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Everything for the Home.

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Damaged by Fire.

The Lovejoy cottage at Cavanaugh Lake, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Potter, jr., was slightly damaged by fire Tuesday forenoon. The blaze started from hot ashes on the outside of the basement and the damage is placed at about \$25. Members of the household called Eugene Smith and his son George to the house and they soon had what might have been a serious fire under control. Mr. Potter was in Ann Arbor and Verne Fordyce took several from here in the Potter automobile to the home but the fire was subdued when they arrived.

Annual Christmas Meeting.

The Bay View Reading Circle held their annual Christmas meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. W. Schenk on west Middle street. The house was beautifully decorated in a way to suggest the holiday season. At six thirty o'clock a bounteous repast was served to the sixty people present, after which a program, consisting of music, readings and recitations was given. At the close of the program punch was served. After a short social hour the company disbanded after having enjoyed a most delightful evening.

The Entertainment Course.

The third number of the Brotherhood entertainment course was given by Roland A. Nichols in the Sylvan theater Monday evening. The lecture was an exceedingly brilliant one and was full of excellent points, replete with wit and humor and it proved to be both instructive and interesting and the audience was highly pleased with the discourse of Mr. Nichols.

The fourth number of the course given in the Sylvan theater on January 18 by the Cambridge Players consisting of three young ladies and one gentleman.

Mrs. Alma E. Keenan.

Alma E. Gramer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gramer, was born in Lima, June 26, 1890, and died at the hospital in Detroit, Monday afternoon, December 14, 1914, aged 24 years, 5 months and 20 days.

The deceased was united in marriage with James D. Keenan, December 23, 1913. Her husband died Saturday, December 5, 1914, and his death was a great shock to her.

She is survived by her father, mother, brother and a number of other relatives.

The remains were brought here Wednesday morning and taken to Oak Grove cemetery where a short service was conducted by Rev. A. A. Schoen.

Special Christmas Services.

The Feast of the Nativity of Christ, or Christmas, will be celebrated with great solemnity in the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on Friday, December 25, 1914. The altars, sanctuary and church will be beautifully decorated. A priest from Assumption college, Sandwich, will assist Rev. Father Considine. The grand high mass will be celebrated at 8 a. m. with the Sanctuary Society present in their mother and sisters of the church. The beautiful robes of the first time mass will be sung for the first time by the splendid St. Cecilia's choir. Low mass will follow at 8 a. m. At 10 a. m. the last high mass will be celebrated, followed by solemn benediction at which function, Rt. Rev. Monsignor DeBever, of Dexter, will officiate.

A fine orchestra, recently organized under the leadership of Sister Gonzaga, will add greatly to the musical programs of the mass.

A handsome crib of Bethlehem recently procured from the famous Dapratto Statuary Company, of Chicago, will be erected in front of St. Joseph's altar. The church will be brilliantly illuminated and with the recent improvements will look very attractive. The ushers of the church will be present to show courtesies to all our citizens, who are cordially invited to all services.

Fruit Growers to Meet.

Next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a meeting of the Washtenaw Horticultural Society in the Ann Arbor city hall.

Each member of the society will get as many of his friends as he possibly can to attend the meeting, and one of the biggest crowds that has ever attended one of these meetings is expected to be in attendance.

A good program has been arranged and the meeting will be educational as well as entertaining. Prof. F. Roth will talk on "The Value of the Wood Lot." "A Cold Storage Plant for Ann Arbor" will be the subject of an address by C. C. Freeman, and Prof. J. B. Steere will talk on "The Origin of the Honey Bee."

At this meeting the project of getting the authorities at the Michigan Agricultural College to provide an extension school for Ann Arbor about March 1 will be discussed. The idea is to have a number of men from the agricultural college, who are experts along the different lines, give talks to the men who are interested in the horticultural work. The lectures would run for five or six days.

Colds Are Often Most Serious—Stop Possible Complications.

The disregard of a cold has often brought many a regret. The fact of sneezing, coughing, or a fever should be warning enough that your system needs immediate attention. Certainly loss of sleep is most serious. It is a warning given by nature. It is man's duty to himself to assist by doing his part. Dr. King's New Discovery is based on a scientific analysis of colds. 50c. at your druggist. Buy a bottle today. Adv.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Happenings in Chelsea Forty Years Ago This Week.

The marriage of Miss Mattie F. Freer and Mr. Mark A. Lowry, both of Lima, took place at the home of the brides' parents, December 16, 1874, Rev. J. L. Whitcomb officiating.

Sneak thieves on Sunday evening, while the Baptist congregation of this place were assembled in the church, entered the hall of the church and stole a beaver hat, a overcoat and a pair of gloves.

The barns on the farm of Geo. Williams, of Lima, were totally destroyed by fire Monday night, December 14, 1874. It was supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Loss \$6,000 covered by insurance.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at Methodist parsonage, at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 19. The following program will be rendered: The True Christmas Spirit, Mrs. Carrie Prudden Christmas song, Miss Grace Walz Christian citizenship, Rev. G. Whitney

Their Efforts Were Appreciated.

The musical organization of the North Sylvan Grange, who supplied a portion of the musical numbers at the State Grange meeting in Battle Creek last week, made a great hit with the state organization and their efforts were highly appreciated. A poultry and fruit show was held in Battle Creek at the same time and several from here attended the exhibits, among them being Geo. T. English. One of the poultry exhibitors was Archie Merchant, who was awarded the first prize on his Rhode Island Reds. Mr. Merchant was a former resident of Chelsea and he secured his first setting of Rhode Island Red eggs from Mr. English.

An Impressive Ceremony.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, there was a large attendance Sunday night at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart to witness the impressive ceremony of the blessing of the Pieta and St. Rita's shrine. Rev. Father Cullenin, of Jackson, recited the Rosary and Litany, Rev. Father Marker, of Dearborn, pronounced an eloquent and instructive sermon, and Rt. Rev. Monsignor DeBever, of Dexter, blessed the altar and statues, and officiated at Benediction assisted by Rev. Fathers Considine and Marker.

At the close Father DeBever made a touching and eloquent address, congratulating the congregation on the beautiful memorial gifts. The Monsignor was well acquainted with the mother and sisters of the pastor and his kindly references were greatly appreciated. The church looked very beautiful. The grand hymn of thanksgiving, "Holy God" was sung by the entire congregation, bringing to a close the impressive solemnity. Excellent music was rendered by the members of St. Cecilia's choir.

The Knocker's Prayer.

Lord, please don't let this town grow. I've been here for forty years, and during that time I've fought every public improvement. I've knocked everything and everybody, no firm or individual has established a business here without my doing all I could to put them out of business. I've lied about them, and would have stolen from them if I had courage. I have done all I could to keep the town from growing and to have the public schools killed and never have spoken a good word for either of them. I've knocked hard and often. I've put ashes on the children's slide and I've made the marshal stop the boys playing ball on my vacant lot. Whenever I saw any one prospering or enjoying themselves I've started a reform to kill the business or spoil the fun. I don't want the young folks to stay in this town and I will do all I can by law, rule and ordinance to drive them away. It pains me, O Lord, to see that in spite of my knocking it is beginning to grow. Some day I fear I will be called upon to put down sidewalks in front of my property and who knows but what I may have to help keep up the streets that run by my premises? This, Lord, would be more than I could bear. It would cost me money, though all I have was made right here in this town. Then, too, more people might come if the town begins to grow, which would cause me to lose some of my pull. I ask therefore, to keep this town at a standstill, that I may continue to be the chief. Amen.

Society Officers.

At the regular meeting of R. P. Carpenter Post, No. 41, G. A. R., held in their hall Wednesday afternoon of last week the following officers were chosen for the coming year:

Commander—John F. Waltrous.
S. V. Commander—A. N. Morton.
J. V. Commander—John G. Schmidt.
Adjutant—C. E. Bowen.
Quartermaster—Theo. E. Wood.
Surgeon—Arthur W. Chapman.
O. D.—E. L. Negus.
O. G.—Luke Kelly.
S. M.—Wm. Salisbury.
Q. M. S.—Geo. W. Richards.
Patriotic Instructor—Rush Green.
Delegate to State Encampment—John Strahle. Alternate—John G. Schmidt.

At the annual election of officers of St. Joseph's Sodality of the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, held Sunday, December 13, 1914, the following were chosen for the year 1915: Prefect—Herman Weber.
First Assistant—Henry Merkel.
Second Assistant—Leonard Wheeler.
Secretary—Louis A. Burg.
Assistant Secretary—Clarence Rafferty.
Treasurer—Franklin Gieske.
Marshals—Aloysius Merkel, Louis Eder.
Consultors—J. W. Cassidy, James Helm, M. P. Schwickera, John Steele, John R. Sullivan, Sylvester Weber.

The W. R. C. at their annual meeting Friday afternoon re-elected the officers of last year as follows: President—Mrs. Mary Boyd.
S. V.—Mrs. Mary V. Vaynne.
J. V.—Mrs. Victoria Cook.
Treasurer—Miss Nina B. Crowell.
Chaplain—Mrs. Elizabeth Walz.
Conductress—Mrs. Emily Clark.
Guard—Mrs. Lillian Wood.
Delegate—Mrs. Kittle Wurster. Alternate—Mrs. Martha Shaver.

The Epworth League at their meeting last Sunday evening the following officers were elected: President—E. F. Steiner.
First Vice President—Miss Esther Riemenschneider.
Second Vice President—Miss Mildred Daniels.
Third Vice President—Mrs. Roy Ives.
Fourth Vice President—Miss Minola Kalmbach.
Secretary—Miss Grace Walz.
Treasurer—Wilber Riemenschneider.

At the meeting of the K. of P. Wednesday evening the following officers were elected for the coming year: C. C.—R. D. Walker.
V. C.—Geo. W. Millspaugh.
P.—T. G. Speer.
M. W.—T. W. Watkins.
K. of R. and S.—Wm. Bacon.
M. of F.—Edward Chandler.
M. of E.—J. N. Dancer.
M. of V.—J. E. Ward.
I. G.—John Prymuth.
O. G.—E. E. Shaver.
Representative to Grand Lodge—R. D. Walker. Alternative—Geo. A. BeGole.
Trustee—Conrad Lehman.
Installing Officer—T. W. Watkins.

Princess Theatre.

For Saturday, Robert Leonard in "The House of the Dead" in two parts. A girl marries a man old enough to be her father. Can there be any love there? Perhaps we have cases where a girl deliberately enters into marriages for considerations other than love, but can't a girl love a man twice her own age? Perhaps you have known a girl who married an oldish man obviously for his wealth, and have criticized her severely in your mind. Yet, did the marriage turn out unhappily?

However, you can't theorize about marriage or sentimentality; one has to live it, and then it's only one's individual problem. If a man past the prime of life does marry a girl much younger, there must come a time when that man becomes conscious of his burden of years, his wrinkles and shallow complexion alongside the vim and freshness of his wife. If another man, nearer his wife's age, is friendly with his wife, the green passion must find a place in his heart. Then, what is the husband to do? Is he to suffer in silence or is he to fight?

In this play, written by Robert Leonard, who also enacts the lead male role, a big, interesting situation is disclosed. Mr. Leonard has brought the problem near home; it is the husband-father's own son who is the victim of his jealousy. For a time the rich man believed his wife loved him for himself, alone. But then, there was his son, and the wife seemed to find much pleasure in his society. Surely it was a trying situation all around, and certainly it is engrossing to observe the development on the screen—and amusing when the final surprise is sprung.

Bess, the Detectors, in Tick, Tick, Tick, a multitude of episodes, productive of past and furious fun. Songs, by Mrs. Mildred Miller, favorite soprano.

"The Trex O'Hearts" every Monday evening. Installation No. 6 next week. Special hand bills giving a complete synopsis of preceding chapters will be distributed Monday to every house in Chelsea. Get yours. It will interest you.

Special shows Christmas and New Year's nights.

Stop That Cough—Now.

When you catch cold, or begin to cough, the first thing to do is to take Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It penetrates the lining of the throat and lungs and fights the germs of the disease, giving quick relief and natural healing. "Our whole family depend on Pine-Tar-Honey for coughs and colds," writes Mr. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ohio. It always helps. See at your druggist. Adv.

Xmas Gifts For Everybody

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For Men, Women, Children

New goods just in, bought at the last possible moment with WAR SCARE prices which prevail in August and September badly cut. We refused to buy at the prices asked then feeling sure that a reduction in price and an abundance of goods could be obtained later. The expected has happened and today and for the past two weeks every jobbing house in America is after business with reduced prices.

Come and See

Marked in plain figures our prices

ON NEW BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.
DOLLS, TOYS AND GAMES.
Christmas Tree Ornaments and Candles.
Poinsetta Wreaths and Paper Novelties.
Parker Fountain Pens, Pocket Knives, Kodak Safety Razors, Scissor Sets, Leather Bill Folds, Pocket Books, Ladies' Leather Hand Bags, Manicure Sets.
ON White Ivory Brushes, Combs and Mirrors.
White Ivory Toilet Sets.
White Ivory Clocks, Trays and Frames.
White Ivory Clothes Brushes, etc.
ON Home made Hand Painted China.
Factory made Hand Painted China.
Japanese and German China.
Dinner ware, Blue and White.
Enamel ware and Aluminum ware.
ON Fine Stationary, Christmas Boxes, Tags and Seals, Fancy Baskets, 5 and 10 cent novelties.

Candies, Fruits and Nuts

At Lowest Prices

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Jones Got "Stuck"

He paid Smith some money on account, and forgot to take a receipt for it. Smith demanded payment a second time, and Jones—"got stuck."

Jones won't get caught that way again, for he has opened a checking account with this bank, and is now paying all his bills by check.

There is no telling when you may be called upon to pay some bill a second time. Why not follow Jones' example? Every paid check is an absolute receipt.

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For Christmas—Candy, Nuts, Oranges, Grape Fruit, Etc., Etc.

For Eggs—Feed the Chickens Oyster Shells and Panacea.

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PROPOSED LAW TO HAVE OPPOSITION

BUSINESS MEN OF UPPER PENINSULA WILL OPPOSE TONNAGE TAX.

CHASE OSBORN IS SPEAKER

Campaign of Education is Inaugurated to Counteract the Propaganda for Law at Next Session of Legislature.

Marquette—The Michigan Equal Tax association was organized here Tuesday at a meeting of 75 representative business men of the upper peninsula. All classes were represented except mining men, and the theme of the meeting was the threat the tonnage tax carries for general property owners in the mining counties.

Thomas Conlin, of Crystal Falls, was elected president of the association, and an executive committee was named to make plans for a campaign of education to counteract the propaganda for the tonnage tax.

Among the speakers at the session was Chase S. Osborn, of the Soo, who spoke strongly in favor of the movement, saying that he was never more firmly convinced than at this time of the basic unsoundness of the proposed law. The former governor was received with much cordiality.

SHERIFF RETURNS WITH SON

Kentucky Lad Taken By Father To Face Trial For Murder.

Lansing—Sheriff J. S. Eggers, of Greenup, Ky., left here Monday night for his home, having in custody his 17-year-old son, Ernest, who is wanted for murder in his home city. The boy had been living in Antrim county. The son waived extradition.

Young Eggers is wanted in Greenup for an alleged part he played during a fight in which a young lad was killed. A brother of Ernest was engaged in a fight with the town bully, according to the father's story. Ernest came up during the trouble fired a shot at the bully, which passed through his body, striking a boy by-stander, killing him instantly. The brother was tried and acquitted and Ernest, after the crime, fled to Antrim county.

Would Buy More Land

Jackson—Warden Nathan F. Simpson in his report recommends the purchase of several farms aggregating 1,507 acres for \$82,220, for use by the Michigan state prison. The prison authorities have obtained options on these farms.

According to an appraisal made by the state tax commission, the value of the property is \$48,760. "If the lands are not worth the prices asked it is up to the legislature to turn down the appropriation," said Warden Simpson regarding the matter. "The options are one-sided, as the owners are obliged to sell and the state is not compelled to buy."

"J. Hop" Is Reinstated.

Ann Arbor—The senate of the university Monday night voted to reinstate the "J" hop, after carefully arranging for a function that would not conflict with the faculty's ideas. Under the new regulations the ball is to be given by the fraternities; instead of by the fraternities; is to be managed by a committee elected by the junior classes at their regular meetings; and is to be thoroughly democratic. Spectators are barred from the balcony and dancers are to be under the control of a committee which will be held directly responsible for the conduct of the ball. Elaborate fraternity house parties are also put under the ban.

Must Refund \$70,000 To Shippers

Lansing—The decision of the United States supreme court Monday, which held against the Detroit & Mackinac Railway Co. in its attempt to have set aside an order of the Michigan railroad commission compelling the road to inaugurate new rates on lumber and logs, will mean that approximately \$70,000 will have to be paid back to shippers by the railroad, according to information here.

This is due to the fact that the railroad company failed to place into effect the rates as ordered by the commission, being inclined to fight the matter through the courts, which they did, and lost at every turn.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

Suit was started in the circuit court at Port Huron by Ida Chubb against the Detroit United Railway for \$10,000 damages for injuries which the plaintiff alleges she sustained while boarding a Third Avenue car in Detroit on November 8, 1913.

Sixteen sticks of dynamite, their fuses burned within an inch of the explosive, were found under the house of Jacob Stodolak, a farmer living a mile east of Standish. The sheriff is investigating. Stodolak denies knowledge of any enemies.

Governor Ferris has appointed Judge Guy M. Chester, circuit judge of Hillsdale county, to hold court in the thirty-ninth judicial circuit until a successor can be appointed to succeed Judge John J. O'Malley, deceased. The bar association of Lenawee county made the request.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

M. A. C. students are furnished meals at a daily cost of \$7 1-2 cents, college clubs report.

Miss Zelle Emerson, noted militant suffragette, has returned to her home in Jackson from London, England.

Store building occupied by John Mus's grocery store, Alex. Gillespie's shoe store and the postoffice were destroyed Friday night at Hanover with a loss of \$20,000.

After a contest over the legality of the petition presented to the board of supervisors of Sanilac county by the "wet" forces, the board has decided to submit the local option question at the spring election.

The first of the county organizations in Michigan to promote improved conditions for growing and marketing beans, was launched at Saginaw Tuesday under the name of the Saginaw County Bean Growers' association.

Harvey Snow, aged 21, was drowned by his brother Herbert, and Wallace Meyers and Joseph Grimes, all of the Canadian Soo, had narrow escapes when they broke through the ice in Echo bay Saturday morning. The men were on a hunting trip.

The ancient receivership of the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Detroit railroad Co. has been terminated by Judge E. R. Gilday at Monroe by the discharge of the receivers, Willis Baldwin, of Monroe, and Maj. I. H. Burgeon, of Fremont, O. Litigation began seven years ago.

Following an explosion from an unknown cause, the plant of the Alpena Gas Co. was damaged \$10,000 Monday night. It was partially insured. Part of the machinery was saved. The manufacture of gas was suspended only two hours and the plant was in operation Monday with the sky for a roof.

M. R. Cook, an aged farmer, living in a log hut one mile from Mullet lake near Cheboygan was burned to death Monday. Cook, who was nearly blind, was sitting by the fire when his wife went to milk. She soon discovered the shanty in a blaze, but was unable to reach her aged husband. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Two men were seriously injured in a fire that destroyed late Monday night the main business block in the village of Briton. J. L. Ekeby was rendered unconscious when he was struck by a falling beam. Cass Zeeluff was badly bruised by falling bricks. The fire destroyed three stores.

Mrs. T. E. Dorr, of Saginaw, has received a telegram from her son-in-law, Victor von Borosini, that he is a prisoner of war at Southampton, Eng. He spent much of his time in Saginaw, but at the outbreak of war offered his services to the German army and for some time has been unheard of.

Joseph Kosecki, on trial at Bay City on the charge of slaying his wife, was convicted in the second degree Saturday afternoon, the jury being out one hour and a half. Kosecki was placed on trial exactly a month after the crime was committed. Emotional insanity was the chief reliance of the defense, which also brought in "unwritten law" features.

The last building of any size on the village of Marion's main street was destroyed late Monday night when the three story frame dwelling owned by Ben Sharp was burned to the ground, the loss exceeding \$2,000. Early Monday morning the Wagner store building was seriously damaged by fire three weeks ago a block of eight stores on the main street was burned.

John C. Davies, a municipal ownership advocate of Saginaw, has started a petition to have the council provide a special election Feb. 23 to vote on a bond issue of \$750,000 for an electric lighting plant and distribution system. He wants 2,100 signatures or over 25 per cent of the last vote. Under the new charter, providing for a referendum, it will be mandatory for the council to call an election.

Two hundred men were thrown out of work and the engine house and the tipple of the Shiawassee coal mine in Jamestown, Saginaw county, was damaged \$10,000 by a fire of unknown origin. William Golden, engineer, and Earl Bussinger, fireman, discovered the fire and worked in the boiler room keeping the pumps going. Bussinger was overcome by smoke and fire and was carried out in a serious condition. The mine will be reopened in two months.

The fifth biennial report of the state highway department has been filed by Highway Commissioner Rogers with Gov. Ferris. It tells of the growth and accomplishments of the department in its decade of existence and points out its future needs. Since 1901 the townships of the state have spent \$40,135,897 for roads. The counties have spent \$7,854,997 and the state \$1,950,000 since 1905. The three branches have spent a total of \$49,940,895 in the past 13 years. This does not include the sum used in 1914.

After being ill but a few days with typhoid pneumonia, Joseph Adams, who originated "Carnation day" in honor of the memory of President William McKinley, is dead at his home in Kalamazoo. Mr. Adams served as city treasurer for two years.

Judge O'Brien, Saturday morning, at Houghton, sentenced the three men convicted of second degree murder as a result of a robbery in a roadhouse, Aug. 1. Dominick Loezka was given 15 years, and Giuseppe Ombrelli and Nick Jodl seven years each.

SERVIANS RETAKE CITY OF BELGRADE

Reports Indicate That Austrians Have Suffered a Severe Defeat.

VIENNA ADMITS FALLING BACK

Action of Turkish Soldiers in Invading Italian Consulate Causes Anxiety Last Latter Country Be Drawn Into the War—Nothing Definite From Either of the Main Seats of War.

London, Dec. 15.—The Servians after a fierce battle have reoccupied Belgrade, according to a Nish dispatch to Reuters Telegram company.

This news of failure of the second Austrian invasion of Serbia is the most striking development of recent progress in the war.

The Servian announcement of the reoccupation of the capital is given further weight by the official statement of the Austrian army staff in Vienna. The statement admitted a general retirement of the Austrian forces in Serbia. It is believed here that the Austrian admission of a defeat was made in preparation for a later announcement of the evacuation of Belgrade by the Austrian forces.

The failure to hold Belgrade is regarded by military experts here as a final collapse of the Austrian effort to gain a permanent foothold in Serbia.

Defeat Admitted by Austria. Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Vienna says the Austrians admit defeat at the hands of the Servians in an official communication issued today. This communication follows:

"Our offensive movement, directed in a southeasterly direction from the River Drina encountered southeast of Valjevo a greatly superior force of the enemy. Our advance had not merely to be stopped, but we were compelled also to make more extended retirements of our troops, which for many weeks have fought obstinately and brilliantly, but with many losses.

"Against this we may place the occupation of Belgrade. A new decision and measures consequently will be taken, which will serve to repel the enemy.

"This rearrangement of our forces has been represented as a decided Servian success. Servian reports of our losses are immeasurably exaggerated."

French Report of Serb Victory. Paris, Dec. 15.—The French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon says of the Servian campaign:

"During the days of December 10, 11 and 12 the Austrians continued to retire along the entire front. During their retreat the Austrians abandoned many trophies of war. From the time the Servians resumed the offensive, up to December 11 inclusive, the number of prisoners made by the Servians reaches 28,000. The Servians captured 74 cannons and 44 machine guns.

"After two days of fighting Montenegrin forces have captured Vlnograd and driven the Austrians back to the other side of the River Drina."

MAY BRING ITALY INTO WAR

Turkish Invasion of Italian Consulate Met With Demands for Immediate Reparation.

Rome, Dec. 14.—Baron Sonnino, minister of foreign affairs, has demanded immediate reparation by Turkey for the incident at Hodeida, a seaport town in Arabia on the Red sea, where Turks invaded the Italian consulate and dragged out the British consul general who had taken refuge there.

To back up its demand the government has dispatched the armored cruiser Marco Polo to Hodeida.

Minister Sonnino told the chamber of deputies that the incident occurred on November 11, but only became known on November 29 at Massawa, from where the Italian coast guard vessel Giuliana was sent to Hodeida. A full report of the incident was received by the foreign office by wireless on December 3, since which time communications have been interrupted.

England Joins in Demand.

The foreign office, on receipt of the report, immediately informed England, Baron Sonnino said, and simultaneously demanded explanations from Turkey. Hodeida, however, is completely isolated, and communication between it and Constantinople is cut off. Nothing is known of the incident therefore at Constantinople.

ALLIED TROOPS IN ADVANCE?

French Report Successes—Berlin Says Enemy Was Repulsed at All Points.

London, Dec. 15.—The steady advance of the allied troops in Belgium continues. A French contingent co-operating with the British have pushed the Germans back along the Ypres canal and to the west of Hollebeke.

The Kaiser's forces are putting up a stubborn defense, however, making several counter-attacks, which have been repulsed.

From this point to Alsace there is comparative quiet. In the Meuse German batteries are said to be moving

to the north. In the Woerwa district the French captured a trench and repulsed two counter-attacks.

The advance of the French line into Alsace has brought it to a point north of Altkirch, and about ten miles to the east of the frontier.

French Repulsed, Berlin Says. Berlin, by wireless to London, Dec. 15.—An official communication issued today by the German army headquarters says: "Light attacks by the French on parts of our positions between the River Meuse and the Vosges mountains were easily repulsed. Otherwise there is nothing of importance to report from the western theater of the war."

LITTLE CHANGE IN POLAND

Operations Continue, but Neither Army Has Recently Achieved a Victory of Importance.

London, Dec. 15.—The main issue in the eastern theater of war—whether the German and Austrian armies, by the German operations in northern and central Poland and the Austrian advance across the Carpathians, will shake the Russian grip from the Przemyel and Cracow fortresses—remains unchanged.

The Austrians announced the important point of Duka, to the north of the Carpathians, on a line south of Przemyel and Cracow.

The Germans claim a distinct gain in their position in northern Poland, although they are not believed to be as near Warsaw as the report last week indicated. On the other hand, the Russians announced a strategic realignment of their forces in that field which strengthens their position.

German and Austrian Reports. Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—Vienna made the following announcement this afternoon, according to a dispatch received here: "The pursuit of the Russians in western Galicia continues. As a result of encounters of a more or less serious nature we have won ground in a northerly direction. Duka is again in our possession. Our columns, advancing through the Carpathians, captured on Saturday 9,000 prisoners and ten machine guns."

Berlin, Dec. 14.—An official communication issued today by the German army headquarters says: "From east and southern Poland there is nothing to report. In northern Poland our operations are taking their normal course."

DARING RAID BY SUBMARINE

British Commander Evades Mines in Dardanelles and Sinks a Turkish Battleship.

London, Dec. 15.—A communication issued by the official bureau today announced that the Turkish battleship Messudieh had been torpedoed by a British submarine.

The statement follows: "Yesterday submarine B 11, in charge of Lieut. Commander Norman B. Holbrook of the royal navy, entered the Dardanelles and in spite of the difficult current dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Messudieh, which was guarding the mine fields.

"Although pursued by gunfire and torpedo boats, the B 11 returned safely after being submerged, on one occasion, for nine hours.

"When last seen the Messudieh was sinking by the stern."

Suffering in Poland.

London, Dec. 14.—Poland is fast becoming another Belgium in point of suffering while the German and Russian armies drive each other back and forth, occupy and reoccupy cities and villages, and inflict on the inhabitants bombardments similar to those suffered in Belgium and northern France.

More than 500 Polish towns have been ruined, according to various accounts from the correspondents. Each army accuses the other of looting and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Lodz was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while one correspondent pictures the fate of Kalisz as a repetition of Louvain, with the slaughter of 400 civilians and the sacking of the city.

Northern Rulers to Meet.

Copenhagen, Dec. 14.—By invitation of King Gustav of Sweden, King Haakon of Norway and King Frederick of Denmark will visit him at Malmö, southern Sweden, next Friday and Saturday. The three kings will be accompanied by their ministers of foreign affairs and secretaries, and will discuss affairs of common interest which have arisen as a result of the war, and especially measures for helping the economical situation in Scandinavia.

May Operate on Emperor.

London, Dec. 14.—Telegraphing from Berne, Switzerland, a correspondent of the Central News says:

"A telegram received here from Munich states it has been decided to operate on Emperor William's throat, but the operation is being deferred owing to the feverish condition of the emperor."

Dresden at Punta Arenas.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 14.—The minister of marine has been informed that two British warships have entered the Straits of Magellan in pursuit of the German cruiser Dresden, which has taken refuge at Punta Arenas.

It is officially announced that the Dresden is damaged. It will be allowed to make repairs, but will be compelled to sail immediately after completion or it must intern.

LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

SENATOR FOSTER WANTS BILL PASSED FOR STATE OFFICE BUILDING.

\$10,000 NOW PAID FOR RENT

Public Domain Commission Hold Meeting and Arrange to Take Over Affairs of State Land Commission.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—Charles W. Foster of Lansing, the newly-elected state senator from the fourteenth district will father a bill at the next session of the legislature calling for an appropriation for the purpose of constructing a state office building on one of the vacant city blocks owned by the state.

For years the need of a new state building or an addition to the present capitol has been recognized and Senator Foster is determined to make a fight for an appropriation that will relieve conditions. With the creation of new boards and commissions, the capitol building which was big enough to accommodate all the state departments when it was erected in 1872, has been outgrown and at the present time state officers are located in a dozen different office buildings in the city of Lansing.

Senator Foster has gathered statistics showing that the state pays annually the sum of \$10,000 for office rent in the city of Lansing. The state tax commission is located in the City National Bank building. The Oakland building provides quarters for the railroad commission and the state game warden's department. The industrial accident board and a part of the insurance department is located in the Tussing building. The board of health and live stock sanitary commission have offices in the Prudden building and several of the justices of the supreme court have offices in the Capitol National Bank building.

The old building at the corner of Washington avenue and Allegan street, in the very heart of the business district, quarters the laboratory of the state board of health, state highway department, geological survey, dairy and food commission, labor commission and state military department.

If the legislature should decide to erect a new state building on one of the vacant lots the property which the state owns at the corner of Washington avenue and Allegan street could be sold for a considerable sum.

Final arrangements for turning the state land department over to the public domain commission were completed at a meeting of the public domain commission Thursday afternoon. After December 31 the state land commission will pass out of existence and hereafter all the work will be done by the public domain commission.

State Land Commissioner A. C. Carlton will continue as secretary of the public domain commission. Deputy Land Commissioner Edwin R. Havens will be assistant secretary of the public domain commission and Glen R. Munshaw will continue as supervisor of trespass and deputy immigration commissioner.

Secretary of State Frederick C. Martindale attended his last meeting as a member of the public domain commission. Coleman C. Vaughan succeeds Martindale as secretary of state January 1 and the St. Johns man will occupy Martindale's position as a member of the public domain commission. For many years Mr. Vaughan has been personally interested in the timber business and is considerably interested in the reforestation work of the public domain commission.

Gov. Ferris created somewhat of a surprise here Saturday when he gave out the information that he would reappoint Cassius L. Glasgow of Nashville, a member of the state railroad commission.

That Mr. Glasgow's appointment was assured was known here several days ago, but the governor's action was not expected so soon. The term of Mr. Glasgow's appointment depends largely on whether the legislature this coming session passes a public utilities bill or not.

In the event it does the public utilities commission will undoubtedly be composed of five members and in all likelihood the governor would reappoint the three present members of the commission, Chairman Lawton T. Hemans and Commissioners Glasgow and Cunningham.

In the event the public utilities bill does not become a law, Glasgow's appointment is good for six years at an annual salary of \$3,000. The proposed public utilities bill will provide, however, for a larger salary.

Mr. Glasgow was first appointed a member of the railroad commission Sept. 28, 1907, and has served ever since. The law provides that not more than two commissioners of the same political party shall serve at any one time and inasmuch as Members Hemans and Cunningham are both democrats, it was up to the governor to name a member from some

other party. The work of Mr. Glasgow has been satisfactory to the governor, he stated, and while there were many other applicants he said that for the good of the board there should be no change at present.

Mr. Glasgow did not put in an application for the job, but hundreds of endorsements were sent in to the governor by his friends.

Thomas Lawrence, Negro, convicted of highway robbery in 1907 and sentenced to Marquette from Detroit for life Saturday had his sentence commuted and a parole issued, all at one time by the governor. He will be paroled from the upper peninsula as soon as the papers reach there.

The Lawrence case dragged along through the Osborn and Ferris administration. The question of identity at the trial and the ownership of a cap, coupled with an alleged confession from another colored man, Robert Cole, sent to Marquette for 15 years, raised a question of doubt which the governor has finally thrown Lawrence's way.

He has been interceded for by representatives of the Michigan Federation of Labor and by nearly all who had a hand in his trial. Judge Phelan, before whom he was tried, has always insisted the man got a fair trial and the judge seemed to be convinced of his guilt.

Lawrence's sentence has been commuted to 15 years and a parole issued at once. He was sentenced January 11, 1908.

Deputy State Treasurer Frank German has to sign his name to every state check and each check has to be countersigned by Hoyt Woodman, cashier in the office of the state treasurer.

As a general rule these two men sign their names to approximately 65,000 checks issued by the state which total during the course of a year about \$16,000,000. However, they will sign approximately 90,000 state checks this year, as the refunding of the automobile fees as the result of the new law being declared unconstitutional. Nearly 15,000 licenses were issued under the law providing for a tax per horsepower before the statute was declared unconstitutional and all money in excess of \$3 had to be returned. As a result Deputy German and Cashier Hoyt had to sign their name 15,000 times more than in the course of an ordinary year's business.

Always a strong peace advocate, Governor Ferris is unalterably opposed to any law which would provide compulsory military training in the public schools of this state and if such a bill should pass at the coming session of the legislature, it will not receive the approval of the chief executive.

"I am opposed to military training, and the military features of the boy scout organizations does not appeal to me," said Governor Ferris today. "When you place a gun in the hands of a boy you arouse his belligerent instincts and instantly he wants to become a fighting man."

"In case the country should be in danger we could raise an army for adequate defense and it could be prepared in a remarkably short time. I am not in favor of abolishing the national guard or the standing army, but there is no reason why all our boys and young men should be taught to tote a gun."

It is extremely doubtful whether the next legislature will approve a new compilation of the state statutes at the coming session. At the session two years ago, two commissioners were appointed, one to revise the laws and the other to annotate and compile.

Before the commission of which Edmund C. Shields is chairman can complete its compilation, it will first be necessary for the next legislature to take action on the revision of the statutes. The latter commission has submitted its report to Governor Ferris and its adoption will necessitate the changing of about 5,000 sections of the present compilation. In all probability the compilation will be complete after the coming session has completed its work and will be presented for ratification at the assembly in 1917.

Members of the state board of health favor an appropriation for the purpose of establishing a branch laboratory in the upper peninsula and the next legislature will be asked to provide an appropriation so that this plan may be carried into effect. It is claimed that many upper peninsula physicians send diphtheria swabs to Madison, Wis., for examination as a more quickly from Madison than from Lansing. Secretary Burkart of the state board of health is heartily in favor of this plan, but it will require an additional appropriation. At a meeting here Friday afternoon the state board of health declared in favor of a bill licensing chiropractors and it is expected that this measure will cover the body of the legislature.

At the request of Secretary of State Martindale, Mrs. James H. Campbell of Grand Rapids has been appointed to take the copy of the constitution of Michigan adopted in 1835 to the congressional library where an attempt will be made to preserve it. It will be treated by some methods known to the library people and will be returned to Michigan and deposited in the fire proof vault.

BARTON'S EXPERIMENT

By FRANK FILSON.

(Copyright, 1914, by W. G. Chapman.) John Barton had fallen in love with Lucy Dean after the first glimpse of his deadly purpose had sowed themselves in his mind. Once there, they had taken root and flourished, so that not even the new interest in his life could prevent their development.

The idea possessed him, body and soul. Since boyhood the temptation had come to him at idle moments when he was vaguely dissatisfied with life. But he had always fought it down and conquered with sheer will power.

He knew, however, that the law could never touch him. He knew that he could carry out this design with impunity, holding the harrowing knowledge of it in his own soul until the day of discovery.

Love comes unexpectedly enough, and Barton's soul was torn in twain after Lucy had promised to be his wife. Yet, fight as he might, he could not withstand the prompting of that impulse within. He had given rein to it too long.

He had a month's vacation every summer. That would be ample time in which to set his purpose, though his plan would not come to full fruition for two or three months longer. However, it was only necessary to start, and, automatically, the train that he had fired would smolder until, without intervention upon his part, the ripe fruits of his enterprise became manifest.

Barton had rented a little furnished cottage in a remote region of the Adirondacks, where his only neighbors were a few woodmen. He made some miserable excuse to Lucy to cover his absence for so long a period, and disappeared from the haunts of his friends. And, the evening after his departure from the Grand Central station found him in the little cottage, alone, staring out moodily across the lake.

The clay-colored chemical which was so essential a feature of his design stood on the little bare table in the room which he had selected for his operations. He had the formula calculated to a nicety. All that was necessary was time for the chemical combinations to become permanent and to produce their rich crop of results. The experiment had been performed many times since man emerged from barbarism, but less and less often as he became enlightened, and of recent years so seldom that its very infrequency was John Barton's greatest asset of safety.

It was on the fifth morning after his arrival that he received a letter from Lucy.

"My dearest John," she wrote, "I am becoming very uneasy about your going up to that out-of-the-way place in the Adirondacks, where you are all by yourself. Mother wants you to come back at once and spend the rest of the month with us at Atlantic Beach. I am greatly concerned about you, dear, and unless you write me that you are coming on the next train, I shall begin to think you do not love me."

The sight of Lucy's delicate handwriting brought back to him with a rush all the memory of their love. How fond they had been of each other! How the knowledge that she loved him had temporarily driven the thought of his purpose out of his mind. And how miserably he had striven to avoid that insistent temptation that came knocking at his heart!

But the experiment was under way, and, more, it was succeeding. There was no doubt of that. Science was infallible, and her laws absolute. And he had used only a tenth part of the clay-colored chemical, with its faint, aromatic smell, so subtle an agent in his great task, and yet apparently so innocuous.

John answered Lucy's letter, excusing himself on the ground that he needed perfect rest, and remained in his cottage.

Then the day of decision dawned. There was a letter from Lucy. John could hardly steady his fingers to tear it open.

"My dear John," it began, "since receiving your last letter I have felt very much hurt at your refusal to spend your holiday with us. I hoped that you would write again, and I have waited every day to hear from you. I was too proud to answer you. But now, dear John, I have come to the conclusion that you could not have treated me thus unless something serious were the matter. And so mother and I are coming up to Cranberry Lake to see you. We shall start tomorrow, and the day after you receive this, we shall be at your station. I hope you will meet us there, John, and remove my suspense—and mother's."

And now the die was cast, and the man's struggle between love and the dreadful task to which he had set himself was renewed more acutely than ever. None can know what a mental struggle he endured during the rest of that day. For, if he destroyed the results of his experiment he knew that he could not nerve himself to begin anew.

But the thought of Lucy conquered. As the gray dawn came stealing into his room, after a sleepless night, John emptied the clay-colored fluid out of the window. Then, taking a razor from the bottom of his bag, desperately, wildly

The Gift That Tipped the Scales

By LILLIAN DUCEY

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So long as Callista's money held out she went gaily about her Christmas shopping. When she found that her tiny purse was empty, she stopped buying—wherein she showed greater wisdom than many grown-ups—and with a soul replete with satisfaction she left the store.

"I've got pretty much everything, I guess," she said to herself, hugging her bundles close as she tripped along the country streets. "But I'll know for sure when I get home."

And when she reached home the very first thing she did was to array the gorgeous gifts upon the white spread of her little bed. Christmas was two days away. Therefore it was imperative that she begin that very moment to put them in order. Then like an embodied cyclone she burst into her elder sister's room, intent upon tissue paper and seals and all the other necessities for making beautiful Christmas bundles.

What Callista saw there made her freeze in her tracks, as if the high wind of Destiny, which had borne her thus far, had suddenly become a dead calm. Margaret, her beautiful, lovely Margaret was standing with tightened lips that twitched and quivered. In her hand, which hastily dropped to her side, but not before Callista had seen, was clutched a photograph. And the whispered words on her lips repeated themselves over and over in Callista's mind, while amazement held her dumb. "It grows worse, the ache—worse as the days go by." Not until Callista had interpreted the meaning of those words did she find her voice; then she said blandly:

"I came for—I'm wrapping up my Christmas bundles." Seeing what she wanted lying on Margaret's desk, she went for them.

Meanwhile, a brave control touched the quivering lips of the elder girl. She was indeed fortunate, she thought, that it was only Callista who had discovered her momentary aberration. For that was what it was. How could it be anything else? What girl with any pride would allow herself to—No, she hadn't cried! The man did not live who could make her weep for him.

"You'll return what you don't need, Callista, dear?" she said, sweetly.

"Yes," answered Callista briefly, and went.

And then, just to prove to herself that she had regained her sanity, Margaret Wesley looked again at that picture in her hand—looked, and felt a quick contraction of the throat, a sudden piercing sting upon her eyeballs. And down upon the picture dropped a tear.

Callista, on the other side of the door, was saying to herself:

"She was going to cry. Her eyes were teary. It was Jasper's picture she was trying to hide." And then, childlike, in spite of her sympathy were completely overwhelmed to the demands of Christmas. And why not? After all, Callista's mind was too youthful to be deeply concerned about lover's quarrels and broken engagements and such things. And she had made such marvelous purchases.

Indeed as they lay spread out on the bed it did seem as if only a genius or a little girl could have reached such decisions. There was a really lovely box of handkerchiefs, embellished with the pinkest of pink paper, for mother. That gift had put a tremendous hole in her pocketbook. And a pair of suspenders for daddy. These two presents were the first purchased, and while Callista still held the leash in her fancy. Afterward, let the sad truth be revealed at once (but then Callista was such a little girl, how could she be expected to prove bigger minded and stronger than grownups?), she succumbed to this intoxication of glittering, gleaming, glowing displayed wares.

"For brother Jim—that nice green tie," Callista hummed softly to herself—a tune improvised for the occasion. "For sister Nell—that story book. I hope she reads it all to me. And baby boy can have that rattle. Uncle Fred that nice glass pitcher." She paused and added sotto voce: "I got it in the beautiful Ten Cent store. And he's going to be married, so he can use it." Then the song went on—

"And Auntie Made that box of soap." That was from the Ten Cent store also, but then each cake was done up in shiny red paper, and there were three cakes in a box. "And sister Kate a string of beads." "Once more the song reverted to everyday speech: 'Maybe she'll lend them to me once in a while—cause I gave them to her.'"

"And sister Margaret—" Callista paused again. The one thing that

had not been apportioned was a tiny set of dishes—also from that beautiful Ten Cent store. She looked over the gifts. Some were already wrapped, for all the while she sang her nimble fingers had been busy. But her genius solved the problem.

"Well," she said reflectively, "she can use them for an ornament on her desk maybe, and I'll promise to dust them for her. I like little dishes."

But having cleared that hurdle another presented itself almost immediately. On a flooding onset of memory Callista remembered that she had fully intended when she started out to get something for Jasper—the brother that was to have been, but now wasn't to be, as she explained it to her mind. For in Callista's loyal little heart burned a steady flame of liking for the man who could treat little girls with the consideration he had bestowed upon her.

This was a dilemma. And for the moment Callista actually thought of robbing her real brother Jim of the glorious green tie. Jim, just two years older, was a "pig" to her sometimes. But then she remembered that Jasper never wore any but black ones on account of his red hair, as he had explained to her at one time.

It was indeed a perplexing problem to say the least. For had it been any one but Jasper she might confide in some one—her mother, or even Margaret—and negotiate a loan.

"I guess he'll have to go without," she concluded almost sadly. And curiously a dusk of dreams crept into her blue eyes. "Unless—unless I give him something of my own." But a mental review of her most cherished possessions failed to reveal anything suitable for a big grown-up man. Then even as she gave up the problem her despairing musing awoke to life with a delighted, "Oh!" As she pondered she had been gazing directly at the framed picture of Margaret which stood on her little dresser.

Callista was nothing if not masterful in the manner in which she reached ultimate decisions—and then lived up to them. Less than a minute after she had allotted Jasper that forget-me-not framed face she was also promising him a note. For Callista really had a fellow feeling of understanding for the man—especially about that picture.

"Dear brother Jasper, that was to have been," her letter ran. "I am sending you for a Christmas present the picture of Margaret which you returned when you sent back the other presents she gave you. I know you will like to have it again. I know how you feel. Just most like the day I threw the peanuts at Kitty Marshall's head when she put them in my lap and I was mad at her. Only being a big man and not a little girl you can't do 'xactly what I did. Of course



It Was Imperative That She Begin to Put Them in Order.

I was mad—but I did want the peanuts. So after she was gone and nobody was looking I picked them up again. Nobody'll know you got the picture, 'cause I won't tell. Anyway Margaret's got one of yours she didn't send back. I guess 'cause she ain't such a maddy cat as we. It's our red hair."

"Your faithful and loving, 'CALISTA.'"

"P. S. A merry Christmas. If you want to send me a present send it to Margaret instead. Without being unfaithful to her, I will close by just saying her ache grows worse with the days."

The gift and the letter were done up and duly delivered the next morning. Amid the stress of holding preparations Callista did not experience the necessity of being secretive. She necessity of the Hemingway's door, a walked up to the Hemingway's door, a little girl bursting with the season's joy, and said to Jasper's mother:

"It's—it's my Christmas present to Jasper! No reason—is there?—why I shouldn't give my dear Jasper one?"

And with a shy little laugh she scampered off.

And then the wheels of Fate spun round and round, having been given a very vigorous start by Callista.

Christmas morning dawned clear and white-bounded. The drifting cloud banks had left the heavens during the night and settled with feathery lightness on the earth, had made Callista's world a beautiful amphitheater, snow-muffled to an echo, wherein sleigh bells tinkled merrily and joyous voices rang gleefully. It was an ideal Christmas Day. And perfect it proved to Callista.

Callista was steeped in bliss. But not any more so than if she had received but two or three of the many, many gifts heaped upon her by adoring relatives. And it was not until afternoon that her make of joy began to take on coherency, and she began to link in her mind the gifts to their donors. Then it was that she remembered her sister's former betrothed.

"Did you receive anything from Jasper, Margaret?" she blurted out. Fortunately they were alone, the rest of the family having gone to Aunt Madge's house for a little visit. But since Callista had a cold, Margaret stayed at home with her.

Margaret, who had been staring with dream-haunted eyes into vacancy, started as if some white hot brand



That's Funny."

had touched her. But the next moment, as if remembering that this searing must be endured, she answered sweetly:

"No, dear."

"That's funny," Callista had noted the start and now was taking shy stock of her. "I didn't either. And I thought he'd give one of us a Christmas present."

Margaret added nothing to prolong this conversation, and apparently Callista was too intent upon going her own way in thought to continue it, for silence fell between them.

And it was into this silence that the telephone tore vehemently.

"Let me! Let me!" shouted Callista. And before Margaret could utter a word of protest she had the receiver. Then assuming an important air of grown-upness she attended to the affair in hand.

"Hello! Yes, this is 4237 J. Yes, this is Callista. Oh! Did you like it? Did you? I—yes. I thought you would!"

For a moment she slipped her very proper telephone manner and became the eager little girl. The next she was back again doubly dignified of tone.

"I suppose you didn't give any Christmas presents this year. Margaret says you didn't give her any—I asked her—and you didn't send me anything."

"Callista!" It was Margaret's voice, quivering, questioning. "What?"

Callista was intent on the phone. "Yes," she was saying, "you saw them going to Auntie Madge's. Yes, all but Margaret and me. Yes, of course she'll talk to you—when I get through. Now! You can't wait to hear her voice! I must say Jasper Hemingway (that you're very rude and impolite. I wanted to tell you about all the Christmas presents I got. Yes, I will be mad. I am. But I'll tell her."

Meanwhile a white face waited at Callista's side. From it great tears washed eyes stared incredulously.

"Here—" Callista was oblivious to the insistent tide of human emotion surging about her, as she held the receiver toward Margaret. "He says to tell you he was in the wrong and he's ready to go down on his knees to ask you to forgive him. And he says to emphasize the 'down on your knees.'"

Margaret put out a hand. It was a wild yearning gesture with which she bent to hear that voice. And Callista, going into the next room, noted the sudden light that flew to her face. Incredibly transformed she was from the dream-haunted girl of a few moments ago. And without really understanding how she, a little girl, had made a hot-tempered man ashamed of himself, Callista yet knew that she had tipped the scales of chance.

"I did it," she whispered to herself. "My Christmas present made him glad again."

Hard Times Sure.

Brown—You mustn't feel disappointed this Christmas, Johnnie. These are terrible times we're having.

Little Johnnie—They must be pretty hard, dad, when Santa Claus takes the trouble to drag my old cart out of the lumber-room and give it a new coat of paint.

Cause for Sorrow.

Photographer (taking family group)—Now, then, Mr. Houseful, the expressions are all right but yours. Try to look happy; remember that Christmas is coming.

Mr. Houseful (despondently)—Hang it, man, that's just what I am thinking about.

ONLY A REPORTER

By ALVAN JORDON GARTH.

Ned Bartels was a reporter for the Empire Commercial Agency. By chance or mischance he had fallen in love with a most estimable young lady.

This was Lillie Wayne. Her father was wealthy. That fact did not make her despise Ned, who was poor. He had a chance for her company with half a dozen other social admirers. Ned was aware, however, that her father was not so democratic in his leanings as his sole child and heirless.

One morning the superintendent of the Empire called Ned to his private office. He held a telegram in his hand.

"Bartels," he said, "here is a special by wire. Robert Wayne—know of him?"

"Oh, yes," nodded Ned, somewhat flustered at being thus brought in close business contact with the father of his innamorata—"quite well."

"All right, look him up a little, get an estimate on him and hand in the report so we can telegraph it this afternoon."

Ned departed on his mission. He was an expert in his line. He soon gathered up the antecedents of Mr. Wayne, saw his bank, and according to what he learned felt safe in quoting the subject on a quarter of a million dollar basis and in high credit standing. Then fortified with the essentials for his report he proceeded to the office of Mr. Wayne. It was merely as a matter of form, but it was a rule of the agency that in all cases where possible the reporter should personally interview the party under inquiry.

The extent of Ned's acquaintance with Mr. Wayne was an informal introduction at a reception at his home. Ned naturally felt impressed at the thought of interviewing the father of his adored one. He dressed in his best, he figured out how he would approach Mr. Wayne so as to convey to him an idea of the importance and dignity of the Commercial Agency.

"Be seated, please. Mr. Wayne will be at leisure shortly," the stenographer

will send the details by letter to the

inquiring office. Take the matter up again tomorrow, Bartels, and go through it thoroughly."

Ned was a good deal unnerved by the happenings of the day. He found himself unable to confine his thoughts to business. He was grieving over the shock the failure of her father must bring to Lillie.

At the same time, somehow he took new heart of hope. It appeared to him as if a barrier had been removed—that of wealth. Now she was poor. They were on an equal social footing.

"I'll do it!" he decided forcibly, and he went to see pretty Lillie that same afternoon. He spoke out boldly. He knew from the sweet delight in Lillie's eyes that she returned his love. When he spoke of living on his limited salary, she verified stanchly that it was abundant—too much!

What would Mr. Wayne say when he knew of the engagement, Ned wondered. There was one point of assurance, however. It would come out that he had proposed to Lillie knowing that she was poor as himself. They could not charge him with being after the fortune that no longer existed.

"I'll wait a day and get up my nerve before I tell Mr. Wayne that I am going to marry Lillie," Ned decided, but that afternoon there came a startling telephone message that materially changed his plans.

A slip of paper on his desk announced that "Robert Wayne wished to see the reporter who had written him up the day previous."

"I'm in for it!" cogitated the disturbed Ned. "I suppose I'll be raked fore and aft for anticipating the future. Well, I did my duty anyway, it goes, and I'll have to tell him so."

"Oh, you are the reporter who is responsible for that precious screed regarding the terrible condition of my affairs, are you?" challenged Mr. Wayne, as Ned was ushered into his private office.

Mutely and meekly Ned assented. "Where did you get your information?"

Ned recited the circumstances, frankly and with manliness. To his profound amazement Mr. Wayne burst into a fit of the most uproarious laughter. His frame shook, the tears stood in his eyes.

"I see it all now," he said, at length controlling his risibilities. "Young man, the conversation you overheard through that transom was between my lawyer and a brother of mine in another city, but—nothing could have come about more fortunate for me than your error."

"I do not understand," murmured Ned.

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What would Mr. Wayne say when he knew of the engagement, Ned wondered. There was one point of assurance, however. It would come out that he had proposed to Lillie knowing that she was poor as himself. They could not charge him with being after the fortune that no longer existed.

"I'll wait a day and get up my nerve before I tell Mr. Wayne that I am going to marry Lillie," Ned decided, but that afternoon there came a startling telephone message that materially changed his plans.

A slip of paper on his desk announced that "Robert Wayne wished to see the reporter who had written him up the day previous."

"I'm in for it!" cogitated the disturbed Ned. "I suppose I'll be raked fore and aft for anticipating the future. Well, I did my duty anyway, it goes, and I'll have to tell him so."

"Oh, you are the reporter who is responsible for that precious screed regarding the terrible condition of my affairs, are you?" challenged Mr. Wayne, as Ned was ushered into his private office.

Mutely and meekly Ned assented. "Where did you get your information?"

Ned recited the circumstances, frankly and with manliness. To his profound amazement Mr. Wayne burst into a fit of the most uproarious laughter. His frame shook, the tears stood in his eyes.

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The cow and her owner must be friends. Kindness and sympathy must dominate every step.

Begin the education of the future cow by educating the dam.

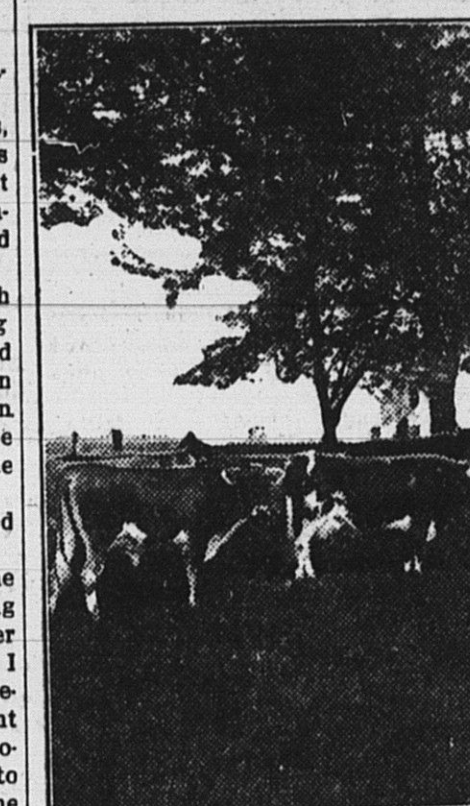
Take the calf in hand at once upon birth and allow no fat to get a foothold and divert the dairy tendencies. Grow with sole reference to future services.

Begin early to handle and train and never play with the calves. Allow no caretaker to have charge unless he is in full sympathy with your purposes and has a large appreciation of the problem.

The channel of nerve force must be untrammelled and the seat of nerve force, the brain, undisturbed and under control, if the largest yield is to be forthcoming.

Dealing with the functions so abnormally developed and yet to be intensified, all conditions possible to affect the production should be taken into account.

The dairyman of today will fall tomorrow unless he feels growing with



Improved Dairy Animals.

in him a spirit of reverence for his dairy cows.

Learning for his support on these material functions and seeking all the while to increase them, he should never forget that it is out of intelligence and unselfishness of his animals that he is being enriched.

So, every instinct of humanity should prompt recognition of the untrifling services of these faithful servants whose only thought is to yield to the utmost in response to friendly invitation.

Increase of product and decrease of cost per pound is inevitable and no man has determined the limit.

He who succeeds along the line of milk-making machinery will be he who knows the machine most thoroughly, believes in it most firmly and respects it most truly.

CAUSE OF RHEUMATIC COWS

Large Majority of Cases Found in Dark, Ill-Smelling Stables—Care for Afflicted Animal.

In nine cases out of ten the rheumatic cow will be found located in a dark, ill-smelling stable. A good floor kept dry, plenty of comfortable bedding, freedom from drafts, yet good ventilation and all the sunlight possible, will keep out rheumatism.

For an afflicted animal get the bowls in good condition and furnish laxative food for some time. Then apply to the stiff joints a liniment made by mixing equal parts of aqua ammonia, tincture of iodine and turpentine in four parts of linseed oil. Mix thoroughly and apply, rubbing the parts briskly. Give plenty of clean, fresh water and exercise in the yard on sunny days.

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Cleanliness and Neatness in Every Department Is First Essential—Work Butter With Wood.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Jacob Hummel was in Ann Arbor Friday.

Miss Nellie Maroney was in Detroit Friday.

Miss Nellie Hall was a Jackson visitor Monday.

Rev. W. P. Considine spent Wednesday in Detroit.

Ray Cook, of Detroit, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Adam Eppler was in Detroit on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Samuel Bohnet was in Battle Creek Saturday and Sunday.

John Eisenman, of Jackson, was a guest of Louis Burg Sunday.

Mrs. Elton Mills, of Leoni, called on Mrs. S. M. B. Fox last Friday.

Floyd VanRiper, of Ann Arbor, was a Chelsea visitor Monday.

G. Burr, of Detroit, was a guest at the home of H. T. Willis Sunday.

John Russell, of Detroit, was the guest of Jacob Hummel Saturday.

Mrs. Steeb, of Selo, spent Saturday with Mrs. Michael Heselschwerdt.

Mrs. Cone Lighthall and Mrs. Roy Evans were Detroit visitors Friday.

Miss Nen Wilkinson and Mrs. J. T. Woods were Jackson visitors Friday.

John P. Miller, of Chicago, is the guest of his mother and sisters here.

Miss Edna Wackenhut, of Jackson, spent the week-end with her father here.

Miss Leona Belser spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Detroit.

Miss Nellie Snook, of Rochester, called on Mrs. S. M. B. Fox last week.

Mrs. Louis Klein was called to Chicago Tuesday by the death of her sister.

Miss Iva Ellis, of Sharon, has been the guest of Miss Lizzie Heselschwerdt.

Mrs. H. W. Schmidt and daughter Marion spent Saturday and Sunday in Detroit.

Miss Elsa Maroney and Ruth Vogel visited relatives in Detroit Friday and Saturday.

Roy Coville, of Ypsilanti, was a guest at the home of Mrs. J. G. Hoover Sunday.

William Rademacher, of Detroit, was the guest of his aunt, Miss Elizabeth Barthel, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long, of Detroit, were guests at the home of Hubert Schwikerath Sunday.

Mrs. James Speer and daughter Hazel were guests of relatives in Detroit several days of last week.

Stewart Osborne, of Petoskey, was the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Noyes, Monday.

Miss Lydia Graham, who has been spending the past few weeks in Jackson, has returned to her home here.

Miss Ida Keusch, of Detroit, was a week-end guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Keusch.

Floyd Ward and son, of Detroit, were guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ward, Sunday.

LaRue Shaver, who has been spending the last two months in California, returned to his home here the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schultz and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fischer, of Ann Arbor, were guests at the home of John Spiegelberg Sunday.

Card of Thanks.

We wish through this means to thank our neighbors, friends and the Lady Maccabees for the floral tributes and many kind acts tendered us during our recent bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK GRAMER, GEORGE GRAMER.

Notice to Lyndon Taxpayers.

The undersigned will be at the Lyndon town hall December 11, and at the Farmers & Merchants bank, Chelsea, December 12, 19 and 20, and January 2, to receive taxes.

HOWARD COLLINGS, Treasurer.

Notice to Hunters.

We, the undersigned freeholders forbid all hunting, trapping or trespassing on our farms.

John Walsh Louis Staph
Fred Arts Wm. Cassidy
J. W. Cassidy Michael Dealy
Mrs. F. P. Glazier Wm. Long
Chas. Haskley Mrs. Myra Everett
C. D. Jenks M. L. Burkhardt

CORRESPONDENCE.

FREEDOM ITEMS.

Miss Olga Klump, of Mt. Pleasant, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Jacob Koengeter.

Lewis Geyer is in Ann Arbor where he is serving as a juror at the December term of the circuit court.

Fred Bertke has returned to his home in Milford, Nebraska, after spending several with his brother, Barney Bertke, and other relatives in this vicinity.

SYLVAN HAPPENINGS.

Harold Glazier and family left the last of the week for Brodablin, N. Y., where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cummings and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Staffan were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Grieb, Sunday.

Elba Gage, who has been quite ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Gage, is reported as recovering as rapidly as can be expected.

NORTH FRANCISCO.

Anna Peterson spent Saturday and Sunday in Jackson.

Mrs. James Richards spent the last of the week in Chelsea.

Several from this vicinity attended the Royal Neighbors in Grass Lake Tuesday.

Paul and Lula Lehmann, of Stockbridge, spent Sunday with H. J. Lehmann and family.

Truman Lehmann left Saturday for Woodland where he will spend some time with relatives.

Letha Alber, of Chelsea, spent the last of the week with her aunt Martha Riemenschneider.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis, of Jackson, returned to their home after spending sometime with H. Phelps and wife.

Mrs. Fred Kalmbach and Clara Riemenschneider gave a shower for Rhona Orbring Friday night at the home of Philip Riemenschneider.

FRANCISCO VILLAGE.

Walter Kalmbach, of Detroit, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bohne and Mr. and Mrs. John Lehman were Jackson visitors Saturday.

The dancing party given at Frey's hall by the young people of the neighborhood last Friday evening was a very pleasant affair, everyone having a thoroughly good time.

It is reported that J. H. Walz of Ann Arbor has sold his farm just west of the village to Wm. Tisch, and that Mrs. Louise Sager has sold her home here in the village to John Tisch of Sharon.

The Francisco Arbor of Gleaners has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Chief, Irwin Kalmbach; vice chief, Fred Mensing; secretary and treasurer, Eric Notten; chaplain, Mrs. Ora Lammers; lecturer, Mrs. Nettie Somerville; conductor, Louis Walz; conductress, Miss Mary Lammers; guards, Stuart Daft and Herman L. Hayes; field foreman, O. D. Somerville. The Arbor will give an oyster supper and dance Friday evening, December 18, to which all are invited.

SHARON NEWS.

Miss Mayme and Florence Reno were in Jackson Sunday.

Mrs. R. A. Cooke has been on the sick list but she is slowly recovering.

Born, Monday, December 14, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Goldsmith, a son.

John Breustle, of Manchester, is visiting his son John Breustle, Jr., and family.

James E. Cavanaugh has sold to John W. Esch and wife a parcel of land on section 20 for \$600.

Samuel Heselschwerdt is in Jackson where he is taking treatment. Mrs. Heselschwerdt accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Breitenwischer and children spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. H. J. Reno.

Fred Lehman and son Homer went to Saline Saturday where they visited at the home of George Lehman.

James Struthers lead the Epworth League meeting last Sunday evening. Ivy Ellis is the leader for next Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Pohly, of Avoca, visited their daughter, Mrs. John Heselschwerdt, last week. Mrs. Howard Loring and children of the same place were also guests there.

LYNDON CENTER.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Heatley Tuesday, December 15, a daughter.

Mrs. Henry Heatley, who has been spending several weeks with her son Leo and family, returned to her home in Detroit Wednesday.

Charles Haggerty at the auction sale of M. C. Updike of Sylvan, last Thursday purchased a fine thoroughbred male Durham calf.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan and children, of Union City, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ryan and family, of New York City, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McKernan.

UNADILLA NEWS.

Mr. Moran, of Pinckney, is plastering John Webb's house.

Mrs. Grace Richmond entertained The Helping Hand Circle Thursday.

Douglas Watson gave a party to a number of his friends last Friday evening.

The Presbyterian church is furnished and they expect to dedicate it next Sunday morning.

Forrest and Carl Aeltine and Bruce Teachout left Saturday for Arkansas, where they expect to spend the winter.

The Gleaners held their regular election of officers last Tuesday evening and elected the following officers: Chief gleaner, W. T. Barnum; vice chief, Chas. Hartsuff; chaplain, Mina Watson; secretary and treasurer, Jose Cranna; conductor, C. I. Williams; lecturer, G. A. Pyper; inner guard, Francis May; outer guard, Eugene Wheeler.

LIMA TOWNSHIP NEWS.

Mrs. S. E. Wood was an Ann Arbor visitor Monday.

George Whittington and daughter Gladys were Ann Arbor visitors Wednesday.

Misses Edith and Eva Koch and Mr. Frey spent Sunday with Adam Bollinger and family.

Miss Maud Coe, of Belleville, spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coe.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Seitz, of Ann Arbor, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mason Whipple.

George Gramer, of Detroit, spent Wednesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gramer.

John Heller who is a juror at the December term of the circuit court, was confined to his home several days of this week by illness.

Mrs. Jacob Strieter and grandchildren, Elsie and Russell Casterline, were called to Plymouth Sunday by the death of Leon Casterline.

The pupils in school district No. 3 are preparing a Christmas program which they will render in the school house on Wednesday of next week.

Announcements.

There will be a regular meeting of the Maccabees on Friday evening on Friday evening of this week.

There will be a special meeting of Olive Lodge, F. & A. M., on Tuesday evening of next week. Work in the first degree.

The K. of P. will give a card and dancing party in their hall on Friday evening of this week. All Knights and their ladies are invited.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's church will give a bake sale at Oscar Schneider's store Saturday of this week. Christmas baking.

The Lady Maccabees will give a party New Year's eve at Maccabee hall. All members and husbands or escorts and as many friends as they wish to furnish for are invited. Scrub lunch.

The Helping Hand Circle will meet with Mrs. Chauncey Stephens, east Middle street, Friday, December 18, at 2 o'clock p. m. Each member is requested to invite a friend. Scrub lunch will be served.

R. B. Waltrous will hold a public auction sale, on his farm one mile south of Chelsea, on Tuesday, December 22, commencing at 10:30 a. m., consisting of horses, cattle, sheep, etc. Lunch at noon. E. W. Daniels, auctioneer.

Notice.

The Lady Maccabees assessment, per capita and hive dues must be paid on or before the last day of December.

MRS. ELLA CONK, Finance Keeper.

The Liver Regulates The Body. A Sluggish Liver Needs Care.

Someone has said that people with chronic liver complaint should be shut away from humanity, for they are pessimists and are through a "glass darkly." Why? Because mental states depend upon physical states. Biliousness, headaches, dizziness and constipation disappear after using Dr. King's New Life Pills. 25c at your druggist. Adv.

Margaret F. Connell, Chiropractor

Boyd Hotel, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 to 11 a. m. Adv 8

CHURCH CIRCLES

ST. JOHN'S, FRANCISCO
Rev. A. A. Schoon, Pastor.
Services at 1:45 a. m.
Sunday school at 2:45 a. m.

ST. PAUL'S.
Rev. A. A. Schoon, Pastor.
Services at 9:30 a. m.
Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.
Christmas exercises at 6:30 p. m.

BAPTIST.
Rev. A. W. Fuller, Pastor.
10:00 a. m. preaching.
11:15 Sunday school.
7:00 p. m. preaching.
7:00 p. m. Thursday prayer meeting.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
Rev. G. H. Whitney, Pastor.
Services at 10 a. m.
Sunday school following preaching.
Junior League at 3 p. m.
Epworth League at 6 p. m.
Evening service at 7:00 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

SALISBURY GERMAN M. E. CHURCH,
NEAR FRANCISCO.
Rev. G. C. Nottbush, Pastor.
Junior League Saturday 9 a. m.
German worship and quarterly conference at 2 p. m. conducted by Rev. E. Roser, of Detroit.
The Sunday services all at the usual hours. Communion service in the morning conducted by the district superintendent.
Everyone is cordially invited to all these services.

CONGREGATIONAL.
Rev. Charles J. Dole, Pastor.
Morning worship at ten o'clock.
This is Church Family-Day and the parents are expected to come and sit with the children in the pew.
The pastor will preach a short sermon to the children and a short one to the parents.
Sunday school at eleven.
Young People's meeting at 6:15 p. m. Subject, "An Unselfish Life."
A Christian service of song and sermon will be held at 7 p. m.
The Christmas program and treat for the Sunday school Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

Notice to Sylvan Taxpayers.

The taxes for 1914 are now due and payable and can be paid at my Barber shop.

WM. SCHATZ, Treasurer.

DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Every man wants to be well dressed. If you are particular about the cut and fit of your Collars and Shirts, the quality and shaping of your Hose, and the style, service and satisfaction of the



Men's Furnishings

you buy, we know we can please you. Accept our Holiday Greetings and call and see our Men's Furnishings.

WALWORTH & STRIETER

One Price Cash Store

Freeman Block, Chelsea.

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WILL OPEN

Saturday, December 19th

With a Full Line of Choice

Christmas Candies
Ice Cream

And All Kinds of Hot Drinks

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Chelsea, Michigan

Chelsea Greenhouses

Leave your order early for CHRISTMAS FLOWERS and DECORATIONS. We have a choice collection of Cut Flowers, Ferns, Prepared Flowers and Greens.

Choice line Fancy Baskets especially prepared for house and table decoration. Will last the rest of winter.

NOTICE

Only a Few Days
More Before Xmas

Buy Where Stocks Are Large,
New and Well Assorted

Hand Bags

Christmas Sale of Leather Hand Bags. These Bags are the pick of the lines of several of America's best Leather Bag Makers. Several lots showing extra good values at 50c and 98c, others at \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50, all newest styles.

Fleecy Warm Blankets

\$2.75 quality 72x84 of Woolnap Blankets, now at \$2.00 for plain colors and \$2.25 for beautiful plaids. Pure Wool fancy plaid Blankets specially priced at \$5.00. You can't begin to match the values we give in fleeced Blankets at 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.50. We specialize in this department. Special prices from now, on Bath Robe Blankets. See ours before purchasing.

Coats

All Women's, Misses' and Children's Coats very much reduced in prices. What would make a better Christmas gift than a new Coat?

Hosiery

Christmas boxes of Cadet Silk Hose. Christmas boxes of Cadet Lisle Hose. Gordon Silk Hose \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 50c and 25c. "Phoenix Knitting Co.'s" Black Silk Hose at 75c and \$1.00.

Rugs

New Rugs just received for Christmas. Priced very reasonable.

Lingerie Waists

Big lot of New Lingerie Waists bought especially for Christmas sale 98c, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs for Christmas gifts. Nothing is more appreciated than are Handkerchiefs. You can't afford to miss seeing the beautiful real hand embroidery shown in this department.

Grocery Department

Buy your Groceries at the store that saves \$ \$ \$. Nothing but the best goods at the lowest prices

Empire Coffee, pound..... 27c
Arm & Hammer Soda..... 5c
13c Can Sifted Peas..... 10c
Bakers Chocolate, pound..... 35c
3 5c Boxes Gloss Starch..... 10c

12 Boxes Matches..... 25c
Best Seeded Raisins, pound..... 10c
Try Our Molasses
25c Wash Board..... 19c
Our Coffees are the Best

H. S. Holmes Mercantile Co.

Oysters

In pint and quart cans received fresh every week. A fresh supply of fish every Friday morning. Our stock is absolutely fresh and carefully selected.

Whether it is fresh, salt or smoked meats, make your wants known to us. Our goods and prices are right.

Phone 59

Fred Klingler

ONLY EIGHT DAYS MORE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Have you selected that present yet? If not, now is the time

Ye Needle Craft Shoppe

IS THE PLACE

Package goods from 10c up to \$1.00. Made up articles from 25c to \$3.00. Seals, Tags, and Tissue Paper for wrapping presents.

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Chelsea, Michigan



HOLIDAY SHOPPERS!

Come in and examine our line of Diamond Rings, Ladies' and Gents' Watches, Bracelets, Watch Fobs, Cuff Buttons, Lockets and Chains, Tie Clasps, Sterling and Plated Silverware, Silver Thimbles etc. Our line is complete, and contains many other articles desirable as Holiday gifts.

A. E. WINANS & SON

Try Standard Want Column. You get results

FOR CHRISTMAS

We present this year for your consideration the most extraordinary large and varied stock of

CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS AND SHOES

For Men and Boys ever assembled in Chelsea for the Holiday Trade.

Following are a Few Suggestions

Umbrellas	Hosiery	Suspenders
Sweaters	Handkerchiefs	Neckwear
Collars and Cuffs	Silk Mufflers	Shirts
Underwear	Fancy Waistcoats	Stetson Hats
Cuff Buttons	Scarf Pins	Mittens
Fur Caps	Street Gloves	Suit Cases
Fur Lined Gloves	Dress Gloves	Traveling Bags
Gauntlet Gloves	Garters	Trunks

Suits, Overcoats, Fur Coats, Raincoats

The practical as well as the artistic is blended in the garments and furnishings for men and boys, offered for the coming holiday season, and the various lines shown are characterized by the extraordinary variety and beauty of their designing and fabrics. Perhaps no showing of former years has approached that provided for this season in simple elegance. There are garments and furnishings to meet the wants of the patrons of refined tastes, and those who are less conservative can be suited. The assortments are notable in their lack of anything approaching poor taste in either material, making or designing.

Clothing for the Boys

Parents will find our line of clothing embraces the widest possible range in fabric effects, and the prices reasonable. Come here and see.

Shoes and Rubbers for Men and Boys

DANCER BROTHERS.

OPEN EVERY EVENING

Holiday Poultry



Leave your order now for your Christmas and New Year's Turkey. We also have a nice line of Ducks, Geese and Chickens.

We carry nothing but the best steer beef. Choice Steaks a specialty.

Try our home cured hams, and our steam kettle rendered Lard.

Adam Eppler

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FREE DELIVERY

A Lifelong Blessing

Is conferred with the starting of a bank account as a Christmas gift, for to those who save by reason thereof, every future Christmas can be made a merry one. And the true spirit of the day is manifested in a gift of lasting benefit.

The Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank

LOCAL ITEMS.

The estimated cost of Ypsilanti's proposed new high school is \$110,000.

Wm. R. Taylor was the first man in Sylvan to pay his taxes for the year 1914.

Paul Kuhl left the last of the week for Detroit where he has secured a position.

The W. R. C. have purchased a new piano which they have placed in the G. A. R. hall.

Miss Nina Belle Wurster entertained a number of her lady friends at a thimble party at her home on McKinley street Friday evening.

Warren G. Geddes attended a meeting of the "Motion Picture Exhibitor's League" in Detroit, Tuesday and was enrolled as a member of that association.

John Gregg, of Detroit, who has been quite ill for the last three weeks is reported as being very much improved. Mr. Gregg was a former resident of Chelsea.

Miss Adeline Spinnagle was in Detroit Sunday where she was one of a chorus of 200 from the Normal college of Ypsilanti, who gave a concert in St. Paul's cathedral.

Wm. Hudson, of North Lake, who is a juror at the December term of the circuit court, spent several evenings of this week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wright.

Mrs. Jacob Schumacher has been confined to her home since last Thursday suffering with a severe injury to one of her knees. At last reports she is recovering quite rapidly.

Hindelang & Fahrner have purchased the hardware fixtures of the J. Bacon Mercantile Co. which they will use in their place of business when they open about the first of the coming year.

A. B. Clark has sold his interest in the Chelsea Elevator Company to Edwin Koebe of this place. The transfer was made on Tuesday and Mr. Koebe will take an active part in the business of the company.

John Wisner, who has been street commissioner of Ann Arbor for several years, has tendered his resignation to take effect February 1. Mr. Wisner is well known in Chelsea where he has moved many buildings.

The annual meeting of the German Farmers' Mutual Insurance company will be held at the court house in this city on Monday, January 11, to elect officers and transact such other business as may properly come before.

John Baldwin has exchanged his residence property on the corner of McKinley and Elm street for residence property in Jackson. The deal was made through the agency of R. B. Waltrous. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin expect to move to their new home in Jackson about January 1st.

The cold snap the first of this week caused most of the trains on the Michigan Central to be considerably off their regular schedule time. For the first real cold snap of the season it was a winner. While a large amount of snow has not fallen the sleighing is reported to be fairly good.

About ten barrels of flour, a quantity of beans and considerable clothing have been contributed by residents in this vicinity for the relief of the Belgians. All contributions must be in by Friday or Saturday as the railroads will not carry the supplies free of charge on and after Sunday, December 20.

Several of our citizens have been sending The Standard to distant friends for the coming year as a Christmas present. It will be a pleasant reminder fifty-two times of the donor and keeps them posted on the happenings of this vicinity. Nearly every resident in and about Chelsea has a friend who would appreciate The Standard.

Fred Kalmbach, of Sylvan, has purchased the corn that was entered in the recent corn contest held by the Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank. The price which the bank received for the corn was \$2.50 which will be given to the school in district No. 3, Lima. Mr. Kalmbach will use the corn for seed the coming year.

In the December number of the "Operative Miller" there appears a half page advertisement of the Federal Motor Truck Co. showing a cut of the truck owned by the Chelsea Roller Mills, and used by them in the delivery of Phoenix Flour to country points within a radius of fifty miles. We are glad to note that we have a concern which has been one of the first to grasp the opportunities of the motor truck in increasing the radius of their local business.

Mrs. J. E. McKune entertained a number of friends at her home last Friday evening.

Last Saturday was the 29th anniversary of the business career of A. E. Winans in the jewelry trade.

Dorr L. Rogers left Monday for Detroit where he has accepted a position with the Studebaker Corporation.

Mrs. J. W. Cadwell, who has been spending sometime with relatives at St. Paul, Minn., returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Schenk, Saturday.

The J. Hop will be given on the evening of February 5th in Ann Arbor. In the past this has been one of the greatest fraternity functions of the U. of M.

Miss Helene Steinbach leaves next Monday for New York City where she will spend several weeks in musical study and visiting her sister, Emilie Steinbach.

C. G. Neff, who has been employed at the Michigan Central freight office here for sometime, has been appointed agent at the Denton station of the Michigan Central.

Dr. J. H. Gruber, of Fountanelle, Iowa, who is taking a post graduate course at the Toronto Veterinary college, is spending this week at the home of Dr. L. A. Maze.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor DeBever, of Dexter, Rev. E. H. Cullenain, of Jackson, and Rev. R. L. Marker, of Dearborn, were guests of Rev. Father Considine Sunday and Monday.

One of the best auction sales held in this vicinity this fall was that of M. C. Updike last Thursday. The net proceeds of the sale was about \$3,500. The farm horses brought over \$1,800.

Harry Thomas and Walter Gillen were before Justice Witherell Monday on the charge of drunkenness and were given a sentence of ten days each in the county jail at Ann Arbor.

The last issue of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun came out as a Christmas number and presented a very neat and tasty appearance. The paper was well filled with advertising matter.

The Christmas exercises of St. Paul's Sunday school will be held in the church next Sunday evening. A good program has been arranged. There will be a tree, recitations, special musical numbers and a cantata.

The Michigan Association of Commercial Secretaries will hold their next meeting in Ann Arbor on Saturday, December 19. The meeting will be called to order at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. A good program of addresses have been arranged for the sessions of the association.

The entertainment given by the junior class of the Pluckney high school in the Sylvan theatre last Friday evening proved to be a financial loss to the class. According to reports the audience consisted of thirty-seven persons. The class did fairly well with their parts.

The Michigan Portland Cement Co. has commenced working on nine hours and the night force was laid off Tuesday. During the next few months the plant will be put in repair for the coming season's work. The business of the company for the past season has been the best that they have had since the present owners established the business.

Allison Knee was in Detroit Monday consulting the attorneys who are securing a patent for him. The invention is an appliance to attach to party telephone lines which will cut out all except the parties who are using the line. Telephone men who have examined the appliance pronounce it a practical invention and see no reason why it should not be a success.

Leon Casterline aged about 30 years, died at his home in Plymouth, Monday, December 14, 1914. The funeral was held from the home of his sister, Mrs. John Strieter, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. L. Nicklas officiating. The deceased is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strieter of Lima Center and is survived by several children, his father and a number of brothers and sisters. His wife died about two years ago and his children reside with their grandparents at Lima Center.

Instead of the usual Christmas tree and exercises the Baptist Sunday school will hold a banquet in the dining room of the church at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 22. All members of the church and congregation and Sunday school are cordially invited. The classes will be seated together and it is to be a scrub lunch supper for which there will be no charge but all who wish can contribute for the needy. The program will be in the form of toasts, each class being represented.

The Gift Store

Our Store is the Gift Headquarters of the Town

This is so because our Christmas line contains the most items for the most people at the MOST ATTRACTIVE PRICES.

Big Values In Holiday Goods.

From all the world—we offer you here, confident of our ability to please you. The display is on now, when will you come to see it?

Beautiful Dolls

Little dolls at one cent up to the great big dolls, and as handsome as they make them, no war scare here. We have the dolls, more of them than ever before and we are selling them cheaper than ever before. Remember dolls of every style shape and complexion are here and we have them at any price you wish to pay. Dolls with moving eyes at 10c, 25c and up to \$3.00.

Doll Cabs

All iron collapsible doll cabs 50c. Other cabs at 25c and up to \$2.50. Doll houses at 25c, 50c and 75c. Black Boards 25c and up to \$2.50.

Toys Toys

The greatest line you ever saw in Chelsea is ready in our store for your Christmas buying, all displayed on second floor. Toys of every name and shape. Tables of them at 5c. Tables of them at 10c. Tables of them at 25c.

Christmas Trees, Ornaments, Candles, Tinsel, Bells. In fact everything that's needed for trimming a Christmas tree.

China and Glassware

Cups and Saucers at 5c worth 10 cents. Cups and Saucers at 10c worth 25 cents. Cups and Saucers at 25c and 50c, wonderful values; many of them are imported and real china and sell everywhere at \$1.00 and over. Salad Bowls at 25c, 50c and up to \$1.00. Berry Sets at 50c 7 pieces. Decorated Plates at 5c, 10c, 25c and 50c. Pure White China Plates, handsomely gold decorated, Special 75c, worth \$1.50.

Cut Glass

HERE IS A SNAP
Cut Glass Water Set, jug and 6 tumblers beautiful star pattern and real cut glass, worth \$2.50, while this lot lasts our price, \$1.39. Cut Glass Salad Bowls at \$1.75 and up to \$3.75. Cut Glass Round Nappies at 75c and up to \$2.00. Cut Glass Handled Nappies 50c and up to \$1.50.

Aluminum Ware

With a 15 year guarantee. Tea Kettles \$2.75 to \$3.50. Tea Pots \$1.75 to \$2.50. Coffee Pots \$1.50 to \$1.75. Stew Kettles \$1.00 to \$1.50. Frying Pans 50c to 75c.

Vacuum Cleaners

We have the best in the land and sell them on free trial at \$4.75 and \$7.00.

Handkerchiefs

A city assortment right at your door. Don't fail to see the Christmas display of Handkerchiefs here. The assortment is so large that you will be able to select what you want. Cotton Handkerchiefs starting at one cent. All Linen Handkerchiefs at 5c and up to \$1.00.

Carpet Sweepers

Bissell Carpet Sweepers at reduced prices, now \$1.75 to \$3.00.

Men's Furnishings

The latest in Neckwear especially selected for Christmas gifts 25c to 50c. Suspenders, Gloves, Hosiery, Dress Shirts, Cuff Buttons, Umbrellas, Mufflers.

Ladies' Neckwear

The new Collars and Cuffs at 25c and up to \$1.00 have just been opened and along with them we are showing the latest fads in flower ornaments at 25c to 50c.

Perfume and Toilet Articles

High grade goods and put up in handsome Christmas packages 5c and up to 50c.

Gold Fish



Small size 5c

Large size 10c

Candies and Nuts

We sell the best Candies at 10c to be had anywhere.

Best grade Salted Peanuts 10c per pound. Best grade Mixed Nuts 15c per pound. Best grade English Walnuts 20c per pound.

W. P. Schenk & Company

Useful Xmas Gifts

Are Best For Man and Boy

Mothers and Sisters, Wives and Sweethearts, this store extends a special and most cordial invitation to the Ladies to make their headquarters here. Our stocks are very complete, and in getting "his" gift at this store you are sure to please him.

For the Men and Young Men

Xmas Shirts.....	50c to \$2.50
Xmas Neckwear (all 50c ties in Xmas boxes).....	25c to \$1.00
Xmas Gloves, best makes.....	50c to \$2.50
Xmas Umbrellas.....	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Xmas Handkerchiefs.....	15c to 50c
Initial Handkerchiefs.....	15c to 25c
Traveling Bags.....	\$2.50 to \$10.00
See our special Leather Lined Bags at.....	\$5.00
Leather Collar Bags.....	50c to \$1.00
Leather Purses and Bill Books.....	25c to \$2.00
Suit Cases.....	\$1.00 to \$7.50
Tie and Hose Sets.....	50c

Useful Gifts for Boys

A warm Suit, Overcoat, or Mackinaw will make a big "hit" with a boy as a worthless trinket or toy, and will last months longer.

Boys' Overcoats, special showing at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$7.50.
Boys' Mackinaws, great showing at \$3.50 and \$5.00.

Men and Young Men

Come and profit by the great "January" sale of Suits and Overcoats, why wait longer when you can get the sale price now and have the new Suit or Overcoat for the holidays?

Men's Colored Suits ONE-FOURTH to ONE-THIRD OFF regular price.
Men's Overcoats ONE-FOURTH to ONE-THIRD OFF regular price.

H. S. Holmes Mercantile Co.

WHY pay money for fancy boxes when you really want is high-grade cigarettes?

FATIMA; the Turkish-blend cigarette. "No Gold Tips, finest quality"—20 for 15c.

"Distinctly Individual"

cannot secure Fatima Cigarettes from dealer, we will be pleased to send you a check for \$1.00 on receipt of 50c. Fatima Dept., 212 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.



ANTED to hear from owner of good farm for sale. Send description and location to Business Agent, Dept. A, Chelsea Standard, N. W. U., DETROIT, NO. 51-1914.

versatile man is one who can talk the right time and keep still when there is nothing to say.—Toledo

ed Cross Ball Blue, made in America, before the best, delights the housewife. Good grocer. Adv.

Isn't always love that makes a man attentive to his wife. Maybe he's afraid of her.

Self-Satisfaction Explained. I like simple things best. I've noticed how self-satisfied I am.—Boston Transcript.

Circumstantial. Patricia denied that young Wasyk kissed her in the conservatory, the evidence was against her.

How so? There was a large hole in her complexion on the left side of her face.

Seizing the Advantage. What are you boys making such racket down there for? Why, we're two big nations gone war.

But what are you both pummeling little Freddy for? Oh, he's a neutral so he can't fight.

Like Bread on Water. I gave a poor man a dollar yesterday and told him to come around and let me know how he was getting on.

He—That was good of you; like getting your bread upon the waters. I—Yes, something like that. Anybody, he came back this morning and said.—Boston Transcript.

A Pleasant Way to Help. Mamma, I kissed the cherub, while she smiled of seraphic sweetness illuminated his face, "do you know I sometimes I help Catherine's mamma?"

That's nice," prompted the proud parent. "And what do you do to her, dear?"

Oh, replied the cherub, "when Catherine's naughty, I punish her."—With's Companion.

MESMERIZED. Poisonous Drug Still Freely Used.

Any people are brought up to believe that coffee is a necessity of life, the strong hold that the drug, when in coffee has on the system, makes it hard to loosen its grip when one realizes its injurious effects.

lady writes: "I had used coffee for years; it seemed one of the necessities of life. A few months ago, however, which had been slowly failing, I became more impaired, and I felt that unless relief came from some source I would soon be a physical wreck."

was weak and nervous, had sick headaches, no ambition, and felt tired. My husband was also losing health. He was troubled so much with indigestion that at times he could only eat a few mouthfuls.

Finally we saw Postum advertised and bought a package. I followed directions for making carefully, and to my amazement, which turned it to the best rich-looking and tasting I ever saw served at any table.

we have used Postum ever since. I gained five pounds in weight in many weeks, and now feel well and strong in every respect. My headaches have gone, and I am a new man. My husband's indigestion left him, and he can now eat anything."

Postum given by Postum Co., Battle Lake, Mich. Read "The Road to Health," in pkgs.

Postum comes in two forms: Regular Postum—must be well cooked. 15c and 25c packages. Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage. 30c and 50c tins.

The cost per cup of both kinds is the same.

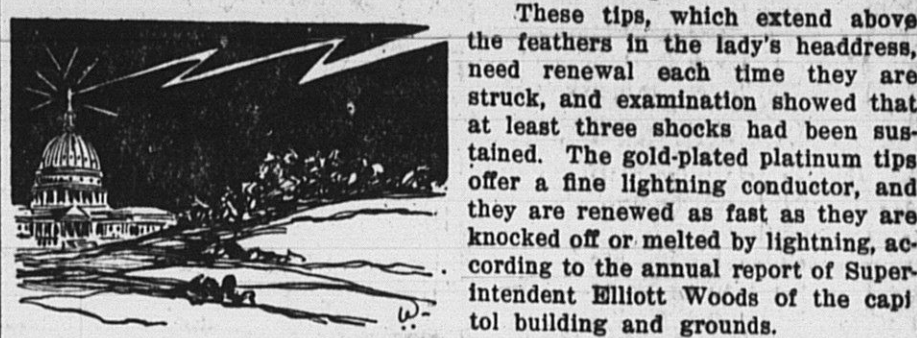
There's a Reason for Postum. —sold by Grocers.

WASHINGTON CITY Sidelights



Gold-Plated Lightning Guard for Miss Freedom

WASHINGTON.—Three new gold-plated, platinum-tipped lightning points have been placed upon the statue of Freedom, which rises above the capitol dome, to protect the bronze lady from lightning.



These tips, which extend above the feathers in the lady's headdress, need renewal each time they are struck, and examination showed that at least three shocks had been sustained. The gold-plated platinum tips offer a fine lightning conductor, and they are renewed as fast as they are knocked off or melted by lightning, according to the annual report of Superintendent Elliott Woods of the capitol building and grounds.

Owing to the almost continuous session of congress, the superintendent says it has been impossible to make any extensive repairs or general improvements to the building, but the usual repairs have been made.

The most important item in upkeep, he says, has been the renovating and repainting of the central portion of the capitol and the dome. This is done every four years, if possible. The dome work required thorough inspection of the inner and outer shells, recalking of the joints, and covering them with loose woven canvas soaked in white lead and oil.

Mr. Woods tells of the securing of a new filtered air supply for the house, which is taken from the center courtyard between the new house wing and the old central building, and of the raising of the roof and building of another story on the house office building to make office room for new members of congress who came in under the last census.

Willow Tree Alley Slum Becomes Fine Playground

COLONEL HARTS, the engineer officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, has completed the principal portion of the big job he undertook last spring of transforming the purileous of Willow Tree alley, formerly one of the worst of the slums in the District, into a modern playground and recreation park, with attractive, artistic surroundings.

The high iron picket fence inclosing the marginal gardens is finished. E. S. Martin of the Playground association has installed the open-air gymnastic apparatus, including swings, slides, horizontal bars, etc.

Sand boxes and wading pools are also provided for the younger children. The large open space, bordered by trees and flowering plants, has been laid off as a baseball diamond, with backstop, bases, etc.

The making of this interior park is the first work of the kind ever undertaken in this vicinity. It is an experiment in public welfare activities. Considerable interest is displayed by public-spirited citizens in the enterprise, and its advocates predict that it will be a powerful and material factor in the movement for the moral improvement and well-being of the community.

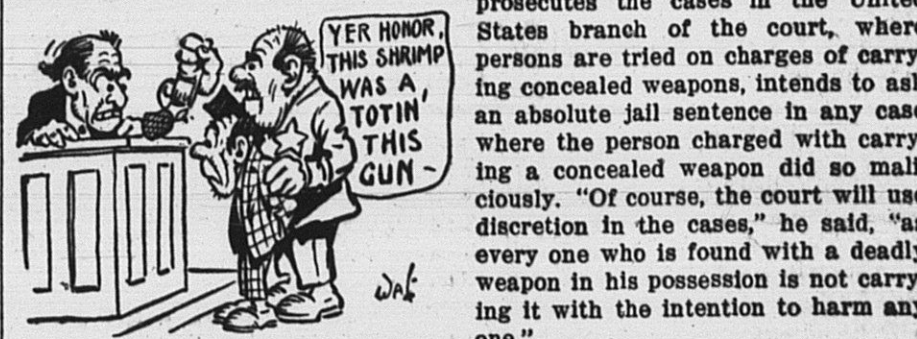
The new park is unique in that it is located in the interior of a square of ground in the heart of the city and is surrounded entirely by buildings occupied either as dwellings or places of business. To that extent it is secluded from the public streets, and strangers passing by on the outside thoroughfares are not aware of its existence.

The square is bounded by B and C streets and by Third and Four-and-a-half streets southwest. The part devoted to public use covers an area of about four acres. Shut in on all sides by brick and frame buildings, mostly of the two-story kind, the only means of entrance are short, narrow alleys opening on B, C and Third streets.

By arrangement with the District commissioners the territory used by the park has been formally transferred to the chief of engineers of the army and added to the general park system of the government in this vicinity.

No Mercy for Deadly Weapon Carriers in Capital

PERSONS carrying deadly and dangerous weapons who are taken into the police court in the future will be severely dealt with, if Assistant United States Attorney Ralph Given can carry out his intentions. Mr. Given, who prosecutes the cases in the United States branch of the court, where persons are tried on charges of carrying concealed weapons, intends to ask an absolute jail sentence in any case where the person charged with carrying a concealed weapon did so maliciously. "Of course, the court will use discretion in the cases," he said, "as every one who is found with a deadly weapon in his possession is not carrying it with the intention to harm any one."



Mr. Given was instructed by United States Attorney Laskey to ask Major Sylvester, chief of police, to instruct the officers at the various police stations to demand \$300 bond in each case where a person is charged with carrying a concealed weapon. "It has been the practice for some time for a person to leave \$50 collateral for his appearance in court, but there have been too many such cases and I propose to stop it," said Mr. Given.

"It certainly is an awful situation. I have cases day after day of persons who are cut about the face or body and others who are shot or otherwise injured by persons who committed the acts with dangerous weapons," said Mr. Given. "There is a man in the hospital now who had his arm cut open from the shoulder to his wrist with a large knife by another man."

Chief Justice Covington, in criminal court No. 1, recently declared his intention of dealing severely in the future with cases of persons who are convicted of assaulting others with deadly or dangerous weapons. He said there are too many such cases coming before him.

Handsome Designs on New Federal Reserve Notes

THE automobile and aeroplane have made their appearance on the money of the realm. On the \$20 notes of the federal reserve issue the design represents transportation on land and water and in the air. A railroad, an auto and an aeroplane, together with an ocean liner, are engraved on this latest money.

Orders were issued by John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, to print at the bureau of engraving and printing \$250,000,000 of federal reserve notes for the use of the banks which have recently been organized and opened. The notes are in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. The designs are all new, and, according to the experts, are the most artistic yet made. An allegorical picture covers the entire back of the \$100 bill. America, with peace and plenty on either side, is an imposing figure. Labor is shown reaping the harvest, with Mercury distributing it. The Panama canal is shown in allegory on the \$50 bills. The \$20 bills contain the transportation designs. The \$10 bills represent a typical mining and agricultural scene, a harvest scene on one side and a modern factory in operation on the other half.

The \$5 bills, which will be most often seen, contain an engraving of the landing of Columbus, also of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers on Plymouth Rock.

SOME CLASS

Rock.

The Remodeled Dress



THERE is a lot of comfort to be had out of a remodeled dress. It seems, and is, wasteful to discard a perfectly good garment, that has nothing the matter with it, except that some new idea in outline has come in and displaced that on which it was built. The sense of being economical is so strong, and when a remodeled gown has all the earmarks of a spick-and-span, up-to-the-hour new model, the joy of the average woman is complete. She has achieved economy and style at the same time.

This season the incoming of the tunic, the vogue for thin sleeves, the wide girdle and the girde made of the fabric of the dress have all played into the hands of her who is determined to remodel her gowns instead of discarding them. Skirts set on the yokes have helped out, too, for the skirt too narrow at the bottom has been cut off where it began to narrow, and the missing length provided for by a smoothly fitting yoke. Thanks to the fickle, but not always unkind goddess of fashion, short skirts are the proper thing for the street, and some of the bottom edge may be trimmed away from those that show signs of wear.

Then there is the skirt with the battlement edge at the bottom, that is, skirts slashed into shallow, straight-edged scallops about the bottom edge, sometimes bound with braid. This one alteration gives an up-to-date touch to last year's gown.

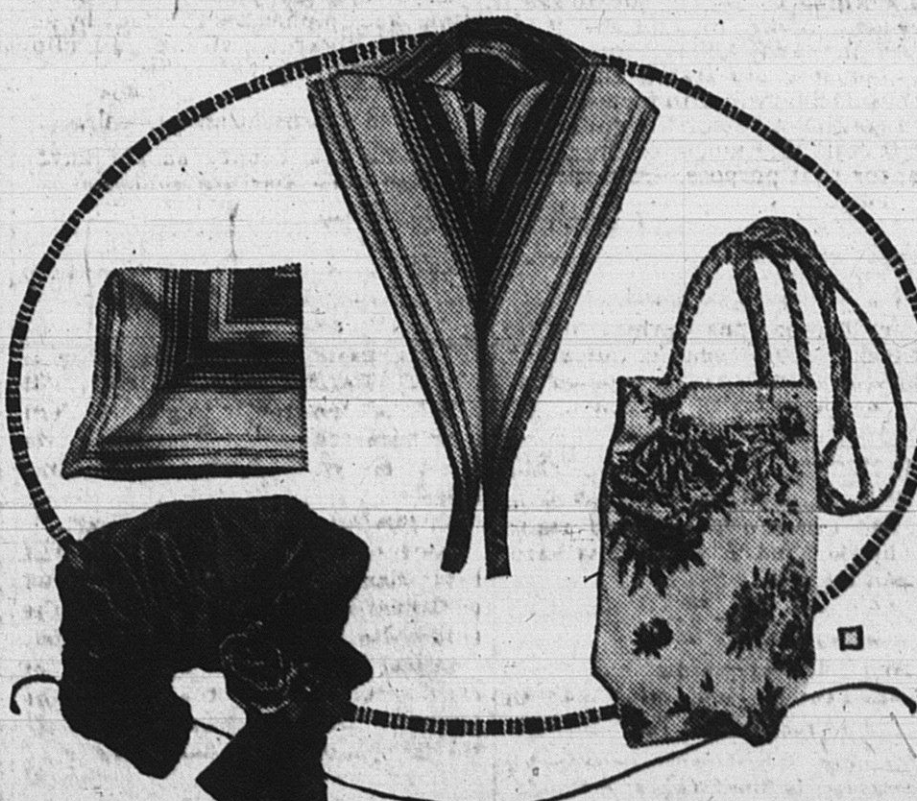
A straight, plain underskirt of satin, worn under a cloth tunic, has solved the problem of changing many cloth and velvet dresses of last winter into styles introduced for the present season. The tunic of plaited chiffon worn over the skirt of last year's silk gown and the introduction of a wide girdle about the waist have helped out immensely in altering afternoon dresses.

Nothing has been more helpful to the economically inclined than the very fashionable band trimmings of fur and fur cloths. By means of these tunics have been lengthened, the fashionable collars and cuffs introduced on jackets, pretty turbans to match suits made possible. All the pattern books abound in suggestions for clever remodeling.

An attractive dress shown in the picture may be copied, using a last year's dress as a foundation if the owner had the foresight to buy a little extra length of goods with a view to remodeling her gown. Where a provision of this kind has not been made, it is best to make an underskirt of satin and convert the cloth skirt into a tunic. Or if the cloth skirt is very narrow the underskirt may be finished with a panel of satin up the front and the cloth tunic set in at each side of this.

Very wide silk braids are fashionable for trimming, and, like the bands of fur and fur cloth, have been most useful in the remodeling of gowns.

At the Ribbon Counter



IT is hard to pass the gay ribbon counters and the show cases full of this year's offerings for the holidays. The very first thing to catch the eye is the heaps of half-opened roses, made of satin ribbon set in small millinery foliage. They are mostly in American Beauty colors, but there are some pink and a few rich yellow ones. The stems are wound with narrow green ribbon and a stream of silver half-dollars flows inward as a stream of roses flows outward as they change hands. The single rose pinned close up to the neck or on the shoulder is being worn by smart women and many of them bought as gifts for friends.

Next one notices the neckbands of velvet ribbon which have a ruff of lace or maline at the back and fasten under a rose or two small buds, at one side. Sometimes the ruff is in black and sometimes in white.

Below in the show cases are the new bags made of the richest brocaded ribbons. Among them that one shown in the picture is of white satin figured with splendid American Beauties in the natural colorings. It is moderate in size and plain and the roses could hardly be more lifelike on a painted canvas. This is one of many beautiful bags brought out for holiday gifts.

Roman striped ribbons have been used to make the handsome collar and cuff sets with which women brighten up their dark cloth tailored suits. The collar and one cuff of a set is shown in the picture. Pretty standing collars of these striped ribbons are made by folding the ribbons lengthwise so that one edge is about an inch higher than the other and laying the folded edge into box plaits. The plaits are stitched down near the bottom and in another line of stitching an inch or more higher. The plaits do not extend across the front but form a ruff at the sides and back. The ribbon is laid in folds across the front and fastens at the left side under a row of little, flat silk-covered buttons. The buttons are repeated on the right side.

Many pretty ornaments for the dressing table in the form of pincushions grace the holiday ribbon counter, and there are the usual beautiful girdles and sashes in greater numbers than ever.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

Lace is a very important factor in the costume of the day. Not only does it form flounces and frills entirely covering the bodice and skirt, but it makes modern or ancient lappets and tunics.

Biggest Talker in the British House. Mr. Lloyd-George, the chancellor of the exchequer, is the greatest talker in the British parliament.

The chancellor spoke 170 columns of "Hansard," while the prime minister comes sixth down the list with 108 columns. The member who asked the most questions was Mr. Fred Hall of Dulwich, who put 359.

In one sort of contest Mr. Will Hall is easily beaten by Mr. Will Thorne, the Socialist. The ordinary rate of speaking is 100 to 150 words a minute. Mr. Will Thorne puts his questions to the government at the rate of about six hundred words a minute. Mr. Hall cannot do better than a mere 450 words a minute.

For Itching, Burning Skins. Bathe freely the affected surface with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Dry without irritation and apply Cuticura Ointment with finger or hand. This treatment affords immediate relief, permits rest and sleep and points to speedy healing in most cases of eczemas, rashes, itchings and irritations of the skin and scalp of infants, children and adults. Free sample each with 32-p. Skin Book if you wish. Address post-card: Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Cure for Thirst. "What do you want the ten cents for?" asked the minister. "Booze," replied the bleary beggar, shamelessly. "I need it awful bad—it's jest about killin' me." "Isn't there any way you can get rid of that terrible appetite for drink?" "Yep—I kin do it in a holy minute if you'll lemme have that dime."—Toledo Blade.

Wash day is smile day if you use Red Cross Ball Blue, American made, therefore the best made. Adv.

Reversible. Stella—I take my husband along to help choose a hat. Bella—I take a hat along to help choose a husband.

YOUR OWN DRUGGIST WILL TELL YOU. Mr. Murphy, Eye Remedy for Red, Itchy, Watery Eyes and Granulated Eyelids. No Stinging, No Eye Comfort. Write for Book of the Eye by mail free. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

A Suggestion. Belle—Mamie is such a sensible girl, but she can't attract the men. Nell—That's the reason.

Are Your Kidneys Weak?

Do you know that death from kidney troubles are 100,000 a year in the U.S.A. alone! That death from kidney diseases have increased 75% in 20 years! If you are run down, losing weight, nervous, "blue" and rheumatic, if you have backache, sharp pains when stooping, dizzy spells and urinary disorders, act quickly. If you would avoid the serious kidney troubles, use Doan's Kidney Pills. There's no other medicine so widely used, so successful or so highly recommended.

A Michigan Case

"I was in great pain with kidney complaint and doctors' prescriptions failed to help me. My limbs were stiff and the pains in my back were so severe that I couldn't stoop or lift. I had sharp pains across my shoulders. Doan's Kidney Pills drove away these ailments and improved my condition in every way. I have had no serious trouble since."

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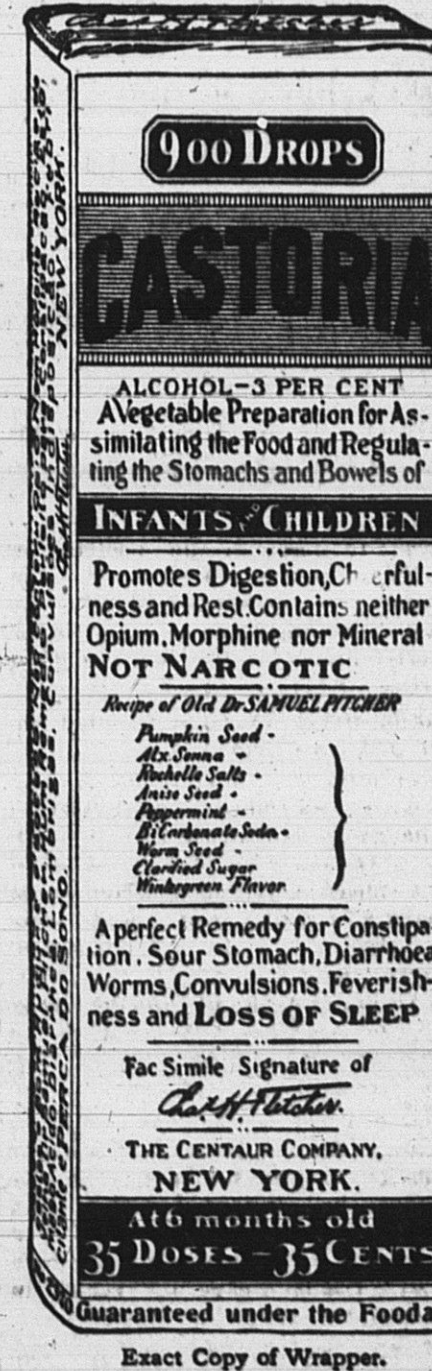
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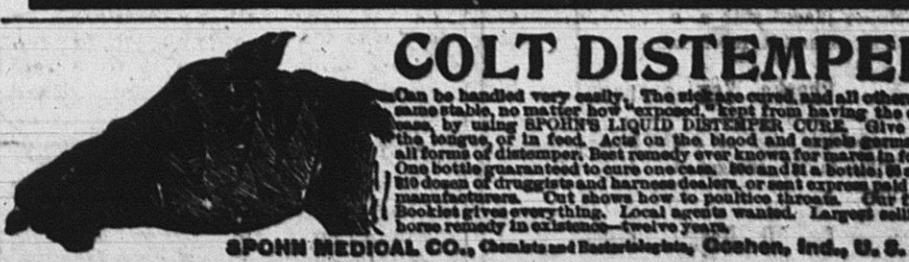
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