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THE COMING OF THE UP TO DATE SANTA CLAUS.

Pencil and Pastepot

John Bowers, who was injured by being thrown from a wagon on Decem ber 5 at Farmington died of his injuries Saturday morning.

School teachers are a scarce article in Tuscola county an present, and the school commissioner has to hustle whenever there is a vacancy from one cause or another.

woods and fields hunting, while about erious injuries.

There are one hundred and eighty thousand old bachelors, and nearly as many homes might be made happy or otherwise probably the latter-if they should "hook up-"

Mr. and Mrs. Louis W, Hutton, of Northville, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Tuesday. Mr. Hutton is nearly 72 years old and Mrs. Hutton, 74. They came to Northville in 1854 and have since resided there.

The Deiray and Springwells Time came out last week with a colored cover and evidencing other signs of prosperity. It has also recently pur-chased a new cylinder press and other material. Glad the newspaper man is getting some of the McKinley gold standard prosperity.

Representative Corliss' asks congre for a paitry million of dollars for a dam across Niagara river near Buffalo. Pleiad, The Wayne County Courier, This would raise the waters of the great The Christian Herald, The School Reclakes to the west from one to four feet ord, and several sample copies of other eatly facilitate lake traffic. The plan, if successful, would be of immense ractical value.

The house of Jas. Robbe, a well known resident of Belleville, was burned Sunday morning, together with its contents. The family, which consisted of father and mother and six children, barely escaped being cremated, making their escape with hare feet through the snow in their night clethes. No insurance. The family is left penniless and is being taken care of by the neighbors.

Delray Times: The Plymouth Mail man is kicking because the output of the feathered bipeds therabout is not sufficient to supply the input demi HARRY C. ROBINSON by the town. In other words, perhaps that's a covert manner the Plymouth editor has of stating that he would go into eggstacies if he could have hamneggs once in a while. Well, Sam-sen, when you spots hen that won't lay, here the marshal pullet; then perhaps SCHOOL NOTES.

Last Friday afternoon, 40 books were drawn from the Plymouth public school library and this is about the number that is drawn by the pupils every week to be read at home. The books taken this last time were, with few exceptions. of better quality than have been chosen lected list of ten- books, each, for the upper five grades of the school, with the request that these books be read, so Ebert, Robert Jolliffe, Nellie, Smith far as possible, by every pupil in those

There are no light, trashy books in The reports received from through the library that would be really injuriout the state show that eighteen persons ous to the feaders unless they were read were killed the past fall while in the to the exclusion of better books. Books twenty others received more or less knowledge should be read as well as works of fiction, not only to store the mind with these facts when the memory is fresh, but also to acquire the many old maids in Michigan. How habit of reading such books. The library contains between 1100 and 1200 books, exclusive of public reports, pamphlets, etc. If the children of the village can be induced to read these books, it is probably as profitable thing as the teachers can do for them.

The effort to give the pupils of the high school an opportunity to become acquainted with high class current literature, by placing magazines, etc., in the room for them to read as time permits, has been reasonably successful. An invitation is given to those pupils having magazines at home to bring them to school during the latter part of the month, after they have been read at home. We would be glad to have a larger number, but we now have. The Outlook, McClure's, Munsey, The Michperiodicals.

Some one has Volume IX of The World's Best Literature, and it has not been in the library since before the been in the library since before t summer vacation. Please return it.

Chas. JaCox has been absent several days this week on account of sickness Descriptions of the eclipse of the moon last Saturday night and causes of it were given Monday morning by sev eral members of the high school.

School will begin again Jan. 2, 1900. The members of the high school quartet are Edgar Jollisse, 1st tenor; Walter Bennett, 2nd tenor: Leonard Stark, bari one; George Davey, basso; and Frank Stephens, pianist.

The pupils of Miss Smith's room had

reck were given Monday m

Miss Anna Smith has a Chi

in her school-room on which are ten blossoms and five buds.

The high school Xmas exercises consist of a few songs at chapel by the school and the P. H. S. quartet.

The following pupils of the 5th and 6th grades have been perfect in spelling during the past month: Myrtie Blunk, before, owing to an effort to direct their Bessie Hood. Kate Passage, Ethel reading by placing before them ase. Smitherman, Lottie Teiper, Monte Wood, Harvey Travis, Luhr Williams, Lena Blunk, Mabel Bissel, August Ray Smith, May Smith, Arthur Whipple and Romey Wood.

Miss Alice Gilmore, teacher in the kindergarten, has been granted a leave of absence for six weeks. She left Deshe has relatives in the employ of the U.S. government. During her absence Miss Mary Schoettle, of Detroit, has charge of the little folks. She is a trained kindergartener and a graduate

An Explanation
DETROIT, MICH. Dec. 18, 79.
To the Editor of the Plymouth Mail.
Kindly grant mea little space in your
valuable journal to explain to the
public of Plymouth the reason I could
not keep fav engagement. That I act
ed in good faith and fully intended to
keep my engagement, is proven by the not keep say engagement. That I acticed in good faith and fully intended to teep my engagement, is proven by the fact that I shipped my apparatus and necessary articles to hold the spercoption services as announced; that when I returned from the Union Pepot to my home I found my son issensible and our doctor left a note saying that I must not leave home, as my child was liable to die. Last once sent a telegram to Mr. Williams saying that I was compelled to remain at home.

The second time I was announced I did not know in time to cancel it, that I was to be in a, worse predicament than ever. By this time my two daughters, then my wife stock sick, and finally our servant girl had to go home because she was sick. I was therefore just in this corner and none other, with no assistance except what the kind neighbors could give. I offer this not

cause she was sick. I was therefore just in this corner and none other, with no assistance except what the kind neighbors could give. I offer this not as an apology but as a frask and many explanation of my position, and ask the wives, husbands and fathers, what other course could I persue?

I wish to state further that I have been appointed missionary in charge of Plymouth and as such intend to do something in the line of establishing services there very soon! I am in hopes that something may be done to ward erecting a suitable edifice for the Episcopal services in Plymouth before another year has gone by.

Sincerely W. F. RECOME, Rector of St. George's, and Chapalin of St. Luke's Home.

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WEEK'S HISTORY.

News from All Parts of the Great World.

MAPPENINGS BRIEFLY NARRATED.

Which Are of General Interest, Disasters. Crimes and Other Subjects Chroni-

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

General Young reports the rescue of Brutne, of the Nevada regiment, and Edwards, of the gunboat Yorktown, who have been held prisoners by the Filipinos. General Tino, conveying the American prisoners north, is hotly pursued.

Mabini, former secretary of state in the so-caled Filipino government, and Aguinaldo's ablest adviser has been

A New York Herald special says that among documents captured from the Filipinos are treasonable letters from anti-expansionists in this country.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Democrats of the senate has "held up" the nomination of W. D. Bynum to the New York board of general appraisers because he was a gold Democrat in 1836.

Governor Poynter of Nebraska has appointed ex-Senator Allen to fill the seat in the United States senate left vacant by the death of Senator-elect Hayward.

The house committee investigating

The house committee investigating the Roberts case began taking testi-mony with reference to Roberts' comony with reference to Roberts' co-habitation with more than one woman.

habitation with more than one woman.

Platt (Conn.) will be chairman of
the senate committee on Cuba, Foraker of that on Porto Rico and Hawaii,
and Lodge on Philippines.

The new house bumorist is Cushman
of Washington, who says people care
more about their "per pocketa" than
per capita.

The navy needs 4000 more sailors

The navy needs 4,000 more sailors. Secretary Long favors granting of clothing worth \$45 to each man on enlistment.

Congressman Jett introduced a billtrial in contempt or violation of

courts for contempt or violation of judicial orders.

The bodies of the Majne dead are to be interred at Arlington cemetery during the last week of December.

The agricultural department reports the Inited States wheat crop at 547, 200,000 hushels.

The house has passed the currency bill—190 to 150—thirteen Democrats voting for the bill, eight of them from New York.

The announcement that Senator Hanna had leased the late Vice Presi-dent Hobart's house in Washington is stated to have been erroneous.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD.

Mrs. Mary Jane Wiley pleaded guilty to manslaughter at Chicago and was sentenced to one year in the peniten-tary. She killed her husband, who

sentenced to one year in the peniten-tiary. She killed her husband, who had threatened her. James Holcrow, night clerk in the Waverly hotel, New: York, was shot and killed by Martin Sweeney, a wait-

and killed by Martin Sweeney, a waiter, who was intoxicated.
Clarence Williams, colored, was hanged in the jailyard at Paris, Ky., for murdering Josic Tillman, a woman with whom he quarreled.

John T. Kallenborn was shot and instantly killed while assisting his brother to eject four men from the latter's saloon at Chicago.

James H. Morton, charged with forging orders on the First National bank of Sioux City, Ia., was arrested in Boston.

Henry Landls, secretary of the Bal-timore Board of Trade, committed sul-cide at the Union Protestant infirmary by jumping from a third-story window.

Frank Walker, colored, was hanged at the West Virginia state penitentiary for the murder of Thomas San-ders, a saloonkeeper in Fayette

John Smith, who was convicted at Gait Lake of attempting to dynamite Judge O. W. Powers took morphine with suicidal intent and died.

Samuel Hahn, 33 years old, a private a Company H, Fifth United States riflery, stationed at Fort Hamilton, ommitted suicide in New York by taking morphine.

BUSINES NOTER

Larre sugar refining companies out-side the trust are about to incorporate the Colonial Sugar Refining company, with \$100,000,000 capital.

The directors of the Merganthaler Linotype company have declared a quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent. and an extra dividend of 2½ per cent. payable Dec. 28.

C. O. Ingram, the failed Mount Ayr.
L., merchant, has been adjudged a

The Great Western is contemplating

an extension from Dodge Center or Eden, Minn., to Mankato, Minn.

At the request of the trustees the Epping Savings bank of Epping, N.

The Ohlo State Association of Fur-niture Manufacturers decided to in-crease the price of case furniture 10 Articles of incorporation for the M.

C. Wetmore Tobacco company of St. Louis were filed at Jefferson City, Mo. The capital stock is \$1.250,000.

The stockholders in the Erie Telegraph and Telephone company unanimously voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

to \$15,000.000.

John P. Squire & Co., pork packers of Boston, have failed; assets, \$5,000.000.

There were two suspensions on Wall street—the Produce Exthange Trust company and Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers. Call money was at 125 per cent. at one time during the day.

MINHAPS AND DISASTER F. Knight, employed on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad at Chicago, was killed while switching

ars.

Melvin W. Helms. of Cumberland,
ras instantly killed in the woods near
hiperior, Wis. a tree fulling on him.

Engineer Spetgler, and Fireman Hus-

icker were killed and Brakeman Zag-bauln was dangerously burt in a rail-way wreck on the Pennsylvania road in New Jersey.
Peter Gray, 60 years old, employed by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad was run over and killed at

Mrs. Alice Palmer, widow, recently rom Alabama, was sufficient in a fife at Chicago. Frederick Earling, of Milwaukee

thief of telegraph construction of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, was killed by a work train at Nemaha,

lowa.

Dr. F. C. Rainer, a physician of Fort Scott, Kan. was acidentally killed by his own shotgun while hunting with a party of friends.

Whateback barge One Hundred and Fifteen, which has been missing on Lake Superior, has been given up for lost, with her crew of nine men.

THE BOER WAR.

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Colonel Metcaffe and 500 of the Second Riftes brigade sortled from Ladysmith to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the creat without being discovered, drove off the enemy; and then destroyed the howitzer, with gun cotton. When returning Metcaffe found his retreat barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bayoner freely. The Boer losses ware considerable. The Roer losses were consider ly. The Boer losses were considerable. The British losses were twelve killed and forty-four wounded.

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The lord mayor of Public, Daniel Tallon, presided at a meeting of the corporation called to protest against the Transvaal war.

General Methuen has been checked at a point north of Modder river, with the heaviest loss of men yet suffered by the British. Among the dead reported is General Wauchope, who was a veteran of many wars.

General Methuen's losses in the battle of Magerafonteln are beginning to come in detail. The total casualties, including missing, are put at 832 for the British.

General Buller has met with a seri-

General Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing 11 guns. He was attempting to cross the Tugela river. Finding it impossible to effect his object he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left eleven guns behind and many dead and recorded.

wounded.

Following is the loss of the British at Tugela river: Killed, 82; wounded, 667; missing, 318; total, 1,097.

The London Daily Mail hears from a hitherto reliable correspondent that General Buller, after a stiff fight, has crossed, the Tugela river. The correspondent also states that General Methuen's communications are cut.

NOTABLE DEATHS.

Charles H. Shackleton, well known musical circles in Louisville and oth-cities, is dead. Edward Bates, librarian of the

treasury department at Washington. Is dead at the home of his father, Dr. Julian Bates, St. Louis.

Julin Bates, St. Louis.

Ex-Judge Horace S. Winslow is dead in Newton, In., after a lingering illness. Mr. Winslow was known throughout the state as an eminent lawyer and jurist.

General Jasper Packard, editor and proprietor of the New Albany, Ind., Daily and Weekly Tribune and commandant of the state soldiers' home at Lafayette, Ind., is dead.

General Edward Ferrero is dead at his home in New York city, aged 68 years.

Lieutenant Brumby is dead. He was Admiral Dewey's flag other in the Ma nila campaign.

William H. Carpenter, author, poet and editor, is dead at Baltimore.

James W. Rels, general manager of the National Steel company, is dead at his home in Newcastle, Pa., aged about 35 years.

THE FIRE RECORD.

The state reformatory at St. Cloud. Minn., was damaged to the extent of \$35,000 by fire. The private warehouse of the City

Elevator company at Minneapolis was burned. Loss, \$50,000.

burned. Loss, \$50,000.

Fire completely destroyed the school annex building of St. Michael's orphan asylum at Pittsburg.

Fire destroyed the factory and warehouse of the Duluth (Minn.) Shoe company. Loss, \$150,000. One fireman

pany. Loss, \$150,000. One was killed and two injured.

William Wright, master mechanic of the Vandalia line, has tendered his res-ignation to take effect Dec. 19.

The Southern Railway company has issued an order which applies to the southern division requiring all employes to stop using cigarettes or resign their positions.

sign their positions.

Henry and Edward H. Delke & Son, manufacturers of glue and gelatin, have filed a petition in bankruptcy.

George Washington memorial services were held throughout the United States in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of his death. Services at Mt. Vernon were under the auspices of the Masons and Red Men.

or the Masons and Hed Men.

J. B. Hart, a well-known marine en-gineer, is dead at Toledo. Robert Cosman, Jr., pastor of St. John's church, Boston, has been chosen bishop of the Protestant Epis-copal diocese of Maine.

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The municipal Judicial ball in Langeliza, Pruisia, was wiped out by fire.

Colonel Julius W. Adams died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged S7 years.

He was the picheer engineer of the Brooklyn bridge.

Sir George R. Kirkpatrick, former lieutennt governor of Canada and former speaker of the house at Ottawa, is dead.

The prohibition present.

The prohibition national convertion will be held in Chicago June 27, 1900.

O. W. Stewart of Illinois was elected chairman of the committee.

chairman of the committee.

Princess Agues von Salm-Salm, widow of Prince Fellx, has started for south Africa to devote herself to the care of sick and wounded Boers.

The Republican national convention will be held at Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19 next.

Peter Studebaker, grandsomer, of the Indiana carriage manufacturer.

Indiana carriage manufacturer, is dead in San Francisco. 'A new glass roof is being put on the Sydenham (London) Crystal palace at a cost of \$60,000.

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Mrs. G. W. China, wife of Shelby county's representative in the legislature, committed suicide at her home in Charence county, Mo., by cutting her throat.

GEN. LAWTON KILLED

Struck in the Breast by an Insurgent Bullet.

DURING AN ATTACK ON SAN MATEO.

President McKinley and His Cabinet Hear of the Death of the Brave Officer

Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing In front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately. General Lawton had started from Mandla with cavalry, under Captain Lockett, and



GENERAL HENRY W. LAWTON.

attalions of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-seventh infantry, under Lleutenant Colonel Sargent, for the pur-

THE NEWS IN WASHINGTON.

esident and Cabinet Express Sorrow

and Regret.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Up to 1 o'clock in the afternoon the war de-partment had received no word of General Lawton's death except that conveyed in the Associated Press dis-General Lawton's death except that conveyed in the Associated Press dispatch, which was given immediately to the war officials. The president's first intination of the loss of this brave officer was also given him by the Associated Press. The dispatch was sent to the White House while the cabinet meeting was in progress and was immediately sent to the cabinet room, where it was received with expressions of profound sorrow and regret. It was learned at the war department that instructions had been received Monday night from the president to prepare General Lawton's commission as a brigadier general in the regular army, to fill one of the existing vacancies, and the adjutant general's clerks, were at work on the commission when the information of General Lawton's death was conveyed to the department. General Lawton was a native of Indiana and won his commission in the army by signal galantify during the war between the states.

SUL'AN IS IN A RAGE.

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Seeks Arrest at Marnellies of His Fleeling Brother-in-law.

Moscow, Dec. 19.—A dispatch from Constantinople says the sultan is in a towering rage at the flight of his brother-in-law, Mahmond Pasha, who took with hint the jewels of his wife, the sultants slster, leaving her behind. His deserted wife, it is declared, is cyazed by grief and fear. She denies knowledge of her husband's flight or the direction of it, but for all that she is practically a prisoner in his palace.

The suitan nas uncovered that habitation between the substitution of the suitant substitution at Marselles, and the French authorities have been asked to arrest him on his arrival, on a charge of conspiracy to assassing to Abdul of conspiracy to assassingte Abdul Hamid. It is learned that Mahmoud Pasha's departure was due principally to his disgust at the principal status to which Turkish legations abroad have been reduced, they being now practically nothing more than Ottoman detective agencies.

Hazing Abolished at West P

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The three upper classes at the United States Military academy have joined, together and unanimously voted to abolish hazing the plebe class after Jan. 1. The decision is the result of Jan. 1. The decision is the result of a vigorous crusade against hazing by the superintendent and commandant of cadets. Things had come to such a pass that the superintendent in his annual report to the adjutant general called attention to the evils of hazing and his efforts to stamp it out.

Disastrona Cave-In.
Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A cave-in New York and Rosendale Cement works at Rosendale. Fifteen miners were burled, but were rescued from the mine. Thousands of tooks of rock and dirt caved in, carrying down buildings and machinery.

Stricken While in Council.

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Savannah, Ga. Dec. 19.—Bishop H.
M. Turner of the African Methodist
Episcopal church while in council
here with his presiding elders was
prostrated by a slight stroke of paralysis, caused by overwork. His physicians say no immediate danger is
apprehended.

Approved by Gustemala.

Washington, Déc. 19.—The postoffice
department was notified that the president of Gustemala had, on the lith
inst. approved the United, States and
Gustemala parcels-post convention. It
is effective Jan. 1.

Behearing Desied.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 19.—Supreme court has denied a rehearing in the case of Harding vs. the American Glucose company, the "Glucose trust

Mme de Falbe, an intimate friend of the Frince and Princess of Walsa, died at Boursemouth Saturday in her 78th year.

WITNESSES FROM UTAH.

They Give Testimony in the Roberts Case

Washington, Dec. 19.—A number of witnesses from Utah appeared before the committee of the house of reprerentatives which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts of Utah. They included Mrs. Dr. Luella Miles, a prac-ticing physician of Salt Lake City, Mrs. McDougall, Mr. E. L. McDaniel and S. E. Wishard all of Salt Lake City. Mr. Roberts was present and conducted the cross-examination.

cross-examination.

Mrs. Dr. Miles was the first witness.

She gave her profession as that of a physician at Salt Lake City and a member of the Medical society there. nigmer of the Medical Society there. She gave the details of a call she made at the house of Mrs. Dr. Maggle Shipp-Roberts on April 12, 1897, relative to some medical society affairs. She addressed Mrs. Shapp-Roberts as "Dr. Shipp-Roberts as "Dr.

Roberts on April 12, 1837, relative to some medical society affairs. She addressed Mrs. Shipp-Roberts as "Dr. Shipp," whereupon, the witness said, she wad interrupted with the request: "Doctor, you can call me Dr. Roberts." Mrs. Roberts went on to explain, the witness said, that she had been married to Mr. Roberts for several years. She asked that the Medical society mail sent her in future be addressed as "Dr. Roberts." not "Dr. Shipp." Subsequently the witness called at the house and after a visit, Mr. Roberts came in and was introduced. She could not recall whether there was a specific introduction as husband or whether his entry was with such familiarity as to indicate a martial status. When Mr. Roberts cross-examined the witness she repeated, the same_story.

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After the witness had stepped aside, Mr. Roberts submitted an objection to the effect that this testimony related to 1897, whereas the committee had no jurisdiction over him prior to his becoming a member of congress.

"Then you coutend, said Chairman Tayler, "that the testimony should be confined to polygamous practices subsequent to March 4, 1899?"

"I do," answered Mr. Roberts.
"The objection will be notted," responded the chairman.

Rev. S. E. Wishard was the next witness. He gave his business as that of sungrintendent of the home missionary work of the Preshyterian synod, embracing Utah. He knew both Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dr. Roberts, and related his first meering with the latter in September, 1897. This occupied be said on the train at Manti, Urah. He was in the cur with Roberts, and spoke with him. A lady sag beside him and he beckoned to ber and then introduced her, saying: "Mrs. Roberts. Mr. Wishard."

On cross-examination Mr. Roberts brought out Mr. Wishard's opposition to Mornonism, and then asked: "Was Roberts drunk when he-made this introduction referred to?"

"Not that I know of."

troduction referred to?"
"Not that I know of."
"Was he insanc?"
"I do not know."

"I do not know."
"What possible reason then." asked
Mr. Roberts, "could Roberts have had
for putting himself in such a position
with one who opposed him?"
The witness said he could not explain reasons: hes repeated that the
facts were as speed.

THE BOTR WAR.

5London, Dec. 19.—Only the most op-timistic gave any credit to the rumors SLondon, Dec. 19.—Only the most optimistic gave any credit to the rumors that General Buller had crossed the Tugela river, and even they speedily realized, that it was incredible that the war office would refrain from the immediate publication of news of such importance. There is also no continuation of the statement that General Methuen's line of communication has been cut, though there is a probability of such an event occurring at any moment. According to the hatest news from General Methuen, dated Sunday, Dec. 17, the situation appeared to be a complete impasse. The Boers were gathering reinforcements and extending their fortifications on both his flanks, but it was believed they would be unable to attack the British position. On the other hand, it was regarded as impossible for the British to turn the Boer flank, which was resting on the river to the east and rapidly approaching the river to the west. The Boer lines of entrenchments are continuous and spable of rapid connection, at many points. From elsewhere at the front there is absolutely nothing to throw, additional light on the situation.

HEIR TO HUNGARIAN ESTATE.

New York, Dec. 19.-E. S. Karoly of Chicago, Ills., and his brother, C. S. Karoly of Aurora, Ills., have been assured that they are beirs to an estate in. Hungary valued at upward of \$3, 500,000. Their father, Jzenassy Karoly, came to the United States fifty years ago. He died in 1894, believing that his family estate had passed into the hands of the Hungarian government.

ment.

"Count Stephan Karolye, who had been ambassador from Austria to the court of St. James, died at about the same time as the senior Karoly, and his only helt, who was supposed to have married and come to this courtry, could not be found. Advertisements for heirs of Count Karolye were seen by the Karoly brothers, and were seen by the Karoly brothers, and while in vestigating this fortune they found that their father's estate had been confiscated only in part by the government. They became convinced that the property valued at \$350,000 would become their own upon proof of their father's real name. The Karoly brothers have forwarded to lawyers in Budgings in name of attorny to get Budapest a power of attorney to get Stars in Place of Hiripes

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Washington. Dec. 19.—The postmaster general has ordered that hereafter the length of service as letter-carriers shall not be indicated on the uniforms of carriers by stripes, but by stars. For five years service they will wear one black silk star; two stars for ten years; one red silk star for fifteen years and two for twenty; one silver star for twenty-five years; two for thirty; one gold star for thirty-five and two for forty years.

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TRIALS OF TRUTH EXPRESSED WITH A BIBLICAL SYMBOL

Rev. Dr. Talmage Sets Forth the Suffering of the Church of Ged In a Powerful Sermon-A Plea For Unit; of Endeavor.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. — The trials
through which the truth has struggled

are by Dr. Tallinge here set forth un-der a Bible symbol of great suggestive-ness and power; text, Solomon's Song, III, 6, "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke?

The architecture of the smoke is won-drous, whether God with his finger curves it into a cloud, or rounds it into a dome, or points it in a spire, or species it in a wing, or, as in the text, holsts it in a pillar. Watch it winding up from the country farmhouse in the early morning, showing that the pastoral industries have begun, or see it ascending from the chinneys of the city, telling of the homes fed, the fac-tories turning out valuable fabrics, the printing presses preparing book warraner and all the 10,000 wheels of work in motion. On a clear day this vapor spoken of mounts with such buoyancy, and spreads such a delicate veil across the sky, and traces such graceful lines of circle and semicircle, and waves and tosses and sinks and sears and scatters with such affluence of shape and color and suggestiveness that, if you have never noticed it, you are like a man who has all his life lived in Paris and yet never seen the Luxembourg, or all his life in Rome and seen the Vatican, or all his life at Lockport and never seen Niagara.
Forty-four times the Bible speaks of
the smoke, and it is about time that
somebody preached a sermon recognizthis strange, weird, beautiful, clastie, charming, terrific and fascinating vapor. Across the Bible sky floats the amoke of Sinai, the smoke of Sodom. the smoke of Ai, the smoke of the pit, the smoke of the volcanic hills when God touches them, and in my text the glorious church of God coming up out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke

In the first place, these pillars of In the first place, these pillars of smoke in my text indicate the suffering the church of God has endured. What do I mean by the church? I mean not a building, not a sect, but those who in all ages and all lands, and of all beliefs love God and are trying to do right. For many centuries the heavens have been black with the the heavens have been black with the amoke of martyrdom. If set side by mide, you could girdle the earth with the fires of persecution—Rowland Tay-lor burned at Hadleigh, Latimer burned at Oxford, John Rogers burned at Smithfield, John Hooper burned at Gloucester, John Huss burned at Con-stance, Lawrence Saunders burned at Coventry, Joan of Arc burned at

Protestants have represented Catholics as having a monopoly of persecutors, but both Protestant and Cath olic have practiced infumous crueities. The Catholics during the reign of Hunneric were by Protestants put to the worst tortures, stripped of their clothing, holsted in the air by pulleys with weights suspended from their feet, then let down, and cars and eyes, nose and tongue were amputated, and red hot plates of iron were put against the tenderest part of their bodies. George Bancroft, the historian, says of the state of Maryland: "In the land

which Catholics had opened to Protestants mass might not be said publicno Catholic priest or bishop mig ter his faith in a voice of persuasio might opery."\
Catholicism as well as Protestantism

Catholicum as well as Protestantism has med it martyrs. It does seem as it when any one sect got complete dominancy is any land the devil of persecution and cruelty took possession of the sect. Then see the Catholics after the Huguenots. See the gentiles after the Jews in Touraine, where a great pit was dug and fire lighted at the bottom of the pit, and 160 Jewish victims were consumed. See the Presbyterian parliament of England, more tyrannical in their treatment of optyrannical in their treatment of opnents than had been the criminal Persecution against the Bap-Pædo-Baptists, persecution of Established church against the Methodist church, persecution against the Quakers, persecution against the Presbyterians. Under Emperor Diocletian 144,000 Christians were massacred, and 700,000 more of them died from banishment and exposure.

Witness the sufferings of the Waldenses, of the Albigenses, of the Nes-torians. Witness St. Bartholomew's cre. Witness the Duke of Aiva driving out of life 18,000 Christians itness Herod and Nero and Dectu and Historiand and Torquemada and Barl of Montfort and Lord Claver-house, whe, when told that he must give account for his cruelties, said, "I have no need to account to man, and as for God I will take him in my own A red line runs through the church history of 1,900 years, a line of Not by the hundreds of thou-but by the millions, must we hose slain for Christ's sake. No er John Milton put the groans of martyrs to an immortal tune, writ

Lord, thy slaughtered saints.

oke of martyrs' homes and es if rolling up all at once sclipsed the noonday sun brightest day the world a midnight. "Who is the point of the wilder-

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Has persecution ceased? Ask that young man who is trying to be a Christian in a store or factory, where from morning to night he is the butt of all the mean witticisms of unbelieving employees. Ask that wife whose hus band makes her fondness for the house of God and even her kneeling prayer by the bedside a derision and is no more fit for her holy companionship than a filthy crow would be fit com-panion for a robin or a golden oriole. Compromise with the world and sur render to its conventionalities and it may let you alone, but all who will live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer per-secution. Be a theater going, a card playing, wine deinking, round dancing Christian and you may escape criti-cism and social pressure. But be an up and down, out and out follower of Christ, and worldling will wink to worldling as he speaks your name, and you will be nut in many a doggerel and nubbed by those not worthy to blacken your oldest shoes. When the bridge at Ashtabula broke and let down the most of the carroad of passengers to in stant death, Mf. P. P. Bliss was seated on one side of the alsh of the car writing flown (Christian song which he was composing, and on the other side a group of men were playing cards. Whose landing place in eternitywould you prefer-that of P. P. Bliss, the gospel singer, or of the card play

what I thought about it and I told her that if the indecent pictures of ac-tresses in the show windows were ac-curate pictures of what goes on in many of the theaters night by night then it would be well if the ladies' hats were a mile high, so as to completely obstruct the vision. If professed Christians go to such places during the week, no one will ever persecute them for their religion, for they have none, and they are the joke of hell. But let them live a consecrated and Christian life and they will soon run against sneering opposition.

Band Together.

For a compromise Christian charac ter an easy time now, but for conse-crated behavior, grimace and carlea-ture. For the hody, thanks to the God of free America, there are now or tree America, there are now no swords or flery stakes, but for the souls of thousands of the good, in a figurative sense, rack and gibbet and Torquemada. The symbol of the do-mestic and social and private and pubthe suffering of a great multitude of God's dear children, pillars of smoke. What an exciting score in India when, during the sepoy rebellion, a regiment of highlanders came up and found the dead body of one of General Wheeler's daughters, who had been insulted and mauled and slain by the sepoys. So great was the wrath against these mur-derers that the Scotch regiment sat down, and, cutting off the hair of this dead daughter of General Wheeler they divided it among them, and each one counted the number of hairs given him, and each took an oath, which was executed, that for each hair of the murdered daughter they would dash oughte life of a bestial sepoyl But as we look over the story of those who in all ages have suffered for the truth. while we leave vengeance to the Lord let us band together in one solemn vow, one tremendous oath, after hav-ing counted the host of the martyrs, that for each one of those glorious men and women who died for the truth an immortal shall live, live with God

and live forever.

But, as I already hinted in the first sentence of this sermon, nothing can be more beautiful than the figures of me Catholic might teach the young: It a wayward child of a papist would but become an apostate, the law wrest-od for him from his parents a share of their property. Such were the methods adopted to prevent the growth of procession, now winged couriers, now a black angel of wrath under a spear of the sunshine turned to an angel of light, and now from horizon to smoke on a clear sky. You can see what you will in the contour of this horizon the air is a picture gallery filled with masterpleces of which God is the artist, burning clouds of smoke born in the sunrise and evening clouds of smoke laid in the burnished sepulchers of the sunset.

The beauty of the transfigured smoke is a divine symbol of the beauty of the church. The fairest of all the fair is she. Do not call those persecutors of whom I stoke the church. They the parasites of the church, not the church itself. Her mission is to cover the earth with a supernatural gladness, to open all the prison doors, do balsam all the wounds, to moss all the graves, to burn up the night in the freplace of a great-morning, to change iron handcuffs into diamonded wrist. lets, to turn the whole race around and whereas it faced death, commanding it, "Right about face for heaven." According to the number of the spires of the churches in all our cities, towns and neighborhoods are the good homes, the worldly prosperities and the pure morals and the happy souls.

Crime and Churches. Meet me at any depot the world over, and with my eyes closed take me by the hand and lead me so that my feet will not stumble, and without my once looking down or looking on the level take me to some high roof or tower and let me see the tops of the churches, and I will tell you the proportion of sulcides, of arsons, of murders, of thefts. According as the churches are numerous are the crimes few. According as the churches are few the crimes are numerous. The most beau-tiful organization the world ever saw or ever will see is the much maligned church, the friend of all good, the foe of all evil, "fair as the moon, and clear us the sun." Beautiful in her Author, beautiful in her mission; the heroise of the centuries, the bride of Christ, the queen of the nations!

Men may descente it, as Cromwell, when he stabled his cavalry horses in St. Paul's cathedral; or break off the

image of Christ, as did the iconoclasts in York minster; or burl against it au-gust likerary antipathies, as did Gibbon; er plot its overthrow, as do some in every community whose pride and hate and debauchery are reproved by the Ten Commandments which it thunders and the sermon on the mount which it breathes. But it will stand as long as the earth stands, the same unique and wonder working and beatific and uniraculous thing for which God decreed it. Small wits tax which God decreed it. Shain wits take their brain to say things that will put her at disadvantage, but many of them will send for its condolence when dying, and their children will be gathered up under its benedictious after the pa-feutal curse has been removed. Through her gates will march all the influences for good that shall ever reach our world. Take her membershin as a mass, not speaking of the acknowledged exceptions, they are the noblest,

shut up those slamlers about the church of Christ, an Institution which, far from being what it ought to be and never pretending to be perfect. Is 500 A great complaint comes from the that the world ever saw or ever dream theaters about the ladies' high bats because they obstruct the view of the stage, and a lady reporter asked me want is to have me and the highest honor I shall ever restricted to the highest honor I want is to have me and the property of the stage. times better than any other institution want is to have my name on her rec-ords as a member. At her altars I re-pented. At her sacraments I believed. In her service let me die. From her doors let me be buried. O church of God! Thou home of the righteous! Thou harbor from tempest! Thou refuge for the weary! Thou lighthouse of many nations! Thou type of heaven! I could kiss thy very dust with ecstasy of affection.

Fathertion.

For her my tears shall full,

For her my prayers ascend,

To her my toils and cares be given

Till toils and cares shall end.

"Perfumed smoke." says Solomon

in the words following my text. Nor like the fumes conglied up from the throat of a steam pipe, or poisoned with the gases of chemical factories, or floating in black, wrath from the conflagration of homesteads, or sul-phurous from blazing batteries, but sweet as a burning grove of cinna-mon, or jurgic of sassafras, or the odors of a temple censer. "Who is this odors of a temple censer. "Who is that that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke perfumed with myrth and frankineuse?" Hear jit, men and women everywhere, that the advance of the genuine church of

Christ means peace for all nations.
Victor Hugo, in his book entitled "Ninety-three," says: "Nothing calmer than smoke, but nothing more star; tling. There are peaceful smokes, and there are evil ones. The thickness and color of a line of smoke make the whole difference between war and peace, between fraternity and hatred. The whole happiness of man or his complete misery is sometimes express-ed in this thin vapor which the wind scatters at will." The great French-man was right, but I go further and say that as the kingdom of God advances like nillers of vances like pillars of smoke the black volumes belching from batteries of war and pouring out from portholes of ahlps will vanish. A distinguished general of our civil

war told me that Abraham Lincoln proposed to avoid our civil conflict by purchase of all the slaves of the south and setting them free. He calculated what would be a reasonable price for them, and when the number of mil-lions of dollars that would be required for such a purchase was announced the proposition was scouted, and the orth would not have made the offer, and the south would not have made the offer, and the south would not have accepted it if made. "But," said my military friend, "the war went on and just the number of millions of dollars that Mr. Lincoln calculated would have been enough to make a reasonable purchase of all the slaves was spent in war, be sides all the precious lives that were hurled away in the 250 battles. In other words, there ought to be some other er words, there ought to be some other way for men to settle their controver-

sies without butchery.

The church of God will yet become the arbiter of nations. If the world would allow it, it could today step in between Germany and France and settle the trouble about Alsace and Lorraine, and between England and her antagonists, and between all the other nations that are flying at each other's raine, and between England and her antagonists, and between all the other imprisonment of centuries, and matter flying at each other's throats, and command peace and distance the band armies, and harness for the plow the war horses or saddled for cavalry charge. That time must come or through the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and when the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and the time facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and the time facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and the time facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and the time facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and the time facility for shooting men and the world will be seen in the facility for shooting men and the world will be seen and the time facility for shooting men and the world will be seen and the time facility for the imprisonment of centuries, and the increase of their imprisonment of centuries, and the control of their imprisonment of centuries, and the increase of the imprisonment of centuries, and the increase of t than we could once kill a company and kill a brigade easier than we could once kill a regiment, the patent offices of the world more busy than ever in recognizing new enginery of de-struction, the buman race will after awhile go fighting with one acm, and hobbling with one foot, and stumbling along with one eye, and some ingenious inventor, inspired of the archangel of all mischief, will contrive a machine that will bore a hole to the earth's center, and some desperate nation will throw into that hole enough dynamite to blow this bulk of a planet into frag-menta, dropping the meteoric stones on surrounding stellar habitations.

Column of Peace.

But this shall not be, for whatever I let go I hang on to my Bible, which tells me that the blacksmith's abop shall yet come to its grandest use when the warrior and the husbandman shall enter it side by side, and the soldier shall throw into its bank of fires his sword, and the farmer shall pick it up a plowshare, and the straightest spear shall be bent into a crook at each end, and then cut in two, and what was one

spear shall be two pruning heoks Down with Moloch and up with Christi Let no more war horses eat out of the manger where Jesus was born.

Forever roll off the sky the black pillars of smoke from the Marengos and Salamancas and Borodinos and Sedans and Gettysburgs of earth And right after them roll into the heav ens the reaccful vapors from the chim neys of tarmhouses and asylums and churches and capitals of Christian na-tions, and as the sunlight strikes through these vapors they will write in letters of jet and gold all over the sky from helizon to zentth. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

While thinking of these things I look ed out from my window, and the wind was violently blowing. And I saw from many chimneys the smoke tossed in the air and whirled in great velocity. siged exceptions, they are, the noblest, graphest, kindest, best men and women of the ages. But for them the earth would long ago have been a burned out volcano. They have been the salt that has kept the human race from putrefaction insufferable either to human or angelic olfactories. You lying and hypocritical world, shut up those starders about the church of Christ an Institution which hours slow as compared with the volume after volume, fold after fold, and carried on the swift wind were the great pillars of smoke. And helped by Solomon in the text I saw the speed sarsaparilla in a tablet form, containing may on the top of Mount Washington when the wind is blowing 60 miles the hour is slow as compared with the celerity of good influences. For 50 centraries the devil had it his own way among the nations. Nearly all the groat missionary movements have been started within the century, and see what one century has done to recover the world from 59 centuries of devastation. What great revivals! What mighty churches! What saved millions!

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humed, proving to all fair minded men that the Bible is the truest book ever written. The mythologies of Egypt were found to have embodied in them the knowledge of man's expulsion from paradise and the sacrifice of a great emancipator. Moses' account of the creation, corroborated by the hammer of Christian geologists; the oldest profane writers. Hironius, Helanicus and Berosus, confirming the Bible account of ancient longevity, Tacitus and Pliny confirming the Bible accounts of de stroyed Sodom and Gomorrah; Tacltus and Porphyry telling the same story of Christ as Matthew and Luke told; Macrobius telling of the massacre of children in Bethlehem and Phlegon sketching at the crucifixion.

It is demonstrated to all honest men that it is not so certain that William Cullen Bryant wrote "Thanatopsis" or Longfellow wrote "Hiawatha" as that God, by the hand of prophet and apos-tle, wrote the Bible. All the wise men in science and law and medicine and literature and merchandise are gradually coming to believe in Christianity, and soon there will be no people who disbelieve in it except those conspicu-ous for luck of brain or men with two families, who do not like the Bible becausé it rebukes their swinish propen sities.

The Open Door.

The time is bastening when there will be no infidels left except libertines and harlots and murderers. Millions and nariots and murderers. Millions of Christians where once there were thousands and thousands where once there were hundreds. What a bright evening this, the evening of the nine-teenth century! And the twentleth century, which is about to dawn, will. in my opinion, bring universal victory for Christ and the church that now is marching on with step double quick or, if you prefer the figure of the text, is being swept on in the mighty gales of blessing, imposing and grand and ma-jestic and swift like pillars of smoke.

Oh, come into the church through

Christ the door, a door more glorious than that of the temple of Hercules, which had two pillars, and one was gold and the other emerald! Come in today! The world you leave behind is poor world, and it will burn and pass off like pillars of smoke. Whether the final configuration will start in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, which in some places have for many years been burn-ing and eating into the heart of the mountains, or whether it shall begin near the California geysers, or whether from out the furnaces of Cotopaxi and Vesuvius and Stromboll it shall burst forth upon the astonished na-tions I make no prophecy, but all geologists tell us that we stand on the lid ogists tell us that we stand on the lid of a world, the beart of which is a rag-lng, roaring, awful flame, and some day God will ler the red monsters out of their imprisonment of centuries, and New York on fire in 1855, and Charles-ton on fire in 1855, and Charles-ton on fire in 1855, and Charles-ton 1872, and Boston on fire in 1873 were only like one spark from a black-smith's force as Compared with that become a great living coal, and that will take on ashen bue, and then our ruined planet will begin to smoke, and the mountains will smoke, and the the mountains will smoke, and the val-leys will smoke, and the islands will smoke, and the seas will smoke, and the cities will smoke, and the five con thents will be five pillars of smoke.
But the black vapors will begin to lessen in height and density, and then will become hardly visible to those who look upon it from the sky galleries, and after awhile from just on point there will curl up a thin, solitary vapor, and then even that will vanish, and there will be nothing left except the charred ruins of a burned out world, the corpse of a dead star, the ashes of an extinguished planet, a fallen pillar of smoke.

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Dated Livonia November 25th, 1899.

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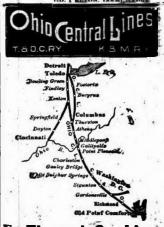
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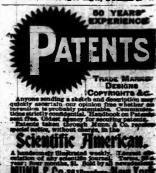
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We afford you absolute protection in this mat-ter, for we carry the following list of "Pure Good" Ground Spices:

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Try the pure Extracts of Vanilla and Lemon and Cake Pink of our own manufacture. We have Tumeric, Mustard and Celery Seed and strictly pure Olive Oil.

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We buy the best cattle to be had and our

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Subscribe for the Plymouth Mail once be appointed, and suits will be begun against the members of the old board to recover the money lost by the

PLYMOUTH MAIL

F. W. SAMSEN & SON.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

ADVERTISING RATES.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899.

The committee on the Roberts case has decided to send to Utah for more witnesses. Six or seven names have een selected and the persons will be summoned at once. In the meantime the committee has adjourned to meet on call of chairman.

The United States Supreme Court has decided that the capture of the Spanish vessels early in the war with Spain, Buena Ventura, Guido, Pedro, was contrary to international law, and the owners of these vessels were declared entitled to the proceeds

Political leaders throughout the state have already named four men for the Republican nomination for govenor Hon, James O'Donnel, of Jackson, Hon. D. M. Ferry, of Detroit, Col. A. T. Bliss of Saginaw, and Hon. Justus S. Stearns, of Mason. All of these men have established records of party service, de served popularity and real ability,

The American farmer appears to be catching prosperity at both ends of the trap this year. The war in the Philip-pines, by cutting off the supply of hemp. has greatly enhanced the value of flax. It is estimated that North Dakota farmers alone will get more than 810, 000,000 for their flax crop, which will enable them to hold their wheat crop for bétter prices.

An appeal hasbeen made to the Post al Commission for a reduction of letter postage to 1 cent, and the establishment of a cheap parcels post. There is also a protest against paying the railroad an average of \$35,094 annually for each of the 921 cars used, whereas for passenger cars the amount is only \$10,528. The difference looks like a scheme to bleed

Congressman Henry C. Smith, of this listrict, has prepared a bill for the regulation of trusts and at the proper time vill urge its merits upon our national legislature. We are not fully advised have confidence in Mr. Smlth's ability o approach and attempt to settle this juestion in a broad-minded statesmanike manner.—Ann Arbor Courier.

According to the figures of the annual eport of the postmaster general, the postoffice department would have had a urplus of about \$14,000,000 instead of deficit of nearly \$7,000,000, for the last the second class mail privilege. This is hint that should not be lost upon Congress. It is claimed by the postmaster general that these abuses can be reformed without injury to a single legitimate

Fred M. Warner, of Farmington, is a candidate for Secretary of State, since Secretary Stearns has announced his candidacy for Governor. Warner and Stearns were the opposing candidates at the last Republican convention, the latter winning by a close margin. His many friends throughout the state have race, and now that Stearns' withdrawa nas left a clear field he has decided to comply with their wishes.

The legislature met in special session ast Monday afternoon. Thegovernor's nessage was read, in which dealt with one subject -equal taxation A joint resolution was introduced in the house submitting an amendment to the constitution to be voted upon next fall, permitting the assessment of railroad, telephone and property like at its cash value the same as other proper ty is assessed. The House on Wednes day passed the resolution by a vote of 86 to 8, and it is very likely the Senat per time. There is nothing wrong in this proposition, and the people will ratify it af the polls almost unanimousy, when given the opportunity.

A Detroit dispatch printed elsewhere tells of the scandal unearthed by the grand jury at Lansing, in which the State military board figures conspicu-ously. Gov. Pingree has taken the matter in hand and has requested the resignations of the board, consisting of Gens. White, Marsh, Case and Bickerstaff, on the ground that they were not competent to do business for the State. The gentlemen claim that they acted honestly and are willing to leave matter with the courts. The affair has caused great excitement throughout the State and the work of the jury is being more commended than ever. Gov Pingree, seems to feel the position keenly and is greatly depressed on account thereof. A new board will at

The Handkerchief Bazaar held las ed a great success. About 125 hand kerchiefs were received in response to the greetings sent out by the members and nearly all were sold. Handkerchiefs were received from Gov. Pingree, Anna Gordon, National President of the W C. T. U., and State and District Presidents. The Baptist Aid Society of Plymouth and the W. C. T. U. of Fen ton, also sent handkerchiefs. In the evening an impromptu program was rendered. Mrs. E. L. Riggs furnished some delightful music, a cakewalk by the little soldiers created much merriment, and the recitations were very enjoyable. The receipts from the sale of nandkerchiefs and refreshments wer about \$22.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Merry es has se far recovered that she wa able to attend the Bazaar

Supt. Press

Woman's Literary Club

The Woman's Literary Club met a the home of Mrs. Fraser, Friday after noon, Dec. 15th. The President presided with nineteen members present.

Roll call, with Christmas carols as re-ponses. The literary program was opened by Mrs. Sherwood, who read pa-pers on The Picturesque Women of the Time"-Queen of England, Empress of China, Vicereine of India. History re-

China, Vicereine of India. History review, conducted by Mrs. Hudd, followed by a "Timely Topic" from Mrs. W. J. Adams — World's Rarest Books.
The social hour, given by Mrs. Fraser consisted of refgeshments, after which Miss Sherwood rendered two vocal solos. Mrs. Fraser was also assisted by Miss Moll, who rendered a piano solo. The invitation to meet with MissSmith Friday afternoon, January 5th, was accepted and meeting adjourned.

cepted and meeting adjourned.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Coughs and colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely curred thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all diseases of the throat chest and luings are surely cured by it. Call on John L. Gale, druggist, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded.

A Brave Coward.

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The Chicago & North-Western Railway Company announces the publication of a thrilling story of campaigning in the Phillippines, entitled "A Brave Coward." The famous battle of Malate, the charge of LaLoma, a love romance, the charge of LaLoma, a love romance, the career of the Tenth Pennsylvania at Manila and in Luzon, the conquering of cowardice by a young Pennsylvanian, are all interwoven into one of the most delightful short stories of the hour yet issued: In common with the First Nebraska, the thirteenth Minnesota, the Utah and Oregon men and the Twentieth Kansas, the Tenth Pennsylvania made history in the war against Aguinaldo. Thetale is superbly illustrated with half-tones, printed in convenient form, and will be forwarded to any address on receipt of 6 cents in postage by W. B. Kniskern, 22 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers' and grandmothers' never thought of using anything else for indigestion or biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of appendicitis, nervous prostration or hear failure, etc. They used August, Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimuliste the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few does of Green's August Flower in liquid form to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Sample bottles at Geo. W. Hunter & Co.'s.

COMRADE M. H. DeLong,



"I have used Dr. Miles' Res The result was been

DR. MILES Restorative

LEWIS & LEWIS

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Night and Day Calls Promptly Attended.

Office over A. A. Tafft's Store, Plymouth.

TOYS!

We have just received a large line of Xmas Toys,

Iron Toys, Tin Toys, Wood Toys, Dolls and Doll Heads,

Carts, Books & Games, Iron & Wood Sleds

AND A NICE LINE OF

Fancy Crockery & Glassware,

Table Sets, Water Sets, Toilet Sets, and a new stock of

FANCY LAMPS.

Center Draft Lamps, Metal Banquet Lamps,

Decorated ank Nickle Table Lamps, and Glass Hand Lamps

We also have a complete stock of Lamp Chimneys and Burners. Call at our store and get our prices on these goods before buying eloewhere.

NORTH VILLAGE.

GAYDE BROS.

More New Holiday Goods Just Received.

A new line of Jewel Boxes in Wave Crest Ware.

Gold Pens, with Pearl Holders. Fountain Pens, from \$1 to \$3.

Child's Sets, from 25c to \$2.

Boys' Watches, American Movements, from \$2.50 to \$5.

Ladies' Gold Filled Watches, \$9 to \$20. Chains, Charms, Scarf Pins, Emblem Pins, Cuff Links, Friendship Hearts and Nethers sole Bracelets, and many other useful

C. G. DRAPER

MILLINERY.

LADIES, YOU WILL FIND

Trimmed Hats and Bonnets,

Also Fine Feathers and Trimmings

MAUD VROOMAN'S

HARRY CHURCHWARD. Wholesale Butcher and Commission Merchant.

DRESSED LAMBS, MUTTON, VEAL AND PORK, Specialtie

POULTRY & GAME IN THEIR SEASON. Stalls 1, 2, 3 and 4, UNION MARKET, DETROIT, MICH

send shipments to this old reliable firm, when highest market prices, full weights and promp Telephone-Old 1994; new 1997.

For a Merrye Christmas.eee

In addition to the immense stock of Merchandise that comprises any number of useful and appreciative Christmas Gifts for the young or old, we have selected for our Christmas trade many desirable articles that will do your soul good to see and will lighten the heart of any fortunate recipient We've some nice things in

Furs for Ladies and Children

That will not burden your pocket-book and will surely be appreciated this cold weather.

MEN & BOYS

We have the most complete line, and the quality and style is always the best that's going.

troit.

Cooper.

L. Riggs Monday.

few days this week.

here Monday. resident here.

to go to find bargains.

around with them.

O. W. Blain, of Grand Rapids, called

on W. Kensler and family Wednesday.

Miss Gertrude Hart returned home

this week after a ter days visit in De-

da, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Emeline

Miss Jennie Brisban, of Chicago is

here to spend the winter with Mrs. Chas. Valentine.

Harry Pratt, of Chicago, and Andrew

Cooley, of Richmond, Mich., visited E.

Get your pictures framed at Milspaugh's over Tafit's store.

Rev. Stephens visited his daughter,

The Plymouth Whist Club met at

The Methodist church Christmas ex-

reises will be held in the Presbyterian

One hundred engraved calling cards

put up in a neat box make a nice Xmas

Mr. Wright, of the Auditor-General's

flice at Lansing, was calling on friends

Last Saturday was, a very busy day

for our merchants and the streets were

At the meeting of the Maccabees last

Monday evening, four new members

were taken in. Next Monday night the

Christmas exercises will be held at

the Baptist church Saturday evening, Dec. 23. There will be a Christmas

tree and a nice program will be ren

Ice house and ice privileges for rent at Phoenix Mills. H. W. HOLCOMB

one year. Still there are men who in-

sist on carrying this deadly menace

The next regular meeting of the Uni-

versalist Ladies' Aid Soclety will be held at the usual place, over E. L. Riggs'

store, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27th.

Rev. Mr Shannon spoke in the Pres-

byterian church Sunday afternoon in

Make this, the last Christmas of 1800

Plymouth Rock lodge F. & A. M. held

was served. Installation of officers will

What shall I buy tor a Xmas present?

is the question you hear people ask these days. But once the matter is

settled what to buy, it is easy to look over the columns of The Mail and see

where to go. Our grocers have many

good things for Christmas dinners, our

sortment of holiday goods, our shoe

dealers furnish an elegant line of foot-

wear, and our jewelers, have full lines

of goods in that direction. Furniture

having been postponed one week.

and everybody is welcome.

There are ten thousand microbes on

election of officers takes place.

lined with teams. People know where

Call at this office and see

Mr. Wight was a former

church Saturday evening, Dec. 23.

the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burrows last Monday evening.

Mrs. Jackson, at Pinckney. Mich., a

Cocal Newslets:

Chas. Roe is on the sick list.

Yesterday was the shortest day of

Boarders wanted at Mrs. Henry Watt's Plymouth, Mich.

Four different styles of Japanese napkins at this office Clifford McClumpha and wife visited

at Saginaw Thursday. The Mail wishes all its subscribers

and friends a "Merry Christmas."

Mrs. J. Hood and daughter, Marion,

spent a few days in Detroit this week. Miss Fanny Bailey is spending the

holidays at her home near Ann Arbor. The sky being clear Saturday night the eclipse of the moon was plainly

visible. Three cars of stock were shipped from this station this week by our local

Miss Florence Sunderland and Dr. H

E. Safford were visitors at R.C. Safford's on Friday last. Zip, the little gray pony driven by Mrs. Amelia Eldred so long, died one

week ago, aged 30 years. Dr. Bliss, oculist, of Springfield, Ohio'

removed a pterygium from the eye of R. C. Safford on Monday last.

Miss Nellie Oliver, who has been il for the past two weeks, is recovering under the care of Dr. Tillapaugh.

Ice house and ice privileges for rent at Phoenix Mills. H. W. HOLCOMB

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pinckney attended the wedding of Fred Burnett and Miss Lydia Woodworth at Salem Wed nesday night.

If you are going away for a visit, or visitors from out of town, send the item to The Mail or drop in the box

Dr. Cooper returned Tuesday evening from a ten days' visit at Toronto. Mon treal and other points, and reports hav ing spent a pleasant vacation.

The D. P. & N. are buliding a turn table at Wayne and a Y at Northville for turning their cars. They expect to have them completed within a few

Miss Gilmore, who has been teaching place of the pastor, who was away conducting the funeral of Mrs. Brigham the kindergarten department in the school here, started Monday for Havain Northville, but Mr. Herbener will consent, owing to the ill-health of Mr. speak next Sunday afternoon on "The Hunter. For a number of months this na. Cuba. Miss Shuttle, of Detroit, has taken Miss Gilmore's place.

It is wonderful what good stationery Christmas sermon. Seats are all free. will do for a business. It bears the same, relation to business that neat clothes does to the business man him Get your stationary at The Mail

a memorable one by presenting your friends with some of those useful ar-ticles found at Draper's, the jeweler. Hand in your items of interest. We are anxious for news and extend you a their annual election last Friday night. welcome and thanks for such favors, and the following officers were elected

Next to a person with a dollar in hand for the ensuing year. items, in the heart of the editor.

Next to a person with a dollar in hand for the paper, is the one with newsy tems, in the heart of the editors.

Rev. J. L. Sunderland, a well known Unitarian minister, formerly of Ann Arbor, leaves Saturday morning for Condon, where he is a take charge of Wichest Linitarian church for the next the state of the condon, where he is a take charge of the condon, where he is a take charge of the condon, where he is a take charge of the condon, where he is a take charge of the condon, where he is a take charge of the condon, where he are the condon to the condon Unitarian minister, formerly of Ann Arbor, leaves Saturday morning for London, where he is 🐞 take charge of Highgate Unitarian church for the next six months on trial. May success attend

D. B. Wilcox & Son have just finish ed putting in a new feed grinding ma-. It is one of the latest improved of machinery made, being fitted with hall bearings and chain The machine will grind 40 bags of feed

We wish to call the attention of The dry goods dealers have a splendid asders to the inside of the paper, contains some very excellent natter. The story of the Afriseveral columns of State news madge's sermon and an inter-of Christmas stories.

of goods in that direction. Furniture ann crockery are always acceptable as presents and novelties are always in demand. In the clothing and gental furnishing goods line there is a large and varied assortment especially for the holiday trade. In fact you will be surprised at the large lines of goods our merchants have to show you. rer belt buckle, with large solot on the street Wed-ing. Finder will please that once and receive

When Buying Xmas Gifts for

LITTLE

Remember that Comfort is always looked for first.

When Spending Money

For the actual necessities of life QUALITY and PRICE are to be greatly considered and nearly every day we are told that we're selling goods a great deal cheaper than others. If you don't know that, you ought to, it means money saved to you.

During our Christmas Trade we will make an extraordinary effort to greatly reduce our stock of

Capes and Jackets,

PRICES TALK, GET OURS.

Miss Alice Murdock is spending a

week's vacation at her home in Canada

night train dispatcher at the D. G. R

Colo., special agent of the Denver &

Rev. Stephens will preach a sermon

on the advent of Christ in the Presby-

terian church next Sunday morning.

The Presbyterian church Christmas

exercises will be held to-night. There

will be a nice program and an Xmas

D. D. Pinckney, of Toledo, called on his brother, C, 'A.' Pinckney Thursday.

Mr. Pinckney is proprietor of the

Just as we are going to press it is re

There will be a meeting of the Royal

Hose Co. at the store of the Conner

Hardware Co. next Wednesday evening

at 8 o'clock. Every member is request-

Mr. Fitzhugh died at the home of his

daughter. Mrs. Wm. Smitherman, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Fitzhugh was nearly 90 years old

and has been confined to his bed for

sometime. The funeral will be held

The Onio Central lines last year got

out an unique calendar, "The Military

Girl," which received press notices from

all parts of the country. It was un-

doubtedly the most popular calendar of

the season and nearly ten thousand re

quests for them came to the office of

Moulton Houk, General Passenger

Agent, after the supply was exhausted

For 1900 these lines will distribute a

more expensive one in six panels, show

copy will be sent by U.S. mail to any

address upon receipt of 10 two-cent

postage stamps to defray expense of

Latest styles in picture moulding at H. E. Milspaugh's, over A. A. Tafft's

The firm of Geo. W. Hunter & Co.

was on Monday dissolved by jmutual

stain from business to a great extent

and medical advice was to the effect

that he must get out of the store to get well. Mr. Hunter has been a popular

business man on the street and it is regretted that he should be compelled to retire. However, he will, or has already.

engaged in the produce, business, mak-

ing his headquarters in the old cigar

factory building at the D.G. R. & W.

depot. The drug and grocery business will be continued by F. Markham

Briggs, who will retain the present corps of efficient clerks, and con-

tinue to hold the patronage of the

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Service 10:30-A. M., Sunday-school at 11:45 A. M. Wednesday evening meeting, 7:30. In Christian Science hall. All are most cordially invited. Subject for next Sunday will be: Christian Science.

Mail—only \$1 per year.

encasing and mailing.

We are

ported/there was a fire last night about

& W. depot.

Hall Wednesday.

Everybody welcome.

tree. Everybody is invited.

Michigan Ice Co. of Toledo.

a mile northeast of town.

unable to learn what burned.

ed to be present.

Saturday afternoon.

There are ten thousand microses on more expensive one in six panels, showasch dollar bill that has circulated for
one year. Still there are men who insist on carrying this deadly menace
around with them.

more expensive one in six panels, showing the styles of dress at 1800, 1815,
1840, 1860, 1880 and the "Golf" girl of
1800. As an artistic effort this calendar merits most careful attention.

store.

Design of the Incarnation." A special gentleman has been compelled to ab-

Albert Wright, of Howell, is the new

The North Side

C. W. Shores, of Grand Junctions Miss Mae Bronson spent Sunday at Rio Grand R. R., called on Postmaster O.King's.

> Leave your items for The Mail at Gayde Bros. store. Gayde Bros, have a large line of

Xmas toys. See them. Evered Jolliffe is on the sick list this week with the chicken-pox.

Mr. Sage, of Detroit, visited his uncle Henry Sage, here on Sunday.

Born on Saturday, Dec. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Label, a son.

Mrs. Zenas Blakely and son Frank were Toledo visitors Thursday, Rudolph Ruppert and Peter Stever vere in Detroit on Wednesday.

Christmas exercises will be held at the German church next Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sage and son, Harold, visited his brother, at Detroit, on Monday. Miss Daisy Worden is on the sick

list this week under the care of Dr. Tillanaugh. Senator Warner and Mr. Botsford, of

Farmington, were Plymouth visitors on Wednesday. Robt. Maiden has recovered from his

fall and fractured ribs, so he is able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kohler, of Northville, called on J. C. Peterhans and

family Sunday. Mrs. Fred Reeves and children of Toledo, are here to spend Christmas

with relatives. Mrs. William Blank, of Superior, visted her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bolgas, Monday and Tuesday.

William Streng and Frank Shattuck have been drawn from Plymouth, as jurors for the coming term of the circuit court.

Mrs. Chas. Hassenger slipped on a frosty sidewalk and broke a bone in her heel. She is unable to walk on it at all at present. Her daughter Fida is with her at home caring for her.

The next session of the Dairymen's Association will be held in Detroit Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Harry Jolliffe has been requested by the Sec'y to lead in a discussion on a paper entitled, "What is an American Cheese and the Essentials of its Production."

Ed Pelton has resigned his position as agent for the D. G. R. & W. at the Union depot here. Chas. Butterfield takes his place as agent and Mr. Little will take Charlie's place as dispatcher.

Ice house and ice privileges for rent at Phoenix Mills. H. W. HOLCOMB.

Cal. Whipple started out Sunday to spend the day with his best girl. he was coming up Mill. street his horse scared of the street car and dashed to The buggy came in contact with one of the poles, and was considerably smashed up. The horse ran as far as H. Smith's corner where it was caught. The accident did not stop Cal but he went home got another rig and finished his trip. At the "cold storage meeting," called

in the Starkweather Hall on Saturday Dec. 16th. Lafavette Dean was elected chairman and Dan Jolliffe, secretary. After a talk, it was moved, seconded and resolved that a cold storage be built with capital stock not to exceed \$3,000. also that the stock be divided into shares of \$25.00 each, each stockholder to have the privilege of taking from one to ten shares, also that C. B. Pack ard, Jessie Tyler and Dan Jolliffe act as a committee for soliciting stock. Meeting then adjourned. The books are now open to receive atock at Joi-

NOTICE.—I will be at the Plymouth Savings Bank on Thursday, Dec. 28th, to accommodate any the may wish to pay their taxes.

G.H. Strington, Trees, Canton Twp.

Suits & Overcoats

An inspection of our stock will convince you that we have a large assortment and the prices are from 15 to 25 per cent lower than others.

SHOES AND RUBBERS

Our line for Ladies, Children and Men is most complete in town and prices are lowest.

ASK FOR A SHOE STAMP with every Purchase of 50 CENTS OR OVER

Good for 5c in our Shoe Dept.

LITTLE GIANT SCHOOL SHOES

Are best for children.

E. L. RIGGS

Plymouth Cash Outfitter.

Christmas

Presents.

TOYS!

We have just received a large assortment of Christmas Goods, suitable for Xmas Presents.

Perfumery, Dressing Cases, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets.

Necktie Boxes.

*Handkerchief Boxes. Collar and Cuff Boxes,

10c Games, 15c Games, 25c Games, Dominoes all prices, Checkers, .

Dolls of all kinds and prices, Lotto. Albums, Books, Booklets,

Crockery, Smoking Sets, Shaving Sets, China and Dishes of all kinds.

GROCERIES

9 bars Queen Ann Soap25c Lyon CoffeeIIC XXXX Coffee Kingsford Corn Starch 8c Kingsford Silver Gloss Starch 8c

If you have Rheumatism, buy a box of

John L. Gale's Rheumatic Tablets. If you have Dyspepsia, buy a box of

Dr. Cooper's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Agents wanted in every village and city in the country to sell John L. Gale's Remedies.

JOHN L. GALE

Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globule of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 35c per box. Sold by John L. Gale Facts to Remember,

The original and Genuine Red Pills are Knill's R-d Pills for Wan People at 25c a box, the woman's remedy. Don't pay 50c:

pay 50c; You can work when they work, never tripe or make you sick, Knill's White Liver Pills. Bowel Regulator. Twenty-five doses, 25c.

Knill's Blue Kidey Pills cures back, aches, etc. Only 25c a box.

Pleasant, safe and sure are Knill's Black Diarrhoes Pills. Cure summer complaints, dysentery and all Pains of the stomach and bowels. Only 25 cents box.

box.
Pure, sweet stomachs and breaths are
made by taking Knill's Dyspepsis Tablets. They will cure indigestion, correct
all stomach troubles; destroy all foul
Gases for 25c box. Best and cheapest.
guaranteed by your druggist.

Dissolution of Copartnership.

O'N eccount of the continued ill-health of Mr. Hunter, and by mutual consent. the firm of Geo. W. Hunter as C. . (Geo. W. Hunter as G. . (Geo. W. Hunter and F. Markham Briggs) has this day dissolved its maintenance. In sale of drag, generate and provisions will be continued at the old stand. "30 Pharmancy," Plymouth, Michigan, by he undersigned. All persons indebted to the firm of Geo. W. funter & Co. will bleass call and settle their occounts immediately, as Mr. Hunter will en-

TATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne, At a session of the Probate court for a county of Wayne, held at the Probate office the city of Detroit, on the fourteenth day becomes in the year one thousand eight fored and ninety-mine. Present, Edgar O. Ten. Judge of Probate. In the matter of the tate of Gardner Simmons, doceased!. An instrument in writing, purporting to be last will and testament of said deceased, have been delivered into this court for probate,

list was a superior of the street of the forenoon at its ordered. That the sixteenth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate office, be appointed for proving said instrument.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Plymouth Mail a newspacer printed and circulating is said county of Wayner.

EDGAR O. DURFEE,

Judge of Probate.

(A true copy.) Judge of John F. Perens, Deputy Register

Probate Notice

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, Commty of Wayne, and At a session of the Probate Court for said country of Wayne, held at the Probate office, in the court of Detrect, on the twelfth day of the court of Detrect, on the twelfth day of the court of Detrect, on the twelfth day of the court of Detrect, on the court of the said and minetr-street. Present, and sed in mandred and minetr-street. Present, and sed in the said tended of Benjamin F. Wright, deceased.

On reading and filling the petition, day verified, of George A. Starkweather, executor of the last will and instances of the court of the last will and instances of the court of the last will and instances of the court of the last will and instances of the court of the last will are the court of the court o

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BY W. OLIVE. SCHREINER.

A TALE OF LIFE IN THE **

that evening Lyndail came down to the cabin with the German's rations. Through the thry square window the light streamed forth, and without knocking she raised the latch and entered. There was a fire burning on the hearth, and it east its ruddy glow over the little dingy room, with its worm eaten rafters and mid floor and broken, whitewashed wans, a curlous little place, filled with all manner-of articles. Next to the tire was a great tool box; beyond that the little bookshelf with its well worp books; beyond that, in the corner, a heap of filled and empty grain bags. From the rafters hung down straps, "reims," did boots, bits of harness and a string of onlons. The bed was in another corwas an endless assortment of little bags and stones, and on the wall bung a map of south Germany, with a red line drawn through it to show where the German had wandered. This place was the one home the girls had known many a year. The house where t' Sannie lived and ruled was a place to sleep in, to eat in, not to be happy in. It was in vain she taid they were grown too old to go.

Every morning and evening found them there. Were there not too many golden memories hanging about the old place for them to leave it? he old place for them to leave it?

Long winter nights, when they had

sat round the fire and roasted potatoes and asked raidles and the old man had and asked rundes and the on man told of the little German village where 50 years before, a little German boy had played at snowballs and had car ried home the knitted stockings of a little girl who afterward became Wal-do's mother, did they not seem to see the German peasant girls walking about with their wooden shoes, and yellow, braided hair and the little chil-dren eating their suppers out of little wooden bowls when the good mothers called them in to have their milk and

And were there not yet better times than these - moonlight nights, when they rounded about the door, with the old man, yet more a child than any of them, and laughed till the old roof of the wagon bouse rang?

at of all were there not warm. dark, starlight nights; when they sat together on the doorstep, holding each other's hand, singing German hymns, their voices rising clear in the still night air, till the German would draw away his hand suddenly to wipe quick Ty a tear the children must not see? Would they not sit looking up at the stars and talking of them-of the dear Southern Cross: red. flery Mars; Orion.
with his belt, and the Seven Mysterious Sisters—and fall to speculating long bours of that night, as the old over them? How old are they? Who dwelt in them? And the old German would say that perhaps the souls we loved lived in them. There, in that little, twinkling point, was perhaps the little girl whose stockings he had car-ried home, and the children would look up at it lovingly and call it "Uncle Otto's star." Then they would fall to deeper speculations—of the times and seasons wherein the beavens shall be rolled together as a scroll and the stars shall fall as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs and there shall be time no when the Sou of Man shall in his glory and all his holy an-with him." In lower and lower gets with nim." in lower and lower tones they would talk till at last they fell into whispers. Then they would wish good night softly and walk home bushed and quiet.
Tonight, when Lyndall looked in.

Waldo sat before the fire watching a pot which simmered there, with his slate and pencil in his hand. His fa-ther sat at the table buried in the columns of a three weeks' old newspaper umns of a three weeks old newspaper, and the stranger hap, stretched on the bed in the corner, fast asleep, his mouth open, his great limbs stretched out loosely, betokening much weariness. The girl put the rations down mon the table, spuffed the candle and

mood looking at the figure on the bed.
"Uncle Otto," she said presently, laying her band down on the newspaper and causing the old German to look up over his glasses. "how long did that man say he had been walking?"

man say he had been walking?"
"Since this morning, poor fellow! A German, pushing out his lip and glancchin and broken boots through which

"And do you believe him. Uncle Ot-

"Relieve him? Why, of course I do. He kimself told me the story three

"If." and the German, starting up in his chair, irritated that any one showld doubt such irretragible evidence. "Ifi Why, he fold me himself! Look how be lies there." added the German pathetically. "worn out, poor fellow! We have something for him, though," polyting with his foreinger over his shoulder to the naucepan that stood on the start of the saucepan that stood on the saucepan that saucepan the saucepan that stood on the saucepan that saucepan the saucepan the saucepan that saucepan the saucepan that saucepan the saucepan "We are not cooks - not

aide, drinkable. I think, better than nothing, I shink," he added, nodding and astonishment. "Napoleon an Irishins head on a focund manner that evincled his high estimation of the con-." "Yes," said Bonaparte, "on the mothtents of the sauceban and his profound satisfaction therein. "Bish, bish, my chicken!" he said as Lyndall tapped her little foot up and down upon the floor. "Bish, bish, my chicken! You will wake him."

He moved the capille so that his own head might intervene between it and the sleeper's face, and, smoothing his newspaper, he adjusted his spectacles to read.

The child's gray black eyes rested on the figure on the bed, then turned to the German, then rested on the figure again.

folded his paper up methodically and but it in his pocket. The stranger had not awakened to

partake of the soup, and his son had fallen asleep on the ground. Taking two white sheepskins from the beam of sacks in the corner, the old mad doubled them up and, lifting the boy's head gently from the slate on which it rested, placed the skins beneath it. "Poor lamble, poor lamble!" he said,

tenderly patting the great rough bear-"Tired, Is be!"

He threw an overcoat across the boy's feet and lifted the saucepan from the fire. There was no place where the old man could comfortably lie down old man could comfortably the down himself, so be resumed his sent. Opening a much worn Bible, he began to read, and, as he read, pleasant thoughts and visions througed on him.

"France, England, Germany, a little in this country—It is all I have traveled."

"I, my friend," said Bonaparte, "baye me the country—it is my read, and my consequent of the world and "I was a stranger, and ye took me been in every country in the world and in," he read.

the sleener lay

to us, weak and sinful, frail and erring, to serve thee, to take thee in?" he said softly as he rose from his seat. Full of joy, he began to pace the fittle room. Now and again as he walked he sang the lines of a German hymn or mutter-ed broken words of prayer. The little room was full of light. It appeared to the German that Christ was very near him and that at almost any moment the thin mist of earthly darkness that clouded his human eyes might be withdrawn and that made manifest which the friends at Emmaus, behold-

man walked, he looked up to the roof, of his liftle room, with its blackened rafters and yet saw them not. His rough bearded face was illuminated with a radiant gladness, and the night was not shorter to the dreaming sleep-ers than to him whose waking dreams brought beaven near.

So quickly the night fled that he looked up with surprise when at 4 o'clock the first gray strenks of summer dawn showed themselves through the little window. Then the old man turned to rake together the few coals that law under the ashes, and his son, turning on the sheepskins, muttered sleepily to know if it were time to rise.

"Lie still, lie still! I wot
make a fire," said the old man.

1 would only "Have you been up all night?" asked

Yes; but it has been short, very short. Sleep again, my chieken. It is

And he went out to fetch more fuel.

CHAPTER IV.

BLESSED IS HE THAT BELIEVETH.

Bounparte Blenkins sat on the side of the bed. He had wonderfully revived since the day before, held his head high, talked in a full, sonorous voice and are greedly of all the viauds offered him. At his side was a basin of soup, from which he took a deep draft now and again as he watched the fluggers of the German, who sat on the mud floor before him mending the bottone its better. It was that sayed mending the bottone its better. It was that sayed mending the bottone its better. It was that sayed mending the bottone its better.

ing listlessly about, and then he looked in again at the little whitewashed room and at Lyndail, who sat to the doorway looking at a book. Then he raised his chin and tried to adjust an imaginary shirt collar Finding none.

the smoothed the little gray fringe at the back of his head and began: "You are a student of history, I perceive, my friend, from the study of "if." said the girl slowly, "he had walked for only one day, his boots would not have looked se, and if."—
"if!" said the German starting up in said the German meekly.

ing up.
"I, sir," said Bo

and utty years ago. The nurse, six—she was the same who attended when the Duke of Sutherland was bornbrought me to my mother. 'There is only one name for this child,' she said. He has the nose of his great kinsman, and so Bounparte Blenkins became my name—Bounparte Blenkins. Yes, sir," said Bonsparte, "there is a stream on mys maternal side that connects me with a stream on his maternal side." The German made a sound of aston

ishment.
"The connection." said Bonaparte, "Is one which could not be easily domprehended by one unaccustomed to the study of aristocratic pedigrees, but the

connection is close."
"Is it 'possible?" said the German,

er's side, and that is how we are re-lated. There wasn't a man to beat him," said Bonaparte, stretching him-self, "not a man, except the Duke-of Wellington. And it's a strange comeddence," added Bone parte, bending forward, "but he was a connection of mine. His nephew, the Duke of Wellington's nephew, married a cousin of mine. She was a woman! See her at one of the court, balls-amber satin, dalsies in her hair! Worth going a bundred miles to look at her! Often

seen her there myself, sig!"

The German moved the leather thougs in and out and thought of the Der, covered by a patchwork quilt of faded red lious and divided from the rest of the room by a bite central, to the door.

To think he is a liar! Good night, thougs in and out and thought of the strings in an and out and which might bring the kinsmen of dukes, and emperors to his humble

Bonaparte appeared lost among old

memories.

"Ah, that Duke of Wellington's nephew?" he broke forth suddenly. "Many's the joke I've had with him. Often came to visit me at Bonaparte Hall. Grand place I had then—park, conservatory, servants. He had only one fault, that Duke of Wellington's said Bonaparte, observing nephew: that the German was deeply interested in every word. "He was a coward, what you might call a coward. You've never been in Russia. I suppose? said Bonaparte, fixing his crosswise looking eyes on the German's face.
"No. no." said the old man humbly.

a." he read.

He turned again to the bed where he sleeper lay.

"I was a stranger."

"I was a stranger." "I was a stranger."

Very tenderly the old man looked at but of it. Great rascals, those publishim. He saw, not the bloated body ers! Upon one occasion the Duke of nor, the evil face of the man, but, as Wellington's nephew and I were travitive were, under deep disguise and it were, under deep disguise and eling in Russia. All of a sydden one fleshly concealment, the form that long of the horses dropped down dead as a years of dreaming had made very real adormall. There we were—cold night— to fim. "Jesus, lover, and is it given snow four feet thick—great forest—one horse not being able to move sledgenight coming on-wolves.

"Spree!" says the Duke of Wellington's nephew Spree, do you call it? says 1. 'Look out.

"There, sticking out under a bush, was nothing less than the nose of a hear. The Duke of Wellington's neph-ew was up a tree like a shot. I stood quietly on the ground, as cool as I am this inoment, loaded my gun and climbed up the tree. There was only one hough.

'Bon,' said the Duke of Wellington's nephew, 'you'd better alt in

'All right,' said I, 'but keep your gun ready. There are more coming.' He'd got his face buried in my back.

'How many are there?' said he.
'Four,' said I. "How many are there now? said

he. "'Eight,' said I.

" How many are there now?' said

be. " 'Ten,' said I.

"'Ten, ten!' said he, and down goe his gun.
"Wallie,' I said, 'what have you turning done? We're dead men now.

"'Bon, my old fellow, said he, 'I couldn't help it, my hands trembled

so!' "'Wall,' said I, turning round and selzing his hand. Wallie, my dear lad, goodby. I'm not afraid to die. My legs are long; they hang down. The first bear that comes, and I don't bit him. off goes my foot. When he takes it, it shall give you my gun and go. You may yet be saved, but tell, oh, tell Mary Ann that I thought of her, that I

mud floor before him mending the bot-tom of a chair.

Presently be looked out, where, in gentleman, not accustomed to walking
-horse died-poor fellow!" said the
stream on sunshine, a few half tell this story. But they came on sir,
grown ostriches might be seen wander
grown ostriches might be seen wander. systematically, one by one. All the rest sat on their talls and waited. The first fellow came up, and I shot him; the second fellow—I shot him; the third—I shot him. At last the tenth came, He was the biggest of all—the leader, you may say. "'Wall,' I said, 'give me your hand.

My fingers are stiff with the cold. There is only one builet left. I shall miss him. While he is eating me get friend, live to remember the man who gave his life for you!" By time the bear was at me. I felt his

paw on my trousers.

"Oh, Bonnie, Bonnie," said the Duke of Wellington's nephew. But I just took my gun and put the mursle to the bear's ear. Over he fell-dead!"

Bonaparte Rienkins waited to ob-serve what effect his story had made. Then he took out a dirty white hand-kerchief and streked his forchest and

the handkerchief to his pocket. "Ingratitude—base, vile ingratitude—is re-called by it. That man, that man, who but for me would have perished in the pathless wilds of Russia, that man in the hour of my adversity forsook me The German looked up. "Yes," said Bonaparte, "I had money, I had lands, I said to my wife: "There is Africa, a struggling country. They want capi tal: they want men of talent; they want men of ability to open up that land. Let us go.
"I bought £8,000 worth of machiners"

-winnowing yowing, reaping that chines. I leaded a ship with them. Next steamer I came out, avije, children, all. Got to the Cape. Where is the ship with the things? Lost-gone bottom! And the box with the ? Lost-nothing saved!

"My wife wrote to the lanke of Wellington's perchew. I didn't wish her to. She did it without my knowledge.

("What did the man whose life I sawed do? Did he send me £00.00; say.

Bonaparte, my brother, here is a crumb? Not be sent me nothing.
"My wife said, 'Write,' I said; 'Mary Ann, no; while these hands have power to work, no; while this frame has power to endure, no. Never shall it be said that Bonaparte Blenkins asked of any man.

The man's noble independence touched the German.
"Your case is hard: yes," that

Bonaparte took another draft of the

soup, leaned back against the pillows

and sighed deeply.

"I think," be said after awhile, rousing himself, "I, shall now wander in the benign air and taste the gentle cool

of the evening. The stiffness hovers over me yet. Exercise is beneficial." So saying, he adjusted his hat care-fully on the bald crown of his head and moved to the door. After he had gone the German sighed again over his

"Ab. Lord! So it is! Ab!" He thought of the ingratitude of the

"Uncle Otto," said the child in the deorway, "did you ever hear of ten hars sitting on their tails in a circle?" "Well, not of ten exactly, but bears

do attack travelers every day. It is nothing unheard of," said the German. 'A man of such courage too! Terrible experience that?

"And how do we know that the story is true, Ungle Otto?'

The German's ine was roused.
"That is what I do hate!" he cried.
"Know that it is true! How do you know that anything is true? Because you are told so. If we begin to question everything—proof, proof, proof—what will we have to believe left? How do you know the angel opened the prison door for Peter except that Peter said so? How do you know that God talked to Moses except that Moses wrote

The girl kult her brows: Perhaps her thoughts made a longer journey than the German dreamed of, for, mark you, the old dream little bow their words and lives are texts and studies to the generation that shall succeed Not what we are taught, but what we see, makes us, and the child gathers the food on which the adult

eds to the end.
When the German looked up next, there was a look of supreme satisfac-tion in the little mouth and the beauti-

What dost see, chicken?" he asked. The child said nothing, and an ag-onizing shrick was borne on the after-

noon breeze. "O God, my God, I am killed!" cried the voice of Bonaparte as he, with wide open mouth and shaking flesh, fell into the room, followed by a half grown ostrich, which put its head in at the door, opened its heak at him and went away. "Shut the door! Shut the door! As

you value my life, shut the door." cried Bonaparte, sinking into a chair, his face blue and white, with a greenish-ness about the mouth. "Ab. my friend," he said, tremulously, "eternity has looked me in the face! My life's thread hung upon a cord! The valley of the shadow of death!" said Bonaparte,

shalow of death!" said Bonaparte, selzing the German's arm.

"Dear, dear, dear," said the German, who had closed the lower fail of the door and stood much concerned beside the storner. "You have had a fright I never knew so young a bird to chase before, but they will take dislikes to certain people. I sent a boy away once because a bird would chase him.

Sandow has been telling London wo men what he thinks of feminine athletics. He asserts that women can preserve an ideal figure by fresh air and Ab, dear, dear!"

You could not are broken, broken! give a little wine, a little brandy, my

The old German hurried away to the bookshelf and took from behind the books a small bottle, half of whose contents he poured into a cup. Bona-parte drained it eagerly. "How do you feel now?" asked the

German, looking at him with much ympathy little, slightly, better."

The German went out to pick up the battered chimney bot which had fallen before the door. "I am sorry you got the fright. The birds are bad things till you know them," he said sympathetically as he

put the hat down. "My friend." said Bonaparte, holding out his hand. II forgive you. Do not be disturbed. Whatever the conse-quences. I forgive you. I know. I believe, it was with no ill intent that you

allowed me to go out. Give me your band. I have no ill feeling, none!"
"You are very kind," said the Gor-man, taking the extended hand and

"It always arrects me to relate that freeling suddenly convinced that he was deventure." be remarked, returning receiving maguantimous forgiveness for some great injury: you are very flow Mothers May Manage Sky L kind." Folks and Their Faults.

contemplated it.
"Ah. my old friend"—he thus apps-"Ah. my old friend"—he thus apps.

Arophized the bar—twen bave served and often misunderstood, for which me long, you have served me faithfully, but the last day has come! Never the sensitive child later on the more shall you be borne upon the head of your master; never more shall you. But a parent who recognizes this distance to the faithful that the protect his brow from the burning rays of summer or the cutting winds of winter. Henceforth bareheaded must

took a black hat which had evidently

"It's not exactly what you may have "It's not exactly what you may have I know one mother—and, as a mathem accustomed to." he said nervous ter of fact, she is absolutely devoted by putting it down beside the battered her children—who said to a 10-year-old chimney por, "but it might be of some, daughter when she had been practicing

German, resenting himself at his work mother does very wrong if she taken and looking much concerned as Bona, the sensitive one of her flock to task parte stretched trimself on the bed and before the others who are cast in bolder turned the end of the patchwork quilt work listeet.

Little mannerisms should pass un-

Every housekeeper should know how to pur up a dainty luncheon for the fall meeting parties or other autumn pic-nics. A crowd of Cincinnatians were assembled on the banks of the Miami, the other day. The first lunch box opened was large enough to hold its contents without any crowding. It was wrapped ucutly in white paper and tied with a bit of parrow white ribbon, through which a single twig of apple blossoms was thrust. On taking off the cover the recipient found, first, a Japanese napkin, whose white ground was decorated in one corner with a bunch of apple blossoms. This bit of thoughtfulness in the way of a napkin, it was noticed, was the exception rather than the rule among the boxes in the immediate vicinity. On removing the napkin a bunch of water cress was the next thing discovered. It was placed on a piece of waxed paper that covered the rest of the luncheon. There were four dainty sandwiches, each a small double triangle of perfect sandwich bread, prepared without crusts, the filling a delicious compound of minced chicken, cream cheese and chopped almonds. The cress enten with them gave the finishing touch to their appetizing quality. A slice of de-licious homemade white cake, cut from a loaf that had been baked in two deep layers, with an ice filling and top, was part of the dessert, and several sections of a choice orange, each section peeled. All were nearly folded in wax paper.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

and deal figure by fresh air and ab. dear, dear!"

"When I looked round." said Bonanarte, "the red and yawning cavity
was above me and the reprehensible
paw raised to strike me. My nerves."

and Bonaparte, suddenly growing ceptibility to lung disease. Naturally
faint, "always delicate, highly strung, he condemns 18 inch waists and preprokens, broken, broken." You could not fers the Venus of Allie with her 24 fers the Venus of Mile with her 24 inches of circumference. But, though he advises outdoor sports, while not considering them as good as the ancient game of ball played by Nausica and her maidens, he says that it is the muscles of the trunk which exercise in order to hinder the increase exercise in order to hinder the increase of embonpoint, and neither cycling, walking nor rowing sufficiently em-ploys these muscles. No woman need fear, he says, to become too muscular, as a layer of adipose tissue is pe-cular to her structure and is really in-tended to soften the outlines.

A Religious Revival

Abner L Frazer of Cincinnati is trying to get the clergy interested in world's revival, to mark the opening the new century. The time which he auggests for the holding of the revival Oct. 1, 1900, to March 31, 1901.

three months of the century tevote to the reviving of the bristianity and the last three to forecasting the Christian work of the future.

SENSITIVE CHILDREN.

Though nervous children are "Bon't mention it." Said Romaparte.

He knocked out the crown of his caved in old hat, placed it on the table before him, learned his clience of the course who are yet extremely extend the face in his hands and sittle and self conceins. These are decontemplated it.

1 nough nervous chimica are the very sensitive, there are many little course, which is more land physical course, which is the call them. faults-particularly difficult to aprocand often misunderstood, for which

of your master; never more shall you protect his brow from the burning rays of summer or the curting winds of improvement. The sensitive child carwifter. Henceforth bareheaded must not bear a word of sarcasm or ridicula your master go. Goodby, goodby, old If a task is unsatisfactorily performed. At the end of this affecting appeal the German rose. He went to the hox it the subject of cynical reproof. wounds at the fost of his bed. Out of it he the little heart most deeply and only took a black hat which had evidently renders the child more sensitive and been seldom worn and carefully pre- shrinking and more unable to do her

self justice
I know one mother—and, as a matchimney pot. "but it might be of some use, a protection to the head, you know."
"My friend," said Bonaparte, "you are not following my advice. You are allowing yourself to have given us. I thought your teacher must be playing all the time. And it is very good of you to turn to such an happy. No; I shall go barcheaded."
"No, no, no!" cried the German energetically. "I have no use for the bat, none at all. It is shut up in the box."
"Then I will take it, my friend, It is a comfort to one's own mind when you have unfunctionally injured any one to "make reparation. I know the feeling. (The hat may not be of that refined cut of which the old one was, but it will serve; yes, it will serve. Thank you," said Bonaparte, adjusting it on your playing today," would leave no.

you," said Bounparte, adjusting it on your playing today." would leave no his head and then replacing it on the sting table. "I shall lie down now and take | Above all, a sensitive child must all a little repose," he added. "I much ways be corrected in private. It may fear my appetite for supper will be te an unhealthy vapity which cannot lost."

"I hope not! I hope not." said the partyx but the trait is so marked that a ferman researing himself at his work mother does very wrong if she takes.

"You must not think to make your addiced as far as possible. You sensitive Child may have a way of knitting the German presently. "Tant' Sannie gives her consent, and"—

Little mannersmas should pass undited as far as possible. Your sensitive child may have a way of knitting ther fingers or twisting as button or crossing her feet, and if she is teased gives her consent, and"—
"My friend." said Bonaparte, closing her feet, and if she is teased about the habit it only grows worse, the cyes saidly, "you are kind, but were it not that transcribe is the Saiblath, would proceed on my-way. I must seek work. Idleness but for a day is painful. Work, labor-that is the kere cret of all true happiness."

He doubled the pillow under his head and watched how the Girman drew the leather though in and out.

[TO EE CONTINUED.]

crossing her feet, and if she is teased about the habit it only grows worse, and she reels hopeless of checking it. There are sensitive boys, too, luds who fall askeep sad at heart each night because they miss the parents good night because they miss the parents good night the school. Unless the peculiarity of such a boy's disposition is recognized and, he is treated accordingly he will grow up painfully sensitive and shrink-

It seems an unimportant point to It seems an unimportant point to have a child sensitive and self conscious, but the evil lies in the fact that the trait grows eyer bigger and makes boys and girls, when they have outgrown childhood, morbid, unhappy, dissatisfied and poor company for themselves and their circle. selves and their circle.

Purple in House Decoration. Purple is an almost unknown color in house decoration, and yet there seems no very good reason for it. A drawing room lately seen was decorated in a very unusual way, in which purple had a prominent part. The walls were hung with some beautiful Japanese applique embroidery. No tures were hung at all. The window cyrtains were dyed to match the junty in the Japanese stuff and their bellitance, only eligibily toned down by the brilliancy only slightly toned down by white next the pane. The room has in it some admirable; pieces of old mahogany and a few examples of choice pottery. The lighting is from old brass lamps and candlesticks. The

Quince Marmalade, Etc. One of the last fruits of the season is the quince, and belated housekeepers often utilize it in various forms to eke out a too scanty supply in the fruit

effect is unusual.-House Beautiful.

closet.

Quince marmalade furnishes a simple way of using up small and irregu-lar fruit. Cut the quinces up, skins, cores and all together. Cover with wacores and all together. Cover with wa-ter and boil till fender. Rub through a colander, and to every plut of pulp add one pound of sugar. Boll for two bours, stirring to prevent burning. Remove from the fire and pour into jam pots, covering in the usual way. Quince jelly may be made of the skins and cores of the quinces, proceeding in exactly the same way as in apple jelly.

A Practical Pipe Back. There are no frills on this pine rack Its only artistic pretension lies in the "curve, the line of beauty" But if any one finds its simplicity too much skin to barrenness it can be decorated with stude leather or a little carving. The shelves are screwed on from the



A STAPLE PIPE BACE back and should be scooped on to hold the pipe bowl in po-contrary to the usual practice are held with bowl down according to one



Across the day, So-dull and gray, The tide of Christmas creeps, And round the sill, With bliss a thrill, twitters at the pane beneath berry dappled bolly wreath.

Now to and fro The mistletoe minging by the door, And, all ablaze, ruddy haze, ak logs snap and rost, surf of gold plays merrily the spangled Christmas tr

The minster bell Its magic spell 1

Our Christmas dream With peace suprems Is gided as it files, And round the board Where love is lord anks serenely rise
single with the Christmas bella,
music skyward blithely swells.
B. E. MUNEUTVEICE

JOHN DOOLAN'S CHRISTMAS

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It was the afternoon before Christmaseve, and John Doolan paced the pavements, his hands in his pockets, his eyes glancing restlessly about, looking for work. He was hard up. He was worse than hard up. He was on the ragged edge of despair, benniess and hungry. He had spent his last dime for supporthenight before.

His room was in a tenement house west of Ninth avenue, near the river, but he had managed to walk as far as Rector street; walking on and on in the

Betto street, walking on and on in the marvailing effort to forget his hunger. The exercise only served to whethis, appetite. By the time he had arrived at the station he'was famished.

He stopped at the (out of the steps

and stood there looking at a nearby building in process of erection and at the dusty swarm of hod carriers crawling up

and stood there looking at a nearly building in process of erection and at the dosty swarm of hod carriers crawling up and down the ladders like so many anis. Turning away, he watched the men in overalls at work on the car track, listened to the resonant click of their picks and idly noted the nimbleness with which they sprang back at the approach of the car, only to close up the ranks once mofe almost beneath the whoels as it passed. It seemed to Doolan that he alone was unfortunate. Everybody in the would appeared to be able to get work with the exception of himself. He had applied for place after place, as had carrier, as street closmer, as truck driver, but as each variant place had 20 applicants or more albeady standing in line before it in every instance he had ignominiously failed. Presently in an absentinized way he followed the crowd on up the steps to the elevated. Somehaw he imagined that if he could only get up town he might find work, in the same way that he imagined when he was up town that he would be sure to find something to do down town. Though in both places the fantasy of work had eluded him like a will o' the wisp, he determined once more to try his luck up town.

Fortunately he found a bevy of people rushing through the gates from a recently arrived train. He slipped past them, eluded the eagle eye of the ticket chopper and stood panting on the platform, awaiting a Harlem train.

By and by it came puffing along, and, boarding it, he took the only vacant seat, which was one by an old man so faultlessy dressed that Doolan hesisted a moment between the alternative of standing and bringing him in contact with his rain. He edged as far away from him as possible, watched him furtively out of the corner of his eye and compared his evident prosperity with the forlornness of his own outlook. This occupation did not tend to raise his apirita. By the time the old man had come to the edge



of his journey and left the car Doolan was in the depths of despair. If he had a woman, the probability was that id have shed tears.

Id man had sat next to the win-Doolan, about to move into the at caught sight of an envelope when the property of the property of the property of the property of the same almost impossible to the being of the same was almost impossible to the sam

he closed the envelope and, slipping it into his inside vest pocket, buttoned the vest securely up and stared straight ahead of him into space, breathless, fair-ly intoxicated with joy, for within the envelope were rows upon rows of crisp, que bills.

The car was filled with many people.

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The cat was filled with many people, variously occupied, some taking furtive catnaps, others reading newspapers, a girl over in one corner smilingly peoping into a precious Christmas bundle, a woman mear her ineffectually striving to quiet a fat baby which was struggling in her lap and a few mean swinging unsteadily from straps; but Doolan was totally oblivious of their presence there. Instead, conjured by the glintyse of those hills, visions began to boom before him, iridescent visions of things to eat. He saw tables, white tables, such as he had hitherto viewed from the outside through the medium of plate glass windows, and himself scared inside this time, a snowy aspkin spread-across his knee, an obsequious waiter hovering over him, and a repost that made his mouth water in anticipation absolutely covering the shining expanse of that entire table-cloth.

The baby's whimper broke into a cry.

The sound jarred upon



TO SEE THE MILLIONAIRE

rasping voice of the guard disturbed his reverie. The car, he concluded, was too reverie. The car, he concluded, was too full of people to suit his present fancy. He wanted to be alone. First of all, he wanted to count those bills, next to be free to exult in the possession of them, unruffled by the contact of prying eyes. "Twenty-eighth street!" called the guard.

unrd.
Doolan made his way to the platform, descended the steps and walked straight toward Ninth avenue, thence on to the

tenement house overlooking the river in which he lived. Inside he climbed numberless flights of

stairs, reached his room, shut the door, turned the key in the lock and, taking out the envelope, examined its contents.

First there was a letter. It was addressed to a well known multimillionaire.

It read thus:

1 hand you berewith the cash to bind our verbal real of last night, \$10,000, less \$5 for rev-

The signature was familiar as his own.

Dodkin sank into a chair, speechless, Mechanically he stared about him at the ghastly hoverty of the room; at the nar-row hed covered by the soiled and worn row bed covered by the soiled and worn counterpane; at the small and rickety washstand, with its broken necked pitch-er; at the tiny cracked mirror hanging above it dangling tipsily sidewise on its crooked nail; at the bare and curtainless window through whose dingy panes the chill winter sunshine steeped languidly. Then, burying his faceyin his hands, he shut out the sight of it all and took to dreaming dreams.

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Ten thousand dollars! It was untold wealth. Gaunt eyed, poverty departed from his threshold, never to return, and gibted affluence beckoned him on. With a sigh of rapture he followed.

No more tramping of endless streets by the endless search for work, no more langer, no more weariness of mind and body and soul, and no more heatraches. In that long white, envelope lay the panacca for most evils the firsh is heir to. It was all well enough, he thought, for those who sat at their case in golden chairs to talk of the nobility of poverty. It took a being of superhuman strength to lear up beneath the actual burden of it. It took a philosopher, and he was no philosopher.

philosopher.

He kicked a corner of the ragged carpet into place, arose, walked to the mirror and looked at his face. It was urshaven. Before he could go to a decent restaurant he must have a shave. Well, there was the money. He could afford luxuries now. He would induige in luxuries.

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Ab. the power of money! As he put
on his hat and descended to the street
he suddenly remembered a little old woman whom years before he had met in a
boarding house in Cincinnati. Bhe was
a friendless little old woman and homeless. Otherwise ahe would hardly have
spent her days in a boarding house. One
evening walking up and down there in
the parior, she had repeated a verse that
ran like this:

In country or town, as we walk up and down, There is no friend so true as a dollar or two. Wise little old woman! He smiled as e thought of the envelope, tucked snugly

way is its rest pocket, in which there reposed many a dollar or two.

And again he fell to dreaming.

By and by an ineasy thought pervaded he luminous brilliancy of his dreams.

That money! Was it his because he

ound it?
His conscience said emphatically and
rmly, "No." It belonged by rights to

Ermly, "No." It belonged by rights to the old man who had lost it. But the old man was a man of wealth. To him \$10,000 was a mere bagatelle. He could easily afford to lose that much money every week of his life and not miss it, for he was one of the rich men of the world, a railroad magnate, a mul-timillionaire.

of the world, a railroad magnate, a multimillionaire.
Doolan passed down Sixth avenue. It was gay with shoppers jostling one another in the blithe hurry of the Christmas time. Mingled with the brilliant tollets of the rich women were the dingy shawls of the women of the poor. On the curb, next to a footman in livery who awaited the pleasure of his mistress, a map in rags sold jumping jacks. Near him snother wretched creature jerked a small black mustache which unexpectedly stretched itself to an unseemly length, much to the amusement of the passing children. Farther on a blind man sang much to the annaement of the passing children. Farther on a blind man same a doleful song, pitched in a high, unme-lodium voice, his closed eyes petitioning humbly for pennies. Women rustling in silks, wrapped in priceless turn and gift-

tering with jewels carelessly brushed their soft skirits against him and satered the great swinging doors of the shops. They closed noiselessly behind them, shutting out the wail of the blind man's voice and the pitcons spectacle of his sightless eyes.

The rich and the poor, the sickening contrast between the two, the barghty carelessness of the one, the abject humility of the other, whose outstretched hands forever solicited alms! Another day, and his hand would have been outstretched. He, too, would have been forced to beg. With an exclamation of thankfulness he clasped his hand to his side, thus holding more securely in its place the money which had saved him from such dire humiliation.

Yes, \$10.000 was only a drop in the bucket to that rich old man. He could well afford to lose it. He would keep the money. It had been dropped by a special providence at his very feet. It would be the height of folly to fly in the face of that providence and give it back He would keep.

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And here he resolutely set his teeth.

Nevertheless he had forging his intention of shaving. He had almost forgotten his hunger in the mental struggle through which he was passing. Noy he would not keep the money. Rightfully it belonged to the millionaire. He took out the envelone and holded for the all man's the envelope and looked for the old man's address. Fifth avenue! He lived in a palace "probably, among the rest of the

illionaires.
If he lived in a palace, then he could

millionaries.

If he lived in a palace, then he could do without a paltry tea thousand, apd he should! He would keep it!

Once more he began to dream of things to cat. Ah, those things to eat. They were homely things at first—sandwiches, ham and eggs, and coffee witheream, real cream, frothy and yellow and thick, such cream as he had tasted in his boyhood, ages before, cream lying densely upon the top of the milk pans in the springhouse, into which he had dipped his fingers again and again and again. It was a long time since he had had real cream in his coffee. Later, after the ham and eggs and coffee, he would indulge perhaps in canvasback duck, pate de foi gras and champagne. But this insatiable appetite of his must be fed first with substantial things with which his palate was familiar.

But bught he to keep the money? Was, it his?

it bis?
Long before he had faced about and proceeded up town. Again he consulted the letter. Again he found the address. He walked on and on and on toward Fitty-nint street. His footsteps lagged By now he was weak from hunger; but, pressed forward by this question of right

and wrong which would not let him rest' until he had seen the old man and given him back his money, he made his slow way to the number given in the letter.

It was a palace, as he had supposed. He hesitared as he looked up at the grandeur of it. How little that old man He eeded the money and how hungry he

hesitation was only momentary.

New Market resolutely up the marble steps Was! 4

His nesitation was only momentary. He walked resolutely up the marble steps and pushed the button.

A magnificent flunky, resplendent in blue and brass buttons, appeared at the opening of the door. He glanced haughtly over Doolan's head and asked what he wented

tily over Doolan's head and asked what he wanted.

Doolan informed him that he wanted to see the millionaire.

The flunky with a sarcastic inflection asked for his card.

Of course Doolan had no card. He gave him his name.

The flunky left him standing there on the outside while he retired within. Presently he reappeared, stood about from him as if he suspected him of concealing dynamite bombs which might be hurled at any moment and suavely inquired the nature of his bustless with the million aire.

at any moment and suavely inquired the onature of his business with the million aire.

In renty Doolan stated that his business related to a private and important matter which he wished to discuss with the millionaire, and with the millionaire alone, whereupon the flunky brutally bade him he off and slammed the big doors in his face.

Doolan walked slowly down the broad white steps of the mansism lost in thought. Arrived at the foot, he stood slooking up at the great, closed doors, still thinking.

He stood there so long that a large, strong policeman on the corner, approached and ordered him off the street, grasping his shoulders and giving him a ponderous shove by way of emphasis.

That shove put an end to Doolan's hesitation. Taking a cross street, he walked away briskly, as one who has a fixed purpose. A few moments later he burried across the avenue to where a restaurant sign announced that a turkey dinner was being served that day.

"It the same time he noticed that the store adjoining was occupied as a district telegraph office." Doolan stopped between the two windows. Here was a door which no flunky would shut. He could easily send a message which would make him welcome at the millionaire's home.

Conscience and hunger grappled in a

home.
Conscience and hunger grappled in a fresh hold. As they wrested, Doolan stood there, looking first into one window and then into the other. At the end he went into one of the doors.

A YOUNG HOLIDAY ICONOCLAST.



—There sin't any Santy Claws, see! -What makes ye think so? . --'Coa I set a mushrat trap in the fireplace, and all I caught was pa.

PLUM PUDDING.

Many families use a simple met pudding for Christmas, serving it in flaming
brandy. The best rule for this calls for
a cup of atoned raisins chopped in coarse
bits, a cup of abredded suet chopped fine,
a cup of molasses, a teaspoonful of chrnamon, half a teaspoonful of cloves, half
a nutneg and half a teaspoonful of salt.
Add now three eggs, white and yolks well
besten together, and, last of all, an even
teaspoonful of sods dissolved in a cup of
milk.

Reat the pudding thoroughly with a spoon and put it in a well buttered tin mold holding about two quarts. This will give it ample room to swell in. Cover it closely with the tin cover, so no water can get in, and plunge it into a pot of boiling water deep enough to reach two-thirds the height of the mold. Let the pot of water be covered and the water boil steadily around the pudding for three hours. Make it Christmas day and serve it with a good wine sauce.

ENCIPE FOR CHEESE CASE.

Wash and scrape some lettuces. Put wine into a mortar and pound and pulp the lettuces therein. Now squeeze out the fulce, mix up some flour from spring wheat and allow it to settle, after which pound again, adding a little pigs' feet and pepper; 'Snally pound again, draw out into a cake, smooth and cut it into shape and boil in hot oil.-Time of De

PEGBON PIL

Make pull paste crust and cover your dish. Let your pigeons be nicely picked and cleaned. Season them with pepper

FOR THE CHRISTMAS COOK.

Timely Hints on Some Attractive Specialties For the Hottelays.

Specialties For the Hottelays. and lay them in your pan. The necks, gissards, livers, pinions and hearts lay between them, with the yolk of an egg and a beefsteak in the middle. Put as much water as will almost fill the dish and lay on the top crust and byke it well. This is the best way to make a pigeon pie. The French fill the pigeons, with very high forcement balls around the inside, with asparagus tops, artichoke bottoms makeroms, triffee and morrole of bacon and season high, but that is cording to different palates.

The Christmas Tree

The Christman Tree.

He stood high up on a wind swept creef,
This vigorous, stout young pine,
And drank the air of the east and west
And bashed in the glad sunshine.

He stop to the starn aspired.

Be knew 500 to longing to grow and grow
Till all of the wood admired.

Alas, when the leaves of the forest round
Were scattered from shrubs and trees
And the pine beheld on the tearby, ground
The tribute the fall decrees,
Appeared some men with a shining ax
That bit at the sturdy stem.
And when in glee they retraced their trach
They carried the pine with them!

They carried the pine with them?

"Boodby to the wind and the friendly sun!
Goodby to the dew and rain!
I would I had lived till my work was done,
But I've grown and hopped in vain."

Yet the end was not, for they set him straigh
And stiff in a corner tight
And hastened his brunches to decorate
With cassiles and timed bright—

Till, lo, at the eve of a Christman day
Was given the last, last touch,
And a lad and a las, with faces gay,
Came, marvellag, wondering much.
So the heart of the pine eve life was apos
Thrilled days with a joyous thought.

"I have blassed as how of a child," he s
"I have lived nor died for neight."

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NEW , OF THE STATE.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO

A Good Report of Happenings Through-out Our Great State Received by Trie-graph — Crimes, Casualties and Other Matters of General Interest. Lansing, Mich., Dec. 19.—Everything

is at sea regarding the outcome of the special session of the legislature, and all sides are caucusing informally on an sales are caucusing internanty of a method of procedure. The senate adjourned yesterday afternoon shortly after the joint convention, after dinan-imously adopting a resolution to waive all legislative privilege and appear before the grand jury if subpocused. In the house the joint resolution amending the constitution along the lines laid down by Governor Pingree was introduced and referred to the

was introduced and referred to the committee on judiciary. Many favor an adjournment until after New Year's, while some favor the immediate passage of the resolution and adjournment this week. It is pretty certain that it will pass the house. Its fate in the senate is in doubt.

Reading of the Governor's Message.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 29.—There was a pretty general attendance of the members at the opening of the special session yesterday and the lirst yiling after arganizing was the renting of the cyclins why he called the statesmen together. The governor urges the passage of a proposed joint resolution so as to permit enactment of laws by the next legislature for equal taxation of all property at its true cash value. Said the governor: "The inequality of our system of taxation is so great that immediate steps should be taken to remedy it." The question involved had for years, he said, been exhaustively discussed, and was therefore no longer properly open for debate, but called reparticular.

The governor submitted a table shewing the comparative value of railroad property in the states which most nearly resemble Michigan in population and development, and stating the value at which Michigan railway property would be assessed if worth as much per mile as such property in the atner which most nearly resemble Michigan in population and development, and stating the value at which Michigan railways should pay several times the amount they now pay in taxes. He called particular attention for its efforts in the direction of equal taxation.

Spandal of the Military Board

The expose of the alleged crookedness in the military board has created a big sensation. The allegation is that that he board sold last July to the "Illinois Supply company," for \$10,500 military clothing and equipments, absolutely, new, and worth \$3.000; jet the same goods from the Harderson & Ames Manufacturing company of Kalamazoo, Governor Fingree refused to talk upon the military board seandal. The board to be further implicated on account of a

SOMERODY HAS MADE \$50,000. ~ What the Grand Jury at Lausing Hears of the Michigan War Fund.

Detroit Dec 18.—The report that the Inglam county (Lausing grand Jury would indict seven nen who were interested in the expenditure of the Spanish war fund covated a sensation here, and piqued public curiosity to learn the names of the men to be put on their detense. The proport is current that the Jury was told with every proof of genuineness that somebody made over \$50,000 on a single transaction, and that the Somebody is plural—including several of the members of the military board.

The story is that the hoard sold a Chicago supply-house a large quantity Detroit, Dec :18 .- The report that the

Chicago supply-house a large quantity of clothing and other thiugs, and that the Chicago concern paid \$10,000 for the stuff; that the identical stuff was delivered to Kalamazoo contractors, who removed the old labels, substitut-ed new, and sold the stuff back to the military board for the state at the neat little price of \$67,000.

CRURCH MEMBERS SHOCKED.

Bev. Axtell's People Object to His Scrap

Dondero's Statement.

Detriot, Dec. 14.—The Rev J. J.

Axtell, the Congregational minister at
Royal Oak, who settled a dispute with a local saloonkeeper with a five-round bout with the gloves, will probably be south with the gloves, will probably be subjected to a church inquiry. The members of his church are very much shocked at his behavior, and few of them side with him. He says he has been tendered a call to Warren, but will decline in deference to the wishes

One member says it was a put-up job by the saloonkeepers to drive Axtell out of town. This Gas Dondero, "It Axtell out of town. I has the Dondero. the preacher's antagonist, denjees. "It was brought shout." said he, "by Axtell's friend, R. J. Kenny, who claimed that Axtell could put it over me with the gloves. I resented his statement, and the fight was the consequence."

MUCH SYMPATHY FOR ERUGER

Irish, Dutch and Poles Get Together and Cuss John Boll. Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 19.—One

of the largest and most widely en-thusiastic meetings ever held here took place in the Auditorium last night under the auspices of the United American Transvani League, recently American Transvanl Lengue, recently organized here. The great half, the largest in the state, was completely packed, about one-fourth of the audience being ladies. There were no "deadheaids," every man and woman—even the speakers, singers and vice presidents—contributing 25 cents or more to the Holland Red Cross society. The hall was decorated with the stars and stripes and Holland, German, Irish, Polish and French colors and the flags of the Transvanl Republic and Orange, Free State were given prominent positions.

Speakers were selected from the various nationalities and each speaker

was preceded by national anthems rendered by muscial organizations of his nationality and in his native tongue. The local division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, outnumbered by the Polish clubs and almost equalled by the German Turners and members of the Arbeiterbund. The speeches all expressed sympathy, admiration and hope of victory for the Afrikanders and most jor, them denounced England bitterly. Mayor Perry presided and the meeting did not close until after infanight.

Resolutions were adopted denouncing England, expressing sympathy and hope of victory for the Boers, and asking President McKinley to offer the good offices of the United States in their behalf. The unifonal song of the Transraal Republic was sung again and again, many parties of Hollonders continuing the singing on the streets while on their way home.

Bix Paranas Inherit \$13,000,008.

Six Persons Inherit \$13,000,008.

Manistee, Mich., Dec. 18.—The will of John Cantield, one of Manistee's millionatres, will be probated sometime in Fannary, Cantield's reputed wealth is nearly \$15,000,000. He was a pioneer lumberman of this section of Michilumberman of this section of Michigan and owned hig interests in different effterprises, besides considerable property in other parts of Michigan. His wife and five children inherit the estate.

Girl the Cuise of a Shooting.

Mewherry: Mich., Dec. 18.—Wesley Marks, who was shot by Sol Fittinger, will recover. Ettinger walked into town and gave himself up. It seens that Ettinger had been keeping company with a Miss French, who is a school teacher. Marks objected to his attentions and several quartels have occurred between them. The men met pear Marks house this time, ouacraft. near Marks' house this time, qui reled and Ettinger used his pistol.

Brute Fatally Beats Bis Wife.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 14.— Mrs. Frank Brown will die as the re-sult of injuries inflicted Tuesday night sult of injuries inflicted Tuesday night by her husband. While intoxicated Brown chased the woman to a neigh-bor's mid struck her repeatedly in the face with a club, breaking her nose and reducing her constenance to a shapeless mass. He also kicked her in the abdomen and injured her in-ternally. He is under arrest.

She Failed to Shuffle Off the Coll.

She Failed to shume off the Coll.

Lansing. Mich., Dec. 14.—Jessie Smith, the 17-year-old daughter of Frank T. Smith, a farmer residing south of this city, took half an ounce of-earlodle acid with suicidal intent. Her throat and mouth are terribly burned, but she will recover. Disappointment over a love affair is said to have been her excuse for the aci.

Dumage by the Northesster.

Damage by the Northeaster.
Houghton, Mich., Dec. 14.—A heavy northeaster washed out 1,000 feet of the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic track near Mission on Kenweenah bay. The early passenger train passed over in safety, but the freight following, consisting of an engine and ten loaded cars, due here at \$20, went into the lake. No one was injured.

Reduced His Force of Clerks

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Lansing, Alich., Dec. 49.—Commissioner of Railroads Osborn has reduced bis force of glerks, one-half, by laying off until spring, three wire inspectors and one stenographer. Those affected by the change are Lester Canfield. Ann Arbor: Andrew DeBoer, Grand Rapids; John E. Jones, Menominee, and Dorest Largoy, Holland.

Hard Work to Get a Jury.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 14.—No jury has been setured in the case of Jacob Lassonen and Christ Kallio, charged with the murdere of James Cashen, of Ishpening, on Oct. 9. The entire day yesterday was used up in trying to get a jury and after examining fifty-three jurors and exhausting the panel, court adjourned.

Lectures on Plumbing at Ann Arbor. Ann Arhor, Mich. Dec. 19.—A course of lectures on plumbing, heating ventilating and draining has been arranged for the engineering students in the University of Michigan. The course is given by John R. Allen, assistant professor of mechanical engineering in the university.

Death of Florinan Church.

Death of Fierman Church.

Fresno. Cal., Dec. 19.—Flerman Church, has died in this city from a complication of ailments, aged 73 years. He was a practicing attorney in Chicago before coming west, being associated with Lyman Trumbull. He lived at La Porte and Valparaiso, ind, for years and represented his district in the legislature. He came to Los Angeles in 1885, afterward removing to Fresno. Surviving here are the widow and a son, hesides his daughters, Mrs. C. A. Harrling, of Chicago, and Mrs. Sarah A. Fisher, of Lansing, Mich.

National Live Stock Cathering.

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Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 19.—The hast
national live stock convention of the
nineteenth century, the third annual
meeting of the National Live Stock ansociation, which is to convene in this
city-Jan. 16, gives every infication of
helion one of the most important gatherings of live stock men and those interested in the various branches of industry, ever held in the United States.

Muncle, Ind., Dec. 19.—All arrangements were completed yesterday for the boxing match that occurs between Sonny Sharf, of Muncle, and Andy Bezenah, of Covington. The bout will be fifteen rounds, and will occur Christmas afternoon in Franklin's hall. The men will weigh 123.

Would Thank Admiral Schley. Washington, Dec. 19.—Petrigrew has introduced in the senate a joint resolution tendering to Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley and the officers and hen under his command the thanks of congress. "for; highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy."

Will Increase the fash Depost. Will Increase the cash Deposit.
Washington, Dec. 13.—The secretary
of the treasury has decided to increase
the deposit of cash in instinut bank
depositaries to the sum of \$30,000,000,
and possibly \$40,000,000, on the banks
depositing with the government United States bonds as security.

Bishey Turner Has Paralysis.

Savannah, Dec. 13.—Bishop H. M.
Turner, of the African Methodist
Episcopal church, while in council here
with his presiding elders was pretrated by a slight stroke of paralysis,
caused by overwork.

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Attention to Holiday Buyers!

What could you buy more appropriate and more useful in the way of Holiday Gift than the following:

For the Dining Room-

A Nice Side Board,

or Buffet.

or China Closet,

or Dining Chairs,

or a Nice Dining Table

Divans and Couches,

Ladies' Dressing Tables,

For the Bed Room-

A Nice Oak Suit, or Ash Suit. Iron or Brass Beds.

ALL GRADES OF ROCKERS,

For Sitting Room or Parlor

Combination Book Cases,

Screens, Easels in White and Gold,

Carpet Sweepers, Music cabinets, Paper Holders, Stands and Parlor Tables.

Remember we will quote you Lowest Living Prices on any article in our store.

BASSETT & SON,

Furniture Dealers and Funeral Directors,

Masonic Blk., Plymouth

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Merry Chrismas

A.A.TAFFT'S

You undoubtedly are looking for old Santa Claus. If so, you will find some of his wares at my store, and which he left for distribution. In Dry Goods he left quite a variety of

DRESS GOODS.

For a nice Dress or Shirt Waist. A goodly number of those Flannel Sheets, from 50c to \$3.00.

Hosiery, Underwear,

Kid and Wool Gloves,

And a very fine line of Ladies' White Goods. Skirts, Drawers, Gowns, &c.

In HANDKERCHIEFS

We have a very large variety, in price from 3c up to 75c.

Fancy Towels, Sideboard Scarfs, Lunch Cloths, Fancy Tidies, Childs' Silk Hoods, &c.

We also have a very large line of

SILVER PLATED WARE,

Such as Pin Trays, Vases, Smokers' Sets, Jewel Cases, &c., in price from 10c to 50c each.

IN GENTS' GOODS

Silk Umbrellas, Fancy Neckwear, Silk Muf-flers, Silk Lined Kid Gloves, Sleeve and Collar Buttons, &c.

Look our windows over for display.

A. A. TAFFT.



PleasuretoPay

for a meal which is sat-Our patrons are served with seasonable and well-cooked foods by courteous waiters.

Each day there is on the bill of fare special dishes which will be found very pleasing found very pleasing.

Our Sunday Dinners at 25c. Surpass anything to be had at the price.

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Breezy Items

MURRAY'S CORNERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McClumpha spen Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Mc Clumpha.

Miss Maude Mulette, of Detroit, is pending a few days with Miss Ada

Mrs. Nelson Pooler is spending a few lays in Saginaw this week Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Forshee

Friday Dec. 8th, a son. Pimer Brown, of Saginaw, called on

friends here Tuesday. The Misses Edith and Sarah Brad ford spent Wednesday in Detroit.

MEAD'S MILLS.

Mrs. Della Brigham, a former resilent of this place, was brought here for burial Sunday, from Northville,

Mrs. Anna Waterman, of Durand. is guest at H. W. Hughes'. Cal Stevens' children are out of

chool with chicken pox. Matt Greene and wife, of Farming ton, were visitors at II. S. Greene's

We have had such a mild winter, we nardly realize that Xmas is so near, but

with this issue we wish all the correspondents a merry Christmas.

SOUTH LIVONIA.

Christmas exercises will be held at the church Saturday evening. A nice program is being prepared and all are cordially invited to come and bring our presents. Miss Agnes Simmons, who has been

spending a few months with her brothr in Kansas, has returned home.

Fred Gumore and family, of Sand Hill, spent Sunday at Ben Rathburn's. Remember the masquerade at the Perrinsville hall to-night.

The Aid Society realized about \$25.00 at their fair last week.
Several people from here attended

the party at Livonia Center last Friday eve. All report a good time.

CHERRY HILL.

We can assure the people living or the free delivery route that there is no effort being made to break up the route at least on the part of the writer. A petition for the continuance of the post office has been sent to the prope authorities and we have been a by Congressman Smith that neither the free delivery nor the post office would be disturbed. We realize that the free delivery is a fine arrangemen for those it benefits.

On account of a mistake in the steam pump matter, the milk skimming industry will not begin operation before next Monday.

The furnace is being put into the church this week. A chimney is built on the outside and all will be in readi ness for Sunday service. Last Sunday the services were held at the school

Subscribe for The Mail at the post-Christmas exefcises will be held a

the church Saturday evening, providing the furnace works successfully.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that

Beware of Olatments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury, as mercury will suiely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do in tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In baying Hall's Catarrh Cure he sure you get me genuine, it is taken internally, and in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists, price 75c per bottle.

Married on Thursday of this week, as he home of the bride's parents, Dr. Vernor Hooper of New York, and Miss Estella Donovan, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Donovan. Rev. E. A. Ceffin, of South Lyon, was the officiating clergyman. Dr. Hooper is one of the surgeons on the government service transports that ply between New York and Havana and has been in the government service since the beginning of the Spanish-American war. The cere-mony took place in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. who extend congratulations, in which the Mail man joins heartily. After a few days they will proceed to New York, where the doctor will resume his employment.

SALEM

Quite a large delegation of Salem people patronized the 25 cent excursion to Detroit last Saturday.

Mrs. Florence Taylor, a former resi dent of Salem but recently of Y psilanti, has been visiting old friends here this

Harry G. VanSickle, a student in the Detroit college of law, will spend his holiday with friends here.

Married by Rev. E. A. Coffin, on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Fred Burnett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cody Burnett, and Miss Lydia Woodworth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodworth The presents were numerous, elegant, and useful. After a few days the happy couple will be at their future home in the southern part of Superior. A large company of friends and relatives wit. nessed the ceremony.

STARK.

The D. G. R. & W. water tank was destroyed by fire Tuesday.

Joseph Jackson has gone to William ston to work at his trade of black smithing.

Levi Joslyn and wife, of Detroit, vis ited Stark friends Tuesday.

From Another Correspondent Mrs. J. Bennett and son spent Satur

day in Detroit. Mrs. Gottschalk spent one day last

eek in Detroit Mrs. Hoisington spent a few days in

Detroit this week. Mr. and Mrs. Oldenburg and family

spent a day of this week in Dearborn. The railroad water tank at this place caught fire on Tuesday at 12:40 o'clock and burned the rest of the day. The men tried hard to tip the tank over but

could not. Mr. Doyle came up on No. 4 and he sent for an engine. No. 16 came and bunted the tank over. We hope it will be rebuilt again soon.

LIVONIA CENTER.

The snow has all left us and the road are getting quite good once more.

Jas. Fard. of Dearborn, spent a few

days of last week with Charley Bently. enjoying a hunt, but rabbits were scarce Be sure you come and hear the little nes Saturday evening at the town hall. R. S. Peck returned home from Jack son on Saturday last after a two weeks

visit. He reports a fine time.

The party at the town hall last Fri day night had rather a bad ending, as some one managed to raise a disturbance, and report said the boys were angry and the girls in tears.

Harry Peck and Orrin Millard are on the sick list, not being able to attend

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson visited n the city a few days the past week.

Our burg is quite busy blowing mill whistles now days, there being a saw mill and feed mill in operation close by Dr. Bennett, of Perrinsville, is attend-

ing Will Panko's family, who are sick. Mrs. John Stringer returned from Sa-lem last Friday, after an absence of

PACKARD DISTRICT.

Mrs. Perry Losey was called to Red fordby the alarming illness of her ather, Martin Sackett.

Yuma Willett is spending the westith her aunt, Mrs. Celia Herrick. Roscoe Heeney died of consumption

at Friday after a long illness. He was the only child of Barney Heeney and a nephew of James Heeney of this place. The body was placed in the vault at Northfield on Monday. Perry Losey, who has engaged to

work for Dewitt Packard the coming year, will soon move into the house now occupied by Mr. Packard, who will move into the house on the Dunn Peach buds at present are uninjured

in this vicinity and the prospect for a large crop is good. More trees will be set in the Spring but in smaller num bers.

PIKE'S PEAK.

R. Lewis made a trip to Detroit las Thursday.

A pedro party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Robinson last Saturday evening. Supper was served and the guests departed wishing their host and hostess many happy returns

Win. R. Rattenbury has broken th ecord this sesson drawing large loads of grain to the Nankin mills. One day last week he started with 64 bags and lost two off on the way. The load was so high that he could not load them, so

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis spent Sunday with L. H. Chapple and amily.

John Karick spent Wednesday in Detroit

Miss Gustje Karick is visiting her I. M. Lewis spent Wednesday and

Thursday of this week in Detroit. R. Lewis and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rohda.

OHARTELS CORNERS

Nelson Schrader is still on the gain under the care of Dr. Oliver. John Quartel and son have returned

from a two weeks' visit among friends in the northern part of the state. M. Promenchenkel is still on

Mr. and Mrs. Strieter. of Ann Arbor. visited at John Quartel's and other places here this week.

NEWBURG.

Mrs. Oldenburg, of Detroit, is visiting elatives near here this week.

The series of meetings have closed The good seed sown will, we trust, bear much fruit in the years to come. Brother Stephens has done his duty, and if sorls are not saved, who will be blamed;

T. C. Sherwood addressed a large and much interested audience Sunday p. m using the text, "Elijah's Discourage ment.", His talk was very eloquent. People who passed by Woodworth hall were very patient with people assem bled there who spoke lightly of the revival meetings. When everybody is a christian in Newburg, no one's feelings

Sarah Rice is entertaining her friend, James Campbell, of New Boston. Mrs. Norris's health is improving

apidly Aged relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Rutter have visited them the past week. Mrs. Fitzgerald is visiting her sister.

PERRINSVILLE.

Remember the Christmas exercises at the church Saturday evening.

Mrs. A Robinson has been slightly ill for the past week. Miss Flora Proctor spent last Mon

W. Sherman spent the latter part of week in Detroit, calling on friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wade spent one

day in Detroit.

evening this week with A. R. Stephenson and family. James Tait has lost four valuable

gattle and two more are sick.

The church fair last Thursday eve ning was well attended and all had an

enjoyable time.

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ritness:
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Yours truly. Mrs. Lulu Black.

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