

Why Use Cheap Flour

When You Can Get Gold Medal at a Cheap Price?

We have only a few more barrels to sell out of a carload we received last week. Get in before the price advances.

REMEMBER we are headquarters for feed of all kinds; also chicken bone and charcoal. Bran by the ton cheaper than it will be again this season. Give us a call.

HUMMEL BROS.

FIRE SALE

COMMENCING

Saturday, December 18

OF FINE

MILLINERY

which will be sold at great sacrifice.

MILLER SISTERS

It's In The Making

Whether Clothes Fit Well Or Not

That's Where We Excel

Poorly made clothes always look cheap, while those well made have an elegant appearance. The clothes we make are put together thoroughly. Let us make your new Suit and it will look better at the end of the season than do the ready-made affairs the first time they are put on.

CALL AND EXAMINE OUR LINE OF GOODS

RAFTREY, - - The Tailor.

Announcement.

We have opened up in the basement of the Chelsea Stove & Manufacturing Co.'s office building on Main street and we would be pleased to have you call on us. We have a new stock of goods which was not in the fire and we will sell the goods at money saving prices.

Thanking you for the many favors extended to us in the past, we would be pleased to have you continue your business with us.

HOLMES & WALKER
WE TREAT YOU RIGHT.

Fire Loss Adjustment.

The adjustments with the insurance companies on account of the fire of last Friday are progressing as rapidly as possible, and all the sufferers by the fire are reported as well pleased by the fair treatment received from the insurance corporations.

The three losses on the stores have already been adjusted, the owners receiving the full amounts of their policies.

The North British & Mercantile Insurance Co., through their special agent W. S. Abbott, have settled with James Taylor, trustee, and Wilkinson & Raffrey, and the Royal with the John R. Gates estate.

Partial losses have also been adjusted with the Miller Sisters and Drs. Palmer and Avery to the satisfaction of all concerned, and adjudications with The Standard and Holmes & Walker will be adjusted as soon as the losses can be ascertained.

The amounts paid at the time of going to press are as follows: John R. Gates estate, full amount of insurance \$2,000.

Wilkinson & Raffrey full amount of insurance \$2,000.

James Taylor, trustee, full amount of insurance \$1,500.

The entire amount of insurance paid will reach about twenty thousand dollars, and the entire loss will total the amount given out by The Standard last week, namely thirty thousand dollars.

L. C. B. A. Officers.

The following are the names of the officers elected Thursday evening, December 2, of the L. C. B. A. for the year 1910.

Spiritual Adviser—Rev. W. P. Conside.

Past President—Anna Remnant.
President—Katherine Hummel.
First Vice President—Elizabeth Eder.

Second Vice President—Mary A. Burg.

Recorder—Alice Liebeck.
Assistant Recorder—Helen Wade.

Secretary—Alice Nordman.
Treasurer—Frances Kress.

Marshal—Harriet Lyons.
Guard—Margaret Miller.

Trustees—Appalonia Spirnagle, Mary Miller, Amelia Miller, Carrie Weick, Anna Walsh.
Medical Examiner—Dr. Bush.

May Be Built.

The Toledo, Ann Arbor and Detroit, a partly completed electric railway between Toledo and Ann Arbor, has passed from the control of ex-Gov. Andrew E. Lee, of South Dakota, William E. Niles and associates, to a syndicate of capitalists of Chicago and elsewhere. James A. Wallace, of Des Moines, Iowa, and others representing the new control are in Toledo for the purpose of refinancing the project with a view of completing it next summer.

The grading is done, and about 20 miles of track laid between Toledo and Petersburg, and all the right of way has been secured between Toledo and Ann Arbor. Several years ago the road became involved in the failure of the Patrick Hirsch Construction Co., of Toledo, and was thrown into the hands of a receiver. It was purchased at receiver's sale months ago by the Lee-Niles syndicate which has since been split by factional differences. Ex-Senator J. Foraker was one of the original promoters.

Cavanaugh Lake Grange.

The election of officers of Cavanaugh Lake Grange took place last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mensing. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Master—R. M. Hoppe.
Overseer—J. Kern.

Lecturer—H. J. Kruse.
Steward—P. H. Riemenschneider.

Assistant Steward—B. Whitaker.
Chaplain—Mrs. H. Gieske.

Treasurer—Fred Mensing.
Secretary—Mrs. P. H. Riemenschneider.

Gate Keeper—P. Ortring.
Ceres—Mrs. B. Whitaker.

Pomona—Mrs. J. Kern.
Flora—Mrs. F. Notten.

Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs. H. J. Kruse.

The installation of the officers will take place in the day time on Tuesday the 4th of January, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Kalmbach.

Trouble Makers Ousted

When a sufferer from stomach trouble takes Dr. King's New Life Pills he's mighty glad to see his dyspepsia and indigestion fly, but more he's tickled over his new, fine appetite, strong nerves, healthy vigor, all because stomach, liver and kidneys now work right. 25c at L. T. Freeman Co. and Henry H. Fenn Co.

They Have The Goods.

One holiday follows fast upon another's heels. A few days ago it was Thanksgiving, the day in the year when everyone hopes, at least, to treat the inner man (or woman) to the best the market affords. Now we must think of Christmas, the first holiday little folks take any interest in, and the habit of looking ahead to that day, when presents are exchanged, becomes so thoroughly a part of one's life that it clings to us as we advance in years.

Doubtless many careful and foresighted persons have for weeks been preparing for Christmas, but many will not heed the injunction to do their shopping early, but will await the last hours and then make a frantic round of our stores buying articles, in all probability, that will please neither themselves nor the recipient. Prepare your list this week and avoid the late rush by making your selections while the clerks have time to wait on you, and while the large variety of holiday gifts in each store is complete and attractive. There is another reason why you should do your shopping early. You will thereby lessen the overcrowding of stores and overworking of the clerks, so common the last few days before Christmas. But if you simply can't go early then go when you can, for no one wants you to omit giving on Christmas. By no means fail to open your heart and your purse to their widest capacity. Give to those you love, if you will, because you love them, but especially give to children. There are always children to be found, if not in your own family, then elsewhere. They will all expect something and will be disappointed and hurt if it does not come.

To most people this has been a prosperous year, and their pocket-books, we hope, will help them to express to their relatives, friends and acquaintances, the true feeling of love and sentiment they bear for them.

By reading the advertisements in The Standard you will be greatly assisted in making up your mind what to buy. Do it now.

L. O. T. M. M. Officers.

The ladies of the Modern Maccabees held their annual election of officers at the Maccabee hall Tuesday evening. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

Lady Commander—Mrs. Alice Stiegelmaier.

Lieutenant Commander—Mrs. E. Leach.

Past Commander—Mrs. Ada Speer.

Chaplain—Mrs. Mary VanTyne.

Record Keeper—Mrs. Martha Shaver.

Finance Keeper—Mrs. Mildred Emmett.

Missmistress at Arms—Mrs. Amelia VanRiper.

Sergeant—Mrs. Inez Bagge.

Sentinel—Mrs. A. Mensing.

Picket—Mrs. May Gentner.

Pianist—Miss Mary Spirnagle.

Bows on Men's Hats.

Why is it that a man's hat has a bow and why is it this bow has a band invariably on the left side? The answer is that there was a time when a piece of cloth adjusted to the head and tied with a band of other material served for a headpiece. The reason the bow was always placed on the left side had its origin in the fact that in wielding a sword—an accomplishment possessed by nearly every one of consequence at one period of the world's history—the bow or rosette, if placed on the right side would have been in the way. Its present-day utility is that it keeps most men from wearing their hats hind side before, and although with most hats that would not matter, with most heads it does.—The Sunday Magazine.

The British Navy.

The navy, who, according to Dr. Farrar's interesting report to the local government board, is fast dying out, dates back to the eighteenth century, when some hundreds of canals—or navigations, as they were called—were cut all over the country. Hence he was dubbed a navigator, or navy, a description preserved in the sign. The Navigators' Arms, of which there are many in the midlands. The "navigator" is usually depicted with one hand resting on a spade, while the other holds a foaming pot of ale.—London Chronicle.

World's Greatest Market.

The greatest market place in the world is not located in any of the world's great cities. It is found at the comparatively unknown point of Nijni Novgorod, in Russia, whose annual fair, bringing merchants from all over Asia and Europe, records a business of \$150,000,000 in six weeks.—The Circle.

Church Circles.

ST. PAUL'S.
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor.
Services at the usual hour next Sunday morning.

The Sunday school will meet at the church at 9 o'clock Saturday morning to rehearse the Christmas program.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. M. L. Grant, Pastor.

Bible Training Class Thursday at 7:15 p. m. at the parsonage.

Combined service for worship and Bible study Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. This will be a special forefathers day service. Sermons subject, "William Brewster and the Coming of the Pilgrims."

Evening service at 7 p. m. Subject, "What is the Matter With Christmas?"

SALEM GERMAN M. E. CHURCH,

NEAR FRANCISCO.
Rev. J. E. Beal, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Morning worship (German) at 10:30.

Epworth League devotional meeting at 7:30. Leader, Miss Katherine Notten. Topic, "Leaving the Lump."

Evening service (English) at 7:30.

The Woman's Bible study class will not meet during Christmas week. The next meeting will be announced later.

The Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas eve December 24.

On Sunday evening, December 26, the church choir assisted by the girls chorus will render the cantata, "The Everlasting Light" by Ira B. Wilson. No admission will be charged. A silver offering will be taken.

All are heartily invited to all these services.

PERSONALS.

Leon Graham, of Detroit, was home Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Nemathy spent Sunday in Detroit.

L. C. Stark, of Chicago, was in town Monday.

Joseph Sibley spent several days of last week in Flint.

Rollin Schenk was in Ann Arbor Thursday evening.

E. Speer, of Pinckney, was a Chelsea visitor Tuesday.

Miss Tressa Conlan is spending a few days in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Messner spent Tuesday in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Wm. Atkinson spent the first of the week in Jackson.

Nelson Jones, of Pontiac, was a Chelsea visitor Monday.

Miss Winifred Eder is visiting at Rives Junction this week.

C. L. Hill, of Ann Arbor, called on Chelsea friends Saturday.

Howard Boyd and Herbert Schenk were Jackson visitors Friday.

Lewis Breitenwisher, of Lansing, was a Chelsea visitor Sunday.

Miss Helene Steinbach spent the first of the week in Detroit.

Miss Emilie Steinbach is the guest of Detroit friends this week.

Mrs. T. B. Bailey, of Manchester, was a Chelsea visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. B. McClain spent the past week with her mother in Sharon.

Mrs. Herman Fletcher, of Lima, was a Jackson visitor Wednesday.

The Misses Elizabeth and Martha Kusterer spent Saturday in Jackson.

Mrs. L. Watkins, of Grass Lake, is visiting Mrs. J. L. Gilbert this week.

Alva Steger, of Detroit, spent the first of the week with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hutzler, of Ann Arbor, were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Misses Mabel and Mae McGuiness were Detroit visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. E. Parker, who has been visiting relatives here, returned home Tuesday.

Misses Anna Eisele and Anna Miller were in Detroit Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller, of Jackson, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Jaa. Runciman.

Miss Veronica Breitenbach, of Jackson, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Steger, Sunday.

Auction Sale.

I will sell the following personal property on the farm of the late Daniel McLaughlin, two miles northwest of Chelsea, on Thursday, December 23d, at 1 o'clock p. m., 58 sheep, 1 horse, mower, reaper, buggies, harness and a quantity of tools of all description. Mrs. D. McLaughlin, administratrix.

THE COST OF LIVING

is more easily adjusted to your income by the use of a checking account. From month to month you have an exact record of all money received and paid out.

Pay by check—Get a receipt.

The endorsement upon the back of a check is proof that the party received the amount of the check. Start today to pay by check. Your account is earnestly solicited.

OFFICERS

John F. Waltrous, Pres. Christian Grau, 2d Vice Pres.
Peter Merkel, 1st Vice Pres. Paul G. Schaible, Cashier.

Farmers & Merchants Bank

For Christmas

The Finest Oysters. The Finest Candies
The Finest Nuts. The Finest Fruits
The Finest Cigars. The Finest Cheese
The finest of everything kept in a first-class Pure Food Store

JNO. FARRELL.

Wm. Bacon-Holmes Co.

Ask Your Grocer

FOR

CHELSEA FLOUR

We Do All Kinds

OF

FEED GRINDING

Wm. Bacon-Holmes Co.

Christmas Gifts

When looking for Christmas Gifts don't fail to look over our stock. Our line includes

Ladies' and Gents' Watches and Chains.

Clocks, Locketts and Chains.

Rings, Brooches, Cuff Buttons, Hat Pins,

Fobs, Belt Pins,

and as fine a line of SILVERWARE as you will find anywhere. If you are looking for anything in the line of STERLING SILVER SPOONS, we are sure we can please you.

All engraving free of charge. We also carry a full line of Conklin Self-filling and Moore's Non-leakable Fountain Pens.

A. E. WINANS & SON.

It is a Well Known Fact

that for a Christmas present there is nothing so appropriate as a nice piece of Furniture for the home. Such a present is not only pleasing to the eye, but it is also appreciated by all the members of the family. Realizing this fact, I have taken special pains this year to submit to the people of Chelsea and vicinity the very best that the market offers in the way of nobby and new pieces of Furniture. By taking a look through our Furniture department you will certainly find something to your liking.

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT.

In our Hardware department you will find many useful article for the Holiday season, such as Silver Knives and Forks, Spoons and Fine Cutlery.

These last few days remind the boys and girls that it is about time for skating and we have a full line of Winslow Skates that will suit everyone.

Robes and Blankets in endless varieties and prices.

Always glad to show you our goods whether you buy or not.

FRED. H. BELSER.



We're Ready For The Holidays

Christmas Buying Has Begun

You Can't Afford To Stay Away From

Chelsea and Freeman's Store

Don't let your gift-making be spoiled by worry; begin today, select your presents in two weeks instead of two days. We are doing our part, Christmas stocks are crowded in everywhere at the Freeman Store

More Good, New Things Here

Than At Any Other Place

Come to Chelsea

Make our store your headquarters; you will find something here you want.

Sterling Silver and Silver Plated Ware

Sterling Silver and Silver Plated Ware at prices very much below all competitors, don't fail to see our line and get our prices on silver ware.
 Cut Glass Olive or Jellie Plates, \$1.50 values at 98c each.
 Cut Glass Perfume Bottles very fine, \$4.00 values at \$2.98.
 Cut Glass Perfume Atomizers at 75c each.
 Cut Glass Oil Jugs at \$1.75 to \$4.50 each.
 Cut Glass Drinking Glasses, \$2.75 to \$6.00 dozen.
 Cut Glass Bowls large size \$2.48 up.

Mirrors, Clocks and Bric-a-brac

Beautiful Art Mantle Clocks, Mission Hall Clocks, Gold Clocks, Enameled Metal Swiss Clocks, Austrian, German, English and Japanese Jugs, Tankards, Vases, Steins etc all very appropriate for plate rail and side board decoration as well as serving their useful purpose. A big line of mirrors and framed pictures ranging in price from 10c to \$6.00.

Leather Shopping Bags

Leather Shopping Bags new goods just in today (December 9th) Beautiful styles, finest leather, prices 75c to \$6.00. Ask to see them.
 Ladies' and Gentlemen's Purses from 10c to \$3.00.
 Gentlemen's Card Cases, Combination Bill Books, Bill Books, Letter Books and Cigar Cases, 50c to \$3.00.
 Cloth or Leather Traveler's Cases from 50c to \$3.00.
 Imported Leather Novelties and Brass Ash Trays, 25c to \$2.00.

Brushes, Combs and Hand Mirrors

In Brushes, Combs and Hand Mirrors we are at the front with a stock and price that make buyers. Let us show you some good hair brushes.

Wood To Burn

As much as some people have coal. Nothing makes a more interesting gift. Buy a piece or two now and get the job done, our stock is large.

Post Card Albums and Fancy Christmas Boxes

Post Card Albums, Boxed Stationary and Fancy Christmas Boxes, Holly and Poinsetta trimmed made for the purpose of presenting your gift in a dainty and appropriate package, each 5c to 25c.

Special Sale Fancy China

On Thursday, December 16th

We will have on sale in main window of our Grocery Department a big lot of

Fancy China

Nut Bowls, Berry Bowls, Salad Bowls, Bon Bon Dishes, Chocolate Pots, Cracker Jars, Plates, Cups and Saucers, Tea Pots, Vases, Etc., Regular values, 50c to \$1.00, choice for one day only.

Thursday, Dec. 16th, at 39c

Our Toyland

IN THE BASEMENT

is resplendent with Santa Claus Wares. Make selections now while the stock is complete. Banks, Hook and Ladder Trucks, Fire Engines, Hose carts, Trains, Stoves, Bell Toys, Hill Climbers, Rifles, Sleighs, Blackboards, Go-carts, Wagons, Horses, Shooflys, Chairs, Wheelbarrows, Pianos, Cradles, Drums, Wash Sets, Post card Projectors, Motors, Trains, Animals, Dolls and everything else in toys.

Holiday Price List

- ALL SILVER PLATED HOLLOW WARE AT ONE-HALF OFF
- New Seeded Raisins, pound..... 7c
 - Best English Currants, 3 packages..... 25c
 - Best 4x Sugar (for iceing), 5 pounds..... 29c
 - Roger Bros. 1847 Knives and Forks, doz..... \$3.25
- YOU KNOW IT BY THE FLAVOR
- RED BAND COFFEE, 30c VALUE 25c
 - Sifted Table Salt, regular 10c sack each..... 5c
 - Finest New Orleans Molasses, made gal..... 60c
 - Sugar Cane Molasses, gal..... 19c
- GOOD ROASTED COFFEE 2 POUNDS..... 23c
- Chocolate Cream Candy, pound..... 13c
 - Assorted Carmels, very fine..... 13c
 - Best Stiek Candy, pound..... 7c
 - Pure Peppermint Lozengers, pound..... 13c
- BIG LINE OF CANDIES, POUND..... 10c
- New English Walnuts, pound..... 17c
 - New French Walnuts, pound..... 11c
 - New Shelled Almonds, pound..... 34c
 - Fresh New Candied Peel assorted, 2 pounds..... 29c

DRUGS

- Denatured Alcohol, gal..... 60c
 - Pure Glycerine, pound..... 25c
 - Peroxide Hydrogen 1/2 pint bottle..... 10c
 - Quinine Pills 2 gr. bottle of 100..... 19c
 - Pure Witch Hazel, pint..... 20c
 - 50c BOX TOWNLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS..... 29c
 - 10c Cake Shaving Soap..... 5c
 - 25c Cake Egg Shampoo Soap..... 13c
 - Beef Iron and Wine, pint..... 50c
 - Absorbent Cotton, pound..... 25c
 - Belladonna Plasters, each..... 10c
 - FREE WITH EVERY PACKAGE TOOTH POWDER, PASTE OR WASH A GOOD SERVIGABLE TOOTH BRUSH
 - Playing Cards 10c kind, 4 packages..... 28c
- The Finest Perfume in Chelsea and the lowest prices.

WATCHES

A FEW GOLD WATCHES AT LESS THAN WHOLESALE PRICE (Ask to see them)

LAMPS

ALL ELECTRIC PORTABLE AND DECORATED VASE LAMPS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Holiday Jewelry

Solid Gold Pins, 50c to \$2.00.
 Solid Gold Brooches, \$1.75 to \$9.00.
 Solid Gold Cuff Links, Chains, Rings, Lockets gold filled and rolled gold plate jewelry at lower prices than anywhere. Don't fail to see us about our silverware. We can't tell you how good our prices are.

We Sell These

Popular Copyright Books

At 50 Cents Each

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| Graham of Claver House | The Missourian |
| The Call of the Wild | The Virginian |
| Dri and I | Eben Holden |
| The Lane that had no Turning | A Speckled Bird |
| Pam Decides | The Younger Set |
| The Crisis | The Banker and the Bear |
| The Crossing | Phroso |
| Colonel Carter of Carter's Ville | Tekla |
| Bob Son of Battle | The Cost |
| Richard Carrel | The Man of the Hour |
| The Treasure of Heaven | Resurrection |
| My Lady of the North | At the Mercy of Tiberius |
| The Adventuress | Nor all your Tears |
| The Seats of the Mighty | The Three Scouts |
| Nancy Stair | Barabbas |
| The Brethren | The Shuttle |
| The Fighting Chance | A Bottle in the Smoke |
| Brewsters Millions | At the Back of the North Wind |
| The Awakening of Helena Richie | The Mystery |
| Beth Norvell | Soldiers of Fortune |
| The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come | The Christian |
| Cardigan | Castle Craney Crow |
| God's Good Man | The Story of Thyra |
| The Lion's Share | The Brass Bowl |
| The Man on the Box | The One Woman |
| In the Palace of the King | Raffles |
| Tse Affair at the Inn | The Girl at the Half Way House |
| Bob Hampton of Placer | Three Partners |
| The Westerner | Truxton King |
| The Leopard's Spots | The Reckoning |

Perfumes

WE ARE SHOWING THE FINEST LINE OF PERFUMES IN CHELSEA AND AT THE LOWEST PRICES.

Special Sale Undressed Dolls

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18,

We will place on sale a big lot of slightly soiled and damaged Dolls, all good hair and faces, but soiled bodies.

At One-Half Price

- 25 cent Dolls at 13c
- 50 cent Dolls at 25c
- 75c cent Dolls at 38c
- \$1.00 Dolls at 50c

December 17th and 18th Only

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GARDEN CITIES FOR GERMANY

Certain Spots Are to Be Beautified in Elaborate Manner Regarding Expenses.

Germany has started to make garden cities, one Berlin society having acquired a large plot of land on the northern outskirts of the city for the construction, under the name of Frohan, of the first real garden city of the capital.

This city will be built in a picturesque hilly part of the state forest, and will have its own railway station, and will be laid out regardless of cost as regards external adornment.

From all parts of Germany reports show that the idea has taken a firm hold on the people, the feature most insisted upon being the abandonment of the small house and villa on the English model.

In Bavaria, where there is always a shortage of houses, the government will transfer its garden purposes parts of the state forests in the vicinity of large towns. Garden cities are either built or projected at Dresden, Nuremberg, Mueberg and Karlsruhe. At Mueberg houses with large gardens for single families will soon be rentable for about \$60 a year. American money. It is to be hoped that this country will soon undertake the same kind of development.—Vogue.

Forestry in Italy.

National forestry operations in Italy have been carried on for 40 years, and a report just issued by the secretary of agriculture of that country shows that the government is conducting a vigorous policy of afforestation in order to remedy the ruinous conditions which followed the destruction of trees in the past. During the last 30 years 122,000 acres of government land have been planted in 25 provinces, of which area 60,000 acres were planted in 1907, and this work is being carried on so rapidly that only about 36,000 acres of government land now needs planting. The government has also distributed great numbers of young trees and seeds for planting private property. Work of such an extensive nature in a country where the demands for national funds are so numerous and pressing as in Italy is a significant commentary on the value set upon afforestation where the experience of many centuries furnishes considerable information of unquestioned value regarding matters of this nature.

"Swift"hand.

Sir Edward Clarke, K. C. who has invented a new system of rapid writing which he calls "swift"hand," is a splendid example of the self-made man. When quite a small boy he determined to become a barrister, but his father was poor and could not afford the education required. So the future K. C. set out to educate himself and began by winning an English literature prize offered by the Society of Arts. Soon after he gained a post in the India office, where he worked until he had saved enough money to pay for his education for the bar. Perhaps Sir Edward's chief weakness is his love for somewhat unconventional reindeer. His yachting "get-up" is said to be fearful and wonderful, while the story is told of him being mistaken by an American for a royal duke as he emerged from the law courts one day in all the glory of a light gray frock suit, gray gloves, white hat, red tie and patent leather shoes.—Tit-Bits.

Lord Lansdowne's Bluff.

The great, quiet bluff of Lord Lansdowne seemed to justify the idea that the house of lords was the real article, the real, true blood that cooly fights to the death with the cold, blue steel—a great bluff, a great lie. Disraeli in substance said, and his statement still stands uncontradicted, that the great war nobles of England are no more, are long extinct, their remnant was utterly exterminated in the fierce, pitiless "War of the Roses."

The ancient lords were war lords, and these have no true survivors or successors in the nobility. The Anglo-Saxon war lord survives only in the yeomanry, in men like Washington, Pitt and Nelson. The English nobility today, said Disraeli, is a product partly of influential clergymen of the Tudor and Stuart times, but mostly descended from the mistresses of the Stuart kings—notably Charles II.—New York Press.

A Skilled Workman.

A raw Irishman applied to the manager of the Chester (Penn.) Foundry Company for a job. "Can you do anything?" inquired the manager, willing enough to get a competent man.

"Can I do anything?" the applicant exploded. "Av course I can. Be jabers, I made a whole clock wance, but the doin pindoodle wouldn't swing at all, at all."

A New Set of Them.

Two women were looking at some mural decorations, among which were about a dozen coats-of-arms or armorial bearings. One of the women gazed at these curiously.

"What are them things?" she inquired. "Them?" Her companion eyed the decorations with scornful familiarity. "Them's the signs of the zodiac!"

Give Employment to Many.

The theaters of London regularly employ over 12,000 people.

MICHIGAN BANKS ARE PROSPERING

EXTRAORDINARY GROWTH IS SHOWN BY REPORT OF STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT.

BIG FIRE AT KALAMAZOO

Hotel Burdick and Other Business Places Destroyed—Night Telephone Operator the Heroine at the Hotel Burdick.

Figures showing the extraordinary stanchness and growth of the state banks of Michigan are given in an abstract issued by the state banking department, compiled from the report of condition of the 376 state banks and trust companies made on Nov. 16. The figures show the greatest growth in the aggregate business of state banks of any report issued since the organization of the department in 1859, Banking Commissioner H. M. Zimmermann states.

The last previous report was made Sept. 1, 1909, and when compared with this report the following increases are shown: Loans, discounts, stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc., \$6,491,471.42; commercial deposits, \$4,107,290.48; savings deposits, \$2,694,604.41; total increase in deposits, \$6,801,894.89. When compared with the corresponding report of a year ago, the statement shows the following increase: Loans, discounts, stocks, etc., \$21,180,764.92; commercial deposits, \$13,479,120.47; a total increase in deposits of \$27,655,237.48, or at the rate of better than \$2,000,000 a month for the year. This is the first report made under the amended banking law requiring the separation of commercial and savings deposits. Speaking of the operation of the law Commissioner Zimmermann says the banks have in nearly every instance met the requirements of the amendments.

Big Fire at Kalamazoo.

A million-dollar fire, the worst in the history of Kalamazoo, was brought under control at 6 o'clock Thursday, after burning for over six hours through a square in the heart of the city's business district.

One hundred and sixty guests of the Burdick hotel in the city were driven, scantily clad, into the streets, and as other hotels were crowded, many of them were obliged to remain in the icy streets. The hotel, with nearly a dozen other business establishments, was destroyed.

Miss Nina Harrigan, night telephone operator at the Burdick, was the heroine of the fire. When the flames broke through the arcade adjoining the hotel and the building caught fire, she stuck pluckily to her post and notified every guest in the hotel by telephone of the danger. For nearly half an hour while the blaze was raging, with firemen rushing past her with lines of hose, engines puffing outside and a babel of confusion about her, the girl sat calmly at her exchange ringing one by one every room in the building, and telling the guests to make their escape. She did not leave until firemen told her she would lose her life if she remained longer.

Burt Raps Federation.

In a signed statement, W. R. Burt, Saginaw's philanthropist, takes a fall out of the Michigan Federation of Labor for the stand it has taken against prohibition and local option. He takes particular exception to the year-book of the organization, which, he says, is an "advertisement for the brewers and liquor interests." He uses strong terms in expressing his disapproval of the federation's stand and declares, "I am through with it so long as it continues to hold such ideas."

Hangs Self With Bible Before Him.

"May this always be your guide, my darling—Mother." With this injunction, written in the fly leaf of a Bible, before his eyes, William H. Carson, 35, a conductor of shoe store sales, hung himself in his room in Grand Rapids. Despondency over financial reverses is thought to be the cause. Carson leaves a widow and five children in Batavia, N. Y. He went to Grand Rapids last spring from Detroit, where he had conducted sales for several shoe firms. He was taken back to New York, but vindicated.

State Fair to Taboo Liquor.

Sacrificing \$7,000 for the privilege, the Michigan State Fair association will no longer allow the sale of liquor on the fair grounds. A. L. Doherty, general superintendent of the fair, told the Grangers and Farmers' clubs in convention at Lansing that he would do everything in his power to abolish the privilege, and James Slocum, general manager of the association, stated in Detroit Friday morning that what Mr. Doherty told the meeting would be carried out beyond any question of a doubt.

One hundred boys and the general secretaries from most of the Y. M. C. A. organizations in Michigan, attended the seventh annual convention of the state organization of the boys' department at Cadillac.

The work of tearing down the old buildings on the site to be occupied by the new Michigan Central car shops was started this week. The new shops will take care of all the car repair work on the divisions of the Michigan Central centering in Bay City, which has heretofore been sent to Jackson and Detroit, and will furnish employment to from 250 to 300 workmen.

Hilton V. Richardson, of Vassar, has been appointed circuit court commissioner of Tuscola county, to fill the vacancy caused by the failure to qualify of H. P. George, who was elected to the office last spring.

BRIEF MICHIGAN NEWS.

A Saginaw trolley car caught fire on Washington avenue and a score of women were thrown into a panic. Men and boys jumped out of the windows. The car was badly charred.

The annual U. of M. freshmen spread was given in Barbour gymnasium Saturday evening with nearly 400 pretty co-eds present. The sophomore girls were hostesses to the freshmen.

Attacked by a vicious bull while watering his cattle, George Hale, 40, a farmer living near Vernon, was knocked down and had three ribs broken. It is believed that he will recover.

Thrown ten feet by a Grand Trunk engine and striking on his back, Clarence Hawkins, of Pontiac, aged 21, got up unaided, to the surprise of the train crew, and walked away. He was unharmed.

Because her husband told her to "go to hell and get warm" when she asked him for fuel, Mrs. Orpha M. Wheaton, of Kalamazoo, was granted a divorce from Glenn C. Wheaton, a civil engineer.

A high east wind blew the eight inches of snow which covers the ground at Traverse City onto the railroad tracks, and the snow plows were sent out Sunday for the first time this season.

The Athens Electric Light & Power Co.'s plant was destroyed by fire Sunday morning, and the village is in darkness. The grist mill with water power will be secured by the company for a new plant.

Section men found an iron box, containing deeds and other papers which were stolen from the safe of the Vernon Milling Co. when the strongbox was blown by yeggs, last August, in a clump of brush a few miles from Vernon.

At a recent meeting the Excelsior Grange of Carney indorsed a set of resolutions to the delegates to the state convention at Traverse City. The members went on record as being opposed to the levying of a tonnage tax on ore.

George Fears, of Plymouth, has received a letter from a brother telling him that he and his brother have fallen heir to a fortune of \$4,000,000 left them by an aunt in Pennsylvania. Fears is an orphan and remembers nothing of parentage or relatives.

Norman Anderson, a wholesale beer distributor of Cadillac, who recently set a case of beer outside his door, where a patron secured it, has been convicted of violating the local option law, and will have to pay a fine of \$200 and spend 60 days in jail.

Mike Stamos, the Greek who shot and killed Frank E. Lind, of Detroit, last August, has jumped his bail at Flint and gone back to Greece. Local patriots of Stamos and his brother, Nick, who is also missing, profess ignorance as to their whereabouts.

After a search of many years, Dr. D. G. Sutherland of Saginaw has located his brother, W. J. Sutherland, two days after the latter's funeral in Texas. His whereabouts were learned through a former business associate, and inquiry developed that he was dead two days.

Carrying a blazing oil stove downstairs and out of the house, Miss Mäze Salsbury, a high school girl of Saginaw, was terribly burned. The stove exploded while she was using it in the bathroom, and without thinking of her peril she carried it downstairs. She will recover.

At the meeting of the board of control of the prison at Jackson, the members discussed a plan for leasing the Blake farm, near the city, on which to keep the convicts who are now idle, employed. Blake says he will lease the farm of 200 acres, well stocked, if he may act as overseer.

Clare county will, in a short time, be converted into one of the best fruit and dairying sections of the state, according to plans of several Iowa, Illinois, and New York capitalists. It is expected that 10,000 acres of land, to be planted to fruit trees and stocked with several hundred dairy cows, will soon be taken up.

Edward Harris, of Big Beaver, found a legacy of \$1,100 in gold and currency buried under an old shed which he razed last week. It is believed that Harris's grandfather, who occupied the property until his death, 30 years ago, and who was known as a miser, buried the money. The remainder of the ground is being carefully gone over in a search for more treasure.

The state supreme court has handed down a decision affirming the recent finding of Judge Steere in circuit court in the so-called Munoskong club case. The decision means, as it is now interpreted, that St. Mary's river and the lower end of Neeshish island, that waters below that point are a portion of Lake Huron and that hereafter the Munoskong Hunting and Fishing club cannot legally interfere with the public hunting or fishing in any of these waters.

It has been learned that Samuel Frisbie, who was acquitted at Port Huron of the charge of slaying Louis Rosenberg, at the flats, had determined to end his life if the verdict had been against him. After his release Frisbie showed Sheriff Wasgenzell 12 strychnine tablets which he had concealed in his cell, and which he stated he would have swallowed in case of a conviction. It is believed he secreted the tablets while he was being treated for typhoid fever in the hospital several weeks ago.

Leo Lyons, the clever swindler and forger who is now serving a term in the Shiawassee county jail, is wanted at Baraga among other points in the state, where, it is alleged, during the past summer he got rid of several checks signed by the "Brownlee" company. The latter, it was afterwards proven, exists only on the checks or in Lyons's mind.

Thirty-five co-eds at Hope college are quarantined in their dormitory because of the discovery of a case of scarlet fever. The rest of the students are enjoying an unexpected vacation. Fifteen new cases of the disease have been discovered in the city.

Canadians Must Buy License. Hereafter Canadian automobilists who visit Detroit will have to take out a Michigan license, which costs three dollars.

This license fee is much smaller than is charged by the Canadian government, and Secretary of State Martindale believes that it should be charged in the interests of fair play, as every American machine taken into Canada is heavily taxed.

Under the new law all automobile owners must take out licenses January 1 for a year.

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Mandamus Against Secretary of State Refused.

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Secretary Martindale's Contention That it Would Be Violation of Law to Do Business Under One Head Upheld.

Lansing.—Michigan's supreme court dealt the first blow at the big wire merger in a decision denying the petition for a writ of mandamus in the case of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company of New York against Secretary of State Martindale.

When the companies applied to the secretary of state for a certificate to do business in this state under a single head their request was refused by Martindale, as he held such a procedure would be a violation of the laws of the state governing the admission of foreign corporations. The company refused to abide by his decision and applied to the supreme court for a writ of mandamus to compel him to issue the certificate.

In refusing the writ the court holds: "For more than a quarter of a century the legislature has seen fit to keep separate these two lines of activity. This course has been followed, too, during a period in which the telephone business of the state has grown from an insignificant enterprise to one of great magnitude. Wherever the telephone line is there, too, is the telegraph. In the hands of the independent agencies it may well be that a healthy competition for the transmission of information by electricity will ensue.

"We are of the opinion that the legislative enactments touching the question indicate a policy on the part of the state to afford its people a choice of two agencies of independent ownership."

"The Michigan state board of health has been in existence longer than similar institutions of many other states," said Dr. Kiefer. "Then there are some states where it is not a practice to register deaths. Death registration is one of the greatest reasons for low mortality records, because health officers can work more effectively when deaths and their particulars are classified.

"The great lakes regions in general has a reputation for low death rates. This, with the other reasons mentioned, has given Detroit and Michigan an enviable standing."

Hold Reunion at Lansing. The members of the constitutional convention of 1908 met at Lansing in their second annual reunion.

Lawton T. Hemans was toastmaster at the banquet and responses were made by a number of the delegates.

E. C. Nichols of Battle Creek was elected the new president, and Richard C. Flannagan of Norway, Michigan, and James F. Barnett and Paul H. King were re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively. Resolutions of regret on the death of Lawrence C. Fyfe of St. Joseph, member of the convention, and Alex. H. Smith, journal clerk, were adopted. A beautiful spray of lilies was placed on the desk of Delegate Fyfe, who died but a few weeks ago.

Has \$18,000 and Didn't Know It. The state treasurer's department has turned over to Michigan Agricultural college \$18,000 in agricultural college land interest money. When the state went broke last June, the college, with other state institutions, was thrown on its own resources and was bothered to a considerable extent to secure funds on several occasions.

During all this stress the \$18,000 has been lying idle in the treasury, the college authorities supposing the money had been expended and that reports showing it simply represented a "paper fund." When the college authorities learned that the real cash was in the vaults there was a lively scramble to draw it out.

Fewer Deer This Year. Game Warden Pierce gave out statistics as to the number of deer hunters who have shipped south across the Straits of Mackinac, where his deputies have been keeping tabs on hunters. There were 3,402 deer shipped from the hunting grounds this year, as compared with 3,600 last year and 4,000 in 1907.

Abolish Private Banks. Banking Commissioner Zimmermann, speaking of the resolutions adopted by the State Association of Farmers' clubs favoring legislation placing private banks under state supervision, said that in his opinion the only satisfactory way to legislate for banks of this class would be to place them on the same basis as state banks, or in other words to abolish private banks in the state.

"Sausage with Cereals" Wins. Under a decision of the supreme court Armour & Co. sausage, manufactured with cereals and water added, is admitted for sale in Michigan providing the company labels all packages. Some time ago the state dairy and food commission ruled that the addition of cereals and water to sausage constituted an adulteration prohibited by the state law. He was upheld in the lower courts, but the supreme court decision favors the manufacturer. The sausage must be labeled, however, "Sausage with cereals."

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WIRELETS.

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Christmas Customs of Every Land Seen in Washington

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CHRISTMAS PARTY OF PAN-AMERICAN YOUNG PEOPLE



WASHINGTON not only has a United States Christmas celebration but it has the festivities that mark the Christmas season in all the civilized nations of the world. At the Russian embassy there is a Christmas fete after the manner of the people in the land of the czar; there are French officials at the great European republic's official residence, and there is the genuine old English Christmas at the home of the British ambassador, and so many may go on through the entire list of foreign representatives, not even barring the embassies of China and Japan, where in honor of the day, as Christian nations view it, the oriental officials have holiday dinners.

green and so are the wild honey-suckle and the laurel, trees and plants that are abundant along the Potomac. President Roosevelt was, as every one knows, a nature lover. He took every opportunity that offered to get away from the city. His daily walks and rides took him far into the country, and on Christmas day during the last four years of his term of office he went to Pine Knot, a wooded, mountain country place that belonged to his wife. Mr. Roosevelt stayed in Washington until



CHINESE STUDENTS AT CHRISTMAS REUNION AT CHINESE LEGATION

are purchased and stored temporarily in the embassies are not all for the adults and children of the household. The probable visitors of the day are borne in mind and as a little Brazilian boy in Washington put it once: "I have had ten Christmases in ten hours."

the festivities of the day were over and the children had a chance to take account of their presents, and then he left for the log cabin in Virginia where he could sit in front of a huge open fire with a genuine "old Christmas" back log. On these Christmas outings Mr. Roosevelt did a little rabbit shooting and tried to do some turkey shooting, but the major part of the day time he spent in the fields armed only with an opera glass, with which he studied the winter birds, always with an eye sharpened to the possibility of finding some species that was rare.



SPANISH MINISTER AND SECRETARY STARTING ON ROUND OF CALLS

President Taft always has been a regular attendant at church and his services going since he became president establishes no precedent. Mrs. Taft and the children are Episcopalians, while the president is a Unitarian, and so it is that Sundays and other church days are the only days in the year that the family becomes in a sense divided. The president attends service at the Unitarian church of All Souls, of which the Rev. U. G. B. Pierce is the pastor. Mrs. Taft and the children are regular attendants at St. John's Episcopal church which in years past was attended by so many presidents of the United States that it came to be known semi-jocously as "the Church of State." Mrs. Roosevelt and her children also attended St. John's on Sundays and Christmas days, while Mr. Roosevelt went to the little German Reformed church on Fifteenth street, and rarely missed a service.

There are several hundred officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington, most of them being detailed for office work in the departments for a term of four years. The naval officers perhaps enjoy their holiday-making in the capital more than do their brothers of the army, for the sailors have been compelled to spend many Christmases at sea away from their families and families, while here they may gather their wives about them and not break any sea regulations in so doing. The army officer, whether he goes to the Philippines or to some distant frontier post, ordinarily takes his family with him and so Christmas day does not to him necessarily bring with it the sense of loneliness and homesickness that it brings to the man at sea.

In the biological survey, which is a bureau of the department of agriculture, there are many scientists at work. Most of these men have spent a large part of their lives in the wilds studying birds and mammals, and shells, plants and fishes, to say nothing of reptiles. The office life is irksome to these scientists. They belong to the free air, the barren plains, and the pine forests. So it is that on every holiday that brings with it a release from office cares, they take to the open fields. About the hills in many places about Washington on Christmas day there are to be seen the little camp fires of the scientists who are cooking their mid-day Christmas dinners under the open sky.

Some time ago all the bird students in the United States were asked, if they could, to make a trip afield on Christmas day and to make a list of the birds that they found. Thousands of bird lovers followed the suggestion and are still following it. Each one of the students turns in a report to a central headquarters giving the names of the birds that on Christmas day fell under his observation. As a result of this practice the Washington scientists have many valuable notes concerning "out of season" birds. For instance, the report came to Washington on a Christmas or two ago, that on the holiday four mocking birds were seen and positively identified in the fields near Boston, Mass. Other birds were reported from other northern localities, birds that in the ordinary course of things ought to have been far south of the Ma-

son and Dixon line. So it is that a Washington Christmas day idea has been made to serve the ends of science.

It has been said that in years past a great many of the senators and representatives in congress went home to spend the holidays, but that now the practice largely has passed. An exception should be made for the past, and the present, as well, in the cases of those senators and members who have in charge legislation which has been proposed in bill form at the opening of the session of congress. When bills are introduced they are at once referred to committees and if the measures are of importance the chairmen of the committees to which they have been sent, make

were all busy erecting presepios in the homes of the quality, while the poorer folk were constructing their own. As the mainland grows more sophisticated the quaint old devotion is fading away; but in conservative Sicily people still make the presepio every year as they dress Christmas trees in New York. All over the island families are busy from December 1 to 15 putting their old presepios in order, or making new ones; and there is much calling to and fro to compare results and admire new and elaborate specimens of the art. The presepio may be a little thing on a stand in one corner, or it may occupy the whole side of a room.

Spain, like Sicily, has never lost the presepio, and in both Spanish and Sicilian cities there are booths for the sale of miniature shepherds, magi and all the accessories of the art. In France the creche is not made at home, as in the southern countries, but it used to be a part of the Christmas decorations of every French church, and is still so in the rural districts. Many a polished cosmopolitan of Paris can remember working busily for days before Christmas in his childhood to help freshen up and rejuvenate the creche of his parish church in some little village of France. In the villages close by Paris to-day children who go about the streets singing Christmas carols carry a little creche in a box upon their shoulders.

The manger typifies the difference between the Latin and the Teuton Christmas. The Latin Christmas is a purely religious festival, as much so as any other feast of the church. It has no particularly domestic or social quality. Italian children never get presents on Christmas day. That is done on All Souls' day, in October, when they believe—if they are very small—that the spirits of their departed relatives have come back in the night and left presents for them; undoubtedly a very ancient relic of ancestor worship. It is the great Teuton family of nations that give presents to children on Christmas day. And the Christmas tree came out of the vast forests where dwelt the heathen German and Scandinavian tribes. It is, in fact, a pagan relic, passed down from primitive forest dwellers and worshippers. Where Celt, Slav or Latin use it, they have borrowed it.



MISS KIYO TAKAHIRA, DAUGHTER OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

France, half Latin and half Celt, dashed with Gaul and Viking, is a family by herself in this, as in everything. She builds the manger in the churches, but at home, though she seldom dresses a Christmas tree, little Babette and Pierre set their shoes by the fireplace instead of hanging up their stockings. Pierre and Babette, if they are very small indeed, believe that "le petit Jesus" or "le petit Noel"—"the little Jesus" or "the little Christmas"—have brought the gifts. But the average French child is as sophisticated as young America, and Pierre has to be a very little boy indeed, to believe in "le petit Jesus." No French or Italian child ever hears of Santa Claus till he comes to America; by which it may be gathered that that good saint was strictly German, and when he emigrated, came to America like all the rest of the Germans.

The growth of the typical American Christmas, with its universal Christmas greens and present-giving, is a curious phenomenon. It has no roots in American history. The original settlers of New England never observed it. The Dutch of New Amsterdam scarcely noticed it, but made New Year's the great, joyous, popular festival. Within the memory of old people still living Christmas passed unobserved in New York, while all holiday merrymaking centered in New Year's day. Modern America has built up a Christmas festival of its own, and has rejected definitely the religious feast in favor of the social and domestic one. In one way, however, the American Christmas is more religious than any and all the Latin church feasts put together. One who has lived through a year's changing round of saints' days in Italy, in all of which no work is done and the people take holiday, will observe that the thought of the people never goes out to those in need. The abounding giving of an American Christmas; the uneasy, uncomfortable feeling that every child, at least, must have, if possible, a good dinner and a present on Christmas day, is quite unknown in the Latin countries.

The feeling that poor old bums and hoboes, even the criminals in their prisons, the paupers in their almshouses, the beggars, the unworthy—all ought to have something good to eat on that day, and a little Christmas cheer in some form—is part of the American Christmas. The races that come to the melting pot of America keep their home Christmas for only a few years after they arrive. Then they drift off into a more or less Americanized Christmas. For a few years after they come, also, they try to eat their traditional dishes at Christmas time. The Hungarian housewife makes the Christmas cakes which a long line of ancestral cooks made before her across seas. They are round balls of dough, covered with honey and poppy seed, and then baked. The Bohemians and Poles also make poppy seed cakes, which in a different style. The Sicilian housewife, too, has a traditional Christmas cake. It is a ring of dough with a hole in the middle—the Italian doughnut, in fact—which is fried, sprinkled with sugar and eaten hot.

AMERICA'S CHRISTMAS THE BEST OF ALL

An occasional Jersey commuter, familiar with the religious section of Barclay street, is commonly the only sort of American in New York who knows a presepio by sight. Yet the presepio is the sign of the Latin Christmas, as the fir tree is of the northern. The manger of the Barclay street windows shows only the inside of the stable, with the figures and the cattle done in Italian terra cotta. But the real presepio in its native land may show the whole countryside as well, and if the pilgrims wending their way to the manger are good Sicilian peasants, bearing good Sicilian wine and cheese on their donkeys, they are only the more interesting.

St. Francis, born in the quaint little town of Assisi among the brown Umbrian hills, in 1182, invented the presepio to make the Christmas story plain to the simple, illiterate common people. During the 800 years since it has remained a favorite devotion in Latin Europe. The Italian and Spanish call it the presepio, the manger; the French the creche, the cradle; and the Hungarians and Belgians, Bethlehem, or Bethlehem.

COUGHING BURST BLOOD VESSEL

Says Danger Avoided and Cures Coughs in 5 Hours. A writer for the medical press states that coughing is responsible for the bursting of blood vessels quite frequently. A cough of cold means inflammation (fever) and congestion, and these in turn indicate that the body is full of poisons and waste matter. Simple relief, as found in patent cough medicines, and whiskey, often result in more harm than good; as they cause more congestion. A tonic-laxative cough syrup will work marvels and here follows a prescription which is becoming famous for its prompt relief and thorough cures. It rids the system of the cause, except it be consumption. Don't wait for consumption to grasp its victim, but begin this treatment, which cures some five hours. Mix in a bottle one-half ounce fluid wild cherry bark, one ounce compound essence cardiol and three ounces syrup white pine compound. Take twenty drops every half hour for four hours. Then one-half to one teaspoonful three or four times a day. Give children less according to age.

The Vacant Chair. What sad memories linger around the old vacant chair. Sitting in the middle of the floor, with a plaintive look about its frayed and seemingly weary back, it brings back a tumultuous riot of sad recollections that time can never efface. Volumes of bitter anguish come to me when I arrive home in time to catch the milkman swiping the loose furniture around the place, and take off my shoes to avoid publicity, and strike my best toe against the rocker of the old vacant chair. Then, forgetting for the moment my unclean feet, I kick the chair on the other rocker. That is when the sadness and suffering that lingers around the old chair comes out with an extra edition and great chunks of gloom settle over me like a herd of ill-natured flies.—Oregon Journal.

AGONIZING ITCHING. Eczema for a Year—Got No Relief Even at Skin Hospital—in Despair

Until Cuticura Cured Him. "I was troubled with a severe itching and dry, acruy skin on my ankles, feet, arms and scalp. Scratching made it worse. Thousands of small red pimples formed and these caused intense itching. I was advised to go to the hospital for diseases of the skin. I did so, the chief surgeon saying: 'I never saw such a bad case of eczema.' But I got little or no relief. Then I tried many so-called remedies, but I became so bad that I almost gave up in despair. After suffering agonies for twelve months, I was relieved of the almost unbearable itching after two or three applications of Cuticura Ointment. I continued its use, combined with Cuticura Soap and Pills, and I was completely cured. Henry Searle, Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 8 and 10, 1907." Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Fishing Extraordinary. Representative Flood of Virginia tells a good story in which one of the characters was Gen. Reuben Lindsay Walker of the confederate army. On one occasion the general was waiting for his breakfast, and his faithful negro servant had gone to catch some fish for the feast. When the servant was away an unusually long time the general called to him impatiently. "Why don't you come here with that fish, Sam?"

Sam in the meantime had caught a flounder, which is white on one side, with a whiteness that looks like raw fish meat. "All right, Massa Reuben!" called out Sam. "Ise comin' ez ez soon ez I ketch de uvver ha' of dis here fish."—Washington Times.

His Retort. Newsance—Do you know, young man, that five out of six people who suffer from heart trouble have brought it upon themselves through the filthy habit of smoking? Karmley—Really? And possibly you are aware that nine out of ten people who suffer from black eyes can trace the complaint to a habit of not minding their own business.—Parron's Weekly.

\$100 Reward, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one disorder which has been cured in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is a natural remedy, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and restoring the system in its normal condition. One Hundred Dollars for any case that fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. This Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Not Up to Modern Standards. "Your wife's new hat makes her look like a queen," said the man who tries to be complimentary. "Don't let her hear you say that," answered Mr. Higgins. "I have looked through the histories and I never yet saw a picture of a queen who looked as if she enjoyed a first-class milliner."

Rheumatism and Neuralgia never could get along with Hamlin's Wizard Oil. Wizard Oil always drives them away from the 1 venises in short order.

Allen's Lung Balsam. It is the old reliable cough remedy. Found in every drug store and in practically every home. For sale by all druggists, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles.

We help ourselves when we help others.—W. J. Bryan. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, &c. For sale by all druggists.

Women's Cloaks, Suits and Skirts, and Children's Coats

BED ROCK! WE'VE STRUCK IT!

No necessity to multiply words--if what we offer you NOW does not appeal to your sense of money-saving, you must prefer to spend double the money necessary for your winter outfit. Can you make from \$3 to \$10 easier? Will it cost you anything to inspect what we offer at \$5 and \$10, and make comparison with what other stores offer you at half as much again?

We have marked every garment in this department at such prices that, we predict, will rush them out in a short time. We are determined to clean the stock out entirely at once regardless of price or first cost. This includes everything in this department except furs and fur coats, and on these we are making

SPECIAL PRICES

We offer the choice of any Woman's or Misses' Cloth Coat in our stock--this includes all new \$25.00 to \$35.00 Coats--at **\$17.50**

Big lot of Women's and Misses' \$20.00, \$18.50 and \$16.50 Cloaks, all new and tight fitting, at **\$10 and 12.50**

Big lot of \$15.00 and \$12.50 Coats at **\$7.50.** Big lot of Cloaks, were \$10 and \$12.50, now **\$5.00.**

A Gift Purchased Here Will Be Appreciated

By the way, it DOES look as though this is headquarters for Christmas buyers. Many people tell us that our stocks of gift-things are the largest and best selected in town. But one thing we do know, and that is OUR PRICES ARE CERTAINLY LESS THAN MOST STORES. We do not say this just because this is an advertisement and because nearly every store says it, but simply because we have made comparisons and know that the statement is justified, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and when a store attracts so many thousands of people they must have some object in giving this store the preference. Therefore, we say--YOUR CHRISTMAS MONEY WILL GO FARTHER HERE

Men's Overcoats

In good values and in all styles and colors. Men's Suits in all the new colors and styles. Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes.

Dress Skirts

Ask to see the Dress Skirts and you will be astonished at the Skirts we offer at \$2.98, \$5.00 and \$6.50. Some worth Double.

Kid Gloves

Exceptional good Kid Glove Values for men and women at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Ask to see the New Fownes Street Gloves for Women at \$1.25 and \$1.50, and Auto Gloves for Women at \$1.75. Nothing nicer for a gift.

Umbrellas

Umbrellas are acceptable gifts. We have them at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00.

Muffs and Scarfs

Fur Muffs at \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 and up to \$30.00. Scarfs to match.

Handkerchiefs

Christmas Handkerchiefs suitable for all purses and for all people.

H. S. Holmes Mercantile Co.

The Chelsea Standard

An independent local newspaper published every Thursday afternoon from its office in the building first door south of the Chelsea House, Main street, Chelsea, Michigan.

O. T. HOOVER.

Terms--\$1.00 per year; six months, fifty cents; three months, twenty-five cents. Advertising rates reasonable and made known on application.

Entered as second-class matter, March 5, 1908, at the postoffice at Chelsea, Michigan, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

LAST week Thursday evening The Standard was a night-blooming cereus on the eve of issuing the biggest paper ever published in Chelsea, but on Friday morning the office was a cross between a lurid nightmare and a bad case of dyspepsia. However, as the married man said, we should not complain we still have our health. We have been treated very handsomely both by the press and those with whom we come in contact in trying to get settled, and in the two editions issued before Christmas we intend to try and take care of our merchants who have so well taken care of us in the matter of advertising during the past year. We don't propose to fall down on them just at the time we can do them the most good, no matter how good an excuse we might have. What they want is not excuses but results. In the matter of adjusting our insurance, the company carrying us, at our request, has deferred adjustment until we can get out this week's issue and we propose to reciprocate by conserving the wreck in the way of cleaning up and protecting the property in a manner to save the most for the company and ourselves.

THIS getting out a paper when your material is scattered all over town is not conducive to bringing out one's best efforts. This issue is lacking considerably in the amount of local news that we usually print, but we promise that as soon as we can get our second wind the paper will be up to its former standard, and a little better, if it can be done.

A GENTLEMAN living in Pontiac, not receiving his Standard last week after looking for it all of Friday and Saturday, could stand it no longer and Saturday night started for Chelsea. He got here Sunday morning and we so far broke our rule as to working on the Sabbath, as to open the office and get him a copy.

THIS Santa Claus business of coming down the chimney is all right, but coming down from the second story and bringing it and a lot of brass bedsteads along and dumping them on you is hardly carrying out the Christmas spirit.

BREVITIES.

DEXTER--A. S. Yost, dry goods and grocery merchant of this place, died at 9:30 Monday evening. He is survived by a widow and one son, Norman.

JACKSON--Wm. L. Seaton, aged 86, formerly postmaster of Jackson for 24 years, and warden of the state prison for six years, died Monday morning. During his administration as warden of the prison he put into effect many changes which worked for the betterment of prison discipline.

YPSILANTI--Roger James, aged 20, a student at the Ypsilanti Normal college, was struck by a D. U. R. car at 9 o'clock Monday night about two miles out of Ypsilanti, and sustained a serious injury to his scalp. His tongue was split and several teeth were knocked out. The young man was taken to the University hospital and attended. He is a son of Dr. L. James, of Ypsilanti.

ANN ARBOR--All efforts to arrange a trip to Seattle, Wash., for the local state high school championship football team were abandoned Monday when it was announced here that the Seattle school officials had taken a firm stand against the playing of any such games. A big banquet is now being arranged in honor of the local team for the fine showing it made this year. Paul Reule has been chosen captain of the 1910 eleven.

PLYMOUTH--The parents of Geo. and Elmer Sears died when the boys were young and they were taken by other families and brought up. Elmer now resides at Milan. Of their relatives they know but little, but George Sears reports that he received a letter from his brother the other day in which he states that he had been visited by an attorney from Pennsylvania who had informed him that an aunt of Sears' had died leaving a fortune of four million dollars, to which they were heirs. Mr. Sears has not been visited by the attorney and he gives but little credence to the story, though of course he hopes it may be true.--Mail.

DEXTER--Bert Curtis, aged 61 years, died at his home Sunday afternoon 2:30, after an illness of three months with bronchitis. He is survived by a widow and one son.

GRASS LAKE--A judgment of \$144.00 in the Shaible-Houk buckthorn suit in the circuit court Friday. This is over twice as much as was given the plaintiff in the justice court. The defendants were given twenty days in which to ask for a new trial, and sixty days in which to prepare and settle for a bill of exceptions. Ed. Marrinane conducted the plaintiff's side of the case, while Attorney Waters of Manchester argued for the defendant.--Grass Lake News.

ANN ARBOR--Henry Martin, convicted of the charge of adultery in the Washtenaw circuit court last week and sentenced last Friday was taken to the reformatory institution at Iona Tuesday morning. Martin is a resident of Ypsilanti and was charged with committing the crime, which, it was alleged, led to the murder of Mrs. Anna Poole by her husband last spring. Martin was at first sentenced to the prison at Jackson, but because he expressed a fear of being confined in the same institution with the man who had killed his wife, the judge changed the sentence and sent him to the Iona prison.

USELESS ADVICE.



"I would advise you," said the doctor, "to avoid drinking coffee."
"I do," replied the patient. "I board."

Could Not Be Better.

No one has ever made a salve, ointment, lotion or balm to compare with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the one perfect healer of cuts, corns, burns, bruises, sores, scalds, boils, ulcers, eczema, salt rheum. For sore eyes, cold sores, chapped hands its supreme. Infallible for piles. Only 25c at Henry H. Fenn Co. and L. T. Freeman Co.

Additional Limited Cars.

Superintendent W. J. Dawson of the D. J. & C. Railway announces a new schedule on the fast trolley line between Detroit and Jackson going into effect Thursday of this week. Under the new schedule there will be four limiteds a day each way leaving Chelsea east bound at 7:24 a. m. 1:24 p. m. 4:24 p. m. and 7:24 p. m. and west bound at 9:45 a. m. 2:45 p. m. 5:45 p. m. and 8:45 p. m. The last limited both east and west is the feature of the change.

WORK WEAKENS THE KIDNEYS.

Doan's Kidney Pills Have Done Great Service for People Who Work in Chelsea.

Most Chelsea people work every day in some strained, unnatural position--bending constantly over a desk--riding on jolting wagons or cars--doing laborious housework; lifting, reaching or pulling, or trying the back in a hundred and one other ways. All these strains tend to wear weaken and injure the kidneys until they fall behind in their work of filtering the poisons from the blood. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys, put new strength in bad backs. Chelsea cures prove it.

Glenn Barbour, North Main street, Chelsea, Mich., says: "I suffered intensely from dull, nagging backaches which were no doubt brought on by standing so long at my work. The kidney secretions passed irregularly and caused me annoyance. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I procured a box and soon after I commenced their use my aches and pains disappeared, together with the kidney difficulty. I now have no trouble from my kidneys whatever."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name--Doan's--and take no other.

Commissioners' Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw. The undersigned having been appointed administrators to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Peter Kalambach late of said county, deceased, hereby give notice that four 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 W. J. Knapp's office in the Village of Chelsea, in said county, on the 29th day of January, and on the 29th day of March, next, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of said days, to receive, examine and adjust said claims.
Dated, Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 29th, 1909.
W. J. KNAPP,
O. C. BURKHART,
Commissioners.



A Christmas Gift

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It pleases the entire household in its general usefulness.



It lasts throughout the year as a constant reminder of Christmas.

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Everything for Holiday-Giving in great profusion; sensible gifts combining usefulness and beauty; gifts for young and old, for fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, wives and sweethearts. We scoured the markets of the country, and now offer you the latest and best. You can make sure that your gifts will please by making a careful selection from our stock. Toyland, with all its Christmas Joys for the little ones, never contained so many thrillers as our toy department does this year. There are many dainty things in our Notion Department suitable for Christmas Gifts. The season's prettiest Ready-to-Wear Garments for Ladies, Misses and Children are shown here at very reasonable prices. Perfect fitting Men's and Boys' Ready-to-Wear Clothing, made not only to wear well but having the shape retaining qualities of made-to-measure clothing, and back of all an iron clad guarantee, awaits your inspection in our Clothing Department. In our Shoe Department are shown not only the latest styles in shoes, but a large assortment from which to select. Here are the products of the largest manufacturers of shoes in the world. Style and comfort are the important features embodied in all shoes we sell. Shoes are always acceptable as a Christmas gift. For Ladies we have Kid Gloves, Fancy Combs, Toilet Articles, Handkerchiefs, Hat Pins, Fancy Collars, Dainty House Slippers, Pretty Shawls, Umbrellas, Handbags and Purses, Belts, Sweater Coats, Fur Collars and Muffs, Etc. Space will not allow our offering but a few suggestions. Of course, we cannot call your attention to all the splendid values we have to offer our holiday trade, but a visit to our store will convince you that we can fill your wants splendidly.

**To Appear Well
You
Must Dress Well**



Style and Quality are combined in a high degree in our line of Clothing. The best manufacturers are represented with the choicest selections.

Our Clothing is made in every detail with the greatest care that skilled tailors can use. Linings especially selected to harmonize with the outer material. Finish is the best. High grade; shape retaining shoulders and lapels.

We are pricing Men's Suits at \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00 and \$17.00.

Overcoats at from \$5.00 to \$25.00.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats at surprisingly low prices.

MODEL FIFTY-THREE
AUTO OVERCOAT FOR YOUNG MEN
DESIGNED BY **WIDOW JONES OF BOSTON**

Queen Quality



Shoes and Rubber Goods.

Queen Quality Shoes for women at \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.
Boston Favorite Shoes for women at \$2.50.
Dorris and Bernalda Shoes for women at \$1.50 and \$2.00.
Walk-Over Shoes for men at \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.
Waldorf Shoes for men at \$2.50.

Quality, style and service are the chief factors to be consulted when buying Shoes. In our stock is represented only the best makes in the country and back of that you have our guarantee as to service and satisfaction. You will find here the latest styles and best materials.

**Ladies', Misses and
Childrens'
Ready-to-Wear Dept.**



Here you will find a very pleasing range of materials. Every garment is carefully made and handsomely fashioned.

We especially invite your attention to our line of ladies' Coats and Suits ranging in price from

\$10 to \$25

and Misses and Childrens' Coats priced at from

\$2.50 to \$12

Furs.

You will find much to interest you in the line we are showing. You will find Neck Pieces and Muffs in this season's popular shapes. Beautiful Sets for children at money saving prices.

Fashionable Neckwear.

A new line of up-to-date styles in men's Neckwear, selected with extreme care. Only the best makes represented. Our 25 cent and 50 cent lines are much more extensive than ordinarily carried in Chelsea. We have the most beautiful creations in Neck Scarfs at moderate prices. Everything in readiness here for the Christmas shopper.

Holiday Books

Toy Books for the Children. The latest and best. Profusely illustrated. Some with colored pictures and covers. Nothing pleases a child more than a dainty book.

Up From 5 Cents

**Splendid Showing of
Household Linens**

The greatest care has been used in the selection of these lines and especially deserving of mention are the beautiful patterns we show in all linen Table Damask at 50c, 69c, 89c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.39 and \$1.50, and Napkins to match at correspondingly low prices.

Our display of 25c Linen Towels will surprise you.

Suspenders.

We have them put up single pair in a beautiful Christmas box. Fine quality Suspenders, lisle and silk web, highest grade leather ends, decorated gold and silver buckles. Prices from 50 cents to \$1.00. Of course we have a large assortment, look at them.

A Stunning Bargain



Seven-Piece Glass Water Set for 39c

Colonial style, best American Crystal Glass, fire polish, water bottle and six tumblers. You can't buy a duplicate of this set anywhere at less than \$1.00, and most dealers ask more. We secured a small part of a carload purchase with another large dealer direct from the factory and will let them out as a special leader at **39c** for the set. Get one before it is too late.

Smoking Sets

In a fine variety of styles. If you are hunting for a suitable gift for gentleman, you will find a Smoking Set always appropriate. The latest designs in a variety of materials.

Gloves and Mittens.

If at a loss to know what to buy for a gift you can never make a mistake in getting a nice pair of Gloves or Mittens. Our Glove and Mitten department is a splendid place for the holiday shopper.

Fruit and Mixed Nuts

Choice, large size Bananas, 15c dozen
Best California Oranges grown, 30c dozen
Best quality large English Walnuts, 17c pound
Best quality Brazil Nuts, 9c pound or 3 pounds for 25c

Umbrellas.

Extraordinary stock of excellent values, neat stylish handles, dependable cloths and highest grade workmanship in every one of them. Better Umbrellas could not be manufactured. No better prices were ever quoted. We have them at 45 cents, 75 cents, 98 cents and on up to \$5.00.

25c Candies For 10c

Made from pure sugar, and the flavoring and coloring used in the manufacture comply strictly to the pure food laws. This candy is produced under surroundings of the utmost cleanliness, and is altogether a delightful confection. Greatest value on earth at the price in the way of candy. We have the Christmas Box Candies. All size boxes and mixtures to suit everyone.

"To Have and to Hold."



When it Comes to Style in Your Holiday Suit.

In our new Winter Suits every conceivable shape-holding device is employed. Shape-holding is style-holding. The devices which serve to retain the style—to keep the proper shape and fit—these are the parts you can't see, but you must be sure they are there.

Suits and Overcoats.

It's the canvas, the shoulder and lapel pads, the haircloth and the many invisible stitches that count. You will find them in all our Suits and Overcoats. We show them in worsteds, serges, cassimeres and velours. A complete range for \$12 to \$30.

Come in some day and look them over. Slip into a coat or two—just to see what they are. You will like them all.

See our line of the "Best Ever" Clothing for the boys. The best on the market for style, fit and wear.

Furnishing Goods.

Our holiday showing of Neckwear, Gloves, Collars, Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Plain and Fancy Shirts, Underwear, Shoes, etc., include all the new styles and shapes for the Yuletide season of 1909. Come and see them.

DANCER BROTHERS.

CHELSEA ELEVATOR CO.

We want to bid on your Wheat, Rye and Poultry.

We pay \$1.00 per hundred pounds for Buckwheat

We will sell you Ground Feed at \$1.40 per hundred pounds.

If you contemplate building let us figure on your lumber bill.

We will do your Feed Grinding on short notice.

CHELSEA ELEVATOR COMPANY

To The Bank, Dr.

HELPFUL service, careful management and ample resources place the people in debt to the banks. But it is a debt that each man and woman should be glad to assume. It is a debt that increases every day, that draws interest in the shape of financial benefits and business advantages for the people.

The people are welcome to all available facilities offered by this bank—the convenience of the check account, safety for funds, personal counsel from our officers, and every banking benefit rendered our customers.

We are glad to offer you our service free of all charge. We must depend upon the people for business. Any service we can render you is in the spirit of mutual advantage.

You are debtor to this bank whether you do business with us or not; because every help we give our customers is an advantage to the community and you receive your share.

The community is aided indirectly by our service, YOU will be helped directly if you are one of our customers.

We ask you to secure direct assistance for your financial business.

The Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leach have moved to the Jas. Ruciman farm in Sylvan.

The Bay View Reading Circle met with Mrs. Mary VanTine Monday evening.

Born, Saturday, December 11, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nicoli, a daughter.

Miss Minnie Schumacher has accepted a position with the H. S. Holmes Mercantile Co.

Miss Helene Steinbach has organized a class in piano in Jackson and teaches there one day each week.

The Miller Sisters announce a sale of their millinery which will commence on Saturday of this week.

Don Harris, of Unadilla, died at the home of his parents Tuesday evening, December 14, 1909, aged 32 years.

Married, on Wednesday, December 8, 1909, Miss Mina Moeckel of Waterloo, and Mr. Philip Seitz of Lima.

There will be a regular meeting of Olive Chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening, December 22d, at 7 o'clock.

The Cytmore Club will meet with Miss Lillie Wackenhut this evening. A Christmas grab bag will be one of the attractions.

The annual meeting and election of officers of Olive Lodge, No. 156, F. & A. M., will be held Tuesday evening, December 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sias of Midland have moved onto the John Edwards farm in Lima, which they recently purchased.

All the farmers in this vicinity expect to be out to the auction on the Dan McLaughlin farm, next Thursday, held by the widow.

Rev. Wall of Ann Arbor will conduct the services next Sunday morning at the Baptist church. Sunday school at the usual hour.

A movement will be made to have a bill presented to the next legislature to have narrow-tired wagons banished from the highways.

The administratrix of the estate of the late Daniel McLaughlin will sell at auction the personal property on the farm two miles northwest of Chelsea, on Thursday, December 23d, at 1 o'clock p. m.

The board of directors of the Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank, at the meeting held Monday, declared a 5 per cent dividend payable January 1st. They also added \$5,000 to the surplus making that the sum of \$25,000.

The assault case of the People vs. Lewis Paine, of Lyndon, which was to have been tried in the circuit court this week, was brought to a close Friday by Paine appearing before the court and pleading guilty to the charge, and was fined \$25.00 and costs.

The Jackson poultry show, which of late years has been one of the best in the state, will be held January 4 to 10. The secretary of the association is receiving letters from fanciers all over this section of Michigan, also in Indiana and Ohio, stating they will be there and exhibit their stock.

The Lima and Vicinity Farmers Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McLaren Friday, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, A. J. Easton; first vice president, J. J. Wood; second vice president, Harvey Clements; third vice president, D. E. Beach; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Ward.

The prison board of control decided at its December meeting not to fix the price of the binder twine manufactured at the prison until their meeting in January. They want to first determine what it would cost the state to purchase sisal direct from the growers in Yucatan and get it here. The twine is likely to be cheaper next season than last.

The second spelling contest of the schools of Lima township was held in the Parker schoolhouse Friday afternoon. Twenty-three entered the contest. Those spelling all the words correctly were: Easton district, Bertha Gross, Bertha Grayer; Four Mile Lake district, Esther Beach; McLaren district, Herbert Cheldidger; Herbert Loeffler; Parker district, Hazel Parker, Hilda Schairer; Jerusalem district, Mattie Seitz, Eda Heinrich; Lima Center school, Julius Kaercher, Laura Pierce, Wilber Hinderer, Lee Luick, Nathan Pierce, Earl Dancer. The next contest will be held in the Four Mile Lake district January 29.

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MYSTERY ONLY SHORT TIME

Before Editor Had Chance to Write Up Story the Explanation Was Made to Him.

The energetic editor of the Gungwamp Advocate was rudely awakened from his afternoon slumber in his office chair by a violent ringing of the telephone bell. At first he thought it was the jingling of silver coin and a smile played over his sunken features, but when he realized what it was he sprang to his feet.

"Hello!" shouted he, seizing a pad and pencil.

"Hello!" came the answer. "Is this the Advocate office?"

"Yes, and this is the office-er. What do you want?"

"Waal, say, they's be'n a murder committed out here on my farm an' I want hev you come right out an' write it up."

"A murder! What makes you think so?"

"Waal, I jest found a hat, a coat and a pair uv spectacles down in my south madder, an' they ain't another blessed thing in sight nowhers. Oh, it's murder, all right."

"Have you run down all the clues?"

"Yes, an' all the stock. Ain't even a footprint in the grass."

"All right, I'll be right out."

The editor had jumped into his shoes and coat, and was giving directions to his office boy, when the bell rang a second time.

"Hello!" he shouted nervously.

"Hello!" came the answer. "You needn't come out. An airship feller hez jest come in an' sez ez how he dropped 'em."

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Lima Taxpayers.

I will be at Lima town hall every Friday in December, at the Dexter Savings Bank December 18th, at the Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank, Chelsea, December 11, 1909, and January 8, 1910, to receive taxes.

W. H. BAHNMILLER,
 Township Treasurer.

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Commissioners Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss. 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 Daniel McLaughlin, late of said county, deceased, hereby give notice that four 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 W. J. Knapp's office, in the village of Chelsea in said county, on the 21st day of January, and on the 7th day of March next, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of said days, to receive, examine and adjust said claims.

Dated, Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 20th, 1909.
 JAMES TAYLOR,
 Wm. J. KNAPP,
 Commissioners.

Probate Order

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county of Washtenaw, held at the probate office, in the city of Ann Arbor, on the 2nd day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

Present, Emory S. Leland, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Eliza Spencer, deceased.
 On reading and filing the petition of John S. Cummings, administrator, with will annexed, of said estate, praying that he may be licensed to sell certain real estate described therein at private sale for the purpose of paying legacies.
 It is ordered, that the 21 day of January, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be appointed for hearing said petition.
 And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in The Chelsea Standard a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Washtenaw.
 EMORY S. LELAND, Judge of Probate.
 DONCAS C. DOWNMAN, Register.

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For the Hostess

Chat on Interesting Topics of Many Kinds, by a Recognized Authority

A Merry Christmas.
 What better wish can be sent forth to all the department readers than this one made by Charles Dickens so many years ago?
 "Many merry Christmases, many happy New Years, unbroken friendships, great accumulations of cheerful recollections, affection on earth and heaven at last for all of us."
 There it is all in a nutshell, just the wish Mme. Merri extends to every one on the day of the Christchild's birth, when the joy bells are echoing their message of peace round this great world. But to insure "accumulations of cheerful recollections" we must begin this very minute to lay up our treasures by thinking of the next one who may need our ministrations, rich as well as poor.

I was especially touched last week when I saw a deeply veiled woman, whom sorrow has touched with a heavy hand, having lost every member of her own family within a very short time, leaving her absolutely alone, making purchases of dainty trifles for children, for servants and friends on both sides of the continent. It took a stout heart to join with the merry throng and it was to me true bravery to even attempt to get away from what I knew her true feelings to be. As I grow older I think the greatest art in the world is that of self-forgetfulness. We are so apt to think that we may be excused if we personally do not feel like rising to an occasion or entering into the spirit of this blessed holiday time. There is a college girl who has had heavy financial losses, making her usual gifts impossible, but to assure her friends that she does not forget she is writing the dearest notes on scarlet paper with gold ink, sealing the envelopes with a Christmas emblem. I think even the overburdened postman will smile when he delivers these bright missives. By the way, how many of us ever think of the postman or ask if he has children to whom we could at least send a Christmas postcard?

Gifts of home-made cakes, fine marmalades, mince pies and cookies are acceptable to young housekeepers, bachelors and college folk who may be unable to participate in the festivities at their own homes. Speaking of things to eat, as nearly every one dines sumptuously in the middle

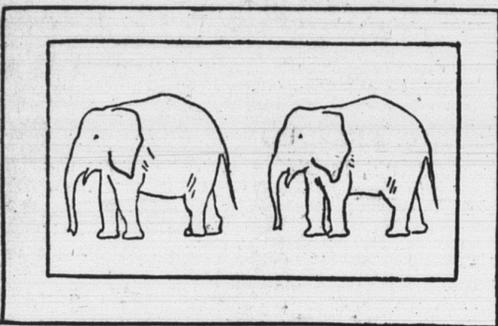
of the day on Christmas, this supper was pinned to satisfy but not overwork the inner man, who is generally taxed to the uttermost on feast days. First, there was an appetizing combination of fruits served in orange cups resting on a dolly made of holly leaves. The mixture consisted of oranges, grape fruit, bananas, grated pineapple, lemon juice and sherry, with sugar to sweeten. It was chilled and seemed to be just the appetizer necessary. Then came fried oysters, old-fashioned cold slaw, hot biscuit, potato chips, individual molds of cranberry jelly, shrimp salad, toasted crackers, coffee, cheese, nuts and white grapes. The salted nuts were in little sled-shaped boxes and the name cards were tied to small Christmas tree boxes, which were filled with bonbons wrapped in gilt paper.

A Christmas Chimney.
 A generous hostess is to ask 50 children from an institution for a Christmas party. There is to be a chimney built of candy boxes in exact imitation of red brick. Santa Claus will emerge from behind this pile and it will have the effect of coming out of the chimney. He will take down and distribute the bricks, which contain candy and nuts. Then they will play "Santa Claus," which consists of distributing bits of cardboard with pencils on which dots are drawn, from which there are to be lines connected so as to make a figure of Santa. He may be represented at full length, bust only, carrying his pack, or without it, or with his sleigh and reindeer. Twenty minutes may be allotted for the drawing and then all will be quiet and ready for the refreshments of ice cream and cake. A "Santa Claus" candy box may be given as a prize for the best "wiggle."
 MADAME MERRI.

FANCIES OF FASHION

Long sashes are being worn with coat suits.
 Fur neckpieces are very wide and muffs are huge.
 Some of the dainty new silk stockings have lace insets.
 Red is a brilliant exception to the rule that makes for dull-hued colors.

Nursery Screens



Inexpensive White Elephant.



A Daisy Top.

NOWADAYS the nursery of each house is not an extra room into which the cast-off furniture from other rooms and the left-over rugs and draperies are thrown. Parents recognize the value of environment when their children's lives are in the impressionable stage of development, and playrooms are furnished with a view to giving beauty plus comfort for the little ones.

Screens are necessary to protect children from draughts, for they are on the floors, or very low down, in their play hours. These pieces of furniture are now decorated with pictures of animals, flowers and figures that bring back to us our story-book days, and are a joy to childish eyes. They are expensive if bought in the stores. Why not decorate your own nursery screens? You know the special liking of your children, and can buy plain forms, upon which pictures can be pasted or painted.

Denim is procurable in all staple shades. Screens in two or three sections and of different heights are easily bought, and the pictures you will supply yourself.

Animals are always interesting to little tots. A clever older person ought to be able to draw on white muslin an elephant. The lines must be simple, for children are pleased with drawings which seem almost crude to us. It is an easy matter to cut other elephants from the first pattern, and when you have supplied the eyes, ears and a few flesh wrinkles, paste the forms in a straight border at the top of your screen. They will never be anything but pleasure-giving white elephants to you and your children.

Then there is the daisy top. Huge white flowers with yellow centers and green leaves look very well on a blue background. Yellow petals are effective on brown denim or a wooden panel at the top. They should be arranged in a posterque fashion, with the flowers grouped at one side.

The possibilities are legion. On plain screens which carry out the coloring of the nursery let pictures, made at home, shine in inexpensive glory. You have no idea how well your efforts these simply decorated screens can be made. They are scrappbooks on a large scale and give correspondingly proportionate pleasure to little boys and girls.

FERTILITY AND MOISTURE NECESSARY FOR CELERY

May Be Grown On Any Soil from Sand to Clay. Provided Other Conditions Are Made Right—How to Raise.



Arranging Boards for Blanching Celery.

Celery may be grown on any soil from sand to clay, provided other conditions are made right. Success is largely a matter of fertility and moisture. Fertility is maintained by the use of cover crops, mine manure, and commercial fertilizers, writes Paul Work in Rural New Yorker. Crimson clover and rye are the standard humus-making crops, with the latter preferred. The clover is of value as a nitrogen gatherer, but unless it can be sown earlier than is possible on high-priced and intensively farmed land, the gain does not cover the extra cost of seed. Rye has the advantage of a greater bulk of humus and an assured stand.

Seed for the early crop should be sown in flats about March 1. Earlier sowings show a marked tendency to run to seed, and there is little advantage in marketing before August 1.



Typical Bunch Ready for Market.

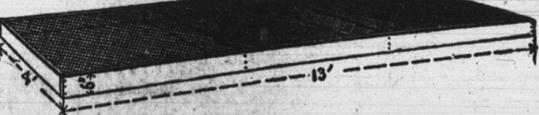
then be sown without danger from the chemical. The seedlings are transplanted to flats and then to cold frames, though they are not so rigorously hardened as cabbage plants. A full ton of a high grade fertilizer, running about six per cent of nitrogen, eight of phosphoric acid, and ten of potash, is applied to each acre. The fertilizer should be put on just before the plants are set, about the middle of May. The distances are 33 inches between rows, and seven inches in the row. Great care should be taken to avoid setting the plants too deep, as the crown is partly covered and the plant seriously stunted, usually ruined. A row planted by a careless worker is a conspicuous monument to his memory throughout the season. The water problem is a very serious matter, and especially in growing celery. There is hardly a year when drought does not curtail the crop. Irrigation is the only remedy. Leaf spot or celery blight is the most serious pest. It can be held in check by faithful applications of Bordeaux mixture.

Blanching celery in hot weather is not so easily accomplished as in the fall. Soil at this season affords most favorable conditions for rust. Instead of this method, 12-inch boards are used. Only good lumber is purchased, cleats are nailed on to prevent splitting, and the boards are as well cared for as hotbed sash, far better than many a gardener cares for them. Each board does service six to seven times in a season. When the plants are 12 inches high, the boards are set beside them and fastened in place with clamps made from a piece of heavy wire about 10 inches long, and bent to a little less than a right angle two inches from each end. Pairs of rows are selected at intervals over the field for the first blanching. In this way wagon-ways are opened and labor is saved in moving the boards from row to row. The process requires from 10 days to two weeks, according to weather conditions. When ready for market, the celery is dug with spades and stripped of outside leaves in the field. It is hauled to a shed, trimmed, washed with a hose, bunched, and scrubbed. The root is cut to a four-sided wedge and three or four stalks are tied at top and bottom into a flat bunch.

Some trouble is experienced with damping off. Deep flats and careful watering are important factors in avoiding this difficulty. Of recent years the seed has been sown in beds, the soil of which has been sterilized. For this purpose a quart of formalin is mixed with a barrel of water, and a gallon of this liquid applied to each cubic foot of soil. After two weeks it is dug over, and seed may

Educate Collie Pups. The Collie pup, like the child, must be thoroughly educated. A child that is not educated is simply a back number and has no standing in the better society circles, so the Scotch Collie that is not educated up in the proper lines is little benefit to his master. The Scotch Collie is almost, if not altogether as susceptible to an education or training as the child.

GRASS RUNS FOR CHICKENS



I have had three years' experience with the system of green feeding here described and know what I am talking about. To the poultry keeper who is obliged to economize space, the green food problem is most vexations, but Dr. George W. Little, the peasant fancier, solved the problem when he invented grass runs, writes Dr. A. H. Phelps in Orange Judd Farmer. These are frames four feet wide, 13 feet long, made with hemlock boards six inches wide, standing upon edge, the top being covered with one-inch-mesh chicken wire. Beneath this frame crimson clover, oats, wheat and rye are sown.

The wire, which is six inches above the ground, protects the young growing plants until they pass through the wire, when the fowls begin picking off the ends of the top leaves. They cannot get at the roots or otherwise destroy the plants, which continue to grow with increasing vigor throughout the season. My experience with over 100 of these runs has proved that Lakelanders and Hamburgs ought to have four square feet of a bird, while Faverolles and other large breeds need six or seven feet each.

Of course, in estimating the surface required for a given number of fowls a great deal depends upon the luxuriance of growth of the plants. The soil must be well prepared and rich, the runs must be located so receive ample sunlight. In event of a protracted drought they must be watered with a hose, and lastly the seed must be sown thickly. The hens walk around on the top of the wire and keep the plants cut off as smoothly as would be done by a lawn mower.

Disadvantage of Gilt.
 A gilt will usually farrow about as many pigs as an aged sow, but she is usually not more than half-grown and is not in proper condition to farrow, so her pigs come much smaller and she has developed no motherly instinct or milk flow; consequently it is about two weeks before her pigs get to where the aged sow's litter were when they were born.

Keep on Plowing.
 While the weather is nice and the ground in good condition, get out with the team and plow and get some of the oats and corn ground broken. It will help matters along next spring.

The KITCHEN CABINET



ALL the myriad moods of mind that through our souls come thronging. Which one is e're so dear, so kind So beautiful as longing?
 But would we reach life's greatest scope Which we are hourly wronging. Our lives must climb from hope to hope And realize our longings.

Table Don'ts.
 Don't play with the silver during the meal.
 Don't make a noise with the mouth while eating soup.
 Don't fold the napkin when you are a guest for one meal, lay it at the left of the plate.
 Don't talk about the good things you have had served you in other homes, "as comparisons are odious."
 Don't talk with food in the mouth.
 Don't (is it necessary to say it?) put the knife in your mouth.
 Don't scrape a dish or tip it to get the last drop.
 Don't use a knife with fish; use the fork for carving it.
 Don't spread large pieces of bread, laying them on the cloth. Break off a small piece, butter it and convey it to the mouth.
 Do be polite and that will be kind, for the old couplet says:
 Politeness is to do and say The kindest things in the kindest way.

The really kind person will never annoy another even if the doing may be something in itself admissible. Some people think by excusing themselves or begging pardon, gives them the latitude to do anything which in their selfishness they desire, no matter how rude it may be. Train the children to eat all wholesome food, so that they need never embarrass you, themselves or their hosts.

This is the season when waffles send up their fragrance to the chilly air and here is the best recipe for them that cannot be equaled:
Waffles.
 Take one and one-fourth cupfuls of flour sifted with one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt. Beat two eggs, yolks and whites separately, add one-half teaspoonful of soda to one cupful of thick, sour milk, then add the beaten yolks and the flour, then three table-spoonfuls of melted butter and the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Have the waffle iron hot, grease with a buttered brush, and serve the waffles crisp and brown.

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Zelaya Captives Suffer.
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Geographers to Sift Cook Charges.
 The National Geographical Society has decided to investigate the claims of Capt. August W. Loos and George Dunkley, an insurance broker, that they furnished to Dr. Frederick A. Cook falsified observations and data to prove that he reached the North Pole. Prof. J. H. Gore, Rear Admiral Pillsbury and Dr. C. W. Hayes of the geological survey will go to New York today to begin their work. They expect to report to the society here Monday.

Holds Father While foe Kills Him.
 While his daughter Lucy held his arms behind him, so that he could not shoot, Oliver C. Ulmer was probably fatally stabbed by Benjamin Bruister at Butler, Ala.

The murder was the result of a feud. The body of Ulmer's son was found on Bruister's doorstep a week ago and he was said to have been killed because of a love affair with a daughter of the Bruister clan.

Negroes Guilty.
 Conclusive evidence is said to have been secured by the military court of inquiry into the "shooting up" of Brownsville, Tex., that members of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, Negro, who were within the fire, fired on the town at the time their companions were racing through the streets of the Texas town, shooting right and left.

President Taft has accepted an invitation to attend the conservation convention, to be held at Indianapolis in February.

Commander Robert E. Peary was elected president of the Explorers' club and afterward presided at the annual banquet of the club at the Hotel Astor, New York.

A reaction of the wave of prohibition which last year swept over Massachusetts, in the elections in 14 cities Tuesday, sent four of them, Fall River, New Bedford, Marlboro and Gloucester, back into the license column, while Haverhill alone, by a close vote, turned over to no license.

Influenced by the rapid growth of western business in the last few years, the Pullman company has determined to build near San Francisco a repair plant employing 800 men and capable of taking care of its entire western equipment, according to a statement made by Richmond Dean, general manager of the company.

Warden—How's the campaign going up your way? Sort of a close contest? Sellers (gloomily)—Closest I ever saw. Neither side is giving up a blamed cent.

The man who is down in the world is the most hard up.

ZELAYA TRICKS REBEL ESTRADA

UNDER TRUCE WILY PRESIDENT PLACES TROOPS ADVANTAGEOUSLY.

ESTRADA IS OUTWITTED

The Only Hope of the Insurgent General Estrada and His Followers Now Is Armed Intervention by the United States.

There has been a sudden and unpleasant realization at Bluefields of government strength and insurgent weakness. President Zelaya has outwitted Gen. Estrada, and the latter's chief hope is in American intervention.

It turns out that the conference sought by Gen. Vasquez, of the government troops, near Rama and which the insurgents had interpreted as a sign of yielding on the part of Zelaya's troops, was a blind intended to secure a delay of the expected battle until the loyal army had secured a decided advantage of position. It is also learned that while Zelaya had kept a scattered force before Rama, his real army of 3,000 men was hurrying by forced marches toward Bluefields.

The report that a descent on this city from Rama was possible only by river is now known to be untrue.

Estrada endeavored to cover his alarm by informing the correspondents at the front that all was tranquil with the prospect that Vasquez and Maj. Eva would surrender. Ten minutes after he had talked with the reporters the insurgent leader had his chief diplomatic aide, Adolfo Diaz, on the telephone, and was telling him what he believed to be the situation in truth.

To his side he declared the Americans should send more marines ashore, as Vasquez apparently had outflanked him. Estrada also expressed the opinion that a request should be made of the United States government for protection to the 150 Americans in Bluefields.

Diaz rushed to United States Consul Moffat with the new intelligence, and the consul assured him that Commander Shipley's marines from the United States cruiser Des Moines, with their six rapid fire guns, would be able to control the situation here if the event that the loyal army suddenly surprised the city.

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 The National Geographical Society has decided to investigate the claims of Capt. August W. Loos and George Dunkley, an insurance broker, that they furnished to Dr. Frederick A. Cook falsified observations and data to prove that he reached the North Pole. Prof. J. H. Gore, Rear Admiral Pillsbury and Dr. C. W. Hayes of the geological survey will go to New York today to begin their work. They expect to report to the society here Monday.

Holds Father While foe Kills Him.
 While his daughter Lucy held his arms behind him, so that he could not shoot, Oliver C. Ulmer was probably fatally stabbed by Benjamin Bruister at Butler, Ala.

The murder was the result of a feud. The body of Ulmer's son was found on Bruister's doorstep a week ago and he was said to have been killed because of a love affair with a daughter of the Bruister clan.

Negroes Guilty.
 Conclusive evidence is said to have been secured by the military court of inquiry into the "shooting up" of Brownsville, Tex., that members of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, Negro, who were within the fire, fired on the town at the time their companions were racing through the streets of the Texas town, shooting right and left.

President Taft has accepted an invitation to attend the conservation convention, to be held at Indianapolis in February.

Commander Robert E. Peary was elected president of the Explorers' club and afterward presided at the annual banquet of the club at the Hotel Astor, New York.

A reaction of the wave of prohibition which last year swept over Massachusetts, in the elections in 14 cities Tuesday, sent four of them, Fall River, New Bedford, Marlboro and Gloucester, back into the license column, while Haverhill alone, by a close vote, turned over to no license.

Influenced by the rapid growth of western business in the last few years, the Pullman company has determined to build near San Francisco a repair plant employing 800 men and capable of taking care of its entire western equipment, according to a statement made by Richmond Dean, general manager of the company.

SUFFERED TERRIBLY. How Relief from Distressing Kidney Trouble Was Found.



Mrs. Elizabeth Wolf, 388 W. Morgan St., Tipton, Mo., says: "Inflammation of the bladder reached its climax last spring and I suffered terribly. My back ached and I could hardly get around and the secretions were scanty, frequent of passing and painful. I was tired all the time and very nervous. I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, and after taking a few boxes was cured and have been well ever since."

Remember the name—Doan's. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

WANTED IT FOR HAIR WASH

No Trouble at All for Retired Singer to Account for the Carbolic Acid.

"I was on my way home one night said the retired baritone, according to Illustrated Bits, "and the hour was late. As I turned a corner at a house spot a wild-eyed man stepped out in front of me. In his right hand he carried a pistol and in his left a gleaming knife. With a low, mocking laugh he thrust his burly form at my path, and said:

"At last I have you in my power. I have sworn to kill the first man I met after 3 a. m. You are he—stabbed!"

"Immediately I saw I had to do with a madman. Quick thought was necessary. Right there and then my long training stood me well in hand. Taking a pint bottle of carbolic acid from my overcoat pocket, I remarked, joyfully:

"Old scout, I greet thee as a friend. Kill me if thou wilt, but first let me drink success to the crime."

"It made a hit with the bug. He grabbed the bottle and took a swallow like a stage hand. As he fell writing on the sidewalk I stepped over his body and continued on my way."

"How did you happen to have a bottle of carbolic acid with you?" asked the incredulous press agent.

"I was taking it home to put on my hair," answered the retired baritone.

Duty Society Owes to Unfortunates.
 Consumption is primarily a poor man's disease. Dr. Woods Hutchins, son of New York city says: "Roughly speaking, the incipient tuberculosis patient can buy as many chances of fresh air and cure as he has money."

The percentage of deaths from consumption among the poor is 100 per cent, higher than among the well-to-do and the rich. Sixty-five per cent of the consumptives in the United States are too poor to provide proper means for treatment. They must either be placed in a sanitarium or a hospital where they can be cured of their disease and where they will be removed from the possibility of infecting other members of their families, or the least resulting from neglect to care for these poor consumptives will be twice or three times as great as would be the case if they are properly housed in institutions.

The Exception.
 In a home where the mother is somewhat aggressive and the father good-natured and peace-loving, the child's estimate of home conditions was tersely expressed the other day. While dressing, the mother paused in the act of putting on her shoes and said: "I certainly am easy on shoes. I have worn these for four months. I don't know what you would do, John, if I were not. I am easy on everything." The little girl looked up from her dolls and remarked: "Except father."—Success.

Described.
 Miss Giddigosh—Oh, uncle, have you seen the Williamses' baby? Do describe it to me.
 Uncle Snark—Description! Um!—ah! very small features, clean shaven, red-faced, and looks a hard drinker.

HABITS CHAIN
 Certain Habits Unconsciously Formed and Hard to Break.

An ingenious philosopher estimated that the amount of will power necessary to break a life-long habit would, if it could be transformed, lift a weight of many tons.

It sometimes requires a higher degree of heroism to break the chain of a pernicious habit than to lead a forlorn hope in a bloody battle. A lady writes from an Indiana town:

"From my earliest childhood I was a lover of coffee. Before I was out of my teens I was a miserable dyspeptic, suffering terribly at times with my stomach."

"I was convinced that it was coffee that was causing the trouble and I could not deny myself a cup of my breakfast. At the age of 36 I was very poor health, indeed. My sister told me I was in danger of becoming a coffee drunkard."

"But I never could give up drinking coffee for breakfast, although it kept me constantly ill, until I tried Postum. I learned to make it properly according to directions, and now we can hardly do without Postum for breakfast, and care nothing for coffee."

"I am no longer troubled with dyspepsia, do not have spells of suffering with my stomach that used to trouble me so when I drank coffee."

"Look in pkgs. for the little book, 'The Road to Wellville.' There's a Reason."

"Ever read the above letter? A one appears from time to time. It is genuine, true, and full of the most interesting interest."

SOUNDS LIKE A FAIRY TALE

THE FARMERS OF CENTRAL CANADA REAP WHEAT AND RICHES.

Up in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the provinces that compose Central Canada have such a quantity of land suitable for the growth of small grains, which grow so abundantly, and yield so handsomely that no fear need be feared of a wheat famine on this Continent.

The story reproduced below is only one of the hundreds of proofs that could be produced to show the results that may be obtained from cultivation of the lands in these provinces. Almost any section of the country will do as well.

With the country recently opened by the Grand Trunk Pacific, the latest of the great transcontinental lines to enter the field of the development of the Canadian West, there is afforded added ample opportunity to do as was done in the case cited below:

To buy a section of land, break it up and crop it, make \$17,550 out of the yield and \$10,880 out of the increase of value all within the short period of two years, was the record established by James Bailey, a well known farmer within a few miles of Regina.

Mr. Bailey bought the 640 acres of land near Grand Coulee two years ago. He immediately prepared the whole section for crop and this year has 600 acres of wheat and 40 acres of oats. The wheat yielded 19,875 bushels, and the oats yielded 4,760 bushels.

The whole of the grain has been marketed and Mr. Bailey is now worth \$17,550 from the grain alone. He bought the land at \$18 an acre, and the other day refused an offer of \$25 an acre, just a \$17 advance for the time of his purchase. The land cost \$11,320 in the first instance. Here are the figures of the case.—Land cost, 640 acres, at \$18, \$11,320. Wheat yielded 19,875 bushels, at 84 cents a bushel, \$16,695.

Oats yielded 4,760 bushels at 28 cents a bushel, \$1,352. Offered for land, 640 acres at \$35 an acre, \$22,400. Increase value of land, \$10,880. Total earnings of crop, \$17,550, together with increase in value of land a total of \$28,540.

It is interesting to note the figures of the yield per acre. The wheat yielded 33 1/2 bushels to the acre, and oats 118.7 bushels to the acre. The figures are a fair indication of the average throughout the district.

Agents of the Canadian Government in the different cities will be pleased to give you information as to rates, etc.

OFF DUTY. Miss Smith—Oh, doctor, do you know you look perfectly killing this evening? Doctor—Thank you, but I am not. I'm off duty, you know.

Anti LaGrippe Remedy. It is now claimed by several western medical men that a whiskey mixture obtainable at any drug store is an absolute preventative and quick cure for bad colds and lagrippe.

Better a poor man at large than a rich man in jail. Uncle, have you seen my baby? Do you clean shave, and drink.

Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna. Cleanses the System Effectually. Dispels colds and Headaches due to Constipation. Acts naturally, acts truly as a Laxative.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS. Best for Baby and Best for Mother.

PISO'S CURE. THE BEST MEDICINE FOR COLIC IN COLDS. Is fine for children and adults, very pleasant to take and free from opiates. It soothes and breaks the colic, and soothes the nerves to both mother and child.

SERIAL STORY

ONE WAY OF LOVE

BY JENNETTE LEE. Pictures by A. WEIL.

SYNOPSIS.

Richard Derring, returning from a winter in the woods to his mother's farm home, is overtaken by his uncle, accompanied by his eccentric wife, coming to see the farm. Aunt Jerusha's questions about Emily Hutton, supposed to be Richard's sweetheart, bring out the fact that she is to marry a merchant, Edward Derring's disappointment, and the fact that she is to marry a merchant, Edward Derring's disappointment, and the fact that she is to marry a merchant, Edward Derring's disappointment.

CHAPTER VI.

When the snow began melting from the partridge-berries the wood had been cut and hauled. Only scattered chips remained to tell the winter's work. And, although all the village knew that Richard was learning Greek, it did not know that in the woods he had learned something harder than Greek.

And when one morning he passed Emily in her new spring array, tripping along the country road, he could lift his hat and smile at her proudly. And Emily, fingering the ribbons that fell from her throat, called him in her heart a feckle thing and rejoiced anew that she was to be Mrs. Edwards.

He was on his way to Uncle Eben's when he met her—carrying a message from his mother. He found the old man in the side garden, pottering about over the half-dried earth and warming his stiff back in the sun.

"Lily beans!" said Uncle Eben when he heard the request. "You'll have to go into the house and ask her. She hasn't given me mine yet. It's time for 'em, too. She keeps 'em locked up in the secretary—'ch'ice as gold." He rose stiffly from his knees and led the way to the house.

"Well, I declare, Richard; is that you!" she readjusted her spectacles and looked at him kindly. Her skirt was planned safely out of harm's way and her sleeves were rolled above the elbow. A sunbonnet protected her head. She beamed out of its depths.

"Want some of the Limas, do you, for my plantin'?" Well, I don't know how many I'll have. I hadn't got 'em down for pay yet." She glanced at him suspiciously.

He shifted from one foot to the other. It might have been hope or it might have been impatience. Aunt Jerusha's look changed to affection. "He wants some, dreadful," she confided to Richard, "but it ain't time yet."

She crossed the room and took from a high nail by the shelf a key. It was the key to the parlor door. "You come with me, Richard," she said mildly, as she waddled away.

Uncle Eben looked wistfully after them. He seated himself in a straight-backed chair and, lifting his feet to the front round, rubbed his fingers thoughtfully.

Aunt Jerusha opened the parlor door into the dim light. "You can come right in," she said proudly. "Never mind your feet. Women were made to sweep up dirt. I've got to clean here next week anyway."

The room was speckled. Not a trace of dust rested on any object, thought Aunt Jerusha gave an ostentatious puff to the plush album as she lifted it. She opened it with a little gesture of pride. It was half filled with pictures, and in the hole left vacant in the other half reposed a key. "I keep it in here," she whispered. "He wouldn't ever think of looking in there." She chuckled softly as she drew it out. She snapped the heavy clasps safely and returned the album to the table.

"I thought I might well show you." She stood in the dim light, watching him mysteriously out of her sunbonnet. "If anything should happen to me, somebody'd've to know, and he wouldn't have no more care 'an a child." She directed her nod towards the kitchen.

left. "That's my will," she said significantly to Richard. "I've left everything to him." A glow of appreciation overspread Uncle Eben's face. "Why, Jerusha,"—his boot-heels came down with a clatter to the floor—"why, Jerusha—" "Not a word!" she said sternly, turning on him. "I don't want to hear a word."

She turned back to the open space and searched among the packages. "Here they be," she gave a fat sigh and descended from the chair, closing the mysterious doors. She emptied the package in her lap, Uncle Eben eyeing it enviously from afar.

"I shall divide even," she said with a calm air—"just even." She counted out the beans, one by one, each in its separate pile, and handed one of the piles to Richard. "There. Tell your mother I divided equal."

"I'll tell her," said Richard, stowing away the bag in his pocket. He knew better than to hurt Aunt Jerusha's feelings by refusing any proffered favor. She sat leaning comfortably back in her chair, looking at him. "They say you're learning Greek, Richard," she said at last, rocking a little.

Uncle Eben tipped eagerly forward in his chair. "And you're going to college?" "Yes, ma'am." "How's your going to college?" "How's Amanda Derring going to pay for it?" she asked severely. "I'm going to pay my own way." She nodded slowly. "I thought like enough. But you can't do it."

"I'm going to." She looked at him more approvingly. "The Lord helps them that help themselves," she said solemnly, "and I and the Lord do the same." She rose majestically and opened the secretary doors once more. She took down a broken-nosed teapot and extracted a roll of bills, holding it out to him. "There's \$100," she said slowly.

Richard struggled to his feet. His face was red and his throat dry. The words came with rasping hoarseness. Then the swing of the rhythm caught him. His voice opened and deepened and he was off on the lines. The silence of the woods was about him, and the sound of the cross-cut saw rose upon it. He swayed to its tune, the words rolling out—rising and falling to a kind of heavy chant. The professor on the platform started a little. He pushed his spectacles high on his forehead and rubbed his great nose. The wrinkles smoothed from his brow and the peace of days settled upon his face. The boy on the back seat nudged his neighbor. "Farmer's getting there," he whispered.

Richard came to a stop, looking up blinking. He had forgotten the class and the professor. He and Tom had been swaying back and forth to the sound of the cross-cut saw, chanting the deep, monotonous sounds. The professor beamed on him. A faint, half-scared cheer went up from the class. The spectacles descended and glared at them. "Time to cheer when you are out of the woods," he said. "Next."

The next youth rose and blundered on. The hour wore away and the class escaped, but bruised and sore. The professor detained Richard by a gesture. "Where did you fit?" he asked brusquely. "At home." "Where?" "In Ashton." "Massachusetts?" "Yes." "There's no school there." "No, sir; I studied by myself and with an old man." "Umph!" The spectacles regarded him. "And did he read Greek the way you do?"

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CHAPTER VII. "Who's the farmer?" whispered the boy on the back seat to his neighbor. It was the examination in Greek. Richard's ears reddened to the tips. He sat two seats away. But the ears accustomed to note the falling of a leaf were keen, and the whisper was loud. He would have it out with the fellow at noon. Now he merely shrugged his shoulders a little and devoted himself anew to his verb. He had chosen it first to conjugate, as being the easiest thing on the paper. But it was unexpectedly difficult. He was confused. Emily's saucy eyes were coming between him and the page, snatching away its meaning. "I have loved you have loved," his pen scratched desperately on. How pretty she had looked that morning. And he had thought he was over it! He shook himself. "I shall love—" He glanced despairingly at the clock. The time was nearly up. It must be the coming

COINS OF ALUMINUM. In a few years coppers will no longer weigh down man's pockets in this country. As it is no more bronze money is now coined, and the shortage is being felt. Aluminum will be substituted, and it is hoped that the new coinage will have been begun by the end of the year.

The metal, or rather an alloy of it, will be used only for penny and half-penny pieces, which will be about the diameter of but both much thicker and lighter than francs and half francs, and thus easily distinguishable from these coins. The recent quarter franc piece in nickel has proved a failure, because it is constantly being taken for a franc, as

tourists here know to their cost. Besides lightness, cleanliness is another advantage of aluminum, which does not oxidize in air.—Paris correspondence London Telegraph.

Value of Tears. Certain bacteriologists have been enlightening the public as to the value of tears. A good cry, they say, that washes the face with tears is an excellent antiseptic bath. Owing to the large percentage of sodium chloride, or common salt, which they contain they sterilize the delicate mechanism of the eye and render harmless the bacilli which may have found lodgment on the cheeks.

away from home that had upset him. She was not worth a thought. He gathered himself for a fresh start and wrote rapidly. "Farmer's getting rattled," whispered the boy on the back seat. Richard made another mental note and plunged on. "Time." It was the voice of the assistant.

Richard dropped his pen and gathered up his scattered notes, running his eyes hastily over them. They were enough to flunk him. He could see that at a glance. He handed them in with sullen face. "In half an hour the oral examination will be held in this room," announced the assistant in a stereotyped voice.

The boys plunged into the open. Richard sought out the boy of the back seat and salvaged his wounded feelings by hand-to-hand measures. "You've got muscle," he said enviously.

Two upper-classesmen, passing, had stopped for a moment to watch the contest. "He'll have a try for the team," said one. "It's the shoulders that count." "Partly—and muscle."

Richard and the boy shook hands and went back to the classroom. The professor was on the platform. He had mild brown hair and a large nose, surrounded by spectacles. He glared through them at the hapless youth. He had a sensitive ear for Greek accents and the entrance examinations were on it. The assistant had been showing him the written work. It was very poor. His face was prepared for the worst. The oral examination would consist of reading in the original Greek.

The boys subsided beneath his glare and there was ominous silence. "Next," growled the professor. He surveyed Richard—his heavy shoulders and big hands—and groaned inwardly. He resigned himself to his fate.

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GOOD WORK IS LOVED WORK. And therein One Should Find the Contentment That is Chief Part of Life.

If a man doesn't love his work, he had better get something else to do. But the trouble is that such people will hardly love any kind of work. The trouble is in them: They lack intelligence. If they knew enough to know good work, they would soon learn to love it. The manual-training scheme has this in view—to surround the job a man is doing with such intelligence and taste as will make it attractive to him.

The man who is in love with his job gets more contentment out of life than any other," says Brander Matthews; and he gets a great part of his contentment in doing his work right. No man can love his work who shirks. No man can be contented who is dishonest about his work. This is shirking or doing it negligently. So these things always go together—honest work, contentment and love of the job.

NOT HAVING ANY. Bertie—But, my dear, there's no harm in a kiss. Nellie—No. Well, but then, where's the fun?

Safe Place for the Author. "In a small town where the audience calls for the author of the piece to come before the curtain, he always feels better if the curtain has a lot of local advertisements on it," said the manager.

"Why so?" asked his friend. "Why, the people in the audience are not going to throw eggs and take a chance on spilling their own advertisements, are they?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Every Little Bit Helps. The lecturer raised his voice with emphatic confidence. "I venture to assert," he said, "that there isn't a man in this audience who has ever done anything to prevent the destruction of our forests."

A modest-looking man in the back of the hall stood up. "I—er—I've shot woodpeckers," he said.—Everybody's Magazine.

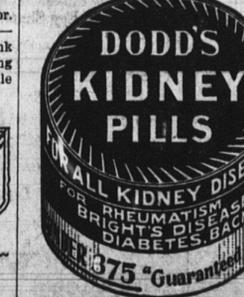
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Precochlor. The little girl was acting naughtily before company. Her mother warned her sharply. "If you do that again, I'll smack you," she said. "No you won't," replied the pert daughter. "I'll sit down on myself and then you can't."

Tabbed and Filed. Mrs. Crawford—You must love your husband very dearly if you save all the letters he sends you while you're in the country. Mrs. Crabshaw—I'm keeping them for comparison, my dear. I'm sure to catch him in a lie.—Judge.

IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND ANYTHING better for rheumatism, backache or stiffness than Perry Davis' Pain-Exorciser. Get the large size, it is the cheapest. At all druggists, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 bottles.

It's one thing to run into debt and another to crawl out.



PILES. "I have suffered with piles for thirty-six years. One year ago last April I began taking Cascarets for constipation. In the course of a week I noticed the piles began to disappear and at the end of six weeks they did not trouble me at all. Cascarets have done wonders for me. I am entirely cured and feel like a new man." George Kryder, Napoleon, O.

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New and Then. He is a capitalist now in an Ohio town, but he was not always thus. He has progressed along various lines, and one mark of his progress is the open-back shirt, a comparatively modern invention. To this he is yet new, and recently commented upon it to a friend who was in his room while he was dressing.

"Look at me," he said, sticking his head through his shirt. "When I came to this town I hadn't a shirt to my back, and now—now, I haven't a back to my shirt."

Detected. The consul in London of a continental kingdom was informed by his government that one of his countrymen, supposed to be living in Great Britain, had been left a million of money. After advertising without result, he applied to the police, and a smart young detective was set to work.

When a few weeks had gone by his chief asked him how he was going on. "I've found the lady, sir." "Good! Where is she?" "At my place. I got married to her yesterday!"

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Woman's Daring Deed. In southern Tunis lies an extensive salt marsh desert called the Shott Jerid, of which the Arabs stand in terror, for many a caravan has been lost in the salt incrustated morass, which, according to De Lesseps is as much as 1,200 feet deep in places. This region has been crossed for the first time in a small automobile by a woman, Myriam Harry, a well-known French novelist.

Financial. Stella—Isn't Mabel going to marry the duke? Bella—No, he rejected the budget.

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