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Buy the best Phoenix mills flour.

Good banjo for sale cheap at Hall's.

Holiday goods in abundance at Dohm-Cheapest place to buy bran- is at the

Picentx mills. Holiday goods constantly arriving at

Bassett & Bon's. The cheapest place to buy cow feed is

at Pleanix mills. Banjo, Quitar and violin strings, and

tig stock of mouth organs, at Hall's.

-The Presbyterian dominie has two weddings on hand, and with good expectations of more. He is happy.

-It you want's piano organ or sewing machine you can save several dollars by buying it of J. H. Steers, Plymouth.

-Charles Paddook, the Howell photographer, formerly of this place, wears a smile across the whole of his face now-adays. It's a boy.

-Rob rt Birch has purchased the Frank Hodge place, about one and one-halt miles south of this place, and will take possesaion on or about April 1, 1889.

Choice candies for the holidays at Chaffee & Hunter's.

-Christmas sermons will be delivered next Sabbath in the Baptist church by the pastor. Themes: Morning, "Christmas Echoes"; evening, "Scriptural Dancing."

Christmas goods at the postoffice. Chris mas cards, dolls, albums, scrap books, scrap baskets, childrens' books, games & e stationery, etc., will be sold at cost. Please give us a call.

Tally He baking powder at Chaffee & Runter's.

Deputy-sheriff Joe Smith and his brother Will, of Wayne, were in town a couple of house Tuesday forenoon, having driven over here to take the D., L. & N train to South Lyon, to attend the funeral of a coust -- a Mr. Hagadorn.

Go to Chaffee & Hunter's for fine rais. ins, currants, citron, lemon peel, etc.

Over one hundred hats and bonnets to be closed out regardless of cost. Ladies desiring a but or bonnet for \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$ 75 or \$-50, worth nearly double these prices, should not miss this opportunity. We are determined not to carry over any winter hats it low prices will ee I them. Mary K Starkweather. *

At the annual election of Plunouth Rock I edge No. 47, F. & A. M. the following officers were elected: W. M., P. B. Whitherk; B. W., C. L. Wilcox; J. W. S. J. Springer; Treasurer, C. A. Pinckney; Secretary, J. O. Eddy; S. D., L. C. Sherwood; J. D., W. J. Bradner; Tyler, Win.

Remember we have the finest line of perfumes, or tchet powders, toilet articles and holiday gifts, Chaffee & Hunter.

-Only a few weeks agu one of our neighboring exchanges gave a long writeup of "the old-st woman living," and lo cated her in Novi township, Oakland county. Now certain unbelievers, living in that se tion, are hinting around that no such person lives there. That kind of talk is 'tright; it is liable to spoil the effect of the other story.

-The Kmas entertsinment in the Baptist church to be given on Christmas eve, Dec. 24. pr mi:es to give both pleasure and profit in abundance. Among the chief at ractions, apart from the excellent program of music and rec ta ious, are a beautiful evergreen arch with its Christmes cheer to both old and young. An oriental San's Sians, with his three helpers and a telephone by means of which ent communication will be kept with Santa Claus, so that the very moment of his arrival in Plymouth will be known and the shalling events of his journey wall be to time. No entrance fee, no collection.

-Mrs. G. M. Burnett has a new piano. Best buckwheat flour in town at Phosnix mills.

A full line of holiday goods at Dohmstreich Bros.

Gunsolus' harness are the finest made

in Plymouth. Farmers! get your grinding done at the

Phœnix mills. -Charles H. Cady, of Wayne, was in

town Tuesday. -If you have snything to sell, try our

'Cheap Column," on fith page. -M. jor 8. House, of Owosso, is visiting

with his cousin, E. P. Lombart this week. Don't fail to inspect the line of handsome holiday goods at Hall's. Prices low and no trouble to show goods.

-W. O. Allen rides around in one of those Berdan to be-paid-for-after-Cleve-land-is-elected-foad-carts, and he says it rides very free and easy.

-At the poultry farm near Saline they expect soon to have 2,000 eggs undergoing the transformation process and they expect to have a large lumber of early chicks.

Fred Shater is agent for the West Park steam laundry, Detroit. Those wishing fine work without injury to goods should leave their laundry with him at H. Dohmstreich & Co.'s, before Tuesday noon, each 65tf

-The Scientific American, reterred to in another column, is the very best publication in this country for those interested in science, engineering, mechanics, inventions, etc. A copy of the Scientific American may be seen at the office of this paper, where subscriptions will be received.

The new harness shop is rushed with work. They work nights.

-The young ladies F. U. N. club give their fourth leap-year party at the Berdan house, on Monday evening, December 31 The parties previously given by these ladies have been very successful and this one is certain to be. No better place can be found to spend New Year's eve than at this party.

Choice baking powder for eighteen cents a pound at Chaffee & Hunter's.

-"We are on to the secret, and you shall know how to prepare your soft coal in such a way at a small cost, that there will be no accumulation of soot in the chimney, and that the under side of the stove lids will he kept clean and nice all the time, and the good wife's objection to the use of 'nasty coal' will be removed. Here it is: For a top of coal, buy fiteen cents worth of common salt, make a brine of it and pour over the coal. Try it."-Ex.

-Rev. Wailace has received a letter from Rev. M. W. Gifford, at Orion. He says he and his are perfectly happy and gaining in "spirit" and "flesh." He was warmly we comed and still continues to be. His congregation is large, runctual in attendance, and prompt in payment of dues. He is devoutly thankful remembering the good citizens of Plymouth, and wishes all were as happily situated as he is. We sincerely wish the reverend gentleman every success in his new field.

Call and get prices on holiday goods at Chaffee & liunter's.

-Tony Schippaca-se, our Main s'reet Italian fruit dealer, was the happy victim of a great joke the o her day. Some wag painted a sign: "Free, Take one," and they be prosecuted for accepting such a tempting invitation? Tony always swears in Italian, never in English, so the re porter couldn't till whether he did a real good job or not -Ann Arbor Courier:

-It our readers wish a good weekly paper, other than a home paper, we could suggest no better ones than the Chicago Inter-Ocean and the New York World. Elther of them are large and contain the choicest matter for home reading-in fact there are none better. They are one dollar per year, each; or we will club them with the MAIL at a reduced price. The Wor'd contains a complete novel, by some one of the best known writers, in every issue. The prospectus of the Inter-Oc an published in this paper speaks for itself. Send your subscriptions for either to us. tf

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused, such a general revival of trade at Chaffee & Hunter's drug store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this year valuable article from the feet this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung desenses quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size \$1. Every bottle warranted.

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Overcoats for \$2.50 Each. Overcoats for \$3.50 Each. Overcoats for \$4.50 Each. Overcoats for \$6.00 Each. Overcoats for \$7.00 Each. Overcoats for \$9.00 Each. Overcoats for \$10.00 Each. Overcoats for \$12.00 Each. Overcoats for \$14.00 Each. Overcoats for \$15.00 Each.

Geo. A. Starkweather & Co.'s.

Overcoats! Overcoats! Overcoats!

Where did you get those?"

"That all?" "Aren't they nice and so cheap!"

Such were the remarks overheard the other day between a couple of gentlemen. party asking the questions was surprised at the quality, fit and price of the suit of clothes the other was wearing and had learned for the first suit of clothes neatly made Plymouth National Bank. and a perfect fit, and for so little money.

It is with pleasure that we call attention to this depart ment of our business and the success with which it has met. We can assure our friends that if there is anything they need in this line, now is the time and ours the place to order it.

Those wishing suits for the holidays should not delay.

DOHMSTREECH Bros. Plymouth, Michigan.

How much were they?" Before

MAKING YOUR

HOLIDAY PURCHASES

Dohmstreich

And look over their New Line of

painted a sign: "Free, Take one," and slyly placed it on Tony's best pile of apples. Of course the boys weren't long in go out of Plymouth to get a story to ples. But how could go out of Plymouth to get a story to pless a source of the spokes. But how could go out of Plymouth to get a story to pless a source of plymouth to get a story to pless a source of plymouth to get a story to pless a source of plymouth to get a story to pless a story to p

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AROUND A GREAT STATE.

The Grangers Meet

The sixteenth annual session of the State Grange met in Lansing recently for a three days session. The dirst session was taken up with the annual address of Worthy Master Thomas Mars, and the worthy mas-Master Thomas Mars, and the worthy master's language was very much to the point. He characterized trusts as nothing more or less than a form of highway robbery, and urged a vigorous effort to secure legislative action against them. He also urged the organization of a bisiness arm of the Grange in Detroitto further and protect the agricultural interests in the eastern part of the state, and reported that the "land ulaster" committee appointed one vear ago of the state, and reported that the "land plaster" committee appointed one year ago had been unable to make satisfactory arrangements. A more efficient system of lecturing in the interests of the order was also recommended.

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The second session was occupied by Superintendent of Public Instruction Estatorok, who advocated the substitution of the township system of schools for the present district system. The discussion which followed the address was spirited. A large number of resolutions on various topics were introduced and referred.

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The report of Secretary Cobb showed the receipts for the year to be \$4.00 in excess of the expenditures, and the grange, in all particulars, to be in better condition than for several years.

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The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worthy master, Thomas Mars, Berrien Centre; overseer, Perry Mayo, Battle Creek; lecturer, Jason Woodman; Paw Paw; steward, A. P. Gray, Traverse City; assistant steward, E. E. Green, Walled Lake; chaplain, Mrs. Perry Mayo, Battle Creek; treasurer, E. C. Strong, Vicksburg, secretary, J. T. Cobb, Schoolcraft; gate koeper, George L. Carlisle, Kalkaska; Ceres Mrs. Thomas Mars; Pomona, Mrs. J. Palsmore, Genesee; Flora, Mrs. A. Gunison, Clinton; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Robert Wiloy, Ca's; members of executive committee. J. C. Gould, Van Buren; H. D. Platt, Washtenaw; Geo. B. Horton, Lenawee: F. W. Redfurn, Clinton.

The report of the executive committee.

inton. The report of the executive committee The report of the executive committee indorses the mortgage tax law, passed in 1887, and calls for its continuance; it also asks for legislation tending to make our penal institutions more nearly self-supporting. It also thanks Gov.—Luce for his efforts in the line of economy during the last legislature, and urges him to sharpen his knife for use this winter, if occasion demands it.

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The committee on resolutions indorse the mortgage tax law, favor more rigid economy in penal and state institutions, approve of the state university, but say the results are not commensurate with the expenditure, and heartly indures the avernor's veto heartily indorse the governor's vet of the last university appropriation bill They ask the legislature to cut down appro priations to the lowest possible notch, and if it is not done they urgo the further exercise of the veto power by the governor

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Perhaps the most important action of the session was the adoption of a resolution requesting the members of the Michigan

session was the adoption of a resolution requesting the members of the Michigan delegation in congress to urge upon the incoming president the appointment as commissioner of agriculture of i.J. J. Woodman of Paw Paw, the commissioner of agriculture at the international exposition at Paris, and for six consecutive years master of the Michigan grange.

The grange also adopted resolutions urging the adoption of a constitutional county option law; a month's extension of the deer season; the establishment of the system of township boards of assessment review; favored a law that will protect innocent purchasors of patented articles from suit; decided, as individuals, to play no royalty on patented articles until the matter has been referred to the grange; asked for a uniformity of school text books; recommended woman representation on the board of school examiners, and requested the legislature to appropriate \$5,000 in 1859 and \$8,000 in 1890 to defray the expenses of farmers' institutes. A majority report favoring the township system of schools was discussed for two long hours and finally shelved.

To Jackson for Life.

Frank House has been found guilty in the circuit court at Marshal of murder in the first degree and sentenced to Jackson for life.

The murder of which House has been convicted was one of the most cold-blooded and deliberate ever perpetuated in the state of Michigan. George M. Campbell, the murdered man, was the son of a widow residing in Convis township, Calhoun county, upon a farm left by her late husband. The place was worked by the son, who was fairly successful as a farmer, although he had long desired to go west and begin life-tor himself, a desire which he often expressed.

nressed.

House was employed as a farm hand in the neighborhood, and his cupidity was aroused by the horses, watch and other possessions of young Campbell. He began to encourage the latter a desire to go west, and although he had little or no money, offerred to buy the team and farm outfit so that Campbell might leave. Their negotiations continued at some length, and tinglity, on the night of Aug. 4. 18-7, Campbell called on House, they had a long talk out doors near the place where House worked, and near the place where House worked, and after that Campbell was never again seen

House reported the next day that Camp hell had suddenly left for the west, and that he had bought his horses, watch, etc. The story was at first believed by some if not all of the people in the community, and House cutered into possession of the property, even going so far as to make a contract to work the farm for Campbell's mother. House, in the meantime, claimed to know where Campbell was, and gave vent to other expressions that ultimately tended more than anything else to convict

num. Campbell disappeared Aug. 4, 1887, and on Aug. 14, 1885, the people of the neighborhood dug open an old well upon the farm where House worked at the time of Camp. on Aug. 14, 1888, the people of the neighborhood dug open an jold well upon the farm where House worked at the time of Campbell's disappearance, being led to do this by the fact that House had filled up the well without being instructed so to do by his employer. The search revealed the body of the murdered main and House was at once arrested. The evidence against him was purely circumat utial, but by the dilligent search of the prosecution the various pieces of it were so brought together as to leave no doubt that George M. Campbell had been deliberately and in cold blood murdered by Frank House for the sake of obtaining possession of a team of horses, a watch and a few farming utensils.

The atrocity of the crime is almost beyond comprehension, years old, industrious and well liked, while House, who is 30 years old, was given to drink, and had never been what may be called a young man of promise.

Maj. Spaulding Killed.

Mai. Spaulding, Fourth cavalry, commanding Fort McDewell, near Phoenix, Arisona, was killed a few days ago by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting. His wife will take his remains to Kalamazoo, Mich., for interment.

Michigan Salt Product. The report of the state inspector shows were inspected during liovember

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PENINSULAR POINTERS.

The state board of agriculture will ask the legislature for \$32,000 for the agricul-tural college.

Stephen Danton, a farmer of Pontiac

township formerly a railroad man in this state and Canada, died at his home two miles from Pontiac recently, of Bright's

D. P. Waldo's house in Midland was destroyed by fire on the 12th inst., at a loss of \$85,000. Mr. Waldo is extremely unfortunate. His shingle mill was burned Doc. 5 at a loss of \$1500, with no insurance.

The legislature will be asked to appropri ate \$50,000 to build a new hospital at the

The regents of the university will ask the legislature for \$200.000 for the expenses of

A. P. Conner of one of the largest mer-cantile establishments in Muskegon has been arrested on complaint of Solomon Rosenthal, a business competitor, for al-leged participation in a gift enterprise. Conner & Co. advertised gift tickets one Shetland pony and carriage, which proved too great a drawing card to suit some of their competitors.

Supreme Court Justice Allen B. Morse and Miss Anna Babcock of Ionia were married on the 12th just.

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Andrew W. Beckwith, who mysteriously disappeared from White Cloud a few months rgo, has not yet been heard from. He had \$200 with him. It is feared that he was murdered and his body thrown into Lake Michican near Muskegon, for that was his destination when he left White Cloud. He was about thirty years old, unmarried and well off.

Frank Coodrich of Frankfort has been held for trial on a charge of murderously assaulting Wm. Geddis, a liveryman of that place.

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The apple-drying factory in Owosso has pet away this season 11,000 barrels of apples, producing over 50 tons of evaporated fruit. Which has been mostly shipped to Chicago and Detroit.

The Twenty fourth Michigan infantry held its annual reunion at the Antisdel house in Detroit on the 13th inst.

The jury in the case of Sarah A. Cole of Ann Arbor against the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad company returned a verdict of \$5,000 for the plaintiff. Mrs. Cole was seriously injured by falling into a hole at the company's depot at Pittsford, Hillsdale county.

During the season of 1888 the loggers boom company rafted out of Au Gres river 52,000,000 feet of pine logs. There are 3,000,000 feet left in the boom, and 2,500,000 feet hung up. Since operations were commenced on this stream in 1886 there has been rafted out of it 1,392,255,000 feet of nine logs. pine logs.

pine logs.

The following are the officers of the national merino sheep association elected at the annual meeting in Jackson: President, R. D. M. Fords of Horton, Mich.; vice-president, E. Short of Onsead, Mich.; secretary, Robert O. Logan of California, Mich.; treasurer, William A. Reed of Horton, Mich.; directors, C. R. Jones, Hubbardston Vt.: Frank Moore, Green Springs, O.; E. Copeland, Douglass, Kas.; L. H. Clark, East Palmyra, N. Y.; H. C. Wolf, Wenon, Ill.

Ford's immigration committee will come

Ford's immigration committee will come to Detroit for one day to investigate the Canadian labor question.

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The next legislature will open on the second day of January, that being the first Wednesday in January.

J. Crow of Amboy, Hillsdale county, is said to be the tallest man in Michigan. His trousers legs are cut 39 inches long inside measure.

Eighty men are employed on the St. Clair river tunnel at the Sarnia end, and as many or more will soon be at work on the American side.

ican side.

The commissioner of the general land office at Washington has decided, in the case of Cyrvs. Fegarty, that the old numbered sections in the common limits of the Ontonagon and state line, and the Marquette and state line railroad land grants in the Marquette, Mich., land district, are not subject to location with scrip and that should this decision become final the settler would be permitted to make his entry. This decision affects about 200 cash entries and scrip locations in the Marquette district.

There are Mpupils in the state school for the blind at Lansing.

the blind at Lausing.

The Ferreit butchers' association has decided to draft a live stock inspection bill to be submitted to the legislature: also agreed to form a stock company and establish a hide and tallow exchange.

The Michigan state sheriffs' association held a meeting in Detroit recently, and decided to ask the legislature to increase their fees for attendance at court.

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There are 619,572 children of school age in Michigan, and 433,913, or 75 per cent of the whole number attend the schools—public or private—the average of the school years being 7.7 months. There were 15,536 teachers employed, the number regularly required being 10,198, or a teacher for every 41 pupils. There are 7,318 school houses, and the wages of male teachers averages 445,37 per menth, an increase of 37 cents over 1886; of female teachers, \$31.45 per month, an increase of 29 cents. The aggregate wayes was \$1,955,740,80, an increase of \$113,823,62 over 1896. Of this sum \$333,644.05 was paid to male and \$1,020,036,75 to female teachers.

Rumored that Alexander Scott of Flint is to be appointed chief of the draughtsmi division in the patent office.

President Cleveland has accepted I M Weston's invitation to visit Grand Rapid next year and sample the trout fishing.

The secretary of the treasury has award ed the contract for the erection and completion of the public building at Wilmington N. C., to E. W. H. Smith of Marquette for the sum of \$100,719.

Elias Shafer of Michigan, has been pro-moted from a \$1,000 to a \$1,200 clerkship in the pension office.

The postoffice and two stores at Heseria, were robbed the other night. Over 300 in stamps were taken from the post

office.

Twenty thousand dollars' worth of smuggled opium is reported to have been seized in Bloomfield township, six milesaback of Port Hope, the other hight. No particulars can be learned, except that Harvey Durant of Sand Besch, the suspect arrest ed and discharged last summer, is alleged to be connected with it.

The Pool mining company at Jackson has struck coal in paying quantity.

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During the season of 1888 there were shipped by water from the Saginaw river 451,391,000 feet of lumber. 75,852 001 shingles, and 19,244,000 pieces of lain. This is the lightest season since 1875.

The Kalamazoo Telegraph has addressed letters, to each member-elect of the state legislature asking who is his preference for United States senator to succeed Palmer

THE WORLD OF TRADE

Detroit Produce Mark

Quotations are as follows: Wheet, red. No. 2 spot, \$1 (2\frac{1}{2}; May, \$1 12\frac{1}{2}, \$1 12\frac{1}{2}; \$1 12\frac{1}{2}, \$1 12\frac{1}{2}; \$1 11\frac{1}{2}, \$1 11\frac

Apples—at \$1.25(d) 175 per barrel; in large supply, and none but the most choice bring the outside price. Trade very dull.

Beans—White, mediums and pea beans unpicked. \$1.35m 1.60 per bu; city hand picked. \$1.35 in car lots; jobbing lots, 56 10c per bu, more.

Butter-Fresh dairy, medium and fair 186/18; per lb; choice and fancy, 226/24c, creamery, 286/12c; eleomargarine, 136/16c Cheese—Full cream, 111/6/2121/2c per lb; skimmed, 866/c. Special extra brands, 131/2c. Market firm.

Cranberries—Best stock, \$369 per bol Market very quiet and much soft stock. Dressed Meats—Beef, 3566 fc per h; venl. 7688c; mutton, 6676. These figures repre-sent the price by the careas.

Dressed Hogs-Packers' prices, \$800,10 butchers' prices, \$6.1066.25 per cwt: live hogs, \$5005,05.

Dressed Poultry—Fowls, Se; chickens, Sc; gcese, Sc; ducks, 10c; turkeys, 10c; pigeons, 45c per pair. Receipts liberal.

Dried Apples 4(65c per %, and dull; ovaporated do, 51,0001gc; fancy lots, some higher.

Eggs-Fresh receipts bring 216che per doz; lim d, 18ac,0c

Flour-Michigan patent, \$5 per bbl; roller process, \$5.75; Minnesota patent, \$5.75; Minnesota patent, \$5.75; Minnesotabakers \$5.75; a6; rye flour, \$3.75; 4; buckwheat flour, Michigan patent, \$2.7; acc., Market firm.

Hides-Green, 41/c per 1b; cured, 54/c. to, 2 cured, 4c; green calf, 51/c; No2, 31/c;

Peas - Blue Wisconsin, \$1 25ca 1 30; Mich igan do, \$1 15.

Poultry—Live fowls, 8667c; spring chick ns, 8c; turkeys, 86681.c; ducks, 8669c eese, 8c; pigeons, 15c per pair.

Potatoes-In car lots, 28@30c; job lots

Rutabagas-15(a 20c per bu.

Provisions—Mess pork, new, \$14.50\(\alpha\) 14 in per bbl: family, \$15\(\alpha\) 15 is short clear, \$10.25\(\alpha\) 15\(\alpha\) 15\(\ Sweet potatoes-Jerseys, kiln dried. 23 2

Tallow-4% c per pound; dull. Wool-Fine, washed, 28c; coarse, do. 30c medium, do. 31c.

medium, do. 31c.

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs—Market anoderately active and a trifle higher; light, \$4,55(25.20; rough pack ing, \$4,95(e5.05; mixed, \$5(a5.20; heavy packing and shipping, \$5,05(e5.30. Cattle-Market dull and lower; beeves. \$3(a5.25; cows, \$1.10(a3; stockers and feeders, \$2.26(a3.40. Sheep—Market steady; natives, \$(a5.5; western feeders, \$3.20(a3.75; western feeders, \$4.20(a3.75; western f

New York Produce Market.

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Flour dull but steady; Minnesota extra.

\$3 :0.0 a 6 75; superfine, \$2 :90a3 60; fine.

\$2 :20a3 20. Wheat quiet; No. 1 red state.

\$1 :15; No. 2 do, \$1 :07; No. 2; red winter.

January, \$1 :60; .; February, \$1.07. Corr

quiet; No. 2 mixed, cash, 47%; .; December, 46%; .; January, 46%; .c. Oats steady; No.

1 white state, 40c; No. 2, do., nominal; No.

2 mixed, December, 364; c; January, 36%, c.

Pork dull; new mess, \$14 :50a 15 25. Lare

quiet; \$8 :25 December; \$8 :12 January,

Butter firm; creamery state, 20a 20c

Cheese steady; 12a 124; c. Eggs fairly ac

tive and stronger; western, 23a 234; c.

Chiese Produce Market.

Chicago Produce Market?

Wheat-December, \$1.04\(\); January, \$1.05\(\); May, \$1.10\(\); Corn-December, \$3\(\)(25\(\); May, \$1.10\(\); Corn-December, \$3\(\)(25\(\); January, 33\(\); February, \$4\(\); Gay, May, \$3\(\), (25\(\); January, 25\(\); May, \$20\(\); Pork-December, \$12.75\(\); January, \$12.85\(\); May, \$13.25\(\); Lard-December, \$1.10\(\); January, \$7.70\(\); May, \$7.62\(\); Short ribs-January and February, \$7.75\(\); May, \$3.90\(\).

Chicago Live Stock Market.

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Hogs—Quality good: market moderately active; prices triffic higher; fight grades \$4.95a5.20; rough packing, \$4.95a5.05 mixed 10ts \$5(a5.20; heavy packing and shipping lots \$5.05(a).35. Cattle—Market dull and lower; beeves, \$3.a5.25; bulk, \$4.75(a4.25; cows, \$1.80a3; stokers and feeders, \$2.20a3.40. Sheep—Market steady native mutton, \$1(a5; western feeders, \$1.20(a3.75; western corn fed. \$4a4.40 lambs, \$4(a5.60.

In Favor of Admission.

The democratic caucus of the house met the other night about 70 members hein present. Mr. Cox of New York, presiding An earnest speech was made by Mr. Caim of Utah, favoring the admission of Utah as a state into the union. Speeches were An earnest speech was made by Mr. Caine of Utah, favoring the admission of Utah as a state into the union. Speeches were made favoring the admission of Dakota by several members, and Mr. Voorhoes of Washington territory expressed himself in favor of admitting Washington territory also. Messrs. Oates and Herbert of Alabama, and McMillin of Tennessee opposed the admission of any of the territories claiming that all would go republican if they were admitted now. Mr. Cox said that the inevitable ought to be accepted, and admission given to the territories clamoring for it. If they were now admitted, the democrats would reap whatever prestige there was in doing a just and righteous act. Speaker Carlisle also spoke in favor of admitting all the territories named in the Springer bill. A resolution was adopted which expressed the views of the caucus, and which was in favor of admitting the territories.

The Catholies Defeated.

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The school election in Boston closed one of the most bitter municipal campaigns in the history of the city. The Catholic question was the leading issue, growing out of sight made upon a text book by the Catholic clergy. Twenty thousand women registered and nearly 15,000 voted. The result was the election of Hart, republican mayor, by 1,700 majority, and a conneil of 38 democrats and 35 republicads. The anti-Catholic school board ticket was suecessful, and the board will now stand if Protestants to 8 Catholics. On the question of license the majority in of open saloons is 17,5 6.

Akely college of Grand Haven, is to b MICHIGAN LOSES THE CASE.

The Secretary of the Interior Renders A Decision Adversely.

General Washington News.

The secretary of the interior has rejected the claim of the state of Michigan to a tract of land in the upper reminsula. Some 300,000 acres are directly involved, while more than 1,000,000 acres more are indirectly affected.

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This decision settles one of the most important land cases that has arisen in the department for several years. It involves indirectly about 800,000 acres in Michigan, originally granted to the several railroads in this state. The roads now own some 180,000 acres of them. About one year ago the state began the prosecution of these suits to recover the land, the present value of which is something like \$,000,000. The case involves the larger part of all the railroad lands in the upper peninsula of Michigan. It had special importance as the success of the state's chaim meant that whole villages have been found to have been creeted upon lands purchased from the railroad companies, and to which they never possessed a title.

title.

The suits were brought a the name of the state, by Cyrus G. Lace governor, and ex-Senator Christiancy and many other leading lawyers of the state were retained as counsel. The point in the claim of the state was that the lands which were granted to the relieved warm array wally marked on the railroads were erroneously marked on the books of the land office, and that they rightfully belong to the state as swamp lands under the general act of 1850. The officials of the land office say that if the lands were really swamp lands, the state has a legal and equitable claim, no mat'er to whom the railroads have disposed of them.

The house committee on military affairs has ordered a favorable report to be made on a bill to place Gen. John Fremont en the retired list of the army as a major-general. A favorable report was also ordered on a bill for the establishment of a museum in the city of Washington for the collection of army and navy trophies, relies and curiosities.

Democratic senators have agreed to let the tariff bill take its course

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The senate has agreed to fix the tariff on steel beams at a cent a pound—a slight reduction.

It is said on good authority that the president will shortly issue an order consolidating the Michigan internal revenue districts, with headquarters at Detroit leaving a deputy at Grand Rapids.

Representative Whiting has made a speech against the direct tax refunding bill. He said the people who paid the irect tax in wardays would not benefit by it; refund now, and he believed it part of a well concected scheme to arouse sectional animosity in connection with the disposal of the surplus.

The house has passed the direct tax bill, by a vote of 178 to 96. The bill makes it the duty of the secretary of the treasury to The house has passed the direct tax bill, by a vote of 178 to 16. The bill makes it the duty of the secretary of the treasury to credit each state and territory and the District of Columbia with a sum equal to all collections by set off or otherwise made from sand states and territories and the District of Columbia, or from any of the citizens or inhabitants thereof, or other persons under the act of congress approved August 5, 1761, and remits all moneys still due to the United States on the quata of the direct tax. It appropriates such sums as may be necessary to reimburse each state, territory and the District of Columbia for all money found due to them; and the treasurer of the United States is directed to pay the same to the governors of the states and territories and to the commissioners of the District of Columbia; provided, that where the sums, or any part thereof, credited to any state, territory or the District of Columbia; provided, that where the sums, or any part thereof, credited to any state, territory or the District of Columbia; gave been collected by the United States from the citizens or inhabitants thereof, or any other person, either directly or by sale of property, such sums shall be held instrust by such state, territory or by the 1 srict of Columbia; for the benefit of those parsons or inhabitants or their legal representatives; and provided further, that no part of the money collected from individuals and to be held in trust shall be retained by the United States as a set off against any indebtedness alleged to exist against the state, territory or District of Columbia, in which such tax was eaglected; and provided further, that no part of the money or agent under any contract for services now existing or heretofore made between the representative of any state or territory and any attorney or agent. All claims under the trust shall be filed with the governor of such state, or territory and the commissioners of the District of Columbia, respectively, as the case may be.

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Nearly 100 consuls in Europe have an swered the questions sent out by the Ford immigration committee. They agree that we are getting the seum of the population over there, and that ignorance, deceit and the steamship owners greed combine to flood us with this class of people, often in spite of our laws, always to our injury.

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The river and harbor bill has been reported to the house. The following are the Michigan appropriations, amounting to now. The following are the Michigan appropriations, amounting to now. The following are the Michigan appropriations, amounting to now. Science 10,000; Chabody and S.,000; Grand Haven. \$20,000; Grand Marias. \$35,000; Musikagon. \$20,000; Ontonagon. \$4,000; Musikagon. \$20,000; Sundardee. \$10,000; Sundardee. \$10,000; St. Joseph. \$16,000; South Haven. \$6,000; White river harbor. \$7,500; Marquette. \$20,000; St. Thunder bay, \$10,000; Hay Lake Channel. \$170,000; St. Clair Flats canal. \$100,000; St. Mary's ship canal. \$500,000; Grosse Point channel. \$100,000; Saginaw river. \$4,000; Clinton river. \$1,000; Saginaw river. \$4,000; Clinton river. \$5,000; Rouge river. \$3,500.

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Mr. Butterworth has introduced a resolution authorizing the president to enter into negotiations looking to the assimilation and unity of the people of Canada and the United States under one government and empowering the president to appoint commissioners to consider the proposition with similar commissioners from Canada and England.

The report of Commissioner C.B. Morton of the navigation bureau shows that she United States merchant marine is second to that of Great Britain, the total tonnage of the country amounting to 4,191,815 tons. Dar-

ing the year the vesse's built amounted to 218,086 tons. The increase of the tonnage on the jukes as compared with the previous year, was 79 per cent.

The legislative, executive and judiciary bil, as reported to the house, carries with it an appropriation of \$20,802,345, being \$115,195 less than the bill for the current fiscal year and \$285,240 less than the estimates. The board of pension appeals is reduced from hix members to three, and three law electes in the office of the secretary of the interior are dropped.

The death of Maj. Spaulding of the Fourth cavalry, w.il result in the following promotions: Capt. Michael Cooney, Ninth cavalry, to major, Fourth cavalry; Hirst Lieut, Joseph Carrard, Ninth Cavalry, to e. ptain: Second Lieut. Alfred B. Jackson, Ninth cavalry, to first lieutenant.

The President pardoned 136 convicts during the fiscal year ended June 30, and granted amonesty under the Edmunds law in three cases.

Gov. McCreary hopes to get through the house this session the till to provide for a permanent exposition of the three Americas in honor of the four hundredth annicas in honor of the four hundredth annicas of the discovery by Columbus. The bill appropriates \$25,600 for for the exp uses of their meeting.

Denseratic congressmen held a caucus for the discussion of the admission of the territories the other evening and voted in favor of the admission of Dakota, Washington, Montana, New Mexico and Utah. Congressman Cox and Carlisle favored the resolution in strong speeches.

Delegates from the actor's order of friendship appeared before the Ford committee the other day, and urged that the contract libor haw be amended so as to keep out professional actors and musicians. The object is not to prohibit "stars," but the lost of minor actors imported by these foreign stars.

The Pope on Italian Immigrants.

The Osservatore Romano publishes the Popels letter to the bishops of America with reference to the care of Italian immi-grants. This letter says:

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The Pope deplores the fact that many Italians, forced by poverty to emigrate, find themselves in a worse position than ever in America. Great danger attends their souls, both during the voyage and on their arrival, owing to the difficulty of meeting pricats speaking Italian. Being much proceupied with these facts the Pope charged the congregation of repagaska fide to study the two-fold question of how to promote both the religious and it has been decided to dispatch priests from Italy to localities inhabited by Italian emigrants.

The Pope declares that it will afford him great satisfaction if the American bishops will facilitate the task of these priests by referring to the propaganda in regard to any changes required in their sacrod dottes. His holiness concludes with a benediction upon the bishops, clergy, and faithful in American

E. L. Harper, vice president of the late Fidelity Bank of Cincinnati, now in the penitentiary, has become suddenly insane, and has been removed to the prison asylum

pennentiary, as become audoenly insane, and has been removed to the prison asylum and locked up.

The prison physician thinks E. L. Harper's insanity is of a dangerous type, though he is of the opinion that with care he may in a great measure, recover. The officers experienced considerable trouble in getting Harper into the insane department as he refused to move without having a command from God to do so. He pretended to be in communication with spirits and predicted a number of strange happenings and deaths, which had occurred. Harper erfused to cat and continues in his nervous and troubled state. It is thought his insanity is due to disappointment in securing a pardon, which he expected to receive should the Bresident extend a similar favor to Ben Hopkins, who is now on his death bed.

A Fearful Drop.

A special to the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin from Stevens's Point says 10 men works at work on the inside of the water works stand-pipe in course of construction, and were upon the scaffolding nearly 90 feet from the foundation. One side of the seaffolding gave way, precipitating five of the men to the stone bottom, killing Charles Myers, who leaves a widow and large fami-through the manhele.

To Mark Historic Grounds

A report has been transmitted to the house from Gen. O. M. Poe of the engineer corps, giving the results of an examination and inspection of certain historic grounds and military works in the Maumee Valley, Ohio, and the estimates of the probable cost of marking these places by suitable mouments. He recommends that granite mouments he erected at most of these places, and that the ground surrounding Fort Meigs be purchased. The estimates for property marking these historic places are as follows: Put-in-Bay, \$2,500; Fort Industry, \$5,000; Fort Maimi, \$7,500; Fort Meigs, \$30,500; battleneld of Fallen Timber, \$5,000; Fort Dofiance, \$5,000; Fort Wayne, \$5,000.

Anti-Annexation.

Erastus Wiman of Toronto lectured in West New Brighton, Staten Island, to the Kill-van Kull workingmen's club on Canada's relations to this country. He said:

Herefare 5,000,000 people whose only hope of surcessful development and perfect growth lies in a union between themselves and the nation slongside of them—the greatest nation the world has eyer seen. Yet so pronounced is the sentiment in Canada against annexation that to-morrow it would be utterly impossible to elect a constable to office, much less a member of parliament, who openly advocated this measure.

Federation of Labor Officers.

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The federation of labor convention, in session at St. Louis, proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: President, Sam. Gomper, New York; first vice president, Dan. McLaughlin, Braidwood, Ill.; second vice president, Wm. Martin, Pittaburgh; secretary, P. J. McGuire, Phi: adelphia; treasurer, Henry Emrich, New York; trustees, Hugo Miller, August Delabar, and Josiah P. Dyer, all of New York. Boston was selected as the place for bolding the next annual meeting.

A Mother's Crime

Mrs. Caroline Schmidt, aged 23, living at 434 East Seventy-sixth street. New York, while insane, threw herself from a four-story window with her two children, Jennie, 3 years old, and Emil, 2 years old. The former was instantly killed, and the boy and his mother were badly injured.

And yet how few of all the throngs That woke this Christmas morn, And join to-day in rapturous songs That Christ the Lord was born

Have ever witnessed in their hearts
The bith that's from Above!
The real advent of the Lord—

Of pure, unselfish love!-Of love that finds its chief delight In doing, serving, blessing— Like His whose greatest glory is In giving, not possessing.

When in the homes and in the hearts Of all is Christian lands, This love shall rule supreme, and bind In one, with its strong bands,

The poor and rich, the weak and strong Fulfilled, then, here on earth. Will be that song the angels sang At the lear Saviour's birth.——B.

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

BY H. G M'ARTHUB ..

Christmas with its glee and gladness Comes igain with hallowed morn. Dissipating gloom and sadness. Telling that the Christ is born. Bidding is no longer cherish Doubts and fears within the brenst, But immortal hope to cherish, With a faith in Him at rest.

With a faith in Him-at rest.
For the Savior comes to listen,
Bending low, to tales of woe;
Burdened hearts of grief to lighten,
Wanding souls I fe's way to show.
Telling of a full salvation
By repeatance, child like trust;
By a life of consecration,
Turning thought from sorded dust. Let us then with great rejoicing
Hail the day the Christ was born
Cease the night, the sun is rising.
Beautiful the glow of morn.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE IN NEW ENGLAND.

BY SARAH J. PRITCHARD.

On a No-Twas in the year 1635. vember afternoon Mrs. Rathel Olcott was spinning flax in the cheerful kitchsmall house not far from Ply mouth Rock, in Massachusetts. East ward from the house, the ocean broke with a sullen roar on the rocks of the coast below; northward lay the few homes of the few Pilgrims who were Mrs. Olcott's neighbors.
Captain Olcott's ship had sailed from

Boston for England, in the year 1632 and had not been heard from

The little band of Pilgrims had .ceas ed to look for news from the captain or

his ship.
Mrs. Olgott kept up a brave hear and a cheerful face for the sake of her four children, Robert, Rupert, Lucy poor, crippled little Roger; this November afternoon anxiety filled her heart. Day by day her little store of provisions had lessened under the stress of heager until even the cornmeal had vanished, and it became necessary to send corn to be ground at the only mill inall that region. Early in the day Robert and Ruper with their ers, for it was well understood that each comermust await his turn at the mill. This grinding in those early days was slow work, and much of the day had passed before Mrs. Olcott expected them to return.

But when the sky grew dark and the snow began to fall, the loving mother grew anxious. She drew the great arm chair, in the cushioned depths of which poor pale-faced little Roger lay curled, far into the fireplace; and then, when anxiety grew to fear, she threw the hooded red cloak that all the Puritan matrons were, and hurrled over the hill as fast as the drifting snow would permit, to the house of her nearest neighbor. Master John Hawley.

As she drew the latch and walked in

with impetuous haste, up sprung John Hawley and stalked to the corner, where, ever ready stood his trusty

"Indians Rachel?" shricked Mrs. Hawley, springing to drop the curtain room.

"Put up your musket, friend," gasped Mrs Olcott. "It's my boys who are in danger. They went to the mill. with grist. Lucy is with them. Oh, save them! she pleaded.

"They're young and tough; they'll weather it through, and be home by supper time," said John Hawley, the stanch Pur tan, dropping his musket to its corner. "I'll step over after sup-

per and see Go home and don't worry. To him, nothing less than Indians semed worth a moment's uneasiness. When he trined, Rachel Olcott was gone, and his wife was at the door, watching the red cloak as its wearer urged it through through the snow.

"A woman has no business to look as she does," exclaimed Mrs. Hawley,

closing the door.

"She's had trouble enough in Plymouth, goodness knows!-her husband lost, and that crippled child to care for night and day, those boys to bring up, and hardly enough money to keep soul and body tog ether. And there she goes this minute with a face like a sweet brier rose;"and John Hawley demand-

ed his supper at once He had it, his wife looking as stern as any Puritan of them all, as he put on his great coat and went out saving:

"If those youngsters home, I'll be right back." have come

But he was not "right back." Midnight came down on all the Atlantic

coast, and he had not returned.

The supper for the young Olcotts was baked at the hearth, and set back to await their coming. The blazing logs filled the long, low kitchen with light. There was no need of a candle, as the



THE DISCOVERY. mother sat, to sing her po-But Roger could not sleep

"Tell me something more about England, mother," he pleaded, again and "It keeps me from thinking of Lucy and the boys, when you talk."

The firelight illumined the white

face and made the blue eyes of the boy more pitiful than ever in their plaintive asking that night.

The mother's thoughts and her heart went out in the snowdrifts searching with her neighbors for her bright, rosy darlings, but her words and her hands were ministering to this child, bereft of almost everything belonging to the outside world of work and endeavor.

"Well, then, Roger, shut your eyes and try to go to sleep, while I tell you something about Christmas—the way we used to keep it-before mamma was a Puritan, you know.

Then she told the boy of old-time customs in her native land; of her father's house, and the great rejoicings that came at Christmas time, and lastly, with a vague feeling of regret, she came to the story of the great green bough that was lighted with tapers and hung with gifts for the good children.

"What made you be a Puritan, Moth-Why didn't you stay at home?' nsked Roger.

"Don't ask me, my boy," she said, touching the shining face with a kiss. ..Remember that heaven is a much finer place than England."

"Do they have any Christmas boughs there, Mother?"

"Something better than boughs, my

boy!"
"Mother, I'd like it, if God would let of dear England, so that I could see a Christmas bough just for once before I

die. At that moment the door was thrust in, and the boys, Robert and Rupert, clad in snow, entered the room. The mother, dropping Roger's mite of a hand, sprang to meet them with untold gladness in her eyes, that still looked be-

yond them in search of something more.
"Lucy's all right, mother!" cried
Robert. "If it hadn't been for Mr.
Hawley, though, and Richard Cooper, and the rest, we'd have had a night of it in the old seedar tree. We couldn't get a bit further with the meal and Lucy; so we scooped out the snow in the big hollow, put Lucy in first, when we had made sure there wasn't a fox or anything inside; crawled in ourselves, with a big stick apiece to keep of encmies, and were getting very hungry and sleepy when a light flashed in our

"But where is Lucy?" interrupted Mrs. Olcott.

"Oh, they are bringing her! And, Mother, Mr. Hawley has been scolding us half the way home for going to mill on such a day. And we never told him that we hadn't meal enough in the house to last till to-morrow. We took it

"That's right, my good boys; but how did they find you?" Mrs. Olcott de-

"They didn't; we found them," cried Rupert. "They had a lantern, and we saw it; and then we made a dash after the light, and brought them back to the When they drew Lucy out, she was fast asleep, and as warm as toast, 'cause Robert gave her his jacket,



THE RETURN

'And she's fast asleep this minute. do believe!" added Robert, as two vigorous young men entered,—one drawing the sled-load of meal and the other

aring Lucy in his arms. From that night in November little there.

Roger grew more and more away from he bleak New England life. evident to everybody who saw the lad that he was going to the shining shore, —although the little Puritan boy had never heard of its being a shining shore —and I think perhaps that was the reason he fell to thinking so much of the beautiful Christmas bough. He talked of it when awake, he dreamed of it when he slent: and he told his dreams and said, with tears on his cheeks, how, sorry he was to awake and find he hadn't seen it after all-and, oh, he wanted to so much!

The time of Christmas in that far, faraway year drew near, and in all the land there was not a Christmas bell, a Christmas-tree, nor even a Christmas-gift.

Beautiful Mrs. Olcutt felt that her lit tle Roger was getting very near the heavenly land. A physician from Boston had come down and told her that the lad must die. This brave little mother wished, oh, so much! to make her child happy, and his lit-tle heart was set on seeing a Christmasbough before he died. She could not withstand his wishes, and she said to herself; "If I am punished for it as long as I live. Roger shall see a Christmas-bough." So she took her boys, Robert and Rupert, and little Lucy, outside the house one day, just a week before Christmas, and told them what she was going to do.

"Oh, mother!" exclaimed Robert, the eldest son, "they'll persecute you to death; they'll drive us into the wilderness; we shall lose our homeand every-thing!"

"Remember, boys, your mother has been into the wilderness once, and she isn't afraid of that. We shall have the Christmas-bough! I am going up to Boston to-morrow, if the day and I'll'fetch back some nice little trinkets for poor Roger. May be a ship has come in lately; one is expected."

On the morrow, clad in the scarlet cloak, Mrs. Olcott set forth for Boston. She had not been there since the day she went up to see the ship sail, with her husband on it—the ship that never had been heard from. But that was more than three years before, and it was in going home from Boston that Roger had been so hurt and maimed that his little life was spoiled.

Great was the astonishment in Ply-mouth when it was learned that the Widow Olcott had gone to Boston. Why had she gone to Boston? She had no folk living there to go and see; and what had she been buying, they won-dered when she came back. Mrs. Hawlew went down the hill that same day to make inquiry and found out very little.

As soon as Mrs. Alcott was well rid of Mrs Hawley, she called her boys and hade them go to the pine woods and get the finest, handsomest young hemlock tree that they could find.

"Get one that is straight and tall, with well-boughed branches on it, and put it where you can draw it under the vood-shed after dark," she added.

The boys went to Pine Hill, and there they picked out the finest young tree on all the hill, and said, "We will take this one." So, with their batchets they hewed it down and brought it safely home next night when all was dark. And when Roger was quietly sleeping in the adjoining room, they dragged the tree into the kitchen. It was too tall, so they took it out again and cut off two or three feet at the base. Then they propped it up, and the curtains being down over the windows, and blankets being fastened over the curtains to prevent anyone looking in, and the door being doubly barred to prevent anyone coming in, they all went to bed.

Very early the next morning, while the stars shone on the snow-covered hills, - the same stars that shone sixteen hundred years before on the hills when Christ was born in Bethlehem,—the lit-tle Puritan mother in New England arose very softly. She went out and lit the kitchen fire anew from the ash-covered embers: She fastened upon the twigs of the tree the gifts she had bought in Boston for her boys and girl. Then she took as many as twenty pieces of candle and fixed them upon the branches. After that she softly called to get up and dress and come into the kitchen.

Hurrying back, she began, with a bit of a burning stick, to light the candles. Just as the last one was set aflame, in trooped the three children.

Before they had time to say a word they were silenced by their mother's warning.

"I wish to fetch Roger in and wake him up before it," she said. "Keep still until I come back!"

The little lad, fast asleep, was lifted in a blanket and gently carried by his mother into the beautiful presence

"See! Roger, my boy, see!" she said. arousing in. "It is Christmas morning now! In England they only have Christmas boughs, but here in England we have a whole Christmas tree

"Oh mother!" he cried. "O Lucy! Is it really, really true, and no dream at all? Yes, I see! Were all the trees on all the hills lighted up that way when Christ was born? And, mother. he added, clapping his little hands with joy at the thought, "why, yes, the stars did sing when Christ was born! They must be glad then and keep Christmas, too, in heaven. I know they must, and there will be good times "Yes," said his mother, "there will

be good times there, Roger."
"Then," said the boy, "I shan't mind going, now that I've seen the Christ-

mas-bough. I—What is that, mother?"
What was it that they heard? The little Olcott home had never seemed to tremble so. There were taps at the window, there were knocks at the door and it was as yet scarcely the break of day! There were voices also shouting something to somebody.

"Shall I put out the candles, mother?" whispered Robert.

"What will they do to us for having the tree? I wish we hadn't it," regret-ted Rupert; while Lucy clung to her mother's gown and shrieked with all her strength, "It's Indians!"

Pale and white and still, ready to meet her fate, stood Mrs. Olcott, until, out of the knocking and the tapping at her door, her heart caught a sound. was a voice calling; "Rachel! Rachel!

"Unbar the door!" she cried back to her boys; "It's your father calling!" Down came the blankets, up went the curtain; onen flew the door und in walked Captain Olcott, followed by every man and woman in Plymouth who had heard at break of day the glorious news that the expected ship had arrived at Boston, and with it the long lost Captain Olcott. For an instant nothing was thought of except the joyous welcoming of the captain in his own

"What's this? What is it? What does this mean?" was asked again and ngain, when the first excitement was past, as the tall young pine stood aloft its candles ablaze, its gifts still hang-

"It's welcome home to father!" said Lucy, her only hope to screen her moth-

er.
"No, child, no!" sternly spoke Mrs.
Alcott. "Tell the truth!" faltered

"It's-a--Christmas tree!" faltered poor Lucy.

One and another, Pilgrims and Puritans all, drew near with faces stern and forbidding, and gazed and gazed until one and another and yet another softened slowly into a smile as little Roger's piping voice sung out:

"She made it for me, Mother did. But you may have it now, and all the pretty things that are on it, too, because ou brought my father back again; if Mother will let you, "he added.

Neither Pilgrim nor Puritan frowned at the gift. One man, the sternest broke off a little twig and said:

"I'll take it for the sake of the good old times at home."



THE CHRISTMAS BUGLE.

Then everyone wanted to take a bit for the same sweet sake, until the young pine was bereft of half its branches. But still it stood, like a hero at its post with candles burning and gifts hanging, until all but the little household had departed; and even then, the last candle was permitted to burn low and flicker out before a gift was distributed, so glad were the Ol-cotts in the presence of the one great gift of that Christmas morn; so eager were they to be told every bit of the story, the wonderful story of their father's long, long voyage in a poor little storm-beaten and disabled ship, which at last he had been able to guide safely into port. His return voyage had been made in the very ship that rs. Olcott had hoped wor time for her Christmas, tree.

That morning brought to Roger something better than Chrismas-trees, better, if such a thing were possible, than the home-coming of the hero-captain—renewed life. It may have been the glad surprise, the sudden awaking in the bright presence of a real, live Christmas-tree: it may have been the shock of joy that followed the knocking and the shouts at door and window, or the more generous living that came into the little house near Plymouth. Certain it was that Roger began to mend in many ways, to grow satisfied with bleak New England wind and weather, and to rejoice the hearts of all the Olcotts by his glad presence with them .- St. Nicholas.

Condemned criminal-Mr. Sheriff. will you see that my body is accorded decent burial? Sheriff (coldly)-I'll

girl standing on the sidewalk looking at the engagement ring in a jeweller's window.

The electric light wire will soon be entitled to rank with the oil can, the blown-out gas and the gun that is not

OVER ONE HUNDRED KILLED

Wahalak, Miss., the Scene of a Terr bly Fatal Riot.

130 Negroes and 12 Whites Killed.

There was a terrible riot at Wahalak, Miss., on the night of December 16, and 12 white men and 150 Negroes lie dead as a result. For a long time there has been much ill-feeling between the whites and blacks at that place, aggravated by the impertinence of the latter, and finally the two elements became involved in the quarrel which ended in the great loss of life. The facts as far as can be ascertained, are as follows: A Negro and a white man became engaged in a quarrel and the Negro-was killed. This was the excuse for the assault, and immediately a black horde swept down upon the whites, who were greatly out numbered. Knowing it was a fight to the death, the whites prepared to receive the black assailants, and when the battle was ended it was found that 12 white men and more than 150 Negroes had been killed.

The governor was at once telegraphed to for assistance, and troops were at once sent to the seene of the treuble. 130 Negroes and 12 Whites Killed.

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The dominon government has consented to grant the request of the pork packers' combination, and increase the duty on American pork from one to two cents per pound, or from \$\mathbb{Z}\$ to \$\mathbb{X}\$ i er barrel. The quantity of pork imported from the United States during the past 10 months increased from 10,800,000 pounds to 14,500,000, or 23 per cent as compared with the corresponding menths of last year.

The Canadian packers state that they cannot compete with the United States firms, and want American pork shut out of the market. Lumbermen, who are the heaviest purchasers, are making a vigorous fight against the increased duties.

Will Stay in Rome.

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The persistent rumors which have been flying about for the last week or more that the pope was about to leave Rome and establish the headquarters of the church in some other place has elicited from his holiness an explicit denial that he contemplates any such movement. In making this announcement, the Vatican declares that nothing short of gratuitous violence on the part of the Italian government will induce the pope to abandon his position as Sovereign Pontiff of Reme, and such action is not feared. not feared.

A Good Indian

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World has been received from Ouray Agency. Green River, Utah, that Colorows the celebrated chief of the southern Utes, died at the agency the other day of pneumonia. The red chief was most famous in the west, and was the Reader in the Meeker massacres, also in the Colorow war in Garfield county a year ago. Since the last cubreak he has been under military surveil-lance, which has greatly worried him. He was over 70 years af age, and will be succeeded by Sapovanara, chief of the Uncompagnes.

Evictions in lowa.

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A new phase has developed in the Des Moines land evictions, the outcome of which is being eagerly watched by settlers and land-owners. James Mechan, one of the evicted settlers, has brought suit against Thomas Shell of Clinton, la., to recover the value of the improvements made on the farm from which he was ejected. If Mechan recovers damage suits will at once be instituted on a similar basis by every evicted settler and all the occupants who have purchased land.

The Blessing Denic:l.

An Irish priest sent a number of medals and relies to be blessed by the pope before distribution in Ireland. The holy father refused the papal blessing, explaining in a stern manner:. "The people of Ireland are disabedient. They seem to prefer the gospel of Dillon and O'Brien to the gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Prohibition Vote.

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As the complete returns of the late election from the different states are received the most suggestive fact is that connected with the prohibition vote. Instead of the vote reaching 1,000,000, as the cold-water advocates predicted, it has fallen off in the aggregate to about 280,000 votes, an increase over the vote cast for St. John, only four years ago, of about 125,000, but a heavy loss compared with their highest votes in 1885, 1886 and 1887.

But they slightly failed both in the magnitude of their predictions and in electing the democratic candidate for president, although they cost the republican party the governorship in several states, the legislatures in two or three states and the electoral vote of several more. Their votes lost the electoral votes of New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland. Missouri, and North Carolina to the republicans, and the governorship of New York and two of the above mentioned states. If the electoral vote, the legislature and the governorship of New York and two of the above mentioned states. If the electoral vote, the legislature and the governorship of New York and two of the above mentioned states. If the electoral vote, the legislature and the governorship of New York and two of the above mentioned states in the governorship of New York and two of the above mentioned states. If the electoral vote, the legislature and the governorship of New York and two of the above mentioned states in the governorship of the prohibitionists have caused it. If their losses, however, continue in the same ratio during the next four years, the prohibitionists in many to the republican party will be so mater ally lessenthe armic auring the next four years, the prohibitionists injury to the republican party will be so materially lessend as to call for their disbandment. The losses and gains, dempared with their highest vote in previous years, are shown below. The most notable instances of decline are as follows Highest

ı	Connecticut 1886	4,699	4,300	:39:
i	Delaware 1886	7,835	373	7,460
١	Kansas 1856	8,094	7,000	1.091
	Kentucky 1886	39,405	11,000	23,404
	Maine	3,873	2,700	1,157
	Maryland 1886	7,195	4.832	2,388
١	Massachusetts. 187	10, 145	9,000	1,945
ı	Michigan 1886	25,179	23,000	2,170
	New Jersey 1887	19204	7,849	12,059
	New York 1887	41,800	30,281	11,569
	Ohio1887	29,700	25,000	4,700
	Oregon 1886	2,733	1,200	
	Pennsylvania. 1886	32,458	23,500	
	Rhode !sland 1886	2,585	1,300	1,285
	Texas 1886	19,186	7,000	12,180
	Wisconsin 1886	17,089	10,000	1,083
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Alabama	666	1,000	334
California	C,432	8,000	1,56
Florida	243	370	12
Illinois	19,766	24,000	4,23
Indiana	9,155	10,000	815
lowa, 1885	1,564	3,000	1,430
Minuesota	3,58%	11,000	7.03
Missouri	2,504	5,000	1.49
Nebraska	, 8,175	10,000	1.82
North Carolina	4,507	5,800	791
West Virginia	1.492	2.000	50

A novel use for the boa of fur, feathers or lace is to attach one end of it to the hat or bonnet in the back, bring it down to the nape of the neck, and twist it around the throat once or twice.

Black veils covered with heavy black spots are worn, hanging loose from the front of the hat.

PRESETTERIAN. Bov. G. H. Wallace, Pastor. Ser ricce, 10:25 a. m., 7:00 p. m. Bebbath School a dose of morning service.

Mirramousz.—Bev. J. M. Shank, Paster. Serios. 1969 a. m., 730 p. m. Saobath School aftenoring service. Prayer meeting Thursday even

Barrier.—Rev. P. G. Robertson, Pastor. Services, Barrier.—Rev. P. G. Robertson, Pastor. Services, 10:80 a m., 7:50 p. m. Babbath school at close of morning service. Prayer meeting Tuesday and Thursday seemings. All are invited.

Societies.

THE W. O. T. U.—Moots every Thursday at their ball, over First National Bank, at three p. m. Mrs. J. Voorheis, President.

PLYMOUTH BOOK LIDGE NO. 47, F. & A. M.—Fri-day evanings on or before the full moon. P. C. Whitbeck, W. M., J. O. Eddy, Secretary.

GRAMME, No. 380.— Meets every second Thursday aftermode and evening, alternately, at their hall, in the Hedden block, O. B. Pattengell, Master. K. OF L., LAPRAM ASSEMBLY, No. 5595.—Meets every office Friday evening, from April 1 to Oct. 1, at 7,280; 'spm Oct. 1 to A; cfl | at 7:00, at K. of L. háll. C. O. Car is, Jr., K. B.

Tonquiss Lodos I. O. O. F., No. 32.—Mee's every Menday even up, at their hall at 7:30 o'clock p. m. O. R. Pattengell, N. G.; O. G. Curtis, Jr., Rec. Sec.

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WHAT THEY SAY.

She sang soprano aweetly. Her voice was like a lyre; But on Sunday she ate onions, And busted up the choir.

- Christmas next Tuesday.

-Only ten more days to complete the

-B. F. Steers, of Wayne, was in town Tuesday.

-Detroit is said to be full of pick pockets just now.

The happy family—the family that buy their Christmas gif a at Bassett & Son's.

-Police Sergeant Ben High, of Detroit, is charged with brutality and obscenity.

-Remember the last leap year party at the Berdan house, New Years eve, Dec.

-Our banks make their usual good showing, in this issue. Read their state ments.

-Frank B. Clarke, of the Matt. office, and wife will spend Christmas with the former's parent-, at Pontiac.

Burglars were about Wayne the same night they waited this place, but were trightened away by the night watch.

-J. mes Clarke, recently telegraph opera or for the F. & P. M. R R. at this place was in town Monday and Tuesday, celling on old friends.

-In coming from Wayne, Monday forenoon, we noticed farmers ploughing. Before the day was out however, it began getting c der and since then we have had winter weather.

-E. W. Beam, of this place has a vacant hou-e at Stark, the windows of which seem to be tar ets for the boys in that section Mr. B am is a xious to know who it is that is doing the breaking of windows, and says he is willing to pay bherally for the information.

-The "oldest inhabitant fails to remember another such an epen winter as the present as been, up to the first of this week. There have been numerous times when farmers ould do'p qughing on or about the first of Jenusry, but it was on account of January thaws. This season the ground had scarcely been frozen up to Monday of this week.

-The D., L. & N. raj'road will sell bo'iday tickets on Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1884, and on Jan. 1, 1839, at one "and one-third great deal of comment among our citizens fare for the round trip; good to return regarding our hotel. As a disinterested until Ja uar, 2, 1889. No excursion tickets sold for less than (wenty-five cents for adults; or fi teen conts for children. No road in the state gives better accommoditions than the . L & N.

-The show windows of our enterprising merchants are tastefully and profusely dress d in holiday attire. Those in sear h of pretty as well as useful holiday presents shoul visit the stores of Stark weather & Co , Dohm-tielch Bro., J. L. Gate, M. Conner & Son, Bassett & Son, Ande son Bros, E. J. Bradner, J. H. Boylan and E P. Z-rbe & Co., and inspect the beautiful bol day goods displayed by them. There ino need of going out of town for suitable

presents -Faim r. are asked to keep an eye open for an event who sells the "corn hinder." who is swindling farmers in differen parts o the siste by getting postal ca d orders for one binder and raising them o 100. The binder is a small wooden stick about eighteen inches ong, with a brass fern'e on the end, on which there is fastened a straw which binds the fod or -Ex. A larger wooden stick placed in rendinesand used with considerable vigor upon the agent, should be call in you, would be the proper caper; or chain the dog loose, the matter out."

Finest line of holiday goods at Chaffee & Hunter's.

-Our school closes to-day and will relume January 2.

Oranges, lemons, buts and candles at Chaffee & Hunter's.

-Cards are out for a select basket party at the town hall, Livonia, Friday evening, December 28.

Go to Chaffee & Hunter's for fine toilet cases, manicure sets, collar and cuff boxes, hand mirrors, etc. Cheap.

-If you have any business at the Probate office request your advertising to be done in the PLYMOUTH MAIL.

-Mrs. E. P. Kellogg, of Northville, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday, the guest of Mrs. John J. Inglis.

-Mrs C. Kinney of Saginaw City. who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John J. Inglis, returned home on Monday.

Nice fresh Kalamazoo celery, choice cranberfies, oysters in bulk and cans, sweet potatoes, at Chaffee & Hunter's.

-The county papers are nearly all coming into the pay-in-advance plan. They have all tried the other way and it don't work right:

-O. N. Baker, of Wayne, on Wednesday got a check for back pension amounting to \$1,250.67, and will get four dellars per month heresfter.

-Some half-dozen or more of our young sports went out Wednesday for a rabbit hunt. They had one hundred rabbits spoken for before they left town.

-C. A Lemen now holds his dancing school, at Amity hall. All are invited to attend the hop teginning at nine o'clock, and holding till twelve. Bill, forty cents.

-Some of our citizens are anxious to know what lies several hundred feet heneath us. ' One gentleman says he will put in fifty dollars and another tells us he will give ten dollars towards the necessary fund for boring, and they are noxious to hear from others. We would like to hear from anyone interest d in the matter.

-When you buy flour, call for flour made at Plymouth.. Both of our mids have the roller process and are making excellent flour. We would like to see the time when our people would use none but flour made at home. The way to build up. your town is to pa ronize home institutions whenever possible. About all of our merchants hand e Plymouth flour, and those who do not, can.

-Rudolph Mack, of Detroit, was visiting at Gardner Barber's last week and started to go to the depot Friday evening, to go home. Just after leaving the house he alleges that he was attacked by a couple of men who knocked him down and under took to rob him. They prabbed and got his chain, but his yells drave them off. Iwo men have been seen around Mr. Barber's house of late's nie he got his pension and the family believe they had an itching to get hold of his money -Northville Record.

-Two or three papers in the county are maki g a ki k because the papers outside the county seat never get a slice of the supervisor's proceedings. We have often wondered why it was that only l'ontiac papers were award d the rlum. It is customary all over the State to give at lea-t one pap r in each town the proceedings and why should Oakland be an exceptio. In the language of Neshitt, "Now as the time to kick."-South Lyon Picket. Supervisors proceedings in this county never get pulside of Detroit; nor in fact any other coun y printing.

Snyger catchup, Spanish queen olives, sal & dressing, etc., for the holiday trade, at Chaffee & Hunter's.

The f-llowing from the Novi Herald may interest some of our readers, as the Mr. Taylor, mentioned in the item, former y I ved here and kept the house at the failroad crossing: 'There seems to be a party, we give the matter publicity by request. Mr. Taylor came here to open a temperance house, and says he has lived up to his endeavor to do as he promised. He now says that ins ead of meeting with triendly people, whom he expected to sid him in establishing a temperance house, he has been confronted on all sides with the "cold shoulder" and that his neighbors are fe ding traveling men, and are working against him in every way. For this conduct he will put a man into his bar, and whiskey will be sold to the entire satisfaction of the prople; as he thinks this is what the people want. We learn from some who seem to be among the con plainers, that they think a temperance house all right, but they cannot see how house all right, but they cannot see how The transition from long, lingering and the bar room full of young boys, smoking painful sickness to robust health marks and using prolane language, which they claim is tolerated by the landlo d, can be an; earthly benefit to the house, boys or community. They also think that there are intexicating drinks sold there; which is brad-ted by Mr. Taylor as utterly false. He invites the grumblers in to see and taste. We merely give these words for the benefit of the ones who may be able tur ogh common sense means to straighten

Christmas. Near'y nineteen hundred years ago in a

little insignificant village in Palestine, quite a multitude had gathered to have their names and families registered for the purpose of national and municipal tax-Thus imperial Cæser had commanded. Every caravanseral or inn was rull to overflowing; every little dwelling half its capacity and hospitality fully tried, and mary, unable thus to obtain shelter and food, turned in where the cattle were kert and leed. In some such rude covering, according to some; or in a cave, or bullow hewn out of the limestone rock, according to others, something occurred which has sent this old world on its course quivering with excitement, earnestness and wouder. A little babe was birn wrapped warmly in its tiny garmen's, and cradled on the sweetly smaling ay. T me passed on, and that manger recame the object of sights ers and pl grimages, and that Babe, a world's wonder. Artists have pained them; | oets have sung them; historians have minutely described their

A n. w era began with that birth. Men's thoughts, ambitions, affectious took a new and unselfish turn.

marvelous stories.

every feature, and where these have failed

to satis y, tradition has told strange and

C. ildhood become of immense importence; motherhood partook of a divine character; manhood was lifted up and purified, and turned more tender eyes and affectionate hands to the chi dien and to woman kind; honest poverty was no los ger despised and abused; humanity wataught by the Divine condescension; and peace, virtue, godliness, and heavin, were taught and eagerly sought after. The in fluence, character and pres nee of this Bate and Man have pervaded the whole earth, and wherever their story is told there come gentleness, sympathy, helptulness and leve. Every heart and every home into which He is admitted and served, becomes the abode of the refining and educating christian graces. Tat which is course, unseemly, thoughtle-s, wicked is cast out and destroyed. Aff c tion and helpfulness takes their place. Hope, fuith, p. tience, are begott n, to comfort and sustain the life here, to save and bless it forever, hereafter. Wherever the Christ child comes and abides, there come and abide joy and ble-sings. Hence, mankind loves that childhood, honors its birth, believes in, and trusts its manhood and teachings, and thus is made wiser and berter. It cannot be otherwise. Only open the heart and the home to Him and prove it. With his presence comes the perfumes of paradise; from his service a foretaste of Heaven's joys. Among the carl er legends of Christ's

childhed, is one, the mot beautitul and significant of any I have ever ad. While on the road to Egopt the parents mea ook the way, and for a while were apparently lost. Bu the human mistake worked out the Divine Provitence, as it always does. "At eventide, after a long, hot, dusty day, they overtook miserable save perishing in the way They gav her of their scant sto es, and then she lay down to sleep, with her unanowe friends up n the flat sands During their slumber one of the sleepless angels on watch, blew in the sand and comman is ed it to open. At once a four tain leap up Another ministering spirit brought a slip of Acacia, and bade it grow leaf and blossom. Another brought a fig, snother a willow, a fragrant balsam and almonds roand white-and the lesser a gel- so ec the bords of Perofit, but in fact any other found in with seed of the grass, velvety moss and the royal five grass and the royal five grass, velvety moss and the royal five grass and the royal five grass, velvety five grass, velv palm fruit, green grassis, scented lillies and all the scents and sounds of a blooming oasis. The wandering tribes gave the spring the name of "The Well of Reward," and to this date tremodes, and no trace "Pring there without a prayer of thankful Dess and a blessing." Yes, it is only egend, one out of many, to emphas ze the character and influence of that Divine ife, but it buly expresses facts to which millions of the hum-su race can b ar ample t stimony. Wherever Christ dwells ample t stimony. Wh rever Christ dwells

blessing, joy. Friend, have you received that infant Friend, have you received that infant King! Have you opened heart and hand for him to come in and dwell? Are you and your children under his guardianship and care? Amidst all the merriment of this hallowed season, the giving and receiving of gitts, not forget to impress it upon our own hearts, and in-till a into the hearts of our children, that Christ is the Au hor and Father of all, "the great gitt of God" and that of character and work "the high the heart site," to the children that the state of the children that the children are, "to bring the best gits" to the ch dren of men. G H. W. dren of men. G. Plymouth, Mich., Dec. 15, 1888.

paintul sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the life of the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully ideased. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they own their restoration to health, to the use of the great alternative a denic. It you are troubled with any disease of idneys, liver or stomach, of long or short standing you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at aftir cents and \$1.00 per bottle at Chaffer & Huster's drug store. & Hunter's drug store

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New Advertisements.

The attention of our readers is directed to flowing new and changes in advertisements: First Matismal bank, statement. Plymouth National bank, statement. M. Corner & Son, hardware, page eight. Dohmstreich Bros., ganeral merchants, first page

Tonquish.

A new daughter at H. C. Anderson's A. Brown is putting an addition on his

Anna Paulger is visiting old friends

A bro ber of Wm. Dickerson died lately near Grand Rapids.

J. Johnson returned from Big Rapids ast week, where he had been called by the sickness and death of a brother.

[TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEK.] R. C. Begole and wife are vi-iting the parents of the latter for a few days.

The postoffice at this place will be closed part of the day on Christmas and New Years. D. C. Dilrymple started a dancing

school here Tuesday evening, with a membership of ten scholars. The I. O. O. F. fraternity gave an oyster

social in Grange hall, also a ball at Union hall, on Thursday evening, both being a complete success.

Olarenceville.

Mr. Orrin Cook lost a good cow, a short time ago by lump-jaw.

Chrsi mas is coming near, and I wish that the editor, and all connected with the MAIL will have a Merry Christmas.

Fred Johnson has a brother from De troit visiting him. They expect to make the rabbits took scarce around here, before Mr. Johnson returns to Detroit.

Thieves have been visiting some of the farmer's in this vicinity. They visited Eber Durham about two weeks ago last Wednesday night, and the next morning Durham found his clothes line, clothes and all, gone Mr. Switzer also had some corn stolen and Mr. Hizer missed his horse, but found it in a farmer's barn.

Wayne!

Will Bemiss is in Detroit.

Mrs. J. F. Brown is quite sick at present James Travis, of Dearborn, was in town Monday.

Ed. Murphy, of Pontinc, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Giles H. Collins is quite sick at this willing.

Will Adams, of Bay City, is home on

account of sickness. Miss Arms Dem ng has returned from Ithaca, N. Y., after a three months visit

Frank Prussel has given up clerking at the county house and returned home at Mt. Clemen

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steers, of Plymouth were guests of Edwin and Mrs. Clari-sa Steers over Sunday.

Winter has set in.

We had a good rain last Sunday.

George Joslin now rides in a new Fergu son cart. Fence sails disappear yery mysteriously

at this place. There was another nice dance at the own ball, last Friday evening.

The lantern show at the town hall, las

Saturday evening was a grand fizzle. C. L. Ferguson and George Joelin went to Ann Arbur, last Saturday, on business

In the suit held at the town hall, last Monday, George Smith, plaint: if, and the two Long boys, delendants, the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

John Baur, living two and one-ball miles east of the Centre, raised 555 bushels of potatoes from two acres of ground this guessed at. Who can beat it?

A Desperate Deed.

Detroit was the scene of much excite ment Tuesday noon. Commissioner Wies was selling some property at the west entrance to the city hall, the proceeds to be divided betw en the divorced wife of Her man Luther, a Detroit tailor, and her chi dren. Luther was mad and when the sale was fluished and they were about leaving the place he whipsed out a thirty-eight calitire revolver and fired at his twenty six year old soo, the bullet entering his right check between the jaw hones and came out of his neck between the carotid artery and the jugular vein. He may recover.

Luther then started after his wife and daughter, firing a- he ran. At the corner of Griswold and Lafayette the daughter stumbled and fill and Luther was upon

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

-Christmas and New Years cards at the

Leave orders for Christmas turkeys at Chaffee & Hupter's. -Cherry Hill and Mead's Mills corres

pondence received too late for this issue. They will appear next week. -The annual meeting of the Wayne

County Horticultural society, will be held in Grange hall, this village, to morrow, at one o'clock.

-They haven't got through with Bohemian oat notes over in Oakland county Parties have to be sued before they wil pay them.

-On account of its being Christmas eve, next Monday evening, there will be no meeting of I.O.O.F. But all memtiers are requested to be present Monday evening, December 31, to elect and install officers for ensuing term, and transact other important business. By order of Noble Grand.

-Burglars made another raid on our village on Thur day night of last week siting several places and getting about wenty dollars in all. At Miller & Westfall's saloon they entered the back window and secured about eighteen dollars. At the postoffice they pried open the west window, by means of a bar secured at G.o. Wills' blacksmith shop, and got about one dellar and fifty cents for their trouble; A B nnett's mest market they pried open the front door and robbed the till of two cents. They then entered the back room, orened the rear door and passed out, ne glecting to take a couple of hoys with them who were sleeping in that room.

Warren Gorton, of Plymouth, and M ss Nettie Hearn, of Dearborn, were married at the latter place, on Wednesday afternoon, December 19, 1888, Rev. Gco. H. Warlace being the officiating clergyman. Both of the contracting parties are well and favorably known in and around this vicinity, the former being a blushing farmer boy, and the latter a beautiful and estimable young lady, formerly of Livonia About thirty-five or forty friends gathered to do the occasion nonor A number from Plymouth braving the cold and a rough ride of thirteen miles, to be present. Quite a number of useful and valuable gitts tes t fied to the estimation of friends, giving the young couple an encouraging start in their new life. Our congratulations and good wishes may also be mentioned with the above.

His Nose Not Off.

MUSKEGON, Dec. 5, 1888.

EDI OR OF PLYMOUTH MAIL: DEAR SIR:-Haying lately received four p p r as a subscriber, I wish to say that your paper is looked for and wh n received is regula ly read. B ing a former resident of y ur place, I am, of course, much interested in the local news from that place. I wish you to mention that as an item has been going around the State press concerning a certain Geo. Tibbits, of Muskegon, having his nose butten off in a fight, some time since, that my nose is all right and just as big as ever. I have had several inquiries late,y concerning that nose, and I take this m ans of letting my fri nds know that it is not: my nose that has been abreviated.

Wishing you success with your paper I remain yours respect ully,

GEO. N. TIBBITS

[The above communication was received in due season, but was mislaid and just came to light. We beg the writer's pardon for the delay.-ED.]

Goblin and Giants by Palmer Pox. "An Exqueite Christmas Present.

Christinas is at hand, and so is Palmer Cox, with another of his inimisable "Queer P. ople" books, but this book surpasses boto the others in the weirdne sof its wit, dealing as it does with gay goblins, grim glants, comical clowns, merry monarchs and all sorts of outer folks. and all sorts of queer folks. By long odd this is the jolliest Christ

we have yet seen. Hon. D. N in say: "If you don't get a sup Richards in say: ply of it into my ward soon the neighb ply of it into my warn shou the neighbors children will tear my house down. 'Crit, ics of a l classes command it. Major Gen-eral O. O. Howard says: "It is singularly happy, and will be popular among old and young." The eminent novelist, Geo. W. Cable, savs: "His payes are ever welcomed visitors in the house with children in it," while the elegant Amilia Rives writes, "one does not have to wish one's self a child as in to retoy to the house with the self a child as in to retoy to the house with the self a child as in to retoy the house with a child as in the retoy to the house with a child as in the retoy to the house which a child as in the retoy to the house with a child as in the retoy to the retoy to the child as in the retoy to t self a child again to njoy such books, because one teels a child stifl after reading them." General Lew Wallace pronounces it An exquisit Chri-tmus present for the little ones of a household," while Mrs Lew Wallace declares, "Many a chi'd will dence with delight over this cheming dince with delight over this charming Christmas gift.

From an avalanche of such commend ons one more should be added. Robert Burdette, the not d humorist, exclaims, Happy and gitted indeed is Polmer Cox, who can take a pencil in one hand and a

her, just residy to fire, when a man attracted to the spot by the firing, grabbed his arm and the ball missed the lady and atrick a man named Wm. Bluff at the lady and atrick a man named Wm. Bluff at the praises we heartily concar. It is a daisy The three new beauties by Palmer Cox are Pawa and Clawa, (\$1.00). Wings and Stings, (75 ceuts). Gianta, Gobling, etc., (\$1.00), either of which are for sale by the lock-to am dirth vells of the excited crows assembled, who were anxious to lynch him.

Births.

On Tue-day a daughter was born to the wife of Henry Andress.

On the 16th inst., to Mrs. Lee True-dell; of Canton, a daughter.

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RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts
Overdrafts, a-cur d and un-ecured 3,747 25
U. N. Bonds to secure circulation 12, 00 00 1
Due from approved reserve agents 2,846 24
Due from State Bank-and bankers 1: 64
Real estate, furniture and fixtures 4,298 86
Corrent expenses and taxes paid 749 :9
Premiums paid 1. 00 00
Checks and other cash items
Bills f other banks 2,18:00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and
couts
Specie 3.464 75
Legal tender notes 2,285 00
Redemption fund with U, S. Treasurer,
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Due from U. S. Tressurer, other than 5
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Total,
LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in
Surplus fund
Undivided profits 4,723 62
National Bank notes outstanding 11,250 00
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check. 43 609 19

Total. \$156.307 29

STATE OF MICHIGAN. S.

L. T. C. Sherward, President of the above usmed Bank; do soleinnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 1888.

CERRIES W. VALENTINE.

Notary Public, Wayne county, Mich.

Correct—Attest:

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S. J. SPRINGER, L. H. BENNETT, Directors. WILLIAM GEFE.

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	RESOURCES.		
	Loans and discounts \$	86,726	64
	Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	753	
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	U. S. Bonds on hand	35	
	Other stocks, bonds, and mortgages	7,475	
	I ue from approved reserve agents	15,716	
	Real Estate, furniture, and fixtures.	5.121	
	Current expenses and taxes paid	797	
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	Surplus fund	14,000	
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COUNTY OF WAYNE.

I, O. A. FRARER, cashier of the above named bink, do solchinly swear that the above statement is true to the beat of my knowledge and heller.

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Present, Edga: O. Durfee, Juige of Probate in the matter of the e-tate of LEROY FARWELL, decessed.

In the matter of the e-tate of LEROY FRIVELLY,
deceased.

An instrument in writing purporting to be the last
will and testain in of said deceases, having heen
delivered into this Court for probate; and Folly
Farwell; lawing filled therewith her peatition praying that administration with the will sun-gked of said
estate may be granted to Isafay the feariIt is ordered, that Wednesday, the second
day of Janury next, at ten o'clock in the foremon, at add probate office, be appointed for proving
said instrument and hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order
be published three successive weeks previous to said
day of hearing, in the PLYMOUPH MALL,
a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of
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A DMINISTRATOR'S SALE. - Notice is hereby given, that, pursuant to an order of the P. bate Court, of the county of Wayne; State of Michigan, granting unto the undersigned administrator of the estate of Ha nah J. Ash, deceased, license to sell the real extate whereof said deceased died selzed and posessed, diether purpose of paying the delts of said de cased, diether purpose of paying the delts of said de cased, diether purpose of paying the delts of said de cased, diether purpose of paying the delts of said de cased, diether purpose of paying the delts of said de cased, diether purpose of paying the delts of said de cased, and bear the far dubic and ion, to the highest bidder, on the tremlase lately occupied by said die cased and describ diss follows: Beginning at the conter of Ann Arbor and hear afreets; the ce southerly along the cut-to-of bear street; the ce southerly along the cut-to-of said there are to the center of Bowers street; thence westerly into of tro-by a land; there a westerly to the south cast country of land owned by J. M. Collier, then on mortherly along the casterly Jine of Oro-by a land; there a westerly to the south cast country of land owned by J. M. Collier, then on mortherly along the casterly Jine of J. M. Collier's land to the cuter of Ann Arbor street; then one on the city of the south cast country of warm, State of Machigan.

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PLYMOUTH,

The territory of Lakota is certain to come into the union, but whether it will be allowed to name the states into which it will be divided is doubtful. It is to be cut in two latitudinally, and the people desire to call the sections re-pectively North and South Dakota. But outsiders object to these titles, althouth North and South Carolina get along very well, and are distinguished for the genial relations existing between their two governors, and wish to call the south state Dakota and the other Lincoln. A lively fight is likely to occur over this point, the Dakotans claiming the right to name themselves and the people of the north half of the territory contend ng that the name Dako ta, when appled to wheat, has a market value which they would lose were it changed to Lincoln.

It would be we'l for the country if every city had 'Chief Hubbards' in the chairs. In response to the request of Chicago anarchists to make a public demenstration the return of Mrs. Parsons, Chief Hubbard said: "I shall refuse to grant a permit for any such demonstration. I Mrs. Parsons comes to this city and goes to her home in a quiet, unostentatious way like any ordinary citizen, she will not be molested by my officers; but if she or any of her friends think they can parade the streets of Chicago behind a brass band as they did in Lon ion, they will find themselves greatly mistaken. There has been enough of this foolishness in times past and anarchy will never be allowed to parade the streets of this city again as long as I am Chief of Police."

The recent death of Miss Mailda Rankin at Bloomington, Illinois, recails to mind the work of one of the most unselfish and devoted Christian missionaries e ersent out from this country. Rank n was one of the first miss onaries to invade Mexico, and she paved the way for the good work which has been done in later years. The greatest trial that cane to Miss Fankin was when age and infirmity compelled her to give up her missi nary work and wait for the me senger which has now calle I her home. She was a worthy example of the devotion of the women of this country to their less fortunate sisters in heathen lands, and as such will she bo remembered

A re-ently published volume of sermons by George Dawso . Fugland, has this good thing on children: Some re ple are very provoking to children they never let them alone. Little children have old ways. They like privacy and secrecy sometim s. You will see a child sometimes go to the corner and have something to say to the foll; and some foolish person will come and say. "What are you doing in the corner " Let the child alone. It is taking a lesson. It has got a professor an i whole college in the corner. Out of a stick an I some rubbish, thanks to the good Cod, the child is building Arabian nights of glory, palaces, beavens, kingdoms.

The "oaths bill," recently passed by the British parliament, is a recognition of the principle of religious liberty. It permits members upon first taking their seats to take a "modified" oath -one that does not compel assent to the doctrine of a personal God. This change is the outcome of the repeated effort of Mr. I'radlaugh to take the seat in the house of commons to which he has been twice elected, but from which he was kept out by his refusal to take the old, prescribed form of oath. This is a side light on the movement of the American retorm assoclation to have God re ogni ed in the constitution of the United States.

Closely on the heels of I'akota, Washington Territory presses her claims for admission into the union. With a population estimated by the forty-six thousand votes cast at the recen election at over two hundred and thirty thousand, the territory has a larger number of luha itants than 'eveda, Delaware or : hert. Island and crowds Florida and recon-Moreover, Washing on Territory Is second only to Dakota in growth and develop ment and bids fair soon to e ual eith. Oregon or California as an enterprising

There is evidently a strong feeling in Canada against annexation, despite the fact that there is a party in favor or it. The Toronto Globe thinks that the effec of an American attempt to b.ing about annexation either by force, or by retalia tion, or by nego lation, will be to create a much more general and intense anti-cannexation fe ling than has existe i in Canada for years. Certainly, if Canada wants to come into the United States, the overtu es must come from her.

Masculine-looking tailor made edstume-with double-breasted bodiess and man a collar and scarf, are still worn in London

A Gladsome Festival. Chas mas is the glad festival com-

memorating the time when In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born

ucross the sca, With a glot / in His bosom that trunsfigures you and me.

When the Man came to the world whose mission upon earth it was to drain the up of death to its last bitter dregs that all mankind might be saved through

By His sufferings and death He taught the God-like lesson of sacrifice of self, even to utter obliteration, that good may come to others.

The sublime example set in the sacred tragedy on Mount Calvary has, for more than 1800 years, filled the world with noble men and women who have cheerfully given life, and all that life had to offer, that their fellow-men and women might be made holier, feer The light of the glory of and happier. God which has shown from their lives and deeds has illumined the four corners of the earth during all these revolving centuries, and fostered the growth of every virtue that can adorn man or make life more gracious and beautiful: Divine truth, pure light and exalted love for one's fellow-men nave flowed in a radiant flood from the Cross set up on Calvary, to bless and benefit the world through all time.

It is this that we are to reflect upon and rejoice over during the "hallowed and gracious time," as Shakspere terms it, upon which we are now entering.

While remembering the divine sacrifice of the Man of Sorrows and the countless blessings which flowed from it and enveloped the world like the sunlight, let us remember also the selfsacrifice of those who, in humble imitation of Him, died to make men free, even ar He died to make men holy-let us remember those who gave all that men could give, not to gain benefit and blessings for themselves, but to gain them for us and for all who may come after

It is as little return as we can make for all the blood and suffering of

Four hundred thousand men.

The brave, the good, the true, Who died on battle-plain and prison-pen for me and you; Good friend, for nic and you.

To couple their names in affection with Him who taught them and all men

how to die for the eternal right. Nor should this stop with love and onor for the dead. Let us love, honor for the dead. honor and help-when help is necessary -the living, who fought and endured no less nobly than they who gave the last full measure of devotion on the battlefield.

We can most fittingly celebrate this Christmastide by works of charity to

our stricken comrades. We can best honor Him who died for all men by caring for those who have suffered for men's sake, and for the widows and orphans of those who died, even as He died. No comrade should let the Christmas pass without celebrating it by doing something, to help alleviate the troubles of some other comrade, or his widow and orphans. Let everyone see that some one who is bound to us by ties of common service for our country and humanity is made happier or more comfortable by his act. Christmas dinner will taste all the sweeter from the knowledge that Christmas has been made brighter to some veteran and his family by the gift of a bountiful dinner or some other comfort for his

We wish all our readers a merry Christmas, with a repetition of the injunction that the best way to make it merry is by an act of charity and frag ternity to some comrade.

Weighing Thoughts.

Starting from the idea that the hand varies sensibly in size with the amount blood present in it at any moment, Prof. Mosso, the Italian physiologist, has made some most interesting investigations. In his first experiments the hand was placed in a closed vessel of water, when the change in the circulation produced by the slightest action of the body or brain, the smallest thought or movement, was shown by a rise or fall in the liquid in the narrow neck of the vessel. With a large balance on which the horizontal human body may be poised, he has found that one thoughts may be literally weighed, and that even dreams, or the effect of a slight sound during slumber, turn the blood to the brain sufficiently to sink the balance of the head. The changing pulse told him when a professional friend was reading Italian and when Greek, the greater effort for the latter duly affecting the blood flow .- London Iron.

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Jeweler-Yes, sir; I will engrave anything you wish on this ring with out extra charge.
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From George to Alice.'

Jeweler-Hem! The lady is your

anybody.

sister, maybe.
Young man—The fact is, this is an

engagement ring.

Jeweler—Ah! My young friend, I have had considerable experience in engagement rings, and I would suggest that the inscription be simply "From George.' Then it will do for

Ciristmas-Old and New.

ldren and their elders, too. who frome to-day with merry cheer in the oldest and dearest of our holidays. will hardly care to remember that there was a time in the history of this country when Christmas festivity was frowned upon by church and state, and the little ones knew only the joy of longing. A pretty tradition, pure enough in pathos to be cherished for truth, tells us how the grim Puritanism of our stern forefathers yielded to the old custom's influence and made Christmus a glad season in the new world. A mother who thought herself a widow sat at the humble bedside of her sick boy. The child wistfully looked into the grief-drawn face as the mother, to cheer his final hours, told him tales of the happy sports among the English boys and girls who knew Christmas for its joys and gayeties. little face brightened as fancy pictured the gladsome scenes, and the active mind fashioned its wonder into questions that would not be answered by the rehearsal of the blue laws. Finally the mother resolved to risk

verything to give this boy an hour o. happiness such as she had described. Setretly she secured an evergreen tree and, bore it into the sick chamber where, carefully screening the win-dows that censorious eyes from with-out reight not note the breach of discipline, the pendant boughs were quickly hung with ornaments and bits of canale, and presently were aglow with lights to the vast delight of the sick box and his active brothers and When the jollity into which all entered was at its height there came a boisterous rap at the door, and the mother, peeping captiously out the window, was dismayed to see a crowd standing in the snow below. solved not to admit them, when a cheery voice called out hername, making her forget her fears because of her offense in joy at the return of the hus-Band mourned as lost. He had come back that night from the sea, and his friends of the colony had accompanied him in triumph to his home. and greetings and laughter and talk shut out the Christmas tree from notice or a time. But a stern visaged elder at last interrupted the good feeling by a solemn inquiry as to the meaning of the iniquitous invasion of community law.

The mother told her story, and when she had done there was none to rebuke but instead one of the fathers strode over to the tree and broke off a sprig, saying, "for old memories. Others had memories, too, and took their sprigs for remembrance, and one hard law fell into disfavor. This is the story of the first Christmas tree in New England; but it, would require many a volume to tell the story of thousands of trees and branches that bear gifts to the little ones and big ones this merry morning. Verily the old poet sang aright of the old England time when

"A Christmas gambol oft would cheer A poor man's heart through half the year."

A like spell dwells in the season today, though we have uncharitably abandoned some of the older customs that "opened wide the baron's hall to vassal, tenant, serf, and all," and put social distinctions and ordinary digni ties aside in the universal festival and gayety. But if we have lost apprecia-tion of such revelry as was formerly limited to Christmas time, we have a lively sense of the value to poor man and rich man and those of middle estate of care-free holidays. To make amends for the restrictions placed upor our modes of celebration we have mul tiplied the days in the year when

pleasure may run at large. &

The English observe Christmas, while the Scotch are jolliest at New Yesp's, but we make merry over both and reach out to touch with renewing grave old friendships, and wreath the smiles of memorial joys. From the Puritanic concessions of two hundred years ago has come the liberal expansion of genial sentiments and liberal ideas that give us so many days for cheerful surrender to natural impulse that they amount almost to a sore trial of domestic economy. We are in fully yield to there. Esons had the right of it when he plumped down upon his marrow bones to play at marwith a crew of urching. bow that is never relaxed fails of good service, he exclaimed. Holidays let us lunbend the bow of business all too tautly drawn in these mad days of a rush for wealth, and we also relax something of prejudice, of narrowness, and, who shall deny it, of unbelief. There are no laughing skeptics, no joyous afheists. Let men declare what theories they may, let them profess what cynicism they will. outbursting gladness from the tell-tale soul proclaims the sophist or the selfdeladed one.

The more times in a year a man can put off concern for the cares of the business day and enter into the spirit of merriment or gladness or respectfullness that attends the holiday, the better not only for him but for family and city and nation as well. If natura is a conservator of matter so is shethe priestess of sentiment. The hand that slips away into echo and ceases to be heard is no more lost than the star that falls. It will sometimes ring back upon the soul like old music weetered with memories.

Christmas Event the Whiteheads

"My love," said Mr. Simeon Whiteas he sat before the fire on Christmas Eve, this is a glad and joyful time; a time to draw fond hearts nearer to each other and make them throb in loving unison."

"Yes, Simmy," said his wife.
"And withal," he went on oracular

ly, wit is a rollicking, merry time, and just to carry out the spirit of the hour,

let's hang up our stockings."
O, what fun!" chirped Mrs. White-head. "though I haven't a thing for you, Simmy dear, so you mustn't be disappointed." with a delusive smile.

So with many childish gurgles of glee, they went off to bed arm in arm, leaving what looked like a long black sausage-bag syspended from the chimney-piece by the side of a short striped sock with a hole in the heel.

In the silent watches of the night, Mr. Simeon Whitehead sneaked guiltily down stairs with a sealskin sacque under his arm. He groped his way to the yawning black stocking, and there ensued a wild and ineffectual struggle to stuff in the sacque. but though he rolled it into its smallest possible com-pass and stretched the sausage-bag to the form of a peck measure, it was clearly a hopeless case, and wiping his prespiring face with a convenient portion of his attire, he hung the gar-ment on the chimney-piece and left it, hugging himself as he thought of the surprise it would create in the morning, for he whot not that the descendant of Eve who shared his joys, had opened his drawer with a false key and torn a hole in the paper wrapping with

Meantime Mrs. Whitehead awoke, and taking a tiny white box from under her pillow, slipped stealthily out of the room.

At the top of the stairs she came in violent collision with her husband coming up, and with womanly presence of mind she grasped his bushy beard and screamed, "Burglars! Mur-

Taken of his guard and his feet at the same time, Mr. Whitehead suddenly sat down, and his wife clinging to him desperately, they coasted together down the stairs, landing in a confused heap at the bottom.

A loose carpet-roll had played havoc with his abbreviated garment, and scraped the porous plaster and a considerable portion of epidermis from his

As he struggled to his feet with a of choice explctives, his wife, who had escaped without a scratch. recognized the familiar tones and

cried, O, Simmy, are you hurt? Hurt? No! Dangfest it, Dangfest it, no!" hopping wildly about in an agony of pain. its rare sport to be used as a toboggan by a fat old porpoise that weighs three hundred! Perhaps you will inform me, madam, where the humorous part of this performance comes in," for Mrs. Whitehead had turned up the gas, and now stood gig-gling hysterically at his capers. gline hysterically at his capers. Must you stand there like a dangfested aliot, because you've knocked you'l hisband down stairs and peeled his blasted back for him? Took me for a condemned burglar, did you? Well, if I ever burgle in this way again you may have the rest of my blame

·O. Simmy, dear, don't swear. You said Christmas was a joyful, loving

"I did, did I? Well, ain't we enjoying it? Ain tive out in full dress in honor of the occasion?" glaring wildly at his tattered, garments. sacrificed half a yard of cuticle to make this thing a howling success? to try another whirl? Perha Want Perhaps too slow for you. Maybe you'd like to rig me up with a set of wheels and air-brake for a dangfested roller-Anything to carry out these festivities in rattling style. conster joyour madam." he continued, kicking the sarque savagely about the room the condemned institution that has brought such ansoverflow of joy in o this family. There's the last blame Christmas present you'll ever get from me. There's the dangfested article." Here he kicked the table leg. He didn't injure the table leg Here he kicked the table spoiled the shape of his largest corn, and he limped groaning up-stairs. -- Simmy, dear." his wife called softly after him, "shall I come up and bathe your poor back with arnica? but a vicious slam of the door was the only reply, so she tried the effect of the scalskin sacque over her robe de nuit and said, as she paraded before the glass. of don't care, he can't take this back, any way, and if he won't have the diamond stud, I'll trade it for a bracelet .- Texas Siftings.

Told the Joke to His Wife. Tom- Dick, what word can be nade shorter by adding two letters?"

Dick.—'I give it up."

Tom.—'Why, 'short,' of course."

Dick.—'That's pretty good. I'll spring that on my wife as soon as I get home. I bet I'll catch her."

Dick (at home)—My dear, what

word can be made longer by adding two letters? Wife—"Why, any word. What a foolish question. Do you think I'm an imbedile? Hello, where are you go-

ing." Dick

- I'm going to hunt up the fellow that introduced that joke to me. There's something wrong somewhere.'

Making the Best of Things.

Anthony Butler is a poor man as the world counts poverty, for he has neither silver por gold laid up in store. But he has a happy family of children growing up about him and a loving wife, and he manages to keep a roof over their heads, and bread enough in their mouths to keep them from perishing.

Two weeks ago he thought of the approaching Christmas, and wished that he had money enough to give his little ones a Christmas festival, with gifts and dainties, such as he knew the other children about them would

enjoy.

He talked of the matter with his wife, saying, over and over again, .I have the will to make the children happy if I only had the means.

And she, wise woman that she was, said in reply, "Ah. Anthony, if the will is in our hearts to do this, it will surely be done: for where there is a real will for good. God always helps to provide a way.".

So the parents talked and devised, out for a time no light came upon the hristmas plan.

At length Anthony said: "Well, wife, can at least go to the forest, and bring a tree, and you can hang some cakes of your own baking upon it, and we will light it with some rush-lights. That will seem better than no Christmas to the children."
--Indeed it will." the loving mother

replied. cand while you are in the forest for our tree, could you not bring one for each of our poor neighbors, that the Christmas blessing may come

ulso to their homes?"
"Yes, my dear," said Arthony, "I can, and will do this. It will be a pleasure to me if I may add a little to he Christmas joy of the world.

So, on the Monday before Christmas Anthony harnessed his donkey to the little cart, and went away to the forest after the Christmas trees. His heart vas very light and happy, for he felt that he was doing some good for others, and that always makes happy the heart of the doer.

When he had loaded his eart with as much weight as the donkey could well draw he went back to the town to distribute the trees among his poor

Before he had reached the street where his giving was to begin, a wealthy woman saw his treasures, and sent her servant to stop the cart; while she herself came out and bought one of the trees, for which she cheerfully paid Anthony five dollars.

If a mine had opened at his feet the poor man could not have been more surprised and delighted.

Here was money enough to uring many Christmas blessings to his own poor home, which had come unexpectedly while he was trying to bless His heart was full of gladness.

walked as if he was on air the remainder of the way to his cottage and greeted his wife with these words as he held the money toward her in his open hand:

"See what the Lord has done for us," and then followed the whole of his good fortune, while joyful tears an down his cheeks.

Mary's eyes too were brimming with tears as she listened and she said

- Ah, Anthony, it is once more that son, that He will help those who are cheerfully trying to help themselves, and at the same time striving to make others about them happy.'

Honor the Dear Old Mother.

Time has scattered the snowy flakes on her brow, plowed deep furrows on her cheeks, but is she not sweet and beautiful now? The lips are thin and shrunken, but the squre lips which have kissed many a hot fear from the childsh cheek, and they are the sweetest ips in all the world.

The eye is dim, yet it glows with the apt radiance of a holy love, which can never fade.

Oh, yes, she is a dear old mother. The sands of time are nearly run out, out feeble as she is, they will go further, and reach down lower for you than any ther on earth.

You cannot walk into midnight where she cannot see you; you cannot enter a prison whose bars shall keep ner out; you can never mount a scaffold too high for her to reach, that she

may kiss and bless you. In evidence of her deathless love, when the world shall despise and forsake you; when it leaves you by the wayside to die unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you up in her feeble arms, carry you home and tell you of all your virtues, until you almost forget that your soul is disfigured by vices.

Love her tenderly, and cheer her de-clining years with holy devotion.

The Elder Harrison's Cabinet.

While there is so much speculation bout President-clect Harrison's cabinet, it is of interest to recall the names of his grandfather's official family. Here they are: Secretary of state, Daniel Webster, Massachusetts; secretary of treasury, Thomas Ewing Ohio; secretary of war, John Bell, Tennessecretary of war, John Bell, Tellings, see, secretary of navy, George E Badger, North Carolina; attorney general, John J. Crittenden, Kentucky; postmaster general, Francis Granger, New York.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

SALLIE SPOTSWOOD SAMPSON

Tis Christmas eve, and all the house ls steeped incozy, winter dreams
Bave me and yon adventurous mouse,
Down-creeping from the blackened beams
That darkly o'er my head outstretch
To grasp the walls on either side;
And through the roof I, rocking, catch
A glint of stars on midnight ride.

Above the mantel, from a peg, stocking hangs of tiny size Not shapely like my baby s leg.
But with mysterious sink and rise;
An apple almost bursts the toc.
Then forms of nuts and hearts I see—
And last, a doll's stiff, black feet show
Where there should be a soft, white knee.

Where there should be a sort, white knee.
Oh! how her trill of laughter'll burst
Like notes from throat of wood-bird wild!
How shine her eyes when they light first
Upon the dearest gift a child
Can e'er receive upon this earth!
For naught e'er so the heart uplifts
Or to such joy e'er giveth birth
As that which springs from Christmas

A thrill of sweet, pathetic pain
Fills all my bosom with the past,
Of days that ne'er can come again—
Bright days, too beautiful to last.
I, too, have had my Christmes eves,
Been rocked to sleep on mother's knee,
And memory a garland weaves
Of what those hours were to me. Not in a crude, frontier town. Reared on a prairie's bald, bare breast

Were my young days cast, neath the frown Of adverse fate, but seldom blest; One of Virginia's noblest seats— Rich-toned with age and cultured care, Where sunlight stole through shadowed Of jasmine, rose and lilies rare—[sweets Was my birthplace; where Christmas snows

Was my birthplace: where Christmas snow.
Lay on the bright magnolia leaf.
Plumed down the cedar's fragile boughs—
Red holly gast in wnite relief.
On Christmas eves we all sat round
The crackling, blazing, blokory fire,
Each one in deepest interest bound.
For father's tales would never tire.

He told of fairies, witches, gnomes,
Knight, chivalry and maids distressed,
And he who visits all the homes
On one night's ride from East to West—
The children's saint, great Santa Claus;
We'd glance at stockings lung apart,
And, eager eyed, devour the pause
Our father made with actor's art.

My mother in her easy chair,

With stately head and grucious smile;
Our father, with slight frosted hair,
Sits near and tells his tales the while.
I see my noble brothers, three,
My gentle sister, fair and tall;
And I, upon my father's knee,
Was then the baby pet of all.

That circle 'round that bright fireside-That circle-round that bright fireside—
Ch! God, where is it now, this night!
The broken links are scattered wide,
Each with a battle stern to fight.
The grand old home, in ruins cast,
Sped on by war's relentless touch,
Into a stranger's hands has passed
And is no longer valued much.

Our youngest boy alone is there.
In the we'l loved land he died to save;
No kindred hand trains flowers fair
Upon his unmarked soldier's grave.
The other two are far apart,
With homes and dear ones of their own;
My sister yields her childless heart
Her husband's undivided throne.

And I, the baby of the rest, Hold in my arms a baby fair— Out in the far wilds of the west, Her father's fate to take a share. And these dear ones, my parents old, Have followed me through life's fitful

ways—
Now wrapped in many a blanket's fold.
Dream Christmas dreams of by gone days God bless each bowed and silvered head! God bless each bowed and silvered head!
God grunt them years of joy to vome!
When vanquished poverty will have fied
And we have made a better home!
Sleep on, my babe—I, too, have slept
Upon a mother's faithful brenst:
I, too, my Christmas eves have kept,
In fondest love enwrapped and blest.

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KATHERINE ELINOR MABLEY.

"Oh! the little more, and how much it is, And the little less, and what worlds away. How a sound shall quicken content to bliss, Or a breath suspend the heart's best play; And life is a proof of this."

Mrs. Keith had dressed early so Marie, her maid, might gotoa "Christmas tree." As she swept into the library, in a magnificent ball-toilet, she wondered what there was that her friends could give her that she did not already possess—for wealth had heaped luxury about her and friends she numbered by the score. On the dressing case that very evening she had found a necklet of gleaming opals, accompanied by a tender little note from her husband,

The husband, who, ambitious politician though he was, would yet steal

ly wife.

Opals were her favorite gems, but as she held them where they caught the glow from the coals she almost hated them, for in her hands they seemed like living things.

Re-clasping them about her throat she turned on every jet of the crystal chandelier and standing beneath blaze she intently studied the haughtily beautiful woman in the opposite mirror.

"You are rich." "Yes." smiled the reflection.

"You are handsome."

"Yes."

"Clever." "Yes."

"Even brilliant."

"At-at times, yes."

"But you are not young." "No.

"Nor old?"

"N-0."

"Your husband loves you." 'Yes, oh, yes."
"You should be a happy woman."

"Yes. "A very happy woman."

"Yes.

"You are happy."

"Perfectly happy." For a moment the two, the real and

unreal, stared steadily, rigidly at each other. Then the woman in the glass laughed a mocking laugh, turned white, threw herself down upon the lounge and buried her face in the cushions, while the woman she could no longer deceive, sobbed as if her heart would break; for the tears she shed were heart-tears, and such tears number the pages in the calendar of

. At last she knew that 'the greatest of all good gifts had been denied her, and that a child's head would never rest upon her breast.



THE TWO WOMEN.

Year after year she had hoped, had even prayed, that on the next Christmus Eve a baby's stocking might hang beside the fireplace.

"The carriage h'awaits," and Brown came very near adding "My Lady," for he had just finished a real "Henglish story." Receiving no reply he glish story," Receiving no reply ho repeated "the carriage h'awaits." "Very well. Brown."

And Mrs. Keith assumed the painful social mask again, and languidly adjusted the velvet wrap.

"Turn down the gas."

"Certainly, certainly, ma'am," answered the pompous Brown wondering ecstatic demonstration, such as youthwhat his mistress was looking at, then ful lovers are privileged to indulge in his curious little eyes following hers rested upon the gorgeous mass of Chrysanthemums, just inside of the conservatory.

"How beautiful, how beautiful!" "Yes ma'am, Jones he be h'extra proud h'of e's Christmas posies.

But Mrs. Keith was ruthlessly breaking off great sprays of the bloomthat she looked the very genius of the Christmas-tide. Swiftly she passed through the warm, brilliant hall out into the crisp starry gight.
"Drive to St. Lukes Hospital,"

was the astonishing order, as she stepped into the carriage.

.. Where be that, please ma'am?" "I don't know, but I think it is down

near the docks somewhere." "Sure an' I'll be a findin' it then." remarked the coachman, who began

to feel Christmasy himself. Off the avenue, on to the streets of humble homes, through whose win-

dows, now and then, could be seen trees, festooned with popcorn and ablaze with tiny candles. surrounded by happy children. The sidewalks resounded to the tread of men and women with promising looking packages in their arms. Finally with: great flourish the pranc-

ing horses came to a standstill before the entrance of "St. Luke's," and the next moment Mrs. Keith was humbly asking to be allowed to give '"just a few of these bright flowers" to the in- | be!

Down the long wards she passed, leaving a knot of chrysanthemums. kindly words and pleasure with the occupant of each narrow bed.



TAKE MY BABY.

"What will become of my little one?" was the cry of a dying woman. God! send somebody-send somebody, for Christ's sake!"

"If you will trust me, your little one shall be my little one.

Then the glazing eyes of Death looked into the pitying, living eyes.

"My baby, my baby; quick! quick!"
She murmured. And when the sleeping child-sweet-faced and yellowhaired-was brought from a distant ward the mother kissed it, once twice again and again, but at last faintly whispered,

"I-do-trust-you take my-"
Laying the last of the chrysanthemums on the heart of the sleeper-

great snowy bunch-Mrs. Keith took the child in her arms. And as she stepped into the carriage

again she imagined she, too, saw a bright star in the east.

"Sure, an' it's a merry Christman we'll be a-kapin'," chuckled the coach-

THE COUNTRY DANCE.

ho comes here with patch on cheek. Who comes here with patch on cheek, Looking so denure and meek, Moving slowly, shy of glauce, Through the quaint old country dance! Who's this, with an sir of grace, As they move in measured pace. Meets her, greets her, bowing low! 'Tis her rich and lordly-beau! Whe, here, looks across the room, 'Heart of doubt and brow of gloom? Ah, the song has oft been sung: 'Tis her sultor, poor and young! But he meets her roving eyes, Sees the blushes aweet that rise; Ah, what matters what may be.

They are lovers, he and she!

But the nance is over now, Sweeping curtesy, courtly bow; Beats one true heart 'mid the press; Is it no or is it yes! Once, just once, their glances meet— Ah, it is the signal sweet; Where's the one white rose she word! Lying there upon the floor!
Hark the clock is striking four;
Who's this at the postern door;
Closked and hooded in alarm, Clinging to her lover's arm?
Fare thes well, O lordly beau—
They'll be wed long ere you know.
Love that has the will, folk say, Soon or late will make the way!

-(hambers' Journal.

A Lesson to Lovers.

"From all that I have read and heard," said young Dr. Newberry gravely. "the great bane of the happiness of lovers, whether engaged or married, is lack of perfect frankness and contidence between them. Should anything arise to excite doubt or jealousy in either party, an explanation should be at once sought and given, and thus frequently much trouble and unhappiness be avoided."

'I perfectly agree with you," re plied Josie Chase, looking up brightly.

"And so there will never be any danger of our misunderstanding each other, will there!"

"I hope not, darling," he replied. And then there was some little when alone.

They had been but three days engaged, and had known each other not quite three months-only since the young doctor had come to Woodleigh to commence practice.

it had not been without a struggle that ing beaties, red, yellow, purple and the young doctor had won her in face white, until her arms were so laden of richer and, as some people considerable blocked the very genius of the

Josie was the belle of the town, and

She was very pretty and clever, and full of warm-hearted and generous impulses, and also, if the doctor's landlady was to be credited, somewhat fond of having her own way.

"Soming she's an only child," said Mrs. Larrimer, who had five grown daughters of her own, "she's well nigh spoiled to death. Her ma lets her bave her own way, and though her pa sometimes worries about her odd do-ings, she generally manages to bring him round in the end.
"She's such a flirt!" exclaimed Miss

Blossom Larrimer, who, though the eldest of the cluster of five sisters, still ianguished ungathered upon the parent stem. 'Why, I couldn't tell the men she has led on to propose, and then discarded. It's dreadfully heart-less and cruel!" are added with a sympathetic sigh.

"Oh, you had better leave the Doctor to find out all that for himself!" giggled Miss Gay, the youngest of the five. "Only, Doctor, you mustn't blame us for letting you be caught in a man-trap. We've warned you. He, lin!"

'The last one," said Mrs. Larrimer, "The last one," said Mrs. Larrimer, nolemnly, "was that wild young fellow, Jack Ripley, whom they turned out of Rattlepan college for white washing the president's horse and other lawless doings. He used to visit Miss Josephine while he was here at the college, about two years ago, and just before you came to Woodleigh he was back again and the two were thicker than ever. Some folks thought it would be a match, but it seems pa interfered and sent him off. say she changes mighty easy from one to another. I'd be sorry to have one of my girls act like that!"

accounts at first set the Docto be frightened from his wooing, and in his happiness as an accepted lover he forgot all the warnings and croak ings of the Larrimer family.

He knew that his Josie was a little coquettish—a little vain it might be as what pretty woman is not? But that she was either heartless or fickle he would not believe.

And it was not until farther confi-dential revelations from the indefatigsole Mrs. Larrimer that an uneasy feeling of doubt and perplexity began to take possession of his mind. "Abem!" said the lady, as she hand-

ed him a second cup of tea, when one evening he had come rather late from a professional call. 'So Jack Ripley is back again in Woodleigh. What do you think of him, Dr. Newberry?'

"I have not had the pleasure of meet ng him.

"No? Dear me! that seems strange when when you are both so much at the Chases'. Ho was there yesterday, and again this morning and this even ing. As they live nearly opposite us, some of us couldn't help seeing him go in and out. But of course you've heard Miss Jose mention him?"

No; the Doctor had not heard any one mention Jack Ripley. And he thought it rather strange that if that gentleman had really come again a-wooing Miss Josephine Chase, she wooing Miss Josephine Chase, she turning he belief

visits-she was his affianced wife.

As usual, when he was not profes sionally engaged, he went after tea to see Josie. It was a warm moonlight summer night; the parlor was unoccu-pied and close, the Doctor, while wait-ing for his betrothed, took his seat at ns side window—a window which opened upon the pretty garden, and through which came a soft, refreshing breeze, laden with the perfume of roses.

In fact, just beneath this window was what Josie called her rose arbor—a trellis covered with a running

-a trell's covered with a running rose bush where only last night he had sat with her in the moonlight and talked over their plans of future hap-

He had noticed at the time that she appeared a little absent and disinclined to talk. Could it have been on account of this visit of Mr. Jack Ripley? now, as the thought occurred, he became aware of low voices in the arbor. Before he could rise and move away these words in Josie's voice, slightly raised, came distinutly to his ear:

"I tell you Jack, no one suspects us. But you come too often to the house. You must keep away, and this must positively be your last visit before—" Her voice sank and the rest was in-

audible. But a reply came in a man's tones-low and tender and pleading.

'You are sure that you will not fail

may trust implicitly to your promise?"

Then more murmurings; only broken sentences came to the ear of the un-

consciously spell-pound listener. "What would the Doctor say if he knew this?"

Way, I think he would not exactly approve." came in Josie's laughing roice; "but so long as I am unmarried I have a right to consult my own in-clination. As to papa, he will be angry with us, of course, but only for a time. You will yet see him with his benevolent face glowing with a smile of satisfaction, while he spreads out his dear pudgy hands, and says: 'Bless you my children!' you my children!

And they both laughed:
Just then a servant's voice was

heard:
. "Miss Josie! You're wanted in the

parlor, miss." There was a sudden rustling of the

roses as the girl sprang up.
Remember, Jack, to-morrow evening at 8 precisely. Can you see the dress I have on—brown over a striped underskirf? Well, it will be this dress and a thick brown veil. And you must be standing execute by that popular tree. be standing exactly by that poplar tree I showed you. Goodby! You had better leave by the garden gate instead of going into the house."

Then the doctor regained sufficient presence of mind to move away and seat himself as far as possible from the

open window.
Josie came in flushed, excited, and despite her evident effort to appear as

usual, shy and constrained. The doctor did not remain long. H felt too shocked and wounded to know exactly what course to pursue in this sudden and unexpected state of things.

He would go home and think it over. And the result of his thinking was, that he concluded to say nothing to Jose-phine just now, but to watch her move-ments the next evening and find some-thing more definite by which to shape his course.

It was a little past 7 o'clock the next evening when, watching from his office window he saw Josephine trip lightly down the steps of her father's house, attired in the brown and striped dress and a little hat, around which was tied a brown weil.

He saw her face before she pulled the folds of the veil close, and eyan caught her glance as she looked shyly over ward his office, as if fearful of being seen by him. Then she walked on very fast, while he followed at a safe distance.

She went first to a house in which he knew a sister of her father resided —Miss Almeria Chase—a well-to-do

maiden lady whose prim and severe aspect he had never liked.

Here she remained about half an hour, then reappeared, walking hurriedly as lafore, and taking her way not homeward, but toward the suburbs of the town.

Entering a sort of lane or narrow road with a thick hedge on one side, she came in sight of a poplar tree at the turn of the lane. Here a man was tor to thinking a little; but he was not standing—a tall, handsome young felto be frightened from his wooing, and low—who, on seeing her, came hastily forward and received her apparently half fainting, in his arms.

At the same moment he made a signal, and a carriage, until now hidden by the turn of the lane, came up. The two hurriedly entered it and they drove away at a capid pace. They were clearly going to catch the north-bound train at the nearest station.

The doctor, although he now under-

stood the plau, made no motion to at-

tempt to oppose it.

If she prefers him to me, let her go," he sind, and in forlorn wretchedness and bitterness of soul, returned to his office.
The Chase house opposite was shut

and the windows closed, as though Dd the parents know as yet what had happened? Should be break it to them—more gently, perhaps, than others would do, and in their woe find

some soothing for his own? He walked slowly up the front steps to the porch, and there lingered. could not find it in his heart to enter the house where her presence was no longer, and it was with an effort that he gave the bell knob a pull which seemel like the wrenchings of his own

heart-strings.
The door was instantly opened, and turning he beheld Josie standing

"I have been expecting you for more than so hour," she said. "But," catching sight of his pale and startled face. "what is the matter? Are you ill?"

"No; but I-I don't understand. did not expect to see you. I thought you had gone away."

Gone away?' "Yes-with Jack Ripley," he said

sternly.

And Josie, to his surprise, broke into

4 laugh. Then, changing, she became very

grave and dignified.
"How could you have had such a thought of me, Charlie?"

"Josic, was it you whom I saw leave the house about 7 o'clock this evening wearing a brown dress and veit?"
"Yes, certainly!"

"And you met gentleman in the

poplar lane...'
"No, no!" she interrupted, again laughing. "That was my cousin, May Harding—Aunt Almeria's niece. We are of the same size and exchanged dresses in order to deceive aunt's watchful eyes. But come in watchful eyes. But come in and let me tell you all about it. I could not before, being bound to secrecy." And then she told him how Jack

and May had for years loved each other, and been kept apart by Miss Chase, who had taken charge of May when a child, and been to her a sort of domestic tyrant.

Whenever Jack was in town Miss Chase kept a double watch upon the poor girl, and it was only by the scheme which had been so successful that May was enabled to elude her argus eye and get safely away with her lover.

Papa had always been in favor of the match, but for peace's sake did not like to interfere with his sister

Almeria. "He will scold a little when he finds "He will scold a little when he finds out my part in it," Josie said, "but will be delighted, all the same, that May is happy at last. No one could ever say a word against Jack except that he was a little wild and mischievous at college; but he has sepered now, and just settled down to the practice of law. And as to whether Dr. Newberry will blame me—"

She paused, and looked up half archly, half inchiringly into his face.

archly, half inquiringly into his face.
"No, darling-not now," he answered; 'although you have caused me the most miserable hours of my life.' 'Charlie,' she said softly, as she al-

lowed him to draw her gently toward him, 'if you had practiced your own theory and sought an explanation of what appeared to you so suspicious. you would have been spared those m'serable hours.

"Yes, darling, it was my fault. But this may serve us both for a lession to begin with."—Philadelphia Saturday

Nuckeljay on Tights.

"Papa, dear," said Miss Arabella Nuckeljay, "I presume your dear old hand is so full of business affairs that you never give a thought to such a trivial subject as women's fashions?"

"No, indeed, it isn't," replied Mr. Nuckeljay, 'I haven't lost all my appreciatein for art, even if I have been in the tread-mill of commerce for so many years, and I think a really well dressed woman is a true work of art. When I was young I seriously contemplated adopting some artistic profession for my life work. Now. speaking of women's fashions. devoutly wish that women would again adopt the artistic Old Greek draperies and quit littering themselves up with bustles and pull-backs and furbelows till they look like Zulu savages at a war dance. Sometimes I almost wish my mother had not been a when I see one of them jigwoman. gering along the street with a hump on her pack like a camel's and her hair banged till it looks like a falo's mane. I'm going to vote for Cleveland simply because his wife had sense enough to discard the barbarious bustle.

Miss Arabella, said: "I have been reading of s new fashion that is just reading of s new Institute that is just on the eve of boing adopted by the leading women, and I think it is one of the most sensible fashions I ever heard of; it is wearing tights. They say one feels just too lovely for any use when one has on tights. If you will be bind anough to give me \$15 I will be kind enough to give me \$15 I will buy a delictous pair of blue ones that will be just as cute as a little bug's car. They say they seem to lift one right off the floor and make one feel just to sweet too live."

While she was speaking the old man was getting red in the face, and he blurted out:

"Well, you are "too sweet to live,"
I must say. You are too big a saphead to run around loose. You wear head to run around loose. Tou wear tights indeed! Maybe you had better get black ones and a Nadjy skirt and go doodling around here trying to be a ballet. Maybe you had better join a circus and learn to walk a rope. If I were you I wouldn't even hamper myself with tights; I'd just trollop around clad only in an entrancing smile, like one of Eugene Sue's heroims when he gets ready to die in her lewe's one of Eugene Sues heroines when she gets ready to die in her lever's arms. I'd go into partnership with Dr. Mary Walter and Belva Lock-wood and make a howling ass of myself. If I were your mother Fwould lift you clear off the floor, and I would do it with a slipper. Now you skip around here and lift some of the dust off the furniture and help your moting reform the supper dishe and he picked up the evening paper and began reading an article entitled "the high-necked dress is a relic of barbarism."—V. Z. Reed, in Texas Siftings.

Bring Out Your Dead.

During a lecture in New York City for the benefit of the Jacksonville sufforers, which netted a very handsome om, George Francis Train related the following concerning the yellow fever ephiemie in New Orleans tifty-five

"It was dreadful," he said "No comes there nor any hearse, or funeral or mourning. Only a cart and a boy that stopped before the house and call-

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d-s-df sister Josephine. I remember how they loseed the box over among a lot of others My father and mother and of others My father and mother and
I went after it is a carryall. I remember the rain and the water splashing
about the wheels in the cemetery.
Again in two days came that er.:

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"la was my little sister Ruby, then, How deferent from at Jacksonville. How deforent from at Jacksonville, where they do it up in style, with fine softine, and money and help pouring in from all over the world. Yet again we went to the graveyard and there was left only my little sister Ellen, a weak, delicate little thing, gentle and mild, the fairest flower that ever office. Most of the correspondence is bloomed. She had always been my special playmate. A little fellow four years old can't remember much, but her face has been with me all through years old can't remember more, better face has been with me all through my life and I shall never forget it, nor how one day there came again that

Bring out-bring out-your-

d-e-a-d2."
"I slung to the box. I remember, and struggled against the r taking it away. After that went the servanta I remember, and the doctor, and then the nurse, and at last they showed me my mothe sick, and in a few days she, too, had gone. Then here came a letter from my aunt far away in New England, and it begged them to send one—little George at any rate, before all were dead. So my father took me to the ship Waverly, and I remember how we walked from one ship to another to get walked from one ship to another to get en it. He tied a card about my neck and on it wrote:

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only child. Consigned to John Clark,
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Tremember that I floated out into

the warm, pleasant gulf, and along and along day after day, floating in the sunshine, floating north, floating at last into the beautiful harbor of Bos-ton. And I seem to have been floating over since."

Superstitions About Insects.

The Koran save all flies shall perish mave onu-the bee fly.

It is regarded as a death warning in Germany to hear the cricket's cry.

The Tapnya Indians in South Amerion say the devil assumes the form of a

Rain is, in some parts of our own country, expected to follow unusually load chirpping of crickets.

Flee are sometimes regarded furnishing prognostications of the weather, and even of other events.

Spaniaria, in the sixteenth century, believed that spiders indicated gold, when they were found in abundance.

Although a sacred insect among the Egyptians, the beetle receives but little notice in folk lore. It is unlucky in England to kill one.

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A Welsh tradition says bees came the Paradiae, leaving the garden when man fell, but with God's blessing, so that wax is necessary in the celebration of the mass.

The ancients generally maintained that there was a close connections between bees and the soul. Porphyry ments called bees."

It is said that upon the backs of the seven-year locust there sometimes apear marks like a letter of the alphathought war is eminent.

German tribes regarded stag beatles as diabolic, and all beetles are detested in Ireland, more especially a bronze variety known as a "gooldie." It is also believed that to see a beetle will bring on a reinstorm the next day.

There are said to be no spiders in trainet, nor will apiders spin their web in an Irish oak nor on a ceder roof. A spider is said to have saved Mohammed scruss a cave where he sought reinge. The same is said of David in the caye

lis Enbititute.

Jepana - "So Jimson has reformed?" Jobson-"Ent rel ."

"I heard he was inclined to dissipaion. What was his particular vice? Binking dies.

"And one full of facination.".

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