

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

CAUSED QUITE A COMMOTION AT THE FAIR GROUNDS TUESDAY.

Prompt Efforts of Peace Makers Quelled the Disturbance.

There was a lively mixup at the fair grounds Tuesday afternoon which took the attention of a large number of the spectators from the ball game for a few minutes. It appears that one of the boys about town has been in the habit of calling the boys who enlisted in the Spanish-American war tin soldiers. The boys said nothing but when the proper chance arrived they treated their victim to a ride in the blanket. This happened Tuesday during the ball game, and would probably have ended the episode had not Charles Huff, of Northville, interfered in behalf of the blanket victim. He thought the soldiers boys were too fresh and wanted to lick a few of them. The celerity and dexterity with which he was accommodated almost staggered him. Several blows were exchanged, the crowd began to close in and it looked as though there might be a general mixup. Had it not been for W. T. Conner, who rung in the bell that he was an officer and was looking for ten or a dozen fellows, with whom to christen the new jail (that has not yet arrived), and a few other citizens, there is no telling how many of the boys would have had beef steak on their eyes the next morning.

Mr. Huff was censured, even by his own townsmen, for interfering in an affair that was entirely foreign to him.

GOOD FOR ONE MONTH

IS THE OFFER MADE BY THE PLYMOUTH MAIL THIS WEEK.

New Subscribers Can Get the Mail for 50 Cents a Year.

The proprietors of the MAIL have decided to adopt extreme measures in order to increase their subscription list. We do not do this because we believe the MAIL is deteriorating in value nor because we believe the people are hard up for money, but simply as an inducement to new subscribers. In these days of close competition it is necessary, at times, to offer special bargains in order to increase the bulk of your business. A merchant, oftentimes, makes a leader of a certain article and sells it at cost, or even below cost. He doesn't make any money on that particular article, but it gets trade coming his way, it brings people into town, and he is not only benefitted but the other merchants as well.

We wish to add 300 new names to our subscription list during the month of June. To persons who do not now take the MAIL, but should take it, we will cut the price in two and send it one year for 50 cents. The MAIL meets with some opposition in the newspaper field, particularly in the country. Its competitors are all good, worthy papers, we have nothing to say against them, but we believe the Plymouth paper should be in the home of every person who is interested in Plymouth.

If we could sell 300 new subscribers for \$1.00, we wouldn't make any money out of the transaction as far as the subscribers are concerned, but our advertisers, who have always given us a very liberal patronage, would be able to reach 300 more families, and what benefits the advertiser, benefits the publisher.

In addition to offering the MAIL for 50 cents a year, we will send the MAIL and Michigan Farmer one year for \$1.00, the MAIL and Twice a Week Free Press one year for \$1.25, the MAIL and Twice a Week Journal for \$1.25, the MAIL and Detroit Courier one year for \$1.25. These offers can be taken advantage of by new subscribers and during the month of June only. After June the price of the MAIL will be \$1.00 as formerly.

Los Angeles, Cal., Half Fare Excursion.

Ask agents or write to the General Passenger Agent at Grand Rapids for information about the tickets that the C. & W. M. and D. G. R. & W. lines will sell to Los Angeles and return at one fare rate (plus \$2.00) on June 24th to July 8th, on account of N. E. A. Association Convention. Return limit Sept. 4th.

Grand Rapids and Detroit.

Leave Grand Rapids at 7:45 a. m. Leave Detroit at 7:45 p. m. Rate: Grand Rapids \$1.75, Grand Lodge \$2.75.

HONORED THE BOYS.

The M. E. Church Epworth League Banquet.

On Friday evening the M. E. church Epworth League tendered the returned volunteers of Plymouth a public reception and banquet in the church. The evening was a stormy one, but a large number turned out to do honor to our boys.

A short programme was rendered in the main body of the church, during which several of the soldier boys gave short talks. The boys and their friends were then ushered to the dining room of the church, and banqueted.

The decorations were very pretty and appropriate, and all reflected great credit on the efforts of the League.

Northville 11; Plymouth 10.

Nearly 400 people attended the first ball game of the season at Plymouth fair grounds Tuesday afternoon. The game was not what could be called a first-class exhibition of ball playing, but with the addition of a few side attractions, the people got the worth of their money.

The Northville nine really had no license to beat our boys but they did it. They got a lead of five scores late in the game, which Plymouth could not overcome. The playing on both sides was a trifle ragged and showed that the players were not in good form. At the end of the sixth innings the score was six and six but in the seventh, the Plymouth boys made some costly errors and allowed five Northvillians to make the circuit. In the eighth Plymouth made four runs, which left the score 11 to 10 in favor of Northville. The ninth inning did not change the result.

About \$56 were taken in at the gate.

—Baker makes all kinds of photos at the lowest prices.

Lost.

A gold brooch pin, shield shape and containing the initials H. Finder please leave at MAIL office.

—House for rent, enquire of Harry Bennett or Plymouth Savings Bank.

Wanted.

Girls to operate knitting machines. Guaranteed wages to beginners. Apply to or address, HAY & TODD MFG. CO., Ypsilanti.

Strikers Effect a Compromise.

Menominee, Mich., May 26.—The shingle weavers and sawyers' strike is practically at an end. Yesterday afternoon a compromise was effected with the men at the Bay Shore Lumber company, the Burns & Menominee Shingle company mills. The mill owners have met the laborers half way.

May Close a Kalamazoo Company.

Lansing, Mich., May 27.—Insurance Commissioner Campbell, who is busily engaged in weeding out irresponsible and insolvent insurance associations in this state, is now after the Michigan Accident Association of Kalamazoo, which has collected about \$10,000 from its members and paid out about \$2,500. The balance has been used as salaries and expenses, together with about \$8,000 procured from other sources. The company has not complied with the commissioner's order to make good its reserve of \$1,000, and he will force it to close up its affairs.

Difficult Surgical Operation.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 30.—A most difficult operation was performed in the University hospital at the University of Michigan. The patient was a woman with cancer of the stomach. The abdomen was cut open, the stomach reached and the lower half where the cancer was, entirely removed. The remainder of the stomach was stitched together and connected again with the small intestine. Then the abdomen was closed. At present the patient is progressing in a very satisfactory manner.

Inevitable Fear of the Mob.

St. Joseph, Mich., May 29.—Berrien county farmers have threatened toynch Harry Smith, a youth arrested here Saturday and accused of assaulting the young daughter of Charles Dorrin, of Berrien Springs. Smith is in jail and is reported to have confessed to Sheriff Ferguson that he committed the crime. The jail is strongly guarded, as it was reported that the farmers near Berrien Springs were organizing for an attack.

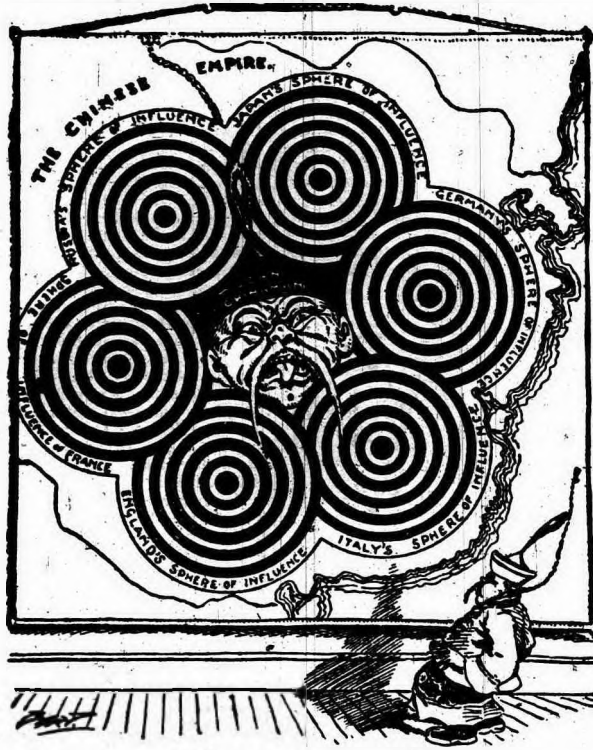
Detroit and the Street Railways.

Detroit, May 28.—The street railway commission's report to the common council has received a thorough overhauling especially by the aldermen, to whom the fate of municipal ownership has practically been left. Alderman Dingwall, who was an appraiser for the commission, says the report will be referred to the committee on streets and ordinances and that a public hearing will be granted.

Murder and Robbery Indicated.

Flint, Mich., May 28.—The body of an unknown man was found by a Chicago and Grand Trunk crew yesterday near the tracks east of the station. A hole an inch in diameter penetrated the dead man's temple, and his pockets were turned inside out. The officers believe the man was murdered.

SPHERES OF INFLUENCE EFFECT ON CHINA.



If you want to see the way these "spheres of influence" influence John Chinaman, move the paper in a circular direction, holding it vertically before the eyes.

—Minneapolis Journal.

Bismark's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c at John L. Gale's drug store.

W. C. T. U.

The receipts for the May Festival were \$77.23. So many of our ladies were attending

the convention last Friday that we had no meeting. Mesdames Beals, Crane, Allen and Merrylees were the delegates, and a number of others from our Union also attended.

The W. C. T. U. are preparing for a Flower Show to be held late in August or early in September. It will continue through two days and evenings. It is hoped that every member will raise one or more plants and present to the organization to be sold at this time. Mrs. M. A. Patterson is making for herself a library, having won the beautifully bound book "Glimpses of Fifty Years" at the matrons' contest in Detroit last Friday eve. This is the third book won by Mrs. Patterson in elocutionary contests.

SUPT. OF PRESS.

GREAT FIRE AT CONEY ISLAND.

Seven Blocks of Frame Buildings Destroyed—Loss \$350,000.

New York, May 27.—Fire started in Buschman's pavilion, Coney Island, and spread rapidly until seven blocks of frame buildings had been destroyed. A conservative estimate of the loss is placed at \$350,000. Policeman Thomas Lynch and Fireman George Taggart and William Aldrich were painfully but not seriously burned while rousing the sleeping occupants of several threatened buildings. Richard Downs and William Durkin, 18 and 15 years respectively, who were asleep in the Zaza hotel, were severely burned about the body.

The police believe the fire was of incendiary origin. Deputy Battalion Chief Kirkpatrick of the fire department says he discovered traces of kerosene along the board walk in front of one of the burned buildings. When the fire department reached the beach front they found a dozen bath houses burning. They were dry as tinder and it was impossible to save them. The flames communicated quickly to the Bowery and destroyed two blocks of it before they were gotten under control. The heaviest losses are as follows: Feltmann's dance hall, restaurant and concert garden, rear end badly burned, loss \$40,000; Henderson's dancing pavilion, bathing houses, restaurant and concert hall, \$100,000; Ezra Merrill's roller-coasting plant, \$50,000; John Danzell's saloon, \$5,000; George Lawrence, saloon and concert hall, \$10,000; Bentley's drug store, \$2,500; Daisell's saloon and restaurant, \$15,000; Stauch's dancing pavilion, swimming pool, restaurant and hotel, \$85,000.

Army Officer Under Arrest.

Chicago, May 30.—Sergt. Charles Campbell, post quartermaster at Fort Sheridan, is locked up at the post guardhouse on a charge of defrauding the government. He has been held at the guardhouse for a week and will be tried by a special court-martial. Campbell is said to have worked frauds by "doctoring" bills for hay and grain for cavalry horses at the post. The government losses are said to amount to thousands of dollars and a feed dealing firm here is said in some way to be concerned in the charge.

Girl Burned by a Live Wire.

Pittsburg, May 31.—A terrific wind and rain storm passed over this section, doing considerable money damage, but no fatalities resulted. The most serious injury was that of Annie Sullivan, a 10-year-old girl, who was on her way home from school. She was struck by a live telephone wire heavily charged by a cross with electric light wires. The wire caught her across the throat and burned into the flesh from ear to ear. The physicians say she has a chance of recovery.

TOGETHER THEY MARCHED!

THE OLD AND THE NEW, TO DECORATE THEIR COMRADES GRAVES.

The Memory of Our Fallen Heroes Honored in a Very Appropriate Manner.

Every recurrence of the anniversary of Decoration Day brings fresh to mind memories of the occasion which caused the sacrifice of so many loyal lives. This year Decoration Day means more than ever before. It has a broader significance. The dead heroes of two wars now fill our memories and silently command our respect. We honor them, one with the other, and revere their memories for the principle they died to maintain. We mourn and rejoice—mourn the loss of those noble defenders of the nation's honor, and rejoice in the thought of victories won, triumphs achieved.

The observance of the day in Plymouth was the most impressive that has ever been witnessed here. A perfect day and carefully arranged details added greatly to the interesting and successful program. A half hour previous to the exercises at the hall, a line of parade was formed at the village park, headed by the Brighton band, then came the common council, Eddy Post, G. A. R., a company of Spanish-American soldiers, and the Plymouth Fire Department. Rev. Oliver opened the exercises at the hall with prayer. Two solos by Miss Louva Millard were very appropriate. The clarinet solo by Rupert Jones was fine and received with enthusiastic applause. Prof. Armond H. Griffith delivered the address, and the few minutes which he occupied was enough to show the people that he is a very interesting and instructive speaker. The audience appeared to be disappointed when his remarks ceased, so rapid was the attention.

At the conclusion of the program at the hall, the procession marched to the cemeteries to witness the annual decoration ceremony by Eddy Post, G. A. R. At Riverside, the fire department decorated the graves of their three deceased members with evergreens and flowers.

The members of Eddy Post, G. A. R., and W. R. C. who had charge of the hall decorating, deserve considerable praise. The hall never looked prettier. Flags, flowers, bunting and plants couldn't have been arranged with better effect. A harmonious blending of colors, bunting taste fully festooned, an artistic arrangement of plants and flowers, all combined to give the hall and stage a handsome and pleasing appearance.

Base Ball Briefs.

Lockard covers his territory in good shape, but his batting average is a trifle low.

"Tunie" had lots of neck or he would have missed that beautiful pop-up.

Some of the girls said Neil would have better wind if he wasn't so fat.

Art Hood was the hardest hitter in the outfit.

"Mike" is a foxy base runner but a little out of practice.

"Dude," the heavyweight short stop, eats those hot ones.

Hiram hasn't lost any of his sprinting qualities. We heard a Northville damsel remark "See that Roe run."

Betwee has a good arm. All he lacks is control.

Ernie Roe started the season with a pretty fair record. Chances are he'll be signed.

"Billie" is sure of a steady job. He's the only catcher in town.

The umpire did the best he knew how, but he didn't know how very well. He was presented with a '99 guide after the game.

Jim Huff had business over back of the grand stand along about the seventh inning. He didn't want to see his brother get hurt.

Too bad Hinchley didn't get a ball to practice with. Plymouth boys are noted for their vigilance along that line.

Stark.

The Newburg Ladies Aid Society will meet Friday afternoon, June 9th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Norris. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

A Basket party will be given at the new residence of John Oldenburg, Friday evening, June 9. Everybody who enjoys tripping the light fantastic, are cordially invited to attend. George Oldenburg and Mr. Schrader are the managers. The ladies are expected to furnish the supper.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

MATTERS WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO OUR OWN PEOPLE.

Important Happenings of the Past Few Days Reported by Telegraph—Michigan News Selected with Care and with a Purpose of Pleasing Our Readers.

Lansing, Mich., May 25.—Bills permitting saloons to be kept open on the 4th of July and prohibiting the giving of any manner of entertainment either in or out of doors on Sunday were defeated, the former in the senate and the latter in the house. The house passed a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a Michigan exhibit at the Buffalo exposition and increased the standing appropriation for the university by \$32,000, making the annual appropriation \$278,000.

Lansing, Mich., May 27.—The senate has adopted resolutions expressing sympathy with Finland because of the abrogation of its charter and autonomy and asking President McKinley to have our representatives at the peace conference intimate that it is the wish of the people of this country that the liberties of Finland be not interfered with.

The house defeated the senate resolution setting June 7 as the date for final adjournment of the legislature and emphatically declared that railroad and other pending tax bills must be passed by the senate before it will agree to any date. Notwithstanding this, the senate adopted another resolution fixing June 17 as the time.

The house agreed to a bill appropriating \$70,000 to be distributed among Michigan soldiers in the Spanish war at the rate of 48 cents a day for each man below the rank of commissioned officer.

Lansing, Mich., May 28.—A bill taxing the output of copper mines has been prepared in the senate and will be vigorously pushed. It levies a tax that is graduated on the principle that those who have much should pay taxes in higher proportion than those who have less. The house has agreed to bills changing the law so as to tax fire insurance companies on their net earnings. The commissioner of insurance having interpreted the present law to tax gross earnings. The Sayre income tax bill, already passed by the senate, has been recommended by the house committee on taxation.

BRUTALITY TO GIRLS.

Stories of Sickening Cruelty in a Michigan Reformatory.

Detroit, May 29.—The legislative committee that is investigating the charge of cruel treatment of girls in the state industrial school at Adrian, Mich., began its Detroit sessions. Mrs. Lucy M. Sickness, superintendent of the school, was present. The first witness called was Miss Edith Oaks of Hartford, who was a relief and regular officer at the school from November, 1898, to last fall. Miss Oaks was one of the two persons who saw the girl Annabella Echtenaw taking the enforced bath, from the effects of which, it is said, she died. Miss Oaks testified that on instructions from Mrs. Sickness she assisted in giving the girl, who was afflicted with something like St. Vitus dance, a hot bath. The water was heated from a steam coil in the bottom of the tub. The girl cried out: "Are you going to scald me?" She was held in twenty minutes and on coming out became unconscious and died within twenty minutes. Miss Oaks said hot baths were a method of punishment.

Mrs. Helen M. Babcock, a former housekeeper at the school, testified that the beddings the girls got were sickening. One instance she spoke of was that of Bessie Force, who had been impertinent. Mrs. Sickness tore off her clothes and gave her thirty blows, after she had been in a solitary cell. Mrs. Babcock continued:

"Why don't you cry?" said Mrs. Sickness, when she had finished. Bessie was as white as a sheet and trembling. She said: "I can't cry, Mrs. Sickness." "You'll cry or I'll kill you. Take off your drawers," said Mrs. Sickness. Bessie took off her drawers. Mrs. Sickness went into another room and got a trunk strap about an inch and a quarter wide.

"She made Bessie lie across the sofa there in the office and gave her, very deliberately, about ten blows on the naked limbs. I could not bear the spectacle, so I stood at a window and looked out. Bessie was screaming: "Oh, Mrs. Sickness, don't kill me! don't kill me!" When Mrs. Sickness finished Bessie was trembling all over. She looked at the girl and said: "Stop that shaking or you'll get some more. You are only putting it on."

Mrs. Babcock testified that she saw Mrs. Sickness give Carrie Forbes from seventy-five to 100 blows at one time. "The whipping of this girl was so awful that it made me sick for three days," she said.

Union of Michigan Railways.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 29.—Representative Smith, who is attorney for the Chicago and West Michigan and Detroit, Grand Rapids and Western railroads, confirms a New York dispatch regarding a union of Michigan railroads. He says: "The new system will be called the Michigan and Pere Marquette throughout, and all other titles will be abandoned. It will operate a through line between Chicago and Port Huron. The new system has 2,000 miles of track. President Heald, of the Chicago and West Michigan, will probably be president."

Assets Exceed Liabilities.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 29.—The Kent Furniture company, of this city, filed a trust mortgage last night securing three local banks to the amount of \$64,500. Claims of other creditors amounting to between \$50,000 and \$60,000 are not secured. The manager states that the assets will exceed all liabilities.



CHAPTER I.

The stagecoach was invisible in a cloud of its own dust as it lurched and rolled along the alkali flats down the valley, and Sancho, the ranchkeeper, could not make out whether any passengers were on top or not. He had brought a fine binocular to bear just as soon as the shrill voice of Pedro, a swarthy little scamp of a half breed, announced the dust cloud sailing over the clump of willows below the bend.

Pedro was not the youngster's original name, and so far as could be determined by ecclesiastical records, owing to the omission of the customary church ceremonies he bore none that the chaplain at old Camp Cooke would admit to be Christian. Itinerant prospectors and occasional soldiers, however, had suggested a change from the original—or aboriginal—title, which was heathenish in the last degree, to the much briefer one of Pedro as fitting accompaniment to that of the illustrious head of the establishment, and Lieutenant Blake, an infantry sub with cavalry aspirations which had led him to seek arduous duties in this arid land, had comprehensively damned the pretensions of the place to being a "dinner ranch" by declaring that a shop that held Sanchez and Pedro and didn't have game was unworthy of patronage.

Sancho had additional reasons for disapproving of Blake. That fine binocular, to begin with, bore the brand of Uncle Sam, for which reason it was never in evidence when an officer or soldier happened along. It had been abstracted from Blake's signal kit when he was scouting the Dragon mountains and swapped for the vilest liquor under the sun at Sancho's, of course, and the value of the glass, not of the whisky, was stopped against the long lieutenant's pay, leaving him, as he ruefully put it, "short enough at the end of the month."

Somebody told Blake he would find his binocular at Sancho's, and Blake instituted inquiries after his own peculiar fashion the very next time he happened along that way.

"Here, you Castilian castaway," said he as he alighted at Sancho's door. "I am told you have stolen property in the shape of my signal glass! Hand it over instantly!"

And Sancho, bowing with the grace of a grandee of Spain, having assured the senior teniente that everything within his gates was at his service, without money and without price, had promptly fetched from an adjoining room a battered old double barreled lorgnette that looked as though it might have been dropped in the desert by Kearny or Fauntleroy or some of the dragoons who made the burning march before the Gadsden purchase of 1853 made us possessors of more desert sand and desolate range than we have ever known what to do with.

"This thing came out of the ark," said Blake, rightfully wrathful. "What I want is the signal glass that deserter sold you for whisky last Christmas."

Whereat Sancho called on all the saints in the Spanish calendar to bear witness to his innocence and bade the teniente search the premises.

"He's got it in that bedroom yonder," whispered old Sergeant Peeney, "and I know it, sir," and Blake, striding to the door in response to the half challenge, half invitation, of the gravely courteous outthroat owner, stopped short at the threshold, stared, whipped off his scouting hat and, bowing low, said, "I beg your pardon, senora, senorita; I did not know," and retired in much disorder.

"Why didn't you tell me your family had come, you respectable old rip," demanded he two minutes later, "or is that, too—stolen property?"

"It is the wife of my brother and his daughter," responded the ranchman, with unruffled suavity.

Nothing could equal Sancho's equanimity in the presence of those he desired to placate, nothing exceeded the frenzy of his wrath when angered by those whom he could harm without fear of reprisals. Blake was backed by a troop of horse and the conviction that Sancho was an unmitigated rascal; therefore were his palpable allusions to be accepted as mere pleasantries or deprecated as unmerited injustice.

Blake had blackened the character of the ranch cuisine, even if he had been unequal to the task of blackening that of the owner. Blake had declared Sancho's homestead to be a den of thieves and the repeat tendered the stage passengers a Barbecue feast, the purport of which was duly reported to Sancho, who "allowed" he would ultimately carve his opinion of Blake on that officer's elongated carcass, and until he could find opportunity so to do it he would find him to hulk the suspicions of the prospective victim by elaborate courtesy of manner, and of this is the Spanish or his Mexican half brother consummate master.

Blake left without a glimpse of his glass, but not without another of "the daughter of my brother," but recently arrived, and that peep made him desirous of a third. Riding away, he waved his hand.

"Adios, Sancho! Hasta otra vista!" he had hailed, but his gaze sought the little window in the adobe wall where a pair of dark, languorous eyes peered out from between the parted curtains and a dusky face dodged out of view the instant it saw it was seen.

What Sancho said in answer is not recorded, but now he was watching the coming of the stage from Yuma. Some one had warned him Lieutenant Blake would return that way, ordered back to the old post, to the north, as witness before an important court martial.

Those were later termed "the days of the empire" in Arizona. Perhaps 5,000 souls were counted within its borders at the time our story opens, not counting the soulless Apaches. Arizona had the customary territorial equipment of a governor and certain other officials. Nine men out of the dozen Americans in the only approach to a town it then possessed—Tucson—would have said "Damfino" if asked who was the secretary, but all men knew the sheriff. The grave, cigar smoking, scraps shrouded caballeros who rode at will through the plaza and ogled dark eyed maidens peeping from their barred windows could harbor no interest in the question of who was president of the United States, but the name of the post commander at Grant, Lowell or Crittenden was a household word, and in the eyes of the populace the second lieutenant commanding the postmaster's escort was limitably "a bigger man" than the thrice distinguished soldier and citizen whose sole monument up to that time was the flagstaff at the adobe corral and barracks sacred to his name.

Mr. Blake had never been in such a God forsaken country or community before, but there was something in the utter isolation, the far stretching waste of shimmering sand, the desolate mountain ranges sharply outlined, hostile and forbidding, the springless, streamless, verdureless plains of this stricken land, that harmonized with the somewhat savage and cynical humor in which he had sought service in the most intolerable clime then open to the troops of Uncle Sam. Blake had been jilted and took it bitterly to heart. Wearing the willow himself, he cherished it as the only green and growing thing in the Gila valley, whereas had he sought sympathy he would have found other young gentlemen similarly decorated, and therefore as content as he to spend the months or possibly years of their imberbered life just as far from the madding crowd and, as Blake cynically put it, "as near hell."

Blake was a man of distinction, as relatives went, and those were days when friends at court had more to do with a fellow's sphere of duty—very much more—than had the regimental commander or even the adjutant general. Blake took Arizona in preference to a tour in the signal office at Washington. He wanted to get as far away from the national capital and the favorite haunt of "the army and navy forever" as he possibly could. It was the most natural thing in the world to him that he should ask for duty in the land of deserts, centipeds, rattlesnakes and Apaches. He put it on the ground of a serious bronchial trouble which could



"Adios, Sancho! Hasta otra vista!" he was cured only in a dry climate, but the war office knew as well as the navy department that it was an affair of the heart and not of the throat.

He wasn't the first man by any manner of means to fall in love with Madeleine Terrance, the prettiest girl and most unprincipled flirt that ever wore the navy button or tormented a sailor father. Blake sought the roughest duty, that of scouting inspectors, staff officers or postmasters on their wearisome trips through the wilderness, and no one could deny that. The cavalry was short of officers and he got assigned to Sancho's post, and the biggest surprise that had come since his commission met him one day at Gila Bend when that same old red stage, a relic of California days, emerged from the dust cloud of its own manufacture and a quiet youth in pepper and salt and sand colored costume looked up from behind a pair of green goggles and said, "Hello, Blake!"

It was the voice, not the face, that the tall trooper recognized. "Well—of—all—the-why, what in the name of Pegasus brings you here, Loring? I thought you had graduated into the engineers."

"Fact," said the newcomer sententiously.

"Well, what's an engineer doing in Arizona? I'd as soon look to see an archbishop."

"Scouting," said the dust colored man. "Where's dinner?"

"In the shack yonder, if your stomach's copper lined. Better come over to my camp and take pot luck there."

Which Loring gladly did and then went on his dusty way, leaving Blake with something to think of besides his own woes. Within half a year of his graduation from West Point the young engineer, one of the stars of his class, had been ordered to report to the general commanding the division of the Pacific and was set to work on a military map in that general's office. Loring found all maps of Arizona to be vague and incomplete and was ordered forthwith to go to the territory and gather in the needed data. That he, too, should be lassiora never for a moment occurred to his comrade of the line. Had such facts been confessed among the exiles of those days many a comradeship of the far frontier would have been strengthened.

That the girl who duped Gerald Blake should have been known to her



Several personal letters fell to the ground, who had captivated Mr. Loring was suspected by neither officer at the time, and that despite the efforts and the resolution of both men both women were destined to reappear upon the stage and temporarily, at least, reassume their way was something neither soldier would have admitted possible. Yet stranger things had happened, and stranger still were destined to happen, and the first step in the drama was taken within the fortnight of this chance meeting at Gila Bend.

Sancho, studying the coming stage with Blake's binocular until it dived into the arroyo 500 yards to the west, handed that costly instrument to the silent, dumpy, dark skinned woman who stood patiently at his side and said briefly "Do," at which she vanished, and after restoring the glass to its hiding place in her bedroom was heard up lifting a shrill, raucous voice at the back of the house ordering dinner to be ready for two. When the vehicle came rattling up to the door, Sancho stood at his threshold, the old lorgnette in hand, bowing profoundly to two travelers, officers of the army apparently, emerged in their dusts and stiffly alighted.

"Have any letters or dispatches been left here for me?" asked in quiet tones the elder of the two, limping slightly as he advanced, leaving to his comrade the responsibility of seeing that none of their luggage had been jolted out of the rickety vehicle.

One or two hangers on came languidly yet inquisitively within earshot. For answer the ranchkeeper, with another elaborate bow, produced a bulky official envelope. The officer glanced at the superscription, said, "This is for me," strode within the adobe walled corral, halted under a screen of brown canvas and there tore open the packet.

Several personal letters fell to the ground, but he paid at first little heed to them. Rapidly his eyes ran over a sheet of closely written matter; then he turned to the silent and ceremonious ranchman.

"When did this come?" he asked.

"At sunset yesterday, senor comandante."

"Where's the courier?"

"He returned before dawn today."

The loangers drew still nearer as the senior calmly turned to his companion, who, having assured himself that their impediments were all safe, came with quick, springy step to join him.

"Where do you suppose Blake and his detachment to be at this moment, Loring?"

"Perhaps 80 miles ahead, sir, over toward Maricopa. Do you need him, colonel?"

"Yes, and at once. Our bird has flown. In other words, Nevins has skipped."

CHAPTER II.

Just what an officer's actual rank might be in the days that followed close on the heels of the war was a matter no man could tell from either his dress or address. Few indeed were they who escaped the deluge of brevets that poured over the army and soaked some men six deep.

There were well authenticated cases of well preserved persons who had never so much as seen a battle and were yet, on one pretext or another, brevetted away up among the stars for "faithful and meritorious service" recruiting, mustering or disbursing.

We had colonels by title whose functions were purely those of the file closer. We had generals by brevet who had never set squadron in the field and didn't know the difference between a pole yoke and a pedometer.

Every captain, except one or two who had laughingly declined, wore the straps of a field officer, some few even of generals, and so when one heard a military looking man addressed as colonel the chances were ten to one that he

was drawing only the stipend of a company officer, and in matters of actual rank in the army it was money that talked.

But there could be no questioning the right of the senior of the two officers who had alighted at Sancho's to the title of colonel. Soldier stood out all over him, even though his garb was concealed by a nondescript duster. His face, lined, thin lipped and resolute, was tanned by desert suns and winds. His hair, once brown, was almost white. His beard, once flowing and silky, was cropped to a gray stubble. His steely blue eyes snapped under their heavy thutch. His head was carried high and well back, and his soft felt hat, wide brimmed, was pulled down over the brows. His deep chest, square shoulders, erect carriage and straight, muscular legs all told of days and years in the field, and every word he uttered had about it the crisp, clear cut ring of command.

It was safe to bet that no mere company was the extent of this soldier's authority, and Sancho, keen observer, had put him down for a lieutenant colonel at least. Full colonels were mostly older men, and Arizona had but one in "the days of the empire."

The ranchman had eagerly whispered questions to the loungers as to the identity of the two arrivals, but without success. Both were strangers, although the junior had been seen at the ranch once before, the day Blake's troop was camped there on the way back from the Dragons. There was the packet left by the orderly to be called for by officers arriving on the Yuma stage, addressed in clerly hand, but Sancho, alas, could not read.

Hovering as near as the gravity and dignity of his station would permit, he had heard the colonel's query about Blake. He pricked up his ears at once. Teniente Blake—thirty miles east on the Maricopa road! Why, how was this? Some one had told him Blake had been to the Colorado and was coming back by this very stage. How did Blake get to the east of Sancho's ranch, after having once gone west, without Sancho's knowing it?

Suspiciously he watched the two soldiers, the grizzled colonel, the slim lieutenant. They were talking together in low tone; at least the colonel was talking eagerly, energetically and with much gesticulation. The junior listened wordless to every word. What had he meant by "the bird had flown"? Why should Nevins "skip"? An unpleasant fear seized upon Sancho. He knew Nevins, at least a Nevins, a captain whom everybody knew in fact and few men trusted. What had Nevins been doing, or rather what that he had been doing was he to be held to account for? Why should the colonel so eagerly ask where they could reach Blake?

Time was when Sancho flattered himself there was no deriltry going on in Arizona, except such as originated with the Indians, in which he had not at least the participation of full knowledge, yet here came two officials, hastening by stage instead of marching with military deliberation and escort, and they were in quest of the Senor Capitan Nevins, of whom all men had heard and, at those hands many had suffered, for was not he a player whom the very cards seemed to obey?

Was it not he who broke the bank at Bustamente's during the festa at Tucson but five months ago? Was it not Nevins who won all the money those two young tenientes possessed, two boys from the far east just joining their regiments and haplessly falling into the hands of this dashing, dapper, whole gouléd, hospitable comrade, who made his temporary quarters their home until they could find opportunity to go forward to the distant posts where their respective companies were stationed? Was it not Nevins who, right there at Sancho's ranch, finding a party of prospectors, several ex-Confederate soldiers among them, languidly staking silver at the monte table, presided over by Sancho's own brother, had calmly opened a faro layout and enticed every man from the legitimate game and every peso from their pockets before the two days' session was finished?

Well did Sancho recall his own wrath and that of his brother at this unlicensed interference with their special business and the surprising liberality, too, with which the senior captain had silenced their remonstrances. Rascal though he was, Sancho had sense enough to know that such proceedings were not seemly in a man bearing the commission of an officer, but Sancho little knew how many a congressman along at the close of the war, finding himself compelled to provide some kind of living for political "healers" or some impersonal reward for services rendered, had foisted his benchmen into the army, then being enlarged and reorganized, and Nevins was one of the results of the iniquitous system.

Commissioned a first lieutenant of a regiment that had had a proud record in the regular division of the Army of the Potomac and had been hurried at the close of the war to the Pacific coast, Nevins had joined at Fort Yuma and served a few weeks' apprenticeship as a file closer, just long enough to demonstrate that he knew nothing whatever about soldiering and too much about poker. All his seniors in grade, except the West Pointers graduated in 1865, had brevets for war service, and Nevins' sponsor was appealed to to rectify the omission in the lieutenant's case. Nevins had held a commission in a volunteer regiment in the defenses of Washington the last few months of the war, and that was found amply sufficient, when a prominent member of the committee on military affairs demanded it, to warrant the bestowal of a brevet for "gallant and meritorious service;" hence came the title of captain.

Then, as company duty proved irksome and Nevins' company and post commander both began to stir him up for his manifold negligences and ignorances, the aid of his patron in congress was again invoked. A crippled veteran

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We are not Giving Shoes away Nor selling them Below Cost,

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And notices set a word; in locals set a word.

Leading notices where charges are made set a line.

Friday, June 2, 1899.

Northville people are still holding dancing parties.

There was a slight fall of snow at Fowlerville on the morning of May 15th.

It's a fact that lots of men would never think of trespassing if they didn't see a notice that it wasn't allowed.

The bonds of the saloon keepers at Wayne have finally been approved and the proprietors are again happy.

The Wayne Review complains that there was considerable shoddy cement walk laid in Wayne last year and bad spots are now showing up all over the village.

The Wayne base ball team has organized with John Fitzgibbon, Sr. president; D. M. Chambers, secretary and treasurer; George M. Stellwagen, manager; Will Curtis, captain. The club is looking for dates.

Contracts have been let for the construction of a large addition to the asylum at Eloise. The present building is crowded beyond its capacity and the new addition will accommodate 125 patients.—Wayne Review.

The enormous increase in the number of letters carried in the U. S. mails makes it certain that the rate of postage must eventually be reduced to one cent an ounce. The president who succeeds in getting such a measure through Congress will hold a high place in the esteem of the people.

In one of our churches last Sunday morning, by actual count, 39 ladies bowed their head in prayer and on each bowed head hung a corpse. Yes, the corpse of a murdered bird. How much of life, joy, happiness and song, went out with the murder of these innocent little songsters of God's own creation.—Dexter Leader.

A band with fourteen members has been organized at Plymouth. The Mail says: "They are all old band men, so that all they will need to do is to buy music and get up their lip." We predict that they will also have to "raise the wind."—Northville Record.

Yes, but they can do that on their notes you know.—Adrian Press.

Last week a new system of checking

baggage was inaugurated on all the railroads in this state. In the future you will get a card check for your baggage, which will have on it the name of town, in plain letters to which the baggage goes, and a duplicate will be put on the baggage. The brass check is a thing of the past.—Holly Independent.

A well known minister thus speaks of the hustle and push of American life: "Man's business requireth haste. The average business and professional man eats in a hurry and gets dyspepsia. He walks in a hurry and gets apoplexy. He talks in a hurry and gets the lie. He does business in a hurry and becomes a bankrupt. He reads in a hurry and is superficial. He votes in a hurry and produces corruption. He marries in a hurry and gets a divorce. He trains his children in a hurry and develops spendthrifts and criminals. He gets religion in a hurry and forgets it in a great hurry. He makes his will in a hurry and leaves a legal contest. He dies in a hurry and goes to the devil. And his tribe steadily increases.

Talk about your law abiding communities. What's the matter with Waterford? We observe that last week a man named Evans was acquitted on a charge of criminal assault on two stepdaughters. He was pronounced not guilty and went home. Soon after, a gang of educated, law-abiding, intelligent citizens surrounded the house and told his wife they wanted an interview. She said her husband was not home, but the guardians of life and liberty proceeded to force an entrance, seized Evans, slipped a rope over his neck, snaked him out to a tree and hung him, with a notice that this would be his final ending if he did not leave the burg. He begged for his life and the highly moral, refined, religious, law-abiding lynchers let him down and ordered him to get out, and he went. Here's a case for the prosecuting attorney to uphold the law, and not shed tears over the barbarity of southern desperadoes. When it comes to that point where men decline to abide by the decision of the courts in a case for redress, but choose to set themselves up as judge, jury and executioner, it is about time to haul down the stars and stripes, pull the tail feathers out of the American eagle and send to the Philippines for a governor general.—Adrian Press.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss.—At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Wayne, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Detroit, on the twenty-ninth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of THOMAS SMITH, deceased.

Edward D. Allen, administrator of said estate having rendered to this court his final administration account and

On reading and filing the petition of said administrator praying that the residue of said estate may be assigned to the persons entitled thereto.

It is ordered, that the twenty-seventh day of June next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Wayne.

EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate. JOHN F. PETERS, Dep'y Register. (A true copy.) 612-614

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A delight to contemplate is a cup of coffee, clear, pure, and harmlessly invigorating. Are you one of the millions who use Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand Coffee? If so, you know its unquestionable excellence. The manner in which you buy it, in pound and two-pound cans, insures its purity and freshness. The Chase & Sanborn seal guarantees that it is a perfect coffee. If you have failed to use this famous brand of the best blend of Java and Mocha, you have yet to experience tasting the most delicious coffee imported into or sold in any country.

John W. Masury Liquid Paint is the Best Paint in the World. We have had a large sale on this paint so far this spring. Two of Plymouth's finest residences on Main-st. were painted with it last week.

Remember we are headquarters for Paris Green, White Hellibore, Blue Vitriol, and other insect powders

John L. Gale's Rheumatic Tablets cure Rheumatism. Call for sample.

Dr. Cooper's Dyspepsia Tablets cure Dyspepsia. Call for sample.

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GREAT 20 DAY BARGAIN SALE.

Bargains in Clothing.

Aside from the Great Values in \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 Suits, that are the Latest and Nobbiest things out, we can offer you the greatest bargains in SUITS (one or two of a kind and many kinds), that you ever saw.

Regular \$15.00 Suits	now \$15.00
" 12.00 "	9.00
" 10.00 "	8.00
" 8.00 "	6.50

Pants made to fit while you wait and suits bought here pressed free of charge any day except Saturday.

If you want the best underwear bought from the manufacturers we have it. No jobbers stuff to fade out and rip. All prices.

Boots. Shoes. Slippers.

As this line of goods takes but little space and time, we are giving the public the benefit of a place to buy them at a lower margin than they can be bought in any store in this United States, and we are here to prove it. These are our prices and we guarantee every pair.

Regular \$3.50	Value \$3.00
Regular 3.00	Value 2.50
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Bargains in odd sizes (one or two pairs of a kind) at any price

110 dozen Hats and Caps All the Latest Effects and bought from the manufacturers. Hats from \$2.50 down to 25c. Caps from 75c to 10c. We lead, others follow.

Latest effects in Ladies Furnishings, Neckwear, etc.

Immense quantities of Shirt Waists we are selling this year. We've the finest assortment you ever saw, and such beauties at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Get a look at them.

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An elegant assortment of Duck, Pique and Denims, with or without braid. All popular. We have beauties from 75c to \$2.50.

PARASOLS. A new and elegant lot bought at 1/4 off regular price, from \$1 to \$1.50, worth \$1.50 to \$2.25 each.

Ladies' Suits

cheap to close out. We have only a few left and one or two of a kind.

Regular \$15.00 Suits	at \$10.00
" 12.00 Suits	at 9.00
" 10.00 Suits	at 8.00
" 8.00 Suits	at 6.50
Regular 5.00 Suits	at 3.95

Lace Curtains and Draperies

At Cost for 20 days only.

\$7.50 Draperies	at \$6.25
6.50 Draperies	at 5.50
5.00 Draperies	at 4.00
\$4.50 Draperies and Curtains	at 3.75
3.50 Draperies and Curtains	at 2.75
2.50 Draperies and Curtains	at 2.00
1.50 Draperies and Curtains	at 1.25

Curtain Goods by the yard 12 to 25c.

CARPETS.

Cut without waste.

Regular 75c Brussel Ingrains	at 65c
" 65c All Wool Ingrains	55c
Regular 60c All Wool Ingrains	50c
" 50c Ingrains	at 42 1/2c
Regular 40c Ingrains	at 35c
" 30c Ingrains	at 25c

Carpet Paper thrown in with every yard of Carpet during sale. Linoleum by the yard, 45c and 50c.

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Ladies Ribbed Vests from 5c to 25c each.

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SUMMER DRESS GOODS. The largest and most complete stock we have ever had. White and Colored Piques at from 15 to 30c. White Lawns at from 8 to 25c. Challies at 4c up. Newest ideas in Gingham, Chambras and Percales, 5 to 18c. Elegant line of Silk Waist Patterns.

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Plymouth, Mich.

News of the Week.

Read our offer this week on first page.
—Minnows for sale. Enquire at Phoenix Mills.

Miss Myrtle Norris, of Beech, visited in Plymouth this week.

Benjamin Cook, of Avon, Canada, visited Jolliffe Bros. this week.

Seats have been placed in the park and the park mowed this week.

James Leslie has been very ill with appendicitis but is improving.

Miss Ina Berdan, of Wayne, visited in Plymouth the forepart of the week.

Mrs. E. P. Baker and Mrs. L. H. Bennett spent part of the week in Detroit.

The soldier boys practiced the blanket exercise several times on Decoration Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dryer, of Detroit, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rauch.

Rev. Shaason, of Wayne, will exchange pulpits with Rev. Oliver next Sunday evening.

Miss Fitzgerald has returned from a five week's stay in Jackson, Concord and other places.

During the month of June new subscribers can get the Plymouth MAIL one year for 50 cents.

Men remember accidents with horses as long as women remember things their children did.

Mrs. F. J. Lewis, of Ann Arbor, was the guest of Mrs. George Shafer last Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Homer E. Safford, of Detroit, are rejoicing over the advent of a little daughter, born May 29th.

The three days' race meeting which has been held next week has been declared off for the present.

—For Yellow Skin take Torpidets.

Prof. Schall and wife, (nee Nettie Durfee), of Concord, are rejoicing over the advent of a son into their home.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Epworth League will be held at V. E. Hill's next Monday evening.

—Good room in Coleman Block to rent. Inquire of John L. Gale.

Henry Terry, a former resident of Plymouth, and brother of the late Ralph Terry, died at his home in Lansing last Monday morning.

Rev. F. E. Arnold, of Ypsilanti, will begin his labor as pastor of the Baptist church next Sunday morning, June 4th. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Beals, Mrs. Chas. Allen, Mrs. Crane and Mrs. Merryloes represented the Plymouth W. C. T. U. at the convention held in Detroit last week.

John A. Russell, of the D. P. & N. Ry. has offered to cooperate with the Plymouth Fire Department in arranging a fire alarm system for the village.

—Building lots for sale. 613 J. WILDEY.

The assessed valuation of the real and personal property in Plymouth village last year was \$598,300. This year the valuation is \$621,105, being an increase of \$22,805.

Art Cable has given up his position at the Wayne hotel for the present, and will remain in Plymouth during the coming summer. He will act as leader of the Plymouth band.

Ada Safford, with three of her school friends, Miss Lucy Cooley, of Ann Arbor, Miss Hollenbeck, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Miss Ruth Scott, of Duluth, Minn., came to spend Sunday at her home.

—For Dyspepsia take Torpidets.

Mrs. M. A. Patterson carried off the honors in the elocutionary contest given at the convention of the W. C. T. U. held in Detroit last week. The prize was a handsomely bound volume of "Glimpses of Fifty Years," by Mrs. Willard.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Esther Vickery, Wednesday, June 7th, at ten o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. CARRIE MARKHAM, Sec'y.

This week we have sent out several hundred extra copies of the MAIL. We hope every person who gets one will read it carefully and then decide to keep it in the family during the next twelve months.

You can get it for 50 cents during the month of June.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society will be held in the Pioneer Room of the Capitol at Lansing, commencing Wednesday, June 7, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., standard time, and continuing through the afternoon of Thursday, June 8.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Service 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school 11:45 A. M. Wednesday evening meeting, 7:30. Christian Science Hall. All are most cordially invited. Subject for next Sunday will be: "God, the Preserver of Man."

S. F. Hodge continues very low.

Louis Steele is firing at the power house.

Art Briggs is working for the D. P. & N. Ry.

Dr. Collier was in town Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Henry Andrews, of Isabella Co., is visiting here.

Dewey Moreland and daughter, Clara, were in town Thursday.

Mrs. S. W. Ross, of Grand Rapids, was here Thursday on business.

Miss Mabel Williams, of Coldwater, is visiting at A. D. Lyndon's.

Mrs. Church, nee Mary Andrus, of Byron, was in town this week.

Mrs. E. O. Huston and daughter, are visiting in Pontiac this week.

O. N. Baker, of Wayne, spent the fore part of the week in the village.

"Wink" Scott and family, of Monroe, visited in Plymouth over Sunday.

On Monday Edgar Jolliffe left for St. Marys Can., to spend the summer.

Clarence Stevens has finished his school and is home for the summer.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Weeks is very low with spinal meningitis.

Joseph Rose and family, of Saginaw, visited his brother, John Rose, this week.

A regular meeting of the common council will be held next Monday evening.

Mrs. David Sloss and son, Arthur Sloss, of Dearborn, visited in Plymouth Decoration Day.

The members of the Brighton band looked quite natty in their pretty white uniforms.

Elmer W. Chaffee is suffering from a combination of pleurisy and bilious fever, and is very sick.

Mrs. A. D. Lyndon, is slowly improving having ridden out in a carriage several times this spring.

Mrs. May Durham, of Pontiac, is spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Burch.

D. W. H. Moreland and daughter, Marge, and John Gallagher, of Detroit, were in town over Sunday.

E. K. Bennett, A. H. Dibble, W. O. Allen and E. W. Chaffee attended a Shrine meeting in Detroit last Friday.

Miss Blanche Starkweather is holding Sunday mission meetings at Wayne. Prof. Ryder assisted last Sunday.

George D. Weeks, of Ohio, and Mrs. Wilcox, of Grand Rapids, brother and sister of M. R. Weeks, are visiting here.

J. W. Oliver's store window contained an interesting display of Spanish-American war relics and Cuban views this week.

To those of our readers who have become interested in "The Phantom Ship," we wish to say that it will be continued next week.

"A Wounded Name," a charming story of life in the army, by Brig. Gen. Charles King, U. S. A., begins in this issue. Don't fail to read it.

J. H. Logan, former superintendent of the D. P. & N. Ry., is now working for the Michigan Portland Cement Co. with headquarters at Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hough, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker, Mrs. M. A. Vrooman and Maud Vrooman leave this afternoon on a week's trip to Boston, Mass.

Twenty members of the Degree of Honor lodge, of Wayne, visited Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Hill, Wednesday. The Degree of Honor is the women's auxiliary to the A. O. U. W.

Frank F. Andrews, of Northville, a former employe at the Globe works, died at Grace hospital Detroit, Thursday night from injuries caused by being struck by a street car, about an hour before.

Salem too, is arranging for the eagle to scream July 4th. Detroit may as well quit now. Representative Wheeler ought to get an appropriation through the legislature for the celebration. Can just as well get it from this Legislature as not. —Livingston Democrat.

Charles Durfee, a former resident of Plymouth and a brother of Lawyer Irving Durfee, of Detroit, was struck by an F. & P. M. engine last Friday while superintending a gang of painters at the viaduct just west of the Union Depot. His injuries are not considered fatal.

The undersigned will offer at public auction, over Louis Hebers barber shop in Plymouth, on Saturday, June 10th, all his household goods, stoves, carpets, sewing machine, etc. Terms cash. Harry Robinson, auctioneer.

WM. MALONE, PROP.

We were evidently misinformed last week when we said that 180 men would be put to work Monday morning and that cars would be running to the corner of Sutton and Main streets by Wednesday night. We think we can state this week with safety that cars will not be running through the village until the track is laid.

Laying all jokes aside, it is expected that work in the village will commence with vigor Monday morning, barring accidents. On account of the breakdown at the power house last Sunday night the work had to be postponed.

E. P. Baker, the artist, has on exhibition a number of large portraits of people residing in the village. The work is of high quality and his prices will surprise you. He also has a large stock of frames, all sizes, which are very reasonable in prices. If you want large pictures of yourself or any member of your family, get his prices before ordering.

We trust that every person who gets hold of a MAIL this week will carefully read the advertisements and profit thereby. The ads. are of more benefit than the reading matter for they effect your pocket book. If you want to keep posted on where to trade read the MAIL from week to week. You will find bargains in almost every line of business, you will see prices quoted, and you will have no trouble in determining where your money will be most profitably spent.

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Lace Curtain Sale

We find we are overstocked with Lace Curtains and must reduce our stock. Commencing JUNE 3rd and for two weeks we will make the following reductions on Lace Curtains:

\$4 00	Curtains now	\$3 00	a pr
\$3 50	" "	\$2 75	
\$3 25	" "	\$2 50	
\$3 00	" "	\$2 25	
\$2 50	" "	\$2 00	
\$2 25	" "	\$1 75	
\$1 25	" "	\$1 00	
75	" "	59	
50	" "	43	

Sale Lasts Two Weeks Only.

Ladies' Spring Jackets, blue and tan,

\$6 Jackets for \$4.50
5 Jackets for 3.85

We have also the most complete line in the city of Dress and Domestic Goods, Ladies' Wrappers, Shirt Waists, Skirts, Draperies, Petticoats, Underwear, Corliss Collars, and the latest shades in Kid Gloves.

Our 25c Summer Corset is equal to most of the 50c Corsets sold by others.

Yard Wide Percale only 5 cents.

Gents' Furnishing Goods.

In this line we are second to none. Neckwear, Kid Gloves 50c to \$1.50, light buck Driving Gloves, The very latest styles in the Cluet, Peabody & Co. Arrow Brand Collar, soft and stiff bosom Shirts, 50c to \$1.50. We are agents for and have a fine line of fancy and plain white Monarch Shirts which are the Best on Earth. All Wool Pants \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, and \$3.00.

40 doz, good 50c Work Shirts for 35c

GROCERIES.

Our Grocery Department is complete. There is no need to break your back "making garden" if you patronize our model grocery department. You will always find a big line of Green Goods here—not the confidence man kind, but the kind you try to raise and can't. We not only give them to you two months in advance of the time you could get them from your own garden, but they are also way ahead in quality. All other items in the grocery line always in stock here at popular prices.

Some people makes a heap of noise,
And cut an awful swell,
A telling folks about their goods
And what they have to sell,
Our teas and coffees are rich and rare,
All pronounce the very best
To be had in any city
Be it east or be it west.

In canned goods, fruits and groceries,
We keep none but the best,
Our prices please the public,
Our goods, they do the rest.

Our place is always neat and clean,
As any store should be,
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3 cans best Salmon	25c
Good Red Salmon per can	10c
3 cans Choice Sweet Corn	25c
3 cans Choice Peas	.....	25c
Good Rice 5c pound or 6 pounds for	.....	25c
Best Rice 7c pound or 4 pounds for	.....	25c
Lion, and XXXX Coffee,	.....	10c
Arm & Hammer Saleratus 7c pound or 4 pounds for	.....	25c
Saleratus, Gilt Edge, 5c pound or 6 pounds for	.....	25c
Carbon Soda 4c pound or 7 pounds for	.....	25c
Silver Gloss Starch per pound	.....	7c
Corn Starch 5c pound or 6 pounds for	.....	25c
Bulk Starch 4c pound or 7 pounds for	.....	25c
New Raisins, 3 Crown, 7c pound or 4 pounds for	.....	25c
New Prunes 5c pound or 6 pounds for	.....	25c
New Figs per pound	.....	10c
Choice Mince Meat 3 packages	.....	25c
Rolled Oats 9 pounds for	.....	25c
Good Syrup per gal.	.....	20c
Molasses, per gal.	.....	20c
4 pound Sal Soda for	.....	5c
Clothes Pins 1c dozen 6 doz for	.....	5c
Pure Ground Pepper, per pound	.....	20c
Mustangs, 60c pound or	.....	5c oz
Best Crackers, 6c or 4 1/2 pounds for	.....	35c
Best American Flour, per sack	.....	35c
Best Flour, per lb.	.....	35c
Best Flour, to close out, 5c a package	.....	35c
Our Best Tea per pound now	.....	50c
Parlor Matches 12 boxes 9c or 36 for	.....	35c
Good Fine Cut Tobacco, per pound	30c
Quality & Quantity plug Tobacco lb.	20c

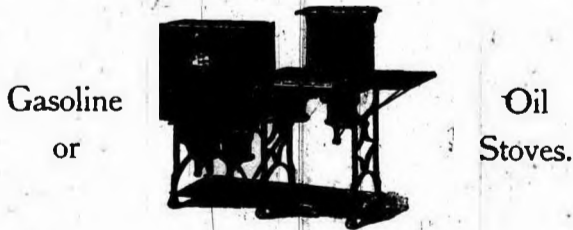
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GRANDMA CHARLOTTE.

Kaiser William's Dashing Sister Gives an Amateur Circus.

VENUS OF THE HOHENZOLLERNS.

A Royal Ride Around the Ring in Eighteenth Century Costume—Count Bill Hohenzollern as Strong Man and Horse Tamer.

Charlotte, princess of Saxe-Meiningen, the sister of the German emperor, has created a small sensation in the court circles of Europe by giving an amateur circus in the riding hall adjoining her husband's palace at Breslau, says a correspondent of the New York Press. The "Venus of the Hohenzollerns" is rather profuse in surprises for her family, so much so, in fact, that once her imperial brother struck her name off the list of guests at the imperial hunting parties. The princess was married to Bernhard of Saxe-Meiningen much against her will, if one may believe court gossip. At any rate, she has led that rather close-lipped individual a lively life ever since. The spectacle of a royal and imperial grandmother



evincing about a tan bark arena, with top boots reaching to her knees and riding stallions "man fashion," would have been more startling if the aforesaid grandmother had not been Charlotte of Meiningen. The old dowagers of Europe have been shocked so often by Charlotte and the first class kings and emperors "who keep their carriages" and try to live dignified lives have despaired so often of her that it takes a pretty good "stunt" from her highness to make "royalties" talk. But "Grandma" Charlotte did it this time. The princess was aided in her circus by Count Bill Hohenzollern, who acted as strong man and horse tamer, and the Baron Roeder, who was clown and rough rider. The princess was ringmaster and exhibitor of trick horses. She had assembled a lot of people to see her performance. Most of the titled persons had brought their wives, and the assemblage was brilliant, even if its component parts were people who are not regarded with the utmost seriousness in court and official circles. From one of the boxes Prince Bernhard looked on sourly at this latest exhibition of his wife's folly. Though Charlotte is a grandmother, she is only about 40 years old and certainly is handsome.

The princess came galloping into the ring mounted upon a magnificent stallion and dressed in the costume of a postillion of the eighteenth century. She had on a blue "swallowtail" coat, laced with silver, and a yellow vest. Her divided skirt was of thick white cloth, and she wore patent leather boots reaching to the knees. Ostrich plumes waved over a three-cornered hat blazing with diamonds. She sat astride her horse with a firm seat and dashed around the ring bowing and throwing kisses to her friends. Everybody applauded and waved greetings to her except her husband, who looked more glum than before. Loudest in the applause were the Duke of Sleswick and his girl wife, Dorothy of Saxe-Coburg, daughter of the unhappy Louise of Belgium. After this greeting the princess rose in her stirrups and ordered her trick horses to be brought in. With the exception of one, a product of the Hanover stud, all the horses were Trakhenners, a breed noted for beauty of head and carriage and for docility of temper. On the heads of the horses were feathers and rosettes, and their white and gold harnesses set off to perfection the blackness of their glossy skins.

One of "Grandma" Charlotte's notes was to give the command, "Catch me if you can—catch a taro," and go dashing around the ring trailing her long whip after her, her horses following and trying to seize the whip in their teeth. All the "hoch-gehoehre" and "wohl-gehoehre" were wild with enthusiasm at this proof of the abilities of the princess—all except Bernhard, who looked thunderclouds. After Nero Hueber Peter, the counting horse, was exhibited, "Bernhardt" called the princess to her husband, "can you lead me a 'blue rag'?" "Blue rag" is slang for a 100 mark note, and Bernhard frowned and fumbled slowly in his pocket. All the party were gay with enjoyment by this time, to which the hummel and champagne had contributed, and the Count von Plueskow, seeing Bernhard's loss to give up a "blue rag," threw one to the princess. Von Plueskow is the tallest man in the Prussian army and a great friend of the Meiningens, but Bernhard was angry and, throwing a handful of bills into the ring, shouted out: "I will have that blue rag if it is used for any more such blackmailing schemes!" A shout of laughter went up at the threat of the prince, though it was evident he meant what he said. "Goose gathered up the bills which Bernhard had thrown into the ring and handed them to the princess, who smiled sweetly as she dismounted from her horse. She held one of the bills, a 5 mark one, before Peter, the counting horse. He nodded his head

as a sign that he understood and then "I bet he can't count till three!" shouted the amusee's brother-in-law, Prince Bernhard, who had come over from Breslau with his beautiful but plesbian wife Catharina, nee Jenam, lately created Baroness von Saal. "What is the bet?" "A gold crown," (10 marks). "Taken!" cried her royal highness, singing one of her husband's bank notes into Duke Guntter's box. "Dorothy shall be the stakeholder. Who else will bet?" Offers came from all sides. Princess Marie of Meiningen bet 50 marks against her sister-in-law, Prince Radolff 100, General Count Perpocher, 80 marks, etc. until Dorothy had her lap full of coins and bills. Then Charlotte cracked her whip, and a groom brought in a big pasteboard containing the number three, which was shown to Hueber Peter amid deafening shouts of "Don't prompt him!" "Step aside, so we can watch you!" and "No bribes in the shape of sugar plums, if your royal highness please!" The princess did as requested, but Peter went all bets for her, thereby helping her out on a real financial problem, for Charlotte has the reputation of being in a chronic state of impecuniosity. Then Charlotte did other tricks with her horses, making them dance around on their hind legs, walk as if lame and go about bowing to the company. When she sent her bowing horse around, there was another laugh at the expense of Prince Bernhard, for the horse had been taught to bow only to the boxes in which there were women, and as there were no women in the prince's box he passed by that serene transparency without a nod of recognition, and all persuasion could not make him acknowledge the presence of the prince.

BATTLE WITH ANTS.

Narrow Escape of an English Tourist in South America.

"I had been exploring a forest in Central America," said Walter Whitestone to a correspondent, "and had established my headquarters in the center of an open glade about 50 feet wide, when I became aware of the approach of a moving mass of insects whose nature I could not at first determine, but which spread from side to side of the open space in which I stood and whose flanks were lost in the bush. At first I watched the oncoming army with lazy indifference. To be afraid of such minute creatures was too absurd an idea to enter my mind. Only when the insects were close to me did the stories of the natives regarding the terrible power of the ant army flash into my recollection. Then I jumped up in a hurry, gathered together my traveling equipments and prepared to decamp. At the same instant I became aware, from sharp, nipping pains in the lower extremities, that the vanguard of the army had reached my outstretched limbs and begun the attack. I glanced hastily around me and, horror of horrors, found that the devilish insects had me in a circle, cutting off all chances of escape, except through their ranks. With the skill of expert tacticians they had delayed attack from the front until the wings had had time to march ahead and meet in the rear. The closeness of the little bands struck me even in that dreadful moment when the danger of my position became every moment more apparent and the oncoming regiments were mounting up my limbs, sinking numberless hungry beaks into my skin and biting like a myriad of tiny demons. "Inspiration comes quickly to the man who is being devoured alive by ants. I had in my camp outside a bottle of kerosene that I carried always for a small lamp that I used at night. Kerosene I knew to be death to insects. With hurried hand I tore open the fastening of my knapsack and took out the oil bottle, the demon army all the while marching relentlessly up the red track they had made on my limbs. A dash of the kerosene on my stinging army and my enemies dropped in writhing masses, ceased struggling and lay still as they struck the ground. That bottle of common kerosene oil was to save my life. I poured some in the hollow of my hand and rubbed it on my tortured limbs. Wherever the kerosene touched it



Whitstone attacked by an army of ants. What mattered it that the numerous punctures started as though 10,000 red hot needles were piercing my skin. I was routing the enemy. "My effects rebuffed. I poured the oil down my ankles and joyously watched the head of the columns that were mounting my shoes turn tall and scuttile off, leaving thousands of dead ants in their trail. The insects left on my body were quickly disposed of, but while I was concentrating my attention on those the army had been pushing on to renew the attack. Evidently they had been only driven back, not routed, and those afar off were not aware of the formidable nature of the defense. Half the contents of my bottle of oil had been used. It was necessary to settle the ants with what remained. "Quickly I spread my rubber blankets on the ground at my feet and, standing in the center, emptied the contents of the bottle around my shoes. In this obscured circle I was absolutely safe. The ant army charged again and again, only to fall back, baffled and terrified from the lake of oil in which I stood. The terrific insects felt squirming and dying at my feet by squads and regiments, but pass the kerosene barrier they could not, and at last the mass moved off, beaten. I was saved."

Confirmation of Chaucer's Name. Contradictory evidence for the correctness of Prof. Shea's derivation of Chaucer's name, from chauce cire, "heat wax," has been found by Mr. Scott, keeper of manuscripts of the British museum. The occupation of the first member of the family was, therefore, that of chaff wax, an officer in the sealing department of the chancery, and not that of "chausier," a hoaler.

Vienna's Bicycle Paths. Vienna has made a beginning of construction of bicycle paths through its streets. Ground has been conceded for the construction of a new street on condition that a strip be prepared for the use of bicyclists.

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Time Table in effect Jan. 29th, 1899.

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS	No. 1	No. 3
Detroit	8:00	4:00pm
Dundee	10:15	5:30
Tecumseh	10:45	6:20
Arden	11:08	6:50
Wasson	12:09pm	7:44
Napoleon	12:36	8:11
Malinta	12:51	8:26
Leipic	1:06	8:41
Lafayette	1:26	9:00
Ottawa	1:40	9:16
Columbus Grove	1:58	9:34
Dundee	2:32	10:10pm
Lake View	3:22	
Bellefontaine	3:54	
Columbus	4:55	

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS	No. 2	No. 4
Columbus	7:50am	
Bellefontaine	9:46	
Lake View	10:18	
Lansing	11:09	6:05am
Columbus Grove	11:44	6:37
Ottawa	12:02pm	6:52
Leipic	12:40	7:28
Hamlet	12:57	7:38
Malinta	1:21	7:59
Napoleon	1:34	8:14
Wasson	1:58	8:39
Arden	2:25	9:16
Tecumseh	2:45	9:45
Dundee	3:25	10:25
Detroit	4:10pm	12:10

No. 3 and 4 run daily, other trains daily except Sunday.

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DETROIT Grand Rapids & Western

APR. 10, 1899.

GOING EAST	AM.	PM.	PM.
Lv Grand Rapids	7:30	1:30	5:25
Lv Detroit	10:15	4:20	8:00
Lv Lansing	8:54	3:20	7:22
Lv Kalamazoo	10:25	5:03	9:00
Ar Detroit	12:30	5:43	10:15
Ar Grand Rapids	1:10	5:20	10:55

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

F. & P. M. R. R. TIME TABLE

In effect May 14, 1899.

Trains leave Plymouth as follows:

STANDARD TIME.

GOING SOUTH	GOING NORTH
Train No. 4, 10:05 a. m.	Train 1, 3:30 a. m.
" No. 6, 4:20 p. m.	" 2, 9:15 a. m.
" No. 8, 8:30 p. m.	" 3, 1:00 p. m.
" No. 10, 6:20 a. m.	" 4, 7:30 p. m.

Trains Nos. 3 and 9 run through to Alpena.

Train No. 2 connects at Ludington with steamer for Mackinac and N. A. with steamer for Milwaukee (weather permitting) making connections for all points West and Northwest.

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

Trains leave for Toledo at 6:26 a. m., 10:25 a. m., and 8:20 p. m.

For more information see Time Cards.

ED. PELTON, Local Agent.

MORTGAGE SALE. Whereas, default has been made in the condition of a certain mortgage made the twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1897, executed by Eliza A. Hodson, of Plymouth, Mich., in favor of William F. Mackinnon, of the same place, which mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said county of Wayne in Liber 125 of Mortgages at page 251 then on the twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1897, at 11:40 o'clock a. m. and whereas the amount due to be paid on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of Four hundred and sixty-seven and 40/100 Dollars, to wit: of principal and interest, and the further sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) as an attorney's fee retained by the said mortgagee and no part of the same having been paid by the said mortgagor, and whereas the mortgagee has been given notice by virtue of said power of sale, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be sold by a sale of the premises thereunto described, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Warehouse or Gravel pit entrance to the City Hall in Detroit, (that being the place to which the Circuit Court for the county of Wayne is held) State of Michigan, on the tenth day of August, A. D. 1899, at twelve o'clock noon, city time, and day, and the same shall be sold with all the fixtures, to wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the village of Plymouth, county of Wayne, and State of Michigan, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lot number one (1) in the village of Plymouth, Michigan, as shown on the plat of said lot as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said county of Wayne, in Liber 125 of Mortgages at page 251, and also the premises thereunto described, to-wit: Lot number one (1) in the village of Plymouth, Michigan, as shown on the plat of said lot as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said county of Wayne, in Liber 125 of Mortgages at page 251, and also the premises thereunto described, to-wit: Lot number one (1) in the village of Plymouth, Michigan, as shown on the plat of said lot as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said county of Wayne, in 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FARM GARDEN

QUICK CORN PLANTING.

A Pulverizer For Corn Rows And a Convenient Corn Marker.

It is the custom of many farmers to plow for corn and follow with the harrow, roller or plank drag until the ground is level and fine before the corn is put in with a two horse planter. But if heavy rains come and pack the soil before planting it must be reworked, perhaps several times. Commenting



PULVERIZER FOR CORN ROWS.

upon the time thus lost in doing extra work and waiting for the ground to dry off between the plow and the planter, a writer in the Ohio Farmer has said: If instead of harrowing, rolling or dragging all this land before planting, each farmer used an implement that would pulverize thoroughly the row in which the corn is to be planted, leaving the middlers to be rolled, harrowed or dragged, after planting, as the conditions of weather and soil might indicate, there would be saved an immense amount of labor and worry.

We made a simple implement that has saved labor and time and given us the satisfaction of planting as soon as the ground is warm enough. As soon as the field is plowed, we harrow if necessary and then start this pulverizer ahead of the planter. It pulverizes the tracks for the planter perfectly, leaving the middle as the harrow left it, ready to be rolled or dragged after the corn is planted.

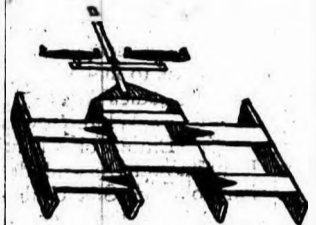
To make the pulverizer we need two planks 6 feet long, 2 by 12 inches, and two boards 4 feet long, 2 by 6 inches.

They are bolted together, as shown in the cut, so that the distance from center to center will be the same as the width of the planter or distance between the rows of corn. We remove teeth from a harrow and insert seven to nine in the 2 by 12 sides in such a way that no two teeth follow each other.

The hitch is a chain from a scotch harrow. Two horses attached as to the harrow or plank drag will do the work with the driver riding on the pulverizer if the ground is rough enough to require so much weight. The marker can be taken from the planter and used on the pulverizer, as the track made by the pulverizer will be the guide for the team and driver of planter.

To lighten the work of turning at ends we have used the truck of a riding cultivator, and by the chain attachment to truck and pulverizer we raise with a foot lever the pulverizer clear of the ground for convenience in turning and getting the spacing of rows accurately and easily. The truck and chain attachment and lifting lever we do not attempt to show in the cut.

Another device illustrated in the journal mentioned is a corn marker, of



A CORN MARKER.

which a correspondent says: I think it goes ahead of any of the things of the kind I have ever used, and they have been many.

It is a four row marker, but has hinges on it so it will mark on rolling or uneven ground as well as on level ground. The wings can be turned so as to go through a narrow gate or around obstructions in a field. I used four 6 inch T hinges and a common buggy tongue. My runners are 3 1/4 feet long, 6 inches wide and 3 inches thick. Have a wide board on the center, so as to ride, if you mark by stakes.

A Surprise In Potato Fertilizing.

This surprise awaited the investigator at the Geneva (N. Y.) station in potato tests with different amount of potash in otherwise equivalent fertilizer mixtures. "Notwithstanding the large quantity of potash taken from the soil by potato tubers, 60 pounds in 200 bushels, the crops on the four farms in these tests seemed to find a sufficient supply of this element in the natural soil, for the plants receiving only nitrogen and phosphoric acid averaged slightly more than those receiving one-third or two-thirds the full amount of potash per acre and only a fraction of a bushel less than that receiving the entire 100 pounds."

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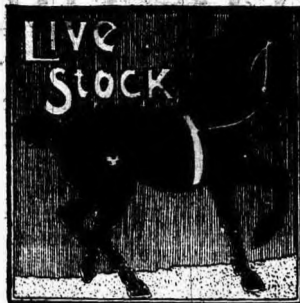


Racing Stable Owner: "What are you doing with all those books, Jimmy?"
Ambitious Jockey: "Studyin' up. A feller can't tell how soon he may hafta go over to de odder side an do de 'Tod' Sloane act!"
—New York Journal.

THINGS THE CZAR'S PEACE CONGRESS IS GOING TO STOP.



Oho, our brave commissioners have sailed across the sea To join the czar's peace congress and to chat in harmony! Disarmament they'll talk about, and love they'll argue for, And try to stop forever this brutality called war. Oh, may their efforts bear success! May peace o'erspread the world! Let nevermore the rolling pins by angry wives be hurled! May e'en the little chickens from their mains barbaric cease And every man in all the world look out for naught but peace!
—New York Journal.



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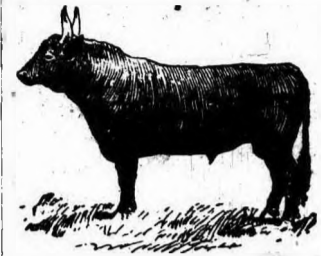
The Male Is Not by Any Means the Whole Herd.

Many are satisfied with having a pure bred male of reputable pedigree at the head of the herd, regardless of whether his type and points of excellence are in harmony with the requirements of the herd or not, forgetting that defects that are common to both parents intensify themselves in the offspring, says The Homestead. Just what it is that at all points goes to make up the obscure thing known as "a good nick" would be difficult to define, but one of its elements undoubtedly is that weakness at certain points on one side of the horse should be compensated for by strength in those particulars on the other. The fact involves a careful selection of the females in the breeding herd with a view of securing uniformity in them. For if they be widely at variance with respect to their physical conformation no sire can be chosen that will mix with them at all. If, however, the females of the herd be uniform, showing in a general way a similarity in their strong points and their weak ones, the sire to be used on the herd can then be selected with a view of correcting deficiencies, and to the extent that the uniformity prevails on the one side and the selection has been good on the other uniform results may be expected in all the offspring. In too many cases the purchaser of a sire relies upon somebody else's judgment to pick him a good one, the person entrusted with this duty perhaps never having seen the herd on which such selection is to be used. If, however, the sire is chosen with special reference to the use that is to be made of him, outstanding defects can, to a large extent, be corrected, and by pursuing this policy for a series of generations great improvement can be effected. If the herd is of one line of breeding through a series of years, the defects will be likely to be of one general type. Suppose, for example, they have too much length of leg, then a sire that is particularly low down will contribute to breed out the defect. Suppose there is a deficiency in the heart girth and consequently in vigor and constitution, then a sire having a large heart girth will measurably cure

the difficulty in the offspring. If there is weakness in the flank, if some should be strong there. If the females are coarse and inclined to be rough, fining down can be accomplished by the use of a closely built, compact sire, and on the other hand, if the females are smooth, small boned, pretty and inclined to undersize, the selection of the male should be made with a view of correcting these faults.

Typical Kerry Bull.

The Kerry bull, Prince of Leinster 353, the property of C. Brinsley Marlay, Belvedere house, Mullingar, has had a most distinguished career in the show-



KERRY BULL PRINCE OF LEINSTER 353. yard, having been first at the Royal Dublin society's shows for several years and also first at last year's Royal at Birmingham. He was bred by Viscount de Vesel, got by Gort Admiral 140, dam Princess Mary 778. The accompanying illustration is from the London Live Stock Journal.

Cultivate Digestive Power.

The ability to digest its food properly is, after all, the most important and necessary characteristic of any really valuable animal. It is possible to increase digestive power, and it can be done even before birth, by seeing to it that the dam bearing young is always supplied with good, nutritious food in proper quantities. A sow with pigs which is kept in cold quarters and poorly fed will almost certainly drop two or more runts in her litter. It is hard work making a runt pay its keep. The extra food it gets would have paid much better if fed to an animal properly born. All young animals have weak digestion. If they are never allowed to surfeit themselves, this will grow stronger. By the time a pig is 4 or 5 months old it will make faster growth, though not in proportion to its size, than it did first. It is a larger animal and can digest food that it could not while it was younger.—Boston Cultivator.

Blue Ridge For Sheep.

Maryland and Virginia are both excellent sheep states, especially so along the southern and easterly slopes of the Blue Ridge mountains and in all the hill and gently undulating districts from the foot of the Ridge to the sea. It is naturally a blue grass country for the most part, generally well watered and all near to the great lamb markets of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Our Efforts Have Been Appreciated and We Are Glad.

Glad it is spring. Glad we are in business this spring. Glad our business is located in Plymouth among appreciative people, and very glad to find ourselves again prepared with a bright new stock to meet your wants in our line.

Before we make any promises regarding what we will do in the future, permit us to tender our heartfelt thanks for the support that has been accorded us in the past few months. Our constant endeavor will be to deserve a continuance of that support. Starting with a thorough knowledge of the dry goods business, and imbued with determination to please, we bought only such goods as we knew would delight and satisfy our customers. We selected carefully and conscientiously from unrivaled sources such qualities as we knew to be honest and reliable and exceptional bargains. We add to these bargains a fair living profit, and place our new stock before the public confident in the belief that

We Will Neither be Undersold or Out-done in Any Particular.

Having every confidence in our stock we court comparison and invite the strictest examination. We trust our methods of doing business are too well known to need even a brief reference. **Honest Principles** and **Upright Dealing** have their own reward, a fact that is well illustrated by our continuous success. Now a word about showing goods; that's precisely what we are here for, and "if you don't see what you want ask for it. We want you all to come and see what we have no matter if you do not wish to purchase today, we will gladly show you some convicers that will tell you where to come some other day. We believe in advertising and know that the best advertisement is letting the goods and prices talk for themselves. So come in freely one and all—not once, but often, and you will have courteous attention everytime, and will be welcome whether it suits your inclination to buy or not.

We Submit a Few Prices that Have Interested the People.

10c Bleached Cotton,.....	.07
8c Bleached Cotton,.....	.06
7c Bleached Cotton,.....	.05
9c Brown Cotton,.....	.06 1/2
7c Brown Cotton,.....	.05
25c French Ginghams,.....	.15
18c French Ginghams,.....	.13
12 1/2c Fine American Ginghams,.....	.09
10c Ginghams,.....	.08
8c Ginghams,.....	.06
18c Percales, Piques, Organdies, Swiss Muslin and Dimities,.....	.13c and 15c
Ladies' \$1.25 Kid Gloves,.....	\$1.00
Ladies' Summer Corsets,.....	.25c
Ladies' and Misses' 25c Hose,.....	.15c
Ladies' and Misses' 15c Hose,.....	.10c
Ladies' and Misses' 10c Hose,.....	.08c
Ladies' Wrappers, Shirt Waists, & Skirts, \$1.25 quality,.....	.95c
Ribbons, Laces, Embroidery, Belts, Belt Buckles, and Jewelry at about Half the Regular Price.	

Gentlemen's \$2.50 Hats,.....	\$1.50
Gentlemen's 2.00 Hats,.....	1.25
Gentlemen's 1.50 Hats,.....	1.00
Gentlemen's 1.00 Hats,.....	.75
Gentlemen's .75 Hats,.....	.50
Gentlemen's 1.00 Dress Shirts,.....	.65
Gentlemen's 1.00 Colored Shirts,.....	.68
Gentlemen's .75 Colored Shirts,.....	.50
Gentlemen's .50 Colored Shirts,.....	.35
Gentlemen's .25 Cuffs,.....	.15
Gentlemen's .15 Linen Collars,.....	.10
Gentlemen's Silk Ties,.....	15 to
Handkerchiefs,.....	1 to .25

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First quality Corn (5 varieties) at.....	.08
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First quality Tomatoes (6 varieties) at.....	.08
First quality White Wax Beans at.....	.07
Boston Baked Beans.....	.07
First quality Pumpkin (3 varieties) at.....	.07
Apples 3 pound cans at.....	.10
Best Alaska Salmon at.....	.12
Sardines in oil, 8 cans for.....	.25
Sardines in mustard, 4 cans for.....	.25
First quality Corn, 5 cans for.....	.25
Mocha and Java Coffee at.....	.25
Our Japan Tea is the best imported to this country at.....	.50
Broken Rice, 8 pounds for.....	.25
Best Pearl Rice, 4 pounds for.....	.25
2 dozen Clothes Pins for.....	.1
We give 5 doz Clothes Pins with 25c worth (10 bars) Soap	

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9 Bars Queen Anne Soap	25
2 Cans Salmon	25
3 Cans Fancy Corn	25
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Arm & Hammer Soda per pound	07
Bulk Starch per pound	04
Mince Meat per package	07
Fancy Syrup per gallon pail	30
1 Dozen Clothes Pins	01
Good Tea per pound	35
Plug Tobacco Q. & Q. per pound	20
Good Coffee 2 pounds for	25
Cocoanut per pound	15
Chase & Sanborn's Moch and Java Coffee	25c
Gluten Whole Wheat Flour	

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LOCAL NEWS.

George Lutz, a section hand, was struck by lightning during Wednesday's storm and severely burned. The men had been at work about a mile east of Plymouth and were sitting up against a fence until the storm passed. Mr. Lutz was rendered unconscious and is still in a very critical condition. The other men were uninjured.

The members of the High School and seventh and eighth grades met together Monday afternoon and listened to a short program appropriate to Memorial day. Edward Springer explained in an interesting way how the day came to be observed, patriotic songs were sung and recitations given. D. H. Fitch gave a short talk.

Last Sunday night the engines at the power house gave out and the last car with fourteen passengers did not start from Wayne till 4:30 Monday morning. The car made another stop at Newburg and the passengers walked in the rest of the way. When the new engines are set, there will probably be no further trouble as far as power is concerned.

The Plymouth band turned out to welcome the Brighton band on their visit to Plymouth Decoration Day. It was their first appearance outside the band room since they organized, but one would imagine, by the way they go at it, that they had been organized for years. Their music is new and up-to-date, and with a little more lip and a little more wind, they will be able to make as much noise as any of them.

Dr. Pitts, a curious acting individual, who has been boarding at the hotel for the past three or four months, was given 60 days in the Detroit house of correction by Justice Lombard on Thursday. A young man by the name Walker, who lives south of town, was driving through the village in company with a Miss Jackson when Pitts approached the rig, pulled Walker out into the road and struck him three or four times in the face. Pitts was arraigned in Justice Lombard's court on the charge of assault and battery, and plead guilty with the above result. Pitts has always been considered a rather unsafe character and it is hoped that he will be committed to an insane asylum before he has a chance to return to Plymouth.

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Sunday Excursion to Detroit.

June 4th, 1899, via F. & P. M. Railroad. Time of train 9:40, and round trip \$5.00. Arrive at Detroit: 10:30 a. m. Returning, train will leave Detroit at 6:30 p. m. Bicycles and baby cabs carried Free.

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