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WHOLE NO. 538

For Holiday Presents go to

A. A. TAFFT.

My line of stamped goods consists of table scarfs, center-pieces and spreads, lunch cloths, napkins, fancy towels and other articles too numerous to mention.

I have just received, in addition to my other stock, a fine lot of silverware novelties, such as ink wells, calendars, thermometers, children's sets, mirrors, jewel cases and many other articles too numerous to mention.

In handkerchiefs I can not be outdone from 3 cents to \$1.00

In neck scarfs I have a choice lot.

Gents' ties, hats, caps, gloves, mittens and fine shirts; chemise, spreads and a great many other articles.

Watch my windows for displays.

A. A. TAFFT, Plymouth.

\$18 * \$18
You can buy a Range with Reservoir, high shelf, nickel towel rod, etc., for \$18 of

M. CONNER & SON.

PLYMOUTH, MICH.

Agents for Garland Stoves and Ranges.

A Big Blaze!

Can be had with a wood fire, but when you want a good even heat in your room, try

NO. 1. ANTHRACITE COAL.

\$5.50 Per Ton.

Free from clinkers and is one grade finer than Chestnut coal. For small stoves it is unequalled.

"Old Lee" Coal Leads

At \$6.25 per ton delivered, while Minglewood Massillon Domestic Lump is the leader in soft coal.

L. C. HOUGH & SON, Plymouth.
Telephone No. 1, both lines.

Hotel Plymouth

PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN.

First-class Accommodations.

A Happy New Year.

MENU

Pure French Broth

Roast Broiled a la maitre de hotel

Celery Olives Pickles Lettuce

Wine Sauce

Beef with Spinach

Roast Turkey, cranberry sauce

Hot Burgundy sauce

Ribs of Beef, horse radish

Roast Beef with French mushrooms

Roast Rabbit, butter sauce

Mashed Potatoes

Sugar Corn

Roast Tomatoes

Green Peas

Leona Pie

Mince Pie

Hot Lemon

Assorted Cakes

Hot News

Candies

Coffee

STRENG, P.

PREIGHT TRANSFER!

THE F. & M. RAILWAY HAVE

REMOVED IT HERE.

THE TRANSFER TO ALL POINTS NOW

MADE HERE.

The Work Commenced Tuesday and Will Average About Sixty Cars a Day.

ON MONDAY evening last F. & M. Agent R. M. Johnson received notice from the officials of the road that hereafter Plymouth would be made the transfer point for freight.

This railway company runs a car ferry to Milwaukee, and Saginaw has been the distributing point, but owing to better facilities here for the work they have concluded to remove it to this place. This change will necessitate the employment of a number of men the year 'round, and will undoubtedly necessitate the erection of some new buildings for the work. Agent Johnson received instructions to hire a number of men to commence work at once and succeeded in getting fifteen, for which they will receive fifteen cents an hour.

There will be three new side tracks put in at once to accommodate the increased work. The company expects to transfer about sixty car loads a day here. To commence the work and to prove that they meant business ten freight trains were sent in Tuesday evening.

Another Business Change.

ABOUT TWO years ago Lyndon & Co. purchased the fixtures and stock of groceries on Sutton-st. of Bogert & Co., and since which time they have been disposing their goods for the good of the public. The first of the week Fred Bogert again purchased the stock and fixtures, and after Monday next, when he takes possession, will be seen behind the counter as of yore. Mr. Bogert expects to extend the business by branching out into other lines. Mr. Lyndon expects to remain in town until spring.

It Is Said.

That the man who wants the earth invariably gets it—when he dies.

That the more a man has the more he wants unless it happens to be twins.

That most people are willing to die for their country—of old age.

That man is made of dust and along comes the watering cart of fate and his name is mud.

That the less hair a woman has the longer it takes her to do it up.

That the most curious thing in the world is the woman who is not curious.

That women kiss each other merely to keep in practice. They don't mean it.

That Eve originated the serpentine dance when she walked out of the garden of Eden.

That jealousy is the key that opens many wed-locks.

That it always takes two to make a quarrel. Where there's a will there's generally a way.

Household Hints.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who presided over the welfare and prosperity of the family. The household god of today is the "New Discovery" for colds, coughs, croup, colds and for all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs.

It has been tried for a number of centuries and is guaranteed to cure or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is sold in bottles and a small deal price, 25c per bottle and young. Free trial bottles at F. E. Galt's Drug Store. Regular size, 50c and \$1.00.

Notice.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on the deposit of one of Dr. King's New Life Pills. If it fails to cure you, we will refund the money, or if you are dissatisfied, we will refund the money. This is a guarantee that we will stand by our word. We are not in the business of making money, but of curing people. We are not in the business of making money, but of curing people. We are not in the business of making money, but of curing people.

AT REST!

AFTER MANY WEEKS OF PATIENT SUFFERING

Mrs. W. H. Hoyt Passes Peacefully Away on Monday Evening Last.

ALTHOUGH WE may be hourly expecting death, yet when it enters the portals of our home it is with a terrible shock. Such is the case with our esteemed neighbor, Mrs. W. H. Hoyt, who passed quietly and peacefully into that great unknown at 11:30 o'clock Monday evening after many weeks of suffering patiently borne. Everything that human hands could do was done to soothe the pain and the best medical skill obtainable was procured, but without avail, that ever fatal disease, consumption, had her in its relentless grasp until death released her.

Deceased was an exemplary wife and mother, and was beloved by all who knew her. She had for several years been an active member of the Presbyterian church, and was an honored member of the Eastern Star.

Deceased was born in Waterloo, N. Y., and came to Michigan with her parents in early childhood, settling near Ann Arbor. In the spring of 1870 she was united in marriage with W. H. Hoyt and they settled in Plymouth, where she had since resided. To them were born two children, one of whom died in infancy, and Clay, who with his father and a large circle of friends, are left to mourn her demise.

The funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Presbyterian church and the remains placed in the vault.

DELLAH POOLE

Died at Her Home in Plymouth Tuesday Evening, at the Age of Seventy-two.

AFTER SEVERAL weeks' illness, Mrs. Dellah Poole, wife of our townman, Byron Poole, passed from this life at the advanced age of seventy-two years. Funeral services were held at her late home in lower village Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment in Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Poole was born in New York state, and was married to Mr. Poole fifty years ago. They were blessed with three children—Frank Poole, who died some years ago; Mrs. Marion Berdan, of Detroit, and Mrs. F. F. Bennett, of Plymouth.

Mrs. Poole had a large number of friends in Plymouth and vicinity who will mourn the separation.

A Former Plymouth Man.

GEORGE MADDEN, formerly of the firm of Madden Bros., the grocer at Main-st. and Bradford avenue, died at the state hospital, Middletown, Sunday, where he had been undergoing treatment for the past two months. The remains will be brought to Flushing by Undertaker John F. Dunn, and the funeral, which will be private, will take place tomorrow.

Deceased was in his forty-eighth year and unmarried. He was a well known and respected citizen, and his relatives have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.—Flushing (L. L.) Evening Journal, Dec. 20.

Mr. Madden was a resident of Plymouth about twenty-five years ago, and will be remembered by many of the older inhabitants. He was a thorough business man and highly respected.

Notice.

On and after the first day of January 1898 the Plymouth Savings Bank and the First National Exchange Bank of Plymouth, Michigan, will reduce the rate of interest on certificates and saving deposits to three per cent.

R. K. BELLET, Cashier.
O. A. FRANK, Cashier.

FREE PILLS.

Send your address to H. E. Scott & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merit. These pills are in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from any deleterious ingredients and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken the system, but by giving tone to the system and purifying the blood, they are

Wanted!

Hubbard Squash, Cabbage, Onions.

Potatoes * Potatoes * Potatoes

Highest Market Price

paid for

BEST SELECTED STOCK,

At all times

Geo. W. Hunter & Co.

GALE'S

Great Reduction Sale

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY.

TOYS GAMES BOOKS

And All Christmas Goods Cheap.

If you want anything in the Drug line,

GO TO GALE'S

We have a Large Stock of Fresh Drugs At Cheap Prices.

J. L. C.

THE USURERS DAUGHTER.

BY CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION.

CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)

Arley Ransome had decided upon telling his daughter of the future that awaited her. He was not quite sure of her. He had studied law in all its branches, money making in all its forms, but he had not studied character—his daughter was almost a stranger to him. She had been educated abroad. Her mother died soon after her birth, and he, devoted to business, had not cared to have a child to distract his attention. He lived then at his chambers. But when Hildred was seventeen he went over to Germany to see her, and was charmed with her. He found her highly educated, brilliantly accomplished and intelligent, and in his opinion, she gave great promise of a beautiful womanhood.

He decided at once on taking a house in the outskirts of London and installing his daughter as mistress there. It was done at once, and then Mr. Ransome began to put his scheme into action. He knew that the young earl had come to the end of his resources. It would all be plain sailing for him now.

But there was one person he had not taken into account, and that was his daughter. He had never dreamed of anything except blind submission. Now he began to ask himself, "Will she object?" She had plenty of character, plenty of spirit, life, activity, energy. Would she submit to his barter and exchange? Would she blush and smile after the fashion of girls who are delighted? Would she be pleased to be a countess, or would she draw herself up in disdain, and tell him she was to be neither bought nor sold? He was doubtful as to which it would be, and he therefore approached the subject with some little hesitation.

That same evening—for it was a rule of Arley Ransome's to do quickly what required doing at all—he took her. He remembered it long years afterward—as did she.

Hildred had gone through the grounds down to the banks of the river, she sat there watching the color of the water change as the twilight deepened. A tall beech tree with superb spreading branches grew near; the grass was studded with white and golden flowers. Arley Ransome found her, the daughter on whom he had built all his hopes of fame and fortune, her dark eyes fixed on the tranquil stream, her white hands lying listlessly on her knees.

"Hildred," said Arley Ransome, "I have something very particular to say to you. I will sit down by your side. How gloriously beautiful the river looks tonight."

CHAPTER IV.

HILDRED RANSOME loved her father—he was the only relative she had except a cousin whom she had never seen—but it was not with the ordinary love of a girl for her father. She had not quite made up her mind about him. She watched him with keen interest, and the sharp-witted, keen, shrewd lawyer, who could frighten a witness into saying anything he wished him to say, shrank before the dark eyes of his daughter.

She looked up at him now with some little curiosity. What had he to say to her? How was it that the clear gaze of those dark eyes troubled him so greatly?

"Something to say to me?" she repeated, dreamily. "You could not have chosen a better time for saying it, papa. I never care to talk on nights like these; I can only listen."

"The brightest hope of my life has been accomplished to-day, Hildred," he began; "that which I have longed for has been given to me. I have been pleased, proud and happy."

He saw that her interest was awakened, that her eyes brightened. She looked earnestly at him.

"Pleased, proud and happy? That seems a great deal, papa."

"It means a great deal, Hildred. To-day the Earl of Caraven has asked permission to make you his wife."

He had stretched the point; but of what service would it have been to have studied law if he had to keep to facts? If he had expected any demonstration of delight he was disappointed. She made none. She did not blush, or look pleased or displeased. The calmness of her face was unbroken.

"The Earl of Caraven. That is the gentleman I saw to-day, papa?"

"Yes, that was Lord Caraven, and he wishes to make you his wife."

"But how can he, papa? He has seen me only once. Why should he wish to marry me?"

"That I cannot say, Hildred," he answered; "I am better versed in law than in love; I can only repeat what I have told you. The earl wishes you to be his wife."

The dark, eloquent eyes traveled slowly from his face to the river, and then back to the shrewd, sagacious countenance.

"And this is the dream of your life, that I marry him?"

"You marry some one who has

title and position to give you," he replied. "Yes, I have built my hopes on it; that is my way to greatness, my ambition realized."

"I like him very well," she replied, with an air of calm musing; "he is very handsome. But I know little about him."

"Like him!" repeated Mr. Ransome. "That is a cold word. I can tell you, Hildred, that some of the loveliest women in London would be flattered at receiving attention from him."

"Then why does he not marry one of those lovely women?" she asked, quietly.

"Because he has asked to marry you, Hildred."

She thought for a few moments in silence, and then she said:

"I should be a countess, I suppose, papa. One of the girls from St. Roche, our school, became a countess—every one envied her; but her marriage was not a very happy one."

"All marriages would be happy if women expected only a little less than they do, and were rational," he said, hastily.

She knitted her fair, white brow, while she thought deeply, silently.

"The Earl of Caraven wants to marry me, papa—did he say that he loved me?"

"Gentlemen seldom speak to lawyers about love," he replied, impatiently. "This is not a mere sentimental, nonsensical love affair; it is of far greater importance. Give it your serious attention, Hildred; put aside all the nonsense."

Again the dark eyes wandered from the rippling river to the blue sky, to the green trees, the soft, dewy grass, the sleeping flowers—wandered uneasily, as though reading something there that did not harmonize with her father's words; then she spoke to him—years afterward she remembered her words.

"That is your dream, papa—to see me Countess of Caraven. Tell me—I have been at school all my life, and I know so little of real life—it seems to me that I have done nothing but study—I have read few novels, I know nothing of what people call love, but you, my father, would not deceive me—tell me, is love a needful part of marriage? Is it right to marry without it? Are people happy without it?"

"I ask you," she continued, "because I say this to myself, papa—if there be no such need for love—if love is only the poet's dream and the novelist's chief resource—why, then I may just

"I will marry the earl," she said, simply.

He looked delighted.

"I shall see him and tell him to-morrow," he said. "Now, remember, Hildred, this is a very solemn matter. You cannot go back after you have once pledged your word."

"I shall not want to go back," she said. "It is a fair destiny—why should I wish to change it? Countess of Caraven! When shall I see him—the earl—again, papa?"

Arley Ransome could not suppress a slight pang of reproach. If she expected to find a gallant wooer in the spendthrift earl, she would be woefully disappointed. It would be best perhaps to prepare her.

"Very soon; and I am quite sure that he will be pleased. But, Hildred, I want to say something else to you. Common people have common customs. When Darby goes to woo Joan, he sits with his arm round her waist. Men like—then he grew confused, remembering that men were alike all the world over—men like the earl woo in a different fashion."

"What is their fashion?" she asked, quietly.

"They say little of love—they talk no nonsense—they send princely presents of diamonds and jewels—they prove their love by actions more than by words."

"I see." Then she added, naively, "Do you know, papa, I think I should like what you call the Darby and Joan fashion best."

(To be continued.)



I APPEAL TO YOU.

as well be Countess of Caraven as anything else."

"Most decidedly," he replied, with an air of relief.

"But," she went on, "if there is a reality in love, if love be needful for happiness, do not let me marry without it. You are my father, my only friend—I appeal to you."

He asked Heaven to pardon him for answering such an appeal falsely. He looked profoundly wise.

"My dear Hildred," he said, "you express yourself so oddly. I believe that the greater part of what you read and hear about love is the greatest nonsense—the happiest marriages are founded on esteem."

"But I do not know enough of Lord Caraven to esteem him," she replied, slowly.

"Some of the happiest marriages," continued the lawyer, "have been when people have learned to love each other after marriage."

"Then love does creep in before or after?" she said.

"Possibly in many cases. The most sensible way of looking at marriage is this. It is a civil contract between two people who can best make their way in the world by going through it together—for instance, a young farmer marries a girl whose dowry enables him to improve his farm, while her education gives her an interest in it; the noble man with an impoverished estate and an ancient title marries a city heiress whose grandfathers was perhaps a soap-boller."

She was listening in amazement.

"A civil contract?" she said, slowly.

"I thought marriage was a religious ceremony, papa?"

"So it is, certainly, most decidedly. I am speaking of it from my point of view."

"Is your point of view the same as other people's, papa?"

"All sensible people have the same ideas on the subject," he replied; and again his daughter's dark eyes sought the lovely, gleaming river.

"I did not think," continued Hildred, slowly, "that marriage was a contract of any kind. I had a different idea of it. I thought it took place when two souls were attracted insensibly to each other, and life became nobler and better and higher because of their love; and I thought that same love began in time and ended in eternity."

Arley Ransome looked in wonder at his daughter.

"Hildred," he said, "I hope you are not going to turn out romantic."

"I hope not," she replied, quietly. "You have told me the truth, papa, and though it has astonished me, I thank you for it—one should not have false notions. I have asked because it strikes me that it would be a terrible thing to marry without love, and then for love not to come afterward."

The lawyer held up his hands in horror.

"Such a thing could not be. Every woman with a well-regulated mind loves her husband; every husband in the same way loves his wife."

"Then, if I marry the Earl of Caraven now," she said quietly, "I shall learn to love him afterward?"

"Certainly," he replied, with a wish that she were not so earnestly sincere.

"I have not thought of marrying," she continued, in the same earnest, simple tone. "You see, papa, there was nothing to make me think of it. There were no gentlemen at St. Roche and I have been so busy with my books. I liked study. I like it now. I like the idea, too, of being a countess—it has a pleasant sound—Lady Caraven. And you are sure, papa, that I shall love my—love Lord Caraven after marriage, if not before?"

"I am quite sure," he replied, with unnecessary fervor.

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Is There Such a Disease as Hydrophobia?

The belief seems to be growing among scientists that there is after all no such disease as hydrophobia. This strikes deep at the root of a long established and venerable opinion, and will no doubt be received with a great deal of opposition, but there is so much to be said on the subject and so many experiments have been made, that one is inclined to suspend judgment at least, and wait for further development. An incident is reported where a man was bitten upon the side of his face by a pet dog. He applied to the hospital for treatment, and was found to be extremely nervous. The dog was carefully examined and pronounced by the veterinary surgeon to be in perfect health. Some experiments by inoculation were tried on rabbits without any unpleasant results. Again and again were the rabbits inoculated, and they remained to all appearances as well as ever. But the man became more and more nervous and frightened and, finally died, of what disease the attendants in the hospital found it very difficult to determine, although the death certificate was issued for hydrophobia. Some eminent medical men declare that one of the most important things is to attempt to eradicate from the public mind the idea that there is such a thing as hydrophobia. They claim that it never occurs in fact, but that there is a nervous terror which takes possession of the patient, who actually dies of what is nothing more or less than fright and nervous convulsions. Of course such a statement leaves a wide margin for discussion and debate. As a matter of fact, if there is no such thing as hydrophobia, there certainly is a nervous state that becomes terrible in the extreme. Really there must be something of a serious nature to cause such dreadful suffering and death.—New York Ledger.

A Boon for Sufferers: A Remedy Which Has Cured More Than 1,000,000 People.

"5 Drops" is the name of a powerful remedy which is guaranteed to cure rheumatism, neuralgia, catarrh, asthma, influenza and kindred ailments. The company is entirely safe in making the guarantee, because every month they receive thousands of grateful letters from those who were sufferers, but have never received one complaint. The effect of "5 Drops" is felt at once. James Williams of Regent, Ill., writes on November 12, 1897: "My wife has been suffering two years with rheumatism. She used about one bottle of '5 Drops,' and can now go without her crutches." To more extensively advertise the merits of this remedy the producers will for the next thirty days send out 100,000 of their sample bottles of this positive cure for 25 cents a bottle by mail prepaid. Large bottle, 300 doses, \$1 (for thirty days 3 bottles \$2.50). Those suffering should write to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure company, 167-169 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., and take advantage of this generous offer. This company is reliable and promptly fill every order.

Make people happy and there will not be half the quarreling or a tenth part of the wickedness there is.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Those who reason only by analogies rarely reason by logic, and are generally slaves to imagination.

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Every woman wonders why the newspapers don't have more recipes and less sporting news.

Do You Dance To-Night? Shake into your Shoes Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores. 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

The soul without imagination is what an observatory would be without a telescope.

Thousands are suffering excruciating misery from that plague of the night, Itching Piles, and say nothing about it through a sense of delicacy. All such will find an instant relief in the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails.

The less we parade our misfortunes, the more sympathy we command.

Lane's Family Medicine. Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25c and 50c.

A superfluous man is now alluded to as a third wheel to a bicycle.

Constipation is the cause of all sorts of serious disorders of the blood. Strong cathartics are worse than useless. Burdock Blood Bitters is nature's own remedy for troubles of this sort.

College Maxim: Initiation is the sincerest flattery.

No need to suffer with rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia, cramps or colic. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil cures all such troubles, and does it quickly.

If you can "raise the wind" the "dust" is quickly collected.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5c.

There are people who can get drunk from excitement.

A TALK WITH MRS. PINKHAM About the Cause of Anemia.

Everybody comes into this world with a predisposition to disease of some particular kind. In other words, everybody has a weak spot. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the weak spot in women is somewhere in the uterine system. The uterine organs have less resistance to disease than the vital organs; that's why they give out the soonest.

Not more than one woman in a hundred—nay, in five hundred—has perfectly healthy organs of generation. This points to the stern necessity of helping one's self just as soon as the life powers seem to be on the wane.

Excessive menstruation is a sign of physical weakness and want of tone in the uterine organs. It saps the strength away and produces anemia (blood turns to water).

If you become anemic, there is no knowing what will happen. If your gums and the inside of your lips and inside your eyelids look pale in color, you are in a dangerous way and must stop that drain on your powers. Why not build up on a generous, uplifting tonic, like Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?

Mrs. Edwin Ennis, 413 Church St., Bethlehem, Pa., says: "I feel it my duty to write and tell you that I am better than I have been for four years. I used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, one package of Sanative Wash, one box of Liver Pills, and can say that I am perfectly cured. 'Doctors did not help me any. I should have been in my grave by this time if it had not been for your medicine. It was a godsend to me. I was troubled with excessive menstruation, which caused womb trouble, and I was obliged to remain in bed for six weeks. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine was recommended to me, and, after using it a short time, was troubled no more with flooding. I also had severe pain in my kidneys. This, also, I have no more. I shall always recommend the Compound, for it has cured me, and it will cure others. I would like to have you publish this letter.' (In such cases the dry form of Compound should be used.)

The harder a woman's heart works the less liable it is to go on strike.

Do not speak of your happiness to a man less fortunate than yourself.

Beauty is Blood Deep. Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c, 5c, 30c.

Prospects are good in their places, but you cannot fill dishes with them.

We admire a man who is sensitive in his conviction. Dr. Taff's Asthma Remedy will cure every case of asthma that he will send a trial bottle absolutely free to those afflicted.

Even a witicism has to depend on appropriateness for appreciation.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. KING, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The honest man never stops to inquire whether honesty pays.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Luxative Brome Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Villains always takes good care to make its outside attractive.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Bravery is nothing more than virtue always ready for a job.

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

Nobody can guess what he is going to do next, nor can he tell.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cures constipation forever. 10c, 5c. If C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

The worst of the family tree is that it requires too much whitewashing to keep the insects off.

HALL'S Vegetable Sicilian HAIR RENEWER Gives new life and vigor to the roots of the hair. It's like water to a drooping plant. No gray hair. No baldness.

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Friday, Dec. 31, 1897.

FAR AND NEAR!

IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM OUR EXCHANGE
CONDENSED AND RECORDED HERE.

Another 1,000 foot oil well at Newport.
Nellie Steele has been confined to her home with tonsillitis.

Robert Cameron and Nellie Smith, of Northville, were married on Christmas.

Farmers along the line of the deserted Lake Shore tracks west of Dundee claim the right of way now reverts to them, and are taking steps to take possession.

The circuit court trial of Charles F. Weinmann vs. Anton Teufel Friday was too exciting for the plaintiff, although he won the case. Saturday he broke down and became violently insane. He is now confined at the county jail and will probably be returned to the asylum at Pontiac within a few days.—Washtenaw Times.

B. A. Wheeler, the well-known Northville grocery, sold a half interest in his store this week to E. S. Horton, township supervisor, who buys it for his son, Ralph, now a prescription clerk in a Woodward avenue drug store in Detroit, and who will enter into the business with Mr. Wheeler January 1st.—Courier.

The Vanderbilt lines have drawn out of the agreement in regard to the mileage books and now propose to issue a book of their own which will be good for transportation when offered to the conductor. A number of roads have followed this lead, including the Ann Arbor railway and most of the Michigan lines. The pressure brought to bear by the public has told in this case.

One of our farmers came into a store a few days since, with some apples to sell. The storekeeper offered him 50 cents a bushel. A commercial traveler, who was standing by, said to the farmer: "If you had those apples in New York you could get \$1.50 a bushel for them." "Ya'as I 'spose I could," replied the farmer, "an' if I had a pail of water in h-ll, I reckon I would bring a dollar a glass." "One on me," echoed the drummer, as he picked up his grip and alid for the door.

He says he won't do it again. R. J. Beckwith was attempting to clean a pair of overalls one day last week. In the process he used some gasoline. Soon after he put the garment into a boiler of water and set it on the stove, and in a short time was greeted with an explosion which filled the room with flame. Mrs. Beckwith sustained a number of burns, which while painful are not dangerous. Mr. Beckwith was let off easily, burning one hand but slightly.—Chelsea Standard.

"What is your name?" asked the new school ma'am, addressing the first small boy on the front seat. "Jule Simpson," replied the young student. "Not Jule, it is Julius," said the teacher impressively. "You should not out words short in that manner." Then turning her attention to the next boy she asked: "What is your name?" "Billions Simpson, ma'am," the lad soberly replied. A roar of mirth filled the room and the new school ma'am, with a countenance filled with surprise, rapped for order sharply with her rule.

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AS THEY COME AND GO!

Purely Personal Paragraphs Promiscuously
Beked.

B. B. Bennett spent Christmas at home. Dr. H. E. Safford spent Christmas at his old home.

J. W. Jones and wife were in Ypsilanti Christmas.

H. Roe was in Ypsilanti from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pelton spent Christmas in Detroit.

H. Harris and family visited Wayne relatives Sunday.

Claude Shafer was home from Northville for Christmas.

Bert Rea is at Northville visiting his sister, Cora Macomber.

Chas. Fisher was in Ypsilanti from Friday until Monday last.

Fred Bogert and family were Ypsilanti visitors Christmas.

S. Hemen, of South Lyon, was a guest of C. G. Draper Tuesday.

F. E. Lamphere and wife spent Christmas with Ypsilanti friends.

Roy Lyndon was from Friday until Tuesday a visitor at Wayne.

J. Cochrane and family were with Ypsilanti friends Christmas.

Dr. Walker, of Salem, spent Monday with Dr. Oliver and family.

Robt. Mimmack was with Northville friends Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. White are visiting at Jackson during the holidays.

Miss Satie Merrell spent Christmas with her parents at New Boston.

George Shafer transacted business at Fowlerville Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude Sunderland, of Flint, spent Christmas at R. C. Safford's.

Claude Bennett and wife came over from Northville to spend Christmas.

Wm. Hoops and family went Friday to Grand Rapids for a visit with friends.

Ernest Ling has been spending the week with his best girl at Fowlerville.

Douglas C. Kellogg, of Kalamazoo, was a Christmas guest at A. A. Taft's home.

Mrs. L. C. Hall is spending the holidays at Clio and Saginaw visiting friends.

Miss Hazel Edwards, of Toledo, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Leach.

Henry Brookman, of Petoskey, was shaking hands with old friends here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Riggs returned yesterday from a week's visit with Oxford friends.

George Smith came home for Christmas. He is attending school at Pennington, N. J.

Edgar J. Taft, of Grand Forks, N. D., is here for a ten days' visit with relatives and friends.

Sam. Ableson, of the University law department, ate Christmas dinner under the parental roof.

Louie Steele departed Thursday evening for Portland, where he has secured a job as "sub."

Miss Hattie Lawe and Miss Ella Kinyon, of Caro, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Edwin Cortrite.

Bert E. Roe, of Bay City, and Master Glen Brown, of Saginaw, ate turkey Christmas at Willard Roe's.

Julius H. Wills, of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas and Sunday with his parents. He returned Monday to Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Thomas Evans and three children, of Bliss, Emmet Co., is visiting her mother, Mrs. U. M. Clement, of this place.

A. J. Murray and two daughters, Dr. Ellen B. Murray and Miss Mildred Murray, of Ypsilanti, spent Christmas at R. C. Safford's.

D. E. Kellogg, of Detroit, arrived here on Friday last to spend Christmas and was taken suddenly ill with jaundice and bilious trouble.

Chauncey Skinner and wife, of Milford, were guests at J. R. Rauch's home on Christmas. Mr. Skinner is a brother of Mrs. J. R. Rauch.

On Monday week P. B. Whitbeck attended the funeral of Chas. T. Hype, of Brighton, who was buried under the auspices of the F. & A. M.

On Christmas Mr. and Mrs. James McKeever entertained her mother and brother, Mrs. Downey and Jas. Downey, and his wife, all of whom are from Toledo; also Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, of Northville.

Chas. Bennett, in company with his wife and a physician, arrived home Sunday evening from New York City, where he was taken suddenly ill with inflammation of the bladder. He is now much better, and it is hoped will soon be out again.

Chas. Congdon, a former resident of this place is here visiting relatives and renewing old acquaintances. This is Mr. Congdon's first visit here for eleven years, in which time there has been many changes. His little grandson accompanied him.

Mrs. Lottie Grainger, of Thameville, Ont., arrived here last Friday for a month's visit with her sons, M. R. and Chas., of this place. She was accompanied by their sister, Mrs. Fannie Singer, and daughter, Fannie. Mrs. Grainger will visit her daughter in Grand Rapids before she returns home.

Mistakes of the Woman of Small Means.

SOMETIMES A wife settles down into a dreary, domestic routine, honestly believing that until her husband's finances improve there is no other course for her to pursue," writes Helen Jay in the January Ladies' Home Journal. "In this matter, as in many others concerning home life, the false standard of money obtains rather than the simple law of common sense. The very fact that many people can afford elaborate entertainments does not imply that they cannot enjoy simple ones. Novelty is the charm of life, as variety is its spice, and very often those who come from luxurious homes are the most easily pleased. Competent housekeepers are generally the most generous in their estimate of others, and the young housewife who through fear of criticism refuses to invite her richer or more experienced friend to her home is simply cheating herself of much pleasure. In fact, the real breaks of social intercourse are quite as apt to come from self-depreciation on the part of the woman with the small income as from any feeling of superiority on the part of her more wealthy friends."

TO OUT PENSION ROLL.

Congressman Smith Has a Bill to Lop
Off \$3,000,000.

(Holly Independent.)

CONGRESSMAN Samuel Smith, "ours of the Sixth," though proud to be known as the soldiers' friend, is anxious to assist Commissioner Evans to cut down the enormous pension roll wherever it can be done without injustice to a deserving veteran or dependent widow or orphan. Mr. Smith has framed a bill which is calculated to lop off about \$3,000,000 of pensions, not a dollar of which, in actual justice, ought to be paid. He proposes that young women who marry aged ex-soldiers shall receive no pension as dependent widows upon the death of their husbands, and he also provides that soldiers' widows who remarried shall not be entitled to pensions that have accrued during their widowhood, but have not been allowed until after their remarriage. Mr. Smith's bill will not be retroactive, and the young ladies who are contemplating matrimony one-legged and one-armed soldiers for the purpose of enjoying comfortable pensions after the poor old fellows are laid to rest will take warning and think twice before they marry once. The house committee on invalid pensions met last week to consider the matter. The session was a heated one, and after Mr. Smith and several other members who were giving the pension matter attention had made some forcible speeches in reply to the more or less pathetic objections from the other side, the committee took the action Mr. Smith desired. That was that the committee on rules be asked to submit an amendment to the next appropriation bill cutting off these youthful widows, and at the same time turn in a rule referring the amendment to the committee on appropriations.

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Off For the Klondike.

NORTHVILLE SENT its first representative to Klondike Tuesday afternoon in the person of John Finman. He is an experienced miner and prospector. Other men will go in the spring, says the Detroit Journal.

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of FIDEL BERT, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court, for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the late residence of said Fidel Bert, deceased, in the township of Nardin in said county, on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of February, A. D. 1898, and on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June A. D. 1898, at one o'clock p. m. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the fourteenth day of December, A. D. 1897 were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

THOMAS KERR,
LEONARD MELDRAH,
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EXECUTOR'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a license granted to me by the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the fifth day of October, A. D. 1897, in the matter of the estate of Maria Seely, late of the Village of Plymouth, in said county, deceased, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on Monday, the thirtieth day of January, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the late residence of said deceased in said Village of Plymouth all the personal property and effects of said deceased, not specifically bequeathed by said testatrix, Maria Seely, or otherwise disposed of. Among the property and effects to be sold is a certain real estate mortgage, and accompanying note, bearing date May 19th 1887, made and executed by William H. Hanks and Annette Hanks, his wife, to Maria Seely, and recorded in the office of register of deeds for said Wayne County, in Liber 245 of mortgages, on page 125, and in which there remains due and unpaid the sum of four hundred and seventy-five (475) dollars and the interest thereon at seven per cent. from and after the second day of February, 1894. The lands and premises described in and covered by said mortgage being lot four (4) and the north part of lot five (5), block seven (7), in the Village of Northville, in said Wayne County. For a more particular description of which mortgage is made to said mortgage and the said record thereof.

Terms of sale, spot cash. Abstract of title furnished.

GEORGE A. STARKWEATHER,
Executor of the will of Maria Seely, deceased.
Dated December 1st, 1897.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE
PLYMOUTH SAVINGS BANK,
at Plymouth, Michigan, at the close of business
December 15, 1897.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts, \$180,203 33
Stocks, Bonds, Mortg., etc., 43,900 79
Overdrafts, 580 85
Banking house, 4,500 00
Furniture and fixtures, 3,922 98
Other real estate, 5,500 00
Due from banks in reserve cities, 30,569 19
Due from other banks and bankers, 214 55
Exchanges for clearing house, 2,087 92
Checks and cash items, 4 35
Gold coin, 3,494 10
Silver coin, 1,879 80
U. S. and Nat'l Bank Notes, 39,321 26
Total, \$238,075 94

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, \$50,000 00
Surplus fund, 10,000 00
Undivided Profits, less taxes, expenses, 6,533 99
Dividends unpaid, 105 00
Commercial deposits, 44,378 19
Certificates of deposit, 30,168 61
Savings deposits, 99,575 12
Total, \$238,075 94

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

COUNTY OF WAYNE,
I, E. K. BONNETT, cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. K. BONNETT, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December 1897.
EUGENE F. LOWMEAD,
Notary Public

Correct—Attest: E. C. LEACH,
L. H. BENNETT,
L. C. HOUGH, Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE
First National Exchange Bank.
at Plymouth, in the State of Michigan, at the
close of business, December 15th, 1897.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts, \$93,564 84
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 1,169 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 1,875 00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures, 7,388 45
Due from approved reserve agents, 18,498 79
Notes of other National Banks, 1,005 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents, 214 55
Specie, 6,223 86
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund, 562 50
Total, \$144,538 02

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, \$50,000 00
Surplus fund, 5,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 8,536 23
National Bank notes outstanding, 10,510 00
Dividends unpaid, 105 00
Individual accounts subject to check, 25,176 04
Demand certificates of deposit, 6,533 99
Total, \$144,538 02

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

I, O. A. FRASER, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
O. A. FRASER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of December, 1897.
EUGENE F. LOWMEAD,
Notary Public,
Wayne Co.,

Correct—Attest: E. W. CHAFFEE,
E. C. SAFFORD,
W. H. ROY, Directors

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GOING EAST	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Lv Grand Rapids	7:30	1:20	6:10
Plymouth	7:50	1:40	6:30
Lansing	8:54	2:40	7:35
Saginaw	10:33	3:19	8:14
Plymouth	10:50	3:36	8:31
Detroit	11:40	4:26	9:21

GOING WEST	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Lv Detroit	8:00	1:10	6:10
Plymouth	8:20	1:30	6:30
Saginaw	9:01	1:49	6:50
Lansing	10:53	3:34	8:40
Toledo	12:17	4:50	10:10
Ann Arbor & Rapids	1:00	4:30	10:50

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ED. PELTON, Agent, Plymouth.
GEO. DE HAVEN, G. P. A. Grand Rapids

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TIME TABLE.
In effect Nov. 14 1897.
Trains leave Plymouth as follows:
STANDARD TIME.

GOING SOUTH	GOING NORTH
Train No. 4, 10:35 a. m.	Train 1, 8:10 a. m.
" No. 6, 2:25 p. m.	" 3, 9:10 a. m.
" No. 8, 8:45 a. m.	" 5, 2:30 p. m.
" No. 10, 6:35 a. m.	" 7, 7:55 p. m.

Trains Nos. 3 and 9 run through to Alpena.
Train No. 1 connects at Ludington with steamer for Manitowac and

Train No. 5, connects at Ludington with steamer for Milwaukee, (during season of navigation), making connections for all points West and Northwest.

Sleeping Parlor Cars between Alpena, Bay City, Saginaw and Detroit.

Train No. 8 runs daily, from Bay City to Detroit. On Western Division it runs daily, except Sunday. Connections made at Port Huron and Detroit. Union depot for all points South, Canada and the East.

For further information see Time Card of this company.
ED. PELTON, Local Agent.

PENINSULA MATTERS

RELATED IN A BRIEF, CONCISE MANNER.

A Collision Caused by an Engineer's Forgetfulness—The Railroads Brought to Time on the Mileage Book Question—A Pardon for Harry Dale.

Engineer Forgot His Orders. A west bound passenger train and an extra freight, consisting of 10 cars and a caboose, collided near Wilderville station on the Detroit, Toledo & Milwaukee railroad.

Another Big Fire in Detroit. Detroit was visited by another disastrous fire that entailed a loss of \$100,000 to half a dozen firms. The old Arcade building, 46-50 West Larned street, the scene of half a dozen serious fires in the last 25 years, was found in flames at 11:53 p. m.

Harry Dale Pardoned. Harry Dale, whose real name is Thomas Howard, has been pardoned unconditionally by Gov. Pingree. This case has attracted more attention throughout the state than probably any other like case.

Dismal Blaze at Farms. The Aldrich block was burned at Parma together with all the stores. The Aldrich block was built in 1854, and cost \$20,000 and is unimpaired.

Union Men Win at Ludington. Officials of the F. & P. M. railway have signed a contract with the Federation of Labor at Ludington to make the immense freight depot there a union shop, and hereafter all laborers hired must be members of the federation.

Fatal Boiler Explosion. The boiler of Fisher's sawmill, between Pentwater and Meigs, exploded, fatally scalding Engineer Bert Reese, of Shelby. Mr. Reese was blown from the engine room through a small aperture into the main building.

Fire destroyed the grocery store of A. Moore, corner of Center and Jenny street, West Bay City. Loss, \$1,300. Thomas R. Luce, an old soldier, was assaulted in a saloon at Hudson, and robbed of his pension money, amounting to \$35.

It is estimated that the value of this year's calico crop at Kalamazoo will be about \$200,000, a large increase over last year. Within two miles a village of 50 houses, including a hotel and two churches, has sprung up around the Kalamazoo coal mine, near Bay City.

Knights of the Grip Victorious. The traveling men of Michigan through their organization, the Knights of the Grip, have won a victory in the fight they have been pursuing for three years for a satisfactory interchangeable mileage book, and the Michigan roads almost as an entirety have decided to issue the book they have been demanding.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

New Baltimore is to have a new theater. Hog cholera is killing off Calhoun county porkers. Angus J. McDonald, died at Au Sable, aged 104.

The planing mill at Sunfield burned, causing a loss of \$2,000. The Catholic church at Palms burned, causing a loss of \$2,000. There is a foot of snow in the north woods and lumbermen are active.

The Fourth ward M. E. church at Ludington was destroyed by fire; loss, \$1,500. Chicago parties offered Peter English \$25,000 for his mineral water find at Benton Harbor.

A new company has been organized at Bay City to manufacture adjustable bicycle handle-bars. Nelson Thompson's house burned at Greenville and the tenant narrowly escaped cremation.

Fire destroyed the shoe store and harness shop of G. W. Chipman at Saranac. Loss \$1,800, no insurance. Webb Lott, the D. T. & M. engineer who was injured in the collision near Marshall, died. His home was in Toledo.

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The Jackson lodge of Elks, which has 350 members, makes liberal donations to needy poor people once a month. Seventy-five baskets of provisions were sent out on Christmas.

The peddlers' license law passed by the last legislature has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. The Grangers denounced the law at their recent convention at Lansing.

The movement of the advocates of higher railroad taxation for an extra session of legislature is being strengthened by people who want the closed season fish law repealed and the tax title law straightened out.

The Calumet Light Guards, the pride of the Fifth regiment, M. N. G., is having serious trouble because of jealousy between the non-commissioned officers and the privates. A split which will cause a disruption is feared.

While the loss will be heavy. The state Association of Breeders of Improved Live Stock discussed various matters of interest to them at their convention at Lansing, and elected the following officers: President, H. H. Hinds, of Stanton; vice-president, B. F. Peckham, of Parma; secretary and treasurer, I. H. Butterfield, of the Agricultural college; directors, John Leister, of Pontiac; J. H. Taft, of Mendon; John McKay, of Romeo; W. E. Boyden, of Delhi Mills; L. F. Conrad, of Wacona.

Chas. Kimball fell from the roof of the Church of God at Benton Harbor and broke both legs and several ribs.

E. L. Ward, a barber, was arrested at Muskegon on the charge of counterfeiting. He confessed that he had silver plated pennies and passed them for dimes, but said that it was only a joke. He was held for a hearing before the U. S. grand jury.

Police Justice Sellers, of Detroit, has dismissed over a score of complaints made by deputy food commissioners against Detroit merchants for selling oleomargarine for butter. The justice says the evidence was not obtained according to the statute.

The bitter contest for the postmaster ship of West Branch—there were five candidates—has been settled by Congressman Crump deciding upon H. M. French, after he had tried his best to have the ambitious ones settle it among themselves, but without avail.

John Maher, aged 60, of the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, went to the residence of Rev. Fr. Distler and asked that prayers be said for a dead relative. He had scarcely made his request when he fell to the floor and was dead before medical assistance could arrive.

Farmers around the route are agitating a project to dig a canal connecting Maple river with Grand Rapids and to build an electric railway to Saginaw. The canal would cost \$300 a mile and would furnish waterpower for electric plants. Pledges are being made to pay the cost of preliminary survey.

Isaac Ellsworth, who was captured in Toledo a week ago for stealing a team from Wilkins Bros. livery at St. Johns, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to Jackson for four years. When Ellsworth has finished his term, he will have served 24 years behind the bars, all for horse stealing.

The Queen mine at Negaunee has closed down for an indefinite time, throwing 250 men out of employment. In case the company can induce fee-owners to induce fee-owners to reduce the royalty, operations will probably be resumed, otherwise nothing will be done until the shipping season opens in the spring.

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The dreaded San Jose scale has surely secured a foothold in the western Michigan fruit belt. Clinton D. Smith of the Michigan Agricultural college, visited the orchard of a young farmer in Jamestown, Ottawa county, and found his apple trees so badly infested by the scale that the young man was ordered to cut down and burn 1,200 trees.

At the annual meeting of the state live stock sanitary commission President Hinds spoke strongly for vigorous efforts to stamp out and prevent hog cholera, which he said was largely on the increase in Michigan.

Convic Delano, in the Jackson state prison, is getting rich making ornaments from onyx and agate stones. He has already purchased a \$1,500 home for his family, making his money by overtime work.

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Lieut. Peary is making preparations to start for the north pole next July. James Bird, an aged colored man, was sent from Bellefontaine, O., to the county infirmary, but he had such a horror of the poorhouse that he slipped away at night. The next morning he was found frozen to death in the street at Huntsville.

A conference has been arranged between the executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America and the coal operators of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois to adjust miners' wages and if possible to make an interstate wage agreement. The meeting will be held in Chicago, Jan. 17.

The Ontario government has introduced in the legislature a bill which will undoubtedly pass, as it embodies the policy of the opposition, making regulations regarding the cutting of timbers on crown lands, requiring that all logs cut on these lands shall be manufactured into lumber in Canada.

The recent tragic suicide of Miss Lella Herbert, the daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy, by jumping from a third-story window at her home at Washington, is given as the reason for the suicide of Miss Annie Virginia Wells, an accomplished young society lady of Washington who shot herself through the heart. She was much attached to Miss Herbert.

The mammoth flouring mill of the Isaac Harter Milling Co., at Postoria, said to be the largest exclusively winter wheat mills in the United States, with a capacity of 1,500 barrels per day, is a mass of ruins. Fire broke out in a boiling chest on the fourth floor and soon spread through the six stories of the building. The loss will exceed \$150,000, fully covered by insurance.

Joseph Morgan, a tramp, was found so severely frozen in a barn at Toronto that he will lose one arm and may die.

CONDENSED NEWS.

IMPORTANT EVENTS RELATED IN A BRIEF MANNER.

Thousands of Cubans Starving to Death and Americans are Asked for Help—Russia Takes Another Piece of China—Civil Service Reform Upheld.

Russia Makes Another Grab. The most profound distress prevails among many thousands of people in Cuba. Starvation not only impends, but is an actual fact.

Supplies for the Klondike Miners. Secretary of War Alger is giving much study to the best means of getting in supplies to the miners in the Yukon country, and has decided to ask bids for the delivery of stores directly at Dyea, Skagway or Chitchat.

Cabinet Upholds Civil Service Reform. The senate resolution calling upon the executive heads of the several departments of the government for information concerning the application of the civil service law to their departments led to a general discussion of the subject by the cabinet.

Eastern Situation Cooling Down. London dispatches say that the war scare in the far east seems to have been groundless. Dispatches from England indicate that an understanding exists regarding the action of the former concerning China.

Julia Marlowe, the actress, is seriously ill at Cincinnati with malarial fever. Prince Bismarck is said to be suffering severely from rheumatic gout. He can neither walk, sleep nor read.

Four highwaymen held up a motor car near Norristown, Pa., and shot the conductor dead when he refused to give up his money. While skating at Rifton, N. Y., Miss Mary Van Barber, aged 23, broke through the ice. Ed McMichael went to rescue her, but the ice gave way and both were drowned.

Mrs. John Moore and Miss Clara Bratton were killed and Mr. Moore was badly injured by being struck by a train, near Noblesville, Ind. The Moores had been married three days. President Samuel Sloan, of the D. L. & W., who is 80 years old and has held his position for nearly 30 years, has been presented with a \$16,000 gold table service by the road's employees.

It is said that on Jan. 1 the American Window Glass Co. will raise its prices in proportion to the increase in wages recently granted its employees. This will be about 15 per cent. Chas. A. Pillsbury, the famous flour manufacturer of Minneapolis, having sold his mills to the large English syndicate and having made \$2,000,000 in wheat deals this year, has retired from business.

The Canadian Pacific railroad has contracted for six light-draft, stern-wheel steamers to run on Alaskan waters in connection with the two ocean steamers which have been purchased in Scotland. Mrs. Jarvis and her nine children, the youngest a baby, were burned to death in the burning of the dwelling they occupied in London. The husband and father died in an infirmary, from consumption, a few hours later.

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THE COLISEUM BURNED.

Very Quick but Costly Fire at Chicago—One Life Lost.

Fire destroyed the Coliseum building at Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue, Chicago, in which the Democratic national convention was held last year and which was used for football and other athletics during the fall. The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time when the fire was originated by the crossing of two electric light wires until the Coliseum was a pile of twisted iron and hot bricks was not over 20 minutes.

The fire originated in a booth which was used for an exhibition of X-rays, the booth. About 300 people were in the building at the time of the fire and at the first alarm there was a rush for safety. Fortunately the aisles were wide and owing to the comparatively small number of people in the building there was little difficulty in reaching the doors.

The total loss on the building and contents is said to be \$478,000. Of this amount \$350,000 was the value of the building and \$128,000 the estimated cost of the exhibits and material in the exposition in progress in the building. Later developments make it almost certain that only one life was lost in the fire. The charred remains of N. H. Johnson, a fireman employed about the building, was the only body found and the missing people have all returned to their homes after narrowly escaping death.

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Government officials at Berlin are reticent concerning the operations in China. The reason is given that Germany herself does not know how she stands or how far the other powers will permit her to go. The mission of Prince Henry is characterized as "spread eagleism." A diplomat is recorded as saying that Russia's occupation of Port Arthur is permanent, she thereby securing the much desired terminus for the Siberian railway.

A fire which started in the Power block, at Cleveland, spread to adjoining structures, fanned by a high wind, and before it could be controlled \$1,000,000 worth of property was destroyed. The Power, Blackstone and Wilshire buildings, all owned by J. B. Perkins, were the principal ones to suffer. The fire started by the explosion of a large can of benzine in the lithographing establishment of Johns & Co., in the Power block.

Windows were blown out and several employees escaped with difficulty. Johns & Co., loss \$225,000; J. L. Hudson, clothier, \$100,000. The losses of scores of tenants, especially in the Power and Blackstone buildings, the latter of which was occupied mainly by lawyers with costly libraries, will be very heavy. About 75 per cent of the losses are covered by insurance.

The wife of Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, of Germany, died at Berlin of inflammation of the lungs. Mrs. John Moore and Miss Clara Bratton were killed and Mr. Moore was badly injured by being struck by a train, near Noblesville, Ind. The Moores had been married three days.

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FALL OF A FOREST MONARCH.

Sawing Down a Giant Pine Tree in the Mississippi Woods.

I had my eye on a grand old pine standing a little way from any of my fellows, a monarch in the forest. It must have been a hundred and forty feet, perhaps more, from the topmost point in its glossy green coronal down to the dead goldenrod in the snow at its base. It was about three feet in diameter at the ground, so tall, so strong, so straight, a noble tree indeed, in very truth a king of the forest. It was the result of the life which dwelt in the tiny black winged seed which was lost to view more than a century and a half before. While I was admiring the splendid proportions of the tree three men came toward me. One was a bright-eyed fellow, short of stature and swarthy of skin, looking like one of the Chippewa Indians whose home this forest had been nobody knows how many centuries.

He looked the tree over sharply, stepping to this side and to that, eyed it critically from various points of view, and then with a small, sharp ax cut a keen gash in the trunk about a foot above the top of the dead goldenrod in the snow. He was an undercutter, a man whose business it is to cut into the tree on the side on which it should fall, so that it may not be broken in the fall, or lodge in the crotch of another tree. The cut on the side of the tree is the guide for the sawyers. The other men, bearing a big saw, began cutting down the pine, sawing steadily and powerfully through the fragrant yellowish-white trunk. Now and then the undercutter would step up to them to see how they were progressing. When they saw he had passed the heart of the pine he placed a small bright steel wedge in the path of the saw and drove it in. "Look out there, now!" came the call of the undercutter as he looked in my direction. I made a quick scramble through the deep snow, nearly tumbling over a hidden log, and grabbing my camera as I went. I had no intention of staying in the immediate vicinity, for I had seen trees like this fall before, and I knew it was a risky thing to stand hard by. The best-directed tree will sometimes veer a little in its fall, and woe to the one who stands below it. Many an experienced woodsman has been killed in just such a place; many a one has been caught and pinioned, perhaps to escape with only broken legs or ribs. In a second more the noble pine came crashing down through the branches of the other trees, falling upon the frozen earth with a noise which drowned all the other noises of the forest—a roar which echoed and re-echoed through the long, dim aisles of the forest like the booming of some mighty cannonade.—W. S. Harwood in St. Nicholas.

Miss Tennant Had Changed. The pretty story is told how Henry M. Stanley wooed and won Miss Dorothy Tennant. Miss Tennant was the original of Sir John Millais' famous picture, "Yes or No?" It seems that Stanley had asked the question and the reply was "No." The great explorer went to Africa again, and after several years returned to London to find himself the most talked-of man of the day. The thought of Miss Tennant was still uppermost in his mind. When he met her at a reception she made conversation by asking him: "Do you find London much changed, Mr. Stanley?" "No, I haven't found London changed, and I'm not changed, either," returned the explorer, with his usual intrepidity, "have you?" "Yes, I've changed," answered Miss Tennant, softly. A few days later Millais received a note from his former subject, beginning: "My Dear Sir John—The momentous question has been at last decided. It is a joyful and triumphant 'Yes!'"

Bolting the Bicycle Chain. A good method to clean a chain is to boil it in water with a generous quantity of sal soda. Boll long enough to remove all particles of dirt and gum. Wash it in clear, hot water, then dry thoroughly. Warm the chain through and with dry heat and place in good lubricating oil, allowing it to remain until cool. Remove, hang up to drain and wipe fairly clean of oil. The first part of this method cleans the rivets and the method of oiling gets the oil in on the rivets, where it is needed.

Warm Day in Germany. There were some warm days in Germany last summer. One day a Nuremberg brewery retailed 206 decoliters (5,400 gallons) of beer.

Without Distress. Poor Health for Years—Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures Dyspepsia. "My husband was in poor health for years owing to dyspepsia and he could not get relief. We gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after he had taken three bottles he could eat without distress and was able to work." BARBARA REIBER, 129 North Pearl Street, Green Bay, Wis.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure constipation. 25 cents.

CURE YOURSELF! Buy Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is the best blood purifier. It cures all skin diseases, such as eczema, psoriasis, and all other eruptions. It is the best medicine for all ailments of the blood. It is the best medicine for all ailments of the blood. It is the best medicine for all ailments of the blood.

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FOR CROUP,

asthma, bronchitis, or whooping cough, there is no remedy so sure and safe as Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. From the first dose its healing influence is manifest. The sufferer who has been kept awake by the cough falls into a restful sleep, and awakes strong and refreshed. Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is acknowledged to be a specific for all pulmonary complaints. Physicians praise and prescribe it.

It is now put up in half size bottles at half price, 50c.

"One of my children had croup. One night I was startled by the child's hard breathing, and on going to it found it strangling. It had nearly ceased to breathe. Having a part of a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house, I gave the child three doses at short intervals, and anxiously waited results. From the moment the Pectoral was given the child's breathing grew easier, and in a short time it was sleeping quietly and breathing naturally. The child is alive and well to-day. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral saved its life."—C. J. WOODRUFF, Worthen, Texas.

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Don't Tobacco Spill and Smoke Your Life Away
To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Starling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

History is getting almost as bad as a parrot about repeating itself.

To Cure Constipation Forever,
Take Cascarella Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. H. C. G. Co. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

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Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. Baker, 423 Requet Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, 1899.

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Cool's Cough Balm
Is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

A man feels hurt if his wife is not interested in his business; but, oftentimes, he doesn't know the color of her last new dress. Nothing will uphold you like unadvised facilities.

A GREAT EXPENSE

To Carry on an Almost Helpless Fight.
—At Last the Fight is Over.

(From the Battle Creek Moon.)

Our representative called at 36 Battle Creek Avenue, the residence of S. L. Robbins, and in an interview with him brought out the following facts. Mr. Robbins tells of his wife's experience in a manner that carries conviction with his words. He says: "I am sorry my wife is not at home this P. M., but no one knows better than I how she has suffered during past years. For twenty years she has been afflicted with the various forms of kidney complaint and an enlargement of the liver. She was often confined to her bed for more than two weeks at a time suffering untold agony. She has doctored constantly, and I have paid out in 'doctors' bills for her alone as much as \$300.00, and then her relief was only such that she would be able to be around for a spell. Some time ago she felt the symptoms of another attack coming on, such as a pain in through the kidneys and back. I hardly know what induced me to get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, instead of sending for the family physician; however, I got some and she commenced their use. It was a surprise to us both to see their action; the attack was warded off, and she continued taking them with marked improvement each day of their use. She is better now than she has been in years, the pain in the back and others in the kidneys have entirely gone. Hardly a day goes by that we do not mention the great good Doan's Kidney Pills have done her. I was always opposed to patent medicines, but confess that my wife's experience with Doan's Kidney Pills has done much to change my opinions. If it were not for those pills she would not have been able to be out this afternoon."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers—price, 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

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No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

London prefers wood pavements. Great Britain has 68,000 teachers.

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Big Gold Story from Siberia.

Russell E. Dunn, a mining engineer, who has just returned from Siberia, declares that the mineral wealth at the head waters of the Amur river is very large. He developed some mining properties for a French syndicate in the mountains from which flow four streams that feed the Amur. Near that place placer miners were taking out fortunes that make the Klondike seem poor. Out of one gulch not over two miles long coarse gold and nuggets amounting to \$10,000,000 were taken. The country is no place for prospectors, however, as only a company can get a concession. All placer mines are worked by the government. —San Francisco Dispatch.

To Cure Sick Butter.
A smart Chicago operator advertised that he had discovered a process by which old and rancid butter could be made as good as new, but that he could only handle large quantities. Some dealers sent him samples to try, and in return received perfectly fresh creamery butter. Then they sent agents all over the state, bought heavily and sent the stuff to him. To their consternation, he declined to operate on it, but offered to buy it at a small figure, much less than they had paid for it, and as in the open market, it would be graded as axle-grease, they were obliged to let him have it.

In a Bad Way.
At the recent banquet of the New Haven chamber of commerce, Governor Cooke denied the old story that Connecticut once flooded the market with wooden nutmegs. "If we are not mistaken," says the New Haven Register, "this is the first time any official attempt has been made to relieve the state of this undesirable reputation, and if it is properly followed up will doubtless assume the proportions of a public service."

Try Grain-O.
Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers. Tastes like coffee. Looks like coffee.

He that does good for good's sake seeks neither praise nor reward; but he is sure of both in the end.

It Keeps the Feet Dry and Warm.
And is the only cure for Chilblains, Frostbites, Damp, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Good manners are a part of good morals, and it is as much our duty as our interest to practice both.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is pleasant to take, positively harmless to the most delicate constitution, and absolutely sure to cure the most obstinate cough or cold. A household boon.

It is more difficult, and calls for higher energies of soul, to live a martyr than to die one.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.
Kemp's Balm will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Ray Kimball, of Whitehall, lost his foot as the result of a hunting accident.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Under a Shadow



THE people of St. Louis park that New Year's eve looking to the east saw under the towering white crests of the Sierra Blanca a high smoke pillar rising with the sky, and it brought joy to their hearts, for it assured them now, as it did after every great storm, that Sim Belden was still alive, still able to grub under the foot of the ever-threatening avalanches for the fortune he had left the world to win.

Sim Belden was a tall, handsome giant of 30, who had come from no one knew where. The few who knew him thought he was unsocial, and those with whom he traded at Garland believed that he had hit upon a rich find under the snow line, and that he would make it hot for the man who tried to be his neighbor.

Sim Belden had been mining alone in the Sierra Blanca, but during the past twelve months he had a company, a young Ute lad named Pedro, whom he had found dying and abandoned over on the headwaters of the Del Norte.

When Sim Belden, without any process of law, became Pedro's guardian, that youth's knowledge of English was confined to the one word, "damn." His acquaintance with Spanish was a little more extensive. He knew that buenos dias meant "good day"; sabe, "understand"; si, "yes, sir"; and dinero, "money." But there is a language of signs which all understand.

Sim had just come up from Garland burdened with a great pack of eatables, and a proportionate amount of drinkables, for the traditions of his youth led him to believe that both were essential to a popular observance of the season.

This evening in the cabin, after supper, Sim Belden was unusually talkative, and, forgetting or ignoring that Pedro's comprehension of English was limited, he rattled on like one thinking aloud and wishing for no comment on what he said.

"It's been no end of a fine day, Pedro—just like the New Year eve; we used to have back in the Alleghanies when I was a boy like you. But to-night we'll pay for it, and I'm much afraid tomorrow will be a regular old, howling New Year's day."

Seeing that the white man hesitated Pedro looked wonderingly up and said, "Si, senor."

Sim Belden lit his pipe and throwing himself on a cinnamon bearskin before the fire, looked at Pedro for a few minutes and then went on, "Of course, Pedro, you wasn't ever in love?"

Pedro said, "Si, senor," and scratched his head like one perplexed.

"No, Pedro, you don't savvy, and I hope you never will. If you should ever be took that way, commit suicide unless you're dead sure. But, then, you can't be ever dead sure of a woman."

or of a man either, for the matter of that.

"Now, Pedro, I ain't in the habit of giving myself away. I'm one of the kind that keeps his trouble to himself, but there's something 'bout New Year's that makes one confidential like."

"Si, senor," said Pedro, as he extended his lithe form toward the warming fire.

Sim Belden turned over on his breast, and resting his bearded chin on his upturned palms, looked at the dancing flames and continued:

"There was never a man loved his brother as I loved my brother Jack. Two years younger'n me, and handsome as a picture—no wonder Alice Thorpe shook me for him. But it wasn't fair. That's why I kicked. When our raft went to pieces on the Susquehanna years and years ago, it was Jack that, not caring for himself, dove under the logs and fished me out. But often and often, as I've sat by this fire as I'm doing now, I wished he'd have let me drown. It's no use to save a life and curse it."

"Jack was always wild, and when father died and left all the property to me except \$5 for him, I put my arm about him and said: 'Never mind, Jack. I'll divvy fair. So long as I've got a dollar 50 cents of it is yours.' Then he kissed me like when we were boys, and there were tears on my cheek that did not come from my eyes."

The giant's voice became hoarse, and while he was clearing his throat Pedro gave utterance to his first English word, "Damn!"

"Yes, Pedro, that's just how I often feel. You see I can't blame him for falling in love with her, for heaven never made a prettier woman; but it was the deceit on both sides. You understand?"

"Si, senor."

"Curious enough, it was just three years ago this very New Year's eve when I discovered them in the hall of her house talking in loving whispers and with his arm about her. My God! I felt like striking the two dead, but I bit my lip till the blood came; then I galloped back home, where my aunt was the housekeeper, for mother was



"WHITE MAN! WHITE MAN!"

dead. I said nothing to her, but I wrote two notes—one to Jack, leaving him all the property, and the other to Alice Thorpe, telling her I'd discovered she was false and asking her to marry my brother. Then I started for the west, and the life before me was gloomy as the canon depths on a cloudy midnight.

"At first I felt like changing my name; but, as I'd never brought disgrace on it, I let it stand. What matters a name to a man, who's left the world behind forever?"

"There's the story, Pedro. That's why I'm here, and you're the first and the last human being that'll ever hear of it from my lips. Savvy?"

"Si, senor," said Pedro, without the

slightest comprehension of the secret that had been confided to him.

Sim Belden was about to speak again, but he changed from his purpose by a rush, a roar, and a crash that filled the air and shook the earth as if the mountain was tumbling into St. Louis park.

"A snowslide! Thank-God there's no one on the trail between here and Garland tonight!" Sim Belden sat up and looked at the Indian boy, whose lean face and black eyes were filled with an expression of intent anxiety.

"What is it, Pedro? What do you hear, man? Speak out!"

For reply Pedro bounded to his feet, and pointing in the direction of the trail he shouted:

"White man! White man!"

In an instant Sim had the door open. The whirling snow clouds limited his



"A HAPPY NEW YEAR, DEAR SIM!"

vision to the path of light before the open door, but above the roaring of the storm, he heard the cry:

"Help! For God's sake, help!"

"Stay here and keep the door open!" That is what Sim Belden shouted as he buttoned up his fur coat and leaped down the snow-piled trail.

Pedro had no conception of the ordinary measure of time, but it seemed to him that at least a day had passed since the white man had disappeared. At length his heart was gladdened as he saw him breathing through the snow and bearing another white man in his arms.

Sim Belden staggered into the cabin, and laid his burden on the fur covered floor, and the instant he saw the face of the unconscious man he dropped on his knees, took the head in his arms and cried out as he kissed the face so like his own.

"Jack! Jack! O God, it's Jack! Do you hear me? Look up! Here's Sim! Here's Sim, asking you on his knees to forgive him!"

Sim and Pedro stripped off the wet clothes, rubbed the white form till the glow of life came back, and placed him in a bunk and wrapped him in furs.

By the time a steam punch was ready Jack Belden rubbed his eyes and looked about him. Then from the bunk two white arms were extended, and he sobbed:

"After years of seeking I've found you, Sim!"

There is nothing more sacred than the tears of honest, strong men.

Pedro looked on in wonder, and though he could not understand what was said, he realized that one had come who was nearer to his guardian's heart than himself, but he felt no pang of jealousy.

After a time Jack Belden felt strong enough to sit up. He looked at his watch, and seeing that it was after midnight, he reached out his hand to his brother and said:

"A happy New Year, dear Sim!" And still holding his brother's hand, Jack told the story of his three years' search and how only that afternoon he had

learned at Garland of Sim's hiding place.

But there was more to tell. When Sim discovered him with Alice Thorpe, just three years before this, he was telling the girl that he had become engaged to her cousin Ethel, and was begging her to plead his case with the father and mother of his betrothed.

"Since the day you left, Sim, I've been a changed man, and a drop of liquor hasn't passed my lips. But it is not of myself, but of Alice I would speak. She was ever true to you, and though she thinks you dead, she is still true to your memory, and tonight by the fire in the old home, where she gave you her love, she is weeping for a dead one who thought her false."

The storm continued the next day, but in all that wild land no cabin held two happier hearts than those of the brothers reunited under the eaves of the avalanche far up the Sierra Blanca.

Shortly after this Sim Belden sold out his claim and accompanied his brother to the east. They took Pedro with them and sent him to the Indian school at Carlisle, where he became a teacher.

Every new year he visits his guardian and his wife, and the children of both brothers love him. His knowledge of English is perfect, and he fully comprehends the story told him by Sim Belden in the mountain shack that New Year's eve.

THE VESTAL AT THE GATE.

When today with vestal grace She stood before your dwelling place, Did you take her by the hand, Bid her welcome to the land, With the cordial love and greeting That we owe a friend at meeting?

Fair and sweet to look upon Was this lily maid at dawn, With her dark locks flowing down, And her saffron hood and gown, Set about with starry border, Symbol of her priestly order.

And we owe to her, I hold, Whether she be kind or cold, Whether she be true or myrrid, When we lift our gates to her, Well and duly to receive her, Lest our sad complaining grieve her.

What she brings us, heaven sent, Take your gift and be content, Though it be not what you sought, And your prayers seem set at naught, He knows best, who ruled the giving, What we need for holy living.

Do not vex her with dismay At the pangs of yesterday, Nor disturb her heart in vain With the hint of coming pain; For a fell, impending sorrow May be God's best gift tomorrow. —Ola Moore.

ETHEL'S NEW YEAR'S CALLER.

All day long Ethel wished and wished that she was a grown-up lady like Sister Grace, so that she could have a New Year's caller.

But the long, bright day went by and not a single call did she have. After supper she went slowly up into the parlor and looked discontentedly out of the window.

Right under the gaslight she saw a glossy black cat. He took up first one paw and then the other out of the flaky snow and looked this way and that before starting on his journey once more. Then he ran along the sidewalk in front of Ethel's home and jumped quickly up the steps.

"It's my caller!" exclaimed Ethel, breathlessly. "It truly is!"

She opened the door and in walked pussy, over the fur rug, into the parlor and sat down in front of the fire. In a second Ethel was beside him, hugging and petting him.

Pussy seemed to like it and curled himself up contentedly in Ethel's lap. He purred very loudly for a few minutes and then went to sleep.

"It's my New Year's caller!" exclaimed Ethel. "He came hisself, mamma, and I'm going to keep him forever!"

Pussy has never made any other call to that plan and so Ethel still calls, and she says her New



"IT'S MY CALLER!" EXCLAIMED ETHEL.

call was the very best one, for it has lasted nearly a whole year. —MARIORY DEANE.

In the Holidays.

'Tis chilly when returns come in, And you have done your part, To find that the majority Gave you the marble heart.

'Tis chilly To have And to

But, in Is to

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ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from care less local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much, is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for 24 hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Killmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention the PLYMOUTH MAIL and send your address to Dr. Killmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Ferrisville—Pikas Peak P. O.

We expect the phone here by January 8th, '98.

The young people had an interesting debate last Tuesday evening.

There will be a literary entertainment at P. of I. hall next Tuesday evening.

The L. A. S. will give an experience social at P. of I. hall on Friday evening, January 7th. Chicken pie supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock. All cordially invited.

Webster & Co. will fill the ice houses in this vicinity.

The L. A. S. will meet with Mrs. Hattie Stevenson on Wednesday forenoon, January 5th.

"Lyle" is getting orders for the new '98 Champion binder.

Perrisville wishes the publisher of THE MAIL and all readers a happy New Year.

Pikas Peak.

Dr. Hossier, from Detroit, has been visiting at Willard Sherman's the past week.

Ransom Lewis and family spent Christmas at J. D. Terry's in Redford.

The young folks have been taking advantage of the good skating on the mill pond for the past week.

Stark.

(Two lots for last week.)

Miss Jeanne Dean, of Detroit, made a short visit at G. N. Dean's last Tuesday. She called on the school in which district she taught school 40 years ago. She is on her way to St. Johns, Mich., where she will meet her brothers and sisters at a Christmas dinner.

Ed and George Hoinington are able to be about again after several weeks' illness with typhoid fever.

Mrs. LeVan and Mrs. Armstrong made a flying trip to Detroit Tuesday.

Chas. Mimsing was in Detroit on business Monday.

W. H. Oost was in Detroit Tuesday.

Newburg—Hankin P. O.

We are sorry for the Courier correspondent, for with as much as has been going on here for the last two weeks she could not find any news. Call on THE MAIL, we might help you.

Rev. Oliver preached a very good sermon last Sunday to a large congregation, among whom we saw a number from other neighborhoods. We were glad to see you all.

Sunday school was larger than before Christmas, thus disproving the old saying, "We always have a big crowd before Christmas so as to get presents." We are always up-to-date and have the best lesson leaves and supplies we can obtain.

Epworth League had the largest attendance this winter last Sunday evening. A lively discussion was had on "Influence" T. Davey led the meeting. The discussion next Sunday evening on "Temperance" will be led by Miss Lydia Joy, and Perry Woodworth will lead the meeting. A number of names were added to the large list of members. Don't forget their necktie box social at the hall tonight (Friday). Our League extends the welcoming hand to all the members of Perrisville League who wish to retain their membership in this grand order to join us until such time as they will revive again.

Christmas entertainment was a success. Over two hundred gathered to be entertained, and they were all well pleased. A great many deserve special mention more than we have space for, so we will only say all did well, thanks to the committee, Mesdames Armstrong, LeVan and Hall. It was the best entertainment and the largest audience Newburg has had for a long time, which shows what good management and good advertising in THE MAIL will do, as the other local news was not in it as no mention was made of the entertainment, and it is becoming notorious that if anyone wants good, reliable, clean news they must read THE MAIL.

Miss Wilcox and the Misses Riddle, of Livonia Sunday school visited our Sunday school last Sabbath.

Miss Hart, deaconess of Detroit, was at our church last Sunday.

Mr. Wilcox, of Detroit, paid a visit to his friend, E. C. Bassett, last week.

Cecil Wright, of Muskegon, last week paid his first visit to friends here since he moved away ten years ago.

J. J. Stark is drawing stone preparatory to building a wall under his new house.

Miss Libbie Stoneburner was admitted into full membership at church last Sunday.

At a meeting of the Consumers' Debating Club at the store at this place Saturday night the following officers were elected for a term of three months: President, Hon. Sylvester G. Strander; vice president, John Patterson; secretary, Jack Woodworth; treasurer, Edgard Kerr; board of directors, Jas. Grovenstone, Mell King, Hank King. A meeting of this club will be held every Saturday night at the store, and the subject for next Saturday night will be: "Resolved, That the abolishment of peanuts, etc., is the duty of each and every member of this club." Any person wishing to become a member of this august body will please forward their name and address to our worthy secretary, who will take care of their future—at only his own risk. Further we would say that the stretch of acceptance by our worthy president showed the members that they had made no mistake in selecting a man who would steer them through the stormy seas to a port where the officers can take care of the interests of this club and make it a success. There is talk of putting this same ticket in the field at our next spring election in order to have the affairs of Newburg run on a sound financial basis. So good luck to the gentlemen.

The following persons spent Christmas here, some remaining longer: Miss Carrie and Clarence Rutter, of Detroit; Miss George Bellows, of Canada; Ross LeVan and family, of Detroit, etc., and

Mrs. H. A. Smith and daughter, of Wixom; Miss Lydia Joy, of Ypsilanti; Mrs. Chas. Vanlaricum, of Detroit; Chas. Pesha, of Detroit, brother of Mrs. R. W. Rutter; Mrs. Wm. Tyley, of Canton; five daughters, son-in-law and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kolmorgan; Bert Paddock, of Detroit.

Miss Jannetta Pesha returned from a visit to her parents in Detroit in time to do her part in the Christmas cantata.

Fire was discovered in the residence of Miss Desire Stark last Monday afternoon. Willing neighbors removed all the household goods they could, which was a small part, as the fire was well under way when discovered. The house was entirely destroyed, as were all the household effects of Miss Eliza Clark, who occupied the house with Miss Stark. Miss Clark also lost \$10 in money. Miss Stark was partially insured. The origin is unknown as both ladies were away at the time.

The L. A. S. and W. R. C. will give an oyster supper at the hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 5th, the proceeds to purchase cooking utensils for the hall to be used by all who wish them.

Livonia Center.

R. Z. Millard and family took Christmas dinner with his sister, Mrs. Will Appling, of Redford.

Mr. and Mrs. McEachran took a trip to Detroit Tuesday.

It should have read in last week's paper that the Ladies' Aid society would meet at Mrs. N. Kingsley's the second Wednesday in January.

The friends of Harry McEachran will be pleased to hear that he is now able to sit up and to walk a little. We are in hopes he will soon be able to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davies, of Goodison, Oakland Co., are spending a few days with the latter's son, C. L. Ferguson.

Miss Anna Base and Asa Lyons, of Plymouth, spent Christmas at the home of the former's parents.

Mrs. W. O. Minkley has returned home from Detroit.

Miss Alice Smith, of Plymouth, spent Christmas at home.

Willie Radford, of Detroit, is spending a few days at Frank Peck's. As he got a new gun for Christmas, he is out trying his luck hunting cotton-tails.

Will Kinner, of Detroit, is visiting at Will Smith's for a short time.

What was the matter with the whistles and bells at Plymouth Tuesday, some big wedding or a new arrival?

John Gates and H. Wakefield, of Stark, pleaded guilty to stealing wheat from the barn of L. W. Simmons. Gates was fined \$30 or 60 days. As he did not have the money, he will get free board for a while. Wakefield was fined \$15 or 30 days. His fine was paid for him.

It is rumored that we will have a wedding among the middle aged soon. May joy and happiness follow them.

East Livonia.

We received no mail at Elm on Saturday, Christmas day.

Mrs. VanAken, of Redford, and George Becker were guests of J. F. Criger Sunday last.

W. B. Criger, wife and daughter, of Northville, were guests at John Baur's in this place on Sunday last.

Leroy Nalox is filling his ice house preparatory for a thaw—next July.

The roads here are in fine order for business at present.

The Detroit Courier of last week states that Mort Peck is a crack shot. Believing the same he has gone west bear hunting.

We hear regret that the items we had sought for and found, like the Klondikers, at the moment of going to press should have been stolen and transferred to Elm, nearly two miles away, is not fair. Let the scribe at Elm confine his items to his own locality.

Everything is on the thaw here and news is scarce.

South Salem.

Elmer Warne, of Ann Arbor, is spending his vacation here.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson is quite ill.

N. A. Withee and wife entertained their children and grandchildren on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith also entertained a party of friends and relatives.

Miss Louie Rich is spending the winter weeks at home, her school having been closed on account of scarlet fever.

Rev. E. Coffin received an elegant set of fur gloves from the members of his congregation at this place as a Christmas gift. A handsome quilt was presented to Mrs. Coffin by the Ladies' Aid society.

Miss Zada Quackenbush, who is spending the year in attendance at the high school in Grand Ledge, is home for a week's vacation. Her young friends gathered at the home of her parents for a pleasant surprise on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Warne, of Ann Arbor, are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. T. Kane.

Elmer Lyon, of Saline, was the guest of his sister, Miss Alma Lyon, the high school mail'am, on Friday. She returned with him to spend the vacation with her parents.

Wm. VanVleet and family, of Novato, spent Christmas at J. E. McCormick's.

Anson Hearn, of Plymouth, spent Christmas with his "best girl" here.

The hearts of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Packard were made happy Christmas day by the presence of all their children and grandchildren.

Harry Harvey, of the U. of M., spent Friday with Prof. Ira Savy, of Saline Union schools.

Unwholesome Laws.

"TALK ABOUT politics," said W. H. B. Wood, "I don't know much about politics and don't know as I care to, but there is one thing, a glance at many of the Michigan statutes of recent enactment make one wish to remind the people that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

"Name some of them? Well, first the drain law, changing all precedents and giving the taxpayers no hearing, and the necessity of the public work. Second, the peddler tax. Third, a tax of five dollars a year on fruit tree agents. Fourth, license on horsehoes and giving a lien on horses their shoe. Fifth, laws, several hundred of them, that in Livingston cannot speak, but in fish for Shawwassee county, where it is found that fishing by spear is prohibited by law. Sixth, monopoly of quality of soil to a special law in office, like that of school commissioner. Seventh, the institute fee, a tax wrung from teachers for the benefit of the schools and supported by a powerful state machine, in which no voice is given those who pay the tax. Eighth, any kind of tax and appropriation for the special benefit of a particular class, trade or calling, aside from technical and experimental work, strictly done, apparently for a benefit to all, and there are many of various kinds, entailing upon the croaking upon the people's pockets which they should be alive."

"We have no Bill of Rights in this station like most of the states. It should be respected and the people demand a change of some of our laws. A man may acquire property, but cannot take it out of the state to kill a deer or catch a squirrel. railroad legislation, changing charters subject to amendment, and public expense, non-payment, and institutions, no power, first principles and the greatest number."