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#### Thomas Cassidy.

Thomas Cassidy was born in Lyndon, August 8, 1839 and died at the home of his sister, Miss Rose Cassidy, of this place, Saturday evening, December 16, 1911, aged 72 years, 4 months and 8 days.

Mr. Cassidy for the past few years has made his home at Delta, Ohio, but about a month ago he was brought to the home of his sister. He was taken sick with pleurisy last June and never fully recovered, his death resulting from an attack of la grippe. For many years Mr. Cassidy resided on the farm at present owned by P. H. Riemschneider at Cavanaugh Lake. After disposing of the farm he moved to Chelsea where he made his home for several years. He was married, but his wife died about 23 years ago.

He is survived by two brothers, William Cassidy, of Lyndon and Dr. John Cassidy, of South Bend, Indiana, and one sister, Miss Rose Cassidy, of Chelsea.

The funeral was held from the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Wednesday morning, Rev. W. P. Considine celebrating the mass. Interment at St. Mary's cemetery, Sylvan.

#### Christmas Day Services.

Christmas day, Monday, December 25, at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart solemn high mass will be celebrated at 8 a. m. Rev. W. P. Considine will be assisted by a Reverend Professor from Assumption College, of Sandwich, Ont. Low mass at 8:30 a. m., and the last mass of the day at 10 a. m. During the service St. Cecilia's choir will render a number of Christmas anthems. At the close of the mass benediction will be given and "Hail God we Praise Thy Name" will be sung. The altars, sanctuaries and entire church will be decorated with flowers, evergreens and lights. An exceptionally fine musical program has been arranged. A Christmas crib will be erected at St. Joseph's altar. The offertory will be attributed to Rev. Father Considine, pastor of the church. The public is invited to attend the services.

#### Evangelistic Meetings.

At the M. E. church of Chelsea on Sunday, December 31st, a series of special meetings will be commenced. Rev. Chester Burch, evangelist of Winona Lake, Ind., will aid the pastor Rev. J. W. Campbell. Mr. Burch is a man of experience and a very acceptable worker. He is a musician as well as a preacher and gives bugle sermons which are an attractive feature of the work. The pastors of other churches and their congregations with the general public are cordially invited to attend these services.

#### Adelbert Main.

Adelbert Main, was born in Sylvan, November 25, 1868 and died Saturday morning, December 16, 1911, aged 43 years.

Mr. Main has spent most of his life in Sylvan and was well known to many of the residents in this vicinity. He is survived by one son, his mother, and a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral was held from his late home Tuesday forenoon, Rev. Geo. C. Notthoff, pastor of Salem German M. E. church officiating. Interment at Salem cemetery Sylvan.

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#### A Musical Feast.

The following musical program will be rendered at the M. E. church Sunday evening:

Organ Prelude—Offertory in C minor.....Jules Griston  
Vocal duet—Peace of God, C. Gounod

Winifred Bacon, Ruth Barch  
Vocal solo.....Selected

Mrs. Miller  
Anthem—Tidings of Great Joy.....C. Adams

Choir  
Vocal solo—Christmas Bell.....S. Liddle

Ruth Barch  
Offertory—Cantilene Pastorale.....M. Ashmall

Vocal duet—Songs of Praise.....H. R. Shelley

Winifred Bacon, Ruth Barch  
Vocal solo—He came upon the Mid-night clear.....G. M. Mareton

Mrs. J. W. Schenk  
Vocal solo—Message of Peace.....L. R. Dressler

Winifred Bacon  
Vocal duet—Hark! Hark my Soul.....H. R. Shelley

Winifred Bacon and Ruth Barch  
Organ Postlude—March.....M. Faulkes

#### Fatally Scalded.

A due in one of the boilers at the Ypsilanti power house of the D. J. & C. blew out at 7:45 Sunday night, fatally scalding one of the firemen and injuring another. Carl Teal, of Ypsilanti, the scalded man, was rushed to the University hospital in Ann Arbor. The hospital authorities announce that there is no chance for the recovery of the injured man.

Teal was wheeling a barrow full of ashes out of the ash pit through a narrow passageway in front of the boiler when the fire gave way almost beside him. He had no chance to escape even if there had been time for in front of him the passageway was blocked by another fireman, Albert Ladd, of Ypsilanti, who was going out just ahead of Teal. Ladd was slightly scalded but Teal received the full blast of the steam and scalding water. The flesh was almost cooked from his bones before the steam could be turned off.

The blowout stopped the dynamos, extinguished lights and delayed cars for about an hour, while the fire was being kindled in another battery of boilers. Teal had been at work less than an hour when the accident occurred.

#### School Notes.

Supt. Hendry and family will spend their vacation in Huron county at his old home.

School closes Friday for the Christmas vacation. The out-of-town teachers spend their vacation at their respective homes: Miss Lusch, Two Mountains, Minn.; Miss Morhouse, Ypsilanti; Miss Spitzer, Grafton, Ohio; Miss Weed, Charlevoix; Miss Gillette, Ann Arbor; Miss Anderson, Sydney, Ohio; Miss Wightman, Fennville; Miss McClintic, Pulaski; Miss Laird, Pittsville.

Test examinations were held last week and on the whole were highly satisfactory. Ten seniors, one junior, six sophomores, and six freshmen received 90 per cent or better in all of their examinations while the total number of B and C plus standings received by the respective classes was as follows: seniors, sixty-six in a class of twenty-five juniors, thirty in a class of thirty; sophomores, fifty-two in a class of twenty-six; and freshmen, seventy-eight in a class of forty-eight.

Christmas exercises will be held in the different grades, with the exception of the first grade and kindergarten, on Friday at 1:15 p. m. The exercises in the kindergarten and first grades will be held Thursday. The public are cordially invited to attend.

#### Irrigation Ditch.

Hon. W. W. Wedemeyer is a member of the sub-committee of the Committee on Territories in the house that was authorized to go over the bill which has been considered before the committee for some days, authorizing John T. McCrosson and associates to construct an irrigation ditch on the island of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

This is a very large project and will involve the expenditure of three and a quarter million dollars. When constructed the ditch will extend 100 miles, thirty of which will be tunnels. Some idea of the magnitude of the undertaking may be obtained from the fact that the bill provides that one million dollars must be actually expended three years after the approval of the bill by the President.

There have been two quasi public irrigation undertakings in Hawaii before this, one, the Kohala Ditch Company, which bought its right of way through private lands and got licenses to pass through the government lands that it traverses. This Kohala Ditch Company has expended about \$500,000. It provides supplemental irrigation, that is, it reaches lands partly watered naturally and supplies about 4000 acres.

The other quasi public irrigation project is that of the Hawaiian Ditch Company which has built the Hamakua Ditch, which supplies supplemental irrigation for from five to ten thousand acres and which runs entirely through private lands. This project represents the expenditure of \$1,250,000.

The two foregoing are the only public irrigation projects on the island but individuals and private co-operations have spent millions for private irrigation projects. One alone costing as high as two and one half millions. On the island of Oahu over two millions have been spent along these lines in the last fifteen years by single companies. Immense amounts have been spent in pumping stations to lift waters to the cane lands, a single one of these stations costing \$250,000.

We in this country can hardly understand the peculiar physical condition that exist in the Hawaiian Islands. Only about one-tenth of the islands are arable, and by arable is meant here, lands that are at all susceptible to cultivation, either naturally or as a result of irrigation.

The committee on Territories of which Mr. Wedemeyer is a member will undoubtedly consider much important Alaskan legislation this winter. However, in the absence of the delegate from Alaska, Judge Wickersham, active work on Alaskan affairs will not commence until after Mr. Wickersham's return in January. One of the most important matters that will then come up will be that of providing some form of local self-government for Alaska. This has long been perhaps the leading issue discussed by native Alaskans and it is the one thing upon which they seem specially to insist. Just what form of local self government will be provided, and in what way, is of course the interesting question to be settled. This matter will attract the attention, not only of the far north territory itself, but also of the people generally because of the wide interest in Alaskan affairs.

#### "A Night Out."

May Robson is a true comedienne of rare grace and charm, which was evident in the portrayal of "Aunt Mary." Her methods are clean cut and without the efforts to secure a laugh at the expense of good taste, nor does she fly from one extreme to the other. Her acting is consistent, maintaining rigidly the character even to the curliest fall. Miss Robson will appear at the New Whitney theatre, Thursday, December 28, in "A Night Out," of which she is co-author. The story in the play is decidedly interesting and unconventional. Mrs. Winifred Woodbury, one of those fortune women who never grow old, is passing the summer at her beautiful country place on the Hudson, not far from New York. Her daughter, Mrs. Marie Haslem, and her two grandsons, Jack and Paul, with her. Between Mrs. Haslem and "Granmam" as Mrs. Woodbury is affectionately called, there is a strange contrast. "Granmam" is always merry, bright, and full of life. Her daughter Marie is solemn, strict and Puritanical traits she inherits from her father. The boys, as is often the case by force of heredity, resemble in temperament and disposition their grandmother. Their mother rules them with a rod of iron, denies them the usual innocent pleasures of boyhood, and they naturally rebel. They have more than once slipped out of the house and gone to the city to visit a jolly Bohemian sort of a restaurant, where there is good food, fun, music and excellent dancing. "Granmam" discovers this and begs the boys to take her with them just once, so she can see for herself if it is really a proper place for them to visit. They finally consent. Unfortunately on the night of their visit, the place is raided for selling liquor after midnight, and the names of the boys get into the papers. Troubles thicken about Granmam and the boys. A thousand dollar bond has been stolen from Granmam's safety deposit box in the local bank. As she has entrusted the key to them and to no one else than her grandsons, it seems as if one of them must certainly be guilty. Complications are piled up and the net grows closer and closer around them. How it is all finally cleared up and the boys again enjoy "Granmam's" confidence, and gain the love of two charming girls, furnishes a story replete with comedy and interest. An amusing sub-plot is furnished by the alliance formed by "Granmam" and the two boys to save Marie from a palavering bad fortune hunter who believes Mrs. Haslem to be rich.



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## IS NEW ENGLAND DECADENT?

It Has Changed Greatly and Large Families No Longer Are in Fashion.

The old familiar question of the decadence of New England is up for discussion again.

What people really mean, of course, by New England's "decadence" is that New England has greatly changed in the past generation. And changed it has. There are probably few of our grandmothers now alive who never rode on a railroad train, although many nice elderly ladies could be found in the rural districts as late as 1880 who had never enjoyed the thrilling experience. We remember one who refused to risk her life in that fashion not so very long ago. Bless her! she was of the good old New England stock whose passing is now so much deplored. She lived 85 years and never traveled 30 miles away from the place where she was born. New England has certainly changed now that her type is no more.

But it is upon the gradual disappearance of the old Yankee families that some of the critics of New England place the chief stress. Grandmothers had ten children. Her sons and daughters when married averaged four or five children. Her grandsons and granddaughters averaged two. Her great-grandchildren promise to have none. There is something in this gentle accusation, but it simply means that New England is changing rather than declining. Many of the sons and daughters of New England two generations ago went to the western wilderness and developed it into the mighty group of commonwealths that we see on the map today. The others who stayed at home left the old hillside farms for the growing New England towns and cities, where large families were not so needed as in the rural homes of their ancestors. The town dwellers became rich in trade and manufacturing and there was already a never-falling stream of foreign immigrants to do the crude and heavy work of industrial development. Consequently the economic demand for large native families fell off and Yankee wives became better mothers by not being worked overtime.—Springfield Republican.

## Too Literal.

"It certainly is a dirty, mean shame!" cried the young woman who had thought that life was going to be one grand, sweet song.

"My darling girl," cooed her mother, hopefully, "what is the matter?"

"What's the matter? Everything! Before I married Edgar I made him promise to spend every evening at home with me."

"Yes, my child. And he is already false to his vows, and—"

"Not a bit. He sticks to them too literally. He says he's sorry, but he can't even take me to the theater without breaking his word!"

## Latest in Can Openers.

The man who invented tin cans made it necessary for somebody to invent an opener. This was done and the money cornered. A can opener is not a very laborious thing in the using, but the public is always ready to pay for things that are made easier. So, just recently, an inventive genius made a can with a seam just below the top, and when the owner wants it open he has but to strike it a blow where the seam breaks and the top is off. A single Chicago packer ordered 10,000 of these cans as an experiment, and others followed suit. The inventor has a fortune.

## Literal Confession.

He had displeased his chums in a small Vermont college, and his punishment consisted in being "ducked" in the fountain. The usual inquisition before the faculty found all the suspects present. With a sufficiently dignified frown the president turned to the boy who was supposed to be the ringleader, and asked:

"What part did you have in this prank?"

And the dignity of the meeting departed without ceremony when the boy smiled and answered:

"A leg, sir.—Woman's Home Companion."

## An Endless Chain.

"We're kind of irritated at our flat," said the worried looking man.

"What's the trouble?"

"Our children keep the next door neighbors awake, so they pass the time by playing the piano; that makes the pet dog next door to them bark, and that keeps the children next door awake, and there's so much noise through the building that there's no chance whatever of our children going to sleep."

Quit for a Child's Bed.

A quilt quit for a child's bed can be easily and quickly made by sewing together handkerchiefs on which are printed bright pictures representing sunny scenes. Rip out the hems of 12 handkerchiefs and join together. Make a border of some pretty light color, and you have a quilt large enough for a bed of four and a half by two and a half feet. A quilt made this way forms amusement for the child, and can be easily washed, as the handkerchiefs are fast colors.—The Housekeeper.

## MRS. SPARKLING IS UNDER ARREST

HURON COUNTY WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF HER SON CYRIL.

SHE EMPHATICALLY PROTESTS HER INNOCENCE.

Declares Dr. MacGregor is Trying to Escape Himself by Accusing Her of Crime.

Mrs. Carrie Boddy Sparkling is in the county jail at Bad Axe, in the same building with Dr. Robert S. R. MacGregor. MacGregor was bound over to the circuit court for trial for the murder of Cyril Sparkling. Mrs. Sparkling was arrested on a warrant charging her with the same crime.

Her arrest was no surprise to any one, even to herself. When she was told that she would probably be arrested she had no comment to offer, but she made a lengthy statement, in which she charged MacGregor with having accused her in order to escape himself.

She said:

"I go to jail contentedly and prayerfully. I understand that the statements of Dr. MacGregor, as made through the testimony of Sheriff McAuley, is what brings about my arrest at this time. I am confident that Dr. MacGregor is my enemy. Withal, I believe he is innocent in the poisoning and only guilty of trying to implicate me."

Religion Crusade Wins in State.

Great success is attending the work of the Men and Religion Forward Movement in the campaigns being waged in upstate cities and towns.

Following a short campaign in Coldwater, the work will be discontinued for a brief interval, but will be taken up again at the beginning of the new year.

The four-day campaign closed in Flint Sunday evening. It has been one of the most successful conducted in Michigan.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement experts have been delivering the five-fold message of the campaign, evangelism, social service, boys' work, missions and Bible study in Adrian, Jackson, Flint, Albion, Durand and Saginaw.

Porce Nabs Two Yeggmen.

Following a revolver fight in the railroad yards at Durand with three alleged cracksmen, a posse headed by Durand police succeeded in capturing two men, who are lodged in jail.

The alleged "knights of the mask" are Frank Howard, 30, and James Callahan, 35, of Toledo. The third man, who is believed to have been wounded in the gun fight, got away.

The police are confident they have arrested two men of a gang who have been busy during the last few weeks in blowing up safes in several business places in Gaines.

Beekkeepers Elect Officers.

The Michigan Beekkeepers' association closed its annual convention in Saginaw by awarding prizes and listening to a number of papers of a technical nature.

Officers were elected: President, E. D. Townsend; Remus; vice president, L. S. Griggs; Flint; secretary-treasurer, E. B. Tyrrell; Detroit. The association decided to become a branch of the National Beekkeepers' association, the merger becoming effective Jan. 1 next.

Geo. H. Sweet is Under Arrest.

George H. Sweet, head of the wrecked banks at Menith and Whitmore Lake, which were conducted by S. Francis Walsh & Co., and which failed some time ago, was arrested in Jackson and taken to the county jail.

Sweet, whose affairs are now pending in the bankruptcy courts, is accused of grand larceny in connection with the funds of the depositors. Many of them lost their money and they made a complaint against Sweet, which resulted in his arrest.

Joy Has Unique Trust View.

Henry B. Joy, president of the Packard Motor Car company, Detroit, appeared before the senate interstate commerce committee in Washington and urged a federal law to prevent unfair competition.

This, Mr. Joy believes, will put an end to the prevailing business unrest and will place not merely big business but all business the country over on a definite, perfectly understood basis.

Says 35 Per Cent of Cattle Are Diseased.

Dr. Charles E. Marshall, professor of bacteriology at the M. A. C. in a talk before the Holstein Cattle Breeders' association in Lansing, declared that 35 per cent of the cattle "would it is known that many cases of tuberculosis come from the human race, it can also be taken from cattle," stated the professor.

In annual session the directors of the Emmet County Agricultural Society elected officers as follows: President, James Bradley, Goodhart; secretary, E. A. Botsford, Petoskey; treasurer, F. A. Jackson, Harbor Springs. The Emmet county fair will be held September 20, 21, 22 and 23.

The coroner's jury sitting in the case of Mrs. Fred Postler, who was found dead with a bullet hole through her head a week ago, in Cadillac, for whom they are now holding Earl Bliss, failed to clear him when they gave their verdict. Bliss will not be released for a while.

## WILL BE \$152,000 SHORT

State Will Begin New Year With Deficit, Instead of Even.

Because of an under-estimate as to the probable deficit in the general fund of the state on January 1, 1912, the state's financial account will show a shortage on January 1, of about \$152,000 instead of a balance, as was expected last winter.

Gov. Osborn was informed of the true condition in a letter from State Accountant Fred J. Hamilton, who states that while he estimated last February that the amount needed to square the state's shortage would be \$561,000, it has since developed that \$650,000 was needed and that other drains have developed which increase the amount agreed upon by Gov. Osborn and the legislature with which to balance the account.

Judge Russell Retires.

Judge F. J. Russell, of Hart, it is rumored, will resign from the state pardon board. This rumor, which involves the prediction that DeHull N. Travis, of Flint, private secretary to Gov. Osborn, will succeed him on the board, is unconfirmed, and Judge Russell will make no statement, either denying or affirming it.

STATE BRIEFS.

The closed season of fishing in Michigan waters ended on Dec. 16.

Eagles have been placed under the protection of the state as non-game birds.

The Flint board of commerce elected officers, with Edwin W. Atwood president.

Thos. G. Greene, 79, prominent in state Masonic circles, died at his home in Centerville.

Petty thievery is rampant in Ionia. The State Savings bank lost \$18 and several other cases are reported.

John Clark, a miner, was instantly killed by falling rock in a mine in Bessemer. His back was broken.

Judge Padgham retires as circuit judge of Allegan and Ottawa counties after 19 years' service. He will be tendered a banquet.

The Brown Machine company of Lansing, capitalized at \$25,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

Frank Van Leuven of Newaygo, undertaker, has been appointed local health officer, at the municipal salary of \$12 a year.

Alvin Davis, a former resident of Bay City, beat to death Thomas Pruett, in Ashland, Wis., because the latter insulted Davis's wife.

To pay the penalty for a petty offense Joseph Lehey walked 12 miles to jail in Menominee to give himself up. Sentence was suspended.

The Adjustable Table Co., Grand Rapids, was destroyed by fire with a loss of \$100,000. One hundred men are thrown out of employment.

Charles Holmes, a farmer near Battle Creek, was gored to death by a bull. He was rescued by his wife, but his injuries resulted fatally later.

Justice Moore will preside at the January term of the state supreme court, starting Jan. 2. Of the 161 cases 48 are from Wayne county.

John Blant and Frank Wesch, of Owosso, captured the first fox seen in Shiawassee county in a number of years after a three hours' chase with a dog.

Twenty-five cars were completely demolished and 40 rods of track torn up when a Pere Marquette freight train jumped the track at Brown City. No one was hurt.

The annual report of Building Inspector Davidson shows \$2,000,391 worth of new buildings erected in Grand Rapids. This breaks all records for the last five years.

State Accountant Hamilton has found the state treasury to be in such condition it will start 1912 with a deficit of \$152,000 instead of even, as was announced some time ago.

The Baraga Journal, which suspended a few months ago, has been purchased by local capitalists, and publication will be resumed with Arthur Neppa, of Calumet, as editor.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Hodges of Flint, although 75 and blind, has started suit against her two sons to recover \$1,400 belonging to her dead husband, and possession of which the sons secured.

Workmen dug up the bodies of three human beings in a new sewer on Coldwater street, Battle Creek. The coroner said it was useless to make an investigation, and ordered the bodies reburied.

A meeting for the promotion of woman suffrage was held in Ionia with Grand Rapids and other state ladies present. An organization was perfected, and Mrs. A. F. Montgomery was chosen president.

After several months' debate the Saginaw council has passed an ordinance providing for a rigid system of milk inspection that is said to be one of the most stringent of the various city laws.

Local option has been a blessing for the children of Shiawassee county, declared Mrs. Siera Hale, matron of the Deacons home, an Owosso orphanage. "We have never been in better condition financially and for several years have not had such a small number of children."

Woman suffrage has invaded the copper country, a club having been organized in Hancock. An active campaign for "Votes for Women" will be urged.

The Georgia railroad commission has approved the \$47,000,000 stock and bond issue of the Georgia Railway & Power Company, a consolidation of numerous Georgia water power and electric concerns financed largely by New York, Boston and Canadian interests. The company asked permission to capitalize at \$27,000,000 and issue \$30,000,000 in bonds. The former was cut to \$17,000,000, while the latter was approved.

## BAKER WINS IN STATE GRANGE

RE-ELECTED MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPITE OF "REGULARS."

BAKER IS NOW AFTER PRESIDENT HULL'S CHAIR.

Hot Resolution Passed Calls on President Taft to Dismiss Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

The insurgents in the state grange meeting at Kalamazoo have won what they are calling a glorious victory.

Speaker Baker of the legislature, who, with Deputy Dairy and Food Commissioner Helme, are the directing geniuses of the insurgents, was re-elected a member of the executive committee, after an intensely bitter contest, the like of which the grange has not before known. No sooner was the result announced than it was proclaimed that the speaker will soon get busy organizing a campaign to succeed N. P. Hull as state master, who was re-elected a year ago for a second two-year term.

One of the last acts of the convention before the final adjournment was to adopt a resolution calling on President Taft to insist on the resignation of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, because the latter presided at the Brewer's international convention in Chicago, last October.

State Master Hull, it is reported, is at the head of the near-insurgent faction that would gladly separate the two leaders of the straight-out insurgents from the order if they could find a way to do so.

Farmers Reject Woman's Suffrage.

That the farmers of Michigan may take a hand in demanding woman suffrage in this state was turned down when a resolution to that effect was introduced to the Michigan Association of Farmers' clubs, which convened for the annual meeting.

The question was referred to the committee on temperance. Senator Dickinson will appear before the association in the interest of the Anti-Saloon league.

Other resolutions ask that the governor shall permit the farmers' organizations in this state to assist him in the appointment of a commission of agriculture. A demand is also made for an investigation into the high cost of farm machinery. These matters will all come up for later discussion and consideration.

16,046 Apply for Divorce.

According to statements received at the office of Secretary of State Martindale there were 10,450 bills for divorce pending in the courts of Michigan on Jan. 1, 1910. The number of new bills filed during the year was 6,506, making a total of 16,046 cases under consideration by the courts of this state during the year.

There were 3,246 divorces granted in Michigan last year, while only 63 were refused and 12,501 would apparently go over as "cases pending" for the present year. Taking 16,046 as the number of cases before the courts, the number granted would constitute 20.2 per cent of the total number of petitions, while no less than 78 per cent remained pending. The number refused and withdrawn altogether amounts only to 1.8 per cent.

Farmers Favor Direct Primary.

The State Grange, in session in Kalamazoo, placed itself again on record as favoring the nomination of all national and state officers by direct primaries when it adopted a resolution asking that a special session of the legislature be called to amend the state constitution that every political nominee be selected by direct vote, and asking that the same provision be embodied in the national election laws.

The vote for the proposition was unanimous, as was the vote deprecating the diversion of primary school funds to the state treasury for general purposes.

Russia and Persia Reach Agreement.

A dispatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph company, London, it is stated unofficially that as a result of the efforts of the Persian minister to France an accord has been arrived at between Russia and Persia.

A 5-year religious campaign will be waged in Saginaw as a result of the recent Men and Religion Forward Movement.

The contract for the new Melbourne park, between Saginaw and Bay City, has been let to a Bay City contractor. The site was recently purchased by a Detroit, who has planned to build a large summer resort there.

President Taft announced he would reappoint Daniel A. Campbell postmaster at Chicago. Mr. Campbell's term expired December 12 and his nomination for the reappointment probably will be sent to the senate within a few days.

Mrs. John Howard, a widow, has been appointed juvenile officer in Bay City.

The first hanging that ever occurred in an opera house took place in Jackson, Ga., when William Turner, a negro preacher, was executed for having incited a race riot in which Jesse Singlet, a prominent planter, was shot to death. The sheriff decided to hang the negro in King's opera house, so that relatives of the murdered man would not have to stand in the rain. The gallows was erected on the stage. In the boxes and front seats were many relatives and friends of the murdered man.

## GENERAL NEWS IN BRIEF

The snow is five feet deep in the limestone country, So. Dakota. Deer are being driven by the snow into the foothills.

F. August Stohmann, the oldest surgical instrument manufacturer in the United States, is dead at his home in Brooklyn in his ninety-fifth year.

Nearly \$2,750,000 has come to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the last year in gifts and bequests, according to the annual report of President McLaurin.

Hardin B. Littlepage, one of the few surviving participants in the great marine battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack, died at his home in Washington. He was 70.

Judge Prescott has closed the estate of Albert Hilton, of Muskegon, who died two years ago, leaving \$25,000. The court has succeeded in locating six brothers and five sisters of the deceased.

The annual report of South Dakota's State Mine Inspector Daugherty, which has been filed with the governor, shows the total output of Black Hills gold for the year ending Nov. 1, was \$7,625,506.28.

Atty.-Gen. Wickersham, Ambassador Jusserand of France and Minister Louvon of the Netherlands, accompanied by their wives, will leave Washington within a few days on a trip to Panama and Cuba. The tour, it is said, is entirely personal.

Joseph Franzel of Sandusky, who is in jail as the result of an attempt to kill his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Franzel, and who then attempted to take his own life, will recover from his injuries. A warrant will be sworn out charging him with assault with intent to kill.

Public dispensaries where drinks will be sold without profit, the state to furnish pure alcohol for medicinal or scientific purposes, and no liquor to be sold to minors or drunkards or keepers of disreputable places, were advocated at a meeting of all the Protestant ministers of the city of Toledo, O.

More than \$100,000 worth of contraband opium was poured into a manhole in the rear of the custom house in San Francisco. As the grange in smoking form is prohibited in this country, all seizures must be destroyed. Since the last destruction 2,385 tins, weighing 1,300 pounds, have accumulated.

Five thousand dollars for Miss Alice V. Houghton, an employee of the census bureau, whose scalp was badly lacerated last spring when hair caught in revolving machinery at the bureau, is included in the supplementary estimates, submitted to congress by the department of commerce and labor.

Diamonds valued at \$700 and a package of \$1,500 in new, unsigned \$20 notes of the First National bank of Fitzgerald were among the booty of safebreakers who blew the safe in the postoffice at Fitzgerald, Ga. Several valuable registered letters and the postal savings bank deposits were taken. There is no clue.

Pupils graduates and working boys and girls flocked to four public schools in Chicago where the school board inaugurated its plan for social amusements. It is hoped thus to overcome the evils of the public dance hall. At three of the schools the young people danced. At all the plan was declared a success.

President Taft accepted an invitation to be present at the dedication of the new government building in Columbus, O., January 30. January 29 he is to be a guest of the Tippecanoe club in Cleveland, and will return to Washington by way of Columbus, where he will attend a luncheon of the chamber of commerce.

In the ruins of the Robin Hood mill at Moose Jaw, Sask., which was destroyed by fire, was found the charred body of Robert Nease, millwright. Besides the flour mill the fire destroyed the oatmeal mill, coopeage plant, the elevator, with 100,000 bushels of grain, and smaller buildings. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Many lawyers from various parts of the country to the supreme court chambers in Washington to attend a memorial meeting in honor of the late Associate Justice John M. Harlan. Augustus E. Wilson, the retiring governor of Kentucky, the jurist's native state, presided. Solicitor General Lehmann and Senator Bailey were among the speakers.

The largest order for steel pipe ever placed in the world, it is believed, has been let by a Calgary, Alberta, firm, which has order from the United States Steel corporation 300 miles of pipe at a cost of about \$3,000,000, to carry natural gas from Row Island to Calgary. Shipment which will require 2,500 cars, will begin January 1, 1912, and will be completed within six months.

To an audience that filled Convention hall, Kansas City, Col. Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, delivered an address in support of the general arbitration treaties with England and France. Col. Waterson predicted that the recognition of the principle of arbitration by the United States, England and France, would mark the beginning of a world movement toward peace.

William J. Cummins, who was recently convicted of grand larceny in the manipulation of the trust funds of the defunct Carnegie Trust company of New York, which he controlled, was admitted to bail. His bond was fixed at \$50,000.

After Judge Baldwin had directed a verdict for the defendants in a \$50,000 alienation-of-affection suit of Mrs. Viola Cook against Charles and Clara Cook, of Bowling Green, O., the hearts of the jurors were touched by the hopeless condition of the plaintiff, who is a cripple, that they went to her in a body and gave her their votes in the case.

## SULZER RESOLUTION INSULT TO RUSSIA

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR CALLS ON PRESIDENT TAFT AND SO INFORMS HIM.

SENATE MAY MODIFY WORDING OF RESOLUTION.

Will Put an End to the Treaty, But Cut Out Accusation That It Has Been Violated by Russian Government.

The Russian government has informally informed this government that the Sulzer resolution proposing to terminate the treaty of 1832 with Russia is offensive to the czar's government. This is the resolution that the house passed a few days ago by a vote of 300 to 1.

Russia has not lodged any formal protest with the state department. The new ambassador from St. Petersburg, George Bakmetiev, has, however, made it clear to both President Taft and Secretary Knox what the views of the Russian government are in regard to the document introduced by the New York state representative.

Russia is incensed at the wording of the measure, not at the proposed termination of the treaty. Russia does not question the right of the United States to denounce the treaty, but considers the Sulzer resolution as unnecessarily offensive and will regard the termination of the treaty under this resolution as an unfriendly act on the part of the United States.

The resolution plainly states that the treaty is to be terminated because Russia has violated it.

The views of the Russian government were apparently communicated to Secretary Knox and President Taft by the Russian ambassador.

It is practically certain that the senate committee will refuse to accept the Sulzer resolution in its present form. The committee probably will recommend a resolution merely proposing a termination of the convention with Russia, diplomatically omitting any reference to the why and wherefore.

To U. S. Belongs the Credit.

To the United States belongs the credit of bringing about a concert of action in China by the six great powers of the world.

The Washington government initiated the movement which now has taken definite form at Shanghai.

What is regarded in Washington as the most unusual and most satisfactory feature of the situation is the fact that, contrary to past experience, the six powers now practically are united in their aims and desire regarding China.

The United States has been the agent to bring the powers into a common agreement based upon a recognition of the necessity of preserving the integrity and autonomy of China.

Arizona's First Election.

The Democrats of Arizona will place two members in the United States senate and one member in the house of representatives, a governor in the state capital in the senate and, unless present indications are materially changed, will make a clean sweep of the state ticket, as a result of the first state election.

The legislature, from present indications, will be more than three-fourths Democratic, insuring the election of Henry F. Ashurst of Prescott and Mark A. Smith of Tucson to the United States senate. Carl Hayden of Globe was elected governor.

Ex-Army Chaplain Arrested.

Rev. Charles M. Brewer, formerly a chaplain in the United States army, now pastor of a Baptist church in Olutec, Ok., has been accused in a confession by Private Michael Quirk if implication in a series of explosions that have baffled military authorities at Fort Riley for six months.

United States Commissioner Chase stated Brewer had been arrested at Olutec and was being held for United States marshals.

John Bigelow Dead.

John Bigelow, noted author, diplomat and historian, died in New York.

Mr. Bigelow died in the ninety-fifth year of his age in the old-fashioned house on "Gramercy Park" that had long been his residence.

At the bedside were two of his four children: Maj. Bigelow and Miss Grace Bigelow, and his granddaughter, Miss Charlotte Harding.

Jury Frees Show Girls.

Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad were acquitted of the charge of attempting to kill W. E. D. Stokes. The jury that freed the chorus girls believed their story that they shot Stokes in self-defense. It was not impressed by Stokes' account of the gunplay and the circumstances that led up to the shooting.

Fire underwriters report Saginaw's water supply of insufficient volume for good fire protection.

Notwithstanding the fact that Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, aid for operations, retired December 17, Secretary Meyer has decided to make use of his long experience and retain him on the active list of the navy, assigning him to the general board after retirement. Rear Admiral C. E. Vreeland, aid for inspections, has been appointed to succeed Admiral Wainwright, as aid for operations. His successor has not yet been appointed.

## KING LEAVES DELHI

Indian Authorities Breathe Easier as Monarch Departs.

Bringing to a close the most magnificent durbar that has ever proclaimed the vassalage of India to Great Britain, King George and Queen Mary, new emperor and empress of India, took their departure from the new Indian capital. The Indian authorities who have charge of the safeguarding of the royal pair during their stay breathed a sigh of relief as the new emperor and empress departed.



SERIAL  
STORYTHE GIRL  
from  
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## SYNOPSIS.

Dan Blair, the 22-year-old son of the fifty-million-dollar copper king of Blairtown, Mont., is a guest at the English home of Lady Galorey. Dan's father had been courteous to Lord Galorey during his visit to the United States and the courtesy is now being returned to the young man. The youth has an ideal girl in his mind. He meets Lily, Duchess of Breakwater, a beautiful widow, who is attracted by his immense fortune and takes a liking to her. When Dan was a boy, a girl sang a solo at a church, and he had never forgotten her. The Galoreys, Lily and Dan attend a London theater where one Letty Lane is the star. Dan recognizes her as the girl from his town, and going behind the scenes introduces himself and she remembers him. He learns that Prince Poniatowsky is actor and escort to Letty. Lord Galorey and a friend named Ruggles desire to protect the westerner from Lily and other fortune hunters.

## CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

A page boy knocked at the door and came in holding out on a silver card for Mr. Ruggles, and at the interruption Galorey rose and invited Ruggles to go out with him that night to Osden. "Lady Galorey will be delighted."

But Ruggles shook his head. "The boy is coming back here tonight," and Galorey laughed.

"Don't you believe it! You don't know how deep in he is. You don't know the Duchess of Breakwater. Once he is with her—"

"At the same time that the page boy handed Mr. Ruggles the card of the caller, he gave him as well a small envelope, which contained box tickets for the Galety. Ruggles examined it. "I have got some writing to do," he told Galorey, "and I'm going to see a show tonight, and I think I'll just stay here and watch my hole."

As soon as Galorey had left the Carlton, Mr. Ruggles despatched his letters and his visitor, made a very careful toilet, and after waiting until past eight o'clock for Dan to return to dinner, dined alone on roast beef and a tart, and with perfect digestion, if somewhat thoughtful mind, left the hotel and walked down the dim street to the brilliant Strand, and on foot to the Galety.

## CHAPTER VII.

At the Stage Entrance. Ruggles, from his stall, for the fourth time saw the curtain go up on "Mandalay" and heard the temple bells ring. One of the stage boxes was not occupied until after the first act and then the son of his friend came in alone and sat far back out of sight of any eyes but the keenest, and those eyes were Ruggles'. Letty Lane, delicious, fantastic, languishing, sang to Dan; that was evident to Ruggles. He was a large man and filled his stall comfortably. He sat through the performance peacefully, his hands in his pockets, his big face thoughtful, his shirt front ruffled. To look at him, one must have wondered why he had come to "Mandalay." He scarcely lost any of the threads of his own reflections, though when Miss Lane in response to a call from the house, sang her cradle song three times, he seemed moved. The tones of her pure voice, the cradling in her arms of an imaginary child, her apparent dove-like purity, her grace and sweetness, and her cooing, gentle tone, to judge by the softening of the Westerner's face, touched very much the big fellow who listened like a child. At the end he drew his handkerchief slowly across his eyes, but the tears, or rather moisture, that rose there was not all due to Miss Lane's song, for Ruggles was extremely warm.

He could see that in his box the boy sat transfixed and absorbed. Dan went out in the second act and was absent when the curtain went down. Ruggles, as well, left before the performance was over, to make his way outside the theater to the stage exit, where there was already gathered a little group, looked after by a couple of policemen. Close to the curb a gleaming motor waited, the footman at its door. Ruggles buttoned his coat up to his chin and took his place close to the door, over which the electric light showed the words "Stage Entrance." A poor woman adored him, her shabby hat adorned by a scraggy plume, a gray shawl wrapped round her shoulders. A girl or two, who might have been solders in Piccadilly in the daytime, a couple of toughs, a handful of other vagrants smiling of gins, a decent man in working clothes, a child in his arms, formed the human hedge Letty Lane was to pass between—a singular group of people to spend an hour hanging about the streets at the exit

of a theater well toward midnight. So the naive Ruggles thought, and better understood the appearance of the young fellows in evening clothes who hovered on the extreme edge of the little crowd. Dan, however, was not of these.

"Look sharp, Cissy," the working-man spoke to his child, holding her well up. "When she comes out she'll pass close to yer, and you sing hoot, 'God bless yer.'"

"Yes, Dad, I will," thrilled the child. The woman in the gray shawl drew it close about her. "Aw she's a true lily, all right, ain't she? I expect you've had some kindness of her as well?"

The man nodded over the child's shoulder. "Used to be a scene shifter, and Miss Lane found out about my little girl last year—not this lass, not Cissy, Cissy's sister—and she sent 'er to a place where it costs the eyes out of yer head. She's gettin' well fast, and we, none of us, has seen her or spoken to Miss Lane. She doesn't know our names."

And the woman answered: "She does a lot like that. She's got a heart bigger'n her little body."

And a big boy in the front row said back to the others: "Well, she makes a mint of money."

And the woman who had spoken before said: "She gives it nearly all to the poor."

Ruggles was evidently on the poor side of the waiting crowd; the handful of riffraff around him with its stench of dirt and gin. A better looking set collected opposite and there was the gleam of white shirt fronts.

"Now, there she comes," the father saw her first. "Sing out, Cissy."

The door opened and a figure quickly floated from it, like a white rose blown out into the foggy darkness. It floated down the few steps to the street between the double row of spectators. A white cloak entirely covered the actress. Her head was hidden by a white scarf, and she almost ran the short gantlet to her motor, between the cries of "God bless you!" "Three cheers for Letty Lane!" "God



"Gosh! When I Saw Her There on the Stage, Why—"

bless you, lady!" She didn't speak or bleed, however, or turn her head, but held her scarf against her face, and the man who slowly lounged behind her to the car, and put her in and got in after her, was not the man Joshua. He Ruggles had waited there to see. He hung about until the footman sang in his church for a missionary meeting, and I was there. I can remember the song she sang. He spoke with unconscious ardor. He didn't refer to the hymn, however, but went on with his narrative. "She disappeared from Blairtown. I never had a peep at her again until the other night. Gosh! he said fervently, "when I saw her there on the stage, why, I felt as though cold water was running up and down my spine."

## CHAPTER VIII.

## Dan's Simplicity.

The Duchess of Breakwater was not sure how close Dan Blair's thoughts were to marriage, but the boy from Montana was the easiest prey that had come across the beautiful and unscrupulous woman's range. He had told her that he stayed on in London when after four days he still lingered in town, she found his absence unbecomable, and sent him a wire so worded that if he had a spark of interest in her he must immediately return to the Park. She had never been more lovely than when Dan found her waiting for him.

She had ordered tea in her sitting-room. She told him that she looked frightfully seedy, asked him what he had been doing and why he had stopped so long away, and Blair told her that old Ruggles, his father's friend, had run over to see him with a lot of papers for Dan to read, telling him that he had been doing a singular thing, and closed with a smile, telling her that he guessed she didn't know much about business."

"I only know the horrid things of business—debts, and loans, and bills, and fussing."

"Those things are not business," Dan answered wisely; "they are just common or garden carelessness."

She asked him why he had not brought Ruggles out to Osden, and he told her he couldn't have done a stroke of work with the old boy down here at the Park.

Stirring his tea, he appreciated the duchess. The agreeable picture she made impressed him mightily.

"Do you know," he asked suddenly, "what you make me think of?"

And she responded softly: "No, dear."

"A box of candy. This room with its stuffed walls, and you in it are good enough—"

"To eat?" she laughed aloud. "Oh, you perfectly killing creature, what an idea!"

And as he met her eyes with his clear ones, with a simplicity she could never hope to reach, he put his tea-cup down; and as he did so the duchess observed his strong hands, their vigor, well-kept and muscular, but not the dandified hands of the man who goes often to the manœuvre.

"If it hadn't been for one thing," the boy went on, "I would have thought of nothing else but you, every minute I've been away."

"Mr. Ruggles?" suggested the duchess.

"No, the Galety girl, Letty Lane. You know I told you in the box that she was from my town."

The young man, who had flown back to Osden Park in answer to a telegram, began to take his companion into his confidence.

"I knew that girl," Dan said, "when she wasn't more than fourteen. She sold me sodawater over the drug store counter. I always thought she was bully, bright as a button and pretty as a peach. Once, I remember, I took six chocolate sodas in one day just to go in and see her. I had an awful time. I most died of that jg, and yet," he said meditatively, "I

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"You seem absorbed in her," he agreed with her. "I am. He said she's great, don't you?"

"Hardly."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

CHINA THE SPECTER  
AMONG NATIONS

SPREAD OF THE CHINESE REVOLUTION

THE history of the human race affords no more interesting study than that of the huge Chinese empire, which after a slumber of many centuries is

now bursting the shackles of her conservatism and aspiring to new life and new ideals. Starting in the province of Szechuan, the revolt against the Manchus spread down the Yangtze valley and southward to the coast. In the shaded portion of the map, showing the huge slice of the empire held by the rebels, Hankow and Nanking are the only important cities under imperial control.

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The revolutionary movement today is more than anti-dynastic. It means more than the expulsion of the Manchus, who have lorded it over the Chinese since they were called in to aid in the suppression of a rebellion in 1643 and finding the country so good and so favorable concluded to remain. Corrupt as may have been many of the Manchus rulers, they cannot justly be charged with all the miseries which have afflicted China during the period of their ascendancy. These evils, while undoubtedly augmented by Manchus rule, may be traced to the system under which the spirit of Chinese progress has been throttled—a system which was founded by her sages and which during thousands of years has become crystallized in her national character.

"You seem absorbed in her," he agreed with her. "I am. He said she's great, don't you?"

"Hardly."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The KITCHEN  
CABINET

LET'S not despise just common things. For here's a truth there is no dodging. The bird that soars on proud wings Comes down to earth for board and lodging.

—Nixon Waterman.

## THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

When a clock refuses to run it is often because it needs oiling, and an easy way to oil it is to saturate a piece of absorbent cotton and place it in the bottom of the clock. The oil will evaporate and oil the works.

A whisk broom is a great convenience in sprinkling clothes.

Old bed spreads are useful for many things. A large part may be used for silence cloths on card tables, or if enough is good, one for a dining table. The smaller pieces may be made double and used as bath mats. The small pieces make fine wash cloths; so every bit may be used.

A small-sized baking powder can, with a few holes punched in the bottom, makes a fine food chopper, and can be used to chop potatoes while they are frying.

If a coffee or spice mill is needed for other grinding, it can be nicely cleaned by running a few dry crackers through it or a little rice.

If velvet bows get mussed on hat or gown, wrap the heated curling tongs with a wet cloth and steam them into shape again.

If sweaters and knitted garments are dried on coat hangers they will look much more shapely.

Bake pumpkin pie in small, patty tins and serve with a spoonful of whipped cream on each.

Save all fruit juices to use in frozen dishes or for pudding sauces.

Puffed rice makes much more delicious balls than popcorn, as there are never any hard kernels in the rice to cause discomfort when eating.

When steel knives are laid away, if wrapped in tissue paper they will keep bright.

THE clouds that cover the sunshine. They cannot banish the sun. And the earth shines out the brighter When the weary rain is done. We must stand in the deepest shadow To see the clearest light; And often through wrong's own darkness Comes the very strength of light.

## HINTS FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER.

This is the season of the year when we get our best nuts, and those who are living without meat find they prove a good substitute.

Olive oil, cream and butter are all valuable foods and should be used freely.

The plan of keeping a house purse downstairs near at hand will save many steps and much time.

Cookies and cakes in stone jars will find them delicately flavored.

A child's broom will be found most useful in sweeping under heavy pieces of furniture or in small spaces where it is not easy to use a broom.

Keep two calendars at hand; they will be found most useful, one to tear off, the other to keep to refer back to past dates when necessary.

A dainty little ruching for the house dress is made of the footing of lace used as a good deal a few years ago. Baste or plait on double to a narrow binding, and put into the necks of all the washable morning dresses. These ruchings launder well.

A very easy way to tint lace any desired color is to use oil paints, the kind which comes in small tubes used by artists. Thin it with gasoline and dip a small piece of lace to get the right shade.

To make handkerchiefs look like new that have been washed, iron when very damp, or add a very little starch to the rinse water.

Instead of sweeping the carpets so much with a broom, cover the broom with a bag, dampen slightly and rub it over the carpet in the direction of the pile. It will not be necessary to sweep it so often.

Before writing a letter, a great help is to jot down items which may be written about; in that way a good letter is written and when it is sealed and on its way one is not so apt to remember that the most important thing was left unsaid.

Nellie Maxwell.

Getting His Bearings. A man who had been making a night of it zigzagged up Broadway in the first dawn of a morning not long ago. The traveler seemed so uncertain as to his destination that a policeman standing at Thirtieth street and Broadway went over to inquire.

"Where do you live?" he asked.

"I'm 'm out o' town," replied the stranger.

"What hotel are you stopping at then?"

"If this is Cleveland it's the Hollenden; if I'm in N'York it's the Waldorf."—New York Sun.

COSTS LESS THAN 55  
CENTS A BUSHEL TO  
RAISE WHEAT IN  
CANADA.

A FREQUENT QUESTION ANSWERED.

Western Canada probably suffered less from weather conditions during the year of 1911 than did almost any other portion of the country. Seeding was most successful and the growing conditions up to July were never better. Crops of all kinds showed wonderful growth at that time and were universally good; but there was not the usually excellent ripening weather in August and the effects of this were felt. Many fields that late in July promised 40 and 50 bushels yield of wheat were reduced to 25 and 30 bushels, while some of course gave the full expectancy and others, somewhat less. The quality was also lowered. In face of these conditions, it is found that during the months of September, and October, the total amount of contract wheat marketed and inspected was about 20 million bushels, which realized a total of 18½ million dollars, the average price for this wheat being 97½ cents; that below contract for the two months was a little over 15 million bushels, which at an average price of 89½ cents per bushel realized a little over eleven million dollars, or a grand total for all wheat of 35 million bushels, which realized a total of a little over thirty-one million dollars.

On the first of November, there was in the hands of the farmers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for sale and seed about 130 million bushels of wheat, from which fact some idea may be had of the value of the wheat crop of 1911.

A careful canvass made by the Winnipeg Free Press made of a number of men farming in a large way indicates that even with the extreme expense of harvesting the crop, which has been caused by the bad weather and difficulty in threshing, wheat has been produced and put on the market for less than 55 cents a bushel. The average freight rate is not over 13 cents per bushel. This would make the cost of production and freight 68 cents, and would leave the farmer an actual margin on his low-grade wheat of 17½ cents, and for his high-grade wheat of 19½ cents; and though this is not as large a profit as the farmer has every right to expect, it is a profit not to be despised, and which should leave a very fair amount of money to his credit when all the expenses of the year have been paid, unless the value of low-grade wheat sinks very much below its present level.

More Like It. "Do you wish to call your husband up on the 'phone'?" "No, I don't; I want to call him down."

Many Children Are Sickly. Mother Gray's Sweet Powder for Children Breaks up Colds in 34 hours, relieves Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Throwing Disorders, moves and regulates the bowels, and keeps Worms. They are so pleasant to take children like them. Used by mothers for 25 years. At all druggists. The Sarsaparilla Co. Address, A. S. Quinlan, LeRoy, N. Y.

Pericles wore his hair pretty close to his eyes—but nobody ever called him a low-brow!

## Why Rent a Farm

and be compelled to pay to your landlord most of your hard-earned profits? Own your own farm. Secure a Free Homestead in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta, or purchase land in one of these provinces and bank a profit of \$10,000 or \$12,000 a year every year. Land purchased 2 years ago at \$10.00 an acre has recently changed hands at \$25.00 an acre. The crops grown on these lands warrant the advance. You can

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by cultivating, dairying, mixed farming and grain growing in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Free homestead and pre-emption areas, as well as land held by railway and land companies, will provide homes for millions. Adaptable soil, healthful climate, splendid schools and churches, good railways. For settlers, or those who wish to reach the country and other particulars, write to Sir J. J. Macdonald, Ottawa, Canada, or to the Canadian Government Agent, St. V. Brian, 175 Jefferson Ave., Detroit. E. C. A. Lauer, Marquette, Michigan. Please write to the nearest agent.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

Ed. Keusch was in Jackson Friday. W. S. McLaren spent Tuesday in Detroit.

H. L. Cramer was in Ann Arbor Tuesday. Miss Jennie Winslow, of Saline, was home Sunday.

Chas. Tinsman, of Holly, is visiting Chelsea relatives.

Frank Adair, of Detroit, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Tressa Merkel spent Sunday with Miss Alice Hankerd.

John Stephens, of Ann Arbor, was a Chelsea visitor Sunday.

L. Babcock was the guest of relatives in Ypsilanti Tuesday.

Miss Mary Eder, of Jackson, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Misses Margaret Miller and Edna Fryer were in Detroit Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Young were Ann Arbor visitors Sunday.

Orrin Riemschneider, of Detroit, was a Chelsea visitor Tuesday.

Miss Mary Brenner, of Ann Arbor, visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Bertha Benter, of Francisco, was a Chelsea visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Lehman visited relatives in Jackson Sunday.

Earl Foster, of Kalamazoo, was the guest of his parents here Tuesday.

Mrs. M. L. Grant was a Detroit visitor several days of the past week.

Mrs. M. Wackenhut, of Jackson, spent Wednesday with relatives here.

Miss Edna Fryer and Miss Lena Miller were Ann Arbor visitors Friday.

Mrs. I. Downer and Miss Lillie Foster were Detroit visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark, of Ypsilanti, spent Sunday with Chelsea relatives.

Misses Nina Hunter and Ethel Burkhardt were Ann Arbor visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Guerin will spend next week in Albion with their daughter.

Mr. Anthony, of Detroit, was a guest at the home of E. L. Negus the first of the week.

Miss Lucile McKernan, of Ypsilanti, is spending a few days with her parents in Lyndon.

H. D. Fuller is making arrangements to leave for Florida where he will spend the winter.

Miss Mary Peltou, of Albion, was a guest at the home of Mrs. J. R. Raftery several days of this week.

Harold Carpenter, who is in the United States navy, is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carpenter.

C. T. Conklin, who has been spending the last two months in Washington, Arizona and Texas returned to his Chelsea home Monday.

## A Pleasant Surprise.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Wm. J. Denman on Saturday, December 16th in honor of his 60th birthday. There were over twenty of his relatives and friends who drove to his residence and took him completely by surprise. The following were present: E. J. Whipple and family, C. J. Downer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Kneel, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bagge, Fred Aichele and family and Mr. Denman's uncle, Perry Depeew. After talking over old times, telling stories and having a good time in general they were called to the dining room and all partook of a bountiful feast. Mr. Denman was presented with a rocking chair and a several other gifts and it was in the wee small hours before the last guest had departed. All joined in saying it was good to be there.

## ONE WHO WAS THERE.

## The Man on the Box.

There will be presented at the Sylvan theatre on Friday, December 22 a three act comedy by Harold McGrath, dramatized from the book by the same. This book has been widely and favorably read and no doubt the piece will fill our theatre to its capacity. The company comes to us bearing the very highest recommendation from the press in the various towns where this piece has been played. Seats at L. P. Vogel's 25, 35 and 50c.

## CHURCH CIRCLES

SALEM GERMAN M. E. CHURCH, NEAR FRANCISCO. G. C. Nothdurft, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. German worship at 10:30. Christmas sermon.

Everybody is most cordially invited to the Christmas program on Sunday evening beginning at 7 p. m. At this occasion a free-will offering will be taken for the benefit of the local Sunday school.

ST. PAUL'S. Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor. Morning service at 10 o'clock followed by communion.

Sunday evening at 6 o'clock the program will be given by the members of the Sunday school. Services will be held at 10 a. m. on Christmas Day.

The children are requested to meet at the church Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock for rehearsal.

## CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. M. L. Grant, Pastor. Special Christmas service at 10 a. m. The Christmas music will consist of an anthem by the choir, a duet by Miss Dorothy Bacon and Elmer Winans and a solo by Miss Dorothy Bacon. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon.

Sunday school at 11 a. m.

A short program of music and recitations will be given by the younger members of the school at 7 p. m. The Christmas cantata "The Sign in the Sky" will be presented by the young people of the Sunday school.

## BAPTIST.

Rev. F. L. Blanchard, Pastor.

Christmas service 10 a. m. Subject, "The Reception of the Christ."

Sunday school 11 a. m. Junior meeting 2:30 p. m. Subject, "The Traveling Preacher in Galilee."

Leader, Clifford McDaid. Young People's meeting 6 p. m. Subject, "The Gift that Transforms the World." Leader, Clayton Hesel-schwerdt.

No preaching service in the evening.

The cantata "Christmastide" will be given in the church Friday evening, December 22.

The public is invited to the services.

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Rev. J. W. Campbell, Pastor.

At 10 a. m. next Sunday a Christmas sermon will be delivered by the pastor. There will be a baptismal service for children.

The following is the musical program: Prelude—Pilgrims Chorus. R. Wagner Christmas Anthem. Choir Offertory—Village Harvest Home.

..... M. Spinney Nocturne—Rustic music approaching; chorals: rustic music in the distance. Organ Postlude—March. .... Munro

Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Bible study at 11 a. m.

Junior League at 3 p. m. Epworth League devotional service at 6:15 p. m.

At 7 p. m. a very attractive musical program will be rendered, consisting of solos, anthems and duets. Also some Christmas thoughts by the pastor.

Prayer meetings will be held in the lecture room at 2:30 p. m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Everybody welcome at these services.

## Princess Theatre.

The Christmas program at the Princess is one that will long be remembered by those that go to that popular little theatre on Monday afternoon or evening. The management made a trip to Detroit and personally selected their Christmas and New Year's programs. Monday's program consists of five pictures. The headliner is a western Essanay comedy entitled "Town Hall Tonight." "Making a Six Ton Cheese," by the Selig Company, showing the biggest cheese ever made, supplies the educational feature. Two Vitaphone comedies "Over the Chaffing Dish," and "The Tired, Absent Minded Man" are also on the bill. The latter features that big, funny man "John Bunny" and the former is played without seeing the actors except feet and hands. It's a novelty. "Seeing Washington" a sight seeing tour of our national capital is the scenic picture. Our own "Jud" Ward will sing two songs. Matinee at 3 o'clock.

## Wins Fight For Life.

It was a long and bloody battle for life that was waged by James B. Mershon, of Newark, N. J., of which he writes: "I had lost much blood from lung hemorrhages, and was very weak and rundown. For eight months I was unable to work. Death seemed close on my heels, when I began, three weeks ago, to use Dr. King's New Discovery. But it has helped me greatly. It is doing all that you claim." For weak, sore lungs, obstinate coughs, stubborn colds, soreness, a gripe, asthma, hay-fever or any throat or lung trouble is supreme. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by L. P. Vogel, H. H. Fenn Co., L. T. Freeman Co.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## LIMA CENTER NEWS.

Mrs. Mason Whipple was an Ann Arbor visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Luick spent Monday in Ann Arbor.

August Schallermiller, of Ann Arbor, was a guest at the home of his parents Sunday.

Mrs. John Friemuth, of Chelsea, spent Friday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Addison Webb.

L. Casterline, of Ann Arbor, was entertained Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strieter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLaren, of Plymouth, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. McLaren.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Wolf were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffman, of Francisco, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pierce entertained last Friday evening about thirty of their friends. The evening was devoted to games and refreshments were served.

The Lima Center district school will give an entertainment in the Methodist church Thursday evening, December 21st. Evan Essery of Ann Arbor will give a speech and Miss Gertrude Storms of Chelsea will furnish the music.

## FRANCISCO NOTES.

Velma Richards spent Saturday and Sunday in Chelsea.

Dorothy Notten spent a few days of last week in Chelsea.

Philip Riemschneider and family spent Sunday at the home of Fred Mensing.

Mrs. H. J. Lehmon, who has been quite ill for some time past is reported as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Lehmann, of Stockbridge, were guests of Henry Lehmann and family Tuesday.

Rev. Nothdurft, Oscar Kalmbach and W. Henry Lehmann went after the Christmas tree Wednesday.

The band boys from this vicinity attended the yearly banquet at A. J. Snyder's of Lyndon Saturday evening.

Mrs. Fred Hoppe is reported as being seriously ill. Owing to her advanced age, but little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

The ladies of the Epworth League of the German M. E. church gave their contest supper and program Friday evening at the home of Miss Alma Kalmbach. The judges decided in favor of the boys, and now the ladies must banquet the Epworth League members.

## SHARON NEWS.

Louis Alber spent Sunday in Ann Arbor.

Henry Heim is spending this week with Albert Forner.

J. Kuhl is spending the week with relatives in Chelsea.

Albert Meyers, of Manchester, is visiting his sisters here.

Arthur Forner and Ben Minus spent Tuesday in Jackson.

Mrs. John Alber spent last week with her daughter in Bridgewater.

Florence Wolfe, of Bridgewater, is spending the week at the home of O. Brunz.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Brunz spent the first of the week with Ernest Wolfe at Bridgewater.

## Sylvan Theatre.

It you have never read "The Man on the Box" it will possibly be wise to secure a copy and peruse it at your leisure as we will have this high class comedy with us very soon, in fact, it will be presented at the Sylvan theatre on Friday, December 22. The company is headed by Will H. Dorbin, a native son of Michigan, who has made thousands laugh in every state in the union; he is an actor of far more than ordinary ability, and our readers will no doubt be well repaid by witnessing one of his performances. Seats at L. P. Vogel's, 25, 35 and 50c.

## To Operate Railroad.

The United States is about to become a railroad operator. Within the next few days trains will be running over a federal road twenty-one miles in length and extending from Bois to Arrow Rock, Idaho. The road was built to carry laborers and supplies for laborers and work during the next four or five years on what is to be the highest dam in the world, the Arrow Rock dam; which will tower 351 feet into the air. The flood and excess waters of the Boise river, which the dam will hold back, will be used in irrigating 250,000 acres of land on the government irrigation project near Boise.

## Christmas Wine and Walnuts

Wonderful Man. Decem—Ginks had the most wonderful control of his features of any man I ever knew.

Burr—I understand he was a marvel.

Decem—He was. Why, I've even seen that man look pleased when he saw what his wife had bought him for Christmas.

In Advance. Mrs. Skinfint—Oh, John! Mary, the parlor maid, has just swallowed a quarter! What ever shall we do?

Old Skinfint—Do? Well, I suppose we'd better let her keep it. She'd have expected a Christmas present, anyhow!

Once Enough. "Christmas comes but once a year," said the cheery citizen.

"No use in its coming twice a year," said the morose person. "Must give a man a chance to save a little money before he can spend it!"

Too Late. Highwayman—Halt! Your money or your life!

Victim—It's no go, stranger. My wife's in the same line of business always at Christmas time, and she's just finished with me.

Two Kinds. There are friends and Christmas tree friends. The latter take all the presents they can get and present you with beautiful boughs.

## A MYSTERY.



Dudley Nobs—Pa, there's one thing about Santa Claus I never could understand.

Mr. Nobs—What is that, my son? Dudley Nobs—Why does Santa always leave valuable presents to rich folks and cheap ones to poor people? Why don't he even things up?

## Lima Taxpayers.

I will be at the town hall, Lima Center, every Friday during December. At the Dexter Savings Bank Saturday, December 30. At the Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank, Chelsea, Saturday, December 23 and Saturday, January 1, 1912, for the purpose of receiving the taxes of Lima township. R. W. KAERCHER, Treasurer.

## WANT COLUMN

RENTS, REAL ESTATE, FOUND LOST WANTED ETC.

LOST on streets of Chelsea, Saturday afternoon, a hand-painted pin, blue for-get-me-nots. Finder please return to Standard office. 20

FARM FOR RENT—Known as the late Daniel McLaughlin farm in Lyndon; 240 acres; take possession March 1st. For particulars inquire of Mrs. Daniel McLaughlin, west Middle street, Chelsea. 21

MINNOWS—Several hundred big, lively minnows for sale in quantities as desired. Price right. Fred Koch, Jerusalem. Phone 144-4s. 20

FOR SALE—A number of thoroughbred White Wyandotte roosters. Cheap. Geo. Turck, Chelsea. 21

FOR SALE—Edison Phonograph and about 70 two and four minute records. Cheap if sold at once. A. L. Holden, Chelsea. 21

LOST—In postoffice, Tuesday evening, a gauntlet glove. Finder please leave at this office. 20

GIRL WANTED—Ironing. Chelsea Steam Laundry. 19tf

WANTED—Colts to train, by an experienced man, graduate of the Beery school. Colts trained under this system will never go wrong. W. J. Beutler, Chelsea. 21

WANTED—Married man for farm work; experienced; none other need apply; reference required. Telephone Bell No. 1. Thos. Birkett, Dexter, Mich. 21

LOST—Saturday evening on the streets, a pair of micrometers. Finder please leave at Standard office. 20

NOTICE—For choice fruit and ornamental trees and shrubs, also farm and garden seeds. Leave orders with A. Kaercher, Chelsea. Christmas trees for church and family use a specialty. 20

WANTED—Women and girls to pick beans. Inquire at office of McLaren-Holmes Bean Co. 17tf

## Chelsea's Greatest Gift Store

It is well worth spending some time going through this store and looking over all the goods on display for Christmas Gifts.

## Leather Handbags for Women.

Newest styles, with long or short handles. Leather, Suede or Velvet at.....\$2.00 to \$5.50  
Special values in two lots at.....69c and 98c

## Traveling Bags and Suit Cases.

Black Traveling Bags made of best cowhide leather, exactly the same bag we always get \$7.00 each, now.....\$5.00  
Suit Cases at.....\$12.50, \$10.00, \$7.50, \$5.00 and down to 98c

## Gift Handkerchiefs.

New lots in uncommonly attractive designs at unusual prices  
Women's Pure Linen, hemstitched, hand embroidered Initials, also hand embroidered figures and designs, special value.....15c  
Genuine Appenzell artistic hand embroidered Linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, also initials.....25c  
Men's initials on Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.....25c

## Genuine Phoenix Mufflers

50c

## Sweaters, for Women, Children and Men.

A large lot of Children's Sweaters, all sizes, selected from regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 qualities, now.....98c  
Ask to see our Women's Sweaters at.....\$1.50, \$2.50 an \$3.50

## Humidor Linens.

We have the sale for Chelsea of Humidor Linens. These are made of Pure Linen and the designs are specially beautiful. Ask to see the Humidor Towels.

## FULL ASSORTMENT OF BISSELL'S CARPET SWEEPERS.

## NEW LOT OF WOMEN'S SHIRT WAISTS.

In tailored styles, made of Satins, Silks or Nets at.....\$1.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00

## SPECIAL VALUES.

In Cotton or Wool Bed Blankets.....\$1.00 to \$5.00

## BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS BOXES

Of four pairs of Men's Fancy Socks, guaranteed for three months, box.....\$1.00

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## Christmas Cash Specials

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10 POUNDS GRANULATED SUGAR FOR.....50c  
(with purchase of \$1.00 or over, included in this must be some Tea, Coffee or Spices.)  
10 bars Swift's Pride Soap for.....30c  
A regular 35c Coffee, per pound.....30c  
10 bars Swift's White Laundry Soap for.....35c  
10 bars Swift's Naptha Soap for.....40c  
3 large cans of Sardines for.....25c  
4 pounds Ginger Snaps for.....25c  
4 5c bags Wyandotte Cleaner and Cleanser for.....12c  
Large Package National Oats, with Premium, for.....25c  
3 5c bags of Salt for.....10c  
12 5c boxes Matches for.....35c  
4 pounds Crackers for.....25c  
4 cans Swifts Cleaner and Cleanser for.....25c  
2 cans choice Early June Peas for.....22c  
3 boxes of Leather Veneer or Shinola for.....20c  
Puritan Flour for bread or pastry, per sack.....65c  
Choice Mixed Nuts per pound.....20c  
Extra Choice Raisins, per pound.....12c  
Extra Choice Cleaned Currants, per pound.....13c

Safety Razors, Carving Sets, Pocket Knives, Ladies' Sets. Flexible Hand Sleds and Skates. Nickel and Plated Ware. Knives and Forks warranted for a lifetime for \$5.00 per set. Fancy China and Glassware, at 10c and 25c. Big assortment. See our window display of candy at 10c per pound.

## 1-4 Off Rocker Sale

Special Prices on Cutters. Heating Stoves at Prices to Close Out

HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR BUTTER AND EGGS

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

## J. Bacon Mercantile Co.

## WE SAVE YOU MONEY

WE CLEAN AND PRESS  
Men's Suits.....\$1.00 Ladies' Suits.....\$1.50  
Men's Overcoats.....1.00 Ladies' Skirts......75  
Men's Trousers......25 Ladies' Coats.....1.00  
Men's Coats......75 Ladies' Party Dresses.....1.50

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Men's Suits......50c Ladies' Suits......75c  
Men's Trousers......15c Ladies' Skirts......50c  
Men's Coats......35c Ladies' Coats......50c  
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## Probate Order

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county of Washtenaw, held at the probate office in the city of Ann Arbor, on the 18th day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

Present, Emory E. Leland, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Ora Bell Wheelock, deceased.

On reading and filing the duly verified petition of Russell T. Wheelock, husband, praying that a certain paper in writing and now on file in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of Ora Bell Wheelock be admitted to probate, and that appraisers and commissioners be appointed.

It is ordered, that the 18th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be appointed for hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in The Chelsea Standard, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Washtenaw.

EMORY E. LELAND, Judge of Probate. (A true copy.)

## Probate Order

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county of Washtenaw, held at the probate office in the city of Ann Arbor, on the 18th day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

Present, Emory E. Leland, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of James McLaren, deceased.

On reading and filing the duly verified petition of William McLaren, legatee, praying that a certain paper in writing and now on file in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of James McLaren be admitted to probate, and that appraisers and commissioners be appointed.

It is ordered, that the 6th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be appointed for hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in The Chelsea Standard, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Washtenaw.

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## Pleasing Gifts for Men



Just a few Christmas suggestions, any one of which will please and satisfy the husband or brother.

Suits	Overcoats	Raincoats
Trousers	Waistcoats	Hats
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LINE OF CANDIES IN FANCY CHRISTMAS BOXES.

Candies of all kinds in bulk.

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### EDWARDS & WATKINS.

## The Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank

A Merry Christmas and a  
Prosperous Year for 1912

### The Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank

### LOCAL ITEMS.

Today is the shortest day of the year.

Mrs. Thomas deKam is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Patrick Lingane, of Sylvan, is reported as being quite ill.

A force of linemen are at work here overhauling the cables and wires of the Michigan State Telephone Co.

Jacob Bahnmiller, of Lima, on Monday of this week delivered four head of choice steers to Eppler & VanRiper.

The patrons of the Kempf Commercial & Savings are being presented with a very appropriate calendar for the year 1912.

Invitations have been issued for a social dancing party to be given in St. Mary's hall on Wednesday evening, December 27.

Emanuel Bahnmiller has purchased of Miss Nellie Stocking the lot and barn just east of her residence on east Middle street.

Mrs. Mary Winans gave a family dinner at her home on South street Sunday in honor of the anniversaries of the birth of two of her sons.

There will be a special meeting of Olive Lodge, F. & A. M. on Tuesday, December 26. All brothers are invited. Work in the third degree.

B. H. Glenn was in Dexter Monday where he purchased 200 cords of hickory butts. The timber is to be brought here and will be worked into vehicle spokes by Glenn & Schanz.

N. F. Prudden put down a well at the school house in the Heatley district of Lyndon, last week that proves to be one of the finest flowing wells in that part of the township.

A marriage license has been issued by County Clerk Miller to Mr. Ernest Force of this place and Miss Zoe B. Williams of Attica. Mr. Force is employed by the Flanders Mfg. Co.

A horse belonging to Lewis Alber, of Sharon, became frightened at an electric car Sunday and ran away. The animal took the sidewalk on south Main street and the carriage was broken beyond repair.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school of St. Paul's church will be held at 6 o'clock (standard time) next Sunday evening. There will be a Christmas tree, special music and a literary program.

The latest Michigan crop report shows the condition of wheat in the state is 86 per cent, rye 88, pastures are 88. The condition of live stock throughout the state is 95 for horses, cattle and sheep and 96 for swine.

Henry Miller, convicted of firing the barns of Henry Platt of Ypsilanti and of Arthur Gergherty of Superior, was sentenced Tuesday to serve two to fifteen years in the Jackson prison. Judge Kinne recommended the former time.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster, who have made their home in Jackson for several years have moved to Kalamazoo. Mr. Foster is a mail clerk on the Michigan Central and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foster of this place.

Word has been received here announcing the death of Mrs. Inez Luke at her home in Brooklyn, New York, last Thursday. The deceased was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Stiles, who were former residents of Chelsea.

The carpenters have nearly completed their work on the residence which Dr. J. T. Woods has had erected on his west Summit street lot. The property has been rented to N. Potter who expects to take possession about January 1st.

The Knights of Pythias reception Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair. Cards and dancing were indulged in, and an oyster supper at the Boyd House helped make an occasion that will long be remembered by the participants.

The annual show of the Detroit Automobile Dealers Association to be held at the Wayne Pavilion, of Detroit, January 22-27, inclusive, will be an event in automobile circles throughout the state as usual and more so this year than ever, owing to the large and representative list of exhibitors.

The M. E. Sunday school will render the beautiful cantata, "The Crowning of Christmas" on Friday evening, December 22, at 7 o'clock. All the holidays will be represented in appropriate costumes. Santa Claus will be present to make the children happy. Come and have a good time.

Herbert Laros, of Lansing, is visiting Chelsea friends this week.

Mr. Fred Niehaus, of Lima, on Wednesday had a hog killed on her farm that dressed 510 pounds.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank are presenting their customers with a neat calendar for the coming year.

J. Louis Burg is presenting to his customers and friends a very handsome calendar for the year 1912.

Russell Wheelock and children, of Lima, will spend next week with Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitaker at Flint.

Mrs. E. H. Campbell and mother, Mrs. Norton, of Grass Lake, and little grand daughter, Alice Campbell, of Douglas, Wyoming, were visitors of Dr. Defendorf and family Wednesday.

#### Society Officer.

The following were elected as officers of R. P. Carpenter Post, at their last meeting for the coming year:

Commander—C. Bowen.  
S. V. Commander—A. N. Morton.  
J. V. Commander—J. G. Schmidt.  
Surgeon—A. W. Chapman.  
Patriotic Instructor—A. Stager.  
Officer Day—E. L. Negus.  
Officer Guard—John Strahle.  
Q. M.—T. E. Wood.  
A. D. J. T.—U. D. Streeter.  
Q. M. Sergeant—G. W. Richards.  
Sergt. Major—Luke Reilly.  
Delegate—U. D. Streeter.  
Alternate—A. W. Chapman.

At the annual election of officers of the K. O. T. M. M., which was held last Friday evening the following were chosen for the coming year:

Commander—Jas. W. Speer.  
Lieut. Com.—Geo. A. Young.  
Record Keeper—Geo. S. Davis.  
Finance Keeper—R. D. Walker.  
Chaplain—Elmer Beach.  
Physician—A. Gulde.  
Sergeant—Wm. Rheinfrank.  
1st M. of G.—A. S. Sawyer.  
2d M. of G.—T. Foster.  
M. at A.—LeRoy Brower.  
Sentinel—Wm. M. Campbell.  
Picket—S. P. Foster.  
Installing Officer—Geo. W. Beckwith.

At the recent election of the M. W. of A. the following officers were selected for the coming year:

Counsel—T. G. Speer.  
Clerk—H. J. Dancer.  
Advisor—R. J. Beckwith.  
Banker—F. Leon Shaver.  
Watchman—W. E. Stipe.  
Sentry—O. W. Cushman.  
Director—Peter Merkel.

At the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Sunday morning the children of Mary selected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Prefect—Margaret Burg.  
First Ass't.—Phyllis Rattrey.  
Second Ass't. and Sec.—Josephine Miller.

Treasurer—Eileen Shanahan.  
Reader—Roseline Kelly.  
Standard Bearer—Zita Merkel.

Marshals—Theresa Breitenbach, Irene Sullivan, Mary Dunn, Norma Eisenmann.

Consultors—Mary O'Conner, Margaret Weick, Florence Doll, Magdalena Eisele.

St. Agnes' Sodality of the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Sunday morning elected the following officers for the coming year:

Prefect—Frances Steele.  
First Ass't.—Mabel Rattrey.  
Second Ass't.—Josephine Hesel-schwerdt.

Secretary—Florence Hesel-schwerdt.

Ass't. Sec.—Evelyn Miller.

Treasurer—Lena Miller.

Organist—Agnes Gorman.

Reader—Helen Miller.

Standard Bearer—Cecelia Kolb.

Marshals—Mary Weber, Rose McIntee, Mary Corey, Lena Merkel.

Consultors—Margaret Haggerty, Amanda Merker, Adeline Spiraagle, Anna Eisele, Harriet Dunn, Alice Hankerd, Mary Shanahan, Lucile McKernan, Theresa Merkel, Gladys Wheeler.

The installation of officers of the Cavanaugh Lake Grange will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kalmbach on Tuesday, January 2, at 11 o'clock a. m. The following is the list:

Master—R. M. Hoppe.  
Overseer—Chas. Riemenschneider.  
Lecturer—H. J. Kruse.

Steward—P. H. Riemenschneider.

Asst. Steward—Henry Kalmbach.

Chaplain—Kate Geiske.

Treasurer—Fred Mensing.

Secretary—Mrs. P. H. Riemenschneider.

Gatekeeper—Pearl Ortring.

Ceres—Adah Mensing.

Pomona—Kate Kalmbach.

Flora—Tena Riemenschneider.

Lady Asst. Steward—Huldah Kruse.

Organists—Bertie Ortring and Lina Whitaker.

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## Santa Claus is Coming



Our store contains so many delightful Holiday Gifts for Men, Women and Children, that many people call it the CHRISTMAS STORE. Christmas, with all its traditions, means above everything else the season of Good Cheer. Nothing will produce the genuine spirit of the holiday season so much as some token of your regards. Our store contains an excellent assortment of such gifts.

Of course we cannot call your attention to all of the splendid values we have to offer our holiday trade, but a visit to our store will convince you that we can fill your holiday wants splendidly. We scoured the markets of the country, and now offer you the latest and best.

Gifts for Young and Old, Fathers and Mothers, Brothers and Sisters, Wives and Sweethearts.

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Our Store is Full of Suggestions.

A fine Assortment of Fancy Handkerchiefs starting 5c and up to \$1.00



GLOVES, SWEATER COATS, WAISTS, CLOAKS, FURS, HAIR ORNAMENTS, TOILET ARTICLES, BELTS, SILVER PURSES, HANDBAGS, SHOES, SLIPPERS, AVIATION CAPS, SUITS, SKIRTS, FANCY TOWELS, NAPKINS, TABLE LINEN, RUGS, PERFUMES, BOX WRITING PAPER, SHEET MUSIC, BOX CANDY, NECKWEAR, MUFFLERS, SMOKING SETS, HOSIERY, TRAVELING SUPPLIES, DRESS SHIRTS, SUSPENDERS, BOOKS.

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N. W. Laird

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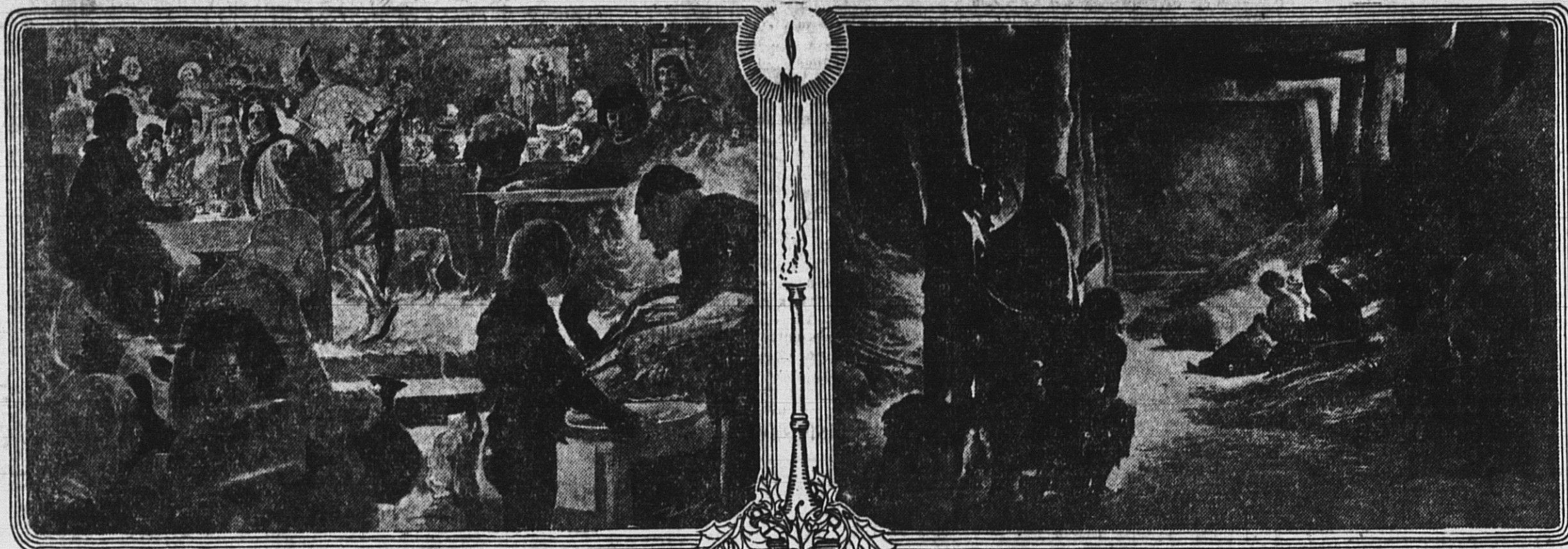


# How Christmas Grew to be what it is Today

Charles Phillips

# Waiting for the Messiah and a New Christmas

Henry Tyrrell



YULETIDE IN THE BARON'S HALL

ARRIVAL OF THE SHEPHERDS

**G**UNGEET the prophet held up his hand. A sudden cry smote the chilly air, the red edge of the sun creeping behind the snow cap of Everest seemed to the multitude a reflection on the scythe which Gungeet held in his hand, reddened with the blood of the Ranees first born, which had been offered as a propitiatory sacrifice to the Sun God. It was mid-winter—the winter solstice—and the sun rays were so feeble that the sun worshippers were sore afraid that unless the blood of a royal prince was shed for absorption by their weakening god the world would pass into darkness and all would die.

As the sun rose higher in the heavens the multitude of worshippers exchanged gifts, and on the crags and high places of the Mount of Ghoom, which is above Darjiling, in the Himalayas, goats were sacrificed to the sun god, who was hailed by the multitude as a newborn babe, refreshed and renewed with the blood of their princeling offering.

For thousands of years before the birth of Jesus of Nazareth this drama was enacted in the mountains of India and the tradition was carried by the merchants into Persia, Egypt and China to become later part of the Pagan saturnalia of the Romans and the Druids.

For two centuries of the Christian era there is no indisputable evidence of any celebration of Christ's birth. The primitive Christians, like sensible opportunists, made it the festival of the "Light of All Nations," borrowing from the east, the birthplace of all religions, the birthday of the sun god, which was held by the Romans (on the day when light got the better of darkness, and the days began to get longer) as a great festival, in celebration of "the birthday of the unconquered sun."

The first historical account of the celebration of Christmas day is connected with the persecutor, Diocletian, who, when holding court at Nicomedia, about 300 A. D., on learning that a multitude of Christians were assembled in the city to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, ordered the church doors to be closed and the building to be set ablaze, so that all the worshippers perished in the flames. Diocletian was possessed of the most terrible of all heresies, that moral forces can be put down by physical ones. Christianity by fire and sword, but his successor, Julian, in the next generation, when Diocletian had done his worst, and done it thoroughly, had to admit that all was in vain. He may not, in fact, have said, "Thou hast conquered, Oh, Gallilean!" though Julian proved it.

Early in the thirteenth century the Christian church sanctioned feasting on Christmas day by removing the obligation of observing abstinence whenever that festival should fall on a Friday. By abstinence is meant that flesh meat shall not be indulged in, and as every Friday throughout the year was a day specially marked for such mortification, Christmas must, indeed, have been somewhat cheerless when the feast was in reality more than a fast by reason of its occurrence on a Friday. That, however, is quite forgotten by present-day observers; and for close on 700 years

## A Christmas Tableau.

Many years ago, says an old legend, there lived in a mysterious region a band of Christian monks whose life duty it was to plant seeds and grow crops of toys for Santa Claus to distribute. These monks dressed in white gowns and wore Christmas wreaths about their heads.

From this tradition a Christmas pantomime could be devised. A clever person can make many additions. Arrange stage as a beautiful garden, and place small Christmas trees here and there. On these trees dolls and other toys appear to be growing. While music is played softly the curtain rises, disclosing the monks working in the garden. In the distance is heard the muffled sound of sleigh bells. Santa Claus enters, bows reverently to the monks, shows his empty pack, which they slowly fill from the laden trees.

The music continues, the curtain falls, then rises, disclosing Santa Claus only, who distributes the gifts to the children of the Sunday school.

The monks can be personated by older boys or girls.

Christmas day has been observed by even the most piously inclined as the occasion for indulging in good cheer.

In "Merry England" the festival is made a thoroughly enjoyable one, though the days have changed somewhat since Dickens rode through the streets of London and told of the scenes of Christmas joy he witnessed in the lamplight streets. Nowadays electricity has taken the place of gas and lamplight, and instead of the slow, wheezy horse vehicles of Dickens' day the streets of Merry England are traversed by electric and oil motor carriages. But the good, old-fashioned dinner prevails, and from king to commoner all go to the place each calls home to eat well-made soup, goose or turkey, potatoes, sprouts, mince pies and Christmas pudding.

"Stille Nache, heilige nacht," has been sung in Germany for many untold Christmases beneath the illuminated pine tree, and its population of sixty-five millions will enjoy their gingerbread and honey cakes.

In Denmark Christmas is a most important and beautiful festival. Despite all other changes, it preserves its old character, and is universally celebrated among rich and poor.

In Russia the spirit of St. Nicholas is rampant, and the streets of St. Petersburg, Moscow, Riga and other centers are alive with silvery-bellied drochias, all bearing happy muscovies exchanging calls and bearing each other presents, which are opened at sweet-laden tables shrouded in vapor from the steaming samovars.

In New York City there will be millions of conspiracies to surprise the children, for with our polyglot peoples no nation realizes to the extent the United States does the inner meaning for the world of the festivals of the Christ child. Here, more than anywhere else in the world, the spirit of Christmas invites our own happiness in seeking that of others, and in the accomplishment of good will toward men we know we yearly replant the rose that blossomed in the snow of the first Christmas night.

**E**HE idea of a new coming of Christ today is an influence, if not an obsession with countless millions of people in all parts of the world.

With all Christians it is a thrilling thought, or a devout wish. With some it is a faith and a prophecy. The Adventists, under their various denominations—Evangelical, Advent Christians, Seventh Day, Life and Advent Union and others—look for Christ's return at a nearly date within the present age, according to the same Hebrew prophecies which forecast his birth at Bethlehem of Judea. There are in the United States alone 2,544 Adventist churches, with an aggregate of 100,000 communicants.

The Jews expect a Messiah yet to come. The Behaists, or "Truth-Knowers," whose cult, a modern offshoot of Mohammedanism, has made remarkable headway in Europe and America during the past decade or two, believe that the re-incarnation of the Master has already taken place in our time. Their priests and propagandists declare it their mission to make known to the world the glad tidings that Beha Ullah, the head of their faith, who dwells in the flesh at Acre in Syria, is none other than Jesus Christ re-incarnated and come again to earth in fulfillment of the ancient prophecies.

The Theosophists, whose "Universal Brotherhood" was founded by Mme. Blavatsky in 1875, with headquarters at Adyar, Madras, India, believe the incarnate appearance of Christ in this world to be imminent at the present moment. They believe that the Jesus of our faith, even now incarnate but not manifested to man, will take a new body, manifest himself visibly and lead mankind in the evolution of a higher civilization, an epoch of Christian socialism in which wisdom and compassion will make a true brotherhood of man at a time

within the lives of the younger people of the present generation.

The above enumeration includes only a few of the world-wide sects and creeds that either look for a new birth of Christ, or believe that such a re-incarnation has already, and recently, taken place. The idea, more or less definitely formulated, animates an incalculable number of smaller communities and individuals not taken account of here.

And it is a significant fact that, however widely at variance their theories and grounds of faith may be, all these millions of Adventists meet on common ground in the popular belief that this present age reproduces, in the world's cycles, the Augustan age of old Rome, with its over-ripe and decadent civilization and accompanying spiritual unrest.

The earthly scene is set for some new and awesome act in the drama of Eternity.

The Scriptures of old and the signs of the times today, thoughtful men point out, alike warn us that the hour of fate is at hand. Christians have done their best and their worst to the Church of God for now over eighteen centuries, and she stands today a mournful exhibition of their devastating work. Broken and divided into hundreds of warring sects, she no longer hears the voice that inspired the early church. Truly it is time to expect that the Lord will himself arise and come to rebuild the spiritual Zion and restore the waste places of the spiritual Jerusalem. Although we "know not the day or the hour," yet the time when the Lord's coming is at hand is not altogether hidden from us. The signs which are to precede and usher in his coming are plainly and abundantly set forth in Scripture, and we are exhorted to watch for them and know that the time is near. All these predicted signs in the social, moral, political, civil, ecclesiastical and spiritual spheres, declare the Adventists, are now either fulfilled or fulfilling.

All the ecclesiastical prophecies of Christ's second coming rest on the same foundation—namely, the fulfillment of previous Biblical prophecies and the assumption that this indicates further fulfillments yet to come. It is claimed that inasmuch as the birth of Christ was foretold (Isaiah vii., 14), and that the birth should take place in Bethlehem of Judea (Micah v., 2), and the several other prophecies concerning a Messiah (Isaiah lili., 3-9; Psalms xvi., 10), all came to pass precisely at the time and in the manner prescribed, that the fourth prophecy, relating to the second appearance of the Messiah, demands expectant belief.

In the New Testament the third and fourth chapters of Second Timothy and the twenty-fourth of St. Matthew are regarded by many as forecasting the present condition of Christendom. We are living in the divided state of the decadent Roman Empire. The nations are torn with strife and contention, and are supporting millions of men in arms in anticipation of vast wars in the near future. Such was the condition of the world at the time of Christ's first coming. "In the last days, perilous times shall come;" men were to depart from the faith and go in devious ways. Atheism, infidelity, socialism and anarchy have arisen in a great wave that is eating at the very foundations of our religious, political and social life.

In the way of physical portents it is estimated that there have been more earthquakes within the last century or so than in all previous times in the recorded history of the world.

What do these signs of the times, heavenly and earthly phenomena, political and religious upheavals, mean? To the Adventists they mean that Christ is coming again, and soon.

## The Mistletoe.

Some of the names by which this plant was called are "misseiden," or more commonly, "missei."

This plant was venerated by the pagans of Greece and Rome. There is reference to the mistletoe in the works of Virgil, in the Edda and in Celtic legends.

Druids collected it with great solemnity. The Prince of Druids cut it with a golden sickle.

Ancient Britons revered only that mistletoe which grew up on the oak trees.

The white berries which bring a blush to the fortunate maiden's cheek, give the quick admirer the right to kiss any person caught under the mistletoe bough. Its charm is against the evils of a lonely, single life.

## Madame Merri's Advice and Suggestions

### A Cheesecloth Christmas.

A very clever young woman whose finances were suddenly reduced to the lowest terms tells me how she planned a "Cheesecloth" Christmas for many of her friends. She made dusters for housekeepers, prettily feather stitching them with different colored silks and wash cottons. By stitching several thicknesses together she made serviceable and sanitary dish cloths. Then there were useful covers for trunk trays (she first took the precaution to get the sizes). Pads for dresser and chiffonier drawers she made with one layer of cotton between delicately scented with violet sachet powder. For the new babies she did the most fascinating coverlets, lining them with lambs wool, tufting them with pink and blue worsted and buttonholing around the edges. For a bride going to house-keeping in a modest little home she procured the measurements of the basement windows and built curtains of cream cheese cloth with a deep hem at the bottom. Cheesecloth laundry bags lined with a colored cambric are acceptable, also bags for string. Taking it as a whole she says her Christmas that year was a great success. I am glad to tell about it while there is yet time for others to go "and do likewise." Cheesecloth makes excellent curtains for servants' rooms and as protectors for party gowns on the back of closet walls where the dainty frocks are hung.

### Novel Bazar Idea.

This bazar scheme was carried out with great success and was no more difficult than just having plain booths in the ordinary way. The posters said: "Come and See the Seven Ages of Woman." At the first table the "First Age" was cleverly represented by having all the articles pertaining to babies, even "Baby" books, which a book store sent on commission. The attendants were dressed as infants and were most fetching. I assure you. The second table illustrated "Childhood" and had dolls and toys galore, with those behind the booth dressed as children aged from "five to ten." "The Sweethearts' Table" came next, with all sorts of dainty articles for engagement presents, heart and slipper-shaped place cards, candy and all sorts of goodies packed attractively to go as gifts to college girls and sweethearts. As it happened two engaged couples had charge of this department and it created loads of fun. The fourth was the "Bride's Table," done in pure white, with artificial orange blossoms and white roses for decorations. Those in charge were two brides. Orders were taken for marking linen. The "Mother's Table" came as the "Fifth Age" and was presided over by matrons. Cakes and pies were for sale, also darning and laundry bags, broom bags, etc. The "Spinster's Table" was conducted by a merry bunch of unappropiated blessings. They had the tea table and had a beautiful Angora cat with her kittens; the latter were for sale. Needless to say they went like "hot cakes." The "Grandmother's Table" made the

seventh and was attended by three dear old ladies of the parish who had truly grown old gracefully. They had woolen shawls, bedroom slippers, spectacle cases and chamols eyeglass wipers, covers for hot water bags and many other comforts.

### A Christmas Supper.

As nearly every one dines sumptuously in the middle of the day or Christmas, this supper was planned to satisfy, but not cause discomfort. First there was an appetizing combination of fruits served in orange cups resting on holly leaves. There were oranges, bananas, grated pineapple, lemon juice, sugar to sweeten and sherry in the cold mixture, which was just what every one seemed to relish. Then fried oysters, old-fashioned cold slaw, hot biscuit, potato chips, individual molds of cranberry jelly, lobster salad, wafers, coffee, cheese nuts and white grapes. The salted almonds were in little sled boxes, and the name cards were tied to small Christmas tree boxes containing bonbons.

### A Snowball Christmas.

Roll each gift in a ball of white cotton, dip lightly in muclage or gum arabic water, then sprinkle plentifully with diamond dust. Pile these balls in a pyramid in the center of the table or in the middle of a room with a wreath of holly around them. A child dressed as "Santa Claus" may distribute the balls and carry the larger packages in a pack on his back.

MADAME MERRI.

## IN VOGUE

Fur trims the collars, cuffs and sometimes the entire outline of the new evening coats.

Large collars are cut in odd shapes. Some are of lace, some of fur, and others of the most gorgeously beaded tissues.

Fur appears boldly on hats—odds and ends of the peltries that go to make up muffs and scarfs—and worn to match.

There is a craze for the silk ribbon and coarse thread roses that grow every day more important in the decorative field.

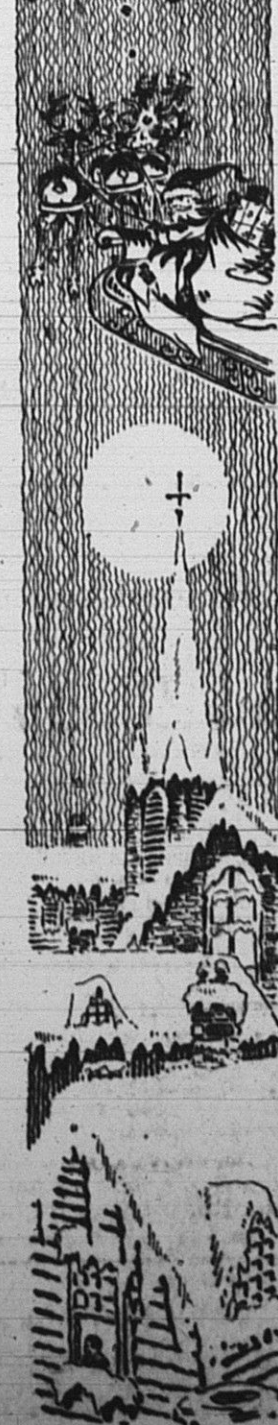
Prominent French dressmakers are making extensive use of Chiny lace to trim gowns of satin, fancy crepes and chiffon.

Buttons—huge and themselves of fur—distinguish many of the season's small as well as large furs, and nearly every other scarf is buttoned.

Among the special points observed in many of the new blouses are the long sleeves and the armholes and the frequently higher collars.

Some lovely evening wraps are shown in chiffon velvet. The wide band of embroidery or heavy lace is now at the knees and not the lower edge.

## An Appeal to Santa Claus



Hi there, Mister Santa Claus,  
Hiking through the sky,  
Careful lest you break the laws  
Speeding swiftly by.  
Better give your car a rest  
In its onward flight,  
Come down here and be my guest  
Just for Christmas night.

I'll show you a thing or two  
You'll do well to see;  
Little people—not a few—  
Waiting wistfully;  
Hoping you will not forget  
They are waiting there.  
Doomed, I fear, but to regret  
In the frosty air.

Cheery lot of little souls  
You would find them all.  
If, in seeking out your goals,  
You should pause to call.  
There they stand all in a row,  
Wondering what's the hitch;  
Wondering why it is you go  
Solely 'mongst the rich.

They would deem at bit of cheer,  
Tiny though it be,  
Sign that, when the Yule is here  
With its songs of glee.  
They were not forgotten; sign  
Sent them from above  
They were heirs to a divine  
Thoughtfulness and Love.

Leave the wealthy to their own!  
They don't need your care.  
Let your loving smile alone  
For the cupboard bare.  
Seek the children of the poor,  
Make their need your cause,  
And you'll make your wreaths secure,  
Mister Santa Claus.  
—John Kendrick Bangs in Harper's Weekly.



## ELABORATION OF THE TEA GOWN

THESE sketches are of three of the latest designs in tea gowns. It is interesting to notice how the tea gown has grown in style and design until it almost resembles an evening frock.

1. A smart gown of very pale mauve tulle over warm, coppery-colored charmeuse, chrysanthemum tints. It is trimmed with bands of fur, and has a sash of chestnut or a deep copper tint.

Inset is of a charming little theater cap of fine gold lace, trimmed with gold beads and ribbon roses.

2. A delightful tea gown of maize-colored satin and a very fine black "shadow" lace. It is trimmed with a jeweled revers on the bodice, and crimson passion flowers.

3. A very stylish tea gown of black and white "shadow" lace, with a looped-up scarf of lace.



## EXCELLENT STUDY FOR FARM BOYS DURING WINTER MONTHS

Plant Growth in Its Various Stages Described Especially for the Benefit of Our Youths Who Wish to Make it Object Lesson During Severe Cold Months—Needful Things.

(By MRS. L. GRIMES.)

From fall till spring seems like a long time to a boy, especially if he has a choice lot of seeds that he is anxious to put into the ground. But there is a great deal to be done during the time of waiting.

The boy who does not mean to waste his time and labor must learn something about what his plants will need before he is even ready to prepare his ground.

The first thing needful is to understand something about the make-up of the seed itself. As seeds are quite similar in general characteristics, studying one closely will give a fair understanding of others.

The common white bean is easy to get, and to study, so we will take it as an example.

Soak a few beans in water overnight. Then take one and cut the tough outer covering around the edge with the point of a pin. The halves can then be easily spread apart, and



Seeds need air for germination. The beans in both bottles were soaked 24 hours and then were put in dry bottles. Bottle A contained sufficient air to start the few seeds. Bottle B had not enough. The water in the tumbler C did not contain sufficient air for germination.

The tiny plant discovered. It lies snugly cradled in one end of the bean. You will see that it has two parts, a small wax point, and a tiny, yellowish, folded leaf. The point is the root, and a tender, delicate thing it is. This little root must work its way down into the ground, both to feed and to hold in place the little plant. If the ground is not well prepared, if it is too hard and cloddy, the little root may become so broken and bruised as to hinder, or perhaps entirely check, its growth.

The tiny leaf, too, which must push upward, needs a soil that is soft and loose, if it is not to be injured. Plant a few seeds in a bed of wet sawdust, and you will soon see, branching out from the main root, many little rootlets. A little later, a set of fine hairs, called root-hairs, will appear on the rootlets.

It is through these that the plant gets its nourishment from the soil. They take up all the elements that the plant needs, and send them up through little veins to the stems and leaves, as your food is taken through your body by the veins, in the shape of blood.

The plant's blood is called sap. The tiny mouths can only use the food in the soil when it is "in solution," that is to say, when it is thoroughly dissolved. You can see that it will need considerable moisture to do this. If the ground is too light and loose,



How the Bean Plant Gets Up.

the water will all drain and dry away, and no matter how rich the soil may be, the plant will die for want of food.

So an important thing to keep in mind, when preparing the seed-bed, is that the top soil, to the depth of several inches, should be worked up lightly and loosely enough so that the root can readily push through, and still be pressed firmly enough so that the moisture can not all escape.

All over the stem and leaves are little openings, called "pores." It

takes a microscope of quite high power to detect them. These are the plant's lungs. Through them it gets the air it needs to live on.

If you cover a plant so tightly that it cannot get air, it will smother just as surely as you would with a blanket over your head. That is what will happen if you get your seeds in too deep, or if you let the ground get hard above them before they come up.

If you wish to be sure just how deep to plant your seeds, try this little experiment.

Take a tall glass tumbler, or a pint fruit-jar, and fill it with earth. Press down into it, next the glass, three seeds of any kind you wish to test.

Press the first clear to the bottom the second about half way to the bottom, and the third leave within an inch of the top. Do not put them directly over one another. Wrap a heavy paper around the glass to keep out the light, and keep the earth in it moist and warm.

Every day slip off the paper, and note how the seeds are doing. Which ever one thrives the best is the one you want to take as your guide in the matter of depth. What do you think will happen to the one at the bottom?

You have noticed that there is a great part of the seed that is not filled up by the baby plant. This part is filled with food upon which the plant lives until it gets roots long enough to feed itself.

After the food in the seed is all used up, there must be other food in the soil ready for it to live on. This is the critical time in a young plant's life. If it is starved and stunted now, it will never make up for it.

Remember, then, that good seed, a well prepared seed-bed, and plenty of



Showing Root Hairs On a Young Plant. A, Root Hair; B, Hypocotyl; C, True Leaves; D, Seed-Leaves or Cotyledons.

food in the right shape for the young plant to use, are the first things to look after, if you wish to make a good profit on your season's work.

## HANDLE MANURE DIRECT IS BEST

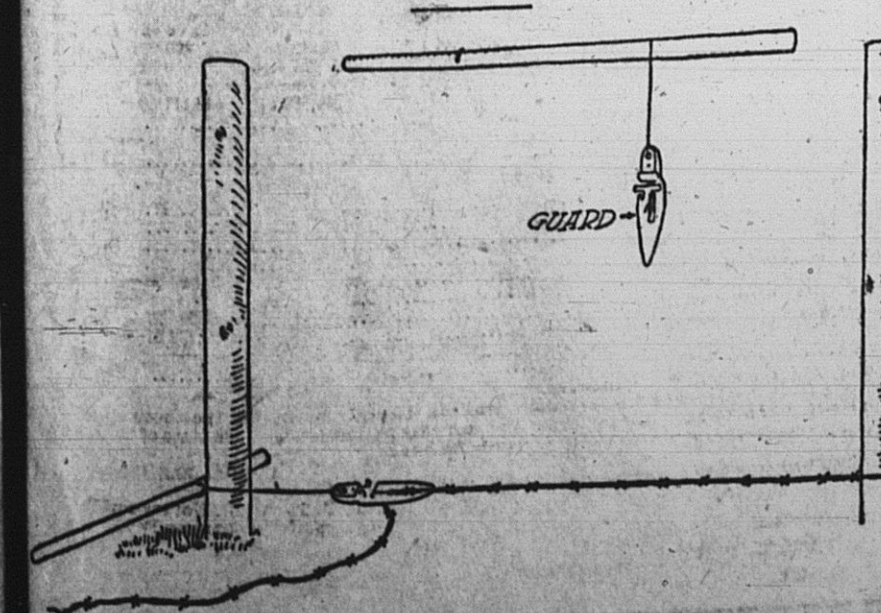
Prof. Gilmore of New York Station Finds Much Loss Where Allowed to Be Exposed to Weather.

On the subject of hauling manure, Professor Gilmore of the New York experiment station, says: "We think, all things considered, it is better to haul manure directly from the stable to the fields than it is to pile it up for any length of time.

"If well-rotted manure is desired for trucking purposes or for top dressing for hay lands, then it must be stored, but under ordinary conditions for this purpose losses from 25 to 45 per cent. in the fertilizing value of manure occur, and if it is not kept reasonably wet and stirred from time to time, excessive fermentation results, to say nothing of dry burning and leaching. Losses amounting to 37 to 87 per cent. have been recorded when manure has been exposed to weather.

This loss refers mainly to the fertilizing material in the manure. It is still available as humus or organic matter when applied to the soil."

## WIRE STRETCHER IS POWERFUL



My wire stretcher is made out of an old mowing machine guard, writes Willie Ballard, rural route 5, Weston, W. Va., in an exchange. Get a pole about four and a half or five feet long, fasten the wire, which should be about two and a half feet long, to the guard, and then about two feet from the end of pole, and you have a stretcher that is a dandy for stretching barbed wire.

## FIRE BLIGHT

By G. H. COONS  
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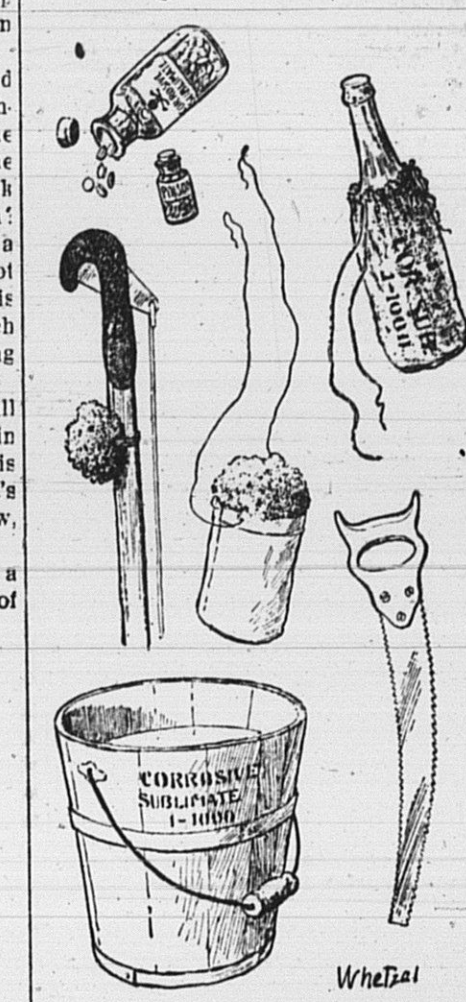
Judging from the inquiries and specimens sent to the department of botany this past summer, no disease of apple or pear is more common than fire blight. Every pear or apple orchard visited showed cankers caused by this disease. It is too often the case that fruit growers do not recognize symptoms of this disease and it is notorious that many make no attempt to combat it.

### The Signs.

The first thing necessary in fighting this disease is to know its symptoms or signs.

Fire blight on either apple or pear usually starts in the blossoms. It can also start in growing twigs—water shoots ("suckers") especially, and it has been shown that the fruit bark borer is very active in spreading the blight. Once inside the twig, the advance of the disease is rapid. The twig is killed, the bark becomes water-soaked and finally black. The leaves, dead and curled, cling to the tips. In the apple, this twig blight is the most common form, but in the

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Controlling Agents and Tools.

pear, in addition to the killing of the twigs, limb and trunk blight occurs. The canker of fire blight is nothing more nor less than the dead spot or strip. These cankers usually can be traced to the dead twig or an insect puncture—the entrance point.

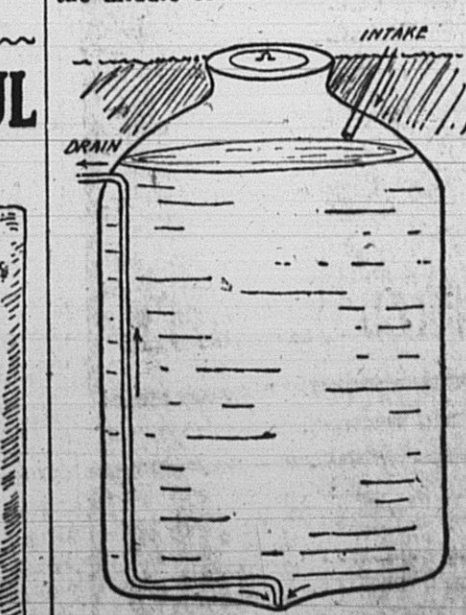
As soon as the bark and growing layers are killed, the dead parts dry out and take on a sunken appearance. If one digs into one of these spots, he finds the tissue dry and brown while healthy tissue is full of sap and green. The surrounding bark grows and pulls away from these canker areas. Thus the canker becomes marked out by a sharp line.

Where these canker areas small and if they did not increase in size, the loss would not be so great, but many times these cankers increase in size,

## SELF-CLEANING CISTERN

By R. J. BALDWIN  
Michigan Agricultural College

Cleaning the cistern has always been a disagreeable task. Much trouble can be avoided by building of brick and cement with a tight cover over the jug-shaped top. This will keep out all dirt such as leaves, frogs, mosquito larvae, sticks, etc., but still there will be a sediment of silt, dead insects and other things collect in the bottom. If the cistern is built as shown in the diagram the overflow water will carry away all filth from the bottom and the cistern will be kept clean without the attention of anyone. As the water raises above the middle of the bottom, thus carry-



Self-Cleaning Cistern.

ing away the stale water and sediment which have accumulated below.

The intake should be made of heavy galvanized iron pipe and should be well cemented around where it enters the cistern. The drain should be of heavy eaves-trough piping and should take the water from the lowest point in the bottom. The extra expense of such a device is small and when once

sometimes extending down the limb several feet. The great majority of these cankers, in the end, completely girdle the limb. This limb may be one of the largest on the tree and at once the bearing power of the tree is cut in two.

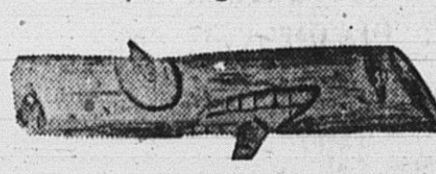
### The Cause.

Fire blight is caused by bacteria. It is therefore a disease comparable to tuberculosis, the one being a disease of plants and the other a disease of animals, but each caused by a definite organism or germ, belonging to the group called bacteria.

The bacteria which cause fire blight lives over in many of the old cankers. In the spring, from these old cankers, the germs ooze out in gummy, sticky drops and each drop contains millions of the organisms. Bees and other insects visit these drops and thus carry the germs to the flowers. In the nectar of the flowers the germs multiply enormously and bees passing from flower to flower, dipping into the nectar, spread the germs throughout the trees in the orchard.

### The Cure.

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Limb Cankers.

tissue and exposing the healthy wood. Disinfect the cut surface with a corrosive sublimate, one tablet to a pint of water. Carry this solution in a pail and soak a sponge with it and swab the wound out. This wounded surface should be painted over with a good lead paint or tar. It will then heal in the course of a few years. Do this in the fall or winter. In the spring, when the blossoms begin to fall, inspect the orchard frequently. Clip out all cases of twig blight. A sponge attached to the pruner should be wet with the disinfectant, and the twig which is cut off should be touched with the wet sponge. Break off all water sprouts from the roots and trunk, thus getting rid of the chief source of limb and trunk cankers.

A twig with black leaves clinging to it should be a banner of the enemy, inviting attack.

Each canker on the tree is a menace to the rest of the tree.

The control of fire blight is a business proposition. Each large limb of the tree will bear a certain amount of fruit—a bushel, two bushels—not for one year alone but for many years. To save a limb will take ten or fifteen minutes' time—twenty to fifty bushels of pears for ten minutes' work is good pay.

The department of botany will examine specimens of diseased plants free of charge, and give such advice as is necessary for the control of these diseases. Address the Department of Botany, East Lansing, Mich.

Installed the force of gravity carries the dirt up the drain pipe and relieves us of that disagreeable job every season.

Should Have Droppings Platform. In order to facilitate cleanliness in the poultry house and to greatly reduce the amount of filth, droppings boards should be by all means be used. By using a little precaution in placing the droppings boards so as not to obstruct the light the entire floor space beneath can be utilized for a scratching floor. At least six inches should be allowed between the droppings boards and the roosts, the distance depending entirely upon the arrangement of the roosts. If the platform is made in sections it can be handled much more easily, as it is frequently found desirable to remove them in cleaning. Smooth flooring is the most desirable material to use; when expense is not considered, the cleaning is greatly facilitated if this is covered with tin or sheet iron. The platforms can be cleaned easily with a wide hooped scraper. The droppings can be scraped off the boards into barrels, in which they can be conveniently removed to the land.

Disking Alfalfa Fields. After alfalfa fields are a year old, and if weeds or grasses have come in, they might be harrowed with a spring-tooth harrow after cutting, and smoothed down with a spike-tooth drag. After the plants become older and tough the field might be gone over in early spring with the disk harrow, taking care not to set it at too great an angle, and then this should be followed by the spike-tooth drag.

Pigeon Raising. One of the most successful pigeon raisers we know feeds his birds nothing but whole corn.

French pigeon fanciers feed millet with a slight mixture of hemp seed, and also very small peas soaked in water. The feeding is done by hand in many cases.

Although flying about and apparently of mature age, birds may be distinguished as squabs by the squealing noise they make, which is always the call of the squab.

## JUDGED BY THEIR CLOTHES

Smart Cigar Store Clerk Ready With Apology That by No Means Mended Situation.

Herman Fellner tells this story on himself, according to the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times Star. He was in Washington on business recently and met three or four friends on the street. After a moment's chat he beckoned them to come with him. "I'm off the stuff," said he, "but I want to buy you each a cigar."

They happened to be in front of a combination cigar and news stand at the moment. Led by Mr. Fellner, they all trooped in. The clerk hurried to the cigar case to wait upon them. Before Mr. Fellner could indicate his wishes the clerk had slapped a box on the glass case. "Here 'y' are," said he. "Best dime smoker in town."

Mr. Fellner is sort of fussy about his smokes. He looked at the cigar then shoved the box away. "Have you no other price?" he asked.

The clerk shoved the box in the case. "Sure thing," said he. "My mistake and your treat."

Having pulled off this time-worn witticism, he addressed Mr. Fellner confidentially. "Your clothes sort of fooled me," said he. "You fellows are a pretty well-dressed lot, you know." Then he put another box on the counter. "Here," said he, "is the best nickel smoker in the village."

## ECZEMA DISFIGURED BABY

"Our little boy Gilbert was troubled with eczema when but a few weeks old. His little face was covered with sores even to back of his ears. The poor little fellow suffered very much. The sores began as pimples, his little face was disfigured very much. We hardly knew what he looked like. The face looked like raw meat. We tied little bags of cloth over his hands to prevent him from scratching. He was very restless at night, his little face itched."

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What Happened. "Did he have any assistance in writing that successful play?" "Assistance? Why, man, the stage carpenter and the head usher rewrote it for him."

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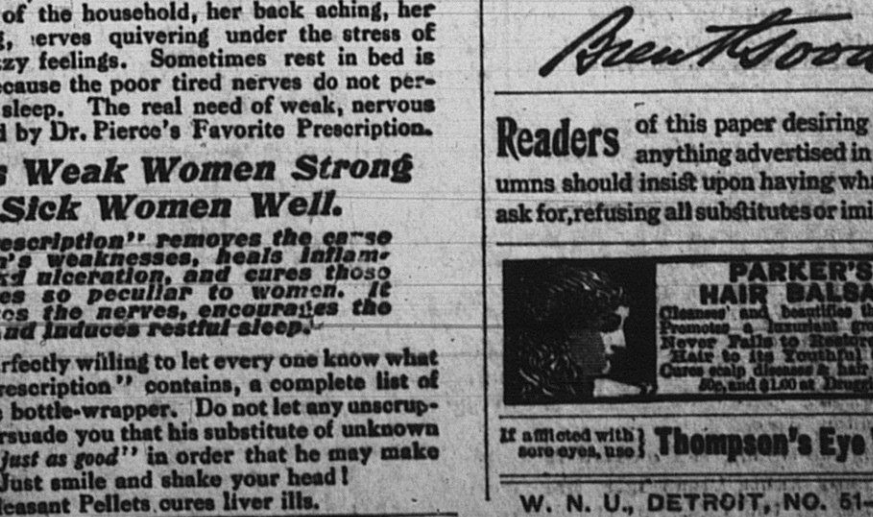
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## BREVITIES

ADRIAN—The midwinter meeting of the Lenawee-Monroe counties association of the Order of Eastern Star will be held at Adrian, Monday, January 15, 1912.

HOWELL—Fred Snyder was arrested for deserting and non-supporting his family. His examination was held before Justice Roche, last Tuesday, and he was bound over to circuit court. He is in jail until time for trial.—Tidings.

MANCHESTER—The examination of Wm. Lewis who is charged with arson was adjourned until the 21st when they expect Mr. Beagle the owner of the Manchester house will be here. Lewis was taken back to jail.—Enterprise.

DEXTER—P. Reider and son Harold are building a gasoline launch which they will place on Base Lake. It is now ready for the engine, which will be a Gray 41 horse power. When completed the launch will be one of the finest on the lakes.—Leader.

ALBION—It is said that a large gray wolf has been committing depredations on sheep folds in Marengo township. Wolves have been uncommon this part of the state for several years, but one was killed four miles south of Chelsea about three years ago.—Leader.

MUNITH—The school board of school district No. 12 fractional, Waterloo, has taken steps to improve the health and educational advantages of the pupils, and have opened an additional room in the basement of the M. E. church dividing the pupils between the two rooms.

JACKSON—The Michigan United Railway Co. has adopted a new rule which requires passengers to purchase tickets at all stations before entering cars of the company. At all stations the public will be requested by agents and trainmen to buy tickets, and every reasonable effort will be made to enforce the regulation.

YPSILANTI—Carl Weiderhoft, of Ypsilanti, was arrested Saturday for stealing a whip and gun from the M. E. Styre farm. Justice Stadtmiller fined him \$10 and costs. Weiderhoft admitted the officers claim, that he was the man responsible for the mysterious shooting heard at the C. S. Kelly farm several miles south of Ypsilanti last week.

MILAN—About 6:30, Saturday evening, Eugene Crittenden in some manner got in front of a Wabash engine at the west end of the yards and had a foot so badly mangled that amputation was necessary. It is supposed he was on his way home, two and half miles west of town, at the time of the accident. He was taken to an Ann Arbor hospital Sunday.—Leader.

STOCKBRIDGE—Last Thursday was a very busy day at the depot here, the farmers driving in to get their galvanized iron oil tanks and kerosene oil, purchased a short time ago of a couple smooth strangers. They sold the farmer a galvanized tank for \$5.00 and filled it at 94 cents per gallon. Our business men, who handle oil, for months past have been selling a welded steel tank at \$5.00 and filling same with just as good oil at 7 cents per gallon. Figure out the profit.—Brief-Sun.

MANCHESTER—Last Saturday afternoon some teams were waiting on Ann Arbor street for a train to pass when one horse became restive and began to back. A young lad and young lady were in the carriage and a vigorous use of "the persuader" did not stop the beast and the carriage was nearly upset in coming in contact with a hitching post in front of Dr. Tracy's residence. Fortunately the horse did not run and the damage to the carriage and harness was slight, but the young people were frightened.—Enterprise.

MANCHESTER—Manchester is very proud to claim as one of its boys Julius Weurthner, who is composer of practically all of the music for the Michigan Union opera, "An Awakened Rameau." Mr. Weurthner, whose home has always been in this village, is a senior law student at the university, but he also has remarkable ability in the musical line, being very clever at the piano and composer of several popular pieces, some of which are "Dear Old Michigan," "I'm Going to go to Ypsilanti," and "Pond Lilies." The music which he has composed for the opera is exceptionally good and catchy, especially the finale which is very fine.

YPSILANTI—Sometimes Ypsilanti like other cities, gets a little sporty and pulls off a race matinee or an athletic exhibition. Boxing matches were scheduled as an attraction at the opera house last Friday night and lovers of the ring (when they are outside the ropes) were anticipating great sport. The pug was ready and prospects were good for a big crowd. But they had all forgotten to take Prosecutor Burk into their reckoning, never dreaming, awake or asleep, that he might interfere in his official capacity and prevent the "exhibition." After this he will probably be consulted, for he sent an order to the chief of police at Ypsilanti directing him to prevent the boxing exhibition, and he did.

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## Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at the Farmers & Merchants Bank every Wednesday and Saturday during December commencing December 13, to receive taxes.  
CHAUNCEY HUMMEL,  
20 Treasurer of Sylvan Township.

## Children and Christmas in Many Lands

HE little folks of all the world do not keep Christmas as the children of this country do. In fact each land has its own peculiar ways, and our people, being drawn originally from almost every clime, have introduced into our celebration of the day a bit of the Christmas features brought from mother countries. We have the Dutch Santa Claus, the German Christmas tree, the English plum pudding and carols and our own peculiarly lavish gift making.

The boys and girls of far distant countries are spending the day in such different ways that it may prove of interest to young and old to hear something of the distinctive Christmas customs.

HE English Christmas is not unlike ours, save that we do not have their pretty custom of "bringing in the yule." In almost every family in England the boys and girls gather about the burning log on Christmas eve to sing carols and tell Christmas legends. Often the children who live in the country assist at the dragging in of the huge log.

An English child would not feel it was Christmas if there was not a bit of mistletoe hanging in the hall, under which the unwary are kissed soundly. Little and big eat the rich and blaring plum pudding, and all join in the singing of Christmas carols and church-going.

CHRISTMAS in Holland is the gala day of the year for the children. They have a pretty custom of ushering it in. Just at midnight on Christmas eve, the men and boys dressed in fancy costume, march through the streets in long procession, holding aloft a brilliantly lighted star, as they chant the "Gloria in Excelsis." The little girls clad in white stand at the windows and bow to the star as it passes.

PERHAPS the finest Christmas of all, if not the most lavish, is spent by the children of Germany. It combines the Christ child—which we Americans are prone to forget—and Santa Claus.

The whole day is full of cheer; families feast and go to church; presents are simple, but in every home is a blazing tree hung with cakes, colored candles and gifts. It is a pretty sight to see the children march in to see their tree, singing as they go, "O, Tannen Baum" (O, Fir Tree), to the air of "Maryland, My Maryland."

In many German towns just as the bells ring to usher in Christmas, every window in every house is quickly lighted. Then the children are up bright and early, even the tiny babies, to go to six o'clock church. Often each child bears a candle to illuminate the church.

The German Kriss Kingle has one horrid habit that our jolly old St. Nick would scorn. He generally leaves in the stockings a bunch of switches in case they should be needed before his next call.

HE Serbian children have a strange custom. On Christmas Eve the father of the family goes to the wood and cuts a straight young oak which he drags into the room where the family awaits him, saying as he does so: "Good evening and a merry Christmas!"

Then the children shout back: "May God grant both to thee and mayst thou have riches and honor."

With this they shower their father with corn and the tree is thrown on the fire to burn until Christmas morning, when it is greeted with pistol shots.

HE French children rarely have a tree. Sometimes they hang up slippers to be filled, instead of stockings, and there is great chanting of "Noel, Noel," the Christmas song.

Like the Scandinavian children, little French boys and girls never forget the birds, but instead of placing sheaves of grain on long poles, they are hung along the eaves of the houses.

HE children of Belgium on Christmas Eve are dressed in gay colors and form a procession, which marches through the streets, led by an orchestra and singing carols. Each child holds aloft either a Christchild in a manger or a crucifix.

AMERICAN mothers find one day of Christmas merry-making distracting enough for their children, how would they like to live in Russia, where work is often suspended for a fortnight, while all the people keep holiday.

Even the poorest peasant has a tree and it is harvest time for beggars, for no one will refuse him anything.

In some of the country districts the boys dress as animals, and led by other boys as keepers, march through the streets headed by a band of boys making dreadful music with harsh sounding instruments. These processions go from door to door, pound until they are admitted, and all given food and drink, and two small pieces of money.

All over Scandinavia a week is given to merry-making. Every one goes to six o'clock church on the dark Christmas morning, and in the evening every home in the land is illuminated. They have wonderful trees, around which grow people and children dance and sing. The Scandinavian child is very good to the poor on Christmas and takes gifts and food to poor families.

## Cards of Thanks.

Mrs. Sydney Collins and daughters wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly contributed flowers and rendered assistance to them during their recent bereavement.

We wish to extend our thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their kind assistance, for the lovely sermon, singing and flowers.  
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## Council Proceedings.

[OFFICIAL.]

COUNCIL ROOMS,

Chelsea, Mich., Dec. 18, 1911.

Board met in regular session. Meeting called to order by Geo. P. Staffan, president. Roll call by the clerk.

Present—Trustees, Hummel, McKune, Lowry, Brooks. Absent—Dancer and Palmer.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The following bills were presented and read by the clerk as follows:

## LIGHT AND WATER FUND

Sunday Creek Co., 4 cars coal \$136 85

M. C. R. E., frt. on 3 cars coal 153 84

E. G. McCarter, unloading 3 cars coal 12 01

Standard Oil Co., 1bb. cylinder oil 22 08

Kenneth Anderson Mfg. Co. discs 4 53

National Carbon Co., brushes 92

The W. G. Nagle Co., lamps, rosettes and fuse cases 139 79

G. Martin, labor on hydrants 1 75

Geo. Washington, 2 taps 18 00

G. A. Young, labor at power plant 5 25

John Visel, labor at power plant 5 25

Chas. Currier, labor at power plant 2 75

J. R. Jones, 1 mo. salary 37 50

Albert Koch, 1 mo. salary 30 00

Frank Dunn, 1 mo. salary 30 00

M. A. Lowry, 1 mo. salary 30 00

Ed. Flisk, 1 mo. salary 30 00

Joe Hittle, 1 mo. salary 30 00

Anna Hoag, 1 mo. salary 19 00

## GENERAL FUND

Chas. Hepburn, 1 mo. salary 22 50

Howard Brooks, labor 3 men flushing street and labor at barn 7 50

Moved and supported that the bills as read be allowed and orders be drawn on the treasurer for their amounts. Carried.

Moved by trustees Lowry, supported by Brooks that the petition of Joe Hittle and Ed. Flisk be referred to the electric light and water works committee. Carried.

There being no further business it was moved and supported to adjourn. Carried.

H. E. COOPER, Clerk.

## Notice.

I will be at the Lyndon town hall Friday, December 15, 22 and 29, and Chelsea at the Farmers &amp; Merchants Bank on Saturday, December 16, 23 and 30, all other days at my home to receive taxes.

A. J. MAY,

Treasurer of Lyndon.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Kemp Commercial &amp; Savings Bank

At Chelsea, Michigan, at the close of business, Dec. 5, 1911, as called for by the Comptroller of the Banking Department:

## RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, viz:—

Commercial Department..... \$111,708 06—\$111,708 06

Savings Department..... 345,569 14—345,569 14

Bonds, mortgages and securities, viz:—

Commercial Department..... 31,300 00

Savings Department..... 2,222 00

Premiums on life insurance..... 1,000 00

Banking house..... 2,000 00

Furniture and fixtures..... 1,100 00

Other real estate..... 30 00

Due from other banks and bankers..... 1,500 00

Items in transit..... 487 00

United States bonds..... \$ 2,500 00

Due from banks and reserve cities..... \$16,285 74

Exchanges for clearing house..... 2,722 00

U. S. and National bank currency..... 8,574 00

Gold coin..... 4,307 60

Silver coin..... 1,500 00

Nickels and cents..... 41 87

\$31,942 19 \$60,500 00 \$1,500 00

Checks, and other cash items..... \$60,500 00

Total..... \$60,500 00

## LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in..... \$ 40,000 00

Surplus fund..... 50,000 00

Undivided profits, net..... 9,50