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We wish to thank you all for your very liberal patronage, and wish you all a merry Christmas. Very low prices will prevail for the next month.

HOLMES & WALKER
WE WILL ALWAYS TREAT YOU RIGHT.

BODY OF J. RUSSELLING FOUND ON RAILROAD

Was Evidently Struck by Fast Train and Terribly Mangled—Body Frozen.

The body of John Russling, aged 63 years, was found at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, at the north switch, about 100 feet west of the Chelsea Main street crossing of the Michigan Central railroad.

It is thought that Mr. Russling was struck by a fast westbound train early Monday night.

Night telegraph operator Collins, when he received the information called Justice Howard Brooks, who took charge of the body and had the removed to Staffan's undertaking rooms.

Mr. Russling was found to have had both legs cut off, his head crushed, clothing torn and the body frozen stiff. He was a Canadian and had resided here about two years, being employed at various times on the Michigan Central sections, on the gate at the crossing and as night watch in the factories.

He lived alone in the Robert Van Husen house on Hayes street. Coroner Brooks made an investigation of his personal effects but was unable to find an address of any kind that would locate his relatives in Canada, and has sent several telegrams to the police department in Canadian cities trying to locate them. Mr. Brooks has decided not to hold an inquest.

Former Chelsea Man in Halifax.

Through the kindness of Clarence Dennison, the Standard is permitted to print portions of a letter written by Frank J. Grown, who was an employe of the Michigan Portland Cement Co. for several years, and who recently enlisted in the Canadian army. Mr. Grown is stationed at Halifax, and his letter tells of the recent terrible explosion there:

Friend Clarence: Just a few lines to let you know that I am still in the land of the living, but it is a wonder at that. I have seen some sights in my time, but I never saw anything like that explosion here.

I was stationed about a mile away, working for our company doctor, and, believe me, we were very busy. I never got a mark, but tonight they claim that more than 2,000 are killed. I never thought that I could stand anything like this, but I worked hard all the way through, pulling out the dead from the ruins. Some had their heads blown off, some their legs, and some were nearly blown to pieces. Nearly every window in town was shattered, and nearly two square miles of buildings are flat on the ground.

Just across the river there is a town called Dartmouth, and every other one is injured.

I was distributing food to the people yesterday, for those who had money could not buy it. I don't know what they would have done without the soldiers.

The first thing that I thought of was airplanes, for the ceiling came tumbling in and all of the shelves came down. I was just cleaning my shoes at the time of the explosion.

I expected that I would eat Christmas dinner in London with my father, but we will not get away from here as soon as we expected.

John Philip Seitz.

John Philip Seitz was born in Germany, December 9, 1844, and died at his home in Lima township, Thursday, December 13, 1917.

Mr. Seitz came to this country about fifty years ago. He was married twice, the first time to Anna May Stierle, December 1, 1874, and one son Philip, was born to this union. The second marriage was with Rosina Zahn, January 17, 1877.

He is survived by his wife, six sons, three daughters, a number of grandchildren, one brother, one sister and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held Monday from St. Paul's church, Rev. A. A. Schoen, assisted by a nephew of the deceased, Rev. Pfeifer of Clayton, Mo., conducting the services. Interment at Oak Grove cemetery.

Farmers' Club Meeting.

The Western Washtenaw Farmers' Club will meet Friday, December 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fletcher. The program follows:

Opening song—Club.
Prayer—Rev. G. H. Whitney.
Music.
Reading—Dr. H. M. Armour.
Remarks—Rev. P. W. Dierberger.
Music.
Roll call—Christmas quotations.
Grab bag.



FROM CAMP McARTHUR.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 10, 1917.
Editor Standard: It is with pleasure that I read the Camp Custer news, but I do not like to see Camp McArthur neglected, however.

We are now tasting our first cold weather, the thermometer has dropped to zero on the past three nights; cold for this part of Texas. The infantry, artillery and ammunition units are housed in tents, they have suffered from the cold somewhat. The Remount Depot has wooden cantonment type of buildings which are found much more satisfactory than the pyramid tent in housing the troops.

The 32d Division has orders to move by January 15. The artillery units will start movement of horses before Christmas.

We of the Remount do not expect to leave with the Division. However, it is practically certain that we will be assigned to a remount in France before spring.

The Federal inspector from Washington, D. C., arrived here Friday. Upon leaving he stated that our Remount was without question the finest unit in the United States. He assured us that our unit would be recommended for reassignment of Remount in France.

We are issuing artillery, cavalry and supply animals, averaging 500 animals each day. Another week will find every unit supplied with full quota of animals. This unit will winter about 5,000 head of untrained animals which are arriving from the west daily.

Will close with regards to all.
EUGENE A. WIDMAYER,
Aux. Remount No 324, Q. M. C.

Grange Officers.

North Sylvan Grange has elected the following officers:
Master—Irven Weiss.
Overseer—Emerson Lesser.
Lecturer—N. W. Laird.
Steward—Charles Young.
Assistant Steward—Judson Knapp.
Chaplain—Mrs. C. Kalmbach.
Treasurer—P. M. Broesamle.
Secretary—Mrs. N. W. Laird.
Gatekeeper—E. A. Ward.
Ceres—Mrs. J. L. Sibley.
Pomona—Mrs. E. Ward.
Flora—Mrs. J. Walz.
Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs. Emerson Lesser.

Ann Arbor—Orders from the war department give Prof. Joseph Bursley permission to enroll 150 men in the fifth course in army stores methods, which will start January 5. Heretofore the department has frowned upon enrolling more than 100 students in a course, although the number has sometimes exceed that limit. Nearly 400 have already applied.

A RED CROSS CHRISTMAS

The War Council of the American Red Cross has conceived that a great national purpose will be served by having membership in the Red Cross almost as universal as citizenship.

Although pledged as a nation to the national purpose during this great crisis, it will not be granted to a large percentage of us to play a part in the fighting branches of our country's service.

All of us, however, can be identified with the Red Cross, which in these times when whole nations are organized for war, is big enough and strong enough to carry some of the burden for our soldiers, our sailors and our Allies.

We want a Red Cross of three-quarters of a million members in Michigan. We want the strength and support that will grow from this army of members.

Christmas time has been set to attain this goal, because the Red Cross and Christmas spring from the same spirit, and these two great symbols of mercy, sacrifice and cheer may well be united. On this, our first Christmas in the war, the Red Cross symbol will add, not a spirit of dejection, but the thought of serious purpose and sacrifice which through accomplishment it represents.

It is hoped that from this Christmas campaign of 1917 will grow a permanent custom, which will increase the significance both of Christmas and the Red Cross.

I herewith enclose the sum of One Dollar for a new renewal membership in the Red Cross.

Name

Address

Annual membership, \$1. "Magazine membership, \$2.

Sign the above blank and hand or mail it to any of the following members of membership committee: Mrs. F. R. Shepherd, Mrs. S. A. Mape, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Mrs. H. J. Fulford, Miss Ella Barber.

Make this a Red Cross Christmas.

Williamston—The hotel at Williamston closed its doors to the public Saturday night and that village is without a hotel for the first time in 50 years. The proprietor states in closing that it was impossible for him to make a living at the present prices of food, coal, etc.

Try the Standard "Want" Adva.

Christmas Baking Is Now In Full Swing

The Holiday Season with its festivities, limited though they be, will soon be here.

We are in a position to give you a great deal of assistance.

We can furnish you all you need in the way of good things to eat—from first-class staples to dainty dessert—and at prices that are right.

Let us have your orders early. We want to give you the very best service possible.

Crockery Department

Don't forget that we have the popular goods and prices in our Crockery Department.

Jewelry Department

We are closing out the Jewelry Stock at astonishing prices. Come in and examine it.

CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS

FREEMAN'S

Chelsea Hardware Co.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A

CART LOAD

OF CHRISTMAS FURNITURE

Buying in such large quantities you see we are sure to get the BOTTOM Prices.

Our STOCK contains numerous articles suitable for Christmas. We are showing a complete line of PYREX Glassware. The finest line of ALUMINUM ever brought to Chelsea. A fine assortment of Plated Table Knives, Forks and Spoons, the kind that is GUARANTEED for FIFTY YEARS, Oneida Community make.

IN FURNITURE

We have Book Cases, Brass Beds, Easy Chairs and Rockers, the big roomy leather kind, and the plain wood seat; Davenport, the roomy comfortable kind; Foot Stools, Costumers, Chiffonieres, Kitchen Cabinets, Odd Dressers, Library Tables, Ladies' Desks, Cedar Chests, and a few other articles that would please a friend.

Come Early Before the Stock Is Broken

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chelsea Hardware Co.

WE Are Here to Serve YOU.

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Christmas Gifts For All!

It is time to do that Christmas Shopping. Our store is the place to find a useful present for Man, Woman or Child.

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CARVING SETS
POCKET KNIVES
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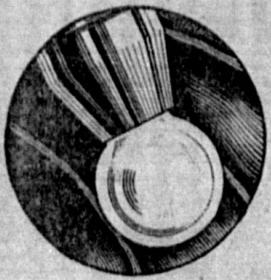
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The polished, ball-shaped jewel that takes the place of metal needles and ensures—

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This smooth-gliding ball cannot cut, rip or dip into the record. That's the reason for the famous—

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We guarantee every Pathe Record to play at least ONE THOUSAND TIMES with the PATHE SAPPHIRE BALL, without impairment to the unexcelled beauty of TONE and without showing any perceptible WEAR on the record.

No Needle to Change

The Pathe Sapphire Ball is permanent. The bother and expense of constantly changing needles is entirely eliminated.

Last Call Before Christmas

Come In and Hear the New Pathephone

Come and Hear the New Pathephone

We have taken the agency for the Pathephones and Pathe Records, and invite you and your friends to come in and have us play your favorite musical selection on the Pathephone.

The Sapphire Ball

We want you to hear how much purer, truer and more life-like the Sapphire Ball reproduces the living tone of the human voice and the technique of the artist.

Perfect Tone Control

Another feature of the Pathephone we want you to see is its perfect tone control. It is made to satisfy every mood, every desire, so that you can add your interpretations to the volume, shading and expression of any selection.

No Needles to Change

Still another feature of the Pathephone we want you to

know about is the polished ball-shaped Sapphire that takes the place of the metal needle. It gives undisturbed enjoyment—saves needle expense—no lack of music because needles have run out.

Records Cannot Wear Out

This smooth, gliding Sapphire Ball cannot cut, rip or dig into the records. That is the reason for the famous Pathe guarantee mentioned above.

Plays Any Make of Disc Record

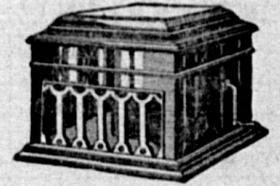
Lastly the Pathephone not only plays the wonderful Pathe American and European Double Disc Records, but it is also equipped to reproduce any other make of disc records perfectly.

Give Your Family a Lasting Gift

This Christmas give them a new world of music. Give them something they will cherish on cold, wintry nights—give them a Pathephone.

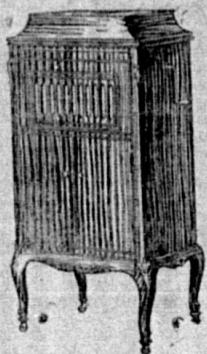


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Mahogany, Golden or Fumed Oak. Perfect tone control device. Equipped to play all makes of disc records.



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Mahogany, Golden or Fumed Oak. Perfect tone control device. Five record albums furnished. Automatic start and stop device. Special long running motor. All exposed metal parts gold plated. Equipped to play all makes of disc records. Circassian Walnut, \$200.00.



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An intensely practical Christmas gift.

One for which the family would willingly forego the sort usually received.

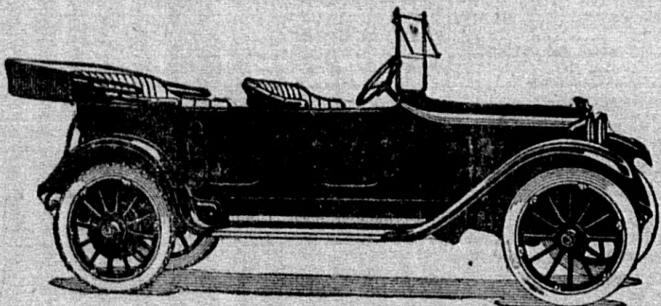
One that will be a year-round satisfaction because of its goodness; a year-round delight because of its economy.

An order placed now will insure delivery Christmas morning.

It will pay you to visit us and examine this car.

The gasoline consumption is unusually low. The tire mileage is unusually high.

The price of the Touring Car, Roadster or Commercial Car is \$885. Winter Touring Car or Roadster, \$1050. Sedan or Coupe, \$1350. (All prices f. o. b. Detroit)



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CORRESPONDENCE

SYLVAN HAPPENINGS.

During the high wind last week a portion of the roof was blown off the Sylvan church.

Miss Frona Saine visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Merker, of Jackson, over Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Hayes, who recently underwent an operation at her home is improving quite rapidly.

J. N. Dancer has purchased the farm of Mrs. Frank Page, known as the George Wasser place, west of Sylvan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phelps are at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Eugene Smith, of Cavanaugh Lake, where they expect to spend the winter.

Homer Boyd boasts of a bumper crop of hay from the Mrs. R. C. Glenn farm south of Jerusalem. He thinks there will be 100 tons when he gets through baling.

NORTH LAKE NOTES.

Graham Birch was a Stockbridge visitor Friday.

C. J. Tremmel, of Ann Arbor, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Thomas, of Dexter, were North Lake visitors Sunday.

Mrs. C. J. Tremmel spent part of last week with relatives in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. O. P. Noah left Wednesday for a ten days' visit with her sister, Mrs. George Siple, in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hudson and son Norman, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hudson, recently.

Mrs. George Fuller returned home, Friday, after a two weeks' visit with relatives in Addison and Napoleon.

A farewell party was given by the Golden Rule class in honor of Clayton Webb, who has enlisted in the marine aviation corps, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Webb, Saturday evening, about thirty-five being present. A very pleasant evening was spent, ice cream and cake were served, after which C. J. Tremmel in behalf of friends present presented Clayton with a shaving set. At a late hour all departed for home, wishing Clayton the best of luck in his undertaking.

FREEDOM ITEMS.

Ezra Feldkamp spent one day of last week in Detroit.

Mrs. Krueger is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gotlob Horning, of Pleasant Lake, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Weak and family moved into their new home last week.

Miss Esther Lutz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lutz, is suffering with an attack of smallpox.

Walter Buss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Buss is laid up with both bones of his right leg broken, caused by a horse stepping on him, Monday.

Miss Dora Esch underwent an operation for appendicitis one day last week. Dr. Darling, of Ann Arbor, performed the operation. The patient is recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

Make this a Red Cross Christmas.

PRESENTS THAT WILL PLEASE

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Presents that will be of value and service to the recipients.

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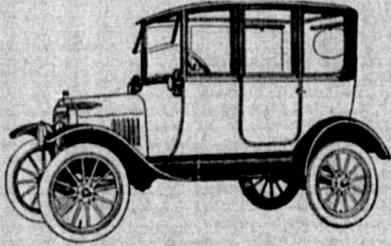
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Saturday, Dec. 22th, 1917

- One Pound Box of Chocolates, 60c value..... **39c**
 - Plenty of Waterloo Buckwheat Flour, 10 Pound Sack..... **75c**
 - Two Bars Fells' Naphtha Soap..... **10c**
 - One Pound Package Arm & Hammer Soda..... **6c**
- Lots of good things for Christmas dinner.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
JOHN FARRELL & CO.

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Choice line of Confectionery in Fancy Christmas Boxes and also in bulk. Choice Mixture, 20c pound. Leave your orders early for our famous brand of Ice Cream.

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Christmas Jewelry For Everybody

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PERSONAL

Otto D. Luick spent Friday in Ann Arbor.

Miss Gladys Schenk spent Friday in Ypsilanti.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker spent Monday in Detroit.

Miss Anna Mast, of Ann Arbor, spent Sunday in Chelsea.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace spent Saturday in Ann Arbor.

Fred Kim, of Ann Arbor, was a Chelsea visitor Tuesday.

Henry Bertke, of Manchester, was a Chelsea visitor, Monday.

John Kalmbach, of Grass Lake, was a Chelsea visitor, Saturday.

Mrs. Edward French, of Dexter, is visiting her son, Roy, and family.

Lieut. LaMont C. BeGole was the guest of Mrs. G. A. BeGole, Monday.

Mrs. John Wallace and Mrs. Fred Broesamle are Jackson visitors today.

Porter Brower was a Manchester visitor several days of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond are visiting their daughter in Dayton, Ohio.

Mark Hindelang, of Ann Arbor, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Staffan.

Lieut. Arthur Chambers was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dancer Sunday.

H. N. Morton, of Detroit, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page and daughter spent Sunday with friends in Detroit.

Miss Grace Fletcher, of Detroit, spent the week-end with her brother, J. L. Fletcher.

Carl Vogel, of Omaha, Nebr., spent several days of the past week with relatives here.

Miss Beatrice Porter, of Howell, was the guest of Mrs. H. H. Avery, the first of the week.

T. F. Callahan is making a business trip in the east in the interest of the Chelsea Steel Ball Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Otis and son, of Detroit, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Maroney.

Sergeant Wm. G. Kolb, of Camp Custer, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kolb.

George Belsler, who is in an aviation camp at San Antonio, Texas, is visiting his mother, Mrs. F. H. Belsler.

George and Floyd Sherburn, of Scottsville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wisely, the first of the week.

Dr. Ira Lehman, of Highland Park, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehman, of Sharon.

John Dunn, who is with an ambulance unit at Allentown, Pa., visited his sister, Mrs. F. E. Belsler, the first of the week.

Miss Gertrude Mapes, who is attending Oberlin college, is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mapes.

Mrs. R. H. Holmes, of Battle Creek, and Mrs. J. J. Haarer, of Detroit, are spending this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Noyes.

E. W. Patterson, of Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, spent a few hours, Sunday, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Patterson.

The family of H. Kerstetter left, Saturday, for Mohridge, S. D., where Mr. Kerstetter is engaged in mission work for the Episcopal church.

Joseph Mayer, William Mayer, C. Hummel, C. W. Maroney, Jacob Hutzel, Ed. Stierle, and Emanuel Eisenman visited Camp Custer, Sunday.

Miss Amanda Grau, who was injured in the cyclone of June 6, and has been in the hospital since that time, was brought home Tuesday. She is still unable to walk.

George W. Turnbull visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Turnbull, over the week-end. He has been promoted to sergeant of ordinance and transferred from Rock Island arsenal to Camp Custer.

Grass Lake.—The many friends of M. G. Carlton will be sorry to learn that his health is not so good this winter as formerly. He has been confined to his bed much of the time during the last month.—News.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

BAPTIST.

The Baptist Church and Sunday school will observe Christmas, Saturday evening, December 22. There will be a Christmas supper in the basement of the church at 5:30 o'clock where the little folks will be remembered. About 7:30 o'clock "The White Gifts for the King" service will be given, to which the public is cordially invited. Gifts of meats, butter, eggs, fruits, preserves and pickles will be sent to the Church at Battle Creek for the soldiers at Camp Custer.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

The M. E. Sunday school will give a pageant Sunday evening, December 23, which is in keeping with this season, that is, it is a giving Christmas instead of a receiving Christmas. The admission will be a free-will offering consisting of money or anything that could be used in the new Methodist orphanage in Highland Park; at least a potato or an apple.

Saturday afternoon, from 2 to 4 o'clock, a Christmas party will be given at the M. E. parsonage for the members of the classes taught by the Misses Kalmbach, Ives, Clark and Walz.

ST. PAUL'S.

St. Paul's church extends to each and everyone the seasons greetings, wishing all a merry, merry, Christmas.

"Joy, to the world, the Lord is born!" Should be the key-note of all the services at this time.

Christmas Sunday school exercises at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening. As the Christ child and not Santa Claus should be the first and supreme in any Christmas exercises, recitations, dialogues, solos and songs by classes and the entire Sunday school will bring out this thought.

"Unveiling the Star," by young ladies, and "Aunt Hannah," are only a few numbers on the program. There will be a Christmas tree as usual and distribution of good things to the Sunday school.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Congregational Sunday school will give the following program on Christmas eve:

Organ prelude—Doris Schmidt.

"Silent Night"—Choir.

Prayer—Pastor.

"Joy to the World"—Congregation.

Song, "Christmas Eve"—Primary.

"My Speech"—Edward Shepherd.

"The Family Stockings"—Claud Rogers.

"The Christmas Game"—Dialogue.

Song, "Christ Was Once a Little Baby"—Wesley Dierberger and Dean Rogers.

"Big Brother"—Robert Greis.

"Christmas Eve With Dolly"—Dialogue.

"Freeman Speaks"—Freeman Houston.

"Santa Claus' Bells"—Dialogue.

"Christmas Stockings"—Dialogue.

"Blitz Your Wagon to the Star"—Dean Rogers.

"The Best Claus"—Richard Koons.

Song, "The Christ Child"—Four girls.

"A Snowflake Dance"—The little tots.

"Merry Christmas"—Mary Dierberger.

Song, "Long Time Ago"—The older ones.

"Christmas Candles"—Dialogue.

"A Bit of Recreation"—Dialogue.

Duet, "Shepherds in the Field"—Anna Rogers and Audrey Harris.

"Christmas Exercise"—Dialogue.

"Christmas Presents for Mother"—Dialogue.

"An Abandoned Quest"—Dialogue.

Song, "Good Night,"—Primary Class.

Santa Claus and the "goodies".

Benediction—Pastor.

Farm Loan Association.

The Ann Arbor Grange at its last meeting voted to organize a local national farm loan association among the farmers of Washtenaw county. A committee consisting of Horace Barnard, E. E. Calkins and R. T. Brokaw was appointed to take the necessary steps towards the formation of the association. They are desirous of getting into touch with the farmers who would be interested. The members of the committee stand ready to furnish information to anyone interested. Professor George W. Dowrie of the department of economics of the University of Michigan has consented to act as adviser to the committee. When an adequate list has been obtained, a meeting will be called, at which articles of association will be drawn up and a full explanation of the working of the system will be made by Prof. Dowrie.

Announcements.

The Merry Workers will meet with Mrs. J. N. Strieter this evening.

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

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star, Wednesday evening, December 26.

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FOR SALE—An eight by ten rag rug, very little used; also a twenty-one foot ladder. Has any one a square piano for disposal? Inquire at the Standard office.

LOST—A shawl, between Chelsea and my home in Sharon. Lewis Alber, 21

FOR SALE—House and acre of land on South Main street. Barn and chicken house on same. M. Staffan, 24

NOTICE—Choice Christmas trees for church, school and family use. For landscape work and general nursery stock, fern and garden seeds, also cyclone and auto insurance, call on Alfred Kaercher, 515 S. Madison street, Chelsea, phone 283.

FOR SALE—Eight used touring cars, Fords and Overlands, all in good repair, prices reasonable. A. G. Faist, Chelsea.

FOR SALE—House and lot on Park street. Inquire of Lewis Emmer, Chelsea.

FOR SALE—The Baptist parsonage property, 157 east Summit street, 9-room house, city water and electric lights. For particulars phone Adelbert Baldwin or N. W. Laird.

LEGAL PRINTING—The Standard requests its patrons who have business with the Probate Office to ask the Judge of Probate to order the printing sent to this office.

LEAVE YOUR ORDER for Saturday Evening Post and Ladies Home Journal at the Standard office.

FOR SALE and "For Rent" window signs for sale at this office.

Order of Publication.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washington, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Washington, held at the Probate Office in the city of Ann Arbor, on the 22nd day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
Present, Emory E. Leland, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Bernhart W. Tibb, deceased.
On reading and filing the duly verified petition of Caroline Tibb, widow, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Caroline Tibb or some other suitable person, and that appraisers and commissioners be appointed.
It is ordered, that the 21st day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office be appointed for hearing said petition.
And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in the Chelsea Standard a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Washington.
EMORY E. LELAND, Judge of Probate.
(A true copy)
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STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washington, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county of Washington, held at the probate office, in the city of Ann Arbor, on the 15th day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
Present, Emory E. Leland, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of James P. Wood, deceased.
John Kalmbach, executor of said estate, having filed in this court his final account, and praying that the same may be heard and allowed.
It is ordered, that the 14th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be appointed for hearing said account.
And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in the Chelsea Standard a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Washington.
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Present, Emory E. Leland, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of John Messner, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Charles Messner, executor of said estate, praying that he may be licensed to sell certain real estate described therein at private sale for the purpose of distribution.
It is ordered, that the 14th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be appointed for hearing said petition.
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"A Visit From St. Nicholas"

WHAT is the best known poem in the world? Not Gray's "Elegy," nor "The Song of the Shirt," nor "The Raven," but "The Night Before Christmas." The author is not so well known as his poem.

One recent Christmas the name of Clement Clarke Moore was honored as never before. Above his grave in the chapel of Holy Trinity cemetery, New York, the choir boys sang carols on the night before Christmas, and a service of light was held. This beautiful ceremonial starts with a procession of torchbearers whose torches are kindled from the leader's flame, and as the line winds through the graveyard the fire is passed back from one to another until the lights grow in number and dispel the surrounding darkness.

The father of Clement Clarke Moore was once the bishop of New York. "The Night Before Christmas" was published originally without the author's knowledge in the Troy Sentinel two days before Christmas, 1823. Moore had written it the preceding Christmas just for the delight of his own children, but its circulation slipped beyond the family circle, and an unknown friend sent it for publication. The Sentinel readers paid no attention to it, and it passed without comment until seven years later, when the same paper reprinted it. The second reception was very different from the first. "A Visit From St. Nicholas," as it was then entitled, was copied broadcast, and its author awoke to find his work, if not himself, famous.

Although Clement Clarke Moore was educated for the ministry, he never took orders. For the greater part of his life he was identified with the New York General Theological seminary, being professor of Biblical learning and Greek and later of oriental languages. Clement Moore's family life had many sorrows. His wife died at the early age of thirty-five, and the two little daughters, for whom he wrote "The Night Before Christmas," both died in their childhood. His son and namesake lived to the age of sixty-eight and is buried in the family plot.

When "The Night Before Christmas" was first published in the Troy Sentinel the editor wrote:

"We do not know to whom we are indebted for the following description



The "Service of Light."

of that unwearied patron of children that homely but delightful personification of parental kindness, Santa Claus his custom and his equipment, as he goes about visiting the firesides of this happy land, laden with Christmas bounties, but from whomsoever it may have come we give thanks for it. There is to our apprehension a spirit of cordial goodness in it, a playfulness as of fancy and a benevolent alacrity to enter into the feelings and promote the simple pleasures of children which are altogether charming. We hope our little patrons, both lads and lassies, will accept it as a proof of our unfeigned good will toward them, a token of our warmest wish that they may have many a merry Christmas; that they may long retain their beautiful recollections for these unthought, home bred joys which derive their flavor from filial piety and fraternal love and which they may be assured, are the least allayed that time can furnish them."—Philadelphia Press.

Christmas Song.
Oh, Christmas is a happy time,
When human hearts are light
And human hate has vanished
And all the world looks bright!

And Christmas is a solemn time,
For back long, long ago,
Christ was born to give the world
The joy that we now know.

But not alone at Christmas time
Is happiness and cheer,
For he who really loves the Lord
Hath Christmas all the year.
—H. K. Soddler.

CHURCH CIRCLES

CONGREGATIONAL.
Rev. F. W. Dierberger, Pastor.
Morning worship at 10 o'clock with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Christmas Joy." The choir will render Christmas music, and Floyd Ward, will sing a solo.
Sunday school at 11:15 o'clock a. m. Class for men led by the pastor.
The church with a welcome for all.

CATHOLIC.
Rev. W. P. Conidine, Rector.
Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Sunday services.
Holy communion 6:30 a. m.
Low mass 7:30 a. m.
High mass 10:00 a. m.
Catechism at 11:00 a. m.
Baptisms at 3 p. m.
Mass on week days at 7:00 a. m.
Second Sunday in Advent.
The Altar Society and St. Aloysius Sodality will receive holy communion next Sunday.

Christmas will be celebrated next Tuesday. High mass at 5 a. m.; low masses at 8 and 10 a. m. Benediction after the last mass. The Christmas crib will be erected in the church. The offertory on Christmas will be for the pastor of the parish. A Reverend Father from Assumption college will assist the pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
Rev. G. H. Whitney, Pastor.
Morning service at 10 o'clock as usual Sunday.
Bible school at 11:15 a. m.
Epworth League at 6 p. m.
Evening service at 7 o'clock.
Thursday prayer meeting 7 p. m.
A cordial invitation to all.

BAPTIST.
Regular church services at 10 a. m. Prof. S. B. Laird, of Ypsilanti, will preach at the morning service.
Sunday school at 11:15 o'clock a. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Thursday evening.
Everybody welcome.

ST. PAULS.
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor.
German service Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Subject, "A Message from the Wilderness."
Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.
Sunday school Christmas exercises at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening.
Christmas services Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.
The public is cordially invited.

SALEM GERMAN M. E. CHURCH, NEAR FRANCISCO.
Rev. G. C. Nodsdorf, Pastor.
Sunday school Sunday 9:30 a. m.
German service at 10:30 a. m.
Epworth League 7:00 p. m.
English service 7:30 p. m.
Everybody most cordially invited.

FROM CAMP CUSTER.

Camp Custer, Dec. 15, 1917.
Editor Standard: I wish to thank you for your kindness in sending me the Standard, the last two issues of which I have received and enjoyed reading them very much.
I have found the army life very interesting so far. We have not been quite so active the past week on account of the cold weather, but our quarters have been kept comfortable.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and thanking you again for this much appreciated favor, I remain
Very truly yours,
MAX M. KELLY.
310th Trench Mortar Battery.

Auction
Mrs. Matilda Horning having decided to move to York, Pa., to live with her son, will sell her personal property at public auction on the premises in the village of Francisco, on Wednesday, December 26, beginning at 1 p. m., consisting of household goods, canned fruit, etc. I. M. Kalmbach, auctioneer.

Jackson—Carl Eberle announces that shortly after the first of the year the Eberle brewery will discontinue the manufacture of beer and that the company will be reorganized, with his two sons in charge, for the manufacture of non-alcoholic drinks.—Patriot.

He Could Hardly Wear His Clothes
Alvis Sowers, Ade, Ind., endured terrible pains in his back and through his kidneys for eight years before he finally used Foley Kidney Pills. He says: "I would blot up at times so that I could hardly wear my clothes. Secretions were scant and very red. Foley Kidney Pills were recommended to me, and the first box removed the pain and after taking only three boxes the blotting was all gone and I have never bothered me since."
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Council Proceedings.
(OFFICIAL)
Chelsea, December 17, 1917
Council met in regular session. Meeting called to order by President Lehman.
Present—Trustees Dancer, Frymuth, Meyer, Hirth. Absent—Epler, Palmer.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
The following bills were read by the clerk:

General Fund.	
L. P. Vogel, merchandise—	16.00
Hindelang & Fahrner, roofing—	13.50
H. E. Cooper, 1/2 mo. salary—	35.00
Howard Brooks, fire chief, Chipman, VanRiper, Hieber and Scripser fires and 1 cord wood—	100.50
Street Fund.	
G. Bockres, 2 weeks—	20.00
Gil. Martin, 28 hrs. @ 20 cents—	5.60
A. B. Shutes, gravel and right-of-way—	24.30
Chelsea Elevator Co., material—	7.65
Electric Light & Water Works Fund.	
Electric Light & Water Commission—	\$2500.00

Enter Epler.
Moved by Dancer, supported by Frymuth, that the bills be allowed as read and that orders be drawn for the several amounts.
Yeas—Dancer, Meyer, Frymuth, Epler. Nays—None. Carried.
Moved by Frymuth, supported by Meyer, that we adjourn. Carried.
W. R. Daniels, Clerk.

Lyndon Tax Notice.
I will be at the Lyndon town hall, December 14, 21 and 28, the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Chelsea, December 15, 22 and 29, and January 5 and 12 for the purpose of collecting taxes.
HOMER STOFER, Treasurer.

Dexter Taxpayers.
I will be at the Dexter Savings Bank on Saturdays until and including January 5; at Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank, Chelsea, on Wednesday, January 2, for the purpose of receiving taxes.
R. L. DONAVAN,
23 Treasurer of Dexter township.
Make this a Red Cross Christmas.

Notice to Lima Taxpayers.
The undersigned will be at the Lima town hall every Friday during the month of December; Dexter Savings Bank, Saturday, December 22 and at the Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank, Chelsea, Saturday, January 5, to receive taxes.
FRED BARNMILLER,
Treasurer Lima Township.

Notice to Hunters.
We, the undersigned will not allow any hunting, trapping or trespassing on our premises:
Mrs. Wm. Grieb
John H. Alber
Alfred Kaercher
R. M. Hoppe
F. C. Haist
Fred Seltz
W. S. Pielemeier
M. L. Burkhardt
W. H. Eiseaman
C. D. Jenks
A. B. Skinner
Henry Kalmbach
Reed Estate
John C. Leeman

IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY KIDNEYS
Chelsea Readers Should Learn to Keep the Kidneys Well.
The kidneys have a big work to do. All the blood in the body is coursing through the kidneys constant to be freed of poisonous matter. It is a heavy enough task when the kidneys are well, but a cold, chill, fever or some thoughtless exposure is likely to irritate, inflame and congest the kidneys and interrupt the purifying work. Then the aching frequently begins and is often accompanied by some irregularity of the urine—too frequent passages, sediment or retention. Thousands testify to the wonderful merit of Doan's Kidney Pills, a remedy for the kidney only, that has been used in kidney troubles 50 years. You will make no mistake in following this Chelsea citizen's advice:
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Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Lehman had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

Smoke Dull Care Away!

Don't let dull care encroach upon the Christmas cheer. SMOKE IT OUT. After the cheerful dinner get your Jimmy pipe or your cigar and dissipate care in the fragrant smoke of the weed. Of course you'll want the BEST. You'll find it in a box of our fragrant Miss Detroit, Mi Dona or La Preferencia Cigars. Or if your taste runs to the more companionable pipe, try a package of our mellow Prince Albert, Tuxedo or Velvet. Everything in Cigars, from the 5c Cob to the finest Brier. Everything in Cigars, from the Stogies to the finest Havana. Everything in Tobacco, from Lugs to the best Turkish.

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Dufresnay's Christmas Awakening

ON Christmas morning of the year 1081 M. Dufresnay's apartments were in some confusion. Monsieur himself as he slept on a spindly legged sofa was not the very image of order. His rose colored satin coat was under his head, and his silk stockings dangled over the end of his all too brief bed. The cards of yesterday and yesterday's bestrewed the floor.

He was disturbed by the insistent tinkling of a bell. Dufresnay groaned and struggled to his feet.

On opening the door he beheld a very beautiful young lady quaintly disguised as a working woman and carrying a large basket such as laundresses use. Dufresnay retreated in confusion, bowing profoundly and wrestling with his coat.

"I pray you pardon me, mademoiselle. I did not expect a vision!"

"And I pray you, monsieur, not to mock me," she replied, with a wry lit-



"I Did Not Expect a Vision!"

tle smile. "The last time I came your servant said you had no money. You owe me 17 livres."

Dufresnay gazed in speechless incredulity for a moment and then burst out laughing.

"A merry Christmas to you, mademoiselle!" he cried. "Is the basket for me?"

"I wish you also a merry Christmas. But please, please listen to me. Perhaps the wine is not yet out of your head. But I must have money today. Surely you can understand?"

Dufresnay partially mustered his wits and attempted an elaborate compliment.

"I have seen all the shepherdesses of our Arcadian Versailles and— By the goddess of the laundry, you are not crying! The basket is very heavy. And here are actual shirts!"

He looked in comic perplexity from the basket to the girl. Then he said gently, "Has no one ever told you how beautiful you are?"

"Certainly you are not the first to flatter me nor the first that failed to pay me, but," she added, and her eyes filled with tears, "I had better hopes of you. Fine words will not help me."

"I know they will not. What have I that will bring 17 livres? This ring?"

"But that is a wedding ring."

"My mother's. And it is for my wife. It is for you."

"That is a cruel jest. And I thought you were so different. You have never seen me before, but I live not far away, and I have often seen you. You are not yourself now or you would not mock me so."

"I was never myself before," insisted Dufresnay.

At this moment a stately personage appeared in the doorway and rang the bell with great vigor.

Dufresnay greeted him with delight. "Is his majesty returned to Paris? No? He is well?"

Turning to the girl, he said: "I am, as perhaps you know, the king's poor hnsman, as poor as he is rich. M. Ribot has been the bearer of many good gifts. Monsieur, mademoiselle is my betrothed."

"Ahem! M. Dufresnay, his majesty intrusted me with this Christmas present for you—this purse of gold, 500 lous, I believe, and this commission creating you valet de chambre du roi, with a stipend of 100,000 livres per annum. I congratulate you, monsieur. As I have many other commissions to execute for his gracious majesty, I must humbly take my leave."

"Present my grateful thanks and Christmas wishes to his majesty."

M. Ribot made his departure with somewhat the air of one who gladly takes leave of questionable company.

"May I also congratulate you, monsieur?" timidly ventured the girl. "You can pay me now," she added rather faintly.

"You see my establishment—how I live. Could not the order of these apartments be improved? Will you abandon me amid such ruins? The abbe who ministers in the church under his good friend."

"Why, he is also my abbe!"

"Wonderful! White lambs and black are alike in the eyes. I am a most un-

lucky gamester. And you can give me better luck than ever came of winning. On my honor, I love you. And the abbe will be very glad to see us. Shall we not make the good old man happy?"

"If you will, monsieur,"—W. R. Van Dusen in New York Evening Sun.

A Christmas Prayer.

God grant no little child may go
With hungry heart or empty hand—
Give this thy world one radiant day
To understand, to understand.
Give us the fitting word to say,
The spendthrift smile, the brave ca-
res;
Disclose our hearts and give us now
The courage of our tenderness!
Lord, we are old with toil and tears,
Our souls are veiled with various art,
Yet still the little children keep
Thine ancient simplicity of heart—
And they alone of all thy breath
May bind the burning angels eyes
And, striking laughter from the sword,
Retrace the years to paradise.
They are so brave with love and
dreams,
So eager eyed and, ah, so dear!
I think we must return them now
The faith they bore across the year.
I think that we must give them now
The spendthrift smile, the kindly
word,
That earth may keep its ancient hope
And see thy full commandments,
Lord.

—Dana Burnet.

Christmas Tree For the Birds

Mr. and Mrs. Song Sparrow, the Misses Flicker, Cock Robin, Miss Jennie Wren, Sir Woodpecker and other members of the feathered Four Hundred who were lured by warm days at beginning of one winter into stopping with us, only to find themselves sadly hit later by the high cost of living, were thrown into a flutter of excitement by cards issued by Miss Louise Laidlaw of Sands Point, N. Y., to a birds' Christmas tree party.

It was held in the bird sanctuary on the Laidlaw place, near the commodious home built for bird tenants in a sheltering elm there. The tree was the finest ever.

For days little Miss Louise was busy in the pauses of her lessons, stringing



The Birds' Christmas Tree.

cranberries, popcorn, nuts and other dainties beloved of birds. Strings of red skinned apples, cut into tiny pieces convenient for birds to peck at, were a prominent feature of the decorations, and so were bacon rinds and lumps of suet, which are good to keep warmth in the little bodies when the cold creeps under their feathered coats.

Miss Louise, who spent most of her time in the country, studied the ways of the birds and their likings, and she knew that they are as strongly attracted by bright colored things as are children. That is why the tree was made pretty with gay tinted berries.

There was a large attendance, and no birds were turned away, no matter how shabby their coats or disreputable their reputations. The blustering little English sparrows were welcomed with the rest, although they tried to bully the others. Even grouchy old Sir Crow was permitted to peck a bit.

Derived From Days of Yore.

It is a beautiful arrangement and derived from the days of yore that this festival, which commemorates the announcement of the religion of peace and love, has been made the season for gathering together of family connections and drawing closer again those bands of kindred hearts which the cares and pleasures and sorrows of the world are continually operating to cast loose, or calling back the children of a family who have lunched forth in life and wandered widely asunder, once more to assemble about the paternal hearth, that rallying place of the affections, there to grow young and loving again.—Washington Irving.

Make this a Red Cross Christmas.

What the Christmas "Waits" Sing

SANTA CLAUS being about to desert the city streets for his annual reindeer ride over the roofs, the "waits" prepare to sing their centuries old carols.

In several American cities has been revived the beautiful old custom of the "waits" going about from house to house singing the familiar old songs. Light the Christmas candles in your window if you want them to stop before your home!

God rest you merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay—
They will surely sing that, perhaps the best known of all old English carols. And this too:

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king.
And, of course, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Perhaps, too, they will sing what is said to be the earliest known Christmas carol, dating from the Anglo-Norman days of the thirteenth century, which begins:

Lordings, listen to our lay—
We have come from far away
To seek Christmas,
In this mansion we are told
He his yearly feasts doth hold;
'Tis today!
May joy come from God above
To all those who Christmas love.

This carol ends with the toast of those days:

"Here, then, I bid you all wassail,
Cursed be he who will not say drink-hail."
Wassail meaning your health and "drink-hail" being the usual and courteous acknowledgment.

One of the best known of all the old carols, although not one of the oldest, was written by Nahum Tate in 1703 and is called the "Song of the Angels." It begins:

While shepherds watched their flocks
By night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.

Many are the carols in which Britain's ancient holly figures. "Then drink to the holly berry," pledges one writer of songs, while another in "Under the Holly Bough" summons "All ye

who have scorned each other or injured friend or brother, come gather here."

And then there's that grand old hymn "Adeste Fideles," sung in every church in this land and in others, at this Christmas season:

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
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Join the triumph of the skies,
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who have scorned each other or injured friend or brother, come gather here."

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SUGAR LOAF LAKE.

Mrs. John Brietenbach spent the week-end in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beeman spent Tuesday in Jackson.

Lawrence Riemenschneider was the guest of Claire Rowe Sunday.

Miss Nina Beeman spent last week with friends and relatives in Detroit.

Claire Rowe, of Kalamazoo, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Beeman, Bert Kellogg and Bud Robinson spent Tuesday in Jackson.

Bert Kellogg, of Ann Arbor, spent Sunday and Monday at the home of G. W. Beeman.

George Rowe and family, of Jackson, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rowe.

NORTH FRANCISCO.

Cecil Lampert spent Sunday with Philip Fauser.

Ora Miller spent Monday night with Rhona Peterson.

Charles Meyer is spending some time with Henry Notten.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lehman spent Sunday at the home of Herman Zott.

Mrs. Minnie Gage spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Notten.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Notten spent Sunday with Emmett Dancer and family, of Chelsea.

Mr. Miller, the missionary, gave a lecture on India Sunday evening in Salem German M. E. church, which was very much enjoyed by all present.

The Ladies Aid Society of Salem German M. E. church will serve a chicken pie dinner in the basement of the church on New Year's day. Everybody invited.

The installation of the officers of Francisco Arbor of Gleaners will be held Thursday, December 27, in the German school house, at Francisco. The meeting will be held in the day time and will be for Gleaners and their families.

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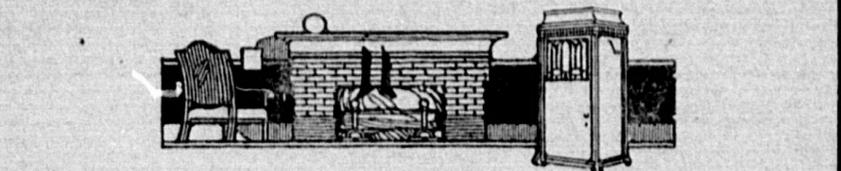
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FRANCISCO VILLAGE.

James Richards, of North Francisco, was a guest at the Frey home Monday.

Mrs. John Helle and grandson, Arthur Frey, were Jackson visitors Monday.

Walter Schittenhelm, of Camp Custer, spent Sunday at the home of his parents.

Chapman Waddams, of Henrietta, will spend the winter at the home of Morris Hammond.

Mrs. Chris Klingler, of Sylvan, visited her aunt, Mrs. C. H. Plowe, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Benter, of Cavanaugh Lake, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Plowe.

Hazen and William H. Lehman visited their brother Emory, Monday, who is ill at Camp Custer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Welsh entertained their son, who was home from Ft. Sheridan, several days of last week.

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LOCAL ITEMS

The flag was conspicuous by its absence while the soldiers were here, Monday.

Born, on Monday, December 17, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hindelang, a daughter.

On account of the shortage of fuel, the M. E. prayer meeting will be held in the parsonage.

On Christmas day the Chelsea post-office will close at 9 o'clock a. m., and remain closed the rest of the day.

A marriage license has been granted to Francis Wayne May, 21, Lyndon, and Ione Frances Gorton, 16, Jackson.

John Guenther during the past week sold to Sauer & Co., of Ann Arbor, 1300 cords of wood on his farm at \$2.75 per cord.

Max Roedel, son of Mrs. Alice Roedel, and Leo McQuillan, son of Mrs. T. McQuillan, have enlisted in the navy and have been sent to the Great Lakes training station.

Twenty-five members of the Odd Fellows went to Ann Arbor Tuesday evening. Five candidates were taken along and given the first degree by the Ann Arbor degree team.

Jack Willis, who has been agent for the D. J. & C. Ry., for several months, has been transferred to Ann Arbor, and will start work December 27. Raymond Eyre will be the new agent here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Runciman have moved from their farm to their residence on Harrison street. George Robards, who has been working the Henry Pierce farm, has moved to the Runciman farm.

Glenn H. Barbour attended the annual meeting of the Michigan Rabbit Breeders' Association at Grand Rapids, Friday. He was elected vice president of the association.

A collision on the D. J. & C. Ry., at the Parker road, Tuesday, shook up the passengers and disfigured a car considerably. The accident was caused by a car which had gone in on siding running into a standing freight car.

Miss Grace Schenk, who is attending the Ypsilanti Normal College, won first prize for the best poster advertising the concert given by the Normal Choir. The prize was offered by Professor Alexander, head of the Conservatory of Music.

Monday a telegram came to Fred Richards announcing the death of his brother Edwin, of Hastings. Had he lived seven days longer he would have been 95 years old. Surviving him are two brothers and one sister, all residents of Chelsea.

The directors of the Security Trust Company, of Detroit, at their annual meeting last week, gave recognition to efficient service by making Claude A. Guerin a vice president of the company. Mr. Guerin was a former resident here, and was employed in the office of the old White Portland Cement Co. Since 1908 he has been in the employ of the Security Trust Company.

When Superintendent of Public Instruction Keeler recommended to the school boards of education throughout the state that the regular holiday vacation be cut to Christmas and New Years days, he did not reckon with the coal situation. Instead of shortening the vacation, the local board has been compelled to make it longer and the school closed Friday and will not open until there is coal in the bins.

A number of troop trains passed east through Chelsea, Monday afternoon, and one of them stopped here for thirty minutes while the men were allowed to get off the train and stretch themselves. Squads of the men were marched south on Main and East streets. They were from Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and were a fine looking lot of men. One of the officers, Lieut. Butler, was an acquaintance of Rev. P. W. Dierberger, and they had a short visit.

Miss Esther May Depew, of this city, and Paul Bowditch Taylor, of Schenectady, N. Y., were united in marriage, Friday evening, at the home of the bride, Rev. N. C. Fetter performing the ceremony, which was witnessed by twenty-five guests. Mr. Taylor is planning to enter the engineering service in connection with the medical corps immediately. The bride is a graduate of the local high school and is a junior literary student in the university, while the bridegroom is a senior engineering student.—Ann Arbor Times-News. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Depew, former Chelsea residents, and has many friends here.

RED CROSS NOTES.

The following new members are reported:

J. Bacon, Peter Gorman, Mrs. P. Gorman, R. B. Waltrous, N. H. Cook, O. J. Walworth, C. F. Hathaway, Mrs. M. Kusterer, Waldo Kusterer, Laura Hieber, Mrs. E. A. Tisch, Ed. Brown, Mr. Jane VanAtta, Blanche Stephens, H. W. Cunningham, Mrs. H. W. Cunningham, Mrs. Wm. Arnold, S. A. Mapes, Mrs. J. Bachman, J. T. Woods, Mrs. Lynn Kern, Mrs. Imogene Smith, Mrs. Ella Monroe, Howard Holmes, E. D. Walker, Mrs. G. J. Crowell, Mrs. J. Dyer, Mrs. W. R. Daniels, Mrs. Otto Hinderer, Ruth Saylor, G. W. Beckwith, Julius Kaercher, F. C. Klinger, Fay Bagge, W. B. Dancer, Mrs. J. N. Strieter, T. Drislane, Mrs. T. Drislane, Harold Kaercher, Clayton Ward, Joseph LaRosa, Mrs. F. H. Hammond, Edythe Koebbe, Mrs. W. R. French, Doris Shepherd Mrs. C. W. Speer, Mrs. L. V. Carpenter, Mrs. George Hamp, Mantle Spaulding, Mrs. D. A. Spaulding, Mrs. Olive Winslow, Rev. G. Eisen, Mrs. M. Heschelwerdt, Mrs. Geo. Nordman, W. S. Davidson, D. E. Beach, Mrs. D. E. Beach, Hilda Mohrlock, Lizzie Mast, J. F. Maier, E. D. Chipman, Mrs. Kent Walworth, Ivan Baldwin, Alvin Baldwin, Alice Baldwin, J. G. Webster, J. N. Dancer, Louise Hieber, Mrs. R. W. Hall, H. J. Dancer, C. J. Downer, Mrs. Charlotte Thompson, Mrs. Frank Leach, Leroy Brower, Mrs. M. J. Baxter, Roy Dillon, W. P. Schenk, Hannah Hall, Anita Stimpson, J. W. Schenk, Mrs. John Schieferstein, Mrs. A. B. Clark, Mrs. E. C. Taylor, H. H. Green, Mrs. L. Reilly, G. H. Barbour, J. F. Shaver, Maureen Wood, Mrs. Mary Tobin, Mrs. Miranda McKnight, Frank Chambers, Miss C. A. Sharp, Mrs. M. E. McDonald, Mary Trumbull, L. H. Hindelang, Mrs. J. Kalmbach, Mrs. W. P. Taylor, Tressa Conlan, Mrs. A. Winans, Mrs. J. G. Wagner, Mrs. A. E. Johnson, Mrs. J. N. Dancer, Mrs. Geo. Eisele, Mrs. M. B. Millsbaugh, Arvilla Closser, Ada Hamilton, Mrs. T. Callahan, St. Mary Academy, Rha Alexander, Mrs. Rha Alexander, Mrs. Michael Merkel, W. J. Shepherd, Mrs. Louis Burg, Mrs. M. Swickerath, Florence Turnbull.

Junior—Leonard VanGieson, Josephine Walker.

Receipt of \$2.50 from the Chat'en Sea Club is acknowledged.

W. R. C. Officers.

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps, Friday afternoon, December 14:

President—Mrs. Mary L. Boyd.
Senior Vice President—Mrs. Ida Webster.
Junior Vice President—Mrs. Evelyn Russell.
Secretary—Miss Nina Crowell.
Chaplain—Mrs. Elizabeth Walz.
Conductor—Mrs. Emily Clark.
Guard—Mrs. Amelia Geddes.
Delegate to Department Convention—Mrs. Laura Armour.
Alternate—Mrs. Martha Shaver.

Grange Officers.

Lafayette Grange elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
Master—John Kilmer.
Overser—George Gage.
Lecturer—Mrs. Helen Kilmer.
Steward—George English.
Assistant Steward—Mason Whipple.
Chaplain—Mrs. Frances English.
Treasurer—O. C. Burkhart.
Secretary—Mrs. Mary Gage.
Gate Keeper—Fred Sager.
Ceres—Miss Ethel Whipple.
Pomona—Mrs. Mary Sager.
Flora—Mrs. Mrs. Ethel Hesel, schwerdt.

L. A. Steward—Mrs. Edith Whipple.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 21.

Louise Glaum in "Idolators", the story of the moth and the candle.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22.

Rupert Julian and Ruth Clifford in "A Kentucky Cinderella." How a waif was wadded to happiness despite the wiles of a designing woman.

TUESDAY, DEC. 25.

Christmas Day.

The most famous of all western character actors, William S. Hart, in "The Square Deal Man." The regeneration of a square-jawed westerner who staked his all on the love of a girl and won.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26.

William Desmond in "Master of His Home." The story of a millionaire who made the great mistake of marrying for a home. In addition to the above feature will be shown "Who Leads the National Army." Hundreds of thousands of America's finest young men are in training camps—others are on the battle-front abroad. Relatives and friends of these red-blooded fighters want to know everything about the officers who will lead them "over the top." It is authorized by the war department. Produced by the Military Training Camps Association. Shows everything about the selection and training of these officers.—Adv.

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 - Boys' Sweater Coats \$1.50 to \$5.00
 - Men's Sweater Coats \$1.50 to \$7.50
 - Large Showing of Neckwear 25c to \$1.50
 - Silk and Madras Shirts, some in Xmas Boxes \$1.25 to \$4.50
 - Men's Kid Gloves, either Plain, Silk Lined or Fleeced Lined... \$1.50 to \$2.50
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 - XXXX Sugar, (limited quantity) per pound 10c
 - 25c Roasted Coffee 21c
- We Have Granulated Sugar, (limited quantity)
- Best Coffee in Chelsea 33c
 - Fancy New Orleans Molasses, per can 25c
 - Large Can Albacore Tuna Fish 15c
 - 5 Pound Pail Corn Syrup 40c

VOGEL & WURSTER

SOLDIERS AT WACO TAUGHT ECONOMY

BONES, BOTTLES, SCRAPS, SAVED UP AND TURNED OVER TO QUARTERMASTER.

SHOES AND UNIFORMS MENDED

Dozen Women Kept Busy Six Days a Week Patching Holes and Rents in Guards' Clothing.

Camp MacArthur, Waco—Economy is the watchword of the Michigan and Wisconsin guardsmen in training here.

Every scrap of paper is picked up and saved, all the bones from the kitchen are kept, every empty bottle is laid away and any rags, whether parts of uniforms or the aprons of the cooks, must be preserved.

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TRAINING SPEEDED AT CUSTER

Appeals From Abroad for Soldiers Causes Work to Be Rushed.

Camp Custer, Battle Creek—Inspired by appeals from abroad for American troops and urged by the cold facts laid before them by war department officials, unit commanders of the Eighty-fifth division are losing no available drill time despite the inclement weather and drains on their numerical strength.

Every effort is being made to get the men in shape for movement abroad. Most of the troops are being sent to the rifle ranges regularly, in spite of the inclement weather.

While commanders realize that the cold weather will naturally keep the men from showing maximum efficiency, they deem it necessary to give them as much target practice as possible, so the amateurs will become familiar with the mechanism of their rifles.

During the past week the population of the camp was reduced by over 2,000 men, this number having been sent to various other training camps.

Another 3,000 are probably already on the way to southern camps. Announcement will not be made until the movement has been completed.

In the near future, other special units, such as ambulance companies and ammunition trains, and candidates for aviation branches, will filter to different sections of the country.

GUARD EXPECTS EARLY ACTION

War Department Orders Indicate U. S. Troops Are Needed in Trenches.

Camp MacArthur, Waco, Tex.—From the office of Secretary of War Newton D. Baker comes word that American forces now in France and those to go overseas early may get into action soon after their arrival.

Buried in the middle of a memorandum on machine gun training, the information bears out the statement of Major-General James Parker, made last week that the Yankees were needed "over there" at once.

"It is most important that the regimental machine gun companies should be trained first and then the brigade companies," says the memorandum. "The division sent early to France may be required soon after arrival to take over a portion of the line. It is essential, therefore, that the regimental and brigade companies should be capable of taking over the machine gun defenses of the sectors concerned. If time does not permit before leaving this country, the training of the divisional battalions will have to be carried out in France."

WITH THE BOYS AT CAMPCUSTER

Regimental officers estimate that only about 50 per cent of efficiency is obtained in the cold weather, but declare this is better than no outdoor work at all. It is against the policy of the division to allow men to remain in barracks if avoidable.

Camp Custer is the healthiest army camp in America, according to figures announced by the division surgeon's office.

Simultaneously with the appearance of the trench helmet there has appeared the first camouflage uniform. It resembles a suit of hooded white pajamas and will be used by sentries and outposts during winter weather.

Carried in one of these outfits it is hard to distinguish at 300 yards or more, and at night cannot be seen at all at 150 yards, even when moving about.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

A municipal fish market has been opened at Bay City.

Petoskey bakers have established the cash and carry system.

O. O. Stanchfield, of Hillsdale, has left for India, where he is a leader in Y. M. C. A. work.

The Lake Carrier's association announces that a winter class for sailors will be conducted at Marine City.

Camp Custer officers will act as instructors in the new military training course in the Battle Creek high school.

Frank Jostock, 16 years old Lapeer boy, was accidentally shot and killed by Frank Becker, of Detroit, while hunting rabbits near Five Lakes.

Petoskey grocers and butchers have cut deliveries to two a day. They have also shortened the time length of credits to from pay day to pay day.

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The Oakland County Patriotic league has subscriptions totaling more than \$50,000, says Secretary D. J. Moreland. The funds will be sufficient to meet the quotas for authorized soldier, welfare and Red Cross needs for several months.

Realization by the federal department of agriculture and the food administration of the gravity of the seed corn situation in Michigan has resulted in the granting to M. A. C. the authority to employ six temporary assistant county agents at large to assist in the work of seed corn conservation.

An effort is being made by State Game Warden John Baird to close the season on partridge in 1918 to prevent the extermination of this game bird. Mr. Baird says that his department has taken a census of the birds and predicts that, should the open season continue for the next two or three years, this bird would go the way of the wild pigeon.

Uriah C. Fitzsimmons and Luther H. Fitzsimmons, Reading township twins, celebrated their eightieth birthday anniversary a few days ago. They claim the honor of being first twins born in Hillsdale county, and have never lived outside the township in which they were born. Both men are farmers. Uriah still works every day, but Luther has grown lame.

University of Michigan officials predict that the enrollment will drop to 2,500 in the fall of 1918. December 1 there were 5,076 students enrolled, which was 1,525 less than the total enrollment of the previous year, exclusive of the summer season. Of the 5,076, 1,696 are women and 3,383 men. Of the men, 1,853 are of draft age, are registered, and awaiting their call.

Slightly more than 14 per cent of the 25,000 men who made up the last increment to come to Custer, have been rejected because of physical disabilities. The examiners of all, including the stragglers and alternates, has been completed. Exactly 1,810 men were declared physically unfit. In all 3,372 men have been turned away from this camp by the medical officers since Custer opened.

When the family home burned, the four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Jameson, of Ontonagon, was saved by John Garvin, former county clerk of Ontonagon county. The parents were away from home when the fire was discovered. The presence of the baby in the house was not known until the fire had made serious headway. Garvin found the baby under the bed, where it had crawled from fright.

A limestone plant employing at least 500 men will be opened at Rogers City next spring by the Kelley Island Lime & Transport Co., of Cleveland. The company has purchased 2,000 acres of stone land on the lake shore and has started clearing and excavation work. The world's largest limestone plant is already located at Rogers City, this being the Michigan Limestone & Chemical Co. plant which last year shipped more than 5,000,000 tons of stone.

Every Catholic home in Detroit is to be visited by solicitors for the Knights of Columbus \$5,000,000 fund in the big drive which starts January 7. Detroit's apportionment is \$150,000, but it is expected that Detroit will greatly exceed this amount.

Because their brother, Ray Hebert, 25 years old, of Menominee, is held captive by the Germans, Homer, Earl and George Hebert of that city have entered the service of the nation to help liberate him. There is only one more boy in the Hebert family, he being rejected for service.

OUTSIDE PALE OF HUMANITY

Frightfulness Taught by German Leaders Belongs to Age of Barbarism.

SOLEMN PLEDGE MERE WORDS

Kaiser's Statesmen Had No Intention of Keeping Faith With Their Agreement on International Law—Horrors Told by Diaries.

In giving to the American people the knowledge of German inhumanity in Belgium, says a pamphlet issued by the committee on public information, the evidence is drawn mainly from German and American sources. The German sources include official proclamations and other official utterances, letters and diaries of German soldiers, and quotations from German newspapers. The "Rules for Field Service" of the German army advises each soldier to keep such a diary while on active service.

In the wars waged in ancient times it was taken for granted that conquered peoples might be either killed, tortured, or held as slaves; that their property would be taken and that their lands would be devastated. "Vae victis—woe to the conquered!" For two centuries or more there has been a steady advance in introducing ideas of humanity and especially in confining the evils of warfare to the combatants. The ideal seemed to have become so thoroughly established as a part of international law that the powers at The Hague thought it sufficient merely to state the general principles in Article XLVI of the regulations: "Family honors and rights, the lives of persons and private property, as well as religious convictions and practice, must be respected. Private property cannot be confiscated." Germany, in common with the other powers, solemnly pledged her faith to keep this article, but her military leaders had no intention of doing so. They had been trained in the ideas voiced by Gen. von Hartmann 40 years ago: "Terrorism is seen to be a relatively gentle procedure, useful to keep the masses of the people in a state of obedience." This had been Bismarck's policy, too. According to Moritz Busch, Bismarck's biographer, Bismarck, exasperated by the French resistance, which was still continuing in January, 1871, said:

"If in the territory which we occupy, we cannot supply everything for our troops, from time to time we shall send a flying column into the localities which are recalcitrant. We shall shoot, hang and burn. After that has happened a few times, the inhabitants will finally come to their senses."

Horrors Told in Soldiers' Diaries.

The frightfulness taught by the German leaders held full sway in Belgium. This is best seen in the entries in the diaries of the individual German soldiers.

"During the night of August 15-16 Engineer Gr... gave the alarm in the town of Vise. Every one was shot or taken prisoner, and the houses were burnt. The prisoners were made to march and keep up with the troops." (From the diary of noncommissioned officer Reinhold Koehn of the Second battalion of engineers, Third army corps.)

"A horrible bath of blood. The whole village burnt, the French thrown into the blazing houses, civilians with the rest." (From the diary of Private Hassemmer of the Eighth army corps.)

"In the night of August 18-19 the village of Saint-Maurice was punished for having fired on German soldiers by being burnt to the ground by the German troops (two regiments, the Twelfth Landwehr and the Seventeenth). The village was surrounded, men posted about a yard from one another, so that no one could get out. Then the Germans set fire to it, house by house. Neither man, woman, nor child could escape; only the greater part of the live stock we carried off, as that could be used. Anyone who ventured to come out was shot down. All the inhabitants left in the village were burnt with the houses." (From the diary of Private Karl Scheufele of the Third Bavarian regiment and Landwehr Infantry.)

"At ten o'clock in the evening the first battalion of the One hundred and Seventy-eighth marched down the steep incline into the burning village to the burning village to the north of Dinant. A terrific spectacle of ghastly beauty. At the entrance to the village lay about fifty dead civilians, shot for having fired upon our troops from ambush. In the course of the night many others were also shot, so that we counted over 200. Women and children, lamp in hand, were forced to look on at the horrible scene. We ate our rice later in the midst of the corpses, for we had had nothing since morning. When we searched the houses we found plenty of wine and spirit, but no eatables. Captain Hamann was drunk." (This last phrase in shorthand.) (From the diary of Private Philipp of the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth regiment of infantry, Twelfth army corps.)

Writing from Belgium in 1916 Irvin S. Cobb said:

"Briefly what I saw was this: I saw

wide areas of Belgium and France in which not a penny's worth of wanton destruction had been permitted to occur, in which the ripe pears hung untouched upon the garden walls; and I saw other wide areas where scarcely one stone had been left to stand upon another; where the fields were ravaged; where the male villagers had been shot in squads; where the miserable survivors had been left to den in holes, like wild beasts."

Even Soldiers Horrified.

Some German soldiers, we are glad to see, showed their horror at the foul deeds committed in Belgium.

"The inhabitants have fled in the village. It was horrible. There was blood on all the beards, and what faces one saw, terrible to behold! The dead, 60 in all, were at once buried. Among them were many old women, some old men, and a half-delivered woman, awful to see; three children had clasped each other, and died thus. The altar and the vaults of the church were shattered. They had a telephone there to communicate with the enemy. This morning, September 2, all the survivors were expelled, and I saw four little boys carrying a cradle, with a baby five or six months old in it, on two sticks. All this was terrible to see. Shot after shot! Thunderbolt after thunderbolt! Everything is given over to pillage; fowls and the rest all killed. I saw a mother, too, with her two children; one had a great wound on the head and had lost an eye." (From the diary of Lance Corporal Paul Spielman of the Ersatz, first brigade of Infantry of the Guard.)

"In the night the inhabitants of Liege became mutinous. Forty persons were shot and 15 houses demolished. 10 soldiers shot. The sights here make you cry."

"On the 23rd of August everything quiet. The inhabitants have so far given in. Seventy students were shot, 200 kept prisoners. Inhabitants returning to Liege."

"August 24. At noon with 36 men on sentry duty. Sentry duty is a 1, no post allocated to me. Our occupation, apart from bathing, is eating and drinking. We live like God in Belgium." (From the diary of Joh. van der Schoot, reservist of the Tenth company, Thirtieth reserve infantry regiment, Seventh reserve army corps.)

"Behaved Like Vandals."

"August 17. In the afternoon I had a look at the little chateau belonging to one of the king's secretaries (not at home). Our men had behaved like regular vandals. They had looted the cellar first, and then they had turned their attention to the bedrooms and the thrown things about all over the place. They had even made fruitless efforts to smash the safe open. Everything was topsy-turvy—magnificent furniture, silk, and even china. That's what happens when the men are allowed to requisition for themselves. I am sure they must have taken away a heap of useless stuff simply for the pleasure of looting."

"August 6th crossed frontier. Inhabitants on border very good to us, and give us many things. There is no difference noticeable."

"August 23rd, Sunday (between Biran and Dinant, village of Disongue). At 11 o'clock the order comes to advance after the artillery has thoroughly prepared the ground ahead. The Pioneers and Infantry regiment 178 were marching in front of us. Near a small village the latter were fired on by the inhabitants. About 220 inhabitants were shot and the village was burnt—artillery is continuously shooting—the village lies in a large ravine. Just now, six o'clock in the afternoon, the crossing of the Maas begins near Dinant. . . . All villages, chateaux, and houses are burnt down during this night. It was a beautiful sight to see the fires all round us in the distance."

"August 24.—In every village one finds only heaps of ruins and many dead." (From the diary of Matbern, Fourth company, Eleventh Jager battalion, Marburg.)

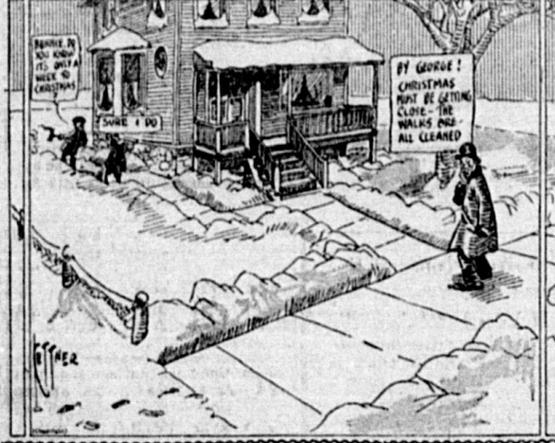
All Male Inhabitants Shot.

"A shell burst near the Eleventh company, and wounded seven men, three very severely. At five o'clock we were ordered by the officer in command of the regiment to shoot all the male inhabitants of Nomeny, because the population was foolishly attempting to stay the advance of the German troops by force of arms. We broke into the houses, and seized all who resisted, in order to execute them according to martial law. The houses which had not been already destroyed by the French artillery and our own were set on fire by us, so that nearly the whole town was reduced to ashes. It is a terrible sight when helpless women and children, utterly destitute, are herded together and driven into France." (From the diary of Private Fischer, Eighth Bavarian regiment of infantry, Thirty-third reserve division.)

Too Many Servants in Britain.

Duncan Miller asked the minister of national service, says the London Times, whether his attention has been called to the number of advertisements for servants in households of one, two or three persons, where seven to ten indoor servants are already kept, and whether he proposes to limit the number of indoor servants employed in each household. The minister of national service replied that he had already pointed out how essential it is, in the national interest, that no person should employ more servants than are absolutely necessary. The minister trusts that the awakened consciences of those who have in this respect failed to appreciate their duty will provide an immediate and sufficient remedy. If not, he will tell his plan in the general statement on man power.

Gentle Reminders



NO PEACE TALK AT ALLY CONFERENCE

COLONEL HOUSE, ON RETURN FROM EUROPE, SAYS WAR ONLY WAS DISCUSSED.

SAYS TEAM WORK IS ASSURED

Meeting Got Together Principally on Economic Situation, Food, Embargo and Finance.

New York.—Peace was never mentioned at the allied conference in Paris, or at the supreme war council which met recently at Versailles, Colonel E. M. House, head of the American mission which recently visited England and France, said Saturday on his arrival from Europe.

Mr. House said that the allied conference "brought things to a focus."

The allied naval conference, formation of which has just been announced in Washington, is the first result of the meetings of American delegates and representatives of the other allies, Mr. House said.

"Before the conference," Mr. House asserted, "co-ordination was not going on well."

"But we are working now well together. We got together principally on the economic situation, embargo, food and finance. I regard the trip as a complete success."

Mr. House said that the governments must ratify all action taken. He said an announcement of the work accomplished by the American mission might be expected from Washington soon.

The supreme war council, he said, is a permanent body and the United States has a permanent place in it, if it so desires. The matter of Mr. House making another trip to Europe soon is entirely at the disposition of President Wilson.

"The morale among the people in both Great Britain and France is splendid," Mr. House said. "Even French pacifists admit that the morale was never better."

"American interests in Europe are almost paramount."

"LIGHTLESS NIGHTS" ORDERED

Cities to Dim "White Ways" Thursdays and Sundays.

Washington.—Two "lightless nights" a week have now been ordered by the fuel administration.

Sunday and Thursday of every week are to see the city "white ways" and advertising signs darkened, only necessary street lights used and only such lights as the law requires in offices and stores not open for business.

The new order replaces one which became effective November 9 for the dimming of electric displays, which the administration says has been a failure.

SERVICE FLAG HAS 11,490 STARS

U. S. Steel Corporation Boasts Record for Enlistments.

New York.—A service flag with stars representing 11,490 employees who have enlisted or are otherwise engaged in the nation's war preparations has been unfurled in front of the offices of the United States Steel corporation in Lower Broadway.

The flag measures 34 by 54 feet and represents the largest number of men engaged in war service of any of the companies displaying service flags here and is said to establish a national record.

The Bell Telephone company flag here displays 6,895 stars.

Boy Burglar Paroled, Must Pay Debt.

Hastings.—Judge Smith in circuit court sentenced Arvne Wood, a youthful burglar, to imprisonment for six months to 15 years. He then suspended sentence on him for two years. Wood broke into the Hastings Manufacturing company's plant where he stole stamps and blank checks which he so crudely forged in Grand Rapids that officers arrested him, obtained a confession and turned him over to Hastings officers. Wood was ordered to reimburse the company.

17 AMERICANS DIE AT CAMBRAI

U. S. Engineers Caught in German Advance Reported "Missing".

Washington.—Seventeen of the American engineers who dropped their shovels to pitch into the fighting when they were caught by the German advance in front of Cambrai were reported Sunday as "missing in action."

The toll of these Americans whose bravery, promptness and fine spirit won a commendatory letter from General Haig to General Pershing, was announced by the war department.

Nearly all of them are from New York City or nearby territory. None is from Michigan.

Reports at the time told how, when the German counter attack surged forward and caught them between the lines, they dropped into shell holes, abandoned railroads they were building and, running close up behind the British lines, waited for the thin British line to surge forward again.

It was known then that there had been some casualties, but Sunday's announcement is the first official confirmation of the fact.

Reported as missing, the men may have been taken prisoners by the Germans. It is feared, however, that few escaped death in the shell-hole, bullet-swept wastes of No Man's Land, if they were unable to rejoin their comrades in the first rush.

BIG SHELL PLANT FOR DETROIT

New Company, With Initial Order for \$30,000,000 Organized.

Detroit.—Detroit capitalists, principally automobile manufacturers, last Friday organized the Detroit Shell company, capitalized at \$2,000,000, and possessing an initial order for \$20,000,000 worth of munitions.

The amount of future orders will be governed only by the length of the war.

Two large plants now vacant are under consideration, but if satisfactory arrangements cannot be made, new buildings will be erected.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 men will be employed.

COAL SHIPS SEIZED IN DETROIT

Drastic Action Taken to Relieve Fuel Famine.

Detroit.—Spectacular, official action was taken by State Fuel Administrator W. K. Prudden, Saturday and Sunday to relieve the fuel famine that has been menacing Detroit and Michigan for several weeks past, and these developments resulted:

Four big lake freighters, consigned to ports on the upper lakes, and laden with approximately 34,000 tons of coal, were seized under special authorization of the national fuel administration and their cargoes diverted to industrial and domestic use in this city and state.

Mr. Prudden sent to National Fuel Administrator Harry A. Garfield, at Washington, by telegraph, recommendation that every large industrial plant in Detroit and Michigan, and throughout the nation, except those primarily engaged in making munitions of war, shut down and absolutely suspend operations, and that every theatre and all public buildings and lodge halls, not needed for the successful prosecution of the war, close their doors for one week.

He suggested that the suspension be officially decreed by National Administrator Garfield, and that it be effective for the week beginning December 24.

THREE AVIATORS DIE IN FIRE

Building at Training Camp Burns—One Was Detroit Man.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Three soldiers, members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth aero squadron, U. S. Signal corps, lost their lives when a building at Middletown, where the squadron is quartered, was destroyed by fire early Sunday.

The dead are: Private William J. Kramer, Detroit; Private E. F. Gallagher, Munnhall, Pa.; Private L. Wiley, Rockford, Ill.

The three men put some tar paper in a small stove before they went to sleep and it is believed a gas was created, with combustion following.

COAL RELIEF PROVES MYTH

Promised Fuel Fails to Arrive—Famine Is National.

Lansing.—Relief from the coal shortage, which last week seemed assured, has proven a myth and Michigan now is both desperate and destitute.

This condition, however, prevails, practically throughout the nation and National Fuel Administrator Garfield has redoubled efforts to release supplies held on tracks by car congestion.

The state administrators office here is flooded with telegrams from all parts of the state telling of immediate need for coal. Hundreds of towns are practically without fuel but conditions are such that slight hope of relief can be held out to them.

Munitions Being Sent By Auto.

Detroit.—Detroit's auto truck train, loaded with munitions, started from Detroit last week on its way to an Atlantic port. There were 30 trucks, with 78 men and two officers. There were two tank trucks, loaded with oil and gasoline, and a kitchen truck, for the men will have most of their meals prepared by their own cooks. The men are from Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, in charge of Capt. Bennett Beason and Lieut. C. A. Riley. Other trains will probably follow.

TEUTONS AND REDS SIGN 28 DAY TRUCE

HOSTILITIES SUSPENDED ON ENTIRE FRONT FROM BLACK SEA TO BALTIC.

IN FORCE UNTIL JANUARY 14

Agreement Stipulates Armistice to Continue Then Unless Seven Days Notice is Given.

Berlin, via London.—The German war office announced Sunday: "An armistice agreement was signed at Brest Litovsk yesterday by plenipotentiary representatives of the Russian upper army administration on the one hand and those of the upper army administration of Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey on the other hand."

"The armistice begins at noon, December 17, and remains in force until January 14, 1918. Unless seven days' notice is given it continues in force automatically. It extends to all the land, air and naval forces of the common fronts."

"According to Clause 9 of the treaty, peace negotiations are to begin immediately after the signing of an armistice."

Petrograd.—Leon Tretzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, declared at a meeting of the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates Sunday that an armistice governing operations on the Russian front had been signed. He added that peace negotiations would be begun immediately.

The foreign minister announced that for a time a break in the negotiations seemed imminent because General Hoffman, the German negotiator, insisted on the right to transfer troops in small units. The German commander finally accepted the Russian formula.

"We can't and won't aid militarism in any way," M. Tretzky said. "This question of transferring troops was most fundamental. I think our formula is considered by our Allies to be satisfactory."

The Russian delegates constituting the armistice committee at Brest-Litovsk have advised the Bolshevik authorities at the Smolny Institute that an agreement was reached with the Germans concerning the transfer of troops. It was to this effect:

"Both sides signing this agreement bind themselves until January 14, 1918, not to carry on operative military transfers on the front from the Baltic to the Black Sea, except such transfers as were already begun up to the moment of signing this agreement."

ITALIAN LINE STILL INTACT

Holds in Spite of Heavy Blows By Teuton Invaders.

London.—The Italian line, although almost ceaselessly assailed in the mountain regions, is still intact and holding well except for a small recession here and there forced at the cost of extremely heavy casualties on the part of the Austro-German invaders.

The Franco-Belgian front is inactive except for local fighting, mostly due to German thrusts here and there delivered with the seeming intention of keeping the Anglo-French command guessing as to the enemy intentions.

In Palestine, the British have scored a further advance northeast of Jerusalem.

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Merry Christmas



A Christmas Riddance



BY WILLIS BROOKS

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 OUR village paper had issued a very creditable Christmas edition. I was looking over the news section by the front window. My wife sat near, absorbed in the story part. "What's that?" she asked, listening. She was always on the lookout for more eggs. What she heard certainly did sound like a hen announcing the arrival of one-twelfth of a dozen. "That," I answered, "is Ezra Barnstable in a state of amusement."
 We looked through the window, and sure enough, here he came down the street, an expansive smile illuminating his moonlike face.
 "What on earth can the man be laughing so about all alone?" my wife wanted to know. She was that way—never content to let a man be happy unless she knew the reason why.
 "I went to the door and sang out to Ezra, 'Isn't it kind of stingy to enjoy it all by yourself?'"
 When he had unwound the wool ticking from his neck and taken the rickety chair which the missus had set before the fireplace for him he leaned back and cut gashes in the atmosphere with another flourish of his sharp exclamations. "I've heard of Santa Claus playin' tricks before now," said he, "but I don't guess he ain't never played none no funnier than this."
 "It was like this: Three, four days ago my boy Chet come home with a rabbit—one of them big white critters with the pink eyes—that he'd swapped off one of his mittens to the one armed Mayhew boy fer. When he come in, tuggin' the thing in his arms, his ma sat him down like it was, an' he said it was his'n an' its name was Jimmy an' Eddie Mayhew give it to him.
 "Them Mayhew boys ain't givin' nothin' away fer nothin'," says she. "What'd you give him fer it?"
 "Chet knowed he was cornered, so he owned up that he'd give Eddie one of his wool mittens. 'I don't never wear but one much anyhow,' says he, 'an', besides, Eddie's a poor, one-armed boy, an' his hand was cold, an' it was comin' Christmas."
 "I seen the look in his ma's eye, an' I felt sorry fer Chet, so I says, 'Chet,' says I, severe-like, 'you come to the barn along of me, like I was goin' to lick him."
 "That satisfied his ma. So Chet an' me went to the barn an' made a box to keep the rabbit in. I knowed the thing 'd freeze to death if he kep' it anywheres but in the house, an' I knowed his ma wouldn't listen to his doin' that, so I puts him up to gittin' rid of it by invitin' his Cousin Artie over fer Christmas an' givin' it to him fer a Christmas present.
 "Artie, you know," Ezra explained, "is my wife's brother's boy. You remember my wife's brother, Dan Baker, over in Center township, the one that died an' left a widder with eight children?"
 "Waal, when Chet told his ma what he was goin' to do she said he could keep the rabbit in the attic till Christmas an' not a minute longer. So he writ to Artie, an' 'this mornin' bright an' early here comes the hull family—Mis' Baker an' her hull eight children."
 "Chet, he hadn't even got up yet, but I roused him out, an' when he come down he told Artie about the Jimmy rabbit he was goin' to give him. Then Mis' Baker chips in an' says she never 'lows one of her children to accept presents unless all the others gets the same thing. 'It makes the others jealous,' says she, 'an' creates dissensions.'
 "I seen trouble comin' to Chet in flocks an' herds an' I says to myself they's jest one way to settle this thing. You know, if you give a rabbit a little cut on the back of his neck he never knows what hit him. So I sneaks up to the attic, but ole Santa Claus had got there ahead o' me."
 Ezra rocked back and let out a few more staccato notes of merriment.
 "What had happened?" my wife asked.
 "Wait 'till I tell you," said Ezra. "I called Chet to come up quick, an' he come a-runnin'. 'Look here,' says I to him, 'you give the eight little ones to the children an' the ole one to Mis' Baker. If you do it ole she can't refuse 'em, specially when the little rabbits needs the services of Jimmy fer awhile yit.' So Chet he lugged the hull box o' rabbits downstairs an' made sech a eloquent presentin' speech that the widder couldn't do nothin' but thank him an' take the hull mess home with her."

Christmas Gifts

THE joy that's born of Christmas gifts is not within themselves Or you or I could pick our toys from any merchant's shelves And you could buy more costly things than ever I could give, And though no friend should come your way contented you could live.
 Yet some poor triquet rich becomes and treasure to the end Because it is the symbol of a true and loyal friend.

The thing is nothing as it lies upon a merchant's shelf, And scarce a thought you'd give to it for what it is itself. There may be thousands like it round about you everywhere, But let a friend bring it to you and straightway it is rare. For something of that friend into his simple gift is wrought And it becomes a precious thing—a token of a thought.

We are a sentimental clan, we fight and strive for gold. Yet treasures which we closest guard are never bought or sold. The things we value most are not the gems our money buys. But all those sweet and lovely things that memory bids us prize. The faded slippers of a babe not in themselves are dear, But in the thoughts they bring to us of one no longer here. And so it is with Christmas gifts, 'tis friends who make them rare. The trifle that with love is rich is worth beyond compare. The moment that it passes from some friendly hand to you It has assumed a value that before it never knew. And what was common in itself is now beyond all price Because it represents to you some good friend's sacrifice.

The Christmas Rose.

IT was in Ireland I heard the beautiful legend of the Christmas rose, says a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger. When the great night came and the dark skies were suddenly illuminated with the lights of heaven the shepherds, gathering together their offering, went with haste to find him who had come to be the Light of the world. Great rough men, full of simple faith, they were, and each carried a little lamb in his arms to lay at the feet of the Good Shepherd. But among them was one wee lad who had no gift.

All his life long he had heard of the Messiah who was to come. The earth was full of rumors that the time was near at hand, and lying out on the hillside under the deep blue sky he had dreamed dreams of that day, picturing himself close to him in many roles. And now that the moment was come he raced along, his tiny legs finding it hard work to keep up with the swift, strong stride of the men.

So full of excitement was he that no thought of self entered into his mind. But as he came to the cave, saw the bright star shining above and heard the songs of the angels he noticed his empty hands.

How could he go into the presence of the newborn King when he had nothing to lay at his feet, he who would so willingly lay down his very life for him! He crept close to the opening, and, kneeling down in the cold white snow, he wept as though his little heart would break. And, lo, the warm tears melted away the hard snow, and from beneath there sprang up the first Christmas rose, the fruit of a little boy's love for the Christ Child!

The Good Old Customs.

By all means, so long as they will endure, let us cling to the old customs. Up with the holly, the box and the bay, set the plum pudding ablaze, light the Christmas tree, scatter greetings broadcast through the land, ring out wild bells to the wide sky and give encouragement to the carol singers. Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it makes us all kin and more or less kind. It is a truly happy festival, the time when we best understand what home means, the children's feast, when the ole grow young again. A happy Christmas, then, to all.

Christmas Carols at Nantucket.

The custom of singing Christmas carols in the streets still obtains at Nantucket. Every Christmas eve the school children march through the old cobbled streets of the town and sing their songs.
 All the ancient houses are illuminated with candles in the windows, and the children always stop and serenade their favorites. It is very pretty to hear them, and they never forget to sing for what they call the "shut ins"—the folks who are ill and unable to get out and join the festivities.

What Have You Got For Me, SANTA CLAUS?



Christmas Greens.

A quaint old writer thus spiritualizes the practice of Christmas decorations. "So our churches and houses, decked with bays and rosemary, holly and ivy and other plants which are always green, winter and summer, signify and put us in mind of his Deity—that the child that now is born was God and man, who should spring up like a tender plant, should always be green and flourishing and should live forever."
 —James Whitcomb Riley.

Christmas Means Love.

We cannot picture it without seeing the spangled Christmas tree gift with the faces of gleeful youngsters, glad parents and happy bodies returned home from town or far metropolises. It sounds like bells and crackling logs and shouts of children. And even our old, round shouldered, sorrow ridden planet, with his eye knocked out on his cheek, pauses to smile from sea to sea, and love is everywhere rejuvenated.—James Whitcomb Riley.

Christmas FUN

Logical.
 "Boy!"
 "Mum!"
 "Stop that noise with your Christmas drum! Do you want to deafen us?"
 "Yes"; then you won't mind the noise."—Life.

Risky.
 "I'd like to give my wife fifty dollars for Christmas."
 "Well, why not?"
 "I ain't certain that I could coax it away from her again."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Sign of Age.
 "Just when does a woman grow old?"
 "When she ceases to regard the hanging of the mistletoe as an event."—Buffalo Express.

All He Remembered.
 The Preacher—And did you remember the poor on Christmas?
 Little Albert—No, I didn't remember nothin' much, except about go catchin' me with my hand in the box where ma had the raisins hid.

Up-to-Date Xmas Maxims.
 Never look a Christmas gift in the price tag.
 There is nothing so rare as a present you wanted.
 A ton of coal is rather to be chosen than gaudy jewels.
 Beware of mistletoe; it grows on the border of matrimonial jungles.
 Better broken toy drums than broken cardrums.
 Christmas spirit seldom intoxicates, but it generally bankrupts.
 Christmas belles manage to ring in quite a few gifts.
 Just now the most popular book seems to be the pocketbook.
 Never put a gift cigar in the mouth.
 Christmas gifts are somewhat like babies—you can't always get what you want, but wisely be contented with what came.—New York American.

Good Old Soul.
 "Why haven't you gone," they asked him,
 "To your snowy mountain ranges?"
 "I'm waiting," said Santa Claus,
 "to make
 The regular exchanges."

Christmas Anticipation.
 "I don't believe the approach of Christmas brings you a single joyous anticipation," said the sweet young thing.
 "Don't eh?" replied the savage bachelor. "Listen to my secret. That youngster on the third floor is sure to get a tin trumpet for a present."
 "Yes."
 "Then he will get careless and leave it on the hall floor. And then I shall step on it with both feet. Don't you call that a joyous anticipation?"

A Long List.
 Parke—Have you decided what to give your wife for Christmas? Lane—Not yet. There are so many things I can't afford.—Judge.

The Canny Scot at Yule.
 A commercial traveler had taken a large order in Scotland for a consignment of hardware and endeavored to press upon the canny Scottish manager who had given the order a Christmas gift of a box of Havana cigars.
 "Naw," he replied, "Don't try to bribe a man. I cudna tak them, and I am a member of the kirk."
 "But will you not accept them as a Christmas present?"
 "I cudna," said the Scot.
 "Well, then," said the traveler, "suppose I sell you the cigars for a merely nominal sum—say, sixpence?"
 "Weel, in that case," replied the Scot, "since you press me, and not liking the refuse an offer weel meant, I think I'll be taking two boxes."

The Spirit Of Giving

AT Christmas, O be thou tender, true;
 Thy friends make glad and all thy foes forgive;
 With its sweet light begin to live anew,
 Ungrudgingly give, and giving, much receive.

Make thy glad life grow large, thy soul expand;
 Let there be one full day within the year
 When love shall open wide thy waiting hand
 To lessen want and dry some bitter tear.

Souls are there many, heavy laden, sore,
 And eyes that weep and hearts that often bleed.
 And aqual knocking, tattered, at thy door,
 And cold and hunger crying in their need.

Give wisely, freely, of thy bounty give,
 And, most of all, do not forget, give love;
 Since giving is the truest way to live,
 And richest treasure laying up above.

Make glad thy home, let sunshine reign within;
 Bless every hearthstone with thy largest fair;
 Share with pale want thine overflowing bin,
 By kindness save some brother from despair.

Be saviors, O my brothers, every one!
 Let the true Christ in your own soul be born;
 Thus thou canst be God's well beloved son
 And make each dawn a joyous Christmas morn!
 —Minneapolis Journal.

Test Your Gifts.

CHRISTMAS gifts should be free from frippery, mere temporary worth, the solely worldly or material value. This is the first test—genuineness.
 The second, a Christmas gift should be in keeping with one's purse—unostentation.
 A Christmas gift should display good taste—carefulness.
 A Christmas gift should confer a real benefit—thoughtfulness.
 A Christmas gift should produce unfeigned pleasure—interest.
 A Christmas gift should be something you would wish associated with thoughts of yourself—friendship.
 A Christmas gift should, if possible, be something that can be shared with others—kindliness.
 A Christmas gift should, as long as it lasts, give as much delight as on Christmas morning—quality.
 A Christmas gift should be something you yourself would be glad to possess—sincerity.
 A Christmas gift should be something you have selected, not something plucked up by chance—heartiness.
 A Christmas gift should be something you take pleasure in thinking of afterward as having been given by you to your friend—satisfaction.—Christian Herald.

All the Year Round.
 Christmas comes all the year. Christmas is giving.
 Christmas is losing one's life and finding it again in the heart of another. Wherever we find good will, humanity, fellow feeling, there we find a heart celebrating Christmas. The most delicate pleasures of Christmas spring from the gifts we make to others, from the happiness we can impart to others, from the abandonment of ourselves to another's joy.
 The more utterly we lose ourselves in the lives of others the more we are keeping Christmas. The losing of our own life, to find it in another, is forever the Christmas token. It was of this the herald angels sang.
 It was this the good shepherds worshipped.
 And this is the best way of spending Christmas.

Origin of the Carol.
 Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.
 Such was the first carol, sung by the holy angels amid the thrilling scene so vividly described by the evangelist. This song is happily used in the communion service as the opening of Gloria in Excelsis Deo. The word carol seems to be derived from the Italian verb carolare—to sing—implying a joy song, an outburst of exuberance. In the time of Chaucer, who died in 1400, this word usually meant simultaneous dancing and singing. Gradually its secular origin was belated, and nowadays a carol generally means a Christmas song of thanksgiving, though there were formerly not only Easter carols, but also winter and snow carols.—Living Church.

A Really Truly Christmas Tree

BY CHARLES S. PEASE

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 OF course you want to know at once how a Christmas tree can be any more real than the one you had last year, so I shall explain that the tree Ralph and Rhoda had by accident one winter was rooted in the ground in the Lake Superior woods.

First you must be told that the town children up there had the good times in both summer and winter, but the miners' boys and girls had the hard times all the year around, and that's the reason why mother said to Ralph and Rhoda the day before Christmas: "I don't see how you two are going to have a happy holiday when the children up at the mines do not expect to have any tree at all. How would you like to go up the mountain and take them a lot of presents and things? You can get back before dark. I will telephone the mine captain that you are coming."

"Just the very thing," said the children. And away they went soon after with a sled loaded with everything you can think of for a jolly Christmas, just lots of gifts and royal trimmings for a tree.

They were making good time along the mountain side when Rhoda stumbled over a root.

When she tried to stand up again her ankle would not work.
 Of course Rhoda would not hear of leaving the miners' children's "Christmas" in the snow and coasting back home. So Ralph went back to the Halfway store for some help, but the place was locked and barred. Before they decided on what to do next a flock of the mine children came racing down the road. It seemed as though the telephone message had emptied the settlement of youngsters.

"We've come to help take the 'Christmas' up the mountain. It's a hard pull farther along," they explained.
 When they found that Rhoda was hurt they wanted to take her home, but she wouldn't listen to a word of it.

"I'm going right up to see that tree properly trimmed and hung with these things," announced that young lady and, being of the sturdy and determined kind, tried to forget the pain.
 So the swiftest runners of the mine boys started back to get a sled to carry Rhoda to the summit.

Before the ambulance corps could return, down came one of those howling blizzards so dreaded in the rough northern country, and there was nothing for it but to retreat and take refuge in the Halfway store. This old log house proved a hard nut to crack, but Ralph finally managed to get in through a rear window and soon had a roaring fire going in the big stove. The plucky lads got back from the mountain, and everybody thanked his lucky stars to be safe and warm.

Outside the storm roared and the trees bent low in the gale. All the evening Rhoda stood the ache bravely and said it was nothing, but Mary Martha Murphy knew better. When all was quiet she brought a pail of water so hot that Rhoda squealed when her nurse put the swollen ankle into it, and these two girls, one who had a lovely home and rich furs and many other fine things and the little poor girl with a warm Irish heart, sat up till "all hours."

During the night the storm turned to rain and then it became cold, so very cold that the forest was covered with an icy coat. In the morning the blizzard drifts were many feet deep.
 So the only thing to be done was to wait till a rescue party came out for them with shovels and horses and snowplows. And then a great thought occurred to Rhoda.

A giant hemlock tree stood right in front of the store, in a place swept clear by the wind—that is, it had been a hemlock before it became one great, dazzling emerald with pearly icicles hanging all over it.

When night came, clear and perfectly still and lark black, the rescue party found a celebration going on the like of which had never been known. The children had taken hundreds of miners' candles from the store and had wired them all over the hemlock. All the presents and the gift ropes and the other ornaments had been hung about the branches, and the candles lighted.

Rhoda, half smothered in furs and tucked up on a high seat, was mistress of ceremonies, while a ring of singing, dancing children circled around the tree, and in the background, all about the dense forest, shot back millions of sparks of light.

The KITCHEN CABINET

She who always wants her own way is soon left to travel alone.

Many a person is satisfied to rest upon the reputation of his ancestors.

MORE WAYS WITH CHICKEN.

We cannot afford to despise an old fowl, for there are many and appetizing ways to treat them. Time is always necessary to bring about good results.



Regout of Chicken.—Clean and disjoint a large fowl. Take the dark meat, freed from skin and bone, and put it through the meat chopper. Season well with salt and pepper, a few drops of onion juice, or a clove of garlic finely minced; then add a well-beaten egg. Make into small balls and set aside. Cover the bones and white meat with three cupsful of boiling water and simmer gently until the meat is tender. Set aside, and when cooled cut the meat in dice. Blend together two heaping tablespoonfuls of sweet fat and the same amount of flour; when well browned add very slowly two cupsful of chicken stock and stir until it thickens, then add salt and pepper, and a quarter of a teaspoonful of curry powder. Drop in the meat balls and cook for half an hour; then add the diced meat; cook 15 minutes longer. Dish and serve with rice.

Chicken Pie.—A fine pie can be made using an old bird. First cook it as for a stew, adding a small slice of onion or a clove of garlic for flavor. Lay the chicken in the dish, season well and cover with the broth, not too much; then put biscuit closely together over the top, using any good baking powder biscuit recipe. There will be plenty of room for the gas to escape between the biscuit. Just before serving add a cupful of good thick sweet cream, making this a queen of chicken pies.

Old fowls may be stewed, the bones removed and then cooked to remove all the gelatin; pour this broth, with the addition of a little gelatin, over the chicken and mold. When cold it may be cut in neat slices, served as a salad with salad dressing or as cold sliced meat. Hard-cooked eggs may be added to the mold if desired, making a most attractive dish when cut.

Chicken soup may also be made from old fowl, and as there are few flavors in soups more appetizing than chicken it is a general favorite.
 One may always have a pint of broth left from almost any fowl, as it is improved by parboiling a short while even before roasting.

Not in the clamor of the street,
 Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
 But in ourselves are triumph and defeat.

ARE YOUR MENUS IN A RUT?

The greatest help in planning a week's menus is the chance for variety, as it is easy then to see the lack of variety.
 An occasional meal may be left vacant which may be filled with leftovers from a previous day.

The character of the menus depends upon the people who will eat it. Active children need hearty wholesome food, as do hungry men.

Whenever a heavy main dish is served a light dessert should follow, and when a light dinner, a hearty dessert.
 Heavy salads fit into light luncheons and may often form the main dish, while a fruit salad makes a most acceptable dessert.

Fat meats need acid fruits and tart flavors to cut them.
 Bean Soup.—Cook a pint of white beans in two quarts of water until tender, add a stalk of celery, minced, a sprig of parsley and rub through a sieve, season with bacon fat, salt, pepper, and half a cupful of sweet cream, serve hot.

Lima Bean Soup.—Pick over, wash and soak over night sufficient beans, then cook slowly until soft enough to rub through a sieve. Return the sifted beans to the fire, adding a spoonful each of flour and butter rubbed together, thin with hot milk, season with salt and pepper and add a little whipped cream. Any vegetable for flavor, like onion, parsley, or celery, may be cooked with the beans if desired for flavor.

Bishop Williams Corn Bread.—Sift together one cupful each of cornmeal and flour, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, a half teaspoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and a half teaspoonful of soda. Add one cupful of sour cream, two eggs and beat vigorously, then bake in a hot oven 20 minutes. If sour cream is not available milk may be used with the addition of two tablespoonfuls of shortening.

Sausage and Banana.—Cook link sausages until well done and brown, take up in a fat cook bananas cut in halves crosswise, dredge with flour, and fry a golden brown, serve the sausages and bananas together.

Always have a few ramekin dishes ready to take bits of left-overs. With gravy to moisten, covered with buttered crumbs and baked they make nice luncheon dishes, and no two being alike, if it so happened, would not be a disadvantage.

Nellie Maxwell