. Amick, of Cincinnati, offers a new lease of life to thousands:

Fred P. J. Sager, of Columbus, O., began treatment June 20, 1893; discontinued it in seven months; cured; received first ten days' treatment free.

James A. Downard, Danville, Ind., began treatment September, 1893, discontinued four months later; cause of discontinuance, cured; previous duration of disease, 11 years. Received first ten days' treatment free.

L. J. Maxwell, Washington, D. C., began treatment October, 1893; discontinued December, 1893; cause of discontinuance, cured; duration of disease, not stated. Received the first ten days' treatment free.

Ed Dolin, 63 State street, Utica, N. Y., began treatment April, 1893; discontinued June, 1893; cause of discontinuance, cured; duration of disease, not stated. Received the first ten days' treatment free.

W. L. Wright, 503 Commercial building, St. Louis, began treatment February, 1893; discontinued after two months, cured of Asthma; previous duration of disease, twenty years.

Mrs. John E. Culger, Laramie, Wyoming, began treatment October, 1893; discontinued in two and a half months, cause of discontinuance, cured; previous duration of disease, two years. Received first ten days' treatment free.

James Winslow, Carthage, Ind., began treatment June, 1893; discontinued May, 1894; cured; previous duration of disease, received first ten days' treatment free.

C. W. Love, Deloit, Wis., began treatment Dec. 1892; discontinued 10 months later; cause of discontinuance, cured; previous duration of disease, one year. Received the first 10 days' treatment free.

Mrs. A. Beamer, Lansing, Mich.; began treatment Oct., 1893; have not discontinued; cured? No. Noticeable improvement? Yes. Received the first 10 days' treatment free.

Alfred S. Dewitt, Guthrie, Oklahoma, began treatment May 1, 1893; discontinued in six weeks; cause of discontinuance, cured; duration of disease, not stated. Received the first 10 days' treatment free.

R. C. Shanley, 905 Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky., began treatment July, 1893; discontinued September, 1893; cause of discontinuance, cured; previous duration of the disease, 18 months. Received the first 10 days' treatment free.

G. W. Colby, Jr., 205 North Fourth street, St. Louis, Mo., began treatment June 1, 1893; discontinued August, 1893; previous duration of disease, one year. Received the first 10 days' treatment free.

Dora E. Theobald, Bloxie, Miss., began treatment February, 1893; discontinued after four months; cured; previous duration of the disease four years.

The first one hundred statements reported to date, of beneficiaries, 51, an improvement, two; dead, one. Concerning the free treatment referred to the report states, consumptive everywhere are still given the same opportunity without cost; written application must be made through the family physician.

TO TOUR THE LAKES. President Cleveland, His Cabinet and the Members of Congress to Take a Trip.

Washington special: There is a movement on foot here to arrange a grand outing for the President, his cabinet and members of the house and senate on the great lakes in May or June, with a view to showing the beauties of the inland seas and the necessities of that commerce. Several weeks ago, after Alexander McDougall, the inventor of the whaleback, was before the river and harbor committee, he suggested such a trip for congress, but it was only in the form of a suggestion. Since then J. M. Hill, of Minneapolis, the big game hunter, has been active, and has actively interested himself and has offered to place his entire fleet of vessels of the Northern Line at the disposal of the President and his cabinet and congress. If the party can be accommodated in the summer months, the arrangements of any importance were adopted by the committee. One of the amendments of any importance was that the lake steamer should be used, another \$60,000 for the public building at Buffalo and another \$50,000 for repairs to the fleet of vessels. The latter was fought by the appropriation committee. The other amendments were adopted by one made by Mr. Morse, Republican, Massachusetts, to cut off the appropriation for the lake steamer, and the other to the sense of the house was tested upon the Morse proposition. It was overwhelmingly defeated.

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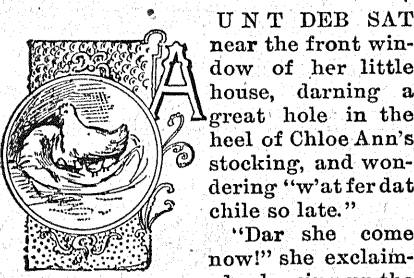
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UNT DEB SAT near the front window of her little house, darnin a great hole in the heel of Chloe Ann's stocking, and wondering "wat fer dat chile so late."

"Dar she come now!" she exclaimed, glancing up the road. "An' runnin' like a will' tuckey!"

"Aunt Deb," she gasped, "dem gals up ter de school house—"

"Look yer! I wants ter know wat you mean, bustin' inter de house dis way. You'se lackin' in repose ob manners, you is, Chloe Ann! Reckon I done year old mis' tellin' Miss Rosa dat a tounsan' times, an' you'se des like her. Shet dat do! Bless gracious!

"Pears like dat ma'ch win' tryin' to blow all outdo's inter dis room. Now you des set down in dat ar' chum, an' don' lemme year 'nudder wud fear, an' ontill you ketch yo' breath!"

Chloe Ann, puffing like a small steam-tug, rolled up her eyes despairingly and tumbled into a chair.

"Co'se I'd oughter knowed you'd 'spise fer ter year 'bout dem Easter doins'," said she, slyly, as soon as she was seated, "but dey's gwine ter be mighty cur'us."

Jane. I done sot dar an hen dia mornin'.

Not in the least abashed, Chloe Ann bounced out of her chair and clapped her hands, declaring that she knew "zackly wat ter put in de inside o' dat aig, an' she shouldn't as 'nobody, kase dey was all b'longin' ter her."

"You'se boun' ter speckerlate fudder'n dat, chile," said Aunt Deb. "Dat aig's 'bleeged ter have mo'n insides. Go 'long an' do some o' yo' flourishin' roun' de wood pile. Atter tea we'll set roun' de stove an' projec' 'bout dat 'riginal aig."

It was after 10 o'clock when Aunt Deb and her niece rose from their seats before the fire.

"An' atter all dis 'spectin' an' contendin'," said Aunt Deb, despondently, "we aint make out ter kiver dat aig! I kin ax Miss Cole fer de ole boxes—you'll git yo' pas'bon'd outen dem—an' like 'nough she'll gimme de strong 'n' like muslin. But I dunno wat you gwine ter do fer de outside."

"Don't you be troubled in yo' min' 'bout dat, Aunt Deb. Law! I'se boun' ter fin' kiverin' fer dat aig. 'Taint gwine out in de world naked, cert'n sho'. I aint nebbor got lef' behime yit, Aunt Deb!"

With this cheering assurance Chloe Ann jumped into bed, and was soon fast asleep.

Aunt Deb spoke truly when she said that the girl was "clar grit." Until the last eighteen months of her life she had always been ill-fed and overworked.

When the mother died, two years later, and her father declined to support her, Chloe Ann begged and worked her way from Georgia to a small town in Pennsylvania where Aunt Deb lived.

Here Chloe Ann paused an instant to give Aunt Deb time to take in the full import of this announcement. Then she proceeded with her tale.

"Dat gal wid de long yaller curls, she say ter me, 'Nobody aint 'spectin' you'll make nothin', Chloe Ann.' An' I say, 'Den I 'bleeged ter 'spise 'em.' Atter dat she axed me ef I reckon I kin make dat prize aig. An' I 'lowed I boun' ter try, an' dat I aint nebbor lef' behime! Den she laugh mighty scornful an' toss up her head. I aint say nothin' mo', but I des stan' roun' dem gals an' waches out. I aint say der folk. I knows fer sho' now des how I gwine to wate."

In less than half an hour she was back again. There was a package in her arms, and a look of solemn joy on her face.

"Come in de udder room," she said in a hoarse whisper, and Aunt Deb went into the other room without a moment's delay.

When the two emerged from the little bedroom, they quivered with the awfulness of the secret in their possession.

"Spee' you got to sew de fus' lot ter de clof," said Aunt Deb. "Atter dat dey'll stic' fas' 'nough."

"You'sesho' you kin make dat ar'?" inquired the girl, rather anxiously.

"Aint I use ter make balls fer Marse Ellis's chillun, long 'fo' you was borned? Does you 'magine dat dem days an' dem doins' done drop outen my min'?" Bless gracious! I kin tell dem ar' dections wud fer wud, an' I kin spangle um, too. Bat yo'se got to do some 'spec'ment'ing, Chloe Ann, kase you aint had no 'spec'ence wid sech doins'. I'se mighty glad dere aint no school dis week."

Chloe Ann's delight knew no bounds. She danced and capered about the room until Aunt Deb was thoroughly out of patience.

The eventful day dawned at last, but it seemed to Chloe Ann the longest day of her life. She was dressed for the evening long before the time, and as soon as the clock struck seven she ran to the schoolhouse.

When she opened the door she was dazzled with the sight. The boys had trimmed the large room most tastefully with evergreens, and had arranged flags and other draperies with charming effect.

The Easter eggs were displayed on tables near the wall. There were emerys, almost "as small as sparrows' aigs," with a rosette and loop of very narrow ribbon at each large end; eggs of dainty satin, filled with tempting candies; eggs covered with swan's-down, containing bottles of perfume; and eggs resplendent in blue and red velvet or plush, large enough to hold comfortably the elegant dolls that lay within.

Chloe Ann drew a long breath. "Lan' o' glory!" she exclaimed at last. "Dey's han'some! Co'se 'twas all mighty foolish ter make cal'lations on dat ar' ten dollar. Bat sakes 'live! I aint gwine ter bodder 'bout dat. Somebody'll buy my aig, cert'n sho'!"

"Law, Mis' Dodd! You eudn't 'pen on me, nowhow, fer ter git dat aig fum de house ter de school safe and soun'." Spee' hit's kase I'se lackin' in repose ob manners," she added, with a chuckle.

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Just as the committee who were to award the prize were about to withdraw for their conference, Chloe Ann opened the outside door and thrust a very anxious face out into the darkness.

"Here I is!" panted Aunt Deb. "An' you kin praise yo' sta's dat I'se come. I aint never on'ertuk no sech skittish job as dis afo'. An' you aint never yere no sech racket as come fum de inside o' dish yer aig! I clar ter goodness! 'Twas wuss'n totin' a clock! An' I'se 'mos' 'fard some er dem tunnels dun drap off in de road."

"Here, Judge Carleton!" said Mrs. Dodd, taking the huge bundle from Aunt Deb's reluctant arms, and giving it to a gentleman standing near her. "It is so late that you will have to exhibit this egg from the platform."

Judge Carleton proceeded to the platform, closely pursued by Aunt Deb, who removed the wrapping of tissue paper as he mounted the steps.

"Hullo!" shouted a small boy. "A pop-corn egg!"

A pop-corn egg sure enough, and shining and sparkling as if Jack Frost had breathed upon it! A murmur of surprise and admiration ran through the room.

"Look out dar, Marse Carleton!" cried Aunt Deb, excitedly. "You'se gwine ter keel hit over. Keep hit de lectle end up, sho'!"

Mrs. Dodd stepped upon the platform and assisted Judge Carleton to raise the upper half of the great egg.

When Black Jane, Aunt Deb's favorite hen, was disclosed, sitting on a nest of white cotton-bating, every body began to clap. Then a dozen fluffy little black heads thrust themselves out from under the wings of the old hen, and the applause became deafening.

At that all the little black heads disappeared, and everybody laughed.

Of course Chloe Ann's egg took the prize. The committee were not absent from the room more than five minutes; and as soon as the sale began, Mrs. Dodd was sorely perplexed, for it seemed as if every one wanted to buy Chloe Ann's egg.

What she forgot. Visitor—So you have a little baby brother? Little Girl—Yes'm I prayed for a little baby sister, but I s'pose the angels had run out of girl babies. I forgot to tell them there wasn't any hurry.

ONCE WAS STAR BOARDER.

How the Young Man Happened to Find Himself in the Hall Bedroom. The young man at our boarding house was standing outside the front door when I came home to supper.

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THE EGG THAT TOOK THE PRIZE.

Stanley Aber stood at the window looking across the meadow at the small evergreens that skirted the wood beyond, and wishing it were Christmas time again—for the tree had been such a delight; but it was nearly Easter, and there would be Easter eggs and Easter cards, and a small party, when all the cousins would be there.

"Mamma!" he cried, suddenly. "Well?" asked mamma. Stanley went nearer, and talked earnestly for several minutes; then mamma's face wore a smile, and Stanley was beaming and mysterious.



THE EASTER TREE.

The party came off on Easter Monday, and all the cousins were there. A merry time they had of it with all sorts of Easter games, and then came tea, with pretty sandwiches and cakes and ices and fruit, and then a door was opened into another room where stood a tree hung with the most charming of Easter tokens! Dainty baskets of flowers, one for each guest, painted eggs suspended by gay ribbons, beautiful cards and homemade trifles, and at the top of the tree were sprays of lovely Easter lilies that looked so pure and white against their background of dark green.

The Easter tree was a great success, and the cousins voted Stanley's Easter party to be the most delightful they had ever known.

Uncertain. Judge Wayback—Have you any prejudice against the defendant? Hank Howler—I dunno yit, judge. Wot's his politics?

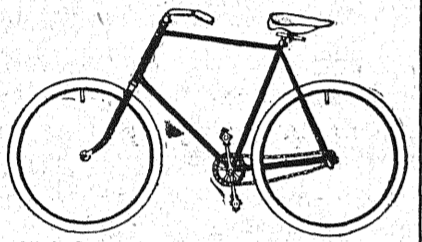
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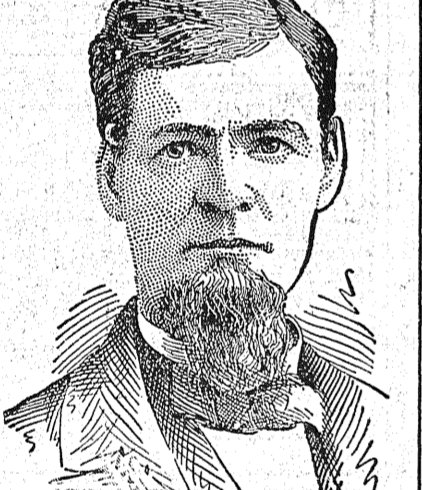
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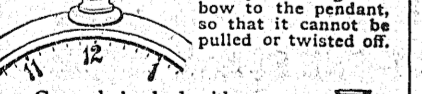
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WILMOT.

James McCallum died Friday morning, March 16, of heart disease. He leaves a wife, one daughter, (Maude) and two sons (Claude and Henry); also a mother, two brothers, one living in Owen Sound, Ont., and the other in Seattle, Washington, and five sisters, two living in Owen Sound, one in Manitoba, one in Milton, Ont., and one in Toronto.

WICKWARE.

News is scarce this week owing to bad roads and rainy weather. Ye scribe was absent last week, which was the cause of no items.

Ben Ellsworth has rented a farm near Bad Axe and will move as soon as the roads get passable.

Jos. Darling has quit his lumber job in Novesta for this season and has moved back to his farm.

A mistake was made in the school report last week. It should have been District No. 3, instead of district No. 1.

Township caucus Saturday, Mar. 24, at Hubel school house. Everybody should turn out and help nominate a good ticket.

Will Burt and Mrs. H. E. Burt returned home last week from Oscoda county, Mich., where they have been the past two months.

ELLINGTON.

John Woodcock returned home to Genesee county last week.

A dance at the house of William Colwell, Sr., last Friday night.

H. G. Comstock returned from Millington last week bringing his wife home with him.

H. A. Bailey has taken the Manly farm to work this year, and will put in a lot of beans and oats.

John H. Hoy came over from Akron last week and will work in the mill for W. A. Bailey when running.

Dr. R. A. Watson is attending E. T. Balch's child. He has stopped the fits but it remains very sick yet.

Earnest Steele and wife contemplated leaving in a few days for a visit among relatives in Fairgrove.

W. A. Bailey started up his mill last week, sawing shingles first then lumber for some of his customers.

John C. Drehmer is getting material upon the ground preparatory to building him a new house the coming summer.

Thursday of this week E. J. Darbee will close school in Dist. No. 1, and will give a school exhibition in the afternoon.

F. A. Turner, who has worked for C. W. McPhail, of Cass City, the past year last week took Miss Hattie E. Compton, one of Ellington's fair daughters, to wife.

Frank W. Brown has gone six miles above Cass City for the purpose of working in a mill for a while until Mrs. Brown gets able to travel up north.

ELKTON.

N. L. Wales is now home with his parents.

William Duffy, of Caseville, was in town last Tuesday.

Mrs. Service, from Theford, Ont., is visiting at John Feeking's.

The all important subject,—who shall be our township officers next year?

David Law, of Cass City, was in town last week distributing seeds to farmers.

Mr. G. B. Cornell has the finest lot of wall paper ever brought in this town.

L. G. Fitzgerald lost one of his horses a few days ago. Some say it committed suicide.

We understand the teacher and scholars are intending to set trees on the school ground this spring.

Aaron Cornell has returned from Detroit college of medicine and will be with his family for some time.

W. L. Doyle has leased the Eastman property, west of the village, where he will take up his residence in a few days.

Edward Johnson, from Dilworth, Minn., and his mother from Park Hill, Ont., were in town last week visiting relatives.

Mr. Palmer, from Yale, was in town last week looking up a location for a general store and expects to commence business in April.

These times are causing numerous suicides. Even the canine race have fallen in despair for we are informed our druggist is dealing out opiates to the old dogs to sleep away over the river.

Elkton needs a grain buyer and the writer thinks there is no better point in the Thumb for a grain elevator than at this village.

Will some drain commissioner figure this out? The statute allowing a tax of 10 per cent on the cost of the drain for contingent expense has been passed on a certain drain in this county for the sum of \$800 on \$4000. Tell how this is done.

One of our respected citizens, S. Motter, partner in the Elkton roller mills for the past two years, died in Detroit on the 16th day of March, at 1 o'clock. He went to Detroit hoping to gain new health and strength as the result of a surgical operation that the doctor had considered necessary, but died before it took place.

Friend, we leave thee to sleep with the quiet dead, where the silent stars look sadly down on thy lonely couch and the coming of the north disturbs not thy calm repose.

Noted for his integrity and upright-ness the vacancy his death has caused will long remain unplaced. The sorrowing friends and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

OWENDALE.

Caucus on Wednesday in the city hall, at 10 o'clock.

J. D. Owen is preparing to start on his southern tour.

Ed. Owens is doing a fine piece of work for J. D. at present.

Melis McMullen, of Gageton, was in town Monday of this week.

Jos. Grenache, of Edendale, was in this part Friday on business.

John C. Henan, of Caseville, was in this part Monday of this week.

Sargeant McKenzie visited friends east of town Saturday and Sunday last.

Jos. Wilson, of the American House, was in Cass City between trains Saturday.

Professor Sheppard, the horse dentist, is in this locality and has done several neat jobs.

Alex. Ross has taken the contract of building and repairing several pair of harness for the firms here.

Geo. Brady, of the Owendale House, has leased R. A. Ballagh's farm, east of town, for the coming summer.

Continued meetings will be held in the Presbyterian Church south of town beginning Monday evening next.

Rob Stevenson was in the vicinity of Popple Sunday last. We would suggest that he saw her. How is it Rob?

George Crouch has purchased ten acres of land from Cyrus Trumble, near Gageton, and will build shortly.

Paul Ross and Gordon McArthur are negotiating for the John Chisholm farm in Grant, so says our local sport.

Jas. Shoefelt was in Caseville Saturday on business. Jim makes frequent trips to his former home near the shore.

It is rumored that Thomas McPhee, of Gageton, will work the Aldridge farm which Cosgrove and White recently purchased.

Everybody smiles at the home of G. Ricker. It has come to stay, so Ben says. 'Tis a bouncing baby girl. We'll smoke, Geo.

The big mill will resume work again in a few days, which no doubt will be greatly appreciated by many, owing to the pressure of the times.

Ben Armitage has traded his valuable blood colt to Geo. Bradley for a fine display of furniture. The boys are watching this movement, Ben.

Thomas Campbell, is moving his feed and machinery to the R. Ballagh farm south of town, he having leased the above place for a term of years.

Wm. Gill is again attending the household wants at his own residence but he vouches this his last attempt to perform such a task. So girls, watch, I say that means something.

The K. O. T. M. boys, of Tent No. 211, of this place, received an invitation to attend a grand performance of the Oriental Degree in that society, by the Killmanagh Tent Saturday evening. Owing to the impassable condition of the roads on that date they did not attend.

Thomas Cosgrove has sold his interest in the large farm of Cosgrove & White, east of town, the past week to his partner. Thomas has had the well wishes of the community and the hopes are that he will remain in our midst, which we have not learned as certain Farmers note the mammoth sale of his stock and implements Thursday of this week.

All kinds of orders and blanks kept in stock at the ENTERPRISE office.

Bargains in Millinery. 25 per cent off for cash on all trimmed and untrimmed hats and bonnets until April 1st.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Township Board of the Township of Elkland will be in session in the Town Hall, in the Village of Cass City, in said township, on the 27th day of March, the day provided by the statute to audit all accounts and claims of said township.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

REGULARS: First Thursday and Friday in August, 1893, and last Thursday and Friday in March, 1894, at Caro.

Special: Last Friday in September, 1893, at Vassar. Second Friday in March, 1894, at Cass City. Last Friday in April, 1894, at Mayville.

Commissioner of Schools for Tuscola County.

Township Registration Notice.

To the Electors of the Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that meeting of the Board of Registration of the township above named will be held in the office of the Township Clerk, in the Town Hall, in said township, on Saturday, the 31st day of March, A. D. 1894, for the purpose of registering the names of such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for the purpose; and that said Board of Registration will be in session, on the day and at the place aforesaid, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 5 o'clock in the evening.

By order of the Township Board of Registration, T. H. HUNT, Clerk of said Township.

Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, that the next annual township election will be held on the first Monday of April, 1894, at the Town Hall, in said township, at the Village of Cass City, in said township, at which election the following officers are to be chosen, to-wit: One supervisor, one township clerk, one township treasurer, one school inspector, one commissioner of highways, one justice of the peace (full term), one drain commissioner, one member of board of road for one year, one member of board of review for two years, four constables, one overseer of highways for each district in said township to be chosen by acclamation.

T. H. HUNT, Tp. Clerk.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the payment of money due on a certain mortgage dated the 7th day of April, 1893, made and executed by William J. Ostrander and Sylvia Ostrander, to Alexander Russell and recorded in the Register of Deeds' office of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, on the 13th day of April, 1893, in Liber 67 of mortgages, on page 283, and that there is now due upon said mortgage the sum of Five Hundred Dollars and twenty cents (\$500.20). Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that said mortgage premises are to be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1894, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the western front door of the court house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, that being the place where said mortgage premises are described in said mortgage substantially as follows: The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section ten (10), township thirteen (13) north, range one (10) east, being the Township of Elkland, in Tuscola County, Michigan. Said premises will be sold to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, the costs of foreclosure and the interest that may accrue thereon between the date of this notice and the day of sale above mentioned.

Dated January 15th, 1894. ALEXANDER RUSSELL, Mortgagee. J. D. BROOKER, Attorney for Mortgagee.

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CASS CITY ENTERPRISE.

WICKWARE & McDOWELL, Propa.

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

CADETS at West Point and Annapolis have been forbidden to indulge in football. There is something strange about this. Are they not being trained for war?

A SALOON-KEEPER at Butte City shook dice for a minute worth \$35,000 and won it. Still there are people with the effrontery to assert that it is honest toil that counts.

ENGLISH sparrows have become such an intolerable nuisance in Maryland that a crusade of extermination has begun in a novel way. Great numbers of the birds roost in barns and outbuildings. The farmers, armed with broad, light paddles and bright lights, go to the buildings at night. The light attracts the birds; they swarm to it and are killed with the paddles.

THERE comes an echo of the football discussion from far Peru. An American now at Lima sends home a literal translation of a Lima newspaper's account of the last great football game in New York. The correspondent assures the editor and his readers that homicide is no infrequent feature of the sport, and bids American critics of the Spanish bull fight keep silence hereafter for very shame.

SINCE the prince of Wales has appeared at a swell ball in a swallow-tail coat made of wine-colored cloth and lined with yellow silk the day of doom of the conventional black-coat may be said to have been appointed. The ladies are to no longer monopolize the gay colors on festival occasions, for the royal fashion arbiter has issued his silent edict, more powerful than a ukase from the czar. The czar rules only the people of Northern Europe and the Northern Asia; the prince rules without a single word of command the fashion world. He simply appears at a ball and the whole fashion world copies him.

LEAVING sentiment out of the question, Jenkin Lloyd Jones' denunciation of "mourning by the yard" is justified from a practical standpoint. The living are robbed of the foolish plea of showing respect to the dead. The practice is unfortunately common among the very poor than among people better off. Respect for the dead is proper enough, but respect which takes the form of a modified circus parade and a convocation of milliners and dress-makers is as barbarous as the funeral customs of some of the Indian tribes, where all the possessions of the dead man are buried with him or burned upon his grave.

THE champion lady whist player has made the game a study for years, and says that the process has been attended by marked intellectual benefits. According to her, however, a lifetime cannot reveal the possibilities of the game. So that despite here and there an optimistic gleam of faith and trust, life is after all a failure. May it not be hoped that in some sweet hereafter, when years shall be no more and existence shall run on and on never ending and not pausing for meals, the possibilities of the game may be dragged from their concealment and the whist intelligence tower to the giant height forbidden by the trammels of human environment and fleeting seasons?

A YOUNG man at Hazelton, Pa., who tried an experiment with a mouse and a young woman's social club has given to the world an astonishing reversal of the familiar error that all women, like all elephants, are afraid of mice. This young man dropped his mouse upon the floor of the crowded clubroom and then awaited developments. He did not have long to wait. One of the young women had seen him in the ill-intentioned act. She promptly killed the mouse and then threatened the young man, afterward throwing him down a flight of stairs. He alighted with two broken ribs, an unhandsome face, and a new theory of women and mice which may be divined from this truthful narrative.

A CRUSADE against the expensive funeral bid is now in progress in New York. Governor Flower inaugurated this crusade last year when he vetoed the embalmers' bill with its coffin trust attachment. Only wealthy philanthropists of New York named Strauss has joined the crusade and is advocating cheaper funerals. From investigations made by himself he claims that the undertaker's charges, instead of being from \$100 to \$150 should not exceed \$35. The Catholic clergy of the city second Mr. Strauss' motion and so does Bishop Potter of the Episcopal church. There is a loud call for precisely this kind of reform in all large cities, a call for more of the intelligent simplicity which always characterizes Hobrow funerals.

AT last comes the cheering news from Brazil that there has been a battle. The fear that the rebellion would last until both sides had died of old age, and possibly be handed down to posterity and be served up by correspondents yet unborn had begun to haunt the public mind.

THE daughter of an Italian countess, an American by adoption, was divorced from her Scotch husband by an Idaho judge lately. Truly the Great West is cosmopolitan in divorces as in everything else.

THE REAL MERMAID.

NOT AS BEAUTIFUL AS PICTURED IN LEGEND.

The San Francisco Academy of Sciences has on exhibition a genuine specimen of the Human-Like Tenants of the Ocean.

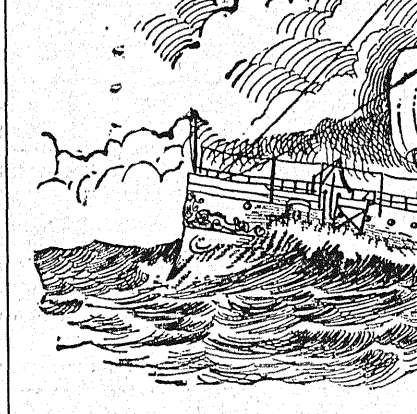
THE LATEST addition to the mammalia department of the San Francisco Academy of Sciences is a real mermaid. The strange specimen arrived from Australia a few weeks ago and is now in the hands of the taxidermist. The process of curing and stuffing will be completed in a few days. Then the public may visit the academy and take a good square look at an honest siren of the seas.



THE MERMAID OF MYTHOLOGY.

Although the animal is the veritable original of the mermaid, her scientific name is not so supple on the lips as the soft, pet names given to the marine sirens of mythology. She is known as the dugong, and while she is more or less interesting to the naturalist as being the inoffensive cause of the mermaid myths, she is still more interesting to him because she is a dugong. For the dugong has been battling for existence in the marine world for centuries, and is about to lose her identity among her aquatic neighbors of the southern deep. The dugong is becoming rapidly extinct. A specimen is seldom captured, and the one in the possession of the academy is regarded as an extraordinary prize.

Every nation under the sun has contributed to the mythical evolution of the dugongs from a member of the manatee family of mammalia to a beautiful sea siren with languorous eyes and flowing hair, who woos foolish mariners to destruction, and the folklore of every nation has a different idea of the appearance of the mermaid. The crafty Chinese and Japanese have even manufactured a hideous resemblance to a woman fish, and great painters have deigned to commit to canvas their conception of the siren. The unattractive, motherly dugong was the cause of it all.



THE MONTGOMERY.

loses in defensive properties she equal by the great effectiveness of her batteries and many a larger, heavier protected craft would stand but a poor chance against this active ship. Her individual hits may be less dangerous considered singly, but their comparative lightness is amply augmented by their frequency.

Upon her full bunker capacity of 435 tons of coal she will be able to steam 8,932 knots at a ten-knot speed; while at eighteen knots an hour she will be able to cover 1,624 knots in 3.76 days.

There are 47,373,553 sheep in the United States, worth \$125,909,264, an average value of about \$2.75. We do not know how much capital is invested in sheep farms, etc. The wool product in 1890 was 276,000,000 pounds, the mean price of which was 33 cents; the total value thus being \$92,000,000. We have no record of the value of sheep used for food. Almost no part of the cost of wool is labor. Sheep may be good for no other purpose, and the amount brought in by selling the wool is almost clear profit so far as the item of labor is concerned. In 1890 the capital invested in woolen mills was \$320,417,304. The wages paid in the same year were \$76,707,871; the products were valued at \$338,221,109; that is, about 23 per cent of the value of the products are represented by the labor.

The giant of the pulley family is now doing service at the Willimantic thread mills, Willimantic Manufacturing company, Connecticut. This monster wheel is twenty-eight feet in diameter and weighs seventy tons. The face of the wheel, which is made for a series of belts, each separated by a "rib," is nine feet across. It was cast in twenty-six parts, including the hub. The metal in the spokes alone weighs 36,000 pounds and that in the rim, which is in segments, each segment carrying a spoke, weighs 90,000 pounds. The twenty-six pieces of this gigantic piece of mechanism are fastened together with 150 bolts of varying lengths and size.

GLORY OF THE NATION.

The Latest Warship Added to Our World-Beating Navy.

In size, the cruiser Montgomery differs materially from the battleship, but in the characteristics of modernity and the features of progress and great power within its scope the smaller craft is of equal interest. Congress makes appropriation for the construction of vessels and describes loosely their type, speed, approximate tonnage displacement, and limit of cost, but upon the genius of the navy department falls the task of making the most of that allowance, and combining as many effective qualities within those bounds as the skill of the naval architect and the marine engineer can devise; and in the Montgomery the result is decidedly praiseworthy.

This vessel, like her sister ships, the Detroit and Marblehead, is an example of the simple coal-protected cruiser type; i. e., her coal supply is so disposed around her motive power and magazines as to afford considerable protection to those parts from gunfire. Over the boilers and engines, and, in fact, throughout the entire length of the vessel, there is a light water-tight deck. The deck is intended to preserve the vessel's buoyancy rather than to afford any defensive bulwark to the region below. Should the sides adjacent to the water-line be injured, the coal stored there in the bunkers would limit the admission of water, while the water-tight deck would preclude flooding of the compartments beneath.

The Montgomery is built of steel, has triple-expansion engines, each in a separate compartment, actuating twin screws, and is schooner rigged, with sufficient sail-power to add to her steadiness in a seaway. She is required to maintain a contract speed of seventeen knots an hour for four consecutive hours on trial; but should she equal the performance of the Detroit she will run over eighteen knots, and remunerate her builders handsomely.

Her principal dimensions are, length on load water-line, 257 feet; breadth, extreme, 37 feet; mean draught, 14 feet 6 inches; indicated horse-power (contract), 5,400; displacement, 2,000 tons. Her offensive powers will be concentrated in a main battery consisting of eight 5-inch rapid-fire guns and two 6-inch rapid-fire guns; a secondary battery of six 6-pounders, two 1-pounder rapid-fire guns, and two Gatling guns; while there is provision forward for three torpedo-launching apparatuses—one in the stem for the Hewell automobile, and two, one on either side, on the main deck, for the Whitehead torpedoes. All of the guns are of the rapid-fire type, using "fixed ammunition," by which means great celerity of discharge is obtained. What this vessel

Some people say that this large butter yield wears a cow out. Well, it has not worn "Massona" out, for she has had and heavy, as bright as a dollar, and due to calve in April, when seventeen years old. Now, what we want to do is to get rid of those poor cows that will not respond to feeding. Eat them, bury them, but do get rid of them, for they are mortgaging your farm, making slaves of your wives and families, and sinking you deeper into debt every year they exist. Then fill the country with cows that will respond to good feeding, that will pull you out of debt and leave you a good balance in the bank. I do not extol one breed above another, for circumstances alter cases, and it is folly to disparage one noble breed of cattle just because you happen to prefer another. We have many grand breeds to choose from; so I say to you most earnestly, choose the breed that suits you best, then get the very best individuals of that breed, and give them the very best of food, and you will never regret it.

Guinea Fowls. It is strange that so few guineas are kept on the farm. They are pretty fowls, peculiarly interesting in their habits, indefatigable foragers and really excellent for table use, as their flesh, though somewhat dark in color, is, when properly cooked, delicious, having a flavor resembling that of wild game. For their egg production alone, guineas are well worth keeping. The hens begin to lay in March, if the season is favorable and continue until frost, thus bridging over the time when the common fowls are indulging in their annual moult. Their eggs are dark brown in color, having remarkably thick shells, and though smaller in size than those of chicken hens, yet their greater richness of flavor more than makes up for their diminution in size. In the market they are said to bring a superior price, being much prized by housekeepers for cooking purposes, especially for making a nice cake. During summer and the pleasant weather of spring and fall, guineas prefer to roost out of doors, and to spend their days away from the house, roaming over distant woodland and meadows, where they make their nests in secluded spots on the ground, earth beneath low bushes or wide-spreading dock leaves. They are monogamous by nature, preferring but one mate and showing great affection for each other, though should the flock not contain an even number of sexes, two or more hens will lay with the same male, and all lay in the same nest most harmoniously.

THE FARM AND HOME.

LESSENING COST OF PRODUCTION IN DAIRIES.

A Successful Woman Tells How She Does It—Guinea Fowls—Keeping Healthy—Cleaning a Sick Room—Farm Notes and Home Hints.

A Woman's Dairy. Mrs. E. M. Jones, Brockville, Ont., is a very successful dairy woman. In a paper read before the Quebec farmer's congress, she says: We must increase our products and increase our profits too. And one great way of making more profit is to follow the teachings of all great dairy schools and colleges. They continually tell us to "lessen the cost of production." How is this to be done? By starting our cows? Far from it. But by keeping a better class of cows, feeding and caring for them better, and using more skill and care in making our butter. We thus increase our output, and at the same time we lessen the cost of production.

Do not think I advocate too high feeding for this is almost as great an error as starving your cattle. Feed generously and of suitable material, but find out each cow's capacity, and feed her up to the highest point at which she pays for the feed, and not one bit beyond it.

In my herd the usual grain ration for each animal in full milk varies from seven to ten pounds per cow, each day. This is composed of ground oats, ground peas, wheat bran and occasionally a little oil meal. The ration is divided into two feeds, and given night and morning, upon the silage. Should the silo be empty, the grain is always fed upon hay that has been cut and moistened.

The quantity of silage fed is thirty to forty pounds a day. At noon my cattle get a very small feed of cut carrots or mangels, and any further supply of food required consists of bright, early-cut, long hay put in their mangers. They get all the salt they need, all the water they want twice a day, and each cow is well carried and brushed over every day. Whenever weather permits, they are turned out for a short time about noon, but are never left out till cold or tired. The barns are thoroughly cleaned out twice a day. With this feed and care, I have two-year old heifers, making from twelve to fourteen pounds of butter a week and mature cows making from sixteen to nineteen pounds a week. To a very uncommon cow, I feed a larger ration. My famous old "Massona" is now eating more than the quantity I have just now mentioned; but what is her yield? Being in her eleventh year when I weaned her, she gave in eleven months and nine days, 8,200 pounds of milk, which churned 654 pounds of magnificent butter, and then dropped a fine heifer calf. With her previous owner, when she was younger, she is credited with 900 pounds of butter in a year, and her record is accepted by everyone.

It requires skill to market small fruit properly. It pays as well to grade poultry before sending to market as it does to grade any other article offered for sale. Ammonia may be prevented from escaping from the manure pile by occasionally applying dry earth to the surface. Success in gardening depends very largely on having a rich, deep, well-broken soil. The garden spot should be broken in the fall. Pumpkins can be grown very cheaply, and they are excellent for milk cows and hogs. In fact they are "good for man or beast."

Every farmer should raise at least all the fruit his family can consume, and the man who does not is not as good a provider for his family as he might or ought to be. Alfalfa, says Gleasings, is one of the most wonderful honey plants in the world, and bee-keepers in the vicinity of this plant have had more uniform success than elsewhere. When the farm boy is given a present of a pig or calf, let it be with the distinct understanding that he has to feed and care for it, and is to have all the money it sells for.

Home Hints. To beat the white of eggs stiff with ease they should be cold, with a very small pinch of salt added. Cut a piece from the top of old kid shoes and insert it inside the iron holder you are going to make. Add two tablespoonfuls of kerosene to the pail of water with which you wash grain or other varnished furniture. Make boiled starch with a weak soap suds made of white soap instead of clear water, and you will have no difficulty with its sticking. Egg shells are somewhat porous, and, like butter and cheese, absorb unpleasant odors. Therefore, eggs should be kept in a sweet, clean, cool place. All floor and whisk brooms should be thoroughly wet in scalding hot brine before using them. It will effectually prevent the straw from breaking. Do not wring wool underwear through a wringer. Use the hands, and shake it thoroughly before drying. When perfectly dry fold it smoothly, but do not iron. See if the odor is not more agreeable than when a hot sad iron has passed over them. To mend china or broken earthen ware take a very thick solution of gum arabic in water and stir into it plaster of Paris until the mixture becomes of the consistency of cream, apply with a brush to the broken edges of the ware and join together. In three days the article cannot be broken in the same place. The whiteness of the cement makes it doubly valuable.

The hen does not usually set until late in the season, the time of incubation being four weeks, and though their eggs hatch well, but few chicks are raised, as the little ones are remarkably tender and delicate, so susceptible to chill from rain and dew that if a flock doubles itself in a season, when left to its own devices, it is about as much as one can expect. Raised in this way, the young guineas are wild and shy as partridges, and when needed for the table have to be hunted down like wild game.—American Cultivator.

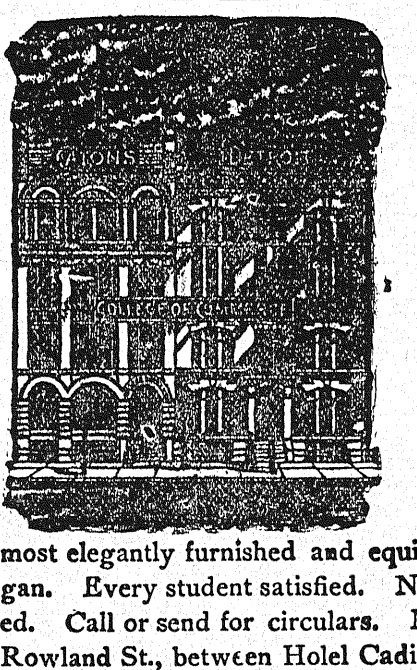
Keeping Healthy. A thrifty animal full of robust health is more capable of resisting the poison of contagious diseases successfully than an unthrifty animal. With all classes of stock then in order to maintain good health it is essential that all reasonable care be taken for that purpose. Give them clean quarters, dry bedding, wholesome, nutritious food, pure water and an opportunity to take abundant exercise when necessary. The breathing of impure air, the drinking of filthy water, of sleeping in a wet or nasty bed and the eating of unwholesome food are the principle causes of disease. There is something in the breeding, as some animals lack vigor from the start; but even these can often be brought through all right with good care when a little neglect would certainly cause a loss. But it is not only in their ability to resist disease that makes it desirable to keep the stock thrifty. With good health the animals will make a much better gain in proportion to the amount of food consumed and this of itself is no inconsiderable item. With good feeding a vigorous, thrifty animal can readily be kept gaining, while an unthrifty animal is a constant care to keep up.—Journal of Agriculture.

Cleaning the Sick Room. A sick room that needs cleaning can be made fresh and sweet without sweeping and without dust by wiping everything in it with a cloth wrung out of warm water in which there are a few drops of ammonia. The rugs and draperies, though there should not be any in the room, the doctors tell us, may be put upon the line for a thorough airing and wiped in the same way. The feather duster, which should be banished because it does no real good anywhere except to stir up and redistribute the dust, is especially out of place in the sick room, where there may be, and doubtless often are, germs of disease in the innocent-looking dust. If a patient is in a nervous state a screen may be placed in front of the bed while the freshening goes on. If the room can only be heated by a stove the noise of putting in coal can be deadened by wrapping the coal in a paper before putting on the fire.

Farm Notes. Ammonia may be prevented from escaping from the manure pile by occasionally applying dry earth to the surface. Success in gardening depends very largely on having a rich, deep, well-broken soil. The garden spot should be broken in the fall. Pumpkins can be grown very cheaply, and they are excellent for milk cows and hogs. In fact they are "good for man or beast."

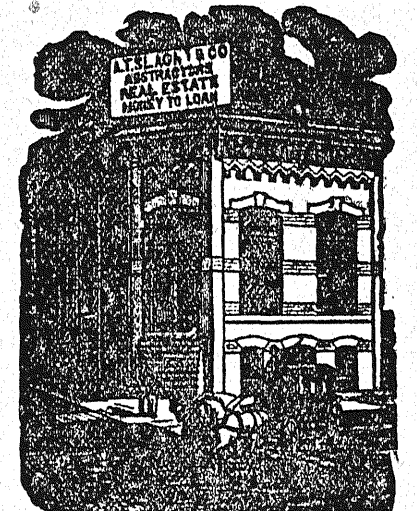
Every farmer should raise at least all the fruit his family can consume, and the man who does not is not as good a provider for his family as he might or ought to be. Alfalfa, says Gleasings, is one of the most wonderful honey plants in the world, and bee-keepers in the vicinity of this plant have had more uniform success than elsewhere. When the farm boy is given a present of a pig or calf, let it be with the distinct understanding that he has to feed and care for it, and is to have all the money it sells for.

Home Hints. To beat the white of eggs stiff with ease they should be cold, with a very small pinch of salt added. Cut a piece from the top of old kid shoes and insert it inside the iron holder you are going to make. Add two tablespoonfuls of kerosene to the pail of water with which you wash grain or other varnished furniture. Make boiled starch with a weak soap suds made of white soap instead of clear water, and you will have no difficulty with its sticking. Egg shells are somewhat porous, and, like butter and cheese, absorb unpleasant odors. Therefore, eggs should be kept in a sweet, clean, cool place. All floor and whisk brooms should be thoroughly wet in scalding hot brine before using them. It will effectually prevent the straw from breaking. Do not wring wool underwear through a wringer. Use the hands, and shake it thoroughly before drying. When perfectly dry fold it smoothly, but do not iron. See if the odor is not more agreeable than when a hot sad iron has passed over them. To mend china or broken earthen ware take a very thick solution of gum arabic in water and stir into it plaster of Paris until the mixture becomes of the consistency of cream, apply with a brush to the broken edges of the ware and join together. In three days the article cannot be broken in the same place. The whiteness of the cement makes it doubly valuable.



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A BOY'S MOTHER.

My mother she's so good to me,
If I was good as I could be,
I couldn't be as good as she,
Can't any boy be good as she!

She loves me when I'm glad or mad;
She loves me when I'm good or bad;
An' what's the funniest thing she says
She loves me when she punishes.

I don't like her to punish me;
That don't hurt, but it hurts to see
Her cry when I cry, an' when I'm sad
We both cry, an' we both are glad.

She loves me when she puts on my hat;
My little coat and Sunday clothes;
An' when my pa comes home to tea,
She loves him most as much as me.

She laughs an' tells him all I said;
An' I grab me up an' pat his head;
An' I hug her an' he hug my pa,
An' love him purty much as me.

Symbols of the Nation.

The struggle for freedom and the
victory of the colonists in turning a
band of disorganized states into a
nation, is best typified by the bell, the
flag and Independence Hall. The
famous old liberty bell goes far back
into colonial recollections, for it was
cast at least a quarter of a century
before the war, in the brick-paved
town of Philadelphia, and hung early
in June, 1753, in the belfry of the
state house, later on Independence
hall. It was a master and a gigantic
piece of work for those times, weigh-
ing 2,080 pounds, and having carved
on its face "Proclaim liberty through-
out the land, unto all the inhabitants
thereof."—Leviticus, xxv:10.

It swung in the old belfry until,
with the stress of war upon them,
the colonists feared for its safety. In
1777, therefore, it was secretly spirited
away to Allentown, Pa., and hidden
there. In 1791 it was returned to
Philadelphia and set in the brick
tower below the original belfry of
wood, by this time decayed.

But the bell went at last the way
of all inanimate things, and after a
term of service of fifty years a crack
commenced to appear. Its guardians
sawed the crack wider to try and hold
the tone.

Yet it was useless, and the old bell
was doomed. A new steeple and a
new bell were added to Independence
hall in 1828, both of which still remain.
The bell of the revolution stands on a
platform on the bell's first floor.

Every colony previous to the con-
federation had its own banner and
flag. Most belligerent of all was the
colored rattlesnake on a white ground,
with its fierce scroll, "Don't Tread on Me."
It was not, indeed, until the war had
been running two years that a national
standard was adopted. The
idea was supplied by a Dane, Captain
Abraham Morkow, who, some time in
1775, presented a banner with thirteen
red and white stripes to the Philadel-
phia Light Horse. On June 14, 1777,
therefore, congress resolved: "That
the flag of the United States be thir-
teen stripes, alternating red and
white; that the union be thirteen stars,
white on a blue field, representing a
new constellation."

No change was made until 1818,
when, there being twenty-eight
states, it was decided that a star be
added for every state.

Independence hall stands not only
as the place of rest for the liberty
bell, says the Washington Post, but
as the old Pennsylvania state house, and
the building wherein the declaration
of independence was signed in 1776,
with John Hancock at its head. It is
still in excellent preservation, and its
quaint red and white front and brick
frieze give it an air of romance and
antiquity.

How to Make a Rag Doll.
Did any of you ever try your hand
at making a rag baby? A rag doll is
not, I confess, as lovely as a waxen or
a china one, but nevertheless it wears
very much better, and it is a capital
present to give a tiny sister or some
small girl friend. The manufacture
of a rag dollie is quite easy, and all
the materials required are fairly hard
of unbleached muslin, some stout
twill, a collection of snippings of
cloth, some cotton wool, a pair of old
gloves, and a paint box.

With these and a little patience you
can in an hour or two turn out a most
presentable member of doll-dom. Its
beauty of face will, of course, depend
upon your skill in using the paint box,
unless you possess in your family
some one clever enough to give dollie
a charming baby face.

In making a rag doll, a narrow bag
a little wider at the ends than it is in
the middle should be cut out from the
muslin and strongly sewn together
for the body; fill this with cloth snip-
pings, taking care to tear them up
very small and pack them tightly.

A child's stocking serves as a capital
pattern for the legs and feet of the
doll. These should be also stuffed
with bits of cloth, and the calico cov-
ering very neatly stitched, or else
they will have a bulgy appearance.
Your rag baby's arm, to hang well,
should be stuffed with cotton wool,
and the lower part from the elbow
downwards covered with kid instead
of calico. With a little trouble you
can fashion the kid into a very fair
semblance of a pair of hands, when
you are cutting it out. The head is
rather difficult to get round and

smooth. My plan is to take cotton
wool and make it into the size you
want by kneading it in your hands;
cover it, when smooth and good shape,
with the unbleached calico, but a bit
of white glazed lining should be
stretched tightly across the front of
the head; it is then easy to paint the
face upon it.

A fringe of hair from a wig, or old
dolls' tresses, must be gummed on the
forehead, and, when surmounted by a
pretty Dutch cap, your doll will be
ready to have its features depicted.

If you are going to be the artist
yourself and paint the face on the
front of Miss Doll's head, you will
find it a great help to place before you
a wax or china doll to copy from.

Capturing a Hackee.

This is an exciting story which St.
Nicholas thinks the young people may
enjoy reading—with the aid of their
dictionaries, of course.

Being easily excited, and an
amnicolist fond of inescapable fish and
brogging, with an ineluctable desire
for the annihilation of care, I took a
punt and descended the river in a
snifty gale. The water being smooth,
I felt I could venture with incolumity,
as I was familiar with the obnoxious
river.

Having brogged without result, I
rowed toward an eyot, intending
merely to quiddle, when I suddenly
saw a hackee. Wishing to capture
him, I decided to circumnavigate and
take him unawares. Landing, I deter-
mined myself where I could see the
hackee deracinating grass. He discovered
me and skugged behind a tree, occa-
sionally protruding his noll.

Seizing a stick, I sawed the caput.
When the neb appeared, I feigned
him. The hackee, which is pedimanous,
tried to climb the bole. He
seemed sheepish, and I suspected
him of some michery, especially as
his cheeks seemed ampullaceous. I
caught him by the tail and he skirled.

Though he was sprack, I held on with
redoubt, and tried finally to sowle
him. The hackee looked soyoned and
tried to seyle. I labored him and he
cleped, making vigorous oppugnation,
and evidently longing for divagation.

Then a pirogue approached and an
agricultor landed. This distracted
the hackee and I sowled him, but
dropped him because he scratched so.
I vowed to exungulate him when
caught.

Borrowing a fazzolet, I tried to
yend it over the hackee's head, as a
means of occagation. The agricultor
aided. He was not attractive, seem-
ing capricious and not unlike a plear-
room. He had a siphunculated dinner
mail, which looked as if he had been
battering it while pugging. But with
a stick and some string he made
a gin and tried to make the hackee
bisson. This caused quenching by
the hackee, who seized the coadjutor's
hallux. Thus exasperated, the agricul-
tore captured the hackee, without
any miigniarsise; but he glouted
over the bite, and his rage was
not quatted until the hackee
was a lich. Carrying it to the punt, I
sank into a queasy spot, which de-
layed me until the gale obnubilated
the sky.

When removing the pelage, I
found the lich somewhat old because
the swinker had feagued the hackee,
and so I yended the lich away, went
to market, and supped upon a spit-
cock, and a hot bisk.

A Young Canadian Habitant Boy's Sled.
Among the young habitant boys of
the mountainous district of Quebec,
Canada, a little sled is used which is
so novel and simple in construction,
and affords such famous sport on the
steep mountain roads, that I am cer-
tain its introduction to boys and girls
will be heartily welcomed. Any boy
can construct one in a few moments,
and the cost is practically nothing.

A good smooth stave from a barrel
having been procured, an upright bunk
about twelve inches high is securely
nailed to it. On the top of this bunk
a seat is nailed. This may be also a
piece of barrel stave about fifteen
inches long. The sled is now complete.

Now for a slide down some small
hill to begin with. Seated on the
bunk seat, both hands holding the
ends of the seat, and both feet touch-
ing the snow to help balance the little
craft and to steer it, away you go.
Such an exciting run, such fun, so
easily guided and controlled, no dan-
ger, for a firm pressure of the feet
upon the snow brings the little craft
to a standstill at will, and as it weighs
but a pound, it is so easily carried up
hill.

I have seen these little sleds used by
boys and girls of five or six years of
age on the roughest and steepest
mountain-sides on the snow-crust, and
they were always under such perfect
control that I never heard of an acci-
dent.

Twenty or more of these little craft
can be made from one barrel with a
pound of three-inch nails.—Harper's
Young People.

A Seventy-Foot Dragon.

The Elasmosaurus, a giant serpent
which lived in one of the latest of the
geological ages, frequently attained
the length of seventy feet. Its chief
habitat seems to have been the shallow
seas that formerly lashed their waves
over the prairies of Nebraska, Kansas
and Indian territory. A skeleton of
one of the creatures found in a
West Kansas canyon a few years ago
proves that thirty feet of the beast
was neck; the remainder body, tail
and flippers.

Hasn't Been Called "Sissy" Since.
When Thomas B. Reed was a boy,
so a recent story goes, he used to put
on a big apron and help his mother
with the housework, which afforded
much amusement to the other urchins
of Portland, who were fond of calling
him "Sissy." One day he was chur-
ring, while the boys stood about guy-
ing him. He finished the job and
then took his apron off and thrashed
half a dozen of them. That was the
last heard of "Sissy."

THE COCKSWAIN'S STORY.

You know that little Dago who
stood on the burnin' deck,
Because his father was too dead
To bid him quit the wreck?
Some folks may think it fine to write
A poem on what he did,
But, say, he warn't a marker
To our captain's little kid.

We was cruisin' just off Sandy Hook,
A-shootin' at a mark,
An' little Jack stood on the bridge,
An' thought it all a lark.
"Stay right up there!" his father said,
An' knew the little kid
Would meet no harm, because he'd do
Exactly as he was bid.

When, just like that, a shell with fuse
Allight came rollin' at,
An' men an' boys they skipped one side
Just like as they were dead.
'Twas just a silly trick 'o' some
Fresh mischickin' Mid,
But it seemed all dead in earnest to
The captain's little kid.

He give one hasty look aroun',
His lip curled up in scorn,
Then swung hisself down on the deck,
An' true as you were born.
He rubbed that burnin' fuse in both
His little hands, he did,
An' yanked it out. Say, did he shout
Then for the captain's little kid?

The captain come, an' he was mad.
"How dared you disobey?"
"Well, Pops," the little chap spoke out,
"You see, 'twas just this way:
You wasn't here, but Pops, I know
Just what you would 'a' did,
An' so I took my chances.
I right!" The plucky kid!

The captain, w'y, he just broke down,
An' fairly piped 's' eyes,
An' noticed 'twas just that cocked
'Twas all he could reply.
'This w'y the men all stook to Jack?
He touched their hearts, he did,
Say, that Dago wasn't in it with
The captain's little kid.

—Harper's Young People

The Great Hesper.

BY FRANK BARNETT.

CHAPTER III.—CONTINUED.

"And Jan Van Hoeck?"
"That's Israel," responded the
Judge, indicating Van Hoeck; "and
darkness fell upon 'em," he added,
explanatorily.

During a short space of his event-
ful career Brace had earned a pre-
cious existence as a traveling
preacher.

"Then you are Bernard Thorne,"
the baronet said to me, "and Lola
is—"

"The Kid," said Brace; "her
mother was a greaser—a Mexican,"
he explained to Miss Lascelles.
The dinner had warmed his spirits
and loosened his tongue, and he re-
lated the story of the finding of the
diamond.

"One thing is obvious," said Sir
Edmund cheerfully; "you won't
want to leave me to-night."
"Neerly one on us, sir, you bet!"
replied the Judge, while Van Hoeck
and I expressed the same sentiments in
other words.

"The next thing to consider is,"
he then said, "how can I be of ser-
vice to you in this affair. To pur-
chase your treasure is of course al-
together out of the question. But I
should like to buy a small—a very,
very small—share in it, paying down
a certain sum for your present con-
venience, and taking it back when
the diamond is ultimately disposed
of, with a reasonable percentage
upon the outlay. I make this sug-
gestion as a matter of business, that
you may feel yourselves free from
any restraint in accepting my offer."

It took us but a few moments to
agree to this proposal.

"In that case," he proceeded, "I
should wish to have a voice in the
management of this business, and the
first suggestion I should make is,
that the finest artist in work of this
kind be engaged to cut the diamond
under this roof, and that during the
operation you should take up your
residence here. This precaution is
necessary for the safe keeping of the
treasure, and for our own common
security."

This arrangement was too obvi-
ously advantageous to us to require
argument; we consulted together, and
quickly agreed to accept the condi-
tion.

Sir Edmund read the agreement
through again, and then said:
"We must consult a lawyer with
regard to a legal form of agreement.
Here there is a kind of tontine ar-
rangement by which one would re-
ceive an enormous sum in the event
of the death of his partners. It is an
uncomfortable clause, and I do not see
the necessity for its existence, now
that the circumstances which called
for its being made are changed. A
lawyer may provide for our security
without exposing us to ugly possibilities.
Your rooms are ready; Johnson
will show you to them if you feel you
would like to turn in."

The prospect of sleeping once
more in a good bed brought us to
our feet at once.

Miss Lascelles, undaunted by a
first rebuff, had got Lola's hand in
hers, and was talking in a low, en-
dearing tone to her. The Kid
snatched her hand away, started to
her feet, and came to my side, see-
ing we were about to go.

In the morning her room was found
empty, the bed untouched, the floor
covered with shreds of the clothing
Miss Lascelles had lain out for Lola's
use, and which, undoubtedly, the
little savage had torn up.

Poor little Lola! She and I had
always been the best of friends, ex-
cept when a question of cooking or
washing occurred to trouble us. She
would yield to my persuasion when
nothing else would bend her stub-
born spirits. She feared my silent
reproach more than the scathing
sarcasm Van Hoeck treated her
with, or the heavy hand of her
father. She respected no one but
me, probably because I alone re-
spected her feelings.

Had I foreseen that night the
course she was about to take, I might,
with a little patient persuasion,
have brought her to reason. My
spirit is weighed down with regret
when I think how perhaps a dozen
words from me at that time would
have turned aside the fearful conse-
quences of that act—an act so slight

yet followed by terror upon terror,
by crime upon crime.

CHAPTER IV.

I must summarize as briefly as pos-
sible the events that took place the
week following Lola's flight, not be-
cause I find them lacking in inter-
est—for indeed these were the hap-
piest days I had ever spent—but be-
cause the lengthy description would
unduly retard the progress of the
history I have set myself to narrate.

On the morning of the 15th, search
was made for Lola. She was not in
the house. A little after midday,
one of the keepers, sent out to explore
the Abbey woods and park, reported
that he had seen the fugitive in the
fir plantation, about half a mile from
the Abbey. At sight of him she had
"scuttled" away like a young deer,
but he, obedient to orders, had not
pursued her.

In the afternoon we went in a
break to Southampton, driving
slowly through the woods, with the
possibility of being seen by Lola,
who would certainly then have fol-
lowed us, but we saw nothing of her.
At Southampton we bought decent
clothes, and spent some time in the
hair dresser's. I had my beard
shaved off; and we returned to the
Abbey, very much altered for the
better in appearance.

Sir Edmund returned in the even-
ing from London.

"Now, indeed, you look yourself—
a gentleman," he said, shaking my
hand cordially. He had made in-
quiries respecting a laundary, and
learned that the most expert know-
to the trade was a man named Car-
valho, then occupied at Madrid.
With our sanction he wrote at once
offering this man his own terms to
come to the Abbey and cut the Great
Hesper.

At night, the door by which Lola
was supposed to have escaped from
the Abbey was left open, and a night
light was placed in her bedroom.

The next morning the dairymaid
said that someone had been at her
milk pail in the night; there was no
other evidence of a loa having en-
tered the house. After breakfast, I
determined to go through the woods
myself in search of her. Miss Las-
celles wished to accompany me. I
ought to have pointed out to her that
her company lessened the chances of
Lola suffering me to approach her,
but I could not deprive myself the
pleasure of having such a sweet com-
panion. We saw Lola at the edge of
a clearing on the hillside. She
watched us as we drew near. I
called to her, but she shook her
head, and turning her back upon us,
quickly disappeared among the pines.

The forlorn condition of the girl; her
gesture which seemed full of sad-
ness; the silent fall of leaves; the
tristness of the autumn woods,
overcame Miss Lascelles; and as she
walked silently beside me, with her
head bent, I saw that she was cry-
ing. This episode made a deep im-
pression upon me; yet while my
heart ached with sympathy for the
poor little savage wandering alone in
the silent, still wood, an in-
scribable happiness stole over my
senses. "It was the awakening of love.

On the 19th we went again into
the woods, Miss Lascelles and I,
straying thither without purpose
from the garden where we met. We
came to a stream bridged by a single
plank supported in the middle.
There had been a hand-rail, but it
had fallen away in decay. I gave
her my hand, the fear of falling
made her clasp my fingers tightly.
I called to her, but she shook her
head; it animated her face and eyes
with the prettiest, most bewitching
expression imaginable. Her hand
seemed to communicate the quick-
ened pulsation of her heart. But it
was not fear—it was intoxication
that agitated me; and when she put
her foot in safety on the bank, and
looked up into my face with bright
laughter, I lost my head completely.
I kept her hand in mine, and when
she tried to withdraw it, I forced it
to my lips and pressed it there upon it.

The color left her cheek, and in a
tone of reproach she exclaimed: "Oh,
Mr. Thorne!" and I was ashamed.
We walked home and were very silent
on the way. I sought Sir Edmund
at once, and finding him alone, told
him that I wished to make his
daughter my wife. He was thunder-
struck by this sudden and unexpected
announcement.

"I love your daughter," I said,
"and I cannot stay in this house
because my passion is secret."

"Well," said he, "with rather re-
solute plainness, 'you have lost no
time, Mr. Thorne, but it would have
been a poor compliment to my daugh-
ter had you failed to perceive her
charms.'"

"I should be dull indeed had she
failed to impress me," I replied.
We talked for some time, and
finally he said, with emotion:
"I must give up my dear child,
sooner or later. Her happiness is
dearer to me than anything; and I
can wish her no greater blessing
than to find a good and worthy hus-
band."

At that moment Edith opened the
door, but seeing us, she stopped in
the entrance.

"Come here, Edith," said Sir Ed-
mund; and, taking her hand, he con-
tinued, "Mr. Thorne wishes you to
be his wife; is that your wish also?"
She buried her burning face in her
father's shoulder; she could neither
say yes nor no.

"It is a question that should not
be decided hastily," the baronet con-
tinued, "take time, my dear. Mean-
while, I see no reason for your leav-
ing the house," he added, addressing
me.

"Unless—" I faltered.

"Unless Edith wishes it," the
baronet said, helping me out.

"True. Shall you feel more at ease,
dear, if Mr. Thorne goes away—for

a certain time, say? Shall he go?"
Still screening her face, Edith
shook her head and then I knew that
I had won a treasure greater than
the Hesper diamond.

In the afternoon of the 20th Sir
Edmund said:
"I have been looking at your en-
gagement, Bernard, from a practical
point of view, and a fact occurs to
me that, at such a time as this, would
probably escape you. That agree-
ment of yours must be altered. You
will see that, for Edith's sake, what
I call the tontine clause—a clause
confering upon the survivor a de-
ceased partner's share in the Great
Hesper—should be abrogated. It
entails a risk which she must not be
exposed to—you understand me?"

I understood what he said per-
fectly, and agreed with him that the
clause must be altered.

"Consult with your partners," he
said, "as to what change is advisable.
I expect my lawyer here on the 24th,
and he can draw up a legal agree-
ment in accordance with our general
wish."

I took the Judge into Van Hoeck's
room that night, and there told him
of my engagement to Miss Lascelles.
Van Hoeck was wisely alarmed when
he heard this; and when I went on to
say that Sir Edmund wished the
clause altered by his lawyer on the
24th, he said quickly, in a low
voice:

"The crafty old fox! What does
he mean by that?"

"His meaning is obvious enough,"
I replied; "if I marry Miss Lascelles,
and die, she will be dispossessed of
my share in the diamond. I can
leave her only a legacy of debt."

"Yes, end the ain't all on it,"
said the Judge, dragging his wiry
thin tuft through his hand and bend-
ing his brow. "Thet ain't all by a
jump. We're playing with a marked
card in the pack—a card as might
tempt e'er one on us to foul play."

"What on earth do you mean?"
Speak plainly if you can," said Van
Hoeck, in angry impatience.

"Well, I mean this 'ere," answered
the Judge, with slow impressiveness,
"that if one of my pardners wasn't
a gentleman, and 'tother wasn't
helpless blind, I'm durned, I'd go
to bed without a six shooter under
my pillow, and my finger on the
trigger. I don't allude to one any
more'n another, but we'll just take
Israel's word for gospel, that every-
one is a thief if you give him a
chance of thievin'; end, at that rate,
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