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M. of A.—Will Finkbeiner.
Sentinel—Jack O'Brien.

Picket—George Timm.
L. C.—Asron Krieger.
F. K.—Henry Helriggle. Will Stone spent Christmas with

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Corps of Correspondents.

Flo Hamlin is visiting relatives at

George Calkins of Grand Rapids vis-

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mr. Fred and Miss Julia Elinger of

Emory and Edith Jones spent Christ-

the Northwestern College at Naper-

At the annual election of Sunday

school officers of the Evangelical

Superintendent-Lewis Kachele. Superintendent—Lewis Resolute.
Vice Supt.—Henry Finkbeiner.
S. cretary—Minnie Gackler.
Treasurer—Anna Thede.
Organist—Matilda Steeby.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentz of Grand Rapids

are visiting J. Thede, jr., and family.

their friends in Salem, Allegan Co.

cents a hundred every Tuesday.

Perhaps Santa Claus brought it.

week to visit his daughters.

City last week.

Arthur Cridler of Middleville at

We have been listening to sleigh bells

a great deal of late, but there is another

little bell ringing quite loudly and

sounds very much like a wedding bell.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

Rev. Fred Berry closed his series of

meetings here Thursday evening and

returned to his home Friday. He was

earnestly requested to return Sunday

and administer baptism to four candi-

dates but sickness in his family pre-

vented. The pastor in charge com-

pleted the arrangements Sunday even-

The grangers had two trees Saturday

served at the usual supper hour, fol-

lowed by a short program, then dis-

Several of the young people took a

Dec. 27-Get ready to swear off.

ing the holidays at home.

Kate Heintz of Lake Odessa is spend-

wish everyone a happy New Year.

Wade's. Tuesday night.

enough to get all.

Co., during his vacation.

family during the holidays.

Christmas near Duncan lake.

mas in Wayland.

elected:

good, too.

米とびごとというかいかん IRVING INKLINGS.

Plan to attend League next Sunday Sparts. evening as it will be the first meeting of the year.

The Wagner Male Quartette gives their concert at the M. E. church Friday evening Dec. 31. This will be a several weeks, is slowly improving. rare treat and it is hoped they will be greeted with a full house.

Miss Etta Hubbard of Grand Rapids, ate turkey at home.

Miss Classic Poff is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Fred Stowell of Hastings.

Our school closed Friday for two weeks. Mr. Cushing will spend his vaeation at Lansing and Ionia. Mr. and Mrs. Grant McKeen have

been visiting old friends here the past Mrs. Josie Barker of Cleveland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grant Hender-

Charles and Seymore Andrus of Charlotte, spent Christmas with their pa-

The subject for the debate next week Tuesday evening is "Resolved, That strikes have been a benefit to the laboring man," with Richard Mitchel and Miss Flora Trego as chiefs.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Brightral ate Christmas dinner with George Brightral and family.

Miss Pearl Hendershott is spending her vacation with her parents here. She returns to her school work in Detroit next week.

Roy Andrus commences school at Pleasant Hill this week. The school house having been repaired since the fire Miss Ella Hubbard and Grace Hills are each enjoying a short vacation. Miss Grace will attend the state teach-

ers' association at Lansing this week. CALEDONIA CULLINGS. Marion Swain is spending the holidays with relatives at Mt. Clemens and

Meda Bergy spent Christmas at Alto. Hettie Kraft left Friday night for Canada to attend the funeral of her prother, Aaron Kraft.

re visiting relatives and friends in Mr. Andrews of Ohio is visiting his

Ed Apsey and wife of Grand Rapids

sister, Mrs. J. W. Stone. Blanche Stone was in Sparta over

Dan Malcolm was at home in Alaska ever Sunday.

Henry Gildner has returned from Canada. Doctor Graybiel attended a reunion

of his family at Fordwich, Canada. Will Barber of St. Johns is at home during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Whitney spent

Xmas with the latter's parents at Way-Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hale spent Sun-

day with the former's mother at Alaska. O. O. Stone is visiting his uncle at Akron, Ohio.

J. G. Waterman of Jackson is in the John Martin is visiting relatives in

ndiana. Janey Martin is visiting relatives in

Canada. was a very large one. 'Twas lit with E. C. Rutledge of Grand Rapids is in candles and well filled with presents

for old and young. The exercises were Dan Malcolm has added a whole set good and the house was tastily decoof Michigan reports to his law library. rated. Ida Cress of Grand Rapids is in town. Marie Gildner is visiting in Grand evening. A bountiful supper was

Rapids. Lizzie Brower has returned from Grand Rapids where she has been tribution of presents. All were treated working at the millinery trade for the to apples, taffy, pop-corn and candy.

last three months. Walter Brooks of Ann Arbor is home

Sarah Swain has returned from a

home with them to stay over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Nogle and sons, Roy St. John's night was observed by the and Rex, of Allegan spent Xmas with Masons in an appropriate manner. Mrs. Nogle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Snow of Grand Rapids is vis-Armstrong. ting friends in town.

Walter Pike was in Kalamazoo the Charlie Vanamburg and wife of Tefirst of last week on business. edo are visiting friends at Caledonia. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Cranse of Martin Election of Maccabees Monday night,

spent Xmas with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. L. McLoud of Martin

were in town Saturday. same place were seen on our streets away so long. Saturday.

were calling on friends here yesterday. are thick in Parmelee this week. Fred returns tomorrow. Mary will re-

The B. Y. P. U. will give an oystersupper at the town hall Saturday even-

The annual election of officers for the Baptist Sunday school occurred yester-

Superintendent-R. C. Norton. Asst. Supt.—Fred Hall. Secretary—Heber Pike, Treasurer—Jessie Carpenter, Librarian—Annie Beattie, Organist—Mary Cole,

ted his daughter, Genevieve, at I. R. Kate Coykendall is visiting her friend, Janette Beattie. Jenuie Doyle, who has been sick for

Rob Murdock and lady attended the Xmas tree at Gun lake.

Emma Jackson is spending the holi-As we all had a merry Christmas we days with relatives near Wayland.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

People are doing lots of visiting but Christmas came and was enjoyed by we won't begin to mention many names all is this locality, at least it looked for fear we would not have space that way to me.

W. O. Carpenter attended the lecture Christmas exercises were carried out in Middleville, Sunday afternoon and very good and Santa Claur was very pronounced it profitable.

Thomas Tungate and family enter-Chas. Harrington and wife are visittained their daughter Bernice and Mr. ing relatives in Silver Oreck, Allegan and Mrs. Reuben Stimson, Christmas.

We have no fault to find with the sleighing, rather have it a little "toe Hopkins are visiting J. Thede, sr., and thin" than "too thick".

Willis Wood is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wood, north of Owoseo.

John Huff and lady friend spent Reliable people inform us that the mercury stood 20 degrees below zere Rev. Geo. Johnson, financial agent of Friday merning at 4 a. m. Parmelee has had a taste of everything imaginville, Ill., preached an excellent serable. mon at the Zion's church Sunday, Dec.

A series of protracted meetings will soon be commenced at the U. B. church in Parmelee. May good results follow. Mrs. Taylor Halstead, son and daugh-

church the following officers were ter are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Americus Cline. Wm. Kepkey and a "particular" lady friend enjoyed themselves Dec. 25 with

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Morgan, Windmill Mr. Buck recently purchased the Joles property adjoining him on the

west. Consideration unknown. In the absence of Rev. Boone, there Irving and A. I. Winger are visiting was no presching at the M. E. church Sunday morning.

The former correspondent for the Caledonia News has been laid on the tended church in Leighton Sunday eve. shelf and a better one put in his steed

John Tim and lady friend of Caledo-Leroy Sherk is recovering from his nia attended church here Sunday eve. recent fall in the U. B. A. church. He After the New Year begins Eli Runwas able to ride to Caledonia Center, nels & Son will grind feed for seven Sunday afternoon.

Frank Stimson parted company with his family and friends in Parmelee, Monday morning, and by the time this reaches you he will be safely landed in Cobmoosa, where he has an engagement with E. R. Skiff, formerly of Parmelee.

Earle and Lottie Marshall of Wayland are visiting at A. C. Jones' this Mr. Buck's horse, which was mysteriously cut while running in the field Simon Heist left for Chicago last a few days ago, is doing nicely under the careful treatment of Dr. Coyken-John Thede, jr., was in the Valley dall.

The Watson brothers have been heard from and report having lots of fun is the Hoosier state.

A long-felt want has been supplied. A gross of patent back scratchers were recently shipped to John Kermeen from Detroit. Hereafter parties purchasing buckwheat flour of him will be supplied with a scratcher free of charge. A load of saw logs in Parmelee would

quarterly meeting in Caledonis, Sun-Miss Jackson closed her school Fri-As I write the people are assembling day with exercises and a Xmas tree, which always pleases the children. A at the Jehn Kepkey sale, which we week's vacation is next on the program. trust will be a success. Some good

be a curiosity even at this early day.

O. A. Carpenter and family attended

property will be exhibited. The Xmas tree at the Baptist church Dr. Buck and wife of Grand Rapids, are spending the holidays with Mr.

and Mrs. Fremont Joles. Miss Clara Carpenter made some of the afflicted ones in Parmelee cheerful on Christmas by presenting them with streamers of paper pansies, which were beautiful and highly appreciated.

Many thanks. Miss Bessie Tungate, who has been absent from Parmelee fer some time, will enjoy the holidays with her sleigh ride last Thursday, going to parents and many friends in this viyour town and bringing Artie Pike cinity.

Our supervisor is very quiet this week; however he doesn't complain.

The Harris Creek teacher, Mr. O. Sherk, is spending the week in Par-

Robert Jenkins, sr. now occupies the George Burch chair in the store.

Prominent among our company on Monday morning-before breakfastwe mention Miss Gertie Allen of Middleville, accompanied by her parents and Mr. and Mrs. Swen Abrams. A Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodman of the pleasant hour was enjoyed. Don't stay

"Kaiser" howled this morning-Fred and Mary Garrett of Kalamazoo something is going to happen. Ghosts

Fremont can't get there as long as main with her parents at Gun lake till Permeans is around—he carries the belt thus far for good stories.



CHAPTER I.

She was not a pretty girl by any man ner of means, at all events at that period of her life. Her most striking features were a large and somewhat heavy nose and a wide mouth. But her chin was firm and well molded, and she had a pair of large liquid eyes, set in a noble fore-head. Her hair-of a reddish tinge, and of which she possessed an unusual quan-tity—was all pushed off her face in a most unbecoming fashion, and her plain, black dress was relieved by nothing more orna mental than a frill of common lace about the throat. Yet there was nothing ordi nary about her, unless it were the look or extreme weariness with which she surveyed the scene before her.

It was evening, at the close of one of the hottest days in July, and she was leaning with both elbows on the sill of her bedroom window, trying to inhale a breath of fresh air, and looking expectantly up the street as she did so. Such a bedroom as it was, too! An attic at the very top of a dingy lodging house in a back street of Liverpool, with a sloping roof that concentrated all the sun's rays, and made it like an oven at that time of the year.

Evelyn was seventeen years old, and half that time she had lived where she now was, till the past had faded to a misty, far-off dream. Often, when she he I a minute to spare, she would rub her fingers over the leaves of the verbena, or bury her nose in the scarlet geranium on the window sill, and try and bring back some recollection of the place in which she had delighted long ago—the stream where the large blue forget-me-nots grew, and the fields laden with ripe corn, and the nut-bushes and wild briar roses that hung over the country road.

"Evelyn!" called a shrill voice from the narrow staircase. The girl started from her reverie.

Yes, Aunt Maria." Evelyn opened the door and confronted the questioner.

"Good gracious me!" cried Miss Rayne, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself. Here am I, toiling morning, noon and night to keep a decent home above our heads, and you can sit down and do noth-

"It is only for a moment. I have been broken, with a working, too," replied Evelyn, with a quiet dignity that always made her seem older than her aunt when it came to an argument between them. "I have made the pastry for to-morrow, and I have mended all Will's shirts," pointing to a

mended all Will's shirts, pointing to a heap of linen on the bed.

"Will's shirts, indeed!" exclaimed Miss Rayne, with a sniff. "Let Will find some one else to mend his shirts."

"Oh, aunt, how can he, with the miser-line with

able salary that Uncle Caryll gives him?" Well, he must ask for more pay, then. When Mr. Caryll begged me, as a favor, to take the lad into my house, and board lodge him for a pound a week, he 't say anything about the mending f his linen. Will takes quite enough adntage of my kindness as it is. He's t my nephew, you must remember." "No, aunt, but he's my cousin."
"Rubbish! That doesn't oblige you to

turn into his factorum. You are my own brother's child, and as such I'm bound to take an interest in you; but except that your poor mother was one of them, these Carylls have no claim on me."

'Uncle Caryll doesn't trouble us much,' said Evelyn, in a low voice.

"No, my dear; that's just where it is 'A man rolling in money, without kith or kin, and takes no more notice of you than if you were so much airt. What have you done that you should be left out? You're quite as much his flesh and blood as your

cousin.

"He hasn't done so much for Will, either," said the girl. "He has made him a clerk in his counting house, and gives nim a pound a week for his clothes and pocket money."

"And pays me precisely the same sum for keeping him in food and lodging. It's disgraceful!" interposed Miss Rayne exsome one ought to tell the old man so. Particularly-if what folks any is true-and he means to leave Mount Eden to Will."

"Aunt!" cried Evelyn, "is that really

"Well, my dear, it was told me in confidence, so you must be sure not to repeat it; but Mr. Gamble was called in to witness your uncle's will the other day, and he quite thinks Mr. Caryll has nominated your cousin his heir, instead of his son Hugh."

"Poor Cousin Hugh. But is it quitequite sure, auntie, that he will never be heard of again?"

"As sure as anything can be in this world. The poor boy ran away to sea, and was drowned by the upsetting of a boat in the surf in the Bay of Callao. His body was never found again. It was a terrible shock at the time for your poor uncle, but it is five years and more since it occurred. Hugh would have been three and twenty had he lived; but since he is gone, and we none of us can take our money away with us, it is only natural Mr. Caryll should thing of those who have a claim upon him."

"I a mso glad! I hope it is true," said Evelyn, with a suspicious sound in her voice like tears. "How happy it will make poor Will. And he is so fit for the position, too. He hates work. He would always be miserable as a poor man, but Will may have a long apprenticeship to serve before he comes into Mount Eden.

"Mount Eden, indeed," snorted Miss "It's sickening to think of that boy coming into Mount Eden. Why, the porter's lodge would be too good for him."

"Is it such a beautiful place as that, Aunt Maria? Have you ever been

"Once-in your father's lifetime, and then only for a day. But it's the most beautiful place you ever saw, Evelyn. More like Paradise than anything else. It's rightly named. But it should have come to you (or, at the least, the half of it), and I'll maintain that to my dying

day."
"Eve!" shouted a youthful voice from where are the dining room door; "Eve, where are you? Come down and give me my tea; I'm in a hurry."

The girl made for the door. "I say, Eve, this is too bad!" exclaimed young Caryli, as she entered the room. "Here am I waiting for my tea, and in a deuce of a hurry to get out again, and]

there's not a sign of it. Where's that fool Sarah? Why hasn't she laid the cloth?"

"My dear Will, it is only just 6 o'clock, nd you never have your tea till half-past. t shall be on the table in five minutes. Why are you in such a hurry to-night?"

Evelyn's face fell. It was evident the ews was a disappointment to her. "Oh! Then the best thing I can do is

to go and help Sarah. "Are my shirts ready?"
"Yes. I laid them on the bed. Shall

ou want anything more?"
"Only a clean white tie. And I think

there's a button off my new gloves." "I will manage it," she answered cheerfully, as she left the room. It was more of an effort than some

might imagine for her to answer cheerfully at that moment. She had been looking forward all day to her cousin's return, and to a pleasant evening spent with him. For it was Saturday, and on Saturday Will Caryll received his weekly stipend, and always seemed in better spirits for it. Saturdays he had been used to take his cousin Evelyn for long strolls, riding on the omnibus or street tram, into the surrounding country, leaving dingy, smoky Liverpool far behind and wandering all the summer evening with her upon his arm.

These were the girl's happiest moments -would prove, perhaps, to be the happi est moments of all her life—although she was unconscious why they were so. And now, Will was going out somewhere by himself, and she must find her Saturday evening's recreation in toasting Miss Fletcher's bread, or catering for Mr. Gam-ble's supper. But she did not grumble, even to herself. She even felt a certain pleasure in producing coppers from her own pocket and running round the corner to buy a few shrimps to make his meal more palatable to him. And she sat down afterwards to peel them, whilst he ate, and would have asked no better fate than thus to minister to his wants for the remainder of her life.

CHAPTER II.

Will Caryll was very reticent on the subject of where he was going that night. He ate his shrimps as fast as Evelyn could peel them, and chatted to her of the events of the past day, animadverting strongly on his uncle's meanness and strict surveillance, which prevented a fellow ever having a moment to himself. He had good reason to keep his inten-

tions a secret from his cousin. He knew that she would have reason to dispute and oppose him. For he had two theater tickets in his pocket, and he wanted to take a pretty milliner's girl to the play. He was looking forward to posing as the "masher swell" to "Emily," and impressing her with a sense of his importance in the commercial world. But when he arrived at the girl's residence, he found himself doomed to disappointment. Emily had been "one too many" for him. Some other fellow, older than Will Caryll, and probably with more money in his pocket, had already made his appearance on the scene, and the faithless milliner had left the house under his protection. So half an hour later, just as Evelyn Rayne returned home with Mr. Gamble's supper, she encountered Will Caryll on the door-

step.
"Will!" she exclaimed, with pleased surprise; "what brings you home so early?" He could not tell the truth. He knew it would lower him in her eyes, and he was too conceited to wish to lose even the least modicum of admiration from any one of the sex.

"Cannot you guess?" "Indeed, I cannot."

"I went out to buy some tickets for the theater. I want to take you there tonight to see 'Human Nature.'

"Oh, Will, why didn't you tell me of it before? Do you think I shall look nice enough? I have not been to the theater for years-not since Mr. Gamble took auntie and me to the pantomime at the Rotunda. I have nothing to wear but my Sunday frock. And will Aunt Maria let me go?"

"Cut in and ask her, and don't keep me waiting all night," retorted Will.

Evelyn flew on the wings of the wind into the presence of her aunt. She was rosy with excitement, and her great eyes glowed like two stars.

"Aunt Maria, uncle has sent Will two tickets for the theater. May I go?" "Theater tickets, child! Have you got

Mr. Gamble's supper?" "Yes, yes. Such a nice little lobster. Quite fresh, and only ninepence."

And Miss Fletcher has had her tea? "O, aunt, half an hour ago, and she said the toast was delicious."

"Well, I really don't see why you shouldn't go, then, if your cousin promises to take proper care of you; but don't yield to any of his persuasions, Evelyn. I haven't much faith in William Caryll. If he doesn't bring you straight home from the theater, just jump into an omnibus and come back by yourself. Do you un-

"Of course I do, auntie; but Will will bring me straight home. Oh, how good it is of you to let me go."

When she came downstairs again, in her dress and hat, and a muslin fichu tied carelessly about her throat, Will Caryll was pleased to approve of her appear-

"You don't look half bad when you're properly dressed, Eve," he observed, in patronizing tone; "it's a shame Miss Rayne keeps you so shabby.'

"Don't say that, Will," she answered as they turned out of the hall door and hurried on their way. "Auntie gives me as much as she can afford, and I can't tell you how sorry I am to be a burden to her. I am utterly useless, except to look after the house.

"That's the best thing a woman can do," said Will, "and, when you marry, you'll find the truth of it." A crimson wave of color surged up

"Marry! Oh, I never shall do that

"That's rubbish," remarked Will laconically. "But we must look sharp, Eve, or we shall lose the first piece. Hi! hansom!

Evelyn could not believe her eyes. The most she had ever dreamt of was that her cousin would take her to the theater

in an omnibus or a tram.
"Will," she whispered, in an awestruck

tone, "did you mean it? Won't it be ex-"Of course I meant it," he returned, "Do you want to walk all the way? If it's a warm night we may stroll home again, but just now time is precious. To the Grand, cabby, and hurry up. "Oh, isn't it delightful!" exclaimed Eve-

lyn, as the horse set off at a swinging trot. "If I could always hire a hansom, should never want to have a carriage.' "You shall have both carriages and hansoms when I come into the Mount Eden property, Eve, for I shall never forget what friends we have been—the very best of friends, eh?" he continued, as he pressed the hand he held in his. Evelyn was in a flutter of delight.

When they reached the theater went into their seats—two of the best seats in the theater—and for the next three hours the girl could think of nothing but the scene before her, and the actors who took part in it.

But when the evening's amusement was concluded-when the lights were out and the curtain had dropped for the last time on the mimic world which had seemed so real to her—and they were walking back together, the fear that Will might be outstripping his means recurred to her.
"Will, dear," she said, a little timidly.

'I am so much obliged to you for taking me out to-night. I have enjoyed myself beyond measure, but I am afraid it must have cost a lot of money. You must not be extravagant, you know, or you will make me miserable."

"That's no affair of yours, my dear," "All you have to do when I take you out is to enjoy yourself and look your best. And you have been looking your best to-night, Eve. I was quite proud of you. Your eyes are glorious, and when you are happy you get such a nice color

"O Will!" she cried, blushing all over, what nonsense you do talk. But if you think I am—nice, it is all I care for."
"Think you nice!" he repeated, with a

fervent pressure of the arm which was slipped within his own. "I should think slipped within his own. "I should think I did think you nice. Why, Eve, you're the very best girl in all the world to me What should I do without you? You're everything to me, Eve. But you shall have your reward some day. Some day, when I am rich and prosperous, and the owner of Mount Eden, you shall see that I have not forgotten what you have done

CHAPTER III.

"But I don't want any reward," said the girl shyly; "I do it because—because— "Recause why?" he demanded, looking

lown upon her triumphantly. "Because you are my cousin," she answered, more firmly; "and it is pleasant to

wait on you. If relations cannot help each other, who will?" "You dear girl!" he answered, pressing her arm to his side. "It was just what

I was going to say myself. We are Uncle Caryll's only relations. The property must come to one or other of us two. He couldn't in decency leave it to a stranger And whichever of us gets it will share it with the other. Is that a bargain?" "Yes, yes, with all my heart," cried

"But there is only one way of doing it, my dear," continued Will, as they passed mv dear," into the shadow of a leafy square, "and that is by marrying each other. Will you promise to marry me, Eve?-not just directly, of course, because we are both too young, but by-and-by, when I earn a decent salary, and my prospects are

little more settled." Under the shade of the leafy lime trees. Eve blushed a vivid red from brow to bosom. In the quiet of its shuttered houses, Will Caryll could hear the rapid beating of her heart. This was what she had been dreaming of for a year past, but never hoped to gain—the bright vision of happiness that had danced before her waking eyes, but burst like a bubble

with the sigh that dispersed it.
"Won't you say 'Yes?" whispered Will, as his arm stole round her waist, "or don't you think you like me well enough?" "Like you! Oh, Will! my darling Will, you know—you must understand. But

are you sure that I am good enough?"
"Why, of course I am sure. You don't suppose I want a wife with nothing but a pretty face to recommend her, do you? Turn your face this way, Eve, there's no one looking, and give me a kiss to seal the bargain."

This was not the first kiss, by many, that had been exchanged between the cousins, but it was the first that Will had ever given her in the character of lover, and Eve felt the difference at once, and never again forgot it. It changed her from a child to a woman. She walked the rest of the way home by his side in a

species of silent, delirious delight. "I hope your aunt will have gone to whispered Will, as he fumbled with the latch-key: "and then we can have a But Miss Rayne was not in bed.

few minutes in the parlor to ourselves. soon as they stepped into the hall, she

confronted them.

"Dear, dear!" she said, testily, "how late you are. Do you know that it's past twelve? I've been expecting you for the last hour. Mr. Gamble has been in for a long time, and asking to see Will Caryll. He's waiting for him in the front room

"Let him wait, then. It's past working hours. He's got no right to bother me cried Will.

Mr. Gamble was the cashier in his un cle's counting house, in the firm of Caryll, Tyndal & Masters, timber merchants. He had lodged with Miss Rayne for some years before the lad had ever been taken into the business.
"Perhaps not, Mr. William," said the

cashier, opening the door of his sitting room, "but you will acknowledge that Mr. Caryll has. On my return this evening, I found a note from him that demands your immediate attention. Be good enough to step in here."

The lad turned red, but was compelled obey. He had only just time to give Evelyn a significant glance before Mr. Gamble's door had swallowed him up and closed upon him, as she was left alone with Miss Rayne.

Eve gave one wistful glance at Mr. Gamble's closed door through which the cashier's voice could be heard speaking in very grave and measured tones, and with a sigh went up to her room. But when she reached it, she did not remove her things, but sat on the edge of her bedstead, listening for Will's step upon the etairs.

Mr. Gamble was saying to her cousin

"It's a mysterious business altogether Mr. William, and one that we don't make "Well, I know nothing of the matter

sir."
"That is where the fault lies. You

should know something of it. It is your business to know. The stamp and paper outlay is in your department, and Mr. Caryll expects a strict account to be kept of both. It is only right it should be so.

No business can be properly conducted without every expenditure being accu-. We have never had any error of this kind in the office before, and it reflects on everybody employed there."
"That's just it," cried young Caryll everybody is asking for them each minute of the day, and it is impossible to note

down every postage stamp that is used. They don't leave me alone two minutes together, either. I'm in and out of my desk like a jack-in-the-box. How on earth can I be responsible for the clerks taking the stamps and papers when I am not there?"

"Well, sir, you'll have to be more careful for the future," replied the cashier, "for it has come to Mr. Caryll's ears, and he seldom passes over a fault for the second time."

Will had grown very red and angry

during this discussion. "You seem to forget that I am Mr. Caryll's nephew and nearest relation," he said haughtily. "You are talking to me, Mr. Gamble, as if I was the office boy."

"No, Mr. William, I forget nothing; but neither, you will find, does Mr. Caryll, even though you are his nearest relation. He is a just employer, but a very strict one. So I advise you to keep your books more accurately for the future. And that is all!

"I don't want your advice, and I shall go and see my uncle to-morrow and speak to him about it myself," retorted Will, as he left the room and slammed the door

after him. (To be continued.)

Sunday School Bocks.

Edward W. Bok, in the Ladies' Home Journal, writes of the "wishy-washy," pernicious literature which is placed in the hands of the young through the Sunday school libraries. He makes a plea for a reform of this evil, and has some words of regret that standard novels are not generally included in the libraries of Sunday schools. He also gives the titles and teachings of a few of the books procured from Sunday school libraries.

"The first," he says, "was called 'The

Assault, or Bobby's Lesson.' Bobby struck a boy, who died from the effects of the blow! Imagine! Then Bobby became sorrowful, morose, finally went insane, was sent to a madhouse and died there at the age of 23. The story plainly points to the fact that Bobby went to hell. Another book which I read, preached the cheerful gospel of idiocy. It was called 'Margaret, or the Story of a Little Idiot Girl.' In it a little girl was born an idiot, and eight little girls were daily sent to her house so that they might hear her idiotic sayings and feel thankful for their blessings! 'Oscar's Sunday Flowers' told the story of a boy who picked flowers on Sunday, and that finally made him an unsuccessful man for life! 'Jim's Confession, or a Boy Who Lied,' was the story of a lie. Poor little Jim told a lie to his mother one day, and that settled him. His tortures are pictured through one hundred and forty-eight pages, until he at last repents. But men and women shun him, and he is always known as 'Jim, the Liar.' * * * 'The Two Schoolboys' portrays two boys: one good, the other bad. Both die: one goes to heaven and the other to hell! 'Little Ella' is a dressy girl. She puts on a bright red frock to wear to Sunday school one day against her mother's wishes, and her downfall as a woman is the result! * * *

Reflections of a Bachelor. A wedding is life's prize package.

If eyes were the windows of the soul there would be more people that squint.

Marriage is a lottery in which men have to wear the blanks hung around their necks.

If some men were in business for their health, they'd take the doctor into partnership.

The averamman doesn't know much about women; if he did he'd think he knew more.

Probably the real fact is that the lady ate the tiger. There never was a lovable man who couldn't tolerate tobacco.

The serpent knew his business. He advised Eve not to eat the apple. Women probably began wearing clothes because they were tired of trying different shades of sunburn.

The women invented the name "kimono" because they knew the men wouldn't let them wear them if they cailed them Mother Hubbards.

Every married woman wonders what she would have said if a certain man had proposed to her, and every married man wonders what a certain woman would have said if he hadn't .- New York Press.

Beat This Record If You Can? They say lightning never strikes twice in the same place. It may not, but it comes very near it sometimes. as Col. Curtright, of Atlanta, will agree. During a passing storm in the summer of 1892 the Colonel took refuge under a poplar tree. Upon a bolt of lightning shivering a tree in the same row he ran into a house near-by. While there another bolt struck a part of the house, stunning everybody in it. An hour later another storm came up, while the Colonel was riding home in a wagon. As he passed along a group of trees one was struck by lightning, about 500 pounds of wood splinters falling into the Colonel's wagon. Arrived at home, he had barely entered when a terrific flash unroofed the whole building.

Then He Fainted. Customer-Have you any postage stamps?

Clerk-Yes, ma'am, Customer-Do you give trading checks with them?

The upright plane of our next door neighbor is always a downright nui-

MIRROR OF MICHIGAN

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Monroe's Mayor Is Beaten-What the Factories Are Doing-Munificent Gift to Olivet College-Disfigured by a Vicious Horse-Would Die for Love.

Contract Is Legal.

The Monroe Water Works Company won out in the Supreme Court in its suit to compel Mayor George F. Heath to sign its contract with the city to supply water for public uses. The Council authorized contract, which the Mayor vetoed. It was then passed over his head, but he still refused to sign it, on the ground that it was illegal and void and that it was not a part of his official duties to execute contracts on behalf of the city. The Supreme Court holds that the contract is a legal one under the general city charter, and that it is the duty of the Mayor to obey the directions of the Council in performing the ministerial act of executing the

Gave Way with a Roar.

The large reservoir at Munising gave way. With a noise like the roar of Niway, agara the water rushed from the break to seek its level in the bay. The reservoir had just been completed by the Shaw-Kimball Engineering Company of Toledo, and the Council had appointed a commit tee to inspect the job. The reservoir is 317 feet above the level of the streets and supplied the water mains of the village. The break was caused by frost cracking the cement and the water working a way through the loose dirt. The amount of damage has not as yet been estimated.

Work of Michigan Factories.

The average aggregate monthly pay roll of Michigan factories for the past year, as reported by Chief Factory Inspector Cox, was \$3.025.029. There were a total of 3,404 factories in operation, while 392 were idle. Only 2,910 were running full time. The number of persons employed was \$117,081, of whom 99,328 were males. A feature of the situation is that while the percentage of accidents to the total number of factories was 7.02 last year it was but 4.7 this year, the difference being due to the strict enforcement of the factory inspection law.

San Jose Scale Spreading. The San Jose scale appears to be gaining a foothold in the west Michigan fruit Several apple orchards near Grand Rapids are affected. One man cut down and burned 1,200 trees. A thorough examination of orchards in Kent and Ot tawa counties will be made by Clinton Smith of the Agricultural College. An Eastern nursery is blamed for the pearance of the pest.

Michigan Peaches Are Safe.

The peach orchards in the Benton Har

bor region are capable of withst inding a temperature of 15 degrees below zero this winter, as the buds were u vanced by unusual warm weather The San Jose scale, which affects pear House at Ypsilanti. He was out of work by many localities, is unknown ther. Fruit growers and local nursery men take recaution to keep out infected stock.

Gives \$25,000 to Olivet

D. K. Pearsons of Chicago pe pledged \$25,000 to Olivet College of condition that the college raise \$75,000 per within a year. No canvass for the \$15,000 is to be made in New England except among personal friends of the institution. College is a Congregational institution and the Rev. William G. Sperry, D. D., is the president.

Rich Farmer Disappears.

Charles Ronge, an eccentric and wealthy farmer, aged 61, has been missing from his home near Holland for several days. A new grave, freshly sodded in a lonely spot on the south side of Black lake, suggested a possible explanation but when examined a day or two after it was discovered it was found to have been opened.

Slept Sixty Hours. Little Edith Scott was very ill with the measles at Northport. The other day she fell into a deep sleep, all eforts to rouse her proving futile. She awakened after a 60-hour sleep. She was regained her strength rapilly and is now

onsidered out of danger. Tore Flesh from His Jaws.

At Owosso, Duncan Graham, the owner of a vicious stallion, had an awful experience with the brute. While feeding the horse, it suddenly turned on Graham and bit him in the mouth. The flesh was torn off his jaws, his lips and cheek hanging

down on his breast. Two Fatal Accidents.

Wm. Peters, living seven miles west of Utica, fell from the loft in his barn. He was terribly cut and bruised about the body and received internal injuries. Carl Schmidt, a young man living near Carland, was accidentally shot in the stom ach. He will die

State News in Brief.

A new shingle will has been erected and is now in operation near Moore's Junction. Fred H. Crippen, the Brighton young man who left home suddenly last summer, has returned. He has enough of rough

ing it. Attorney General Maynard believes he will be able to show that the Michigan Central Railroad has forfeited its charter by consolidating with other companies.

The new Grand Rapids, Kalkaska and Southeastern Reit oad has been completed from Van Buren to Kalkaska, and trains are run regularly over that division of the road. A handsome new depot has been built at Kalkaska.

Wm. Haley, Jk, was killed and several others slightly injured by the explosion of the boiler of a portable sawmill on the Rifle river, twelve miles northeast of Standish. At a cost of \$25,000, Armour of Chi-

cago will erect a new ice house at Whit-more Lake. The building when completed will cover an acre of ground and will be 5J feet high. The board of control of the school for

the ceaf has formally accepted the buildings just completed at Flint. They were constructed by the appropriation of the last Legislature. Thomas Evans of Muskegon has re-

ceived word from Myton village, Shropshire, England, that he is one of ten heirs to a property in Liverpool valued at \$1,-000,000, left by an uncle.

Berrien County may vote on local op

Industrial school boys at Lansing are organizing a band.

Five fishing steamers have resumes op

erations at Grand Haven.

The hospital at Port Huron has \$1,168 in its treasury, and all bills paid.

The Albim Fair and Driving Association cleared \$1,000 on this year's fair.

Leon, the youngest son of Capt. A. G. Fleury, diel of diphtheria at Charlotte. More than 500 men are now employed

in the Aragon mines at Iron Mountain. Monroe citizens have nearly raised \$3, 000 as a bonus for a flax and excelsior

mill. Nearly 220,000 bushels of potatoes have been shipped from Sutton's Bay, Leelanaw County, this fall.

Iron Hountain teachers are requested School Board to refrain from atby the tendan e at dancing parties. The new electric railroad from Hespe

ria to the lake shore, via Ferry and Hart, is evidently going to be a "go." James Watson, an engineer, was fatally infured at Port Hope by the explosion

of the boiler of a portable engine. A prisoner named Joslin, awaiting sentence in jail at Big Rapids, knocked down

a servant girl and made his escape. Wm. Morose of Lisbon, better known as "Old Bill," who is 85 years old, has mar-

ried an adopted daughter, aged 15.

Pearl Eaton, a 15-year-old domestic at Battle Creek, attempted to commit suicide when she learned that her lover was dead. Muskegon mothers protested so emphatidally against a sideboard in the swell Muskegon club room that the project has

been given up. Articles of association of the Michigan Sugar Company of Bay City, capitalized at \$200,000, have been filed with Secrebary Gardner.

unusually large attendance of buyers at the spring furniture sale which early in January. A stick of wood charged with powder caused an explosion in Strassburg's meat

Grand Rapids furniture men expect an

was narrowly averted. A strong effort made the past ten days to induce Ishpeming miners to go south has failed. The miners are satisfied with their present condition.

market at Mt. Morris. A disastrous fire

Miss Almira Lovell, a U. of M. co-ed, published a souvenir calendar this year which has netted her enough money to pay her college expenses. Charles A. Gordon, a hotel clerk at La-

peer, claims to have invented a perpetual

motion machine. It has been under con-

struction for eight years. John Winters, a section hand on the D. & M. Railroad, got his foot caught in a frog at Holly. A train passed over it and amputation was necessary. Charles A. Caldwell, landlord of the

Hotel Donnelly of Mason, has purchased the Hotel Horton, which will be newly refitted. He will conduct both houses M. B. Hanze, registering from Milwaukee, Wis., tried to kill himself with an overdose of morphine at the Hawkins

and despondent. Strange lights have been seen in Wildwood cemetery, between Chesaning and Oakley. They appear and disappear in most remarkable manner. Hundreds have seen the phenomena.

Charles Ronge, who was reported miss-

ing from Holland, has returned. He is very angry at false reports sent out about his disappearance. He says he has not been away from home except on business. The building of the municipal lighting plant at Grand Rapids is delayed because the city charter conflicts as to whether the aldermen or the Board of Public

Works shall have charge of the construction. The total number of deaths in Michigan during November was 1,985, a decrease of 361 from October. No serious epidemics prevailed. Consumption leads with 197 deaths, croup is next with 76,

typhoid fever 65. Water rates at Muskegon will be readjusted, the present rates being altogether too low, It costs the city \$10.30 per 1,000,-000 gallons to pump the water, and the interest on the water bonds brings the

cost up to \$20.88 per million. A new six-story brick building to cover the block on Ottawa street, from Lyon to Pearl street, will be built at Grand' Rapids. It will be built for the purpose of furniture exhibitions and will have a

floor space of 240,000 square feet. It is stated that twenty Mormon elders will begin a series of meetings in Van Buren, Kent, Cass, St. Joseph, Calhonn and other southern Michigan counties. Permanent headquarters will be established in Grand Rapids. The crusade which will be conducted will be similar in character to that of the Salvation army.

Dr. William Miller, until a few years ago one of the most active and prominent prohibition workers in central Michigan, is in jail at Lansing suffering with delirium tremens. He was possessed of a handsome property, but the loss of his first wife and a subsequent unfortunate marriage caused him to take to drink.

An extra freight train of empty coal cars and a caboose collided with a westbound passenger train on the Detroit, Toledo and Milwaukee Railway near Wilderville. Both locomotives were ruined by the impact. The freight cars were piled high in a mass of ruins. The baggage car was badly wrecked and Albert Arner, baggageman, was seriously injured. Line Repairer McNiff of Tecumseh had his back badly injured. The force of the collision drove N. B. Williams, a passenger brakeman, head foremost through a door panel. His scalp is badly torn and back injured. Webb Lott, engineer of the passenger train, had a leg broken and his fireman sprained his ankle in jumping from the engine. Engineer Ben Coonfer of the freight locomotive admits that he forgot his orders. He and his fireman jumped and escaped injury.

J. H. Sommers Fuel Company of Cleveland has secured additional coal leases on 1,000 acres of land in Kawkawlin township. Zagelmyer Bros. have an option on 1,000 more acres.

On the 20-acre prison farm this season 700 bushels of onions, 60 tons of cabbage. 400 bushels of tomatoes, 700 bushels of green corn, 400 bushels of carrots and other products were raised.

Four years ago Miss Carrie Read of Pittsfield lost an \$85 gold watch. A boy. fished it out of a ditch and gave it to an Ynsilanti jeweler. She has recovered it. and a new crystal made it as good as new,

The Caretaker. Caretaker is a word adopted into modern use and means one who takes care of, and is very generally applied to those employed to take case of things committed to their keeping. The way some people have of taking care of themselves is very suggestive of the need of a caretaker. The human body to such is a mansion filled with precious things uncared for, where thieves may break in and rust doth corrupt. Pains and aches are thieves, and the body left uncared for to their spoliage will be robbed of all its comforts and despoiled of its peace of mind and happiness. It is a happy thought to look upon St. Jacobs Oil as a caretaker, to employ it as a watchman against such intruders. There is hardly an ache, from a toothache to a toeache, that it can't take care of and effect a cure, and pains the most violent are conquered by its use. Its office as a caretaker is to prevent the spread of aches and pains into a chronic stage. Keep a bottle of it in the handiest place and be assured of good care

Helpful Environment. "What did Julia do when her engagement was broken off?"

and comfort.

"She went up to Petoskey and cried for six weeks; everybody thought she had hay fever."-Louisville Courler-

A Successful Business. A proprietary medicine to be really successful must have some intrinsic worth. Without this, advertising, however extensive, availeth nothing. Among the most successful medicines that have been found worthy of all the merits claimed for them are Dr. Radway's Remedies, established and used for nearly half a century. They have become household medicines throughout the world. In some places, sparsely settled, where doctors are difficult to obtain, people, by the judicious use of Dr. Radway's medicines, keep themselves in health. Then, again, there are physicians who, in their practice, use Dr. Radway's Remedies, obtaining better results than when using their own prescriptions. Radway's Ready Relief, Radway's Pills and Radway's Sarsaparilla Resolvent, three different medicines, being a complete medicine chest in themselves, are used each for different phases of disease.-Chattanooga Times Nov. 14,

Table Repartee.

The Fork-What makes you look so hollow and long-faced?

The Spoon-Oh, I suppose it's because I am always in the soup.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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load of coal on ambuscade scales? Driver-What's ambuscade scales? Purchaser-Those that lie in weight.

Do You Dance To-Night? Shake in your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains, Frost Bites and Sweating Feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Lane's Family Medicine Moves the bowels each day. In order

to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c. When Mark Twain was given a din-

ner by the Vienna Journalists' Club he made a speech half in German and half in English, and kept his hearers laughing all the time.

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WHAT 1897 HAS SEEN.

RECORD OF THE IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

Græco-Turkish War and the Cuban Insurrection-The Great Strike in the Coal Fields-Political Changes of

Twelve Months. A Chronological Table.

The year 1897 has been, it might be said almost a commonplace one, since its commencement, that is, no events of overwhelming moment have taken place, but there has been no dearth of important occurrences. The war between Turkey and Greece, the struggle for freedom in Cuba, the costly and long-drawn-out strike in the Ohio and Pennsylvania coal fields, the change of national administra-tion, the enactment of the Dingley tariff law, the disastrous spring floods in the Mississippi valley and autumn fires in the West and Northwest, and the epidemic of yellow fever in the Southern States are clearly not matters of small importance in the history of the world. The year has been an unusual one from the fact that but few men of really great reputation have passed from the stage of their earthly labors; their number can be computed upon the fingers of the two hands.

The most important events of the year are recorded below in the order of their

JANUARY.

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1—Thirteen miners perish at Pachuca. Mexico...Extremely high temperature and heavy rains in Northwest...Pingree inaugurated Governor of Michigan.

2—W. A. Hammond, wrecker of Illinois National Bank, commits suicide...Fatal storm in Southwest...Nashville, Tenn, has \$400,000 fire...West and Northwest deluged by rains.

3—Snow and frost succeed rain. 3-Snow and frost succeed rain

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4—Furious blizzard in the West...Gov. Scofield inaugurated at Madison, Wis...

Three St. Paul banks fail.

5—Gov. Aitgeld pardons 19 criminals...St. Stanislaus parsonage at Bay City, Mich., sacked by warring church factions...Four children die by fire near Westfield, Wis; three near Babcock, Wis.

6—Illinois Legislature meets...Seven Ursuline nuns perish by fire at Convent of Our Lady of Lake St. Johns, Roberval, Quebec.

11—Tanner inaugurated Governor of Illinois with much pomp and ceremony....

Mount inaugurated Governor of Indiana with very simple style...House kills Pacific funding bill...American-British arbitration treaty signed.

12—Five children drown, skating, at St. Louis...Four die in powder explosion at Shamokin, Pa.

13—Five killed in a Pottsville, Pa., coal

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shaft. 14-News of capture of Santa Clara by 14—News of capture of Santa Clara by Cuban insurgents... Bombay, India, a city of death and terror because of ravages of bubonic plague (black death) and famine; thousands dying, and city being depopulated; dead lie unburied, and vultures hover over the town and country; sky ablaze by night with funeral pyres; Europe greatly alarmed. 19—Wm. E. Mason chosen Senator from Illinois... Three negroes lynched in Louis-

1ana.
21—Nine sailors drown off Long Island.
22—Mercury falls 30 degrees to zero at Chicago...Death of Sir Isaac Pitman at

Chicago...Death of Sir Isaac Filman at London.

24—Widespread cold wave: Chicago temperature 17 below zero...\$500,000 fire loss at Northwestern stove repair works and C.

J. Barnes' residence in Chicago.

25—Twenty below zero at Chicago; 700 poor families aided; relief measures adopted over entire city...\$2,500,000 fire at Philadelphia...\$350,000 fire at Chicago.

27—Continued cold weather in Northwest.

28—Lyman J. Gage of Chicago accepts treasury portfolio.

31—Family of seven die by fire in Hoboken, N. J.... Cruiser Brooklyn on the rocks.

FEBRUARY.

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2—Pennsylvania State capitol burned; loss \$1,500,000.... Venezuelan treaty signed.

8—Admiral Bunce's squadron in a storm off Hampton Roads; three seamen swept away, several injured... \$200,000 railroad shop fire at Princeon, Ind.

10—Bradley-Martin ball at New York costs \$500,000... Phenomenal drop in price of steel rails.

13—Ald. O'Malley acquitted of murder at Chicago... Death of J. Randolph Tucker at Lexington, Va., and Gen. J. O. Shelby at Adrian, Mo.; both noted Confederates.

14—Greeks bombard Canea, island of Crete, under Turkish rule.

15—Appeal of Jos, R. Dunlop, convicted of improper use of mails at Chicago, to Supreme Court fails.

Court fails.

16-Millionaire Duestrow hanged at Union,
Mo., for wife murder; Peter Schmidt and
Sam Foster hanged at Clayton, Mo...
Greeks capture Turkish fort at Crete.

17-Powers of Europe protest against action of Greece.

22—General observation of washington's birthday....Floods in Ohio Valley.
25—Powers decide Greece must evacuate

MARCH.

4-McKinley inaugurated....Six killed at Boston by gas explosion.
5-Extensive floods in Mississippi Valley, and in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana....
Greece defies the powers.
5-Foundering of steamer Ville de St. Nasaire off Carolina; 65 lives lost.
6. Travandous rainfall in central States.

9—Tremendous rainfall in central States.
10—Six killed in a wreck near Princeton

Ind.

12—Blizzard sweeps the Northwest—\$400,000 wholesale grocery fire at Chicago.

15—\$1,500,000 fire at St. Louis... Floods in
Mississippi Valley make thousands of negroes homeless.

groes homeless.

17—Fitzsimmons whips Corbett at Carson City, Nev... 78 lives lost by foundering of French steamer off Carolina.

21—Powers blockade Cretan ports to Greek

ships.
22—Cyclone kills eight and injures 23 school children at Arlington, Ga.; family of five killed in Henry County, Ala.
23—Heavy fall of slushy snow in North-

west. 30—Forty-five killed by a cyclone at Chandler, O. T.

31—House passes Dingley tariff bill...
Powers bombard Cretans.

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APRIL.
6—Carter H. Harrison elected Mayor of Chicago by 75,000 plurality....Alarming floods in Mississippl Valley.
8—\$1,000,000 fire at Knoxville, Tenn; 17 people killed.
9—Snow storm in Central States.
10—Daniel W. Voorhees, former U. S. Senator from Indiana, dies at Washington.
15—Riots in Indianapolis over 3-cent carfare...\$500,000 fire at New Orleans.
17—War between Turkey and Greece.
18—Fierce windstorm in Chicago; \$150,000 fire.

nre.
20—Desperate fighting in the Levant...
First execution by electricity in Ohio.
23—Osman Pasha assumes command of
Turkish troops, which have met severe re-

Turkish troops, which have met severe reverses.

24—Turks capture Larissa....Vast floods in Missouri and Mississippi Valleys.

26—Hundreds of families at Ottumwa, Iowa, and Quincy, Ill., homeless by floods.

27—Dedication of Grant's tomb at New York...\$2,0000000 fire at Newport News, Va.

28—Greeks at Athens riotous because of army reverses...Flood at South Guthrie, O. T., kills over 70.

20—Raill heads new cabinet of Greece.... Wild gale with loss of life and vessels on Lake Michigan.

30—Greeks win a big battle....Seven negroes lynched by a mob of negroes in Texas.

MAY.

1—Snow at Chicago. 2—\$4,000,000 fire at Pittsburg, Pa. 4—One hundred die by fire in a Parisian

4—One numer of the Harris family, near Waukesha, Wis., by Wm. Pouch.

9—Sixteen die by fire on Mallory Line

steamship Leona, off Sandy Hook....Greece asks intervention of powers.

18-Czar intervenes to stop war in the 31-Severe earthquake shock in Cincinnati and southeast....Five of a picnic party killed on Long Island.

JUNE. 2-Spanish cabinet resigns.
3-Two of a moo of lynchers killed at Urbana, Ohio, and nine wounded, by militia under command of Sheriff McLean.

7—Six killed in a wreck near Hudson, Wis. 9—\$200,000 fire at Carlinville, Ili...Death of Alvan Clark, famous lens-maker, at Cammurderer French hanged at

Rockford, Ill MOCKIOTO, III.

12-Mayor Richards killed at Bunker Hill,
III., by Editor Hedley.
13-Attempt to kill President Faure by a
Paris bomb-thrower.

14-Suicide of Barney Barnato at sea.
15-Temperature of 98 in Chicago; 40 pros-

ations. 16-17—Northwest suffers from awful heat. 18—Storm kills four children at Lincoln, ll...-Cyclones in many Western localities, 21—Victorian Jubilee celebration com-

24-Cyclone in Kansas kills three; hall bombards Topeka. bombards Topeka. 25—Lynching at Crystal Springs, Miss.... Race war at Key West over attempted lynching....Cornell defeats Yale and Harvard in college boat race....Four legal executions at St. Joseph, Mo., Fayetteville, W. Va., Atlanta, Ga., and Houston, Texas. 26—Seven killed in a wreck at Missouri City. Mo.

26—Seven killed in a wreck at Missouri City, Mo. 20—Three killed in wreck of a Christian Endeavor train at West Chicago; 15 hurt... Five men drowned at Chicago while bathing to get relief from terrific heat,...Northwest sourched scorched.

30—All districts report many fatalities from heat.

JULY.

1—Continuance of fearful heat....Close of Victorian Jubilee.
2—One dead and 16 prostrated by heat at Chicago in a temporature of 15 degrees. Chicago, in a temperature of 95 degrees.... Cornell Boat Club defeats Columbia and

Chicago, in a temperature of 11.7 degrees....
Corneil Boat Club defeats Columbja and
Pennsylvania.

3-Awful heat in Chicago kills six and
prostrates 40; 13 die at Clucinnati....Snowstorm in Colorado....Deluge at Duluth does
\$1,000,000 damage.

4-Heat and fatallities continue east of Mississippi Valley; thunderstorm at midnight
relleves Chicago, after eight have died.

5-Twenty die at Chicago from previous
exhaustion by heat, though temperature did
not exceed 78 degrees....Celebration claims
five deaths there, and scores of injured victims....H. B. Stone of Chicago killed at
Nonquitt, Mass.

6-Ten killed by cyclone at Lowry, Minn....Nine killed by boller explosion at Hartsville, Tenn....Coal miners' strike becomes
general in the East.

7-Continuance of extreme heat and consequent fatalities—Senate passes tariff bill.

....Six killed at Bay City, Mich., by street
car plunging into an open draw.

8-Chicago and Alton freight house burns
at Chicago; loss \$250,000....Heat and death
roll increases....Death of Senator Harris
of Tennessee.

10-Drop of 35 degrees in temperature at

or Tennessee.

10-Drop of 35 degrees in temperature at Chicago; change general.

12-Death of Millionaire Columbus R. Cummings of Chicago.
15-Negro lynched for assault and murder at West Point, Tenn...Illinois and Indiana

at West Point, Tenn...Illinois and Indiana coal miners go out.

17—News of fabulous gold finds in Alaska.

19—Tariff bill passes the House...Snowstorm in Chicago.

22—Logan monument unveiled at Chicago.

23—Four killed by explosion of naphtha on steamer at Bridgeport, Conn...\$1,000,000 grape sugar factory fire at Peoria, Ill.

24—New tariff law enacted; Congress adjourns...Cloudburst at Boston.

30—Seven killed by cyclone at San Jose, Ill.

AUGUST.

6-Elevator fire at Chicago kills four firemen, hurts 20 more, and does \$500,000 dame

age.
8—Assassination of Premier Canovas of spain. 15—Orleanist Prince Henri seriously wounded by Italian Count of Turin in a duel

16-Great boom in wheat....Cold wave at Chicago. 17—Snowstorm in South Dakota....Wheat

17—Snowstorm in South Dakota....Wheat touches 98c at Chicago.
19—Unknown man killed by farmers near Chicago, for assault....Four killed by glucose factory explosion at Davenport, Iowa.
21—Wheat reaches the dollar price in several citles and occasions great excitement.
23—Three hundred Sepoys massacred by Afridis in India.
26—President of Uruguay assassinated.
29—News of a great tidal wave in Japan.
30—Steamer Portland arrives at Seattle with Alaskan treasure.
31—Yellow fever breaks out at Ocean Springs, Miss.

SEPTEMBER.

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2—Crops reported greatly damaged by long continued drought.

7—Railwad collision near Emporia, Kan.; several kided... Lake St. Clair yacht capsized, drowning six.

9—Terrible head-en, collision near Newcastle, Colo., kills 30 grople and mangles many others.

10—Twenty-two striking coal miners near

many others.

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Latimer, Pa., shot dead by deputy sheriffs;
many others wounded.

11—Miners' convention at Columbus setties the great coal strike.

13—Tidal wave along the Texas coast took
many lives and did great damage to property.

17—Powers of Europe posts to not Greece.

18—Two thousand Moslems slain in Crete by Greeks...Big shortage of State officials discovered in Nebruska.

21—Canea bombarded by the powers... Baby girl at the Harrisons'.

22—General observation of Washington's 22—General observation of Washington's death of the assaulter at the heads of a mob.

hands of a mob.
20—Outbreak of yellow fever in New Or-20—Outbreak of yellow fever in New Orleans.
21—President Ratchford of the United Mine workers declares the coal strike ended.
26—Nine men killed in a bloody riot at Girardville, Pa... Mrs. John Becker and five children slaughtered near Carroll, Iowa.
... Railway hold-up at Moorhead, Minn.
29—\$1,000,000 fire in Washington, D. C...
Fall of Azcarraga ministry in Spain.
30—Resignation of the Ralli ministry in Greece.

1—Five bandits held up a train in Indian Perritory....Thirty persons hurt in railway ccident at Medford, Mass. 3—Death of Gen. Neal Dow.

3-Death of Gell. Near Dow.

4-Sagasta ministry assumes control in Spain...Austin, Pa., almost entirely destroyed by fire.

5-Connecticut votes an educational test

5—Connecticut votes an educational test for voters.
6—Alton train held up near Kansas City, Mo.... Thousands of lives lost and much property destroyed by a typhoon in the Philippine Islands...\$117,000 fire at Chicago stock yards...Large fire in Detroit....\$ix girls burned to death at Plankinton, S. D.... Disastrous fire at Medora. Ill. 7—Two prisoners roasted in Opelika, Ala., tall.

Jail. 8—Gen. Weylor recalled from Cuba....
Death of ex-Senator McPherson of New

jail.

8—Gen. Weylor recalled from Cuba....
Death of ex-Senator McPherson of New Jersey.

12—Bandits rob a train near Austin, Texas.... Death at Detroit of ex-Senator Chas. W. Jones of Fiorida.

14—Four people killed in a railway accident at Stittsville, Ont.

15—Four persons killed and many injured by caving in of a theater roof in Cincinnati.

16—Steamer Triton sunk in Caribbean Sea and 150 lives lost.

17—Windsor, N. S., fire-swept and 3,000 people left homeless... Death of Chas. A. Dana of the New York Sun.

19—Death of Geo. M. Pullman of Chicago.
21—Jury in Luetgert murder case in Chicago disagreed.

24—Twenty lives lost in New York Central accident at Garrisons, N. Y.... Bank wrecked at Blairsburg, lowa.

27—Wabash Railroad offices in St. Louis burned.

20—Henry George, single-tax advocate,

burned.
29-Henry George, single-tax advocate, died of apoplexy at New York. NOVEMBER.

NOVEMBER.

1—Sale of the Union Pacific Railroad.

2—Thirteen firemen injured by a gasoline explosion at a fire in Philadelphia... Election day: New York elected Van Wyck (Tammany) Mayor; Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Massachusetts went Republican; Maryland, Nebraska, New York, Kentucky and Virginia Democratic: Colorado was carried by silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democrats won over Populists.

4—Chesapeake and Ohio train wreck at Charlottesville, Va., In which four people are killed and many injured...Five men hadiy burned by molten iron in Milwaukee, and two die from their injuries.

6—Train robbery near Grants, N. M..... Fourteen lives lost by the sinking of the steamer Idaho on Lake Eric. 11—Yellow fever quarantine declared off in New Orleans... Thieves steal \$14,000 in money and jewelry from a Silver Creek, N.

oank. -\$50,000 fire at Fostoria, Ohio.

12-\$50,000 fire at Fostoria, Ohlo.
13-Three Indians lynched by a mob at Williamsport, N. D.
17-Three people injured in a railway wreck near Cleveland, Ohio...Panle in a Cinchmati school caused the injury of four children...Rozel, Kan., sinks into the prairie in a night.
19-Three miners killed in railway wreck at Coal Biuff, Ind...Great fire in London, England; loss \$25,000,000.

29-Masked negro, attempting to hold up a Kansas City street car, shot conductor and motorman motorman.
21-Fire at Melbourne, Australia, in which 21—Fire at Meidourne, Australia, Massack, St.000,000 of mercantile property was destroyed... Two motormen killed in a collision in Baltimore, Md... Fire at La Grange, Ohio, in which \$25,000 worth of property

was destroyed. 23-F. A. Novak found guilty of murder 23-F. A. Nova at Vinton, Iowa.

25—Capt. Lovering found guilty by court martial at Fort Sheridan, Chicago.
28—Resignation of the Badeul ministry in Austria... Three men asphyxiated in the Grand Trunk tunnel at Port Huron, Mich.

DECEMBER.

New York.

1—Thirty-seven miners killed in Homburg,
Bavarla, by explosion of fire damp...Furious rlots at Prague, Bohemia.

4—Three men killed and several persons injured in a collision of trolley cars near Detroit, Mich.

Detroit, Mich.

5-Resignation of the Italian ministry.

6-Congress convenes in regular session at Washington.

11-Two men killed in railway collision at Oakiand, Cal.... Haytian cabinet resigned.

13-New Haytian ministry formed.

14-Resignation of Chilian cabinet... Rudini cabinet reconstituted in Italy.

16-Three men killed in C., E. & I. wreck at Clinton, Ind... Death of Alphonse Daudet, noted French author... William Terriss, English actor, assassinated in London.... Ratification of peace treaty between Greece and Turkey... New Chilian cabinet formed.

formed. 17—Six lives lost in fire at Ottawa, Ont... Three persons perish in an \$850,000 fire at Grand Forks, Dak.

18-Zero weather in Chicago...Death of Hon. Washington Hesing, of Chicago.

20-Five train wrecks—at Castle Rock, Colo., two persons killed; at Pontiac, Ill.,

five persons injured; near Benson, Ariz., one man killed; near Ripton, Ala., four men killed; at St. Louis, one man killed and two injured.
21—Sucide of Miss Lella Herbert at Wash-Ington, D. C....Three skaters drowned at Tonawanda, N. Y....Three skaters drowned at Gardner, Mass.

JOHN W. MACKAY'S TOMB.

Great Mausoleum Built in Brooklyn

at a Cost of \$300,000.

John W. Mackay's "home after death" is rapidly nearing completion. The Mackay tomb, or mausoleum, near the Ninth avenue entrance of Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, will soon be completed. This structure, which Mr. Mackay has erected after the fashion set by seeral of New York's prominent men, who built their tombs before they died, is one of the noblest in the necropolis. The approximate cost will be \$300,000. The



MACKAT'S "HOME AFTER DEATH." Mackay mausoleum is, within, like a min isture church auditorium. No evidences of the real character of the place appear. It is lighted and heated with electricity, and at least fifty persons could attend mass said in its space. Yet in no way is it catacomb-like. There are twentytwo crypts for bodies. The interior is lined throughout with marble, with a wainscoting of black Belgian capped with Connemara green. The roof is formed of a tremendous slab of granite—the largest ever quarried in this country. It came from Maine, and its dimensions are 22 feet square by 16 inches thick. Its weight

is fifty tons.

SAYS REBELLION IS GAINING. Report that Gomez Cannot Be Brought

to an Engagement. The correspondent of the Madrid paper, El Imparcial, has cabled the statement telegraphed by Gen. Parrado to Gen. Blanco that the insurrection in Santa Clara province is triumphing, and that it is impossible to fight Gen. Gomez, as he evades all engagements. The Spanish troops, he says, are without food. consternation has been caused in Havana by the execution of Col. Ruiz, the emissary of Gen. Blanco to Gen. Aranguren The Cubans declare they will execute all emissaries who come in favor of autonomy, without paying any attention to who

they are. Forty-three concentrados at work in the country were captured by the forces of Gen. Maroto, and put to death with the sword. Among them were women and children. The Spanish forces at Manzanillo, numbering 18,000 men, are without food. Gen. Pando has sent word to Gen Blanco to send beef to the troops, as many were dying of hunger.

Told in a Few Lines.

A Maryland man accused of kissing a pretty girl has proved an alibi. Give him the limit of the law.

Charles Ewald, aged 65, while switch ing cars with his team at Daggett, Mich. fell across the track, the carwheels pass ing over him, killing him.

The firm of Morton, Rose & Co., bankers at London, will be reorganized on Jan 1. Mr. Rose retiring. The firm thereafter will be known as Morton, Chaplin & Co William C. Woodward, alias "Big Haw ley," who was convicted at New York of attempted blackmail on Samuel W. Brig-

The amount of damages claimed by the owners of the steamer La Canadienne which was in collision with the United States cruiser Yantic, is understood to be about \$10,000.

What's this! A dispatch from Maine

ham, was sentenced to five years' impris

states that "this season's importation of French sardines will be light, owing to the small catch of young herring at the Maine coast." Can it be?

What Dr. Rauwolf Did.

Coffee is said to have been introduced into Europe by Dr. A. Rauwolf, a German physician, alout the middle of the sixteenth century. He got it from Arabia, after it had passed into that country from Abyssinia. It is a pity, for coffee is one of those seductive stimu-lants which do harm under the disguise of seeming to do temporary good. a nerve poison on the same principle that alcohol is, and opium. Hence the public are to be congratulated on the rospect of the new food drink, Grain-O. taking its place. The latter is prepared from pure grains, is nourishing, sustain-ing and healthful, and never affects the nerves. Those who have tried Grain-O say nothing can induce them to resume the use of coffee. Good for children as for adults. Cost, one-fourth that of coffee. Packages 15c. and 25c. Ask your grocer for it.

"is it true that Rakeup has been in search of buried treasure?"

"I guess it is. He said something to me about diving into his wife's pocket for cash."-Philadelphia North Amer-

Rush to the Klondike.

The railroads are confidently expecting a big rush of travel to the Klondike in the spring. It is estimated that fully 100,000 people will attempt to reach the gold fields as soon as the winter is over, and with a desire to turn a nimble penny at every oppare for the expected rush.

One of the first in the field is the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which will on Tuesday, Dec. 21, begin the running of the through tourist car from New York City to San Francisco without change by way of Philadelphia, Washington, Parkersburg and Cincinnati, reaching St. Louis Wednesday evening, Texarkana Thursday afternoon, El Paso, Tex., Friday evening and San Francisco Sunday

This service is in addition to the one provided by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from Pittsburg by way of Cincinnati and the Illinois Central to New Or leans and the Southern Pacific through to the coast, the Pittsburg car leaving every Wednesday. The New York car on its return leaves San Francisco Monday evening and the Pittsburg car leaves on Thursday.

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Wright-What's the scheme? Bright-A smokeless cigarette.

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Wasn't Sure About It. Diggs-Is your daughter improving in her piano playing?

Biggs-She is either improving or else we are getting used to it, I don't know

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Smiles-He bakes bread. See? Eighty-six miles shortest to New Orleans, 109 miles shortest to Florida— Queen and Crescent Route from Cincin-

Giles-Why, how is that?

paid for loafing.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has been a godsend to me.-Wm. B. McClellan, Chester, Fla., Sept. 17, 1895.

March 8, 1897.

New Orleans limited, Queen and Cres-

Whaling Flect in Danger. It is predicted that the vessels of the whaling fleet, most of whose underwriters are in San Francisco, have been caught in

the lee and some may not last through the siege. Dauger also threatens those who neglect what are called "triffing" aliments, for they may not last through the crists. Resort to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters at once for incipient rheumatism, malaria, cor nervousness and kidney complaint.

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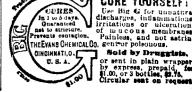
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1897.

₩>>>>>>>>>>>> Local Happenings. § **Ÿ**>>>>>>>>>>>

Remember the lecture Jan. 7. Regular meeting of the school board next week Friday evening.

Tuesday's fall of snow came just in the "nick-o' time" to save the sleighing

Kenyon Bros. shipped a car load of hay east Monday and one of atraw to Grand Rapids.

Eimer Aubii has added some finnew cutters, bought of Frank D. Pratt. to his livery outfit.

The Keeler Brass Co's works shut down last evening until next Monday to take annual inventory.

J. W. Saunders presented the K. O. T. M. lodge with a handsome emblematic rug, Monday evening.

A sleighing party of ten young people of the C. E. society attended church at Wayland Sunday evening.

Telephone rates have been reduced to fifteen cents to Grand Rapids and ten cents to Hastings, Nashville, etc.

C. Clever sold thirty-five gallons of eysters during his Christmas trade and could have sold ten more if he could have gotten them.

While clearing the snow off the ice en the cove Monday forenoon, one of James Morgan's horses broke through and was rescued with difficulty.

Born Dec. 20 to Ralph C. Brown and wife of Caledonia an eight pound boy. in January. Mother and son doing finely. Ralph locks very happy and proud these days.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Rozella V. Thaler and bride's parents in Leighton township-Wednesday evening, January 12.

The following officers were elected last Sunday by the Gates Mission school for the ensuing year:

Superintendent—Vers P. Cobb. Asst. Supt.—Maud E. Southwick. Secretary—M. Pearl Lealie. Treasurer—Nama Douglas.

The adjustments on the rink building fire have all been made and are as follows: J. P. Warner received on building, \$167; A. M. Guileman, on stock, \$180; Spangemacher & Johnson, on stock, \$100; J. W. Saunders, on stock and building, \$55.10. Total, \$502.10.

Through invitation fourteen couple of young people drove over to N. C. Thomas' home in Dorr last Tuesday evening and were royally entertained with an oyster supper, music and garges. A most enjoyable time is reported. N. C. and wife were great favorites as young people when residing in our village.

The following officers were elected by the Congregational S. S. the 26th: Superintendent-J. W. Saunders.

Asst. Supt. and Chorister—Mrs. O. M. Hullinger. Secretary—Ning C. Shaw. Treasurer—M. Gertrude Shay. Librarian—Callie Barrell.

Asst. Sec. and Lib.—George C. Cook. Organist—Mrs. A. M. Gardner. Asst. Organist-Vera P. Cobb. This week H. E. Hendrick, as clerk

of the local camp of Woodmen of this Grand Rapids have been spending a few New York draft for \$2000 in payment White. of the policy which the company held of the board after proofs of death were | village. filed. Had he died in Michigan, claim would have been paid in November.

At a meeting of Modern Woodmen Dec. 21, 1897, the following officers were stetter. elected:

V. C .- H. E. Hendrick. W. A.-J. E. Ackerson, E. B.-E. F. Blake. Clerk-M. L. Mattason. Escort-W. E. Roach. Watchman—Swen Abrams. Sentry—J. C. Hobson. Physician—A. Hanlon. Managers-G. E. Gardner, J. W.

At the K. O. T. M. meeting held Monday evening the following efficers were elected:

P. C.—D. C. Benaway.
Com.—William J. Woolston.
Lieut. Com.—A. E. Roach.
R. K.—J. D. Dietrich.
F. K.—C. N. Webb.
Chapfain—J. C. Dorris.
Physician—Dr. A. Hanlon,
Sergeant—H. G. Benaway.
M. at A.—Lavera Cobb. M. at A.—Lavern Cobb.
First M. of G.—F. W. Rognrs.
Second M. of G.—M. R. Colvin.
Sentinel—Mortimer Baker. Picket-H. A. Pierce Musician-William H. Peeps.

Last Thursday eve the parents and friends of the pupils and teacher of the Russell district were treated to a very nice Christmas tree and program. The pupils showed by their nice speaking the interest they took in the school. while the handsomely trimmed school house and well loaded tree showed the parents' interest, and in what high esteem the teacher is held. Pretty and numerous presents with which each scholar presented her showed their Rapids, have been spending a few days love for Mrs. Russell. She has now with his parents south of the village, been teacher for one year and I am sure and with his brother, Frank Lee and every patron and friend of the school wife.

Ä\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Personal Points.

Mrs. Charles Cook, sr. is quite ill. Dr. Nelson Abbett Sundayed in Nash ville.

G. L. Keeler's child is numbered among the sick.

Mrs. M. A. Dietrich will be in Grand Rapids tomorrow. Mrs. P. A. Sunderlain of Rutland

township is very sick. Sylvester Smith Sundayed with his

isters in Grand Rapids. Earl Moore is spending a few days with relatives in Wayland,

Miss Pearl Hall of Hastings is visitng her cousin, Glenn Blake. J. C. Hobson and family spent X-nas vith relatives in Grand Rapids.

C. W. Stevens of Charlotte is employed in Mr. Fowler's isundry. Miss Jennie Luther of Holland is the

guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Gott. A. E. Southwick is recovering from a very severe attack of neuralgia.

Miss Agnes Laden spent Christmas with her parents in the Valley City. Geo. Sanford, who has been sick since Christmas, is able to get down town.

Miss Genie Hill is spending the belidays with her sister in Vermontville. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Peeps were guests

John Parker and family were Christ-

mas guests of his parents, P. Paraer and wife.

F. J. Pratt, the optician, is expected at M. F. Dowling's store the first week

Sparta were guests of C. E. Benedict and wife Tuesday.

Frank Whittemore of Grand Rapids William E. Steeby, at the home of the is the new machinist at the Keeler Brass Co.'s works.

Mrs Green and daughter, Nollie, were Christmas guests of her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Gardner. Mrs. Chris Schondelmayer and son.

Harry, are spending the week with relatives in Detroit.

the week in Hastings, the guest of her cousin, Miss Belle Hicks. Mr. and Mrs. George Burgiss and

Myrtle Luther of Hastings were Xmas gueste at Stephen Gott's John P. Warner of Tipton, Iowa, is

in the village looking after his property, the rink building. Robert Reed and family of Bowne. ate Christmas dinner with Charles village marshal.

Annison, sr. and family. Miss Maud Southwick is in attendance at the State Teachers' association

now in session at Lansing. H. E. Hendrick and tamily were Christmas guests of his mother, Mrs. D. H. Kitchen, of Esther.

W. J. Hayward and family returned Monday from Wayland where they

spent Xmas with Mr. H.'s parents. Ex-Sheriff J. H. McKevitt and wife gave a Christmas dinner at their home

west of the village to a number of rela-Mr. and Mrs. N. Vandermulen of

place, delivered Mrs. J. E. Gogle a days with the latter's mother, Mrs. Miss Mable Southwick, who has been

en the life of Mr. Gogle. The claim teaching near Charlotte, is spending was allowed Dec. 18, the first meeting the holidays with her parents in this Mrs. Nellie VanTine and son, Frank,

> parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brand- at the SUN office. A. C Marple of Charlotte is visiting

with his friend, Will Childs, at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. J. W. Saunders. Miss Menella Parkhurst, teacher in

Parkhurst. Miss Maggie Coman of the Kalama-

zoo high school is spending the holiday vacation with her parents southwest of the village. Mrs. Ed Lynd and children and Mrs Frank Prindle and children of Char-

lotte were Xmas guests of M. M. Prin dle and wife. Miss Myrtle Green of Grand Rapids has been spending a few days with her

sister, Mrs. Frank Bundy, and friends in the village. R. M. Ferguson of the law firm of Jamison & Ferguson, of Grand Rapids

spent Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Markham of

Big Rapids, are spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McDowell of Leighton. E. J. McNaughton and family of

with Mr. and Mrs. Charles McQueen and other relatives in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lee of Grand

Coopersville, are spending the holidays

fully appreciates what she has done for the school. The lengthy program, well days' visit with his parents, Mr. and larger acheal Mrs. A. T. Mr

Henry Masters and wife are spending the holidays with their sons in Chicago.

W. F. Hicks and daughter, Belle. ϔ϶϶Ϸ϶϶϶϶϶϶϶϶϶϶϶϶϶϶϶϶ were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

I. H. Keeler and family of Owosso, were Christmas guests of his brothers in the village.

Mrs. C. A. Galusha returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit with friends in Grand Rapids.

A. C. Hindman and family of Grand Rapids, are spending the holidays with Mrs. O. L. Parkburst and Dr. L. P. Parkhurst and families.

School begins Monday.

Wednesday's rain spoiled the sleigh

W. J. Hayward has sold his roadster to Del Boyce. The Keeler Brass Co. received a car

oad of coak and one of coal this week. A. Clark & Son have eight car loads of coal on the road, some of which are expected this week. No danger of a coal famine.

Wm. F. Thompson has purchased of the State Bank the Chet Wood farm in Irving township and will occupy it in the pear future.

The postponed annual business meetg and election of officers of Middleville Cornet Band will be held on Tuesof relatives in the Valley City over day evening, Jan. 4. A full attendance is desired.

The Six Nations Medicine Co., left nown Monday after a two weeks' sojourn in the village. They were fairly well patronized and put up a good show for a medicine troop.

Miss Vivian Sprague, aged sixteen, Mr. and Mrs. Grant McKeen of died Tuesday morning of consumption. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church this afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. J. C. Dorris officiating.

> Neighbors and friends to the number of fifty-two gave Wm. McConnella very pleasant surprise Tuesday evening in honor of his 51st birthday. A most bountiful supper was served and general good time enjoyed.

Mrs. H. E. Hendrick served light refreshments to members of the Reading club who met at her home this week Miss Annabell Campbell is spending Wednesday. It was music day with the club and Miss Hazel favored the members with several piano selections.

> A committee appointed by the Anti-Saloon league on Monday called on the president of the village in regard to allowing miners in the saloons, and suid committee was assured that he was desirous of having the law enforced and the matter lies with the

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Keeler on Christmas day was the scene of an unusually pleasant family reunion. The four brothers and their families were all present; also Mrs. K.'s parents, R. E. Combs and wife, and her sister, Mrs. Jennie Griswold, and husband of Lowell.

On Tuesday evening, Ivy Temple lodge elected the following officers: Past Chief-Mrs. Ethel Hendrick. M. E. C.-Mrs. Rose Blake.

E. S.—Mrs. Gertrude Parkhurst. E. J.—Mrs. Kittle Ackerson. M. of T.—Mrs. Estelle Richards. M. of R. & C.—Mrs. Ada Brown. M. of F.-Mrs. Melissa Dietrich. P. of T.-Mrs. Allie Wilkinson. G. of T.-Mrs. Emma Ferguson. Trustee-Mrs. Mary Hanlon.

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Rigid economy in public expenditures is the watch-word on the Repub lican side in Congress. This was the recommendation of President McKin ley's message, and has been re-echoed by Chairman Cannon, of the House Appropriation Committee, and Chair man Dingley, of the Ways and Means Committee, and there is reason to believe that the present Congress will make a record of economy of which members in all parts of the country will have reason to be proud.

The people who were assuming a few days ago that the new tariff law would not probably produce sufficient revenue to meet the running expenses of the government are beginning to change their minds. The present indications are that the December receipts will equal the December expenditures, and the treasury officials estimate a large increase in receipts early in the coming year. There is every reason to believe tat the new law will produce a considerable surplus in the next fiscal year without soy additional tariff legislation.

Notwithstanding the fact that the farmers of the country have disposed of large quantities of wool at greatly increased prices, the manufacturers are still calling for more and are now finding it necessary to send abroad for additions to their stocks, which are already running low. The great reduction in the number of sheep in the country which resulted from free trade makes it necessary for the manufacturers to draw a large amount of wool from abroad until the farmers are able to bring their flocks back to the conditions which existed under the protective tariff.

President McKinley's dignified and forceful utterances on the Cuban question continues to receive the commendations of the country. The splendid progress made by his administration in Cuban matters, not only in the release of all Americans confined in Cuban prisons when he came into office, but also the change in the attitude of the Spanish government toward the people of Cuba since the views of the administration have been expressed on the subj ct, have apparently shown to the people of the United States the wisdom of a course which combines conservatism with humanity.

LITERARY NOTES

Mrs. McKinley in a new portrait, seated in a luxurious chair in the White House conservatory, makes a striking cover to the January Ladies' Home Journal. It is also appropriate, as John Philip Sousa's new composition, "The Lady of the White House," which the wife of the president permitted "The March King" to dedicate to her, is given publicity for the first time in this number. On sale at the News Stand.

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for ceffee for breakfast that the meal! seems flat and unsavory without it; but the muddy complexion which is almost a sure accompaniment, is a great trial, and the question is seriously discussed many and many times over in one's mind, whether it is possible to give over the coffee and gradually get back the lost complexion, or keep on with the coffee and get on with the bad skin and make the best of it.

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Reading club meets with Mrs. Johnson, Wednesday, Jan 5, at 2:30 p.m. Program for the afternoon:

Responses—Ralph Waldo Emerson.
Biography Mrs. G. L. Keeler
Spelling Mrs. M. S. Keeler
Roman Elistory Class
Questions on History Miss Moc
Current Events Mrs. Armstrong

CHURCH SERVICES.

Rev. J. S Boyden will preach in the Baptist church morning and evening Sunday, Jan. 9. Offering for foreign missions will be taken in the morning.

At the meeting of the Enworth League Jan. 2 the officers-elect will be installed. The meeting will be at 7 p. m. led by C. N. Webb. Topic, "Occupation for the New Year." Prov. xi:30:

Evangelical church Leighton, P. Scheurer, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. The above services are German. Young people's services every Sunday evening in the English language. English preaching first Sunday evening of each mouth. language.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pasor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Topic for morning "In the Shadow of God's Hand." Bible school at the close of morning service. B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m. Subject, "Self Restraint for Others." I Cor. viii:9-13. Leader, W. E. Keeler. The week of prayer will be observed in the Baptist church beginning with Sunday part. ning with Sunday next. Regular covenant meeting Saturday at the usual hour, 2 p. m. All are welcome. Re-vival service Sunday ovening.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "A Guide for the New Year." Communion and reception of members. Evening subject, "Equipments for the New Year," Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Subject, "How Shall We Pray?" Y. P. S. ject, "How Shall We Pray?" Y. F. S. C. E. 6 p. m. Subject, "How to Pray."

The week of prayer will be observed.

Service each night during the week at

M. E. couren, J. C. Dorris, pastor. The usual services at 10:30 a. m. Sabbath school following the morning service. Junior Epworth League at 2:30 at the church parlors. There will be a public installation of the officers of the Epworth League on Sunday evening at the church parlors. The usual prevent meeting of the Epworth League on Sunday evening at the church parlors. The usual prevent meeting of the Epworth League on Sunday evening at the church parlors. M. E. church, J. C. Dorris, pastor. 7 o'clock. The usual prayer meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. Revival meet-ings begin at the county line church Sunday, Jan. 2, at 7 p. m.; at Middle-ville Jan. 22, 1898. All are welcomed

to these services. CONGREGATIONAL AID SOCIETY.

The Congregational Aid society will meet in the church parlors, Friday, January 7. Business meeting promptly at 3 o'clock. Tea served from 5 to 7 by Mrs. P. H. Richards, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Ap-

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J. W. Briggs, who has been ill so ong, is improving.

The Christmas program and tree was grand success and all mada happy. Eugene Davis of Hart, spent Christ-

mas with his cousin, I. N. Hubbard, Horace Trask was shaking hands with old friends last week.

Ben Wing of Orangeville, agent for the Banner and many other papers. was among us one day last week.

EAST CALEBONIA.

A happy New Year to all.

Christmas was very quiet here Most of us staid at home and enjoyed

Santa Claus passed over this neighborhood and filled the little ones' stockings with toys, candies, etc.

Those who are attending school at Clarksville and spent the holidays at home are Miss Edna Rathbun, Berna Winks and John Winks.

Miss Edna Rathbun spent Saturday with her friend, Nellie Carter of La Barge. A sleigh load of young people from

this vicinity attended the Christmas exercises in Bowne Center. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rathbun spent

Christmas in Whitneyville with the latter's brother, Mr. Streeter. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Proctor spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. H.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Teeple of Grand Rapids, are spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs William Schrader.

McNeil of Dutton.

Frank Rathbun was in Freeport last Thursday. Charles Sanborn and Stephen Proc-

tor were in Middleville one day last week. Miss Flora Hamlin intends spending

the week in Sparta visiting friends and relatives. The Ladies' Aid will hold an all day social in the M. E. church of this place, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1898. A cordial

invitation is extended to all and hope the members will come, as they wish The Epworth League will have a

literary program Friday eve., Dec. 31, 1897, and the cabinet to choose its own committees. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brower of Cale-

sister Mrs. Lewis Smith. Mrs. Lewis Smith who has been quite sick, is still improving.

Alas! For the person who is always telling what he would do if he was some one else, and never does anything himself.

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Fourth Vice-Pres.—Willie Mitchell. Secretary—Dora Archart. Treasurer—Will Travis. Organist—Nellie DeYoung. Assistant Organist—Flora Trego.

Miss Flora Trego entertained company from Carlton Sunday.

Messrs, F. Roberts, J. Trego, Bernie Walker, B. Roberts, Maurice Coulter, Mesdames Cobb, Walker, Trego, Roberts were from this place at quarterly meeting at Irving Sunday.

Old Santa with his Christmas tree visited the Wood and Powers schools room for the exposition. Young & and brought much merriment to chil-

> Etta Hubbard was home from Grand Rapids Christmas. Allen Matthews is home from the

Rapids.

the first of the week. Mrs. Whitlock of Barryville is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sutherland.

Dilla and Marion Chatfield visited at Mr. Archart's the first of the week and cough medicine is liable to result in attended League here Sunday evening. Chas. Sylvester and Mrs. R. Brown of Irving attended church here Sunday. Grace Zerbe entertained company

Christmas. A good lot of us attended Christasm exercises at Irving Friday evening.

BUY FURNITURE NOW.

After January 1 it will be higher. Have everaged is Chamberlain's gain corns, and an skill eruptions, and post-Baim, and I say so after having used in fively cures piles or no pay required. This is a sale to move goods to make some who have weak lungs or have reached to give perfect satisticures rheumatism, lame back, sprains faction or money refunded. Price 25 and swellings. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

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DUNCAN LAKE.

Dec. 28-Allan Bechtel has gone to Lakeview and Wheeler, Mich., Visiting

Moses Bechtel and family, also Mrs Freshney, were the guests of Mrs. D Bechtel Sunday.

Our school has a vacation until after

Esq. Freeland and Emma Long vis-

ted the Duncan lake school last Friday p. m.; also Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mor-

Will Steeby and Zella Thaler made a pleasant call on Mr. Andler's people Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Andler spent Christmas with Cnas. Finkbeiner's people in Leighton. The young people of Shiloh had a

shoir meeting at Arthur Baird's, Sun luy, followed by a sleigh ride.

Mort Freshney is working for Allan Bechtel. Chas. Pike has added a grocery store

to his mill. He sells cheaper than the the apest. No need of going to Grand

YANKEE SPRINGS. Dec. 28-Elder McCreery and family

are entertaining relatives from Fitchburg, Mich. J. N. Stuart and family were guests

if Mark Bugbee's people Sunday. R. Williams and family were guests of J. M. Burpee and wife Sunday.

Harvey Count was in the Valley City last week. Mrs. J. R. Baker is reported very sick

A. M. Stocking and wife are visiting relatives here. Elam Springer and wife were guest-

of J. P. Springer and family Xmas. Chas. Burpse went to Grand Rapid-Monday. C. M. Smith's house came near burn-

ing up Tuesday. It is reported that Rob McKibbin's house was broken into one night last

John Tinker moved his family west of Bowen's Mills Friday last. Mrs. H. D. Norris has been quite sick

but is better at this writing. FOR SALE-Cutter, sleigh and other

farming tools that can be bought at a bargain. Inquire at this office. 52-2

Glasses fitted and diseases of the eye treated by Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Those persons who stole my turkeys to elect the officers for the ensuing Thursday night, Dec. 23, had better bring them back, for you are known and it will save you cost. E. J. TOBEY

> FOR SALE-Mammoth bronze tur keys from 40-pound stock. Nice young toms that weigh 25 to 30 pounds; young hens 15 to 20 pounds. S. J. WEBER.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25cd

ALMOST ANY PRICE. Furniture samples being slaughtered until January 1. Make us a fair offer and watch us. Young & Chaffee, 94-100

After hearing some friends contin-ually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoa Remedy, Curtis Fleck of Anaheim, California, pur chased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderthan ours. The manufacturers insist ful work as anyone can be. The 25 and on our selling. You get the benefit at 0 cent sizes for sale by J. W. Arm

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THE SURPRISE OF ALL.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking cited to appear before the court of high of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that commission. She faucied that she was last winter his wife was attacked with la grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into hasty consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store. and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozon dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Dis-covery for consumption coughs and Several of our teachers attended state teachers' association at Lausing Nelson Abbott's drug store.

> HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA. At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if let to run its course without the aid of some reliable that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a tire satisfaction .- Oolagah, Ind. Ter.,

to be a certain preventive of pneumo-

AUDACIOUS KISSANE,

the Rogue and Forger Was a Typical Soldier of Fortune. The hero of the following story, Kisman in Cincinnati.

me, had been a prominent business He was tried with others and acquitted on the charge or burning the steamboat Martha Washington to secure insurance, and afterward was sent to the penitentiary for a large bank forgery: Into the Walker Nicaragua expedi-

tion, made up for the most part of "men of strong character, tired of the humdrum of common life and ready for a eareer which might bring them the sweets of adventure or the rewards of fame," Kissane now, on coming out or the penitentiary, threw himself with all the abandon of his daring nature. He arrived at Nicaragua Feb. 1, 1856. Under an assumed name he was soon appointed and commissioned assistant commanding general, with the rank of major, and ordered to take charge of the commissariat of the army. He showed such ability that Walker soon promoted him. For eight or nine months he had the entire finances of the country in his hands, and but for his careful manage ment the filibustering scheme, it is conceded, would have met an earlier de-When General Walker marched to

Rivas, he left Granada in charge of Kissane. The latter made sudden sallies on the neighboring haciendas, and, capturing the wives and daughters of prominent Nicaraguans, held them as hos tages to be exchanged for money or provisions. He is reputed to have made a fortune in the sale of confiscated haciendas and vouchers. Under his direction cathedrals and convents and private dwellings were pillaged of gold, silver and jewels. The plunder, which filled six large cedar chests, was melted. packed in small bulk and shipped to New Orleans. Robed in priestly vestments and carrying the holy eucharist, Kissane led a triumphant procession through the streets of Granada. His audacity and bravery won him devoted followers. Few, if any, of his companions in arms suspected his early history. Nevertheless the tropics did not shield him wholly from memory of the past. Recognizing in one of the youthful followers of the army the son of a man who had testified against him in the Martha Wasnington case, Kissane had the young man arrested on some trumped up charge and shot down in cold blood.

At the collapse of the expedition Kissane caused to be published in the papers accounts of the heroic death of himself under his new name. Meanwhile he escaped from the country to Panama on board the United States sloop of war St. Mary's, Captain Davis. -Lida Rose McCube in McClure's.

Bret Harte's "Overland" Enemy.

In The Atlantic Monthly Mr. Charles Warren Stoddard, describing the appearance of Bret Harte's "The Luck of Roaring Camp," explains the story of the woman who was opposed to its publication. There have been many renderings of this incident. Mr. Stoddard's version is unquestionably the correct

In the August number of The Overland Monthly (1868) appeared "The Luck of Roaring Camp." If Mr. Harte had been in doubt as to his vocation before, that doubt was now dispelled forever. Never was a more emphatic or unquestionable literary success. That success began in the composing room when # female compositor revolted at the unaccustomed combination of mental force, virility and originality. No doubt it was all very sudden and unexpected. It shook the editorial and composing rooms, the business office and a limited number of worthy people who had seen "The Luck" in manuscript a they had never been shaken save by the notorious Californian earthquake. The climax was precipitated when the justly indignant editor, whose motives, liter ary judgment and good taste had been Roaring Camp' should appear in the very next number of The Overlan-Monthly or he would resign his office Wisdom finally prevailed, the article appeared, The Overland's success was

assured, and its editor was famous.

A Prophetess Confounded. One of the most diverting tales told in connection with the art of anagram making relates to a certain Dame Eleanor Davies, wife of Sir Joshua Davies. says a writer in Lippincott's Magazine. She lived in the time of Charles I and was a constant croaker and foreteller of evil. At length she made herself so obnoxions to the government that she was commission. She faucied that she was gifted with prophetic powers, because the letters of Eleanor Davies formed the anagram "Reveal, O Daniel." This was not a good anagram, as it used the "1" twice and did not employ the "s" at all

She resisted all the efforts of the bishops to bring her to reason, but was at last entirely defeated by a witty dean, who hoisted her with her own petard by making another anagram, not so complimentary to her prophetic insight, "Dame Eleanor Davies—never so mad a ladie!" This caused her to doubt the reality of her own inspiration, and so utterly disconcerted her that no more was heard of her.

The Reason Why. A lady happened to remark to an ath-

letic friend that it was very strange that most of the bad bicycling accidents cough or cold than Chamberlain's seemed to happen to women—and could Cough Remedy. We have used it quite he account for it—were they more extensively and it has always given en
"foolhardy?" "Not at all," he replied. "The real reason is, I think, that women cannot juage distances. Now, from his earliest youth up a boy is trained Sent. It is just the want of a trained eye that does the mischief."-Philadel-

esc, namely, a receptacte for the urine. est as such it is not liable to any form disease except by one of two ways. the first way is from imperfect actions the kidneys. The second way is from the less local treatment of other dis-

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kid-eys is the chief cause of bladder troub-So the womb, like the bladder, was cated for one purpose, and if not doc-ed too much is not liable to weakness onsease, except in rare cases. It is ituated back of and very close to the eadder, therefore any pain, disease or nconvenience manifested in the kidoften, by mistake, attributed to ferale weakness or womb trouble of some ort. The error is easily made and may eas easily avoided. To find out corectly, set your urine aside for twenty-ur hours; a sediment or settling indiates kidney or bladder trouble. The ild and the extraordinary effect of or Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great liney and bladder remedy is soon calized. If you need a medicine you bould have the best. At druggists my cents and one dollar. You may ave a sample bottle and pamphlet both on tree by mail. Mention THE MID-ELEVILLE SUN and send your address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghanton, N.
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Ottawa, Gaand Rapids.

Dec. 27—The new officers in Epworth box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits.

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This is the only remedy that is known nia. Among the many thousands who through his games to accurately meashave used it for colds and la grippe we ure yards and feet. You will see a have never yet learned of a single case woman rush in between two carts where After January 1 it will be higher. having resulted in pneumonia. Per- a man could tell you to a certainty that This is a sale to move goods to make sons who have weak lungs or have rea- it would be impossible to avoid an acci-

OPEN AIR CONGREGATION WHICH THEY VOLUNTARILY JOINED

ieme of Them Brought Their Babies With Them and Boxed Their Ears When They Showed Signs of Levity-Experience of Missionaries In India.

The most singular audience that I ever saw gathered to listen to preaching was an audience of monkeys, says an India correspondent of the Boston Gold-

When I commenced work in the region which I have now occupied for more than 80 years, I asked two fellow missionaries to join me in a preaching tour in the adjacent taluk, or county. We first went with three native assistants to the taluk town, or county seat. Our tents were pitched in a grove adjoining the town. We usually on our tours went two and two to preach in the villages; but, this being the taluk town, and the first of our preaching the gospel in that region, we went in a body into the native city.

Walking through the cloth, spice, grain and iron merchants' bazaar streets, and then through the goldsmiths and silversmiths' street, around through the temple street, and then through the street of Brahman residences, to advertise our presence and incite curiosity to know what we were about, we finally took our stand in the Brahman street. and all joined in singing one of the beautiful Telugu Christian lyrics and gathered an audience of interested lis-

We stood upon a little raised platform on one side of the street against the house walls. The houses were all of one story, joined together like a city block, with flat roofs and a low parapet along the front of the roof. One of our native assistants read a portion from the gospels, and another preached briefly; then one of my fellow missionaries followed, preaching more at length, while I watched the audience, to study the countenances of the people among whom I expected to work

I had noticed that behind the houses on the opposite side of the street there was a long row of trees growing in their back yards, the branches of which stretched out over the flat roofs.

Chancing to raise my eyes, I noticed many branches of these trees beginning to bend downward toward the roofs and saw the faces of some old jack monkeys peering out through the foliage. Soon some of them jumped down and came forward to see what their "big brothers' in the street were about, as they stood gazing so intently at these white men standing on the platform. Springing upon the parapet, they seated themselves, with their hind feet hanging over in front, and gazing with fixedness at the preacher, as they saw the people in the street doing.

Other monkeys followed, until there was a long row of them thus seated on the parapet. The late comers I could see walking along behind the parapet, looking for a place wide enough to get a seat. Failing to find a wide snough place between two already seated monkeys, they would put up their hands, and, pushing each one sidewise, would seem to be saying, "Sit along a little. please, and give a fellow a seat," until the "bench" was crowded.

The audience in the street, standing with their backs toward that row of houses, did not notice the monkeys, and so their attention was not distracted by

I had noticed that many mother monkeys had brought their babies to church with them. These little baby monkeys sat upon the thigh of the mother, while her hand was placed around them in a very human fashion, but the sermon was evidently too high for these little folks to comprehend. Glancing up, I saw one of the little monkeys cautiously reach his hand around, and, catching hold of another baby monkey's tail. give it a pull. The other little monkey struck back, but each mother monkey ewidently disapproved of this levity in church, and each gave its own baby a bos on the ears, as though saying: "Sit down! Don't you know how to behave in church?" The little monkeys, thus seprimanded, turned the most solemn faces toward the preacher and seemed to listen intently to what he was saying.

With the exception of a monkey now and then trying to catch a flea that was biting him in some tender spot, they thus sat demurely until the preacher anished his sermon and until we had distributed gospels and tracts among the audience and had started for our tents.

Our "celestial audience," seeing our "terrestrial audience" dispersing, then, and not until then, left their seats and demurely walked back and sprang upon the branches again. There were no "monkey capers" as they went. They were as serious as a congregation leaving a church and sat upon the branches m a meditative mood as though thinking over what they had heard the preach. er say. And thus we left our unique monkey audience.

A Village Under One Rosa Most of the large towns in France contain workmen's model dwellings or tenement houses, which have been digmified with the picturesque appellation of barracks, but pone of these has atmined to the colossal proportions of the "Freihaus," situated at Wielden, a suberb of Vienna. This building has 18 courtyards and accommodates 2,112 persons belonging to all classes of society. One postman is specially appointed to deliver letters to the inmates, whose correspondents have to be careful to put on the cover not merely the Christian name and surname of the addresses, but the number of the yard, the staircase and the flat, if they want the letter to reach its destination.

The Visigoths in Spain, from Alaric, in 383 A. D., to Roderio, in 709, had 164 kings.

From Washington to Timbuktu, by land and sea, the distance is \$,895 miles.

"There it is again," groaned Chumpley. "This time he's arrested for blowing a safe. That fellow's making life a long and dismal nightmare for me."

'What is it this time?'' 'Same as it's been half a dozen other times-R. H. Chumpley caught in an- Plate. In the second, the New Zeaother desperate crime; my name, my lander feeds his stock during the winter initials. I'll bet there are thousands of time with extra forage, while in the ing up mine. Every once in awhile I pick up a paper to read that I've whipped my wife, though I never had such an that the New Zealander produces an article; raised a check, beaten a hotel, even, well grown carcass, while there stolen a bicycle or committed a bur-

"But no one will suspect you." "They won't? I have a barrel of letlabor with me, lawyers offer to defend me, women roast me to a turn and ker. Thirdly, the freezer in New Zeacrooks want to enter into partnership land freezes the mutton on account of with me. I have had some of the worst the breeder, and in the Argentine the pugs you ever saw call upon me with a view to doing business.

making me desperate. I've always led a ent. The New Zealand breeder selects bobbing up continually is enough to drive a man crazy,"

yours if a crown went with it. It's just and takes every care that they shall aras suggestive as Greenhorn would be. Every one who hears it thinks of a chump. Have it changed and thank your lucky stars that some one else stole it."

Changing Silver Into Gold.

Professor Emmons, one of the most skilled metallurgists in the country, claims that in the reduction of silver the molecules are so subdivided as to differ so materially from that metal that they can no longer be regarded as the same substance, but a new one and apparently the parent of both gold and silver, or the raw material out of which by a different arrangement of molecules either gold or silver is constructed. Working on this theory, he fluds that this new metallic substance can be aggregated into molecules of greater density than silver and precisely corresponding with gold in color, in weight, so as to answer to every test of the United States mint as gold. In fact, he says it is gold, though manufactured from silver, of as much purity and value as that ever obtained in any other way With further experiments on a large scale he expects that the process of manufacturing gold from silver will be very materially cheapened. At present he gets about four ounces of gold from six of silver. This would seem to indicate that the present number of elements as well as our chemistry of metal: would have to be revised if Professor farmons is not mistaken in harexperiments. —Jewelers'

Brazil's Jungles,

Brazil are masses of vegetation so dense that it is pract cally impossible to penetrate them Swain and has party, when crossing the ustamus of Darian, labored hard with their hatchets and macheses the whole of one day and achieved but half a mile in many parts of Central America the undergrowth renews itself so rapidly that it is almost impossible to keep a road open through it. In one instance, in Houduras, a road 16 feet wide was made by engineers and laborers through a jungle, the underbrush and vines being cut away even with the ground. Two weeks later, returning to complete the work by laying stones on the roadbed, they could not find the road, the vines having completely filled the vacant space.

A Last Resort For Dinner.

For sheer originality in matters of food I commend the following directions, which one of the Parising papers gave to its subscribers. The supplies were getting lower and lower in the would not bite, so the anglers took to sharp—as sharp as a needle at the cutor. The banjo and the guitar and the and a large hook. Bait with talles and penetrate the nose of a dog or the clothgently agitate the rod. In a few minutes a rat will come and smell the gavory morsel. It will be some time before is conning. When he does, leave him with one end and letting go with the five minutes to meditate on it, then pull strongly and steadily. He will make convulsive jumps, but be calm and do not let his excitement gain on you. Draw him up, et voila votre diner."-London News.

A New Danger to Firemen.

At a recent fire in the basement of a Chicago electric power house the firemen had great trouble in getting at the blaze. They had to chop holes in the floor of the dynamo room before they could get a stream an the plazing pile of waste. Not waiting for the dynamos to be shut down, they crept through the black smoke and turned a stream on the fiames. In an instant they were flung to the ground with great violence, and pence?" the hose was sent flying into the air. A heavy current had passed along the stream and had shocked them. Though unconscious when rescued, they quickly recovered. - Electrical Review.

The Scientific Mind,

At the Vagabonds' dinner Sir John Robinson said he remembered in 1870, when the air was full of war and the news intelligence thrilling, he met a man of science who asked, "My dear fellow, when are you going to give us something of interest in the papers—something about sun spots?" This was not a scientific joke, Sir John assured his andience, but an actual symptom of that man's mental condition. Westminster Gazette.

Mud wasps manifest great ingenuity not only in building their nests, but in placing them in localities where they will not be injured by rain or predacious

For over 400 years every Parthian i tion to his own.

French Muiton The reason why Argentine mutton

generally is of inferior price to that of New Zealary has a threefold explanation. In the first place, New Zealand possesses today a mutton producing breed superior to that grown in the people using that man's record in mak- Argentine the sheep are allowed to graze upon the same bare pampas during the dead season. The result of this is is sent home from the Plate one upon which a hasty covering of fat has been put during the spring months of the year. The difference between the two ters referring to the matter. Ministers carcasses will readily be noted by any one who pays a visit to the cattle marfreezer buys from the breeder. .The disadvantage of the latter system, so long "It doesn't seem possible." as the breeder has no knowledge of the "I tell you it's right. The thing's requirements of the market, is apparas the breeder has no knowledge of the respectable life, and to have this bugbear his wethers with care, rejecting any which will give an inferior weight or which is insufficiently fattened for the "I believe it's providential, Chump- butcher. He remits them in small I wouldn't accept that name of droves to the freezing establishments rive in perfect order. The Argentine breeder, on the other hand, makes a contract with the representative of the freezer to sell a given number, and the latter binds himself to remove them within a certain date. - New York

The Mother of Seven Soldiers.

the queen with the fact that Mrs. Keweth of Garrow, St. Bernard, Cornwall, was the mother of seven sons, all in the army, her majesty caused the following letter to be written to Colonel Knox: "Her majesty considers that the fact of seven sons of one family serving in the army, all with exemplary characters, reflects infinite credit on themselves and on the parents who have brought them up. The queen desires that you will congratulate Mrs. Keveth, give her the £10 and framed print of her majesty, which I send herewith, and tell her how glad the queen is to think of this fine example of good and honerable service to their sowereign and country from the majesty has kept the photograph of Mrs. Keveth which you sent me and as \$2 a month. A very good instru-yould be glad to have one of the seven ment can be had for \$3. And these brothers in a group, but if this cannot be obtained, of each separately." The photographs have been framed together in an oval frame, that of Mrs. Keveth being in the middle, and sent to the queen. - London Graphic.

Unpublished Calhoun Letters.

A kinsman of John C. Calhoun, who The jungles of Cent of America and has recently visited the old homestead in South Carolina, says he found there nearly 8,000 unpublished letters of the South Carolina statesman. He quotes one written to Mrs. Clemson, his daughter, March 7, 1848, she being in Belgium at the time in which Calboun wrote: 'I hold the duties of life to be greater than life itself, and in performing them manfully and against hope our labor is not lost, but will be productive of good in after time. Indeed, I regard this life very much as a struggle against evil and that to him who acts on proper principle the reward is in the struggla more than in the victory itself, aithough that greatly enhances it. So strong is my faith in this belief, my dear daughter, that no appreciation either by the present or after time is necessary to sustain me in struggling to do my duty in resisting wrong, especially where my country is concerned, although I put high value on renown.

Porcupine Doesn't Throw His Quills.

the sewers. "Take a long, strong line end. At almost the slightest touch they ing or flesh of a person touching the porcupine and stick there, coming away. from the animal without any pull being he decides to swallow it, for his nature required. The facility in catching held other has cometimes caused people to think that the spines had been thrown at them. The outer end of the spines, for some distance down, is covered with small barbs. These barbs cause a sping once imbedded in a living animal to keep working farther in with every movement of the muscles, so that it is not a pleasant thing to get stuck full of them .- Portland Oregonian.

His Fatal Error,

Scene—The bar parlor of the Prince George, Brighton. Pipes and beer all around. An old salt saying:

"I've got a riddle to ask you chaps. If a 'erring and a 'alf cost three farthings, 'ow mony could you buy for six-

Profound silence and much puffing of pipes. Presently a voice from the cor-

"I say, Bill, did you say 'errings?" "Yes, I said 'errings."

"Drat it, I've been a-reckonin of mackerel all this 'ere time." London Black and White.

Beneath Him. "I didn't potice them at all. I don't care what they do."

11No9'1 "No. They are beneath me," "Yes?"

"Yes. If their flat was above me, of course it would be different," There was reason in all things, not even excluding an apartment house. Detroit Tribune.

In all countries in Europe a man is not permitted to become naturalized unless he can show that he is both respectable and moral; that he has resided in the land of his adoption a certain number of years, and that he is ready to reking bore the name of Arsaces in addi- nounce the country of his birth-his native land.

MISSIONARIES AND HEATHEN. Reason Why the Former Are Fallures in Many Instances.

The failure of the English protestant refindementes in West Africa to recognine the riff rence between the minds of the Africans and their own and heir amount to regard the African minds as so many jugs which have only to be empried of the stuff which is in them and refilled with the particular form of doctrine they, the missionaries, are engaged in teaching is certainly one among several causes of the mission failules, and it works in very vamons ways-by eliminating those parts of the fetich that were a wholesome restraint and putting in their place the luctrine of the forgiveness of sin by Calls of repentance, etc., says the National Review. This part of Christian doctrine the negroes are very de-

I have tackled several mission-traind men and woman and asked them now they reconciled it to themselves to go on in the way they were doing, openly contrary to the teaching they had received. What they say I will not write down. I should prefer to give a verbatim report of the observations of a sea captain when the steering gear has broken down, but it amounts to the statement that they know they are doing wrong but they intend to repent in time. Cant you cannot call it, because they quite believe it; several times I have been in tight places with backsliders and they have turned their entire attention to this repentance, pouring out full confessions of their inquitles, instead of lending a hand that would save their lives. The popularity When Colonel Knox of the Duke of of a (to me) very unpleasant little hymn Cornwall's light infantry acquainted on the acuthwest coast, that has a chorus of

"A little talk with Jesus Makes it right, All right,"

demonstrates their view of the affair -no doubt sound doctrine but bad for negro morals in this world.

PASSING OF THE PIANO.

Modern Flat Life H s Relegated It to

the Rear. You can rent a plane now in New York cheaper than you can rent a typewriter, says the New York Herald. Either there is a greater surplus of pianos than usual or there is a marked sons of a single Cornish family. Her falling off in the demand. Maybe is both. You can get a plane as low prices can be applied on the purchase of a new one. A typewriter secondhand at that will cost you \$5 a month. Is there any significance in this? Have women begun to give up the piano for the typewriter? The latter can be bought new for from \$85 to \$125. while the plane comes at from \$500 to \$1,000. On the basis of the typewriter the plane ought to rent for at least piano the typewriter ought to rent \$25 a menth. On the basis of the for 50 cents a month. The piano has unquestionably met with severe setbacks recently. Not only has the typewriter opened a more useful field for young women than was before offered by the plano, and consequently withdrawn many of the sex from the career ornamental; it has been supplemented by the increasing mania for out-ofdoor sports. Instead of sitting down and twisting a prano stool, as was the custem of her sisterhood a generation or so ago, the modern young woman mounts her wheel and takes a spin in

the park and the risk of arrest for scorching on the boulevard. Flat life is death to the plane. The limited space forbids a musical instrument that encroaches so materially on the necessities of the family and which makes as much noise as a brass band, Besides, the courts have interdicted the piane in flat life. It has been legally decided a nuisance. Complaint anywhere is The spines are very loosely attached a nuisance. Complaint anywhere is the porcupine, and they are very immediately followed by suppression. plaintive mandolin ornament the little flat parlor.

The Air Bath. The air bath, as Dr. Franklin calls it, is exceedingly salutary to every one in health, and to almost every invalid If the whole skin may be considered a breathing organ, then should it not only be kept clean, but for its own health and vigor of the whole system, it should be permitted to receive the full and free embraces of the pure abat least twice in twenty-four hours. Every morning and evening the whole body may be exposed freely to the air. and the skin exercised with the fiesh brush, a coarse towel, or with the hand; and five or ten minutes spent to such exposure and exercise in the morning will prove very salutary to every one who is not too far gone in disease to bear it.

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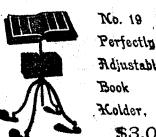
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You know we added some new departments to our business this winter and they have proved easy winners. We simply bought the best goods obtainable and marked them at lower prices than had been offered you before. You made money on the deal and so did we. That was easy. Now we contemplate the addition of other lines between now and spring and we now pledge you the same treatment on them that we have given you on the others. Consequently we wish to make some changes in the store, and while making the changes the less goods we have on hand in our way the better it will please us. So we are going to unload every dollar's worth that we possibly can in the ne

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Peary's Arctic Plans.

Lieut. Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, who returned from England on the St. Paul, immediately upon his arrival in New York took a train for Washington. Lieut. Peary is enthusiastic over his reception in England, the gift to him by Alfred C. Harmsworth, a wealthy Englishman, of the Windward, a fine ship, which the explorer will use in his next trip to the Arctic regions. Mr. Harmsworth also furnished funds for the expe dition. Lieut. Peary said that the Wind ward would be sent to New York early in the spring, and that he would start north in the latter part of July. Lieut. Peary is about to finish the work on his narra-tive, which is in the publishers' hands.

HEAVIEST FOR YEARS.

This Year's Holiday Trade Has Been the

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says that the weekly reports show a remarkably large holiday trade, at many points the largest for five years. Moreover, at the season when wholesale business usually shrinks, the pressure of demands for immediate deliveries, which results from unprecedented distribution to consumers, keeps many establishments at work which usually begin their yearly rest spell somewhat earlier. Instead of decreasing, the demand for products shows an unexpected increase in several important branches. Foreign trade continues satisfactory, the review says, even in comparison with the remarkable record of a year ago, when exports exceeded \$117,000,000 in December. Bank failures at Philadelphia, due to individual operations, cause no disturbance, and commercial failures for the month have been less than half last year's to the same date.

NOT SO FREE AFTER ALL.

Secretary Chamberlain Demonstrates the Power of Great Britain.

Postmaster General Mulock's announcement that after Jan. 1 letters could be forwarded from the Dominion to all parts of England for 3 cents has been withdrawn. Mr. Mulock took this step without consulting Great Britain. Now, Secretary Chamberlain has informed the governor general that her majesty's Government could not allow Canada to pursue the course indicated by Mr. Mulock. Consequently, although much humiliated by such rebuke, Mr. Mulock was forced to drop the scheme.

Pulled All the Spikes Out.

Unknown miscreants attempted wreck Burlington train No. 2, from Omaha, between Thayer, Iowa, and Murray. The engine alone left the track. Upon examination it was found that the spikes had been pulled out of the ties for three rail lengths. The company has offered a \$300 reward.

Must Equip Within Two Years.

The interstate commerce commission has issued a circular to the railroads promulgating the order extending for two years the time within which the railroads shall equip their cars and engines with automatic couplers and driving brakes.

Sets an Ex-Banker Free.

William E. Burr, Jr., ex-cashier of the St. Louis National Bank, now serving a sentence of five years at the Jefferson City State penitentiary for the embezzlement of \$20,000, has been pardoned by President McKinley.

To Raise Wages in Alabama.

Virginia and Alabama Coal Company, employing about 1,200 coal miners in Walker County, Ala., announced that Jan. 1 they would advance wages from 60 to 70 cents a ton.

Skaters Lose Their Lives.

While skating at Rifton, N. Y., on Walkhill Creek, Miss Mary V. Van Barber, aged 23, broke through the ice. Edward McMichael went to her rescue, but the ice broke under him. Both were drowned.

Twenty-nine Persons Hurt.

Twenty-nine persons were injured and \$225,000 worth of property destroyed in a fire at 104 and 106 Madison street, Chicago. The blaze was started by an explosion of natural gas in Tosetti's restau-

Tom Paine's Farm Is Sold

Tom Paine's old farm, near New Ro chelle. N. Y., has been sold to a New York syndicate for \$200,000 for a cemetery. The farm contains 300 acres. Here the famous infidel has his tomb.

Award to Behring Sealers.

Behring Sea sealers have been awarded

\$464,000 by the arbitrators appointed by the United States and Canada as damages for the seizure of their vessels by United States cutters. Acetylene Kills Two.

A succession of explosions at the United States Acetylene Liquefying Company in Jersey City caused the loss of two lives and \$20,000 damages to the works.

Mine Workers Will Meet,

A call has been issued for the ninth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America to meet in Columbus. O. Jan. 11, 1898.

Burning of an Historic Building, The Chicago Coliseum, the largest exhibition building in the world, burned to the ground in less than an hour the other evening. Cause of the fire is not positively The loss is about \$700,000. was in this building that Wm. J. Bryan was nominated for the Presidency in 1896.

Pitcher Nichols Sued for \$10,000. Charley Nichols, Boston's crack base

ball pitcher, who, with his brothers, owns a laundry in Kansas City, has been sued The total registration at Harvard this year is 3,821 students, against 3.674 last for \$10,000 damages by Edna E. Weaver, an employe, who lost an arm in a mangle.

CEDE KASSALA TO BRITAIN.

Parsons Pasha Reaches the Egyptian Oity to Formally Accept the Transfer. Parsons Pasha and other officers have arrived at Kassala to arrange to take over

as it was to Italy's interest to fulfill

claims to Great Britain's friendship, which, it is understood, called for the

holding of Kassala by Italian troops, but

even then it was believed Italy would

hold the place only temporarily. Since that time events have caused the prac-

tical abandonment of Italy's colonization

schemes in Africa, and Kassala, there-

FREIGHT TRAIN RUNS WILD.

Goes Down a Mountain at a Mile a Minute

A freight train of thirty-one loaded cars,

going down the mountain to Altoona, Pa, became unmanageable in consequence of the slippery condition of the tracks, and

made the twelve miles from Galitz to Al-

toons in as many minutes, and crashed

into a freight train in the yards, directly

in front of the passenger station. About

fifty cars were completely broken up, and the Hollidaysburg passenger train, which

was standing on the track outside the pas-

senger shed, was thrown over on its side.

The engineer and fireman of the runaway

train were helped from the cab of the

wrecked locomotive, and both were able to walk away. Three other trainmen were

taken to the hospital. One of them is said to be fatally injured. A brakeman

Want Tribal Courts Restored

Trouble in Indian territory is expected

by the commissioner of Indian affairs and

by others in Washington who are famil-

iar with the condition of affairs prevail-

will be abolished by an act passed at the

last session of Congress and the United

States Courts given full jurisdiction over the territory. In many quarters the offi-cers of the Indian courts have declared that they will forcibly resist all efforts to

prevent them doing business, while the

United States marshals have given notice

that any tribal courts attempting to sit

will be broken up and those assuming to

conduct them will be arrested. A delega-

tion of eight Cherokees, seven of them full-bloods, is now in Washington. A

few days ago they presented a memorial

to Congress asking that the law be re-

scinded, but Congress has now adjourned

without action, and when it again con-

venes the Indian courts will be out of ex-

istence. Meanwhile the sub-committee

of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs appointed to consider the problems

presented in Indian territory has practi-

cally decided to recommend amendments

to the present law providing for the ap-portionment of all lands held by the five

civilized tribes among the members of

these tribes, and also an amendment pro-

viding that all valid leases shall be recog-

nized by the Government of the United

States and the money paid on account of

them covered into the treasury of the

United States for the benefit of the vari-

sion has reported its failure to come to

Need the Nicaraguan Canal.

A matter which is troubling the people

at Washington who are interested in the

general commercial prosperity of the United States is the large falling off in

our trade with South America. Both imports and exports have greatly decreased. Imports fell from \$108,828,462 in 1896 to \$107,389,009 in 1897. Experts dropped from \$36,297,671 to \$33,769,493. Mr. Smith of the bureau of American republication part able to outlingly explain the

lics is not able to entirely explain the reason for this, but he finds the prospec-

tive remedy in the shorter and cheaper transportation which would be furnished

by the completion of the Nicaraguan canal Great savings in distance would

be made from ports on the western coast

Guayaquil in Ecuador, Callao in Peru,

and Valparaiso in Chili. The distance that would be saved from New York to

these points by an isthmus canal compared with the Cape Horn route would be the following: Guayaquil, 7,073 miles; Callao, 5,896 miles; Valparaiso, 3,426

ed by steamers. The saving to sailing

follow a longer course in rounding the

Cannot Convict Mrs. Nack.

While District Attorney Youngs of

County, New York, is non-committal upon the matter, it is understood that he has

finally decided to allow Mrs. Nack to plead

guilty to manslaughter in the first degree.

It is asserted that the prosecuting officers

have carefully gone over the evidence

against the woman and have reached the

conclusion that it would be impossible to

convict her either of murder in the first or

To Stop Exportation of Logs.

J. M. Gibson, commissioner of crown lands, brought down a bill providing that

when the licenses to cut pine logs expired

on April 30 a clause be inserted in all

licenses or permits thereafter granted to

cut logs in Ontario, providing that the

holders of such licenses should have all

the pine logs they cut sawed in Canada,

and that no pine logs should be exported

Kansas City Auditorium Burned.

Fire destroyed the big Auditorium

building, Ninth and Holmes streets, which

contains the biggest theater in Kansas

City and one of the big hotels. The Audi

torium building cost about \$225,000, and

is owned by Alexander Fraser, who also

owns the hotel and theater furnishings.

Vaults' Contents Unharmed.

The vaults of the Mermod & Jaccard

Jewelry Company at St. Louis, whose es-

tablishment burned recently, were opened, and the contents, consisting of jew-

els, watches and diamonds, valued at more

2,000 Glass Workers to Resume.

The Cumberland Moore-Jones window glass factories at Bridgeton, N. J., em-

ploying 2,000 persons, will probably start Jan. 2. Fires have been put under the

Thousands at Harvard.

The officers of instruction number

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In the Ontario legislature at Toronto.

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fore, is to be occupied by the British.

AFFAIRS IN

OF RUSSIA. the palace from the Italians. In 1891, when Great Britain and Italy settled their boundaries in east Africa, the latter power was permitted to occupy Kassala until such time as the Egyptians should be Emperor Turns Only to the Czar for Friendship, Cash and Advice-May in a position to resume possession of the town. In 1894 Gen. Baratieri availed War on Germany-Daughters Fail to Rescue Their Mother from Fire. himself of this permission and captured it by a brilliant attack. On May 8, 1896, Situation in the Orient. the Italian Government, answering a question in the Chamber of Deputies, announced that Kassala would be retained

A Peking dispatch says: The Chinese Government has granted Russia permission to winter a squadron at Port Arthur. Great Britain demands a quid pro quo if concessions have been made to other powers. It has been suggested that the Japanese and British occupy Wei-Hai-Wei jointly. The situation at Kiao-Chou bay is unchanged. Germany remains un-yielding and the Chinese councils are divided as to whether it should be peace or war with Germany. China regards Russin as her only friend and is asking her advice alone. British influence is nil, having suffered greatly through the failure of the loan negotiations. China is now negotiating a loan with Russia. The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in north China, and it is probable that it will be granted. The German drift instructors will be dismiss ed at the expiration of their contracts and will be replaced by Russians. Russian officers have already been appointed to drill the armies of north China.

THAT COUNTRY MAKES AN ALLY

CHINA

CHICAGO FACTORY FIRE.

Furniture Factory Burns, with \$250,000 Loss.

Fire broke out in the A. H. Andrews furniture factory at Twenty-second and Fisk streets, Chicago. Before it could be brought under control property approximating in value \$250,000 was destroyed, and three firemen narrowly escaped death. The three-story factory and contents were a total loss, but the neighboring buildings were merely scorched. At the office of the A. H. Andrews company it was stated that the total loss on building and contents would reach \$250,000. The firm employed 275 people.

LOVE COULD NOT DO MORE.

In Spite of Daughters' Efforts, Mrs. Schlintz

Mrs. Freda Schlintz, aged and crippled, was overcome by smoke and died when within a few feet of safety during a fire which broke out in the house in which she lived on East Ninety-fifth street, New York, before daylight the other day. Every effort was made to save her life by her two daughters, but their strength gave out, and they were forced to abantheir mother, and barely escaped death themselves.

Montgomery's Slayer Held.

The sensational killing of R. C. Montgomery by John F. Joyce in Maryville is now almost the only topic of conversation in northwest Missouri. As throwing light on the jealousy which caused the shooting, it is reported that Montgomery and Mrs. Joyce went together to Omaha, and she is now in Coin, Iowa, as a telegram received from her indicates. Joyce alleges that Montgomery had wronged him during a long period. The defense will enter a plea of insanity. The coroner's jury returned a verdict which names Joyce as Montgomery's slayer. The ball with which Montgomery was killed was found lodged in his aorta.

Echools, but No Pupils

The Attorney General and State School Superintendent of Kansas have decided that 200 school houses in the depopulated districts in western Kansas may be sold at public auction. These buildings have stood for years unoccupied, the homes of bats and owls. In some cases enough taxes have been collected from non-resident land owners to keep a six months' term of school running, in many instances for the benefit of a single family.

Train Hits a Stage Coach.

Twenty persons were injured, three per haps fatally, at a grade crossing on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad between Passaic and Delaware, N. J. They were in a stage which was struck by a train. That any of them escaped is thought marvelous

Freight Rates on Grain Reduced.

The board of managers of the Joint Traffic Association has made a ruling reducing the rate from 221/2 cents to 20 cents on domestic and export wheat, oats. rye and barley and their products and corn products from Chicago east bound.

Birth of Ouadruplets.

Mrs. Mahala Mullins, a noted moonshiner woman of Hancock County, Tenn., has become the mother of four boys and all are alive. The husband of Mahala is an invalid, weighing less than 100 pounds. while she weighed 600 two months ago.

Weilman Buys a Sealer.

Walter Wellman, an American newspaper man, has bought at Tromsoe, Norway, the sealer Laura, a vessel of 153 tons, for an expedition which he will lead to Franz Josef land in June next. Nine men. chiefly Norwegians, will accompany him.

Euicide of a Washington Belle.

Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert of Alabama, died at her home in Washington, D. C. as the result of leaping from the third story of her home. A long illness had unsettled her reason.

A New Hoosier Road

The Elkhart, Goshen and Southern Railway was incorporated at Indianaposlis; capital stock, \$250,000. The company will build an electric railway connecting the cities of Goshen and Elkhart and Lake Wauwausee.

Finds Buried Treasure.

While surveying some land near Bridge ville, Del., that he inherited from his grandfather, with the view of selling it, Max Dukes found and dug up \$5,000 in Spanish coin that had been buried in an old pot.

Says No to Rockefelter.

Because a majority of the residents of Sleepy Hollow believe they would be granting John D. Rockefeller too many privileges, they have refused his offer to spend \$200,000 on the village roads.

it's Quincy by a Big Vo'e.

In Boston, Mayor Josiah Quincy was re-elected for two years in the municipal election by a plurality of about 4,500. was the closest city election ever held there.

BIG JEWELRY STORE BURNED.

Suffers a Loss of \$335,000. A fire started in the basement of the building occupied by the Mermod & Jaccard Jewelry Company, at St. Louis, and in an almost incredibly short time the five-story building was completely gutted. The total less will reach \$335,000; fully covered by insurance. The fire had been burning some time before it was discovered. It was one of the fiercest and quick est fires in the annals of that city. thought the fire started in the boiler room communicating to the packing room and shooting up the elevator shaft, quickly spread over the building. W. A. Rutledge, the engineer, and his family lived on the fourth floor. They barely escaped with their lives. The firemen dragged them unconscious from their beds and carried them down the fire escape. Five minutes later the floors fell. Several other tenants

Mermod & Jaccard Company of St. Louis

in the building had narrow escapes, but there were no fatalities. MORE CUNBOATS FOR JAPAN.

Two New Cruisers Will Soon Be Ready for

Launching.
The Japanese legation in Washington has been informed that the two new cruis ers which Japan is having built in this country are so well along toward comple-tion that they will both be launched with in the next few weeks. The cruiser at the Cramps shipyard at Philadelphia has been christened Kasagi-Kan, and the launching has been set for Jan. 20. The cruiser at the Union iron works at San Francisco has been named the Chitose. The launching will occur some time in February, but the exact day has not

Indians Talk of an Exodus. Dr. Virgil L. Todd, coroner of Wyan dotte County, Mo., has started for Mex ico with a party representing a large syndicate controlling options on 4,500,000 acres in the State of Chihuahua. The party includes a committee of twelve Indians, representing the five civilized tribes of the Indian territory, on a tour of inspection and observation. The project is to sell the land to the Indians as a new home. If the sale is made there will be an exodus of Indians of the five tribes to Mexico. The Indians have long been discussing a change of location, and at a meeting of prominent Indians at Antiers, I. T., a committee was appointed to select lands in Mexico.

To Invite the President. Secretary McKnight of the trans-Mississippi congress has received word that the Chambers of Commerce at Portland Oregon, and Tacoma, Wash., have appointed committees to urge President Mc-Kinley's attendance at the congress pext fall, which will be held at Wichita, Kan.

Machine Works Sold.

The Falls rivet and machine works at Cuyahoga Falls, O., was sold by Receiver J. A. Long to George G. Allen, represent creditors' committee, for \$202.000 The plant will be operated by a new company. Burned in an Explosion.

By an explosion of crude oil vapor in one of the boilers of the Kansas City Gas Company, Frank Connors, assistant gas-maker, was so badly burned that he will probably die.

Staked His Future on a Bullet. Jack McCune, a gambler, who killed William A. Albin on the morning of Aug. committed suicide in the county jail at St. Joseph, Mo., by taking morphine.

Fatal Boiler Explosion The boiler of the engine of the Bear Creek Tile Company at Evergreen, Ala. burst, killing three men, fatally injuring

one other and wounding three more. Caught in Shafting.

At Dayton, O., John Sweeney, aged 23 years, was caught in the shafting and hurled about until both of his legs were torn off below the knee.

Dies from a Negro's Blow. At Dayton, O., John Delp, a molder, died from a fracture of the skull, inflicted by a negro laborer named Charles Strather.

A \$40,000 Necklace for a Gift Robert F. Ballantine of Newark, N. J. gave his wife a \$40,000 pearl necklace on the fortieth aninversary of their wedding.

Woe on the West Ooast.

The orange and lemon crops of southern California have been injured by frost during a succession of cold nights.

Oiv | Service Law Upheld. The Illinois Supreme Court has declar ed the civil service law constitutional.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago-Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 98c to 99c; corn, No. 2, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 47c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 19c to 21c; new potatoes, 50c to 65c per bushel.

Indianapolis-Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 92c to 94c; corn, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c

St. Louis-Cattle. \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 99c to \$1.01; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 47c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 93c to 95c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 47c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs

\$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 92c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 27c; rye, 46c to 48c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 94c to 95c;

corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 47c; clover seed, \$3.20 to \$3.25.
Milwaukee-Wheat, No. 2 spring, 87c

to 89c; corn, No. 3, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 47c to 48c; barley, No. 2, 38c to 41c; pork, mess, \$7.50 to \$8.00. Buffalo-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 94c to 96c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c. New York-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.00 to \$1.02; corn. No. 2, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c; butter, creamery, 15c to 23c; eggs,

Western, 20c to 24c

A FIENDISH MURDER.

OLD MAN GARROTTED WITH A TOWEL

He Had Been Choked with a Wad of Thick Cloth-Similarity of a Soldier's Death Four Years Ago-Important Electrical Patents.

Gagged and Murdered. A post-mortem was held at St. Louis on

body of Jacob Weinand, who was found dead in his kitchen on a recent evening, having been gagged, bound and murdered. At the time a towel was found tightly twisted about his throat, but the post-mortem revealed a peculiarly fiendish method the murderers had resorted to. Far down in the old man's throat, tightly embedded at the bronchial tubes, was a wad of thick cloth which had been wrapped with horsehair. Fingers could not have reached that far and a stick was probably used to ram the wad down. Then the old man was garrotted with the towel. In 1893 a soldier at Jefferson barracks who had saved about \$1,000, which he carried in his pocket, was found murdered in his room. He had been bound, a wad of cloth and horse hair pushed down his throat, and choked to death with a twisted towel. The similarity of this murder with that of the soldier four years ago has caused excitement in police circles. Every effort is being put forth to discover Weinand's murderers, supposed to have been two, but the only clewe found are a button and piece of cloth, torn from the coat of one of them.

MILLIONS IN ROYALTIES.

General Electric Company Secures Three

Patents of Great Value. The patent office at Washington has granted three important patents to Rudolph H. Hunter of Philadelphia, assign-or to the General Electric Company of New York, on the transmission of electrical energy, covering a period of seven-teen years. Should the Supreme Court of the United States uphold these patents millions of dollars in royalties must be paid by the Westinghouse and other electrical companies. These patents are of greater importance to the electrical world than any granted in years, as the appliances covered by the patent are being used by the electrical lighting concerns in all the large cities.

NEW PORTFOLIO IN SIGHT.

President Will Ask Congress to Create a Department of Commerce and Industry. President McKinley will shortly after the holidays send a message to Congress recommending the creation of a department of commerce and industry. The establishment of such a department was to have been one of the features of the President's regular annual messages, but he forgot it. A cabinet officer will be its chief at a salary of \$8,000 a year. department is to have general jurisdiction over the foreign and domestic commerce of the United States and will look after the extension of foreign markets.

Riot in a Court Room.

A riot occurred in the court house at McArthur, O., during the trial of Elijah Brown. Six men were arrested for participating in the row. Two men were seriously and probably fatally wounded. Elijah Brown received six cuts, one eight inches long and two inches deep. He was cut to the backbone. Plyly Teeters was struck with an earthen spittoon and his skull fractured. David Donahue, Nelson Irvin and Henry Teeters were put under a bond of \$1,000 for murder and the others were discharged.

Govers Bituminous Coal Also. It is now said that the proposed anthracite coal combine project also involves the creation of a similar central selling agency to cover each of the great bituminous coal districts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Illinois, and a uniform working arrangement between them that shall forever put a stop to rate

cutting and demoralization of the trade.

Tries to End Her Life. Miss Adah Elam, postmistress of the Georgin House of Representatives, was friends and sequentatives in Washi found in her office in Atlanta in a state of unconsciousness caused by morphine taken with suicidal intent, and is now in the hands of physicians. She was a candidate for State librarian, and upon learning that the Governor had appointed another, declared "That ends life with me."

"Talk" by Signs Only.

An extraordinary trial took place in Oakland, Cal. All the parties concerned, defendant, complainant, lawyers and witnesses, were deaf mutes. The interpreter vas W. A. Caldwell. James Daggett was accused of a felony by Miss Maggie Haloran. There was not much noise in the court room, but nimble fingers were in constant motion.

Cashier Gets Five Years.

Charles Kunzmiller, the assistant cashler of the defunct German National Bank in Denver, indicted for false reports to the Comptroller of the Currency, was found guilty and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Committed Suicide with Chloral A man who registered as Edward Irving, but whose name is supposed to have been Edward J. Epstein, committed suicide in the Mills Hotel, New York, by

Death of an Ohio Miser. At Lima, O., Mrs. Barney Picker, aged widow, died in want. The administrator found over \$10,000 in cash and \$6,000 in notes secreted in an old bonnet.

Naval Cadets in Disgrace.

drinking chloral.

At Annapolis, Md., seventy-one cadets of the third class are restricted to quarters for insubordination. The other morning when the officer in charge was in the quarters of the third class a number of the cadets broke into loud yelling in resentment of the strict rules

Business Block Destroyed. A business block in Center, Ralls Coun-

ty, Mo., was burned. The Knights of Pythias hall, a newspaper office, the postoffice and several residences were destroy ed. The insurance was only \$10,000.

New Fevenue Cutter Launched. In a blinding snowstorm the revenue

cutter Onondaga was launched at the yard of the Globe Iron Works Company, Cleveland, O. The steamer was christened by Miss Lois Augusta Allen. Many Government officials witnessed the launch



The Government of a United States owns in the city of Walagton 1,600,000 olumes of literature. (these about onehalf, or 787,715, are i'he congressional The remains are scattered ibrary. through the various xecutive departments. The daily nuier of readers in the congressional libry averages 3,320. About 700 persons, lading the members of both houses il high officials of the Government, arentitled to draw books and take them ay from the building, and the averageumber loaned out in such a way is 1,44 It is a favorable commentary upon thousesty and care of our public men thaturing a period of thirty years the nurr of books lost or not returned was on live in a thousand.

Large numbers ofetitions, supported by many signatures d uniform in their by many signatures of uniform in their phraseology, are bet presented to the House of Representeds. They ask the passage of a series was to protect the morals of the public For example, to prohibit gambling in eks, produce, racing pools and other ms of speculation by telegraph, to proht the transmission of stock quotations r speculative purposes, and the transsion in the mails of newspapers contain pictures or descriptions of prize fits, to prohibit the exhibition of kinetosee reproductions of prize fights and othebrutalizing spectacles, and to prohibithe transportation from State to State materials for such exhibitions.

The ladies of the binet are decidedly put out by the edicthat forbade their New Year's receptis and the dinners that were to preceeded follow. They lo not see any occasi for it. The President did not ask oven suggest a suspension of social airs. He told the nembers of his cabi he should close the White House for thy days, although he did not think it winecessary for them to follow his exam, but without consulting their wives, ey agreed to do so. The husbands have see had an unhappy time, and the Wangton social world has offered them nompathy.

The opposition toe ratification of the Hawaiian treaty h simmered down almost entirely to thegar trust, the Louis most entirely to the gar trust, the Louisians planters and le beet root sugar manufacturers. The are after Senator who oppose the try of principle, as they believe it inexlight for the United States to assume the possibility of governing any detacher ritory, and several on the Democraticle have joined the opposition becamber regard annexe. opposition becaulehey regard annexation as a Republeameasure.

Chairman Lou the House Committee on Postoffices abeen working during the recess on the cort of the committee on the Loud bills has practically corpleted it. He lees that the measure will effect a savt c' at least \$10,000 annually, and wripe out the openors deficit that con the proteoffice Loud believ partment every the bill is much olutely confiden last, and, while thinks it will finally carry.

The agents of the Coban junta Washington justify the assassination Col. Ruiz as necessary to intimidate t cowardly and corrupt men in their ra who are likely to be allured into mal who are likely to be anured into make terms with the Spanish authorities eit through fear or bribery. They say the hereafter no Spanish agent will dare a proach an insurgent camp, and that it we be dangerous for any stranger to do so.

The distressing death of Miss Leila He bert has cauled a shock to her ma erous, and was generally beloved and a mired. Those who knew her best believ that her suic de was due to fear that sh might be a permanent cripple.

The pension certificate of the Rev. J. Keith of Vincennes, Ind., will be colled, because the holder has informathe bureau that he does not consider he self longer entitled to a pension, his d ability having disappeared, and has asked that his name be dropped from the rolls There is only one other such case on re

Secretary Wilson is greatly interested in legislation for the establishment of postal savings banks because he believes they are necessary to the prosperity of the farmers. It is sometimes an all day's job, he says, for a farmer to go to the town where the nearest bank is situated, while there is a postoffice in every village.

The copyright department is a most important branch of the Government, and indicates au enormous increase in literary and musical compositions and in designe which are susceptible to copyright. In 1870 the number of copyrights granted was 5,621; in 1880, 20,686; in 1890, 42, 758; in 1895, 72,470.

The recent report of the Comptroller of the Currency shows that the saving banks of the United States are mostly confined to the northeastern section of the country. Nearly 80 per cent of the num ber of banks and amount of deposits i represented by New York and New Eg

The committee appointed by the Societ of the Army of the Tennessee to seem the erection of a monument to George B McClellan at Washington h held its irst meeting and elected Ad. Gen. Rugdles chairman.

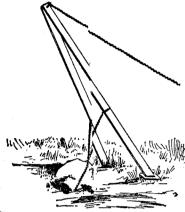
Ink erasers are not allowed in either t War or the Navy Department except der the direction of a chief of bureau, no one is allowed to crase an entry in a official record book without explanation and express permission.

The sale of postage stamps for the quarter of the year 1897 was the lar in the history of the country.



For Lifng Bowlders.

Getting out bwlders from hay and cultivated fields; a matter of no little labor, especially' the bowlder is deepty imbedded in thearth. A very large stone, even, car be handled readily when upon the irface, but much laborious digging irequired if the bowlder is to be haled out by "main strength" by a tim. A simple act of engineering that will greatly help in



this case is shown the accompanying illustration. Two out pieces of joists are lashed togeth at the end and placed above the wlder, as shown Chains are then put bout the stone and fastened to the jois a third or so of the distance up fron the ground. A sticks to the whiffitree of the team gives the connecting ink. On starting up the team the boider will be lifted out upon the groun very easily, for reasons that any on with a mechanical eye can readil; see .- New York Tribune.

Producin Beef.

When farmers prduce beef from beef breeds they sav time and gain in the weight of their aimals. If a steer can be produced in a ear it becomes a rival of the hog and heep in rapidity of growth. At the reent Chicago fat stock show the weiht of the prize wearling was 1,090 pands, and its net weight, dressed, was743 pounds, or 68.16 per cent of dresed meat. The two-year-olds ranged tom 1,312 pounds to 1,735 pounds alive, nd dressed from \$6 to 69 per cent. Seh steers should pay well, and they brug better prices per pound than is usury obtained, but t is useless for farmes to attempt to attain such success aless they are willing to resort to thebreeds that will accomplish the objectsdesired. Using any kind of steers fo producing the choicest beef is but a ass of time and

Kettle Crane win Dump.

This iron frameworkfor suspending a kettle used for boiling food for hogs and other stock upon te farm is most convenient. The iron kettle rests in



IRON KETTLE CIANE.

an iron ring, which is proted to the side arms so that the kettle can be readily tipped and its contents poured out into pails. These arms call be omitted by bringing the end suport nearer the kettle, and having tle iron ring pivoted to a crosspiece secured to these ends. This would be a more stable arrangement but would not gye so free a space for building the fir, although this would not cause material trouble. The principle involved wil be found very convenient, however the ring, which may be made from an old wagon tire, is supported .- American Agri-

Utilize Every Article.

Farmers may have but little faith in the reports on feeding stock as given by the experimental stations, nevertheless the farmer who has some knowledge of the results obtained by a systematic course of feeding will be better prepared to meet difficulties than one who is not. The fact that farmers are becoming less wasteful of their fodder and straw shows that they have at least discovered that in order to compete in cattle raising they must utilize every article on the farm.

Stacking Corn Fodder.

In some sections of the country corn fodder is tied in bundles and stacked like grain. The bundles are bound with straw bands in convenient size for handling. To begin the stack or rick, lay down three bundles side by side, then two on top of these and one on top of the two. Duplicate this pile until the rick is as long as desired. Now set bundies on each side of this foundation and also at the ends until the bottom is of the desired width. On this build the rick as you would wheat or rye, only

tops of the middle row of bundles lap a | GOD AMID THE CORAL. little. In feeding from such a rick take the fodder from the end, beginning at the top and going to the bottom. This will not expose the heart of the stack to the weather.

Cob Coal for Hogs.

One who raises from 100 to 150 pigs should aim to save at least 200 bushels of corncobs for charcoal. Make a pit 4½ to 5 feet deep, 12 to 18 inches in diameter at bottom, 41/2 to 5 feet at top. Have a sheet iron cover made large enough to cover the pit and project six inches over the edge. Start a fire in the bottom with shavings and add by degrees a bushel of cobs, and let them get well aglow. Then add three to four bushels more, and when well on fire add more, and so on, until the pit is rounding full. When all the cobs are well aglow, even blazing freely, cover the hole with sheet iron and seal the edges with earth air-tight and leave it until the next morning, when the charcoal can be taken out, and if the job is well done there will be from nine to bushels.-Farm, Stock and Home.

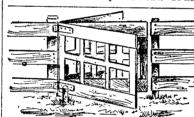
Whole Grain for Fowls.

All kinds of poultry have very strong digestive organs, provided they have the gravel with which to fill the gizzards, and have enough exercise to keep in vigorous health. They are positively injured by having the bulk of their food ground, moistened or cooked so as to make its digestion easier. Young chicks are most apt to be injured in this way, the popular idea being that as they are very small their gizzards cannot digest hard substances. We always began feeding young chicks with cracked wheat, giving in addition some milk curd pressed hard, which is quite as difficult of digestion as the wheat. They will not eat much wheat at first, and it is best they should not. Little and often should be the rule with all young animals, chicks included.

Real Farm Profit.

The profit from a farm may be larger than supposed if the family is credited with all that is received. Profit is not altogether that which is sold from the farm, for the farm itself is to a certain extent a market for the products grown thereon. Every article consumed by the farmer is equivalent in value to the sum that would be received for it if sold, and a strict keeping of accounts, long rope or chain om the top of the in which the farm is credited with everything taken therefrom, may show a fair profit. If a farmer supports his family, and also has something left, he is more fortunate than many.

An Improved Turnstile. The ordinary turnstile that swings from the middle is an awkward affair at best, and is more or less unsightly. The cut shows an improvement. It has



IMPROVED TURNSTILE.

three "leaves" and is hinged to the side of the opening like a gate. One is not thus crowded, as in getting through the old style affair. Nor does it continually sag, as does the one supported by a single center stake. For neatness of appearance the form shown in the cut exhibits its own superiority. Such gates are exceedingly convenient on the farm,-New England Farmer.

Care of Farm Implements. Far more waste of farm implements is due to rust and disuse than is the wear of them while some one is working with them. They are too often left exposed for weeks and months during thus treated will not last one-third as long, as they should not be fit to use any of the time. A convenient tool house near enough to the barns to be always easily accessible, yet not near enough to be in danger from fires, will pay better than almost any other investment on most farms.

It is easy to "save at the spigot and waste at the bung" when keeping growing swine. There is most profit in keeping them growing steadily and fast. ing-knit, plump, rounded sow rarely has large litters and she is as rarely a good

Horses.

If you have a horse that refuses to go when asked, take a small rope and wrap it twice around the leg just below the knee, draw it tight and tie it. In a few minutes the horse will start. If he should show any indications of repeating the offense repeat the dose and he will be cured effectually.

Bee Buzzes. Moth worms bother Italian bees very

Spring dwindling is the result of bad wintering.

The nourishment of the bee consists of honey and pollen.

It is an advantage always to furnish a new swarm with a frame of young

brood. Good chaff hives are quite a protection to early brood rearing if managed

properly. Bees when building comb commence at the top and hang in heavy clusters

Keep the colonies strong and healthy and they will readily take care of the

A piece of ground taken up with beehives is of little value for anything else except fruit.

After cold weather sets in it is not safe to feed liquids. The only food that we can use is candy, which may keep the center higher by letting the | be made from granulated sugar.

DR. TAMAGEON THE SCULPTURE OF THE DEEP.

Picking Up a Coral, He Says He Feels Like Crying Out, "There Is a God, and I Adore Him!"-Comfort for Faithful Christian Workers.

Our Weekly Sermon.

This picturesque discourse of Dr. Talleads his hearers and readers through unwonted regions of contemplation and is full of practical gospel; text, Job xxviii., 18, "No mention shall be made of coral."

Why do you say that, inspired dramat-When you wanted to set forth the superior value of our religion, you tossed aside the onyx, which is used for making exquisite cameos, and the sapphire, sky blue, and topaz of rhombic prism, and the ruby of frozen blood, and here you say that the coral, which is a miracle of shape and a transport of color to those who have studied it, is not worthy of mention in comparison with our holy religion, "No mention shall be made of coral." Johnsbury, Vt., in a museum built by the chief citizen, as I examined a specimen on the shelf, I first realized what a holy of holies God can build and has built in the temple of one piece of coral. I do not wonder that Ernst Heckel, the great scientist, while in Ceylon, was so entranced with the specimens which some Cingalese divers had brought up for his inspection that he himself plunged into the sea and went clear under the waves at the risk of his life, again and again and again, that he might know more of the coral, the beauty of which he indicates cannot even be guessed by those who have only seen it above water, and after the polyps, which are its sculptors and architects, have died and the chief glories of these submarine flowers have expired. Job in my text did not mean to depreciate this divine sculpture in the coral reefs along the sea-

No one can afford to depreciate these white palaces of the deep, built under God's direction. He never changes his plans for the building of the islands and shores, and for uncounted thousands of years the coral gardens and the coral castles and the coral battlements go on and up. The Algerian reefs in one year (1873) had at work amid the coral 311 vessels, with 3,150 sailors, yielding in profit \$565,000. But the secular and worldly value of the coral is nothing as compared with the moral and religious, as when, in my text, Job employs it in comparison. I do not know how any one can examine a coral the size of the thumb nail without bethinking himself of God and worshiping him, and feeling the opposite of the great infidel surgeon lecturing to the medical students in the dissecting room upon a human eye which he held in his hand, show ing its wonders of architecture and adaptation, when the idea of God flashed upon him so powerfully he cried out to the stu-dents, "Gentlemen, there is a God, but I hate him?" Picking up a coral, I feel like crying out, "There is a God, and I

God and the Beautiful. Nothing so impresses me with the fact that our God loves the beautiful. The most beautiful coral of the world never comes to human observation. Sunrises and sunsets he hangs up for nations to look at; he may green the grass and round the dew into pearl and set on fire autumnal foliage to please mortal sight, but those thousands of miles of coral achieve ment I think he has had built for his own delight. In those galleries he alone can walk. The music of those keys, played on by the fingers of the wave, he only can hear. The snow of that white and the bloom of that crimson he alone can see. Having garnitured this world to please the human race and lifted a glorious heaven to please the angelic intelligences, l am glad that he has planted these gar dens of the deep to please himself. Job, who understood all kinds of precious stones, declares that the beauty and value of the coral are nothing compared with our holy religion, and he picks up this coralline formation and looks at it and flings it aside with all the other beautiful in ecstasy of admiration for the superior

qualities of our religion,

"No mention

shall be made of coral." Take my hand and we will walk through this bower of the sea while I show you that even exquisite coral is not worthy of being compared with the richer jewels of a Christian soul. The first thing that strikes me in looking at the coral is its long continued accumulation. It is not turned up like Cotopaxi, but is an outbudding and an outbranching of ages. Polynesia there are reefs hundreds of feet deep and 1,000 miles long. Who built these reefs, these islands? The zoophytes, The sow with a long, deep, flat side the corallines. They were not such workmakes the best brood sow. The clos- ers who built the pyramids as were these masons, these creatures of the sea. What small creations amounting to what vast aggregation! Who can estimate the ages between the time when the madrepores laid the foundations of the islands and the time when the madrepores put on the capstone of a completed work? It puzzles all the scientists to guess through how many years the corallines were building th Sandwich and Society islands and the Marshall and Gilbert groups. But more slowly and wonderfully accumulative is grace in the heart. You sometimes get discouraged because the upbuilding by the soul does not go on more rapidly. Why, you have all eternity to build in. The lit-Why, tle annoyances of life are zoophyte builders, and there will be small layer on top of small layer and fossilized grief on the top of fossilized grief. Grace does not go up rapidly in your soul, but, blessed be God, it goes up. Ten thousand million ages will not finish you. You will never be finished. On forever! Up forever! Out of the sea of earthly disquietude will gradnally rise the reefs, the islands, the continents, the hemispheres of grandeur and glory. Men talk as though in this life we only had time to build. But what we build in this life as compared with what we shall build in the next life is as a striped shell to Australia. You tell me we do not amount to much now, but try us after a thousand million ages of hallelujah. Let us hear the angels chant for a million centuries. Give us an eternity with God and then see if we do not amount to something. More slowly and marvelously accumulative is the grace in

the soul than anything I can think of. "No mention shall be made of coral." The Virtue of Patience.

Lord, help us to learn that which most of us are deficient in—patience! If thou canst take, through the sea anemones,

millions of years to build one bank of coral, ought we not to be willing to do work through ten years or fifty years without complaint, without restlessness, without chafing of spirit? Patience with the erring; patience that we cannot have the millennium in a few weeks; patience with assault of antagonists; patience at what seems a slow fulfillment of Bible promises; patience with physical ailments; patience under delays of Providence; grand, glorious, all enduring, all conquering patience!

Christian Hope,

Take my hand again, and we will go a little farther into this garden of the sea, and we shall find that in proportion as the climate is hot the coral is wealthy. Draw two isothermal lines at 60 degrees north and south of the equator, and you find the favorite home of the coral. Go to the hottest part of the Pacific seas and you find the finest specimens of coral. Coral is a child of the fire. But more wonderfully do the heats and fires of trouble bring out the jewels of the Christian soul. Those are not the stalwart men who are asleep on the shaded lawn, but those who are pounding amid the furnaces. I do not know of any other way of getting a thorough Christian character. I will show you a picture. Here are a father and a mother 30 or 35 years of age, their family around them. It is Sabbath morning. They have prayers. They hear the children's catechism. They have prayers every day of the week. They are in humble circumstances. But, after awhile the wheel of fortune turns up and the man gets his \$20,000. Now he has prayers on Sabbath and every day of the week, but he has dropped the catechism. The wheel of fortune turns up again, and he gets his \$80,000. Now he has prayers on Sabbath morning alone. The wheel of fortune keeps turning up, and he has \$200,000, and now he has prayers on Sabbath morning when he feels like it and there is no company. The wheel of fortune keeps on turning up, and he has his \$300,000 and no prayers at all. Four leaf clover in a pasture field is not so rare as family prayers in the houses of people who have more than \$300,000. But now the wheel of fortune turns down, and the man loses \$200,-000 out of the \$300,000. Now on Sabbath morning he is on a stepladder looking for a Bible under the old newspapers on the bookcase. He is going to have prayers. His affairs are more and more complicated, and after awhile crash goes his last dollar. Now he has prayers every morn ing and he hears his grandchildren the catechism. Prosperity took him away from God: adversity drove him back to God. Hot climate to make the coral; hot and scalding trouble to make the jewels of grace in the soul. We all hate trouble and yet it does a great deal for us.

Coral Specimens.

Again, I take your hand, and we walk on through this garden of the sea and look more particularly than we did at the beauty of the coral. One specimen of coral is called the dendrophilia because it is like a tree; another is called the astrars because it is like a star; another is called the brain coral because it is like the convolutions of the human brain; another is called fan coral because it is like the instrument with which you cool yourself on a hot day; another specimen is called the organ pipe coral because it resembles the king of musical instruments. All the flowers and all the shrubs in the gardens of the land have their correspondencies in this garden of the sea. Corallum! It is a synonym for beauty. And yet there is no beauty in the coral compared with our religion. It gives physiognomic beauty. It does not change the features. It does not give features with which the person was not originally endowed, but it sets behind the features of the homeliest person a heaven that shines clear through. son a heaven that sinkes clear through. So that often on first acquaintance you said of a man, "He is the homeliest person I ever saw," when, after you came to understand him and his nobility of soul shining through his countenance, you said, "He is the loveliest person I ever saw." No one ever had a homely Christian moth. er. Whatever the world may have thought of her, there were two who thought well your father, who had admired her for fifty years, and you, over whom she bent with so many tender ministrations. When you think of the angels of God and your mother among them, she outshines them all. Oh, that our young people could understand that there is nothing that so worst weather in the year, and things he has ever heard of and cries out much beautifies the human countenance as the religion of Jesus Chrits. It makes everything beautiful. Trouble beautiful. Sickness beautiful. Disappointment beautiful. Everything beautiful. Work that Endures.

The durability of the coral's work is not at all to be compared with the durability of our work for God. The coral is going to crumble in the fires of the last day, but our work for God will endure for No more discouraged man ever lived than Beethoven, the great musical composer. Unmercifully criticised by brother artists and his music sometimes rejected. for twenty-five years, and forced on his way to Vienna to beg food and lodging at a very plain house by the roadside. In the evening the family opened a musical instrument and played and sang with great enthusiasm, and one of the numbers they rendered was so emotional that tears ran down their cheeks while they sang and played. Beethoven, sitting in the room, too dear to hear the singing, was curious to know what was the music that so overpowered them, and when they got through he reached up and took the folio in his hand and found it was his own music-Beethoven's "Symphony in A" he cried out. "I wrote that!" The house hold sat and stood abashed to find that their poor looking guest was the great composer. But he never left that house alive. A fever seized him that night, and no relief could be afforded, and in a few days he died. But just before expiring he took the hand of his nephew, who had been sent for and had arrived, saying, "After all, Hummel, I must have had Poor Beethoven! work still lives, and in the twentieth century will be better appreciated than it was in the nineteenth, and as long as there is on earth an orchestra to play or an oratorio to sing, Beethoven's nine symphonies will be the enchantment of nations. But you are not a composer, and you

say that there is nothing remarkable about you-only a mother trying to rear your family for usefulness and heaven. Yet the song with which you sing your the song with which you sing your child to sleep will never cease its mission You will grow old and die. That son will pass out into the world. The song with which you sang him to sleep last night will go with him while he lives, a conscious or unconscious restraint and insniration here and may help open to him the gate of a glorious and triumphant hereafter. The lullables of this century will sing through all the centuries. The humblest good accomplished in time will last Baptist, Cincinnati, Ohio.

through eternity. I sometimes get dis couraged, as I suppose you do, at the vast doing. Little things decide great things All that tremendous career of the last Napoleon hanging on the hand of a brakeman who, on one of our American railways, caught him as he was falling be-tween the cars of a flying train. The battle of Dunbar was decided against the Scotch because their matches had given Aggregations of little things that pull down or build up. When an army or a regiment come to a bridge, they are always commanded to break ranks, for their simultaneous tread will destroy the strongest bridge. A bridge at Angiers, France, and a bridge at Broughton, England, went down because the regimen kept step while crossing. Aggregations of temptation, aggregations of sorrow, aggregations of assaults, aggregations of Christian effort, aggregations of self-sacrifices—these make the irresistible power to demolish or to uplift, to destroy or to save. Little causes and great results. Christianity was introduced into Japan by the falling overboard of a pocket Bible from a ship in the harbor of Tokyo.

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Oh, be encouraged! Do not any man say, "My work is so small." Do not any woman say, "My work is so insignificant. I cannot do anything for the upbuilding of God's kingdom." You can. Remember the corallines. A Christian mother sat sewing a garment, and her little girl want ed to help her, and so she sewed on anoth er piece of the same garment and brough it to her mother, and the work was corrected. It was imperfect and had to be all taken out again. But did the mother chide the child. Oh, no. She said, "She wanted to help me, and she did as well as she could." And so the mother blesses the child, and while she blessed the child she thought of herself and said: "Perhaps it may be so with my poor work at the last. God will look at it. It may be very imperfect, and I know it is very crooked He may have to take it all out. But he knows that I want to serve him, and he knows it is the best that I can do." So be comforted in your Christian work. Five thousand million corallines made one co-rallum. And then they passed away and other millions came, and the work is wonderful. But on the day when the world's redemption shall be consummated, and the names of all the millions of Christians who in all the ages have toiled on this structure shall be read, the work will appear so grand and the achievement so glorious and the durability so everlasting that "no mention shall be made of coral."

Short Sermons.

Neglect,-Society, in its arrogance, selfishness and luxury, loses sight of the fact that the failure of nations and all forms of civilization have followed because nations, society and civilization have neglected God's laws and violated the rights of men.-Rev. Father Ducey, Catholic, New York City.

Love.-Unless we deny ourselves, make some sacrifice, we cannot get the spirit of true love. Though we may have the most elegant music, the most eloquent preacher, the very finest and most beautiful churches and have not love, all our efforts are thrown away.-Rev. J. K. Smith, Presbyterian, Louisville, Ky.

A Great Force in the World.—Charac ter is the greatest force in the world. Some say money is the greatest force. some say brains, some say love, but character is the greatest force because it is the force which determines the direction in which money, brains and love shall be used .- Rev. J. Dunlop, Presbyterian, Boston, Mass.

Patient Trial.-The large soul, the truly free man is, after all, he who has been subdued by patience. Each and every victory broadens the mental vision and adds to the moral stature so that the proficients in this school ge forth to become the masters of the circles of their activity.--Rev. David Philippson, Hebrew, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Followers of God.-The religion of Jesus Christ has three kinds of followers to-day. (1) The rash followers, or those who do not count the cost or sacrifice; (2) the dilatory followers, or those who are always looking backward; (3) the tender-hearted followers, those who want their loved ones to do right and be Christians, too.—Rev. A. R. Caudry, Disciple, Council Bluffs.

The Narrow Way.—The saying of Jesus, "Narrow is the way," is not applicable alone to eternal life, but widely bears upon all human relations, for the way is narrow and straightly hedged that leads to business success. to permanent political fame, to genuine several employes escaped with difficulty and lasting satisfaction with the good things of the flesh, to a green and tran- the Wilshire block. quil old age, as well as eternal life .-

Rev. Frank Crane, Methodist, Chicago Optimism .- While there is much wickedness on the earth, yet the world is steadily growing better. The power of morality, temperance, religion and faith is making for righteousness all over the world. Jesus Christ is to be victorious over Satan and evil, and is to descend in glory and have power over all the nations of the earth, and establish a kingdom of righteousness peace and kindness.—Rev. P. C. Curnick, Methodist, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Human Nature.-Human nature is noble in its origin. You are a spark of | year.—Toledo Bee. God. The storm of Eden left human nature in about the shape a cyclone leaves a Western village; vet in the debris here and there, in the marvels of man's intellect, in his longing after immortality, in his conscience, in his hope that starts and struggles and trembles away up to God, behold a glimmer of that image divine.-Rev. S. E. Young, Presbyterian, Newark,

Omnipotent love.-Love is the greatest conquering force in the universe. Here is a little bundle of flesh and blood that cannot talk or walk, but it stretches out its tiny hands, and the strongest man is held a willing victim by that silken touch. We are very feeble and ignorant, it may be, but when we stretch out our hands to God he is taken captive by us. Love is omnipotent, and even Omnipotence himself surrenders to it .- Rev. C. W. Gullette,

PHILADELPHIA BANK FAILS.

Chestaut Street National in the Hands of a Receiver.

One of the greatest financial sensations of the year was sprung in Philadelphia Thursday morning when the Chestnut Street National Bank, of which William M. Singerly, proprietor of the Philadel-pnia Record, is president, closed its doors. Business was also suspended by Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund Company, which was allied with the bank and occupied the same building.

Rumors of the bank's shaky condition have been in circulation for a month. During that period the most herculean efforts have been made by President Singerly and his friends to save the institution from bankruptcy, but they were futile. National Bank Examiner William M. Hardt is in charge of the bank and State Commissioner of Banking Kilkeson is in charge of the trust company.

The one explanation for the failure, which Mr. Singerly himself affirms, is made by no less an authority than Comptroller Eckels. The closing of the bank s primarily due to shrinkage in value of bonds and notes of the Singerly Pulp and Paper Mills located at Elkton, Md. The iabilities will exceed \$3,000,000, but until the bank examiner makes his report the actual value of the assets will not be made public. The last official statement bank placed the resources of the bank at \$3,868,070.58 and of the trust company at \$1,858,659.38. Both institutions occupy the same building and are under the same management.

TERROR AT A BIG FIRE.

Explosion Follows a Blaze in a Chicago Basement - Many Hurt.

Ten minutes after an alarm of fire had een given at the Tosetti restaurant 104 and 106 Madison street, Chicago, Thurslay afternoon, a terrific explosion occurred beneath the sidewalk in front of the burning building. Structures were shaken for a block around and windows were shattered as by an explosion of dynamite. scores of men and women were hurled to the ground, and a dozen or more were injured by flying glass. Firemen were scorched in a whirlwind of flame, and ossed in the air like so many leaves in a windstorm, and several policemen were stricken to the earth as if with a club. Wild excitement prevailed for several minutes, and when the ambulances and doctors had finished their work of mercy the list of injured was found to number nearly thirty.

A drop of blazing oil from an overheated basement engine is said to have caused the fire which threatened with destruction the entire south side of Madison street between Clark and Dearborn streets. This started a blaze that could not be controlled and culminated in the explosion of a drum of ammonia under the sidewalk, the explosive ignition of a natural gas main and the destruction of the building. The loss exceeds \$200,000.

SPAIN SEES A CHANCE.

May Ask America to Repress Active Cuban Societies.

Following upon the almost universal expressions of disapprobation shown by the American press at large at the savage nethods of warfare used by Gen. Gomez in the matter of the assassination of Lieut. Col. Ruiz, a Madrid correspondent says he has the best authority for stating that the Spanish Government thinks the moment propitious for approaching that of Washington and asking the latter to ase all means possible to repress revolutionary societies in the United States which are giving active assistance to Gomez's force

All the Spanish Government asks is the application of the rule laid down by President Grant as the duty of one friendly nation toward another. If that is applied the Government considers the termination of the revolution will occur within a short time. The indignation was twice as great when the news reached Madrid that Ruiz was not even permitted a soldier's death, but was hanged.

BIG FIRE AT CLEVELAND.

Loss to Business Firms Placed at Near-

ly a Million Dollars. Fire broke out in the business center of Cleveland, O., at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and, fanned by a high northwest wind, destroyed property worth nearly \$1,000,000. The Power block on Frankfort street, owned by J. B. Perkins, six stories high and made of brick, was consumed above the second story and the rear of the brick Wilshire block, six stories high, owned also by Mr. Perkins, and ronting on Superior street, was burned.

The fire started by the explosion of a arge can of benzine in the lithographing establishment of Johns & Co. in the Power block. Windows were blown out and by the fire escapes and a bridge leading to

Aldermanic Salaries. Chicago aldermen should be willing to pay the public for the privilege of holding their jobs.—Buffalo Express

Prosperity has struck Chicago and wages are going up to beat the band. The Chicago aldermen last night raised their own salaries from \$3 a week to \$1,500 a

The modest advance from \$3 a week to \$1,500 a year each voted themselves by the Chicago aldermen must not be understood as in the nature of a limit to the aldermanic income.-Cincinnati Commer-

cial-Tribune. The gang of genteel highwaymen in the Chicago City Council have benten all records for immaculate gall. It is doubtful, however, if even Chicago public sentiment will countenance such unexampled robbery.—Minneapolis Tribune.

The Chicago aldermen have fixed their salaries at \$1,500—a figure scarcely high enough to insure honest work. sible, however, that the very highest pay would not serve to keep born boodlers

from boodling .-- St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Perhaps its worst feature is that it gives example and encouragement to councilmen in other cities, some of whom would not have thought of such a device for personal emolument, while others would not have been brave enough to adopt it had it not been for the action of their Chicago compeers.-Philadelphia

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