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## CHRISTMAS SALE!

### UNTIL DECEMBER 26

Sales seem to be the order of the day, and as we never allow anybody to under-sell or underbuy us, here goes for business.

#### Cloak Department.

In this department we have made the prices all one-fourth off. Seventy-five cents buys a dollar's worth, which means cloaks at spring prices in December.

#### Bed Blankets and Comfortables.

In these goods we have an unusual line. Our prices for this sale will be 10 per cent off on all goods except our Blankets at 50 cents per pair.

#### Bargains.

In Floor Oil Cloths, Ladies' Muffs and Children's Underwear, choice Prints 5 cents per yard; good outing flannels in white and colors 5 cents per yard; good 6-4 Plaids for children's wear at 8 cents per yard; C. A. Ticking, never sold for less than 18 cents, our price 12 1/2 cents; all-wool 34 inch Dress Flannel 25 cents; all 50 cent Dress Goods now 50 cents. Our line of Black Goods is complete.

#### Shoe Department.

All A. J. Johnson & Co.'s Shoes now in stock worth \$3.00 to \$3.50, your choice for \$2.99. All Pingree & Smith Ladies' Shoes marked down. A few Men's Arctics at \$1.00. Our line of Felt Boots, Knit Boots, Rubbers, etc., is complete, our price the lowest.

#### Clothing Department.

Boys' Overcoats 1/4 off; Men's Overcoats 1/4 off; Men's Ulsters 1/4 off. The best blue Overall Overall ever sold in Chelsea, our price 62 cents. Lined Jackets, Gloves and Mittens in great variety and cheap.

#### Grocery Department.

25 lbs. Granulated Sugar for \$1.00 with 1 lb. of our Royal Satsuma Tea at 50 cents per lb.; or 12 1-2 lbs. of Granulated Sugar for 50 cts with 1-2 lb. of Royal Satsuma Tea for 25 cents. The best 19, 25 and 28 cent Coffee. Rock Salt 50 lbs. for 25 cents.

Remember, we are here for business and propose to give our customers goods as cheap as any house in Washtenaw County. Butter, Eggs and Dried Apples taken as cash.

## H. S. Holmes Mercantile Co.

### We Can't Help Keeping Ahead.

We satisfy the people, that's what tells the tale. Whatever you want to buy, buy it of the leaders in the business, men who have the facilities and low prices. Compare quality with quality, price with price and you will be convinced that the place to buy your bread, cakes and confectionary is at Neckel Bros. Our ice cream speaks for itself. As to what is in it, compare it with any other made in Chelsea and you will have no other.

Bread, two loaves for 5c.

## NECKEL BROS.

### For a Useful Christmas Present

look through our Hardware and Furniture Stock.

FANCY ROCKERS, SIDE BOARDS, PARLOR FURNITURE, BEDROOM SUITS

at special low prices from now until the Holidays.

Have you seen our mahogany, inlaid and bird's eye maple tables? They are beauties.

W. J. KNAPP.

## ADAM EPPLER

### "THE"

BUTCHER, keeps constantly on hand a full supply of

Fresh and salt Meats, Pure Lard,  
Best sugar-cured Hams, smoked Meats,  
and everything kept in a first-class shop.

REMEMBER—Everything you buy of me guaranteed of the CLEANEST and BEST.  
ADAM EPPLER.

## Ann - Arbor - Electric - Granite - Works.

Designers and Builders of

Artistic Granite and Marble Memorials.

On hand large quantities of all the various Granites in the rough, and are prepared to execute fine monumental work on short notice, as we have a full equipment for polishing.

JOHN BAUMGARDNER, Prop., Ann Arbor.

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

BY E. V. DODGE.

Once on a time a tiny bud peeked softly from the ground and looked up at the forest trees that pierced the sky around. "How big they are and beautiful," it thought, "and I'm so small I don't suppose I'll ever be of any use at all."

Spring showers sprinkled diamonds on the tender little one. The big trees spread their leafy arms to shield it from the sun. The wild birds sang a welcome, and the fairies in the night joined hands and danced around it—though no mortal saw the sight. The little tree, encouraged couldn't help itself but grow till Summer's Queen departed and King Winter with snow, and then the big trees dropped their leaves to keep it snug and warm, and lent their stalwart bodies to protect it from the storm; and soon the tiny bud became a modest little tree, but different from all the rest who watched it lovingly, for when its great big brothers turned in Winter brown and bare their gentle little sister kept her Summer beauty fair. At last, because it was too sweet and beautiful to stay where children couldn't see it, it was carried off one day (by Santa Claus, they tell me) and brought in the Home to be for girls and boys and old folks, too, a lovely Christmas Tree. There, blest by guardian angels gazing on it from above, its green and graceful branches bending low with gifts of love, it fills the heart with gladness and good will to all on earth, and tells the old new story of the Holy Infant's birth. Out in the cold, dark, dreary woods its sturdy brothers moan and call their little sister who away from them has flown, and then the breezes whisper they have seen her crown'd with light surrounded by glad children in the home on Christmas bright.

Deceon Easth Good Will to Man

Christmas comes but once a year,  
And when it comes it brings good cheer.

#### William Martin.

Wm. Martin died at his home in this place on Saturday, December 19, 1896, after an illness of several months duration.

Mr. Martin was born in County Mead, Ireland, on May 1, 1833, and came to America when he was fourteen years of age and settled at Dexter. While in the latter place he was employed by the M. C. R. R. for nine years. He came to Chelsea in August, 1862, having been appointed station agent, and held the position until his death.

On July 4, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Estella Edmunds of Brooklyn, Jackson, county, who with three children, William and Nellie Martin of this place and Mrs. Carrie Hathaway of Salline, are left to mourn his loss. He also leaves a brother, Gilbert Martin of this place, and a sister Mrs. Caprey of Iowa.

The funeral was held at his home on Railroad street, Monday afternoon, Rev. J. I. Nickerson conducting the services. The interment was at Oak Grove cemetery.

#### Heydlauff Is Free.

After being out for twenty hours the jury in the case against Louis Heydlauff charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Emma Moeckel, May 31 last brought in a verdict of not guilty. The plea of the defense was temporary insanity. The father of Heydlauff clapped his hands for joy when the verdict was announced and those present in the court room started to cheer but were severely reprimanded by Judge Peck. Within ten minutes after the verdict was announced young Heydlauff was at the Grand Trunk depot to take the train for home. There he met his mother and all members of the family enjoyed a cry. The verdict does not meet with approval, general opinion being that a verdict of manslaughter would have been about right.

#### The Cigarette and the Boy.

Parents who can see no harm in children smoking cigarettes, should not forget that a package of cigarettes is usually accompanied by a vile picture for advertising purposes. Many boys begin smoking on account of these attractions, who otherwise would not acquire the habit at all. They frequently purchase a package of cigarettes in order to get the picture. The cigarette corrupts the morals of the injudicious youth. There is no doubt of the harm smoking does boys. It stunts them physically, makes them

incapable of concentration of thought or attention, impairs their health and corrupts their morals. Some time ago The Times expressed the wish that legislation would interfere with the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, which would be the best way of dealing with the cigarette question. Congressman Woodman has introduced a bill imposing an almost prohibitory tax upon the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. The counsel of a teacher, in whose judgment the boys place confidence, and the daily illustrations of the bad effects of tobacco seen upon the play-ground and in the class-rooms are regarded generally as the most effective means of checking the use of the weed, next to the absolute prohibition of the sale of cigarettes to minors. Washtenaw Times.

#### County Agricultural Society.

Courier: The annual meeting of the Washtenaw County Agricultural and Horticultural Society was held at the Court House Tuesday afternoon. There was a fair attendance, and a good list of officers chosen. It was decided to hold a fair the coming year, and by perusing the list of officers you will probably make up your mind that a fair will be held:

Pres.—E. E. Leland, Northfield.  
Vice Pres.—G. W. Phelps, Webster; W. E. Stocking, Ann Arbor; John F. Spafford, Manchester; Benj. Kelly, Ypsilanti; Wm. Campbell, Pittsfield.  
Rec. Sec.—R. C. McAllister, Ann Arbor.  
Cor. Sec.—F. E. Mills, Pittsfield.  
Treas.—F. H. Belsar, Ann Arbor.  
Managers—John Kepler, Ann Arbor Town; W. E. Boyden, Webster; Benj. Geer, Superior; P. Tuomey, Scio; Isaac Savery, Salem; H. P. Finley, Ann Arbor Geo. Sperry, Pittsfield; H. Richards, Ann Arbor; A. J. Sawyer, Ann Arbor; P. McLaughlin, York; O. M. Martin, Ann Arbor; J. F. Avery, Salline; John Sperry, Pittsfield; F. B. Brann, Ann Arbor Town; W. C. Stephens, Ann Arbor; M. Seabolt, Ann Arbor.

#### Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of Chelsea Lodge, No. 67, of the A. O. U. W., held December 21, 1896, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our worthy and esteemed brother, William Martin; Therefore be it Resolved, That while we bow with becoming reverence to the will of Him, who doeth all things well, yet we do feel that in the removal of our brother this

lodge has lost a good member, and a faithful officer, the community a worthy and respected citizen, his wife a true and loving husband, and their children a kind and thoughtful parent.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of our departed brother in this their irreparable loss and beside the temporal aid that we can give, we crave for them, as for ourselves, that greater blessing the gracious favor of Him who can heal a broken heart and whose chastisements are always dealt in mercy.

Resolved, That the records be instructed to spread these resolutions upon the records of the lodge and to furnish a copy to the family of the deceased and to the village papers for publication, and that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days.

D. B. TAYLOR,  
E. D. LANE,  
C. STEINBACH,  
Committee.

#### What He Was There For.

"I once had a funny experience in marrying a country couple," says a clergyman of this city. "The bridegroom was a decent young farmhand and happy and bashful to the point of crimson speechlessness. When I came to the point where I asked him, 'Wilt thou have this woman?' etc., he made no reply. The bride whispered something to him and then he stammered: 'Mister, will you say them words over again? I'm a leetle deaf.'"

"I repeated the question in stentorian tones, while I was conscious of the poorly suppressed merriment of the bystanders. When the man caught the import of the words, he looked at me in surprise and then blurted out: 'You bet I will! That's what I'm here for.' Under such circumstances it was hard to preserve my dignity, but I did the best I could and pronounced them man and wife."

"Then the groom gave me a genuine surprise. Coming up to me, he said, 'Mister, what's the damage?' 'Nothing,' I replied. 'I'm glad to have been of service to you.' 'But I won't have it that way,' he said. 'I know it's the custom to give the minister something, and as you won't name a sum I'll do it myself.' And he handed me a \$20 bill."—New York Tribune.

#### One on Amos J. Cummings.

A gossip in the Washington Post tells this story on Amos J. Cummings, which he says was told to him by Amos himself: During the last campaign Mr. Cummings tried to say as little about free silver as possible, though he was running for congress as a free silver man. Secure in the friendship of every policeman and letter carrier in his district, he got on swimmingly till almost the very last speech he made. It was in a great hall and he had a large audience. He talked about national honor, and the flag, and the equality of man, and the rights of the masses, with a twist or two of the British lion's tail by way of variety. It was a great speech. Suddenly it was interrupted by a man down in the front row. "Tell us about the ratio!" he cried, and he pronounced the first syllable to rhyme with hash. Mr. Cummings paused, perplexed. Just then his eye caught the eyes of an especially friendly policeman. No words were exchanged, but an instant later the strong hand of the law descended on the collar of the inquiring man. He was yanked clear out of his seat and hustled to the door. "I'll have you understand," said the policeman as he jerked him down the aisle, "that we'll have no such language used here."

#### Poisoning by Phosphorus.

The attention of scientists has been called to the rapid increase in the number of cases of phosphorus poisoning among workers in match factories. Unless the ventilation and general conditions are of the best the workmen inhale large quantities of crude phosphorus and after a certain stage rapidly develop disease traceable directly to this deleterious substance. The action of the poison is rather slow at first, but once it becomes diffused through the system it is very difficult to eradicate. In fact, it is believed that when phosphorus has once taken a firm hold of the physical forces it is impossible to eliminate it and that the conditions of decay have begun. Among other notable peculiarities it has been remarked that the bones of persons saturated with phosphorus are much more easily fractured than those of other people. Efforts are to be made to improve the sanitary condition and ventilation of the factories and also to forbid the use of white phosphorus in the preparation of matches.—New York Ledger.

#### A Broken Melody.

"Dearest," he said as he swung to and fro upon the gate, "I wish I might linger here forever."

She was about to say something encouraging when he got his finger caught in the hinge and began yelling so hard that the entire neighborhood turned out to help him loose.

Then all was over between them.—Pick Me Up.

WANTED—SEVERAL FAITHFUL men or women to travel for responsible establishment house in Michigan. Salary \$750, payable \$15 weekly and expenses. Position permanent. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The National, Star Building, Chicago.

## YOUR NEIGHBORS

who trade at the

Bank  
Drug Store

wear a

## Satisfied Look

when they come home because they find just what they want and can buy it at the

## Lowest Price.

Remember and come to us when you want to select something from full assortments of

Perfumes,

Toilet Soaps, Sponges,  
Dyes, Etc.

Look at the Molasses we are now selling at 25c per gal. It is a light colored N. O. and will please you.

We have Meat Crocks all sizes up to 30 gal.

We make a constant effort to sell better

## Tea and Coffee

for the money than any other dealers in Chelsea. Try a sample of one of our choice brands and see if we are succeeding. Best tea-dust 12 1/2 per lb.

Select some New Year presents from our

Silverware and  
Jewelry.

Highest  
Market Price for EGGS.

WE ARE SELLING,  
THIS WEEK—

- 21 lbs. Fine Grain Sugar for \$1.00
- 25 lbs brown sugar \$1.00
- Full cream cheese 12c
- Electric Kerosine oil 9c
- 10 lbs rolled oats for 25c
- 25 boxes matches for 25c
- Ammonia 5c per pint
- 10 cakes soap for 25c
- Pure Spices and Extracts
- 8 lbs clean rice for 25c
- 7 bars Jaxon soap for 25c
- Good tea dust 8c per lb.
- Try our 25c N.O. molasses
- Sugar corn 5c per can
- Good tomatoes 7c per can
- Best pumpkin 7c per can
- 27-oz bottle olives for 25c
- 6 doz. clothes pins for 5c
- 3 cakes toilet soap for 10c.
- Fresh gingersnaps 5c lb.
- 5 boxes 8-oz tacks for 5c.
- Heavy lantern globes 5c.
- Pint bottles catsup for 15c.
- Choice honey 15c lb.
- Good sugar syrup 20c gal.
- Choice table syrup 25c gal.

Glazier & Stimson.

BRITAIN IN A QUAKE.

TIGHT LITTLE ISLE IS SHAKEN FROM SHORE TO SHORE.

People Flee from Houses, Buildings Rocked, and Sleepers Thrown from Their Beds—Fire Does Fierce Work at Pittsburgh.

John Bull Jostled.

Great Britain has been in the throes of a genuine and unprecedented sensation. An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in that country, has shaken every shire from Durham to Surrey and from London to the Welsh coast.

Loan Association Attacked.

Charges of mismanagement and insolvency overhang the Pacific Loan and Homestead Association, whose officers are prominent in Chicago, and which has hitherto been regarded as one of the reliable institutions of its kind in the city.

Theater at Pittsburgh Burned.

The Casino Skating-Rink and Summer Theater, a magnificent pleasure resort in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. The loss will approximate \$300,000, on which the insurance is \$75,000.

Cruiser Boston Ashore.

The United States cruiser Boston has been so badly strained by running ashore on the Korean coast that it is expected she will have to return home for repairs.

Moonshine Swindle at St. Louis.

Revenue agents are at work at St. Louis trying to uncover the operations of a gang of moonshiners who are shipping illicit whiskey to other towns in barrels labeled "cider." Under this harmless cognomen the unscrupulous evades the duty imposed upon the product of the still.

NEWS NUGGETS.

The Bachelors' Club of Bridgeport, Conn., has started an active crusade against Sunday night sparring, even going so far as to raid girls' homes and carry their best young men bodily from the house.

A meeting to express sympathy for the Cuban revolutionists was held in Rio de Janeiro, attended by 5,000 persons. Senator Patrocinio spoke. There was great enthusiasm and a motion was adopted asking the government to grant recognition of the belligerence of the Cubans.

Attorney General Dawes at Topeka, Kan., in his biennial report, says the Kansas prohibitory laws has not been enforced under his administration nor under that of any of his predecessors, notwithstanding their reports to the contrary.

It is officially announced at Bombay that there have been 1,511 cases of the plague in that city and 1,094 deaths up to date. The exodus from Bombay continues. It is stated that 200,000 persons have fled from the city.

EASTERN.

William Steilway left his estate, valued at \$2,500,000, to his children. The New York Union League Club has started a movement to boom Joseph H. Choate for the United States Senate.

Miss Helen Beers, of Bridgeport, Conn., born blind forty-nine years ago, has had her sight restored by the removal of a cataract from each eye.

The First National Bank of Hollidaysburg, Pa., the oldest bank in that section of the State, and one of the original fifty-seven national banks in the United States, suspended business Monday morning.

William E. Seeley, President of the First National Bank of Bridgeport, Conn., has been formally offered the position of United States Treasurer upon the incoming of the McKinley administration. He is 55 years old and a thirty-third degree Mason.

The Cuban League of the United States held its first meeting at New York and adopted resolutions pledging support to Cubans in securing independence. Colonel Ethan Allen was elected President and among the Vice Presidents are Charles A. Dana, Thomas I. James, Thomas F. Gilroy, J. Edward Simmons, Roswell P. Flower, Chauncey M. Depew, and Theodore H. Roosevelt.

WESTERN.

Mrs. Alice Thomas, a Washington colored woman, who is known to be over 102 years old, was fatally burned. She fell against the stove, and, not having strength to summon outside assistance, died a horrible death.

At Pierre, S. D., in the mandamus case to compel the issuance of certificates to the Republican electors on a partial canvass the court holds that the board has a right to adjourn and secure complete returns. This gives Bryan the electoral vote of the State.

It is claimed by the leaders in the movement to send troops from Colorado to fight for Cuban independence that more than 1,000 names have already been enrolled. John McAndrews, middle-of-the-road Populist candidate for Attorney General at the recent election, has been chosen commander, with the title of Colonel.

"Gen." J. S. Coxe, of Massillon, Ohio, issues an open letter to Senator Marion Butler denouncing "the disgraced People's party, sold out to an issue so insignificant as silver." He says: "I once left the Democratic party, and now find in order to be out of it for sure I must leave the once grand, but now disgraced, People's party."

The war between Colorado cattle-men and Wyoming sheepmen is again on. Grif W. Edwards, a leading sheepowner, has received two letters from the cattle-men, giving him six days in which to remove his sheep from the disputed strip. Edwards replies that as a taxpayer in Routt County, Colorado, for twenty-two years he proposes to make a stand, and refuses to be intimidated or driven from the range. Trouble is anticipated.

Woman suffrage is an accomplished fact in Idaho. The State Supreme Court handed down a decision in effect that when any proposed amendment to the Constitution receives a majority of the votes cast on the proposition, whether or not it is a majority of all the votes cast at that election, said amendment is carried. Prominent women of Boise who have been working for the amendment are jubilant. It will be sanctioned by the Legislature at the coming session by appropriate legislation.

A special dispatch from Yuma says that news has reached there from Hedges, fifteen miles distant, in San Diego County, California, of a terrible disaster in the Queen mine at that place, owned by the Gold Cross Mining and Milling Company. Some time Thursday night a cave-in occurred in the main shaft, and as a result several miners have lost their lives and more are injured. Reports are meager and conflicting, but the generally accepted one is that four miners are entombed at the bottom of the shaft, with no chance of escape, and four or five have been rescued badly injured.

The death by asphyxiation of Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and her daughter Harriet Friday morning has produced a profound sensation in San Francisco. No woman in San Francisco or on the entire Pacific coast was so prominent as Mrs. Cooper, who had devoted her life to religious and philanthropic work and was actively connected with every reform movement. She was a cousin of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, with whom, despite their opposite religious views, she maintained a warm friendship. Mrs. Cooper and her daughter were found dead with the gas turned on and every evidence of suicide. There is no doubt but that Miss Cooper was responsible for the deaths of herself and mother.

Governor Rickards, at Helena, Mont., has granted a free pardon to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke, serving seventeen year terms each in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge for the murder of John P. Stewart by poisoning. They had already served a year of the sentence. Stewart was a wealthy man and suspicion first fell upon his wife, Mardy Stewart. To save herself she accused her mother and stepfather. They were convicted by her testimony of murder in the second degree. But remorse overtook Mrs. Stewart and she finally confessed to an attorney and to ex-Governor Toole, but committed suicide before a written statement could be signed. Gov. Rickards made what reparation lay in his power by pardoning them.

St. Louis is enjoying a boom in the shoe business just now such as has not been experienced since the panic of 1893. All the factories are running full time with increased forces of employees and the outlook for a continuation of the rush is considered the very best. Many of the factories have orders enough ahead to keep them running for months, and several of them have worked off their winter orders and have begun on orders for spring goods. A peculiar feature is that the orders continue to come in spite of the fact that prices have been advancing for several weeks, until heavy grades of women's wear are selling fully 5 cents higher, while prices on heavy men's wear have gone up 10 to 15 cents. The increase was caused by the heavy demand for goods, but as it did not check the demand and the factories are drawing heavily on their resources a still further advance is not to be unexpected.

Governor-elect Rogers of Washington has issued a copyrighted pamphlet containing about 2,200 words and entitled "Free Land." A copy has been sent to the members of the Legislature, which meets next month. He takes the posi-

tion that free land is an "inalienable, imprescriptible and indestructible" right of man, and draws the Parallel reservation Indians, which, he thinks, results from their free, inalienable and untaxable homesteads. His position is supported by quotations from Emerson, Ingersoll and Seneca. In conclusion he proposes an amendment to the State Legislature, providing that real estate and all usual improvements, to a value of not to exceed \$2,500, occupied as a homestead by any private family, the head of which is a citizen of the United States and that State, shall be forever exempted from all taxation of every kind.

The National Bank of Commerce of Duluth failed to open for business Friday morning. A notice posted on the doors stated that owing to the inability to make any money in the business the directors had decided to suspend. The notice also stated that the bank expected to pay depositors at an early date. The bank is capitalized at \$200,000 and has \$30,000 surplus. The First National Bank of Niagara Falls did not open its doors for business Friday morning. Instead a notice was posted that at a meeting of the directors Thursday night it was decided to close the institution. It is said that depositors will get their money. A few days ago the Niagara Glassed Paper Company failed and several of the bank directors were hard hit by the failure. This was generally known, and there had been a run on the bank. These facts and the failure of the newly elected president to qualify caused the suspension.

Delegates representing twenty-seven States were present Tuesday morning when the national convention of lumber interests was called to order at Cincinnati. In opening the convention, J. E. DeFebaugh, editor of the Timberman, Chicago, in part said: "We need to present a united front in pressing claims of the lumber industry upon our national representatives. That unity of opinion and action cannot be secured by a star-chamber procedure, but from a representation of all phases of opinion in the trade, that thereby a genuine concert of action and influence may be secured. During the twelve months ended June 30, 1896, there were imported from Canada 315,464,000 feet of pine saw logs, making a total of supplies received from Canadian forests of 1,101,673,000 feet during that period. It has been asserted that our government needs revenues. A little matter of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 does not amount to very much, but it would help."

Murder once again broke the Sabbath peace in Chicago Sunday. One man was shot down in cold blood at dawn by robbers, who, frightened at their work, escaped without booty. The bruised body of a man was picked out of the lake, and in its finding a mysterious disappearance was partly solved. The pockets in its clothing had been turned inside out, and indications pointed to a killing for money. Two men fought in a saloon and one shot the other, inflicting instant death. Two others chose a christening as a scene of their battle, and one of these was wounded mortally. Two other cases of shooting resulted less seriously. The summary of these crimes follows: William Jahn, bartender, Hotel Le Grand, shot and almost instantly killed by a robber, who escaped with his partner; Dominick Gill, No. 150 Milton avenue, city employee, body found floating in the lake at foot of Schiller street; circumstances point to robbery and murder; William Morris, shot and killed at 9:30 p. m. in Danato Zucari's saloon, No. 565 Clark street; John Meehan, shot by William Keenan during a quarrel at No. 3223 Archer avenue; physicians pronounce wound fatal; Frank Rafferty, shot during a quarrel at Desplaignes and Madison streets by John Murphy; Harry Simpson, shot in the shoulder during a quarrel with Andrew McCarthy at No. 3004 Archer avenue. The police in all the cases were quick to action. In the matter of the murder of Jahn three men were arrested, but none of them identified as the slayer; in the case of the body in the lake no arrest has as yet been made; for the murder of Morris two persons were arrested; in the Meehan shooting the assailant is in custody; the Simpson shooting resulted in the speedy arrest of his assailant.

FOREIGN.

The national Armenian relief commission has issued an appeal to the American people, asking that at Christmas time contributions be made for the support of the Armenian orphans whose parents were slain by the Turks. The British ship Springwell, Capt. Kinnaird, from Liverpool Dec. 9 for Galveston, arrived at Swansea, Wales, with two survivors of the German ship Rajah for Bremen, which left Cardiff Wednesday for Hong-Kong. She capsized in a gale near Lundy Island at the entrance of the British channel. Nineteen of the Rajah's crew were drowned. Unless relief can be had soon from the rechristening the entire sugar industry of Germany is likely to be organized for self protection into a gigantic syndicate or trust with the purpose of regulating production and controlling prices. This is the view of United States Consul Mason, at Frankfurt, set out in an elaborate report to the State Department upon the present state of the sugar industry in Germany. Only last May a law was enacted to help out the sugar growers and makers, as this is now the only remaining field of profit for the German farmer. The act was passed at the demand of the agrarian party, but the sugar-makers are appealing to the Reichstag "to rescue the sugar-producing interests from the consequence of the very act passed for their salvation." Mr. Mason tells how the act has failed and instead of limiting production has had the opposite effect.

General Antonio Maceo, the famous Cuban leader, is really dead, having been treacherously murdered by Spaniards Dec 7, while on his way to attend a conference to which he was invited by the marquis of Alameda, acting captain general of Cuba, while General Weyler was in the field. Saturday noon a letter was received by Colonel J. A. De Huan, the head of the Florida junta, at Jacksonville, Fla., from his secretary correspondent in Havana, giving a detailed account of the assassination of General Maceo and his entire staff, with the exception of Dr. Zertucha, who was Maceo's physician. The letter came from a reliable source in Havana, but the correspondent's name, of course, cannot be made public, for, as Mr. Huan said: "The writer would be shot within an hour by Spanish authorities if they knew who gave away details of one of the most horrid atrocities ever chronicled in modern warfare."

Amned policemen guard the United States consulate general in Havana, and there are Americans there who earnestly wish that a war ship flying the stars and stripes was in the harbor. If such were the case they would speedily take refuge on board. They gravely fear assassinations, such as befell the brave and energetic Maceo, at the hands of enraged Spaniards. Curses both loud and deep are being invoked by the Spanish nation, heretics on the whole American nation. The fiercest indignation is displayed over the latest news from Washington and New York. These dispatches indicate that the United States are stirred, as they never were stirred since the Cuban war began, over the report that Maceo was treacherously done to death; the feeling of resentment is almost uncontrolable. Alarmed at this menacing condition of affairs, the officials have taken unusual precautions. Not only are there guards at the United States consulate general, but the streets in the vicinity are being specially patrolled, to prevent public assemblies.

Mustapha Bey, the Turkish Minister, has received peremptory instructions from his government to secure a retraction of the injurious statements made by President Cleveland in his message to Congress. A cable was received on Wednesday night which indicated that the Sublime Porte was in an awful stew that unless this government did something the Minister would be expected to ask for his passport. In accordance with this peremptory dispatch from the home government the Turkish Minister sought an audience Thursday with Secretary Olney and read the riot act to him. He requested that the matter be presented to President Cleveland to the end that the President might, if possible, send in a supplemental message to Congress explaining the provocation which had been given the Turks to cause them to butcher so many defenseless people. The Turkish Minister does not deny the butchery, but he does attempt to justify it. The Minister, so it is said, almost went to the extent of making a charge of bad faith, for he claimed that the State Department was in full possession of all the facts which would go to show that the butcheries were committed under stress of great provocation.

BOOTH-TUCKER PLAN, NATIONAL SOLONS.

WOULD BUY LITTLE FARM FOR EX-CONVICTS.

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News of a terrible hurricane last week is reported by the officers of the three-masted schooner Bernard Hopkins, which has arrived. Not only was a great portion of the vessel's cargo lost, but two of her crew were swept overboard, one of whom was rescued, while the other lost his life. Captain Henry Foster said: "In all my experience as a seafaring man I never encountered such a gale or hurricane as struck us. The wind blew about eighty or ninety miles an hour, the heavens sending down blinding sheets of rain. Our steering gear got stove in, and with our masts bare we tossed helplessly."

Net results of the experiments of the board which is investigating steel plates for battle-ships may be summed briefly as equivalent to the condemnation of nearly the whole amount now stacked up in the Newport News, Va., Ship-Building Company's yard. Six out of twelve test pieces which should have been folded back on the vessels without breaking either broke short off as readily as cast iron or tore apart with less brittleness, but none the less certain evidence of failing to meet the contract requirements. One of the requirements of the contracts for structural steel for battle-ships is that the metal shall be quenched to what is known as the quenching heat. Each specimen, after having been heated to a cherry red, is plunged into water having a temperature of 32 Fahrenheit. Then the strip must be capable of bending 180 degrees—that is, doubling back on itself until the space between the two parts is no greater than the thickness of the plate. Out of the dozen specimens tested four showed a brittleness so extraordinary as to raise doubts whether their chemical qualities could be otherwise than dangerously bad. Two other specimens were cracked before the bending was completed, showing brittleness probably from overcarbonization or the presence of phosphorus. The board held a private consultation and decided to test specimens from upward of seventy plates.

MARKET REPORTS.

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Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 81c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 84c to 86c.

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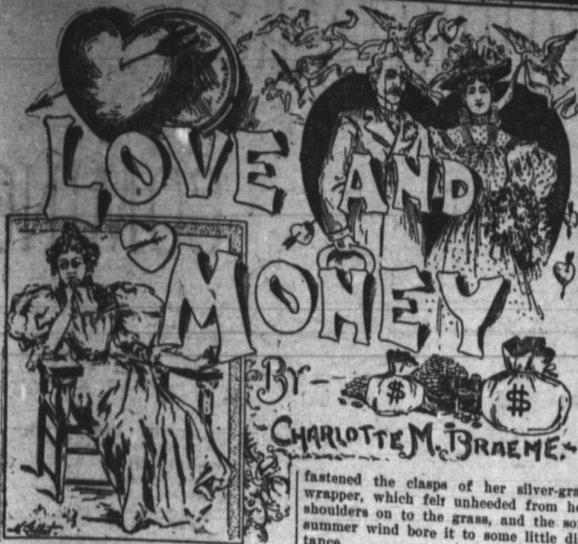
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CHAPTER XXII

Angela devoted the early hours of Friday afternoon to packing the trunk which were to be sent on to London, at which place she would claim them. Of the few things which she forgot to pack away one was a silver-gray wrapper. It was a peculiar garment, long enough to cover her dress, exquisite in texture, and graceful in form. There was no special designation for it. It was neither cloak, cape, dolman, nor mantle, and Lady Laura always called it a wrapper. In their early married days the Captain had purchased one similar to it for his wife; and she had been so much pleased with it that she had expressed a desire that Angela should have one like it; and the Captain, who was at that time most attentive to his wife's wishes, immediately ordered another for Angela. Lady Laura liked her wrapper all the more because her husband had given it to her, while, because it was her step-father's present, Angela had never cared for hers. The mother had long since worn out hers and forgotten it, while the one belonging to the daughter had been buried in the recesses of her wardrobe. When Jane Feispar packed Angela's clothes to send them to Brantome, she sent the gray wrapper with them, and the girl had worn it at times because she had little else to wear. She had worn it last when she went to the rose-garden, and had left it folded carefully on one of the seats, and forgotten all about it. It was not until her boxes were packed that she remembered the silver-gray wrapper and went in search of it. It lay just as she had left it, on the seat by the great rose-tree. She carried it back to the house, and then it occurred to her that she wanted to make some purchases in Culdale, in order to give a few presents to those who had been most kind to her during her stay at the Hall. She was doubtful for a few minutes as to whether it was prudent for her to go into Culdale, knowing that the Captain was in the neighborhood; but the afternoon was very pleasant, and she longed for the walk. Restless and excited, she was glad of a pretext that would occupy her time, and she told herself that it was not likely that she would meet any one she knew; still, to provide against such a contingency, she resolved to wear a veil. It was after four o'clock when Angela started for Culdale, wearing the silver-gray wrapper, and little dreaming of all that would spring from the circumstance. Her way lay through the park, over the pretty rustic bridge that spanned the river, through some clover-fields, then by the shaded high-road to Culdale. The afternoon was not too warm for walking, a sweet western wind bringing great gusts of perfume from the clover-fields; and her heart rose as she walked on, all nature smiling around her. She reached Culdale, and having made her purchases, set out for her walk home. She had left the town, and had just turned into the high-road, when suddenly, without any warning, she met Gladys Rane. There was no time to draw down the veil, which she had intended to hide her face, no time to avoid her; they had met face to face. "Miss Rooden!" exclaimed Gladys, in utter wonder. "Is it really you?" "Yes; it is really I, my own self, Miss Rane," she replied. "But Captain Wynyard told me that you had left home—that you had gone away." "I have been away from home for some time." "But where are you staying? Does Captain Wynyard know that you are here? What an extraordinary thing! I can hardly believe that it is you." "Will you walk part of the way with me?" said Angela; and then she remembered that she did not want Miss Rane to know that she was at Brantome Hall. She must be careful not to let her know it. "I have much to say to you, Miss Rane," she added. "Will you walk with me?" A nervous dread of remaining near Culdale came to her—a dread lest she might encounter the Captain, who, it was not improbable, might be walking or riding near by. Angela had often wanted to talk seriously to Miss Rane, and the opportunity seemed now to be afforded her. She had fancied that she should like to tell Gladys some of the thoughts that were in her mind about her, and thus try to induce her to change her conduct toward the Captain. But it was most undesirable that their meeting should be held in the public road, nor could Angela take Gladys in the direction of Brantome. She remembered presently the King's Meadow, which was half way between where they were standing and Brantome Hall. She would take Miss Rane there, and say what she had to say, then bid her farewell, and wander through the fields until Gladys was on her way home again. "I have kept my secret so well," she said to herself, "it would be a pity for it to be known now." "How strange it is that we should meet in this manner!" remarked Miss Rane. "It seems extraordinary to me. I was talking about you to the Captain this morning. He cannot understand why you left home." "Let us sit down," said Angela, pointing to the ivy-covered trunk of a fallen tree; and the two sat down together in the shade of the lime-trees. The afternoon being warm, Angela un-

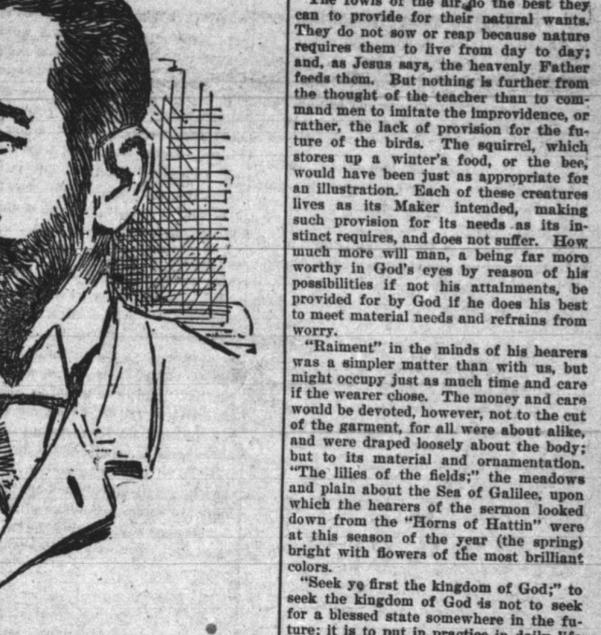
LURED TO HIS DEATH. ANTONIO MACEO THE VICTIM OF SPAIN'S TREACHERY. Insurgent Commander, with His Staff, Shot Down—Marquis Ahumada Lays the Plot—A Conference, Invitation Brings the Rebel to the Shambles. Led Into a Trap. Justo Carrillo, a well-known Cuban of Jacksonville, Fla., brother of the Cuban general Carrillo, has received the following letter from a trustworthy correspondent in Havana confirming the reports of the death of Antonio Maceo, and showing that he was killed by treachery: "Our brave general, Antonio Maceo, and the greater part of his staff have been murdered by the Spaniards, Maj. Cirujeda acting the part of assassin, with Dr. Maximio Zertucha as an assistant in the horrible drama. "Convinced that notwithstanding his enormous army he could do nothing against our gallant leader, who had so repeatedly defeated the Spanish generals in Pinar del Rio, Weyler conceived the idea of appeasing his beastly instincts by cold-blooded murder, and making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and the marquis of Ahumada he planned with the latter his diabolical scheme. Weyler took the field, and in his absence Ahumada proposed, through Zertucha, a conference with Maceo, to take place at a certain point in the province of Havana, with the view of arranging plans for the cessation of hostilities. The basis was to be Cuba's independence and a monetary indemnity to Spain, together with certain advantages that should be agreed upon for Spanish commerce and Spanish capital invested there. "To carry out the plan the agreement was that orders should be given to the detachments of troops stationed on the trenches in the section between Mariel and Guanajay to allow Maceo, with his staff, to pass the military line unmolested. Time was required to mature these arrangements and to give them all the ap-

pearance of truth. Ahumada feigned that before acting he must make them known to Weyler for his previous approval. This explains the sudden arrival of Weyler in Havana, and his prompt return to Pinar del Rio. "The conditions and place of the meeting having been agreed on, Maceo crossed the trocha over the road to Guanajay without being molested by the forts, but as soon as he arrived at the place decided upon and his party were greeted by a tremendous volley from the troops under Maj. Cirujeda, who lay conveniently in ambush. Most of the officers on his staff fell with Gen. Maceo. Zertucha is alive because he was aware of the scheme and remained in the rear." Dr. Palma's Statement. Dr. Estrada Palma, of New York, made the following statement: "I received a telegram from my agents in Jacksonville, affirming the news that Gen. Maceo and his staff came into conflict with Ahumada, Weyler's lieutenant, and were murdered. Dr. Zertucha was present. Gen. Weyler, on addressing the crowd from the balcony of his palace, in Havana, seemed anxious to shun the responsibility of Maceo's death. That was apparent when he declared that the 'victory' belonged to Ahumada. It is possible that his conscience began to feel the pang of remorse. "This very act of the Spanish governor proves the strength of the revolution. They cannot crush it by open warfare. They must resort to the assassin's knife. They dared not face Maceo, so they had to stab him in the back." Denied by Spaniards. Advice from Havana state that La Lucha and other Spanish papers are bitter over the story sent out regarding Maceo's death and deny it emphatically. Madge York and James Gentry. Gentry, who was an actor in the same company with Madge York, murdered her in a fit of jealousy. He was sentenced to be hanged, and is now confined in a Philadelphia prison awaiting the time when the sentence is to be carried out. None of his friends or relatives is allowed to see him, and he is said to be going insane through remorse and solitude. The King of Greece has issued a manifesto demanding army maneuvers on a large scale and summoning 10,000 men from the reserve forces for permanent camp. The selection of a new rifle for the army and other military extensions long advocated by public and military opinion, has caused a sensation. Forty apprentice-boys who escaped from the naval station at Newport, R. I., were tried and sentenced to ten days in double irons. The case of the two ring-leaders were referred to the commander, who is now in Washington.

WINDOWS OF CLOTH. A Substitute for Glass Which Never Leaks and Will Not Break. Windows of cloth instead of glass sounds like an impossibility, and yet it is a reality, and the employment of such a substitute is an acknowledged success. It is not ordinary cloth, but such as is translucent, through which light comes just as through glass. To all intents and purposes this cloth window is similar to the sheets of glass, and lasts ever so much longer, while still having just as good an appearance, says the New York Journal. Now, the remarkable feature of this new fabric is that it never leaks, does not break and is nearly one-third cheaper than glass. A large skylight composed of the new substitute for glass, which has been in constant use long enough to show its worth, remains in perfect condition, not one cent having been spent on it for repairs. The material has many advantages claimed for it, chief of which is that by its employment in train sheds, freight houses, large auditoriums and public buildings having skylights of large area, the light weight of the material permits of a simple, inexpensive and light form of skylight construction. The joints are made water-tight by a special method used with this material. The translucent fabric consists of a transparent material spread over steel wire-cloth, with twelve meshes per inch, which gives the panels a flexible and elastic quality permitting its adjustment to any shape that the roof structure may take, owing to the expansion or contraction of the framework. The fabric is strong and is made in panels 18 by 36 inches in size, and can carry a weight of over 400 pounds per square foot. It might be naturally assumed that the translucent qualities of the fabric would be much inferior to that of glass, but a careful comparison has shown that the amount of light which it transmits equals that of ribbed glass one-quarter of an inch thick. As it is treated with a special preparation, the fabric is impervious to cinders or even hot coals dropped upon it, and will burn only when set fire to at the edges. Even then the flames make slow progress, thus furnishing timely warning. Another argument in its favor is that it is greatly superior to even the finest glass as a covering for art galleries and studios, for the reason that it will never leak, and therefore serves as a perfect protection to the valuable works of art. Sometimes a heavy deposit of snow serves to crack the strongest glass skylight, and often injures paintings and tapestries beyond restoration. Joints. "The universal separatum," or tongue and socket joint or connector, is an invention for securing together any two parts of a structure, mechanism, or support of any kind from a bridge and its supports to parts of machinery, couplings for shaftings, hubs of wheels, framework of various descriptions, holders and other supporting devices, where two surfaces can be held flush with each other and locked together by a circular, angular, oblique, dovetailed, tongued and grooved socket. Buffalo Bill's Wife. Mrs. William F. Cody is an amiable domestic woman, very popular in the neighborhood of North Platte, where she lives. Her home, Scout's Nest, is a long, low building, four miles from the town, large and roomy, quite like a hotel, and it is surrounded by 3,000 acres of prairie land, magnificent stables, and fine pastured lands, where are kept many thousands of fine blooded horses and cattle.

GREAT PEACE TREATY. Permanent Court of Arbitration for Anglo-American Affairs. The negotiations between the United States and Great Britain for a treaty of general arbitration, covering all subjects of difference between the two English-speaking nations, present and prospective, has advanced to a stage of completeness far beyond that which the public has had reason to expect. The purpose of Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote is to conclude the negotiations within the next three weeks. All the substantial features of the treaty have been agreed on, and from the present status of the negotiations it is believed the following will be the important terms of the treaty: "1. A term of five years from the date of the exchange of ratification within which the treaty shall be operative. "2. A court of arbitration of six members, three to be drawn from the judiciary of the United States and three from the judiciary of Great Britain. "3. The submission to this tribunal of all differences between the two nations, now pending or to arise within the period of five years, this not to include the Behring Sea question or the Venezuela question, nor before independent commissions, but to include the question of the boundary between Alaska and British North America. "The completion of this treaty will mark an important epoch in the relations between the two English-speaking nations, and in the judgment of those who have been most identified with its consummation it will be the most important document of a peaceful character in the history of their mutual dealings. The President made passing reference to the subject in his recent message, and the negotiations have proceeded with surprising unanimity, so that those engaged in the work confidently believe that it will be fully agreed upon, and the signatures of the contracting persons placed to the documents within the period named. Aside from the previously referred-to points it can be stated in a general way that the terms of the treaty and such as to "clear the board" of all the vexatious questions which have arisen between the United States and Great Britain. These have been numerous in recent years, and

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GONE WITH A GYPSY. Princess of Chimay Elopes with a Hungarian Fiddler. The Princess of Chimay and Caraman, who was a rich American girl, has ruined her life for the sake of a wretched Hungarian musician, named Teigener. She has deserted her husband, Prince Joseph of Chimay and Caraman of Belgium, and her two children and has fled with a man who only recently made a scanty living by furnishing gypsy music in Paris restaurants. She had been married only six years, and the splendor that marked her wedding has not yet been forgotten, even in Paris. The Princess was Miss Clara Ward, of Detroit, Mich. She was worth \$3,000,000 in her own right. Her elopement with this Hungarian musician has amused her friends. Where she could have met the man or how the meetings which must have taken place could have been so skillfully arranged as to be kept secret, are

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THOUGHTS WORTHY OF CALM REFLECTION.

A Pleasant, Interesting, and Instructive Lesson, and Where It May Be Found—A Learned and Concise Review of the Same.

Lesson for December 27. Golden Text—"For where your treasure is there will your heart be also."—Matt. 6: 21.

Subject, A Lesson of Trust. Matt. 6: 24-34. Most schools will probably think that a review for the quarter is hardly profitable, as the lessons covered so short a period of time, and the last two or three lessons on Solomon's life practically reviewed the earlier ones. But if it is desired to have a review, it should be in the nature of a summing up of the reign of Solomon rather than a mere catalogue of lesson titles and golden texts. The optional lesson on "Trust" is appropriate to the beginning of the new year, and will be used by many Sunday schools. The teacher should prepare for it by reading the whole sermon from which it is taken. Matt. chap. 5-7.

The central thought of the Sermon on the Mount is the inward nature of true righteousness, and its supreme value. Jesus shows by illustrations that the law of the kingdom of heaven is not to be a new law in the sense that it supersedes the Mosaic law, but rather that it enlarges and fulfills that law by commanding an obedience to its spirit. Chapters 6 and 7 proceed to apply this truth to the conduct of believers. If righteousness is the supreme thing, the believer should not manifest undue concern for worldly riches, which are far inferior to the treasures in heaven; nor should he be anxious about his food and clothing. Either God or worldly prosperity will rule a man's heart; both can not rule together.

"Therefore," since there must be a choice between God and mammon, and there is only one right way to choose, therefore take no thought for your life. Of course, "take no thought" should be "be not anxious."

The fowls of the air do the best they can to provide for their natural wants. They do not sow or reap because nature requires them to live from day to day; and, as Jesus says, the heavenly Father feeds them. But nothing is further from the thought of the teacher than to command men to imitate the improvidence, or rather, the lack of provision for the future of the birds. The squirrel, which stores up a winter's food, or the bee, would have been just as appropriate for an illustration. Each of these creatures lives as its Maker intended, making such provision for its needs as its instinct requires, and does not suffer. How much more will man, a being far more worthy in God's eyes by reason of his possibilities if not his attainments, be provided for by God if he does his best to meet material needs and refrains from worry.

"Raiment" in the minds of his hearers was a simpler matter than with us, but might occupy just as much time and care if the wearer chose. The money and care would be devoted, however, not to the cut of the garment, for all were about alike, and were draped loosely about the body; but to its material and ornamentation. "The lilies of the fields;" the meadows and plain about the Sea of Galilee, upon which the hearers of the sermon looked down from the "Horns of Hattin" were at this season of the year (the spring) bright with flowers of the most brilliant colors.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God;" to seek the kingdom of God is not to seek for a blessed state somewhere in the future; it is to put in practice in daily life the principles of Christ. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow;" the advice is applicable to all times and conditions. It never pays to worry about tomorrow. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Jesus ends where he began, on a simple, homely plane. He does not talk about the heads of his disciples, but speaks about their ordinary daily cares and tells them how to meet them.

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CHELSEA, THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1896.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

NORTH LAKE RIPPLES.

Miss Ella Reade left for Detroit Saturday. Fred Schultz is visiting friends in Detroit. Mrs. Wm. Wood is sick with heart trouble.

LIMA.

Mrs. Fannie Freer will spend the holidays in Chicago. Miss Nettie Storms of Ann Arbor is spending her vacation at home.

WATERLOO.

Orville Gorton and Orson Beeman spent Monday at Ann Arbor. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Reithmiller visited relatives in Jackson last week.

SYLVAN.

Mrs. Cyrus Updike has been quite ill, but is now much improved. Our school children are now glorying in their annual holiday vacation.

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

Twelve applications have already been received from ministers who wish to become pastor of the Ypsilanti Congregational church. "Many are called but few are chosen."

The street railway must improve the time of its run between here and Ypsilanti, or lose much business. We were told the other day of nine men who are going to buy books on the Central because of the slow and irregular time made by the electric line.—Ann Arbor Democrat.

Jack Loney Jr., son of the well known hackman, had a serious accident Monday which may lose him the sight of one eye. The cap on his gun with which he was shooting sparrows, burst and a piece of the shell was buried in his eye.

The resignation of W. Warne Wilson, for years grand recorder of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Michigan, has aroused considerable discussion and interest among members of the order.

An interesting telephone test was made at Ann Arbor, Wednesday evening, in transmitting the oratorio of the Messiah given by the University Choral Union, over long distance 'phones to Detroit.

George Burkhardt seems to have had luck while hunting this fall. The first time he was out he got into a creek that was deeper than he thought and suffered severe consequences for two weeks; the second time he went out he broke his gun and the last time he shot his dog, a hunting dog of value.

Thomas Farrell has traded horses a good many times, but the trade he made with Mr. Walker last Friday has caused considerable talk. Mrs. W. was not pleased with the horse her husband got because it was a pacer, and took it back and demanded their horse, and on finding that it had been taken to Sharon it is claimed that she drove out there at dead of night, entered Mr. Corwin's barn and exchanged horses without letting anybody know of the transaction.

The following bit of history of the Dexter Methodist church, from a paper read at a reunion there last month, will interest many early residents still surviving in the county: Religious services were established in the spring of 1830. The circuit embraced a large extent of territory, and was known as the Huron circuit.

J. R. Bennett of Adrian, ex-U.S. Marshal, has enjoyed the distinction for some years of being the first in that city for a sleigh ride upon the first fall of snow. Several of his chums, at different times have tried to pluck this feather from his cap, but such friends always fell outside the breast works and "Uncle Joe" continued to hold the distinction.

Dr. J. D. North was sentenced to four months in jail this week. He was convicted of a misdemeanor in performing an operation which caused the death of Fannie Fox, an 18-year-old girl who resided at Rives. The case was tried last March, and sentence was postponed from time to time to allow him to appeal to the supreme court.

A correspondent of the Ann Arbor Courier says that there is a man in that city who makes a practice of whipping his wife, and he wishes that some one would get after the fellow and scare him out of a week's growth. Possibly the correspondent has heard of the fate of the fellow who interfered when a man was beating his wife, or he would tackle the scamp singlehanded.

There were twenty-five petitions for membership handed in to Golden Rule Lodge F. & A. M. of Ann Arbor at its recent annual meeting.

There is nothing small about Ypsilanti. When political honors are summed up January first, when the newly elected officers for the county shall have been sworn in, Ypsilanti will have represented in the force seven officers and deputies out of the total number sixteen, namely: Register of Deeds, Assistant Register, Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Court Commissioner, Coroner, Surveyor and Representative beside Judge Babbitt who will at that time retire from an eight year term.—Saline Observer.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, THE CIRCUIT Court for the County of Washtenaw in Chancery. Charles E. Benedict, Complainant, vs. George W. Benedict, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Ann Arbor, on the 21 day of November, in the year A. D. 1896, Present, Hon. Edward D. Kinn, Circuit Judge.

It satisfactorily appearing to this Court by affidavit that the defendant, Geo. W. Benedict is not a resident of this State, but resides in the Township of Chelsea, County of Ontario, in the State of New York.

On motion of G. W. Turnbull, Complainant's Solicitor, it is ordered that the said defendant, Geo. W. Benedict, cause his appearance to be entered herein, within four months from the date of this order, and in case of his failure to do so, that he cause his answer to a complainant's Bill of Complaint to be filed and copy thereof to be served on said non resident defendant, within twenty days after service on said copy of said Bill and notice of this order; and that in default thereof said bill be taken as confessed by the said non resident defendant.

And it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date hereof the said complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in the Chelsea Standard, a newspaper published in and printed and circulated in said County, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six weeks, in addition to the copy of this order to be personally served on said non resident defendant, and at least twenty days before the above time prescribed for his appearance.

E. D. KINN, Circuit Judge. G. W. TURNBULL, Complainant's Solicitor. A true copy, W. DANBROOK, Register.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, s. s. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw, holden at the Probate office in the City of Ann Arbor, on Monday, the seventh day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six Present, J. Willard Babbitt, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Franklin F. Tucker deceased. George W. Turnbull executor of the last will and testament of said deceased comes into court and represents that he is now prepared to render his final account as such executor.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday the 28th day of December inst. at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for examining and allowing such account, and that the devisees, legatees and heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, to be held on the 7th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Commissioners' Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, s. s. The undersigned having been appointed by the Probate Court for said County Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Martin Manz, late of said County deceased, hereby give notice that six months from date are allowed, by order of said Probate Court, for creditors to present their claims against the estate of said deceased, and that they will meet at the office of Geo. W. Turnbull in the village of Chelsea, in said County, on the tenth day of March and the tenth day of June next, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of said days, to receive, examine and adjust said claims.

Dated, December 10, 1896. EDWARD VOGLER, CHAR. H. KEMP, Commissioners.

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**LOCAL BRIEVITIES.**

Merry Christmas to all.

Miss Florence Ward has recovered from a two-weeks illness.

Dr. Twitchell has sold his residence on Main street to Milo C. Updike.

Mrs. L. A. Stephens entertained her seventh and eighth grade pupils Saturday.

E. Doll has purchased the O. A. Wiley farm north of town, for the sum of \$5,000.

B. B. Turnbull and W. F. Hatch have engaged in the cyclone and fire insurance business.

Crowds of children are gathered about the Christmas pie at Glazier & Stimson's this week.

A special meeting of Olive Chapter No. 108, O. E. S., will be held Wednesday evening, December 30.

The Michael Wade farm, south of Chelsea, was sold last week to Daniel F. Feldcamp, Consideration, \$4,750.

The Christmas tree at Freeman's is attracting lots of boys and girls who are fairly dragging their parents in so that they can get the present that is there for them.

Jas. W. Speer has received a commission from Great Commander Boynton of the K. O. T. M. appointing him deputy great commander, with full authority to install officers.

Complaint has been made against Arthur Mann, and the warrant has been issued for his arrest for stealing two pairs of gloves from the store of W. P. Schenk & Co. Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schatz have received a large box of fruit from their son George, who is in California. There were fifteen different varieties, the whole weighing 200 pounds.

Fred Gentner of Lima claims to be the champion corn husker of this vicinity. One day recently he husked and crated 110 bushels. He wants to hear from the man who thinks that he can beat it.

**DIED**—At Lima Center, Monday, December 21, 1896, Mrs. Laura F. Wheelock wife of John Wheelock aged 75 years, 6 months and 7 days. Funeral services will be held at the church at Lima Center on Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Chelsea Whist Club went to Jackson last week to attend the meeting of the state association. When the smoke of battle rolled away the Chelsea club found that it occupied fifth place, and this was a long way from the bottom.

R. Gayle Royce, of Jackson, who with his mother is visiting at his great-grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Speer, enjoys the distinction of calling six women "grandma," at least he would if he could talk. He has one great-great-grandmother, three great-grandmothers and two grandmothers.

We have all heard of the tricks of folding beds, when not properly constructed or judiciously managed, and now comes the unfortunate experience of a man near Chicago, who was out in a drizzling rain having put on a union suit. After drying, it shrank so that he could not get his feet to the ground. —M. A. C. Record.

A profusely and beautifully illustrated article on the famous Horse-show held annually in New York City appears in the January number of Demorest's Magazine. Notable among the illustrations are a full page and several other spirited drawings by Max F. Klepper. The show as a social function and as an exhibition of horses is interestingly described in the text.

The market has held its own for a few days, making but few changes. Wheat brings 84c; rye 81c; oats 16c; barley 60c; beans still very dull at about 50c, with liberal discounts; dressed hogs 44; chickens 84c; turkeys 80; geese 7c; eggs 10c. Arrivals have been moderate the past week and will not be large for a while, though trade in town is good. There is still much confidence in some quarters that prices will rule better when trade starts up after the holidays.

Herbert D. Ward, the novelist and husband of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, has written a new novel, which will be the fiction feature of the Ladies' Home Journal during 1897. It is a humorous story and has the unique title of "The Burglar Who Moved Paradise." It is a sequel to Mrs. Ward's "An Old Maid's Paradise," the husband taking up the pen where Mrs. Phelps had naturally to put it down when she became Mrs. Ward.

The verdict in the Heydlauff case does not seem to meet with popular favor, and at the same time a dangerous precedent has been established. It is such burlesques on justice that cause people to take the law in their own hands and institute Judge Lynch's court. When a man can deliberately shoot a woman and the jury brings in a verdict such as it did in this case, it is putting a premium on law breaking. It is the opinion of the Standard that the scales of justice are badly out of balance.

In some localities farmers are said to be talking quite strongly in favor of a law that will collect the road work done by contract instead of the present way under the pathmaster system.

Byron W. King, president of King's School of Oratory, Elocution and Dramatic Culture of Pittsburgh, Pa., will give an entertainment at the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, January 13, 1896. Watch The Standard for further particulars.

The following officers were recently elected by the L. O. T. M. for the ensuing year:

- L. C.—Mary L. Boyd.
- P. L. C.—M. Ella Drislane.
- Lt. C.—Eliza Bacon.
- F. K.—Louis M. Bacon.
- R. K.—H. Dora Harrington.
- S.—Ella M. Craig.
- M. A.—Martha Shaver.
- C.—R. M. Wilkinson.
- S.—Myra Millsbaugh.
- P.—Luella Whipple.

The following officers were elected by Chelsea Tent No 281, K. O. T. M., Friday evening:

- Past Commander—J. W. Speer.
- Commander—Geo. W. Beckwith.
- Lieut. Commander—Jacob Hummel.
- Sergeant—H. Lighthall.
- Chaplain—Stephen Laird.
- Record Keeper—Henry Heselochwerdt.
- Finance Keeper—Geo. Staffan.
- Master-at-Arms—T. G. Speer.
- Masters of Guard—Wm. Atkinson and E. D. Lane.
- Sentinel—Andrew Congdon.
- Picket—John Craig.

Chelsea Lodge, No. 67, A. O. U. W. elected the following officers at the annual meeting held Monday evening:

- M. W.—Geo. Ward.
- Foreman—Chas. Steinbach.
- Overseer—E. D. Lane.
- Recorder—D. B. Taylor.
- Financier—C. E. Babcock.
- Receiver—H. S. Holmes.
- Guide—J. W. Rheinfank.
- I. W.—G. Hutzle.
- O. W.—E. McCarter.
- Medical Examiner—R. McColgan.
- Trustees—Chas. Steinbach and W. F. Riemenschneider.
- Rep. to Grand Lodge—D. B. Taylor.
- Alternate—Chas. Steinbach.

Heydlauff, acquitted by a jury in the circuit court Saturday of the murder of Miss Emma Moeckle, was arrested Tuesday at his home in Waterloo township on the charge of perjury by Detective Rosenkrantz and taken to jail in Jackson. This criminal charge perjury is brought as a means of forcing a formal investigation of his condition of mind. The law is such that the mental condition of a person who has been acquitted on the ground of insanity, can only be inquired into while he is under indictment for some criminal offense. Fred Moeckle, the murdered girl's father made the complaint of perjury.

An exchange tells a story of a young man, being a stranger in a neighboring town, stood on a corner one night wondering what he would do with himself to kill time, when he saw a crowd of thirty or more young people approaching with baskets on their arms. It was a surprise party, and when he fell in line and asked a pretty girl if he could carry her basket she consented, thinking he was a guest whom she had not met. Everyone in the crowd seemed to think that someone else had invited him, and someone finding out his name, introduced him to all the others. He had the best time in his life. He had a good supper, kissed seventeen girls and escorted the prettiest girl in the crowd home and was invited to two parties to be given the next week. There is nothing like seizing an opportunity to be in the social swim.

**PERSONAL.**

Ed. Rooke is a Dexter visitor this week. Geo. Taylor spent Saturday in Ann Arbor.

Miss McCluskie will spend the holidays at Lapeer.

Archie Alexander spent Sunday at Grass Lake.

Geo. W. Turnbull spent Tuesday at Stockbridge.

Arthur Ives of Dansville spent Saturday at this place.

Geo. Fuller is spending Christmas at Battle Creek.

Mrs. John Schlee of Ann Arbor spent Saturday here.

Tom James of Dexter spent Wednesday in Chelsea.

S. J. Heselochwerdt was an Ann Arbor visitor Saturday.

John Martin of Ann Arbor is visiting Herbert McKune.

John Wade made a business trip to Jackson Saturday.

Walter Woods of Ann Arbor spent Saturday at this place.

Miss Nettie Storms of Ann Arbor is visiting friends here.

Miss Pearl Field will spend her vacation at her home in Flint.

C. LeRoy Hill, of Ann Arbor, is the guest of his mother.

Miss Mable Haaler, of Lansing, is the guest of Mrs. L. Tichenor.

J. C. Ballard of Michigan Center is the guest of Miss Laura Lane.

Miss Kate Hooker spent the week with relatives at Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morse are visiting friends at Battle Creek.

Miss Ella Morton, of Ann Arbor, is spending her vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Jenney of Dexter spent Monday at this place.

Eric Zinkie of Detroit is spending this week with his parents here.

Stephen Chase, of Ann Arbor, is spending vacation with his parents.

Miss Lizzie Kimball of South Haven is the guest of Miss May Sparks.

Chas. Oberschmidt of Ann Arbor is visiting his parents in Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Congdon of Dexter were Chelsea visitors Monday.

Smith Snyder was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Burkhardt Monday.

Henry Stimson of the U. of M. is spending his vacation with his mother.

Mrs. Wm. Barr of Saline is the guest of her mother, Mrs. A. C. Congdon.

Aaron H. Buss of Cleary Business College is visiting his parents here.

Harry Whitaker and Will Pratt of Dexter were Chelsea visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Hook of London, England, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Bacon.

Herbert Dancer of Ann Arbor was a Chelsea visitor Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Purchase of Denver, Col., are visiting relatives here.

Miss Francis Wallace of Jackson will spend Christmas with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hoag and daughters of Detroit are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Purchase and son of Detroit are visiting relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Buell of River Junction are spending Christmas here.

Miss Annie Bacon of Coldwater will spend her vacation with her parents here.

Miss Ella Armstrong of Ann Arbor is spending her vacation with her parents here.

Miss Nellie Lowry of Ann Arbor is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Miss Tillie Oesterle has returned to Jackson after a stay of several months at this place.

Robert Alexander, of Webster, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Alexander Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Schumacher of Ann Arbor are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Schumacher.

Fred and Harry Morton of Detroit are the guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morton.

Mrs. Mabel Bailey and Miss Dessie Curtis of Howell are the guests of Mr. James Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Woods and family will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. BeGole.

A. F. Rockwell, principal of the Howell schools, is spending the holidays with his parents here.

The Misses Kathrine and Ross County of Detroit are guests of their sister, Mrs. A. E. Harrington.

Miss Grace Gates of Ypsilanti will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Blaich, during the holidays.

Mrs. J. H. Osborne and children of Niles are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Noyes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Schumacher and children of Ann Arbor are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schumacher.

Dr. and Mrs. Hathaway of Saline were in town this week, called here by the death of Mrs. Hathaway's father, Wm. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wiggins left Chelsea yesterday for Iquique, Chile, where they will return to their work in the mission school, after their vacation of about a year. The best wishes of their many friends will go with them for a pleasant voyage.

**Card of Thanks.**

Mrs. E. E. Martin and children desire to express their heart felt thanks to their neighbors and friends for their sympathy and assistance in the late sickness and death of their husband and father, Wm. Martin.

FOR SALE—A nearly new Glazier Oil Stove. Inquire at this office.

Pay the printer!

**WANTED**—A refined Lady Agent for "The Elliot Insufflator" a new and positive home cure for female troubles. Dr. Pratt a registered physician will be at Chelsea Hotel December 30th, to explain instrument and give free consultation. Call or write him there, or address, "The Insufflator Co" 232 and 233, Coulter Block, Aurora, Ill.

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So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had Lung trouble following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free at Glazier & Stimson's Drug Store.

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New clothing just opened, bought at the lowest prices we have ever known during our clothing experience. We have the goods that will suit you and prices that will surprise you.  
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Notice to Tax-payers.  
Having been instructed by the common council of the village of Chelsea to force the collection of poll taxes for the year 1896, and having been instructed to commence suit against any and all who have neglected or refused to pay said poll tax; I do hereby give notice to all who have not paid this tax, that unless paid at once to the treasurer of said village, I shall commence suit against all delinquents.  
G. W. TURNBULL  
Village Attorney.

IT TOUCHES THE SPOT—

OUR 28<sup>c</sup> COFFEE

Try it for Christmas.

FREEMAN.

# CHRISTMAS IN MANY CLIMES



WELCOME CHRISTMAS.

Three welcome, day of days! The skies  
Ope wide their gates at thy command  
And Heaven's sublimest symphonies  
Soil grandly over sea and land.  
The dews of charity distill  
Their incense everywhere, and comes  
A universal joy to fill  
The highest and the humblest homes.

Why son doth bless with holler kiss!  
Thy breath a grander these doth hymn!  
Thy wings do close the black abyss  
Of evil, an no longer dim  
Are valleys of eternal peace,  
Or land where his own restores,  
But skies uncurtained show increase  
Of glory on thy crystal shores!

And thou dost light for me again  
The yule-log on the homestead hearth,  
The graves where long the dead have lain  
Do open, as a vernal garth,  
And bloom for me once more the loves  
That roses made my youthful days;  
Within thy freighted lives and moves  
My mother, baled with the rays  
Of Paradise, and as her twin  
Lips with the olden fondlings part,  
And I, enraptured, cuddle in  
The velvet haven of her heart.  
I see the pall of doubt unloose,  
And on the pathway of the sun  
God's finger writes in lines of gold  
The words, "For Home and Heaven are  
One!"

Then, too, thy chimney glow reveals  
The father's face; the old armchair  
In his again, and Lulu kneels  
Beside him with her Christmas prayer;  
The sweet-voiced pleadings uttered are,  
And grandpa's lips do part to say,  
"Thank God the gates are all ajar  
Twixt Home and Heaven on Christmas  
Day!"

Then, welcome, day of days! Thy dawn  
Is vibrant with familiar tones,  
The yell that dims our sight is drawn,  
The farther shore thy sunlight zones.  
No growth of skeptic fancy now  
Our faith in glad remembrance leaves,  
For 'tis engraven on thy brow  
That Heaven is Home's, and Home is  
Heaven's!  
—Century.

## FELLOW-TRAVELERS.



CHRISTMAS eve  
away from home  
and the loved ones  
is a dreary period of  
the year. At least  
so thought Charles  
McKeena, as he tra-  
versed the top of his  
nine cars of pota-  
toes en route for  
the Southern mar-  
ket. He was one of  
the young dealers,  
and, as his opera-  
tions were not exten-  
sive for him to person-  
ally "fire" his own  
cars. If none of the potatoes were frozen  
before he reached New Orleans, a hand-  
some profit would await him there, for  
there was a big margin just at this time.  
It was lonesome work at the best, not  
without an element of danger, and work  
which required constant attention in or-  
der to keep the fires from going out.  
Seated before the fire in one of the cars  
he rested his head on his hands and med-  
itated about his wife and the two little  
ones. The fire glowed brightly and his  
heart was filled with hope, energy and  
ambition as he gazed into its roddy  
depths. The train was speeding along at  
a normal rate, and the steady, rhythmic  
sound was resumed upon the rails and  
—then he fell asleep.

How long he rested in his chair he did  
not know. Then he came to himself with  
a start, being almost thrown from his  
chair by a jolt as the train again stopped  
on a switch. Drawing out his watch he  
consulted it, and then gave an exclamation  
of alarm. He had overslept himself;  
the fires were probably out by this time;  
the frost had entered the potatoes, and  
he was ruined. Hastily making his way  
to the next car, to his surprise the fire  
in the stove was burning brightly, and  
the interior, if anything, was too warm.  
He hurried to the next car. There it  
was even warmer than in the first car.  
—He stared at the stove in amazement.  
"That's funny," he commented, pull-  
ing at his mustache.

The next five cars were in a like con-



"HELLO, SAID MCKEENA."

dition and he was immensely relieved  
and more puzzled than ever. Who in  
the world could have fired his stoves for  
him? He entered the last car, and was  
surprised to see a tramp seated near  
the stove, toasting his toes to his heart's  
content.

"Hello," said McKeena.

"Hello," responded the tramp to Mc-  
Keena's exclamation.

## IN ENGLAND.

AMONG all the Germanic nations  
Christmas has ever been the most  
popular of all church festivals.  
In England it was, and is, the one great  
national feast, and in the Anglican  
church and among the Lutherans of Ger-  
many the exclusion of many minor festi-  
vals from the calendar has only concen-  
trated the popular affection upon Christ-  
mas.

The Puritans made a vigorous battle  
against what they thought a supersti-  
tion, and in 1652 it was ordered by Par-  
liament "that no observation shall be had  
of the five-and-twentieth day of Decem-  
ber, commonly called Christmas Day, nor  
any solemnity used or exercised in  
churches upon that day in respect there-  
of." A little before, in 1647, the town  
clerk of Canterbury proclaimed that  
"Christmas and all other superstitious  
festivals should be put down, and a mar-  
ket held upon Christmas Day." But none  
of these orders had much effect. In  
Scotland John Knox did succeed in pretty  
effectually suppressing the observance of  
Christmas, in the Lowlands, at least, but  
he simply transferred the popular cus-  
toms and superstitions to New Year's  
Day. There is an English rhyme of this  
period that illustrates the popular feel-  
ing on the subject:

All plums the prophets' sons defy,  
And spice-broths are too hot;  
Treason's in a December pye,  
And death within the pot.  
Christmas, farewell, thy days I fear,  
And merry days are done;  
So they may keep feasts all the year,  
Our favour shall have none.

In Germany.  
At home around the tree, is the cul-  
minating point of Teutonic revelry in  
Yuletide. The enthusiasm and the senti-  
ment of youth and age have then at-  
tained their pitch, and they are permitted  
to give full vent to it for the evening.  
The tree is illuminated at the appointed  
hour. "Still night, holy night," is sung  
in the domestic circle; a sweet yapor of  
domestic unity is inhaled amid smiles and

tears, and the feast of the Nativity is  
thus initiated.

In Norway.  
One of the prettiest of Christmas cus-  
toms is the Norwegian practice of giving  
on Christmas Day a dinner to the birds.  
On Christmas morning every gable, gate-  
way, or barn-door is decorated with a  
sheaf of corn, fixed on the top of a tall  
pole, wherefrom it is intended that the  
birds shall make their Christmas dinner.  
Even the peasant will contrive to have  
a handful set for this purpose; and what  
the birds do not eat on Christmas Day

## IN AUSTRIA.

As early as the 6th of November, Vi-  
enna assumes an air of festivity; her citi-  
zens have not forgotten that it is the  
anniversary of their patron saint, St.  
Nicholas. After a week's intermission,  
the public squares are once more cram-  
med with booths of all dimensions and  
description, forming regular avenues,  
crowded several weeks before Christmas  
with representatives of every social  
grade. If we take a stroll through the  
Ringstrasse, Christmas Eve, we shall  
find that aristocratic thoroughfare de-  
serted, but all the flats or apartments  
are illuminated, Christmas trees, loaded  
with presents, form the evening's chief  
attraction.

## IN MEXICO.

The devout of Mexico go to early mass  
on Christmas morning. The minority de-  
vot themselves to a toothsome break-  
fast, in which tortillas, chile con carne  
(boiled beef and red peppers), tamales  
(corn husks stuffed with force meat), are  
the leading features. After breakfast  
come the festivities. These are of all

## IN SERBIA.

The Servians have many curious  
Christmas customs, half pagan, half  
Christian in their origin. There is the  
Badnjak, a piece of wood, corresponding  
somewhat to the yule log, cut down and  
brought into the house with great cere-  
mony, and then, after being basted with  
honey and butter, in the hope that bees  
and cattle may be prosperous in the  
coming year, is burned; and there is a  
sort of Father Christmas or Santa Claus,  
in the person of a Polevanik, a specially  
honored visitor, who is the first person  
received into the house on Christmas  
morning. Then there is the cooking of  
the national Christmas dish. What  
turkey is to the Americans, pork is to  
the Servian. Even the poorest fam-  
ily will save up all the year round  
so as to be able to purchase a pig at  
Christmas. On Christmas Eve the pig is  
killed, and on the following day, after  
dinner has been served and the roast  
pig duly discussed, toasts are drunk, and  
heroic songs sung to the accompaniment  
of a one-stringed instrument. The room  
is strewn with straw, in memory of the  
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religious festival, and many who would  
not dream of going to church on Sun-  
days make a point of attending mass on  
le Jour de Noel, and the blaze of the  
tapers falls on crowded congregations,  
men, women and children, kneeling,  
standing and sitting on the wide area  
of the Madeleine and Notre Dame. Of  
late years it has become chic to attend  
midnight mass on Christmas Eve, and  
so, pouring down along the boulevards,



THE OLD YEAR.

If all the old year's days could speak,  
I wonder what they'd say,  
The snowy days of May,  
The flowery days of June,  
The summer days when shady ways  
Were made for children's feet;  
Vacation days, when for their plays  
The country was so sweet!

If all the old year's days could speak—  
Just think of it awhile!  
Would their report bring bitter tears,  
Or the sunshine of a smile?  
A loving word or smile?  
Of honest work well done,  
Of well-used powers in study hours,  
Of fairness in the fun?

Of thankful thought for kindness wrought  
Where homes are rich and glad;  
Of tender care to give or share  
Where homes are poor and sad;  
Of pleasant ways in dark, dull days;  
Of little, gentle deeds;  
Of earnest hours among heart's sorrows  
In plucking hurtful weeds!

Can the year speak of patience meek  
Where grief has stopped awhile,  
Of courage bold, for the weak and old  
A loving word or smile?  
Methinks the year must seem most dear  
If thus its speech can be;  
O'erfull of joys for girls and boys—  
A year of jubilee.  
—The Congregationalist.

## WHEN THE STAR SHONE.

### 'Twas the Signal for Bethlehem's First Christmas.

Nineteen hundred years ago, less than  
witnessed one of the most remarkable  
epochs known to secular history, and the  
most remarkable period of which ecclesi-  
astical man has ever conceived. It was by  
the decree of Augustus, then emperor of  
Rome, that the prophet's words were  
verified and the Christ born in the town  
of David. The circumstances were these:  
By an official order a census of the terri-  
tory of Palestine was called for, and to  
that end from every part of the province  
the inhabitants betook themselves, ac-  
cording to the Jewish custom, to the town  
from which they claimed their origin.

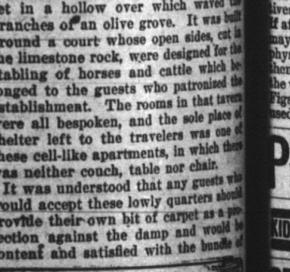
From Nazareth in the north to Bethle-  
hem in the south was a long journey,  
eighty miles over wintry roads and up and  
down the hills of the rolling country. But  
Joseph, who was as good a subject as he  
was a Hebrew, obeyed the command,  
and started for the city of David at the  
bidding. The first stop was probably at  
the house of Chimham at Beeroth, which  
is fifteen miles from Nazareth, where, a  
thousand years before Ruth gleaned for  
Boaz, em. where Jesse and David had  
rested. The remainder of the journey  
was made by easy stages, the humble  
couple stopping to rest at such quarters  
as their means could afford.

They arrived in Bethlehem in the after-  
noon and found the little city crowded  
with a host of people bound on a mis-  
sion similar to their own. Every caravan-  
way was filled. The streets were thronged  
with people seeking accommodation, and  
after repeated efforts to obtain quarters  
in the city proper, which numbered at  
that time only about 3,000 inhabitants,  
and was, therefore, unprepared for an  
emergency of this sort, the footsore wa-  
nders struck out into the country. After  
traveling about a mile they found the  
Flethe khan, which is now known as the  
"Chapel of the Nativity," and where a  
silver star set in white marble, with sil-  
ver ever-burning lamps, commemorates  
the mightiest fact in the story of the  
human race.

The little inn which was thus destined  
to be famous over the round world was  
set in a hollow over which were built  
branches of an olive grove. It was built  
around a court whose open sides, cut in  
the limestone rock, were designed for the  
stabling of horses and cattle which be-  
longed to the guests who patronized the  
establishment. The rooms in that town  
were all bespoken, and the sole place of  
shelter left to the travelers was one of  
these cell-like apartments, in which there  
was neither couch, table nor chair.

It was understood that any guests who  
would accept these lowly quarters should  
provide their own bit of carpet as a pro-  
tection against the damp and would be  
content and satisfied with the humble  
arrangements.

## ENTRANCE TO BETHLEHEM.



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straw which served as a bed. There  
were the surroundings of the Virgin  
Mother on the night of the advent of the  
Son of God.

At 11:30 P. M.  
George—Well, the old year will soon  
be going out.  
Ethel—Yes; a splendid custom, isn't  
it? Why don't you follow the example?  
—Truth.

A Timely Question.  
"I can understand how Santa Claus  
comes down the chimney," remarked  
Edgar, "but I wonder how he goes up."  
—Harper's Young People.

## HER FIRST CHRISTMAS VISIT TO HIS OLD HOME



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THE SYRUP RISE



THE SAME OLD PIE



THESE ARE MY COUSINS DEAR



THE HOBBY HORSE I PLAYED WITH ON RAINY DAYS



THE BARN-VOICED



THE GOOD OLD DANCE AGAIN



—New York Herald.

## For a moment they stood there, and

then McKeena, waving his hand, said:  
"Don't mind me."  
"All right," remarked the tramp, and  
with that he seated himself again before  
the stove. McKeena also drew up a  
chair. Then he took a cigar case from  
his pocket.  
"Smoke?" he asked.  
"Thanks."  
After a few whiffs the tramp remark-  
ed:  
"Be you the feller that runs the pota-  
toes?"  
"I am."  
McKeena himself lighted a weed and  
then said:  
"I presume it was you who fired the  
stoves?"  
"It were."  
"Much obliged."  
"Don't mention it. You lemme ride  
and I'll call it square, pard."  
"Very well. How far are you going?"  
"New Orleans."  
Then they both smoked in silence. Mc-  
Keena examined his companion casually.  
He was a tall man of athletic figure, and  
it was evident that he possessed enorm-  
ous strength. His face was covered with  
a bushy growth of whiskers and with  
eyes about as bright as two coals. He  
puffed at his cigar with evident enjoy-  
ment.  
"How's potatoes?" he said.  
"Good."  
"Any family?"  
"Yes; wife and two, and I miss them  
especially on Christmas eve."  
The tramp took another whiff, and  
something like moisture appeared in his  
eyes.  
"I had a wife once," he remarked.  
"Indeed!" said the other with a show  
of interest. "Where is she now?"  
"She was sent to— I mean, she  
died. She had consumption."  
"Had a kid, too," he remarked.  
"What's become of him?"  
"He's in the reform—that is to say,

## stranger, he is now a prosperous mer-

chant in New York. He lives on Fifth  
avenue, he does, and has an English  
coachman."  
"You don't tell me?" commented Mc-  
Keena, endeavoring to look as though  
he believed the other's narration.  
"Pon honor."  
Again there was silence, which was  
finally broken by the tramp.  
"Any vittels?"  
"Yes."  
McKeena produced his lunch-basket  
and his visitor ate ravenously, as though  
he had not touched food for twenty-four  
hours.  
"You turn in, pard," remarked the  
tramp. "I'll keep up the fires."  
The other hesitated, but finally laid  
down and took a nap. All the way to  
New Orleans this programme was fol-  
lowed. Early one morning as the train  
stopped, the tramp said:



"HIS VISITOR ATE RAVENOUSLY."

## "Good-bye. I think I'll light out before

we git to town."  
Then he turned to the other and hand-  
ed him an envelope. Before McKeena  
could answer he was gone. The former  
mechanically handled the envelope and  
gazed doubtfully at the new, crisp \$20  
bill and the following message:  
"You did me a good turn. Bi a  
Christmas present for de kids. I was  
Hard pressed Wen I cum to de train an  
yu Took a stranger in an Nourished Him.  
Giv mi Regards to de little wife; Like-  
wise de Kids an Bi a Drum fer de Boy.  
at first I thought I'd Bore you, Bnt I'm  
glad I diddnt Now. I Had de gun on  
you wen yu com in, but y

### THE CHANGE OF LIFE.

#### INTELLIGENT WOMEN PREPARE FOR THE TRYING ORDEAL.

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Both men and women are apt to feel a little blue, when the gray hairs begin to show. It's a very natural feeling. In the normal condition of things gray hairs belong to advanced age. They have no business whitening the head of man or woman, who has not begun to go down the slope of life. As a matter of fact, the hair turns gray regardless of age, or of life's seasons; sometimes it is whitened by sickness, but more often from lack of care. When the hair fades or turns gray there's no need to resort to hair dyes. The normal color of the hair is restored and retained by the use of

### Ayer's Hair Vigor.

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### A NEW FAD.

#### London Women Have Taken to the Breeding of Pet Mice.

London fashionable society has taken up a new and somewhat novel fad—the breeding of mice—and clubs are formed for the purpose of displaying the little rodents and exchanging notes as to their proper care and as to what are the best breeds. Some of the mice owned by the aristocracy have long pedigrees, covering a period of three or four years, which comprises from twenty to thirty generations. These blue-blooded mice fetch as much as \$500, while \$25 is quite an ordinary price to pay for a rodent of the "matching" varieties.

Mouse clubs have existed for some time in Whitechapel, Poplar and the poorer districts of London. But the cult has now been adopted by the west end, and not merely the titled belles of Mayfair but also famous clubmen are enthusiastic breeders of fancy mice. National mouse shows have already taken place, the competition among the exhibitors being very keen. Among the most successful prize winners have been Lady Jane Grimston, daughter of the Earl of Verulam; Miss Dickenson, niece of the Earl of Londesbor-



### ENGLAND'S CHAMPION MOUSE.

ough (an heiress whose elopement to America with a married man a few weeks ago created such a sensation in England), and W. Maxey, who owns "Queenie," the champion mouse of the United Kingdom.

"Queenie" is the champion mouse of the United Kingdom and winner of the \$100 challenge cup.

It is laid down as an invariable rule that the aristocratic mouse must be of good size, with long, clean head, not too fine or pointed at the nose, the eyes large and bold, the ears big, wide apart, tulip-shaped and carried erect. The body must be long and slim, a trifle arched over the loin and "racy" in appearance. The tail must be long, thick at the root and tapering like a whiplash to a fine end, the length being equal to that of the mouse, while the coat must be perfectly smooth, glossy and sleek to the hand.

The results most prized in mouse breeding are most difficult of attainment. Tortoise shells, for instance, are the rarest; a good specimen would be almost priceless. Black and tans rank next among the rarities, because it is so difficult to get them with the black of a good color. A pure raven black, even throughout, is only attained among the very aristocracy of the mouse world. Among the elegantes of the mouse world must be ranked the sables, which are really charming in color.

### Current Condensations.

A New York cat wears a false set of teeth.

A lump of nickel weighing 4,500 pounds is worth half as many dollars.

In Italy the value of land is considered to be thirty-four times the annual rental.

Conductors and motormen on the electric road running from Newark to Irvington, New Jersey, are compelled to wear white neckties.

The grenadiers, a body of tall, strong soldiers who threw bombs or grenades into the enemy's ranks, were established in France in 1667, in England in 1685.

### THE MAN OF THE HOUR

#### General Juan Ruiz Rivera.



General Juan Ruiz Rivera, who has been appointed to succeed General Antonio Maceo in the command of the Cuban forces in the province of Pinar del Rio, has achieved military reputation scarcely second to that of his late chieftain. He is a veteran of the ten years' war in Cuba, and a warm personal friend of Commander-in-chief Maximo Gomez. He enjoyed Maceo's confidence and esteem. General Rivera was born in 1847 in Mayaguez, Porto Rico. His father was a Spanish colonel. The son was a student in the university at Barcelona when the first Cuban war commenced in 1868. Although but 20 years old, he gave up his studies and at once sailed for Cuba, where he received a warm welcome from the insurgent leaders and was appointed an officer of General Gomez's staff. Afterward he was appointed as secretary to General Garcia and later was made commander of the department of the east. When the war was ended Rivera stood firmly with Maceo in his refusal to accept the treaty of peace of San Juan, and when the terms of the compact were finally accepted he departed in despair to Central America, where he became a planter. On the breaking out of the present war he at once left his home, returned to Cuba and headed an expedition in the western part of the island. He has since been closely connected with the Cuban chief. He is a soldier of great personal magnetism and Maceo's natural successor.

### FEDERATION OF LABOR.

#### Sixteenth Annual Convention Held in Cincinnati.

The sixteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was called to order in Cincinnati at 10 a. m. Monday by President Samuel Gompers. About 150 delegates were present and there were many visitors. Martin Fox, President of North America, had been selected by the labor organizations of Cincinnati to deliver the address of welcome. Owing to the death of a relative Mr. Fox was not present, and his address was read by E. J. Denny. In the welcoming address more effective action for the eight-hour law and other reforms were recommended. Special greetings were extended Delegates Samuel Woods and John Mallinson of England and Louis Vigoroux of France, who were seated with Secretary McGrath and Assistant Secretary Martin Walters on the stage.

President Gompers, in responding to the address of welcome, referred to attacks on the organization because it was merely a federation and not a more compact union. He showed how the fullest scope was given to individual opinions and rights in the American Federation of Labor and thus the affiliation of different labor organizations was possible in one general federation. He appealed for continued efforts for the cultivation of public opinion as well as for favorable legislation and for the most earnest co-operation of all labor organizations.

### UNCLE SAM'S CASH.

#### Coining a Great Deal Since Commencing Business.

The total value of all coins authorized to be used as money and issued from the mints by this government since the enactment of the first measure of authorization, as shown by recent publication from official sources, drawn out, doubtless, by the recent campaign discussions of the "crime of 1873," is stated to have reached the enormous total of \$2,467,798,116.25, which amount, as a means of effecting exchanges, is, of course, but a part of the circulating medium with which the country is provided.

The coins are proportioned among the several metals as follows: Gold, \$4,755,813,703; silver, \$985,023,701.60; minor coins, \$26,060,711.35.

### Telegraphic Brevities.

Martin L. Stevens, of Brooklyn, a prominent Knight of Pythias, is dead, aged 60.

Henry Fell Pease, Liberal member of Parliament of the Cleveland division of the north riding of York, is dead.

J. B. Labouisse, ex-president of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, and well known in every cotton market in the country, began coughing and within two hours expired from heart failure, brought on by the violent exertion.

Cardinal Gibbons has received from the Pope an official registered letter, informing him that his Holiness has appointed Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, of Worcester, Mass., rector of the Catholic university in Washington, to succeed Rt. Rev. Bishop Keane.

Mrs. Fannie Redding died suddenly at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Burke, in Derby, Conn. She was 102 years old. She was the nurse of P. T. Barnum, the great showman, in his infancy. It is said that she saved Barnum's life when a boy by throwing away medicine prescribed for him while ill.

### The Cause of Rheumatism.

The cause of rheumatism is lactic acid in the blood. To this acid are due the aches and pains, the swollen joints, the sharp, agonizing twinges. Rheumatism affects the limbs, arms, back and hips, causing misery day and night; stiffness of the joints, lameness, swellings, agony. Rheumatism can be cured only by purifying the blood. Do not waste money and time on liniments or other applications. Do not dally with unknown medicines. Cure rheumatism at once, surely, safely, promptly, permanently, by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Thousands of cures of this and other blood diseases conclusively prove that Hood's Sarsaparilla has wonderful curative power. The great merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla is that it is the reason for its wonderful cures. It is the explanation of its enormous sales. Hood's Sarsaparilla stands not only upon its record of cures in the past, though this is unequalled by any other medicine, but it is to-day curing thousands of cases of catarrh, rheumatism, scrofula, dyspepsia, and many other blood diseases. It is to-day the medicine which the people take to give them health, strength, pure blood, good appetite and digestive power.

### A Curious Cow.

A thoroughbred Jersey cow belonging to J. L. English, of Hartford, Conn., has attracted notoriety this season by giving birth to two calves, not twins, but born at an interval of more than three weeks apart. The cow is registered as Ona's Grinnell. The first of the two calves was born June 29. It is a heifer, and has every mark of a Holstein. The second calf, which is a pure Jersey bull, was born July 23, three weeks and two days after the first.

### Borne Down with Indemities.

Age finds its surest solace in the benign tonic aid afforded by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which counteracts rheumatic and malarial tendencies, relieves growing inactivity of the kidneys, and is the finest remedy extant for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. Nervousness, too, with which old people are very apt to be afflicted, is promptly relieved by it.

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### Not Half So Much.

Agatha—Charley is tickled with his new mustache, isn't he? Marie—Yes, but (with a shy blush) not half so much as I am.—Clairmont (N. Y.) National Eagle.

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### A Slander.

Galaway—Jagsou is very loose in his habits, isn't he? Chadwick—When I saw him last night he was very tight.—Washington Times.

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### ARCHAEOLOGY OF IRELAND.

Many Interesting Relics of Former Ages Uncovered Recently.

Slumbering beneath many a peaceful corn field in Ireland are buried villages which once stood in the heart of the primeval forest, engirdled by the waters of some stagnant peaty lake. The Irish farmer of to-day turns up with his plow the wooden piles upon which these lake dwellings rested; they are black with age, but you can yet trace the mortise holes which the ancient Celt made with his primitive flint chisel.

The archaeologist, sniffing such a find, brings along his navvies, with their spades, and presently the buried "crannog" is exposed to daylight. There is a circle in the stockade of piles which kept the artificial islet together. Inside are layers of cross beams, hurdle work, brushwork, clay, peat and other matters, which formed the successive floors of the dwelling, continually renewed, perhaps, as they slowly subsided into the peaty bottom of the lake.

To-day the lake and its waters are represented by a layer of peat, in which these relics lie well preserved, together with samples of the ancient Irishman's knives, chisels and axes—stone, bronze or iron, according to the period of his civilization. The Irish "crannog" was a modification of the lake dwelling of central Europe.

Upon the topic of the lake-dwellings, which were quite prehistoric ages, being practically the same as the ages of stone and bronze, Dr. Munro, the secretary of the Scottish Society of Antiquaries, is a profound authority.

The people who thus elected to keep themselves aloof from their enemies were, according to Dr. Munro, pastoral farmer immigrants from the far east of Europe. They were of a high degree of civilization, for, though their weapons and tools were but of stone or bronze, they could use them well. All together, so far as we can glean any idea of the life led by these prehistoric inhabitants of central Europe, it must have been a fairly quiet and peaceful one, comparing very favorably with modern peasant life. The lake age came to an end when iron found its way into the hands of men—a revolution in its way, said Dr. Munro, far surpassing in its influence on human life any development that either steam or electricity has brought about or is likely to.—London Chronicle.

**Was a Slight to Produce Confidence.**  
They are old friends, and sometimes when husbands are out of the way they meet for a long, confidential talk, such as they used to have when they were girls.  
They had one the other day, and in the midst of it one of them said:  
"You know I've been married eight years—it doesn't seem so long, but it really is. Well, the truth is, that all that time I've been jealous of the woman to whom my husband was engaged before I ever saw him."  
"You goose, why, he is a devoted husband! Why on earth—"  
"Yes, I know now I was silly, but I just couldn't help it. Many a night I've lain awake thinking about it. Why, every time the dinner wasn't good, I'd imagine he was thinking that she'd have given him a better one. 'O, I can't tell you all the things I thought. Sometimes I just wanted to die and be out of it."  
"But you—"  
"Yes; then, I just wouldn't die and let her, perhaps, have the pleasure of using my visiting cards, wearing my jewelry, and maybe even making him think me a tyrant for not allowing him to smoke in the parlor! But that is all over now; I am cured forever."  
"O; I suppose you spoke to your husband and found that there was no cause for jealousy."  
"N—no; I didn't say anything to him, he thinks enough of himself, as it is—a man's vanity has to be kept down if you want to save your own."  
"Then, if you haven't spoken to your husband on the subject, how do you know there is no cause for jealousy?"  
"I've seen the woman!"

**He Was Posted.**  
She was from Boston and was on her way to the geysers. She had rendered the stage driver thoroughly uncomfortable by throwing great chunks of botanical and geological information at his head, and he had about reached the determination to frighten her with stories of highwaymen till she would get inside the coach, when some gnarled and twisted oaks attracted her attention.

"Do you know how old those trees are?" she asked, and was preparing to launch a whole row of figures at him when he was surprised by her answering very promptly:  
"Yes'm."  
"How old are they?"  
"Three thousand and six years."  
"How do you arrive at such accurate results?"  
"Well, a smart young woman from Boston what knows all about it told me they were 3,000 years old, an' that was six years ago, so they must be three thousand and six now—goin' on three thousand an' seven."—San Francisco Post.

**Birds for Fashions.**  
In one consignment recently a feather dealer in London received 6,000 birds of paradise, 300,000 birds of various kinds from the East Indies, and 400,000 humming birds. In three months another dealer imported 356,398 birds from the East Indies.

**Oldest Wooden Building.**  
The oldest wooden building in the world is said to be the church at Borgund, in Norway. It was built in the eleventh century, and has been protected by frequent coatings of pitch. It is built of pine and in fantastic Romanesque design.

### MEXICAN STATISTICS.

There are ten volcanoes in Mexico. Mexico has a coast line of over 6,000 miles.

Mexico has vast deposits of oyx and marble.

Slavery was fully abolished in Mexico in 1837.

Coahuila coal is exported to the United States.

The army of Mexico comprises about 40,000 men.

The area of Mexico is about 750,000 square miles.

Mexico is about ten times larger than Great Britain.

There are only 463 square miles in the federal district.

Cotton factories in Mexico employ over 25,000 people.

The rainy season generally lasts from May to September.

The "valley" of Mexico is 7,500 feet above the sea level.

The traveler in Mexico is seldom out of sight of mountains.

The average orange tree of Mexico raises 1,000 oranges a year.

There are probably 300,000 men employed in the mines of Mexico.

Mexico is the richest mineral country in the world, not excepting Peru.

The largest State is Chihuahua, with an area of nearly 90,000 square miles.

Pearl fisheries still furnish employment for many men on the gulf coast.

Great quantities of sulphur are mined in the craters of several extinct volcanoes.

The tax upon pulque in the City of Mexico alone amounts to over \$100,000 a year.

It is said that no country in the world shows so great a variety of plant life as Mexico.

Slight earthquakes are frequently felt in southern Mexico, but they are very seldom severe.

Mexico has a maximum length of 1,900 miles and is 540 miles across at the widest point.

The new banking law of Mexico places the minimum capital stock of banks at \$500,000.

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### REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Lots of men think they ought to get their wives' affection on credit.

Men who are at heart most romantically pretend to the last not to be.

A girl can't be in love and have a bad cold in the head at the same time.

Pretty teeth are very often at the foundation of a girl's reputation for jollity.

Women may claim that they like a man who always keeps his temper, but they don't.

There are some women who never find occasion to bewail the passing of the days of chivalry.

A woman's idea of a comforter is some one to say "There, there!" and pat her on the cheek.

When a man says that nobody cares whether he lives or dies, he isn't advertising himself very well.

When a woman gets an idea she must be economical she hunts around and finds an old skirt to rip up.

A man isn't likely to enjoy hearing his wife talk with a woman who remembers him when he was a boy.

There never was a woman who wasn't awfully conceited about the way she could love if she tried.

It isn't that a man doesn't see the faults in the woman he is in love with, but, somehow, the faults seem lovable.

A man hurts himself more in his wife's estimation by being brutal to other people than he does by being brutal to her.

Some girls' mothers must be forgetful, or else they were so good when they were young that they didn't need watching.

Women seem to have an idea that because they haven't got a Greek face they have to frizz their hair all up with a hot iron.

Some time before she is 20, every girl determines either to be a foreign missionary or to spend her life washing dirty babies.

No matter how ashamed a girl feels the first time she kisses a man, it never occurs to her that the man may feel that way too.

Lots of men who don't get married because they can't afford it give a lot of money to help the poor man along with his family.

Some women think that making a man a good wife means making him wear a piece of red flannel around his neck when he has a sore throat.

When a woman tells you some gossip about another woman, she always begins by saying: "Isn't it awful how she has got herself talked about!"

When a girl has a grudge against a man she gives a chafing-dish party, and makes him hold the handle while she splashes little dabs all over his clothes.

No matter how much you have always told a girl you are never going to get married, she will always try to make you think she thought you weren't in earnest.

After all a man's household goods have been carted around the streets on a moving van he feels as though the neighbors had taken an unfair advantage of him.

Before a man is 25 he spends most of his time trying to make the girls think he is the devil of a fellow. After that he spends most of it trying to make them think he isn't.

A girl will quarrel with a man for smoking when he is near her, and yet she doesn't see why he isn't glad to walk a mile through a snowstorm to sit on a lot of sofa pillows that shed little wisps of feathers all over him.

**BITS ABOUT BOYS.**

Fond Mother—And was my little boy smart at school to-day? Little Boy (sadly)—My teacher didn't say I was, but he took pains to make me smart later.—Tid-Bits.

Little Benny—Mamma, please let me hold the baby for a minute. Mother—I am afraid, Benny, you might let her fall. Little Benny—Well, if she does fall, she can't fall very far.—Texas Sifter.

Bobby—Mr. Spunge, are you a cannibal? Mr. Spunge—Why, no, Bobby. Why do you ask? Bobby—Because our Sunday school teacher said cannibals lived on other people, and that's what pa said you did.—Washington Times.

Willy—Do animals go to heaven, parson? Parson Goodman—No, William—probably not; at least we have no reason to think so. Willy—Then the milk and honey in heaven must be canned goods, I suppose.—Bloomington Pan-  
graph.

"Paw," said the little boy, "did you know that the housefly lays more's a million eggs?" "Maybe she does, Willy," answered his bald-headed parent, "but I'll be eternally dinged if I can tell when she takes the time."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Little George was questioned the other day about his sister's beau. "How old is he?" was asked. "I don't know," George replied. "Well, is he young?" "I think so, for he hasn't any hair on his head," said the little chap.—Spare Moments.

"It beats all how that boy of mine is getting on at school?" "Making progress, is he?" "Progress! Why, say, he's just chiseling his way through the realms of knowledge." "Indeed?" "You bet! had to buy him \$26 worth of new books this term."—Detroit News.

"Now, Johnny, what is the meaning of the word hypocrisy?" asked a Texas Sunday school teacher of her favorite pupil, Johnnie Chaffie. "I can't explain what it is, but I know, just the same." "Give me an example of hypocrisy." "When a fellow says he likes his Sunday school teacher—that's hypocrisy."—Texas Sifter.

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