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HARVARD.

News Items.

The constable of the town has posted a warrant calling a town meeting for Saturday evening, October 16, at eight o'clock, to see what action the town will take in the suit brought by Herman A. Skillings against the town, to recover damages in the matter relating to conveying pupils. Attachment of \$5000 has been placed on the town. It is hoped that a full attendance of taxpayers will be present to hear both sides of this matter, and be prepared to vote intelligently in regard to the action of the town.

Roscoe M. Lindley has been engaged as janitor of the Congregational church for the year from October 1. A. T. West has resigned.

Misses Jennie Faulkenham and Phebe Croft, after a month's visit with friends and relatives in Nova Scotia, have returned to their respective duties here.

Ladies of the Congregational church are hustling matters, preparatory to the annual fair to be held on Thursday afternoon and evening, November 4th.

The family of Fiske Warren closed the mansion this week and moved to their Boston apartments, Mr. Vernon place. Mr. Warren will be here more or less for the present.

H. D. Stone has bought the apples on Tahanto farm, and with Mr. Howard is engaged in marketing the crop.

George Kavanaugh has since purchasing the old G. E. Davis place on the little common, completely renovated the inside and now has one of the pleasantest and best finished places in town. He intends to put on a piazza and regrade, so as to make the outside conform to the interior.

Raymond Hutchinson has severed his connections with G. C. Maynard in the moth work, and is now attending Bromfield school. He is to fit for the Massachusetts Agricultural college at Amherst, where he intends to take a course in forestry.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood with four-month-old Ruth are visiting the grandparents of the latter, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hapenny of Waltham were guests over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hanna.

Misses Jennie and Annie Kerley, Miss Abbie Lee, Miss Mamie Haggerty, Miss Feeney and Edward Coke started Wednesday for a trip down the Hudson, via Albany to New York. They will be away on their pleasure trip about a week.

This week Friday evening a party of grangers visited Boxborough grange with an entertainment, the event being neighbors' night at Boxborough.

Mr. Hall of North Leominster, who recently sold his farm property here, was in town this week selling flour and grain, representing the Massachusetts state grange. He is well pleased with his first orders.

Mrs. Emeline Carmen has been confined to the house for a few days under the doctor's care, but is again out much improved.

Gustav Gabrielson, who fell while painting his house last summer, is getting out on crutches. His improvement is slow.

Rev. Henry Mason, our town photographer, this week took a picture of the four generations of the Gale family. Absalom Gale with his son Henry and wife, with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood, with their daughter Ruth. There are also four generations on the other side, Mr. Atwood's grandmother, Mrs. Moses Heywood of Fitchburg, being the great grandmother of Miss Ruth.

Still River.

Mrs. Frank Sprague and son Morrill made a visit to South Berwick, Me., from Saturday to Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude Houghton visited at the home of Rev. Mr. Torrey in Andover, Wednesday.

Mrs. Buffum of Boston has been the guest of Miss Katherine Lawrence this week.

Mrs. Sampson of Cambridge and Miss Beatrice Haynes were guests of Mrs. S. B. Haynes this week.

Mrs. A. H. Keyes has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Royal at Harvard the last of this week.

Miss Edna Flanders of Palmer was the guest of her mother from Thursday night until Sunday afternoon.

Miss Thompson of Maryland was the guest of Mrs. Jennie Willard and Miss Laura Brown Tuesday.

Mrs. Newgent of Worcester has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. H. Morse, this week.

Mrs. Mabel Hudson and Mrs. Charlotte Goddu of Winchester are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard.

Miss Ethel Parker is much better, and now there is great hope that she will recover from her severe sickness.

Mrs. Frank Haynes and Beatrice Haynes are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Viles.

Hubert Robinson spent Sunday at his home in Still River. He is now working at civil engineering at Ashburnham, and his trips home are not often.

The Ladies' Aid society will give a harvest supper and entertainment in the chapel, Thursday evening, October 21. The first table will be ready at 6.30. This is the first entertainment of the season.

R. L. Fillebrown is putting in a new hot-air furnace for Mrs. Flanders.

A. W. Robinson has been loading cider apples at the station for Haynes-Piper Co. of Ayer. He will have another car Monday.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

John McNamara, who was graduated from the Concord high school in June, is now taking a commercial course at Burdett's college, Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page and daughter of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting at Mrs. Anna Page's.

Mrs. Shmeon Wetherbee has gone to Somerville to stay with her daughter for the present.

Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee and Mrs. Leon Wetherbee had a very enjoyable trip last Friday, taking in Lowell, Lawrence and Andover.

Mrs. Mackin, the wife of our former superintendent, and her son, were guests at Mrs. Page's last Sunday.

Mrs. P. W. Cunningham was the week-end guest of her daughter Bernice in Medford.

News has just been received that Frank Gates of Worcester, who lived at C. T. Wetherbee's a year or two ago, is very ill with typhoid fever.

There was a full attendance at the grange meeting Friday evening, when Sylvester Robertson, lecturer of Lexington grange, gave an interesting and instructive talk on farm law. A piano duet by Misses Ethel and Catherine Mead; vocal solo by Arthur Neilson; piano solo, Miss Catherine Mead; and a recitation by Mrs. Robertson, gave variety to the program and were much enjoyed.

Ralph Lawrence spent Sunday in Gardner.

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An invitation has been received from Littleton grange to neighbor with them Wednesday evening, October 20, when they are to have a speaker from the state grange.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

William E. Gionet of Fort Strong, Boston harbor, Co. 12, C. A. C., visited friends in town last Sunday.

Peter O. Bernard of Lowell and Joseph N. Gaudet of Lawrence were visitors at the home of John Chaisson last Saturday and Sunday.

John Williams and Miss Edith J. Clifford, both of Worcester, were united in marriage last Saturday afternoon by Rev. A. A. Bronson at the church parsonage. Miss Clifford was a former parishioner of Mr. Bringsdon's.

Services at the Baptist church Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and seven p. m.

Mrs. C. R. White will observe the opening night of her dancing class by giving a reception and dancing party at town hall, Harvard, Friday evening of this week. E. Percival Gorman of Fitchburg will play.

Mrs. Pohman, mother of Mrs. Henry O. Dow, died at Cushing hospital, Tuesday morning, from the effects of an operation for cancer.

Joseph Tremblay and Miss Bernice Walsh were married Tuesday by Rev. J. H. Cote. After a brief honeymoon they will reside at the home of the bride.

Services at the Congregational church, Sunday morning, at 10.45. Regular Endeavor meeting in the vestry at seven o'clock.

Frank Lee of Montreal has arrived in town and has joined his wife, who has been spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. John Logue.

James Burrill started Wednesday for Jamaica, L. I., where he is to enter a private hospital for treatment of cancer of the tongue.

Herbert E. Lawrence is confined at home again with nephritis.

Roger Gionet spent last Sunday with friends in Lowell.

The work on the Universalist vestry has been completed and the new decorations lend a charm and greater light to the beautiful room; the colors are in perfect harmony and very pleasing to the eye. The church proper has been wired for electricity and the decorators will commence work there this week.

Services will be held Sunday, October 17, in the vestry at eleven a. m. Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker will preach as usual. It has been a long vacation and everyone will be glad to return to church work and to welcome their pastor back again.

The entertainment and hospitality committee of the Altrurian club will hold their usual rummage sale at their room on Center road, October 27 and 28. There will be an opportunity for everyone to look over their cast-off garments and send to the room; also a fine opportunity for bargains.

The representatives' convention was held in I. O. O. F. hall, last Saturday, and Savillon W. Longley was the choice of the republicans for representative of the twelfth Middlesex district.

Mrs. Dana Sanders met with a painful accident, Tuesday, in stepping down from a chair, after cleaning windows. By accident she stepped into a pail of boiling hot water scalding her foot severely.

Governor Eben S. Draper, accompanied by Lieut.-gov. Frothingham and the members of his council, also the full board of trustees of the industrial school, came to Shirley, Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of making the annual inspection of the new industrial school for boys. Every one in the party expressed himself as much pleased with the result of the operation of the school so far. There are now sixty-three inmates of the school, which was opened about the middle of August.

Isey Beach has opened a studio in his home and is taking ping-pong and other style pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Goff, Pepperell, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Babb.

Arthur B. Storey and brother, Joseph Storey of Westminster, have recently visited their sister, Mrs. John C. Babb, Cottage street.

Center.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange held a very enthusiastic and largely attended meeting at Grange hall, Wednesday, Oct. 13. Many were present from Ashburnham, Fitchburg, Leominster, Ashby, Townsend, Groton, Lunenburg and Littleton. An elaborate program was fully carried out and was much appreciated. The address by George Stone of Littleton on the "Breeding of Ayrshire cattle" was highly instructive and entertaining, giving, as it did, the origin and development of the breed, demonstrating that the Ayrshire is in the front rank as a milk producer and butter cow, and that the Holstein, which is a great favorite, will have to look to her laurels. A sumptuous dinner was provided, after which the fifth degree was conferred upon a class of over twenty.

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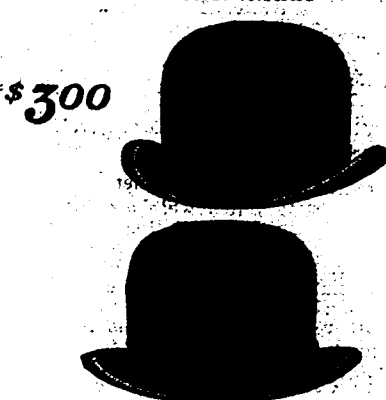
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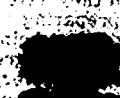
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WESTFORD.

Center.
Miss Alice Howard, who graduated from Simmon's college this last June as a trained librarian, has accepted a position in Cotuit, where she will have charge of the library, substituting and assisting, and her many friends wish her much success and pleasure in her new surroundings.

Mrs. John McIntosh, who is ill at her home with typhoid fever, is reported as doing well. The grange has sent the usual beautiful bouquet of flowers through its Flora, and the visiting committee were reminded of their friendly duties of fraternal sympathy.

Miss Edith Wright has been having an unexpected vacation from her school duties at Ayer. Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria, the school was closed and she spent last week at her home here.

Miss Wood, Miss Loker's friend of Keene, N. H., has been enjoying a visit with her at Providence farm.

George H. Heywood observed the eightieth milestone in his journey of life quietly at his home Sunday. The day was made memorable by having his only daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hildreth and her husband, and his only grandson, Roger Heywood Hildreth, aged just four weeks, to dine with him. It was little Roger's first journey from home. Mr. Heywood is in quite comfortable health, considering the many ill turns he has undergone.

Mrs. Paul Litchfield of Chelmsford is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Goode, at the village home of the Goodes.

Mrs. Elliot Atwood and daughter, Miss Jessie, were guests in town and attendants at the Congregational church, Sunday.

The H. V. Hildreth's enjoyed one more week-end at camp. The summer-like weather and the beautiful autumn foliage around the shores of the pond made their stay quite worth while.

John H. Shaw of Spokane, Wash., has been a recent visitor in town, one object of his visit being the settling of taxes on the place owned by his sister, Miss Charlotte Shaw, and occupied by A. O. Davis.

Arthur Wilson and Miss Florence Wilson are enjoying a trip to Washington.

Misses Carrie and May Atwood made a pilgrimage to Methuen, Wednesday of this week, which was the home of their maternal grandparents.

Those who have horse chestnut trees about their homes have a positively bumper crop this fall. To the person who could find some really practical use for these glossy brown nuts, a good profit might be realized.

Donald M. Cameron has been painting the buildings and making other improvements at the family homestead.

Grange.

Conferring of first and second degrees was the program scheduled for the first meeting in October, but, owing to the fact that there is no class for initiation this fall, the program for the evening was a miscellaneous one. It was voted by the members to conduct a lecture and entertainment course for a fourth season. The committee in charge of this course consists of Rev. C. P. Marshall, S. L. Taylor, and the master and lecturer, A. H. Sutherland, and E. G. Boynton. This committee again bespeak the hearty cooperation and patronage of those outside the grange as well as the members. The object is to give the public a good, bright course of six entertainments and lectures as is possible with the amount raised and not as any source of revenue to the grange. The committee's achievements in financing last season will be remembered. The cost of the excellent course given was one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and some cents, and it turned into the grange treasury at the close of the course exactly three cents after all bills were paid. The program Thursday evening consisted of selections by the grange orchestra with encores; recitation by Mrs. Alvah Nelson; reading by Mrs. Sutherland and Mr. Marshall, after which there was some practical discussion of a timely subject, corn and potato culture.

The members of Westford grange made the visitation to Tyngsborough grange, for which they have been planning and keep preparing for some time, the special object being the conferring of the third degree by the ladies' degree staff. Every member of the staff was able to go and act well her part. Also invited was the grange orchestra, who also did well and were much appreciated. Two barges, one in charge of Fred Smith and the other of William E. Wright, and single teams, conveyed the delegation, numbering fully fifty in all. The fourth degree was well exemplified by the regular officers of Tyngsborough

grange. A good supper, comfortable weather to go and come, a hall beautifully decorated with flowers and fruits, and much pleasant sociability, made the visitation one of the pleasantest. There were also patrons present from Billerica, Dracut, Chelmsford and Pelham.

Concert.

Edwin N. C. Barnes gave a song recital at the town hall last week Friday evening of most excellent merit, consisting of sea songs chosen from a great number received by him from English publishers while in London this past summer. Mr. Barnes was admirably assisted by Master Joseph Gewitz, boy violinist; Miss Bernice E. Wright, reader; and Miss E. Marion Sweatt, accompanist. Master Gewitz was heartily applauded for his skillful and sympathetic interpretation of difficult selections. Miss Wright was charming and dignified, and all her numbers were well received. Miss Sweatt is well known as an accompanist of ability and her work Friday evening was of her usual high standard.

Tadmuck Club.

The first meeting of the Tadmuck club for its fourth season of work together, assembled in the vestry of the Unitarian church, Tuesday afternoon. The pleasant parlors were bright with sunshine and well arranged autumn flowers.

The club starts the year auspiciously with the limit of a membership of seventy-five reached. There have been a few withdrawals owing to absence from town and ill health, but these vacancies have all been filled. New members added are Miss Edith M. Lawrence, Miss Elizabeth R. Cushing, Miss Winnifred Burnham and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland.

Miss Loker, who has always been the club's choice of president, gave words of welcome and greeting, calling attention to the outside program for the year and to the printed constitutions for each member, and voiced the wish of enlargement of scope for the organization in the line of town betterment, etc.

The program for the afternoon was "Vacation experiences," in charge of Mrs. William A. Woodward. Mrs. B. H. Bailey gave the first paper, which was exceedingly interesting and witty reminiscent of vacation weeks in Dedham. Miss Miranda Luce gave vacation experiences right at home, in which she used her happy gift of telling them in verse.

Miss Gertrude D. Fletbber had prepared a scholarly and instructive paper read by Miss Clara Smith of her recent trip to Montreal and Quebec. Interrupted at this point was a piano duet by Mrs. Marshall and Miss Julia Fletcher, which was followed by a sketch by Miss Clara Smith of summer days spent in ancient Duxbury, redolent of tradition of the old colony days.

Miss Loker closed the afternoon's program with an account of enjoyable days spent at Burlington during the ter-centenary Lake Champlain celebration.

Notice was given that the unfilled afternoon, December 21, on the program is to be travel talk by Mrs. Grace Lawrence of Littleton on "Merrie England."

About Town.

Rev. P. H. Cressey of Groton will conduct the services at the Unitarian church next Sunday in exchange with Rev. B. H. Bailey.

Mrs. James H. O'Brien, on the Pigeon hill branch of the Stony Brook road, who has been quite ill, is now enough better to stay better.

Among the marriages of interest to Brookside and Westford Corner residents will be that of Lincoln A. Reddick and Miss Ellen Knowles. Mr. Reddick will be remembered as a brother of Mrs. Edward Moore. For many years he was connected with the Brookside mills as watchman and otherwise, besides serving the town as constable for several years. Miss Knowles is the daughter of John H. Knowles, for many years nightwatchman at the Brookside mills, but more recently the storekeeper at Marshall's hall at Westford Corner.

Since the death of Horace Hamblett, the holder of the gold-headed cane as the oldest citizen of the town, the question naturally comes up for an answer, "Who next in the old-age list to possess the cane." There is good authority for believing that Matthew F. Downs, corner of Groton and Dunstable row, will be the next in line of possession. He is well in the eighties, besides being well, although not as gray as many of a younger day. If all this proves true, the Brookside precinct simply holds two.

The board of registration of voters will hold a meeting at Forge Village, Abbot's hall, Monday evening, October 18, from 7.30 to nine, and at Graniteville, Healy's hall, next Wednesday evening, from 7.30 to nine.

Joseph T. Richardson is helping along the prosperity of the Cold Spring farm, in tilling the soil and by other useful maneuvers.

John H. Decatur, who has had years of illness measured into him, had a condensed illustration served on him Tuesday evening. At present he is better but not up to his former self in the sunny helpful days of illness.

The cellar for the new house of John O. Sundberg of Brookside, is already advanced enough to give an impression of the exterior design of the house.

Wilbert E. Parsons has resigned the office of inspector of meat, to which

he was appointed by the selectmen, on account of contemplated removal from town.

Erving E. Staples, formerly of the sawmill at Westford, has accepted a position with the William P. Proctor company at North Chelmsford, in the sawmill department.

Mrs. John McIntosh, on the Concord road, has been seriously ill of typhoid fever, but is making good progress towards normal health.

Dedicated.

Thomas H. Elliott, who lives in Lowell, pays taxes in Westford and goes to church in Littleton, has dedicated for the present the Nashoba schoolhouse, which he bought of the town, to a better observance of the Sabbath, better and larger thought and character. With this end in view, he has invited the Baptist society of Littleton to hold religious services in the schoolhouse Sunday afternoons, and they have accepted the invitation. Mr. Elliott will be remembered as a well-known influence in the Middlesex North conference of Unitarian churches and in the denomination generally, but like Paul of old he is willing "To be all things to all men, if by all means he can save some," and neither Mr. Elliott or the Baptist society allows this movement to be construed as an attempt to make Baptists, but as a "Salt of the earth" movement.

Course of Entertainments.

The grange at its last meeting voted to hold a course of entertainments as in previous seasons. Among those whom the committee have planned in the entertainment course will be Mr. and Mrs. S. Thompson Blood of Concord Junction. Mrs. Blood is well known in town, and Mr. Blood has war record with the Spaulding Light cavalry, with funny faces and humorous conduct whenever he opens his knapsack. The committee of the grange for this course are Rev. C. P. Marshall, Alonzo H. Sutherland, Edson G. Boynton, S. L. Taylor, who are ready to receive promising encouragement. The grange disclaims all thought of enriching itself financially, and any surplus will be held in reserve for future entertainments.

Annual Meeting.

The trustees of Middlesex north agricultural society held its annual meeting at Lowell, Tuesday. Only where vacancies occurred, the old board of officers were re-elected. A report of the recent fair at Chelmsford was made showing a net income of \$300. Among those present was J. Lewis Ellsworth, secretary of the state board of agriculture, who announced that the state board would hold its winter meeting in Lowell or Grange hall, Dracut. Noted speakers will be present and address the meetings, which will be held three days, commencing on December 7. Program and all particulars in season not too early. Arthur H. Cluer, for many years the efficient and sufficient president of the society, as well as a pillar in all good things, was reported dangerously ill at his home in Lowell, and resolutions of sympathy were passed.

Graniteville.

Little Genevieve Healy, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Healy, of this village, took first prize at the baby show held in North Chelmsford last Saturday afternoon. Little Russell Dudevoux, the ten-months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudevoux, of this village, also received a prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLenna of Springfield have been recent visitors in this village.

Mrs. J. J. Dunn and Miss Catherine Dunn of West Chelmsford have been recent visitors here.

Football.

The North Chelmsford football club visited here last Saturday afternoon and met the Graniteville A. C. in the first game of the season at Hillside park. The North Chelmsford boys won by the score of 5 to 0. Graniteville presented a much lighter team than their opponents, but played a plucky game throughout. North Chelmsford scored after six minutes of play, Lavalle, after a neat run of twenty-five yards, making the touchdown. Graniteville held them from further scoring during the half. In the second half Graniteville was somewhat reinforced by two new men, while the North Chelmsford boys made similar changes in their lineup. From the call of the whistle the play was fast and furious, and there were several mixups which were due more to lack of knowledge of the game than with any intention to injure a fellow player. Both sides took things in a good-natured way and were of the opinion that it was "all in the game." Neither side scored in this half, although Scollan, the sprinter, made a fine run of thirty-five yards and but for the foul made by Pope, would have returned a touchdown. The ball was returned on both ends. When the game started, the half ended soon after, with the ball in midfield. When the game terminated both sides sized each other up, counted the bruises made in the conflict, shook hands good naturedly and decided to meet again in two weeks at North Chelmsford.

Forge Village.

What came near being a very serious accident took place Sunday afternoon, when the 5.30 electric car, bound for Ayer, struck Adolphus Blouey, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blouey. The little boy was playing on the road while waiting for his mother, who with her sister, Miss Elizabeth Orange, went to the cemetery. In the afternoon and was expected on the car. When the accident occurred he was quickly carried into the house and Dr. Cyril A. Blaney, who was in the village, called to attend him. He received some cuts on his leg and two toes were broken. Conductor Walter Blodgett was in charge of the car. Upon learning of the accident, Superintendent Cushing came right down on the next car to see about it. The little boy, although only three years old, is doing as well as can be expected.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blodgett was christened at St. Andrew's mission, Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, by Rev. T. L. Fisher. Mrs. Chester Blodgett and Miss Annie and Charles Blodgett were sponsors. Florence Ann was the name given to

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the little one. The christening robe was of Irish linen and sent from Oldham, England. Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett reside at the Ridges.

W. E. Parsons has moved his furniture store from Central street to Prescott street, and some time in the future will remodel it into a tenement house.

The Forge Village Tigers played the Littleton Wanderers on the home grounds, Saturday afternoon, and were defeated by a score of 20 to 8.

The Jolly Four held a social dance in Abbot's hall, Saturday evening last, that was enjoyed by a large number. LeClerc's orchestra furnished music for the dancing.

Miss Laura Sykes of Andover is visiting Mrs. Lowther for a few days.

The members of the I. O. O. F. M. U., are making arrangements for a social dance and chicken pie supper in the near future.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's parish was held at the vicarage, Monday evening. Twenty-five were present from this village. After the business of the evening was over, a social hour was passed when sandwiches and coffee were served by the ladies' guild of Ayer.

Miss Rachel Cherry of this village has received a very interesting letter from her brother, Edwin Cherry, chief steward on the yacht *Privatier*. His boat led the third division of the Hudson-Fulton parade. They entertained Admiral Sir Charles Seymour and several other distinguished officers of the British fleet.

The recent warm weather brought many visitors to Forge pond the last of the week, and Sunday many who closed their cottages, opened them again to enjoy these beautiful October days.

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A CASE OF HEDGING.

By GEORGE HERBERT BOMM.
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When I was studying medicine, one afternoon I was in the dissecting room hurrying to get through with a subject before the building should be closed for the night. An examination was before me the next morning and therefore would be no opportunity to return to the dissecting room for some time to come. I had finished every member except a foot when time was up, and, stuffing it in a hand bag I used to carry needed articles between the city and the place I lived in the suburbs, I left the room, intending to finish my work at home.

On my way I made one of a game of whist in the smoking car with three strangers. Finishing a rubber just as my station was called, I hastily picked up my bag and left the train. On reaching home I tossed my satchel on a table, made my toilet and went down to dinner. In the evening I went up to my room to go to work. What was my astonishment and chagrin on taking up the bag to discover that it was not mine.

I was in a pickle. Whoever had taken my own satchel on opening it would be horrified to discover a human foot. The fact would be reported to the police, and if the owner could be identified I would be subject to a charge of murder, followed by an effort to get rid of the corpse piecemeal. The wise thing to have done was to report my loss to the police at once. I thought of this, but before doing so concluded to look into the bag I had taken with a view to discovering the owner. It was locked, and I was obliged to force it.

The only articles in it were burglars' tools. "Well," I said to myself, "whoever has taken my satchel is not likely to report his find, since by doing so he will incriminate himself. There is no necessity for my giving the subject any further attention."

Were it not for one of those strange coincidences that are continually happening my story would end here. A year after my exchange of satchels my house, or, rather, my father's, was robbed. I followed one of the men downstairs, where they had turned on the lights, and caught him by the coat-tail just as he was going out the front door. He turned and gave me a blow which knocked me down. He made his escape, but during the brief instant I saw his face I recognized my partner at whist on the journey when I had exchanged satchels. I wondered whether he had recognized me, but it occurred to me that he had not, for the light was at my back.

Two more years passed. One day while on a train a man took a seat beside me, and when I looked at him I recognized my partner at whist and in the same man the burglar who had robbed my father's house. My first thought was to summon the conductor and have him telegraph ahead to the police. My second was to turn up my coat collar and pull my hat down over my eyes so that the burglar would not know me. Then I remembered that he had only seen me once, since when I had grown a beard. Thus reassured, I made a remark to him. He replied and we entered into conversation.

Now, it occurred to me that should I make a charge of burglary against him I would stand in a vulnerable position. He had been possessed of my subject's foot, and I was uncertain what, if any, use he would make of it to establish a countercharge. I concluded to discover if possible what his intentions might be in this respect. I told him the story of the exchange of satchels as having happened to a friend of mine. He turned and after fixing a sharp glance on me said coolly:

"I see you are the man with whom I played whist and who went off with my satchel."

"And you are the man who robbed a house in M. two years ago and whom I caught by the coat-tail and recognized as he passed out. Suppose I give you away?"

"You'll stand trial on a charge of murder."

"I can easily prove that I was a medical student and was taking the foot home for dissection."

"Not so fast, please. To head you off I learned of a missing man and secured evidence to prove conclusively that a man of your description was seen to murder the person who had disappeared. Then I turned over your satchel with the foot in it to the police."

"Suddenly it dawned upon me how foolish I had been not to report the case myself. It would have blocked my opponent's game."

"If you report me," he continued, "persons supposed to be unknown to me will inform the police of your identity with the man whom my witnesses saw you murder. You will be arrested, tried and the best of circumstances, evidence furnished to prove that you had a grudge against him, murdered him and intended to protect yourself in case of discovery by the fact that you were a medical student studying anatomy."

A mental vision of one of those celebrated murder cases of which I would be the central figure and wherein half the people believed in the accused's guilt and the other half in his innocence came up before me.

"My friend," I said, "in the eye of the law should we inform on each other we would both be suspected criminals, which is the next thing to being proved criminals. I am quite sure I would be proved guilty. At any rate, I should be ruined. Go in peace."

BRUOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
The fifty-first anniversary of the Methodist Episcopal church is to be observed, Wednesday, November 10. At a meeting held Tuesday evening the following committee were appointed: Supper, Mrs. George Betterley, Mrs. Ellen Swett, Mrs. George Nye; music, Mrs. Hattie Stiles, Mrs. Jennie Boutelle, Delbert Porter; decorating, Mrs. Elva Corey, Elmer Rideout, Mrs. George Nye; soliciting, Mrs. Jennie Boutelle, Mrs. Ellen Swett, Mrs. Clinton Gilson, Miss Mabel Popple; secretary, Miss Josephine Seaver.

Miss Frances Winslow of Cambridge, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. Warren L. Noyes at the manse.

Miss Alice Day, a former teacher at the West primary school, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Betterley.

The fourteen-foot cornstalk at the grange fair should have been credited to little Miss Eva Corey, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Corey. The little miss planted the corn and cared for it.

Mrs. Walter Parker, Hutchins Parker and friend of Lowell, spent Sunday at Four Pines.

Mrs. Emma Valdege presided at the organ at the Congregational church, Sunday.

Mrs. M. M. Smith of Nashua is a guest at the Seaver's homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Kennedy and daughter Elizabeth are to move to the Charles Blake farm at East Pepperell. Mr. Kennedy and family have been residents in town for the past fourteen years and been interested in the welfare of the town. Many friends will regret their departure.

Ruth Wheeler is the name of the little daughter recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Wheeler, and Donald Maurice Porter is the name of the little son recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Porter.

William Bailey and family have returned to town and are occupying the cottage owned by Mrs. Charlotte French. Mr. Bailey is employed by Harry Campbell.

Mrs. Ellen Swett was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham at Milford, Saturday.

G. A. Homer of Somerville, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace, Monday.

Miss Carrie Guttererson and Walter Derby of Leominster were guests of Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson and son Sunday.

Mrs. F. D. Cook, Mrs. Charles Holman, Mrs. George D. French, Mrs. Dr. Frank Kittredge, Mrs. E. E. Cheney, Mrs. James Black, Miss Flora Wilder, members of the Hathaway class of the Shakespeare club of Nashua, were guests of Mrs. E. E. Parker at Inncroft, Friday.

Fred E. French and son Harold are guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William French.

Edward C. Tucker, town clerk, has issued hunter's licenses to Elmer W. Wallace, Frank A. Austin, Edwin E. Smith, Frank G. Hammond, Roland Austin, Leroy C. Putnam, Freeman L. Flagg, Henry S. Bailey, Walter B. Fessenden, Frank L. Willoby, Richard F. Wright, Andrew A. Marshall, Oscar F. Elliott, Charles A. Gilson, Clayton B. Hobart, Ralph R. Perkins.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
There was a pretty wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Simonds, Wednesday evening, Oct. 6, when their only daughter, Marion Louise, was united in marriage to Harry Douglas Verder of this town. Only the families and intimate friends were present. They will reside at the home of Mr. Verder's parents. At home after November 1.

Mrs. Hobbs of Berlin is making an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Jason Read.

George F. Hills sold the farm known as the ranch to Edward Cave last Saturday, and he will reside there with his family.

Andrew Jewett had a valuable sheep killed by a dog last week Saturday. The dog belonged to the neighborhood.

Rev. A. R. Paull and family were in town last Sunday, attending church here. Mr. Paull is the new superintendent of schools for the towns of Pepperell, Harvard and Bolton. He lived in Hollis during all his childhood and early manhood days, and is always a welcome visitor here.

Last Sunday the church elected delegates to the meeting of the A. M. A. to be held in Burlington, Vt., Oct. 19-21. Those elected are Miss Ethel Goodwin and Mrs. Walter Hayden.

New Advertisements.

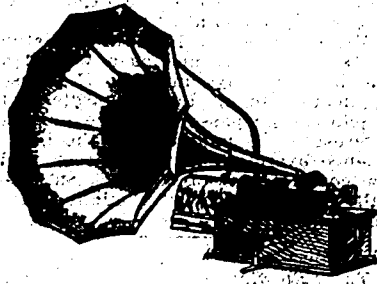
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Maria H. Fairchild, late of Shirley, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by William B. Beatty, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, without giving a surety on his official bond, or to some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to accept the trust.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of October, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of September, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

3w3 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of William A. Beckford, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate by William S. Beckford, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the first day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

34 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Patrick Desmond, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Warren H. Fairbank, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the second day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, fourteen days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this sixth day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

34 JOHN W. MAWNEY, Register.

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I see the splintery sanded floor,
The dame at desk, within the door;
The fireplace decked with evergreen,
And benches rude as ever seen.

The scholars seated row on row,
Black haired and red haired—hair of
Also the wool-topped dandy boys,
Who shared our common woes and joys.

The teacher calls the primer class,
When many a little lad and lass,
Bare toes 'gainst chalk-line on the floor,
Proceed to drone their lessons o'er.

I see the dame teach A B C
From off a printed card to me,
Pointing "round O, now crooked S—"
Hard task for infant idleness!

From A B C to Amperсанд
I learned them all beneath her hand.
She was a fair young maiden then,
And now her sons are gray-haired men.

Now I recall the long recess,
When all was play and happiness;
We roamed the fields and woods at will,
In winter coated down the hill.

Played duck-on-a-rock and three-
The modern baseball can't beat that!
With snap-the-whip and hide-and-crope,
The girls played jump-rope and hoop.

O happy days so full of joy,
I wish I were again a boy!
Could throw my manhood's cares away
And be a boy just for today.

One morn the rogue, Bob MacIntyre,
Threw pepper on the schoolroom fire.
He was an imp of mischief then,
Though now a worthy citizen.

The teacher quickly put him out,
Was justly angry too, no doubt.
The school was over for the day,
We stacked our books and went away.

Years since I laid my school books by,
I never went to college,
And yet within my walks in life
Have gathered useful knowledge.

Still as my school days I recall,
Those days long gone (so fast time
I find my heart by memories stirred
That bring the tear-drops to mine eyes.

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Who can observe the careful Ant.
And not provide for future want?
Saturday, October 16, 1909.
GROTON.

Hospital Notes

Dr. Waterman, a specialist from Boston, was called in consultation in J. F. Ryan's case at the hospital last Saturday. No definite diagnosis was made, but Mr. Ryan, being more comfortable, went to the Massachusetts General Hospital, Tuesday, for observation of case. His brother, William Ryan, and J. F. Hawkes accompanied the patient to Boston, who went by auto from Groton to Ayer, there taking the cars to the city.

Miss Annie Maher, an employe of Miss Floreta Vining, was operated on at Groton hospital last week for strangulated hernia. Fred Fifield is another patient at the hospital operated on for hernia last Tuesday.

Mrs. Russell, coming from Salem, but whose home is in Shirley, arrived at the hospital Tuesday, suffering from intestinal obstruction and is recovering.

News Items

Anthony Fernald, accompanied by his wife, has gone to Los Angeles, Cal., for the winter, expecting the climate there will benefit his health. He carries with him the best wishes of his friends in this town; also of those associated with him in his work at the City Trust Co., Boston, where he has been employed for a number of years.

A recent guest of Groton Inn is J. Buchanan Perry, Esq., a well-known lawyer in Detroit, Mich.

Hon. J. R. Leeson of Boston was a recent guest at the Groton Inn. He was a former state director in the Fitchburg railroad.

Rev. Pemberton H. Cressey of the First Parish church will exchange Sunday, October 17, with Rev. B. H. Bailey of Westford.

Dr. Underhill is away on his customary vacation and is now in Andover.

Arriving in their automobile early this week from a trip through Connecticut valley and the Berkshire hills was a sister of Mrs. Dix with her daughter, Mrs. Going and her husband and their daughter. After several days' stay they left for Boston, Friday last week.

Wm. Peabody, son of John Peabody, a family name well known in Groton for more than half a century, has had a long and trying illness. Recently his condition has somewhat improved. Dr. Kilbourn is in attendance.

William F. Fitch of Mason City, Iowa, spent last week with his uncle, Z. Fitch. Mrs. Fitch and daughter will visit there later, as they do not return west until later in the fall.

Cheney Holton, a graduate of Lawrence academy some two years ago, was at Groton Inn Tuesday. He has at present a good position as chauffeur.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Baptist church will give a supper and entertainment at the church parlor on Thursday evening, October 21.

Miss Bertha Farrar of Princeton, Me., has been a recent visitor of Mrs. G. D. Blood.

M. J. Cleary was run into last Saturday night as he was driving home, the accident resulting in damage to his team, while he escaped injury.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence returned last week to their Groton home, "The Homestead."

Mrs. Sears and daughter, Miss Clara Endicott Sears, are at their Groton home, Riverdale farm.

The W. R. C. held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon. The yearly inspection takes place Tuesday, October 19.

Mr. Johnson and sister, Miss Catherine Johnson, Miss Jennie Mellen and William Riley, all recent employes at Groton school, started Monday for Oakland, Cal., where they will spend the winter.

W. V. Bixby and Harry Kemp were the purchasers of the parcel of land in West Groton containing forty-eight acres, belonging to the estate of the late H. C. Corey, and sold by public auction, Tuesday, by the administrator, J. L. Boynton, of East Pepperell.

Miss Emma F. Blood, librarian of Groton public library, is taking her annual vacation. Miss Ruth Rockwood is substituting at the library.

Benson B. Priest of Orange visited his brother, Dr. H. B. Priest, over Thursday.

There were twenty from Groton grange attended the Pomona at Shirley, Wednesday. Among those going from Groton were Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hawkes, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer, William A. Woods, Mrs. Eugene Collier, Mrs. Edith Kierstead, Miss Elsie Bailey, Mrs. Ella P. Wolley, Mrs. George Boynton, Mrs. Wallace Brown, Miss Helen Barrows, Mrs. Maud Heber, Mrs. Frank Patterson and others whose names have not reached us.

The Groton friends of Miss Ethel M. Shumway of Dorchester hear with interest of her going abroad. Miss Shumway leaves this week Friday for a trip around the world, embarking on the steamer Cleveland of the Hamburg-American line, and is associated with a party of thirty, going with a party of three hundred. The party of thirty go to attend the world's convention of C. E. societies, held at Agra, India. Agra is some miles north of Calcutta. The party will be away four months, returning by same steamer to the Pacific coast.

There was not a very large attendance at the open grange meeting held in town hall, Tuesday evening. All present, however, found Hop. L. H. Worthley a most interesting speaker and his lecture instructive and worthy the consideration of all earnest citizens.

zens. The speaker showed specimens of these moth pests, already too familiar to Groton people. He told of the experiments being made in introducing parasites for destruction of the moths and urged that all grocers and individuals continue and increase effort in their work of suppression. The audience were disappointed that there was no musical program after the lecture, as had been promised and probably intended by the grange.

George Hemenway, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hemenway, who lived on West Street, was in town last week Friday, coming from Montreal. Mr. Hemenway has been away for a number of years. He is now working in the Chandler machine shop at Ayer.

There were 117 took dinner at the Groton Inn last Sunday.

Mrs. William French (née Miss Alice Sawyer), with her little son, Raymond Shelby French, is here from Westbrook, Me., visiting her mother, Mrs. Shelby Sawyer, on Champney street.

Automobile vans were here yesterday, moving Dr. Bristol's goods. Dr. and Mrs. Bristol have been at Dr. Priest's during the last of their stay in Groton, the doctor leaving Thursday on his own auto for Cohasset, Mrs. Bristol with little son leaving Friday morning for Vergennes, Vt., the home of Dr. Bristol's parents, staying there until their house in Cohasset is ready for occupancy. Dr. and Mrs. Bristol leave Groton with the best wishes of their many friends. They will be missed in society and in the Congregational church, of which both are members.

George H. Cook and family are to move from Ayer to Groton. They will occupy the tenement on Hollis street vacated by William F. Gleason's family, who recently moved to Gardner.

Gardner H. Rockwood was called professionally to West Groton, Thursday morning, by Roscoe, Ferden, whose little daughter had just died. She was three months old. We have learned no further particulars in the case.

Miss Ysabelle Waters of New York is visiting her brother, Frank F. Waters and family.

The game at Groton School this Saturday afternoon promises to be interesting. It is with the Harvard Freshmen.

Lawrence Dilbert is experiencing a sprained ankle.

Mrs. Stella Menton of Oak Hill, Pepperell, visited friends in town last week. Mrs. Menton closes her house in Pepperell for the winter and goes to Franklin to live during the winter with her son.

J. A. Sanderson is making some inside improvements in his recently purchased place on West street. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson expect to occupy their new home before winter.

James Dunphy is not going to return to his work in Natick, but begins Monday a course at the Fitchburg business college.

The inspector of W. R. C. next week Tuesday will be Miss Elizabeth Hayward of South Framingham, who has been a department officer.

The number of automobiles passing last Sunday was something noteworthy and unsurpassed in Groton. The number too out in their vehicles and on foot with the enchanting autumn weather and autumn foliage made all seem like some gala day.

Mrs. Alice Barnard with little daughter Elizabeth are at her mother's, Mrs. Needham.

Lawyer Herrin, chief counsel for the Southern Pacific railroad, was in town this week in his private car. He has a son at Groton School.

Arthur C. Tuttle sold all his fine crop of apples to a Boston party, who has been harvesting them.

General Bancroft is having new stone entrances put in his estate, Shawfieldmont, alongside the Martiu pond road.

Rev. and Mrs. MacDonald, coming with a friend in his auto, were in town Sunday. This gentleman, whose name we did not learn, was seeking direction to Groton cemetery, in order to visit the grave of his former friend, Governor Boutwell. As this party could not be accommodated at Groton Inn that day, on account of the great number of guests, they took dinner at Mrs. Hemenway's.

The posts and wires for electric lighting were going up on Main street, Thursday. The delay in the work on Main street, which is a state road, has been because it was first necessary to get permission from the state. Some of the lamp fixtures have been put in place and work on the building on Station avenue for distribution of electricity has been commenced. This building will have three compartments. One in front facing the street is the sub-station; on the right is the office, opening by door into the store-room on the left. Three sides of this building are to be of cement, the rear end of upards. The Osgood Construction Company of Nashua has the contract of building.

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Instantly Killed.
The lifeless body of Jeremiah F. Condon, forty-five years of age, and known in Littleton as "Jim Conway," was discovered between the tracks near the new state crossing, Tuesday morning, by the engineer on the 5.40 train west. The news was telegraphed to Littleton immediately upon the arrival of that train in Ayer. The selectmen called up Coroner Chamberlain of Concord, who attributed death to an accident. As the body was cold when found it is supposed that Mr. Condon met his death early in the night. He was evidently on his way back from Ayer and sat on lay on the track where he was struck by an engine. He sustained but one bruise, that in the back of his head, which caused his death. Beside him lay his pipe and his knife. In his pocket was the sum of four cents, all the money he possessed.

Undertaker Wm. H. Davis cared for the body, placing it in the room adjoining the pump house at Westlawn cemetery.

Meanwhile, Selectman Patch was inquiring for relatives of the deceased and found a widowed sister in South Boston, a frugal, industrious and good-appearing woman, who had struggled to support herself and two sons that were early left fatherless. The two boys are now grown to manhood. One is a mail carrier, the other

Mrs. Abbott Turner of Milford, N. H., has been visiting the H. F. Proctor's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Proctor celebrated Mr. Hartwell's and Mrs. Proctor's birthdays by attending the theatre last Saturday night.

George Stone addressed the Middlesex and Worcester County stranges, convened at Shirley, Wednesday, taking for his subject, "The breeding of Ayrshire cattle."

The children's dancing class, conducted by Mrs. C. R. White, opened with a good number last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. R. H. Phelps, recently operated upon for cancer, has returned to her daughter's in Jamaica Plain, and is making satisfactory improvement.

Twenty-seven from the Unitarian church attended the Groton conference last week.

The Dipman family has moved into the Henry Wilson house, owned by Elmer Flagg.

Mrs. Alta Hollis is entertaining two nieces from Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cushman of South Chatham were recent visitors in the Elmer A. Flagg home.

Uttaro Tsukakoshi went to New York Tuesday to meet his brother-in-law on his arrival from Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Prouty returned from their wedding trip last week Thursday.

Another case of diphtheria appeared in the Eastman family on Taylor street last week.

Mrs. M. A. Drew came to town this week in time to attend the installation of her son and the reception tendered him Tuesday evening.

Miss Natalie Sleeper has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Chester M. Hartwell, this week.

Miss Abbie McNeill has improved sufficiently to resume school duties next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Brodeur of Barre expect soon to move to Worcester. Mrs. Brodeur has recently spent two weeks at the home of her father, Alonzo V. Moore.

Sunday morning services at the three churches at 10.45. Christian Endeavor meeting at the usual hour. Subject, Pilgrim's progress, series X, Doubting castle. Leader at the Baptist C. E., Dr. J. M. Godfrey. Leader at the Orthodox, Ethel Whittier, Guild meeting at the Unitarian church at seven p. m., Sunday; leader, Mr. H. Malcolm Priest. Subject, "Religion and science." October meeting of the Orthodox Ladies' Sewing circle, for the purpose of collecting and packing clothing to be sent in the missionary box.

Miss Nellie Smith returned Tuesday from a visit of two weeks in Nashua, N. H.

Miss Margaret Thacher of Lasell seminary spent last Sunday at home, and was accompanied to Auburndale the following day by the rest of the family in Dr. Godfrey's automobile, driven by Randolph Godfrey. This is only one of several parties that Mr. Godfrey has taken on extensive trips this season.

William Griffiths had a narrow escape Tuesday night as he was driving home from the station. The forerunner of the Fuller farm and Mr. Griffiths, being unable to see each other in the dark, tried to occupy the same space at the same time, and in consequence the latter was thrown out and run over, receiving, however, no injury. Mr. Griffiths' horse ran, clearing himself and breaking the harness. The democrat lacked little of meeting the same fate as the deacon's "one horse shay."

Mr. and Mrs. James Chapell, wife and son, of North Stratford, Vt., have been guests of Mrs. Fred Reed, Mrs. Sawyer and Thomas Chapell this last week.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton will receive applications for magazine subscriptions for next year.

The marriage of John A. O'Connell, the oldest son of John H. O'Connell, to Miss Mary C. Allen, occurred Thursday, Oct. 14, the ceremony being performed by Rev. James J. Gilday, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Hanover. The bridesmaid was Miss Nora McSweeney and the best man was Samuel Stetson. The bride, who is noted for her beauty, is just eighteen and the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen. The happy couple left immediately upon a wedding trip through the south and west, upon the conclusion of which they will make their home at 23 Washington street, North Pembroke.

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holds a bank position, and together they support their mother. She reviewed the pathetic history of her brother's life, and said that the first steps in Jerry's unfortunate career began in the schoolroom.

To these, his only relatives, the body was sent Wednesday morning. They will bear a much of the expense as they are able and all if possible.

Mr. Condon had lived in Littleton for several years and as a workman was in many ways unusual. His close application to his task, regardless of spectators or passers-by, the evident interest in his undertaking, the intelligence exercised in the process, and the completeness of his work pathetically indicate what "might have been."

Lyceum.
The following is an outline of the program for the coming eighth season. This course will begin November 9. The personnel of the Westland quartet is an unusually strong one. Each member is a soloist of established reputation, and while each voice possesses a distinct individual quality, the perfect blending of ensemble work brings before the public a combination of women's voices, which is seldom equalled.

November 23 Rev. John Snyder will give his lecture on "The development of American humor." This lecturer will be remembered as the author of the play, "As ye sow." Mr. Snyder has a keen sense of humor and will furnish a delightful entertainment.

Special attention is called to the lecture on "The lost leadership of New England in its care for its child laborers," to be given on December 7 by Mrs. Kelley of New York city. Mrs. Kelley is a woman of remarkable power, and perhaps of all persons best fitted to lecture upon the great problem of child labor. On January 6, the most fortunate to have as our speaker, Dr. Lyons of Harvard university. This illustrated lecture on "The land of Palestine" promises to be one of great benefit.

In January Hon. Mr. Ham of Boston will come to us for a lecture upon some subject of current interest.

Mr. Lord will lecture January 25 on "The ministry of birds." As a lecturer he has had a wide experience and has received universal commendation. No one can question Mr. Lord's fitness as a lecturer on birds. He approaches his subject with the enthusiasm of a bird lover and the trained powers of observation of a naturalist.

The course will end February 8 with home talent night. Arrangements are being made for a debate.

Much attention and care has been spent in arranging this program for the eighth season of our lyceum. It is hoped that the community will do its share in making this course a social and financial success.

Installation.
The installation of Rev. Harold Bellows Drey as minister of the First Baptist church in Littleton stamped the twelfth of October as a re-letting day in the history of that church. Arrayed in nature's mantle of richly tinted red and brown foliage, clusters of glowing salivas, relieved by the graceful fronds of asparagus ferns and white asters, the auditorium wore the expression of warmth, cheer and genuine hospitality.

In ideal harmony with the charming decorations was the beautiful service of the afternoon, all the parts of which, complete in themselves, combined to make a perfect whole.

The sermon "The master minister," suggested by the text, "I am the vine, ye are the branches," was a gem of scholarly thought and eloquent delivery. Would that time and space permitted each person who contributed so grandly and graciously to the afternoon service. The following program may interest those who were not privileged to be present:

2.30 Meeting of council.
2.15 Installation service.
Prelude. Tenor melody. Ashford
Prayer. W. L. Stone
Emma Elizabeth Tenney. Wagner
Invocation.
Rev. C. A. Drummond.
Duet. "I waited for the lord."
Rev. W. L. Stone. Mendelssohn
Scripture. Mrs. Priest, Mrs. Webber.
Prayer. Rev. D. Lovett.
Prayer of installation.
Rev. J. W. Thomas. Brown
Quartet. "O lord be merciful." Brown
Mrs. A. B. Webber, Mrs. C. K. Houghton
Mrs. A. B. Webber, Mrs. J. M. Hartwell
Sermon. "The master minister."
Rev. F. W. Wessolcke. R. I.
Solo. "Jesus only." Rotoil
Mrs. Webber.
Charge to minister.
Rev. Mr. Fielding. Winchendon
Charge to church.
Rev. W. L. Stone.
Newton Theological Institution.
Welcome to the town.
Rev. P. G. Favor.
Hand of fellowship.
Rev. W. L. Stone.
"Heavenly father grant thy blessing."
Benediction. Quartet. [Salter
Postlude. Abernethy
In the evening Rev. H. B. Drew and his mother, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. William Tenney, received their friends from the three churches, in the brilliantly lighted and prettily decorated vestry.

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AYER.

Fair.
The Unitarian ladies held their annual fair at the church, Thursday. A fine dinner was served at noon in charge of Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Franklin Lawton, Mrs. George H. Hill, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, assisted by Mrs. G. P. Beverly, Miss Hattie Whitcomb and Misses Eunice and Alice Sanderson.
The sales were held in the afternoon. The vestry was gay with the pretty booths and tables. The candy table in yellow and tinsel was in charge of Misses B. Roe, Eunice, Alice and Evelyn Sanderson. The "handkerchief booth in blue and white did a thriving business in care of Misses Natalie Bigelow, Norma Bryant, Flora Cole, Doris Fletcher, Margaret Hume. The apron table in pink and white found ready customers for Mrs. Lyman Clark and Mrs. Ruth Sherwin. The mystery table was Mrs. Wigg's cabbage patch, here, Miss Emma and Helen Kinney in appropriate costumes sold cabbages of quite a varied nature to all comers and here was lots of fun. In the evening there was an entertainment in charge of Mrs. George J. Burns and Mrs. A. C. Perkins. The first part was a musical and included piano and vocal solo by Miss Ada May Parker, cello and piano duet by Walter Lougee and Harry Fisher, and violin solo by Napoleon Laprod. Then came the farce, "Champion of her sex," which was well rendered by Mrs. Hill, Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Eva Richardson, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, and Misses Avis Burns, Eunice Sanderson, Emma Butterfield and Isabel Murphy. The evening closed with a social hour, at which ice cream was served by Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Beverly, assisted by Natalie Bigelow, Norma Bryant, Marion Proctor and Hazel Wright.
The little Misses, Mona Stedman, Lily Baker and Dorothy Robbins served as ushers at the entertainment.

An Ayer Boy.
Harry W. Fleming, son of Mrs. Philip D. Sampson is one of the Natick young men away from home who is making good at his work. Harry is advertising manager for the Halston Shoe company at Cambridge. He has risen after quite a few years of hard labor. Last week he contributed a very interesting article to Footwear and Fashion upon "Some elements involved in buying." The article was a good one and demonstrated the fact that Harry has made a deep study of the shoe business since entering that field, upon the completion of his four years at Dartmouth. Harry's many friends will always be pleased to learn of his success at all times.

Organized.
The Freshmen of the Ayer high school have organized a football team, with Stephen Ryan, captain; Principal Whitman, manager; and Edward Coughlin, assistant manager. The team has started in on daily practice and is ready for hard work. Owing to the difference in the size of the team which the "Freshies" lined up against Tuesday afternoon, they were badly defeated; score, 20 to 5, but on Wednesday afternoon they defeated the grammar school team; score, 15 to 5. The Ayer high '13 team is composed of Stephen Ryan, Howard Stone, Frank Brown, Clarence Lyman, Edward Coughlin, John Sabin, Charles Mullin, Roger Lawrence, Harry Davis, Thomas Hurley and John Guthrie.

A Small Attendance.
The Socialist meeting held in the Unitarian church last Sunday afternoon was attended by thirty-one people, including the two speakers, seven of this number being women. That leaves but fifteen men who took the pains to attend. But E. G. Bartlett is not discouraged and says he will have another meeting soon in the town hall. The speaker, Rev. R. D. Sawyer of Haverhill, gave a fine statement of what socialism was. Several questions were asked of the speaker by members of the audience. A lot of literature was given out. Rev. Dr. Cook of Shirley also made remarks. The main idea both the speakers tried to enforce was that the fundamental truth of socialism was embodied in the "golden rule."

Still River.
The Woman's club meets Wednesday, October 20, in Page hall. The meeting will be in charge of the Topic of the Day class.

Mr. and Mrs. William U. Sherwin attended the anniversary of the wedding of their daughter Daisy—Mrs. Charles Wood—in Shrewsbury, Thursday.

The Methodist ladies served a supper in the lower town hall, Tuesday evening, in charge of Mrs. J. W. Wentworth, Miss A. M. Durgin, Mrs. Lillian Harrington, Mrs. W. W. Wentworth and Mrs. Philip R. Andrew.

Judge George A. Sanderson attended the funeral of Judge Bishop in Newton last Sunday.

The schools in the Washington, Shirley and East Main street buildings have been closed this week also, and the diphtheria scare is abating. There are no new cases.

Lester Martell has bought the James Galvin place on Jackson street, and will move in a couple of weeks. The Galvins left the early part of this week for Ontario, Cal., for a permanent residence.

Thomas F. Mullin has sold for A. E. Lawrence & Son their land on Park street to Holden C. Harlow, on which he will erect coal sheds. The Lawrence secured it some time ago to erect coal sheds, but by purchasing the coal business of G. L. Osgood & Co., it was not necessary for them to build. The Boston and Maine are going to put in a spur track for Mr. Harlow.

Mrs. Barker entertained her sister, Mrs. B. B. Calef of Keene, N. H., the first half of the week.

There will be a meeting of the First Unitarian parish on Monday evening, October 18, for the purpose of acting upon the resignation of the pastor. The meeting will be held in the vestry of the church, 150 North Main street.

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Congregational church will hold their annual fair and entertainment in Page hall, Monday and Tuesday, November 8 and 9. Entertainment the first evening and supper the second evening.

C. D. Powers, who resides on Third street, had for supper Thursday string beans, summer squash and green corn, gathered from his own garden.

Edwin Booth of Waukegan, Ill., who was in town Thursday, was a resident here for a couple of years, fifty years ago, and at that time was employed in the shops of the Ames Flow Co., during his half century absence from this place he finds that wonderful strides have been made in the improvement and growth of the town. From here he went to Groton, where he has family connections, and from there to Nashua, where he has a sister.

Edwin N. C. Barnes of Boston is to give a song recital in Page hall, Tuesday evening, October 19. He has just returned from abroad, where he has been making a special study of voice culture, and he has a varied program of English and sea songs. Mr. Barnes will be assisted by the well-known boy violinist, Joseph Gewitz and Miss Bernice E. Wright, impersonator. Miss Rachel Osgood, accompanist.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chadwin last Sunday.

Mrs. Grace G. Kendall, wife of Chief of Police Kendall of Somerville, and daughter of H. H. Bliss of this town, has been awarded prizes by the judge at the Brockton fair for preserved pineapple and chili sauce.

The twentieth anniversary of St. Andrew's parish occurs next Sunday. The chief service will be the communion at ten a. m. Common prayer and sermon will follow at 10.45. The first service of St. Andrew's was held Sunday evening, October 20, 1889, in the lower town hall by Rev. William G. Thayer. At the annual parish meeting last Monday evening there were elected: Wardens, George A. Sanderson, William A. Gardner; treasurer, S. Warren Sturges; clerk, C. S. Griswold; vestrymen, F. G. Philbrick, D. C. Parsons, Berton Williams, William Burnett, George A. Cook.

In speaking of the temperance meeting held in town last week, it should have been stated that the members of the Unitarian church helped in providing the food for the dinner served on that occasion.

The seventy-ninth annual meeting of the Middlesex union conference, composed of twenty-four churches, will be held in the Congregational church, Groton, Wednesday, October 20th.

The Abigail Wright W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Charles Scruton, Friday, October 22, at three o'clock.

Mr. Phelps purchased of George H. Woods of Groton, carpenter, the premises in rear of his house in West street, known as the Dr. Willis place, and the deal was made Friday morning. Mr. Phelps purchased for investment and improvement.

The service will be held in the Unitarian church on Sunday, October 17, with sermon on: Personality and social reform. Service at 10.45, to which all are invited. Sunday school session at twelve.

Fred J. Livingston's hen house was entered Thursday night, October 7, and all the old hens, fifteen or twenty, were stolen. The young poultry in another apartment were not touched.

Benjamin Simonds, who has been spending the summer in northeastern New York with his son, returned last week and will spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Fisher.

Mrs. H. A. Stone has sold her residence on High street, corner of Holmes, but the purchaser does not wish his name known at present. There is a rumor about town that Dr. Hopkins was the purchaser, but we learn from him that it is not so.

When the concrete sidewalk is laid on the west side of West street, from Main street, it will be a great convenience to the many who travel that way. The fence to the grounds of Mr. Phelps is taken down and he has given on side of maple trees quite a strip of land for the sidewalk.

Mr. Longley has all the cement curbing done about the newly-laid grounds of the Boston and Maine, and the loam is being spread. Work will soon commence to put up the iron fence on the curbing.

Unclaimed letters at Ayer postoffice, October 12: Ayer Elastic Co., C. H. Goodly, R. Morgan, A. F. Reiser, P. A. Williams, Mrs. Della Winchester.

District Court.
James Stewart of Westford, drunkenness at Westford, October 10, was in court October 11, and pleaded guilty, on trial was found guilty and case placed on file on payment of costs of court. On the charge of assault and battery, on complaint of Mary Stewart, he was found not guilty.

Louis E. Bernard of Pepperell, charged with assault and battery at Pepperell, October 10, on complaint of James Breen, was in court October 13, and on trial was found not guilty.

Alec Johnston of Fitchburg, drunkenness at Ayer, October 13, was in court October 14. He pleaded guilty, was on trial found guilty and fined fifteen dollars. On another charge he was found not guilty.

John O'Donnell of Milford, N. H., drunkenness at Pepperell, October 14, was in court October 15. He pleaded guilty, was on trial found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Moving Pictures.
"1776, or the Hessian renegades," is the title of the feature picture at Page hall, Saturday evening, in addition to the regular program and it is a film that stands by itself as one of the greatest achievements in moving picture realism. This film is new, coming out last month, and has made a hit in Boston. The climax of the film actually defies description, and it must be seen in order to be appreciated. The other subjects are "An ill wind that blows no good," "Fatal Flirtation," "Unsuccessful substitution," "A school for love making," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Where there's a will there's a way," "A pair of white gloves," "For Wednesday evening a complete change of program will be put on, with many specialties. Each evening there will be new illustrated songs.

TOWNSEND.
The work of laying a sewer on a part of Main street has been completed, and the catch basins have been placed in front of I. P. Sherwin's store and the Squannicook hotel.

Rev. Mr. Upton of Greenville, a former pastor in Hudson, N. H., who occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday morning and evening, is expected to return next Sunday. At the evening service a letter was read from the absent pastor stating he was rapidly improving in health and hoped to be able to resume his duties soon.

At the business meeting of the Baptist church at close of Sunday school, Mrs. Fred A. Patch and Walter Wilder were chosen delegates to attend the recognition service to Rev. H. B. Drew, the new pastor of the Baptist church in Littleton, Tuesday afternoon.

There was a good attendance at the Unitarian service, conducted by Rev. Granville Pierce of Ashby, in Seminary hall, last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. W. Upton, Mrs. Alexander Read, Mrs. George Upton, Mrs. R. S. Ely, Mrs. George Adams, and Miss Emma Adams, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. E. J. Lees, Mrs. H. W. Lawrence, Mrs. Otis Walter, and Miss Emily Orr were among those who attended the Unitarian conference at Groton last Thursday.

The delivery station for library books at Sherwin's store closed Saturday afternoon until further notice, on account of the closing of the public library at the center, there being several cases of diphtheria in town.

Edward Patch of Boston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch of Joslyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders of Derry, N. H., are guests of Mrs. Sanders' brother, William Sullivan, at the Squannicook house.

Mrs. J. H. Cox is spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Hutchinson of Lexington.

Mrs. Daniel Smith is quite seriously ill with another severe attack of stomach trouble at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, and on account of her advanced age some anxiety is felt in regard to her condition.

Miss Alice V. Seaver has been taking the census of the traffic for the Massachusetts Highway commission this week.

Miss Elsie Flanders of Franklin, N. H., is a guest of Mrs. Sarah Lawrence at William Thorpe's.

The Ladies' Mission circle met last Wednesday afternoon at the close of the L. B. S. meeting and discussed "New methods for work during the coming year."

Miss Frances Eldredge has been quite seriously ill, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Craig have enjoyed a brief trip to Troy, N. Y., taking in the Hudson-Fulton celebration, and returning Tuesday evening.

The L. B. S. held its regular meeting with a good attendance. At the business meeting they voted to hold their annual fair and entertainment on Wednesday evening, November 10, and appointed for a committee of arrangements, Mrs. J. H. Cox, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Ellen Pratt, Mrs. W. E. Wilder.

Mrs. Bartis of Roxbury has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. Vivian of Joslyville, and on her return home was accompanied by Mrs. Vivian, who will remain for a brief visit.

A new fume is being put in at Joseph Thompson's saw mill on the upper Main street.

George M. Frye acted as janitor at the school building last week and J. M. Campbell is attending to this duty this week, owing to the absence of G. M. Streeter, who is employed in Mason for the present.

Mrs. Naomi Wilder, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in Milford and Brookline, N. H., has returned to the home of her son, Walter Wilder of Joslyville.

Mrs. Mary Foster spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Shapleigh in Cambridge.

Mrs. C. B. Shaw and little son, Chester, left last week Friday for a protracted visit to relatives in California.

Dexter Phelps has been out of school for the past week suffering from poisoning from ivy or dogwood in the face and throat.

Mrs. Alden Basford of Peabody has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler.

Miss Helen Troups and Miss Georgia Mitchell of Quincy spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stickney from St. Louis, Mo., former residents here, spent Saturday and Sunday with their niece, Mrs. Fred J. Tenny.

A party from Lancaster, Messrs. Tedford, Snow, Craig and Walker, took an auto trip to town and went "cooning" with F. A. Patch, Wednesday evening.

The grammar school has purchased an organ for use in their rooms, the money having been raised at the concert given by the schools for that purpose last spring.

Walter Bennett and family have moved from the cottage owned by Mervin Hodgman to the Davis place, on Bayberry Hill.

The Men's club held their first meeting at the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening with a good attendance, and voted to continue their meetings this winter on Tuesday evening of each week. A general invitation is extended to all the men who are interested to be present.

Walter Carter has left the employ of Clarence Stickney and gone to South Framingham, where he will be employed in a machine shop.

The L. B. S. will meet in the Baptist vestry, Wednesday afternoon, October 20, at the usual hour.

On Thursday, October 21, at one o'clock, auction sale of valuable timber tract at Townsend Harbor. See advertisement on last page.

Center.
Mrs. Norton from New York is a guest at Dr. A. J. Atwood's.

A little son was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. George Gilchrist, and a son also to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor, the same day at the Harbor.

Wilna Marshall, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Marshall, is ill with diphtheria but getting along comfortably. The Merrick children and Mrs. Arthur Blood are also reported better.

As on last Sunday, the church will be open one week on account of the diphtheria quarantine, and all children are to be kept in their own yards, per order of the board of health.

A. F. Huse has returned from a recent hunting trip at Rindge, N. H., having had the good luck to bag eighteen birds in one day.

Mr. and Mrs. Burbeck of San Diego, Cal., were the guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire. They are neighbors of George McGuire's, their son.

Samuel A. Woods has bought out the grocery business of George R. Ward & Co., at the Osgood store.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian P. Whiting of Plymouth are guests this week at Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldredge's.

Mrs. Clara C. Flarity, master of the Pomona grange, also Mrs. Abbie A. Barber, master of Townsend grange, and others attended the Pomona grange meeting at Shirley, Wednesday.

The body of Mrs. Lydia M. Beckwith, a former resident here, and sister of A. B. Blood, was brought here for burial from Nashua, Monday afternoon. A service was held at the grave, Rev. F. B. Harrison officiating. She was seventy-six years of age.

Fred Davis is at home enjoying a two weeks' vacation for hunting.

Word was received from Providence of the marriage of George R. Ward and Miss May Moulton, both of this town, this week.

The Park hotel has changed hands and is for the present under the management of its owner, J. L. Farrar.

SHIRLEY.
News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant spent first of the week with their daughter, Mrs. Pevear of Lynn.

Rev. J. H. Coté was in Lynn Monday in the forty-hours' devotion.

Auction sale of valuable timber tract in Shirley, Thursday, October 21, at ten o'clock a. m. See advertisement on last page.

New Advertisements.
E. P. HUTCHINS has moved his Barber Shop to 74 East Main Street, Ayer, where he will be pleased to see his old customers and as many new ones as may come. 315

LOST—An Eastman No. 2 Pocket Folding Kodak, Oct. 7, left on settee at town house. Reward and leave at Public Spirit Office, Ayer. 15*

WANTED—A resident, a young woman to assist in the office of the Public Spirit, Ayer. 16*

GIRLS WANTED—We can give steady work to a few good girls, good wages, light work. Call at office, GOSBEE COMPANY, Ayer, Mass. 2*5

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TO RENT—A large house with all modern conveniences and barn on Third-st., Ayer. EMMA L. WOODS, Ayer. 2*1

GUARANTEE SIX PERCENT.—The Associated Trust (based on Boston real estate) Boston, Mass. For particulars address, W. G. HARPER, Ayer, Mass. 2*1

FOR SALE—75 Bushels of Onions, No. 1, 80c. a bushel. Joseph Stebbins, minutes walk from depot, Harvard, Mass. 31*

WANTED—Bright Boys, willing to work, good chance for the right boys. Bright girls also wanted. Apply to MR. HEINZ, New England Paper and Stationery Co., Ayer. 4*1

NOTICE is hereby given that bank book No. 4832, North Middlesex Savings Bank, has been lost, payment stopped, and application made for a new book. Anyone finding said book kindly return to the Savings Bank. 31*

FOR SALE—A good cooking stove, No. 8, nearly new. JAMES BOWEN, Groton, Mass. 21*

NOTICE is hereby given that bank book No. 1490, Elizabeth A. Holmes, in the North Middlesex Savings Bank, has been lost, payment stopped, and application made for a new book. Any one finding said book kindly return to the Bank. Sarah E. Spaulding, Groton, Mass. 31*

FOR SALE—Haines Bros. Upright Piano, 1 outside door frame with door and screen to fit One Black Walnut newel post and rail and stair posts. All in fine condition. EDWARD E. COLBURN, Shirley, Mass. 4*1

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
In Shirley and Groton, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Frank R. Haddon of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, a corporation established by law, and having its usual place of business in Ayer, in said County, dated February 28th, A. D. 1906, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds in book 3217 page 50, will be sold by public auction at the dwelling house, in said Shirley, upon the premises first below described, on Tuesday, the Ninth day of November, A. D. 1909, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows:

A certain farm with a water privilege, together with the buildings thereon, situated in the Easterly part of said Shirley, containing Forty (40) acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the road leading from Shirley Center to Littleton, Three (3) rods and Eight (8) links Easterly by land late of Joseph Estabrook; thence running Northerly Twenty-Seven (27) rods and Nineteen (19) links to the Southeast corner of land of Eunice Jenkins; thence Northerly 2 1/2 East Fourteen (14) rods and One (1) link; thence North 7 1/2 East Eighty-Six and One-Half (86 1/2) rods by land late of Edward Blood, North 55 East on land late of Thomas Whitney Twenty-Four (24) rods and Seven (7) links; thence South 8 1/2 East Twenty-Five (25) rods and Eighteen (18) links, by land late of said Estabrook to said road; thence Westerly by said road to the bound first mentioned.

Also one other parcel of land, situated as aforesaid, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a large red oak stump marked X; thence North 11 1/2 West Thirteen (13) rods and Eight (8) links by land late of Moses W. Woods, thence following said Brook in a Northwesterly direction Twenty-Three (23) rods and Fifteen (15) links to a large rock on the Northerly side of said Brook; thence North 14 1/2 West Twenty-Three (23) rods by land late of said Woods to a stake and stones; thence Easterly by first named road to stake and stones at land late of said Estabrook; thence Southerly between two parts of a crooked maple tree to Nashua River; thence Southerly by said River to land of Samuel Farnsworth; thence North 60 1/2 West Eleven (11) rods and Twenty-One (21) links to a stake and stones on the top of the ridge; thence South 61 West Thirty-Five (35) rods and Fifteen (15) links to said red oak stump.

Also a certain other tract of land situated in Groton, in said County, in that part thereof known as West Groton, on both sides of the location of Millford Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad, containing Twenty and Forty-Two One Hundredths (20.42) acres, and being all and the same premises conveyed to me by Mabel R. Richardson, by her deed dated February 26th, 1904, and to be recorded in said Deeds herewith, to which deed and record reference may be had for a more particular description. Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in part payment will be required at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed within ten (10) days. Further terms made known at time and place of sale.

North Middlesex Savings Bank
By Sarah T. Tuten, Treasurer,
Ayer, Mass., Oct. 15th, 1909. 31*

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
In Pepperell, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by George A. Mahoney of Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, a corporation established by law, and having its usual place of business in Ayer, in said County, dated October 7th, 1890, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in book 2006, page 42, will be sold by public auction at the dwelling house upon the premises below described, on Tuesday, the Ninth day of November, A. D. 1909, at three o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described as follows:

A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Pepperell, and bounded and described as follows: viz: Beginning at a stone bound on the Westerly side of River Street at my own land, and running Northerly by said Street about Three Hundred and Thirty-Four (334) feet to land of Bridget Foley; thence Westerly by said Foley's land Two Hundred and Ninety-Four (294) feet to a corner; thence Southerly by my own land about Two Hundred and Sixty-Seven (267) feet to the point of beginning. Being all and singular the same premises conveyed to me (George A. Mahoney) by Thomas H. Murray, by deed dated the Third day of September, A. D. 1890, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Registry of Deeds libro 1996 folio 493. Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in part payment will be required at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed within ten (10) days. Further terms made known at time and place of sale.

North Middlesex Savings Bank
By Sarah T. Tuten, Treasurer,
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THE FLOWER LADY.

By FLORA WILLIAMS.

When volunteers for the Spanish-American war were called for I raised a company of infantry and as its captain went to the war. Wounded at the battle of Las Guadalupe, I was taken to a hospital. There a bullet was taken out of me, and I was left to spend what time was necessary for the wound to heal.

The morning after the operation I was lying on my cot reading a newspaper that was being handed around among the patients when the door of the ward opened, a woman entered and began talking cheerily with the man who first reached. A bunch of flowers was in her hand, and before leaving the patient she gave him a few of them. Thus she came on, giving encouraging words, smiles, and flowers to the sick and wounded till she reached my cot.

Now I was "born with a silver spoon" in my mouth and accustomed to have anything I wished for. Before the lady came up I had made up my mind that if she were unmarried she should be my wife. She approached me with one of the sweet smiles she had been scattering broadcast and said:

"It must be very hard for you to be lying here in this hot country. Are you ill or wounded?"
"Wounded." "Don't think about your wound. The doctors say that if one thinks despondently about any part of the body all the impurities go in that direction. Let me give you something to fix your attention upon."

She handed me a few of the flowers, for which I thanked her, and she passed me. I asked one of the nurses who she was and was told that she had come to Cuba from the United States for the purpose of nursing soldiers, but to go about among them encouraging them as I had seen her doing. I asked what part of the United States she had come from, but no one seemed to know. She visited the sick every day, and they were always better for her coming. Indeed, the nurses seemed to think that she cured more men than the doctors.

Day after day I watched for her till she came again. As before, she distributed flowers and smiles, the smiles being more highly appreciated than the flowers. She came to our ward about once in four or five days, and the patients, who failed to learn her name, spoke of her as the flower lady. One of the nurses asked her to give her a name by which to address her, but she declined on the ground that she did not wish it known at home and the newspaper correspondents would surely publish it—that she was engaged in the work. She preferred to give whatever of comfort she could without having any heroes attached.

If anything were needed to complete my reverence for the flower lady, this modesty would have been quite sufficient. I dared not by word or even manner reveal the secret of my heart to her. I simply showed my gratitude. The slightest evidence of what burned within me would have caused her to cease her visits, if not to the ward at least to me. And in that case, confined as I was, I could not go to her.

Long before the surgeon was willing to release me I got up, dressed myself and returned to duty. My colonel heeded whether or no to send me back to the hospital, but concluded, being short of officers, to let me remain with the regiment. The day after my return to camp after visiting brigade headquarters he told me that the general having lost one of his aid-camps by sickness and another by a bullet, I was to be temporarily detailed for the lighter duties of the staff.

The general was but a few years older than myself and made a companion of me. We became confidential, and I told him of the flower lady, admitted the influence she had exerted over me and that when it were possible I would move heaven and earth to win her for my wife. He asked me if the lady had encouraged me, and I exonerated her from giving me any more attention than the commonest trooper in the ward.

There was so much on hand immediately after this that the subject was not again referred to between us. One morning, during the fighting about Santiago, just before mounting out horses for what promised to be a hot day's work, the general handed me a sealed envelope.

"In case I come out of the fight alive today," he said, "give that back to me. If I am killed open it."
"But why, general?" I asked, surprised. "Do you take that precaution today especially? We are fighting every day?"

"Because," he replied, "I have a feeling that I shall be killed today." His foot was in the stirrup, and he mounted and rode away. During the same afternoon under a hot fire of Spanish artillery he sent me away with an order. As I turned from him something prompted me to look back. He had fallen from his horse and lay on the ground. A trooper passed over him, and he was dead.

When the general's body was sent north the flower lady went in the same ship. She had opened the envelope handed me by the general and read the contents with astonishment. It revealed that the flower lady was his wife. Desiring to be near him, she had gone to Cuba to comfort and minister to the sick and wounded. The document said that "You are a good fellow and you are my dear, that you win her." I obeyed my general's last order.

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BOSTON LETTER

State Campaign Now in Full Swing and Getting Warm

LABOR ISSUE LAGS A LITTLE

Some Light on the Democracy and the Tariff Question—Campaign of Publicity by the Democratic State Committee

The state campaign is now in full swing and both parties are planning to make the most active kind of a canvass seen in Massachusetts in several years. It will be even more interesting than in 1908, a presidential campaign, because in that year there was very little enthusiasm for the presidential candidate of the Democracy and only a lukewarm interest in the state ticket of that party.

The Democrats plan to have rallies in the cities and most of the important towns of the state before the campaign is over and the Republicans will doubtless cover all of the ground gone over by the other side. There are two important issues in the canvass, the tariff and labor. There are others, but these lead all in importance, not excepting the income tax.

The injection of Eugene N. Foss into the campaign has served to liven up the Democracy and to give a working capital to the organization of that party. It has been extremely difficult in the past for any party to run a campaign without much of any money, but the Democrats this year evidently have more of that article than the Republicans. It is uncertain where it comes from if not from Mr. Foss. There are not very many of the old Democratic leaders who have given much to the party in recent years and there is no strong evidence that many of them are helping it out this year.

In 1908 Governor Draper is elected by over 60,000 plurality. It does not seem possible that this could be cut to the vanishing point, but there are some who think it will be necessary to work to retain a majority of 25,000. The Democratic rallies so far held have not been indicative of any great enthusiasm among the rank and file on that side. The rally in Everett, which was widely advertised, was attended by less than 1000 people, while one in Brockton last week, where both Vahey and Foss spoke from the platform, was attended by about 200. These figures do not indicate any great amount of popular interest in the campaign. Of course, it takes some little time to work up interest and perhaps this week will see a greater overflow of enthusiasm. It has always been accepted as a fact that the Democratic party could be aroused more quickly than the Republicans. There are still two weeks of solid campaigning and very likely before this time has elapsed considerable interest may be aroused. It is always hard, however, to wake up Republicans in an off year, but a most strenuous attempt will be made to do it, and there are some indications that prominent men in the party outside of the leaders and officials are beginning to bestir themselves.

The labor issue does not seem to grow very rapidly. It is going to be very difficult for the labor leaders to make the state believe that Governor Draper is anything but fair to his employees. He has been so eminently honorable, fair and above-board in everything he has done since he came to the state house that the public refuses to believe that he would do anything to injure any person. Regarding his veto of the bill to increase the penalties for violation of the eight hour law, even the labor men themselves are gravely divided. A considerable element of the wage-earners believe the governor did just right in acting as he did. They recognize the fact that a good many labor leaders devote about as much time to the cultivation of party politics as to improving the conditions surrounding the wage-earner. It is evident to a good many of the rank and file that these leaders often times seek a pretext for plunging the labor movement into politics and thereby benefiting some ambitious politician and proving a permanent injury to the labor cause. It is inconceivable that they should do this for the mere love of politics, and the rank and file is always suspicious of such moves.

The Democrats have already made large contracts for a campaign of publicity throughout the state, the extent of which is said to amount to \$20,000. That is a large sum for such a purpose and Republicans will be compelled to get to work to counteract its effect.

Mr. Vahey and Mr. Foss are making a good deal of talk on the tariff issue. They claim to be actuated by a great zeal in the interests of the wage-earner and the salaried man. However that may be, the country has had nothing but misfortune from tariff tinkering by the Democracy. If the working people would enjoy another era like that which preceded and followed the passage by a Democratic senate, house and president, of the Wilson tariff act in 1894, they can easily have it by signifying their desire for it. In 1891 Massachusetts elected a Democratic governor on the tariff issue. In 1892 the country

elects a Democratic congress and Democratic president on the same issue. It was that congress and that president which made possible the Wilson tariff bill and the four years of industrial depression, business stagnation and ruin coincident with Mr. Cleveland's term of office. One may hear today, by attending a Vahey-Foss rally, the same arguments which were used in the campaign of 1891 and also in that of 1892.

Democratic leaders promised the working people everything good they could think of to bring about a change of administration. None of those promises were fulfilled. They were not made for that purpose. The only object in making them was to get into office. The people who believed in those promises and looked for their fulfillment felt nothing but sadness after they had lifted the Democratic party into power. That has been the invariable history of such campaigns and such promises.

William L. Douglas was elected governor of Massachusetts on a platform of retrenchment and reform in state affairs and on a tariff issue as well. His election had no more influence in shaping tariff legislation than it had in changing the course of the planets. It was only an issue on which to get into office. After his election and a careful investigation as governor he confessed that there was no extravagance in the conduct of the various departments of the commonwealth. Governor Bates was defeated on fictitious issues alone in that year of 1904. And he was one of the best governors the state has ever seen.

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Registration of Voters.



The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, Oct. 23, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 23, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake. Persons wishing to register must bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1909. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificates of naturalization.

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A Noble Lord's Name.

Charles Stewart Vane-Tempest-Stewart, marquis of Londonderry, who has just entered his fifty-seventh year, has been obliged to change his mode of signature as many as five times. When he was born, in 1832, his grandfather, the third marquis, and his uncle, subsequently the fourth marquis, were still alive. His uncle was Lord Castle-reegh, his father was Lord George Vane, and he was Charles Stewart Vane-Tempest-Stewart. On the death of the third marquis Lord George Vane succeeded to the earldom of Vane, and his son, getting the courtesy title of Lord Seaham, thus signed himself when he was at Eton. The death of his uncle made his father Lord Londonderry and himself Lord Castle-reegh, and as such he signed himself before he left Oxford. In 1894 he succeeded to the marquise, earldom and barony of Londonderry and viscounty of Castlereagh (all Irish titles) and the earldom of Vane, viscounty of Seaham and barony of Stewart in the English peerage. Since then his signature has been Londonderry, except in the house of lords, where he sits by right of his English earldom and therefore signs himself Vane.—Westminster Gazette.

Mighty Atoms.

The change which a single decade has wrought in the general knowledge of atoms and molecules is not easily grasped. Attempting to make the matter more clear in a lecture at the Royal Institute, in London, Sir J. Thomson pointed out that radium represented the greatest concentration of power known, breaking up with the emission of a million times as much energy as is produced by the combination of an equal weight of oxygen and hydrogen. The corpuscles, or atoms, of helium are thrown off with a tenth of the velocity of light, or about 18,000 miles a second. A ship under the fire of Dreadnoughts would be exposed to mere child's play as compared with the bombardment of an atom by these particles, and some idea of the condition of a gas under the action of radium can be had by imagining a town bombarded by shots as large as houses and moving with a thousand times as great velocity as any projectile ever shot from a cannon. To account for this amazing power is a most interesting problem.—London Globe.

Menelik's Descent.

Le Soir of Brussels in a recent issue has an article in which the writer attempts to prove that Menelik of Abyssinia is the descendant of Europeans. "His grandfather," says the author, "was no less a personage than the French author Lamartine, whose daughter Julia inherited the poet's wanderlust and spent many years in the orient, where it was supposed she had died. It is known that only the father was present when the body (?) was buried in France." The queer biography maintains that the coffin contained only stone and that Julia, who had been stolen by Bedouins and sold as a slave to King Solomon of Abyssinia, was then alive; also that the Abyssinian fell in love with the white slave, made her his queen, and her son is the present ruler of Abyssinia, "whose death is reported whenever there is a scarcity of news from that part of the world."

The Halves.

One of the most talked of women in Germany at the present time is the Princess von Bulow, the wife of the recently resigned imperial chancellor. Her interest in the arduous work of her famous husband is of the deepest kind, and he often consulted her about the various problems of state. Her fondness for the prince is, indeed, proverbial, and a certain court dignitary once said to her, "You divide all men into two classes—namely, those who are for Bernhard, your husband, and those who are against him."

Deluded.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt does not overestimate the lords of creation. She was speaking recently of another prominent woman who is somewhat lukewarm in the suffrage cause. "The trouble with Mrs. Blank," said Mrs. Catt, "is that she fairly worships her husband. She thinks that he is absolutely perfect. Why, the woman actually believes that the parrot taught him to swear."—Argonaut.

Administrator's Sale of REAL ESTATE In Shirley, Mass.

By virtue of license of the Middlesex County Probate Court, dated September 15th, 1909, granted to Levi B. Tuttle, as Administrator of the estate of Ann Nelson, late of said Shirley, deceased, there will be sold by public auction on the premises below described, on Monday, the First day of November next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Shirley, on the Easterly side of the road from Lunenburg to Ayer, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises at said road; thence Easterly as the fence now stands past the dwelling house to the corner of the wall; thence Southerly, as the wall now stands, past the barn to a corner of said wall; thence Westerly, as the wall now stands, to said road; the east three courses bounding on land formerly of Samuel Farnsworth; thence Northerly by said road to the point of beginning; containing about One-Fourth (1/4) of an acre.

The premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. Other terms made known at time and place of sale.

LEVI B. TUTTLE, Administrator of Estate of 314 Ann Nelson, Ayer, Mass., October 7, 1909.

Administrator's Sale of REAL ESTATE

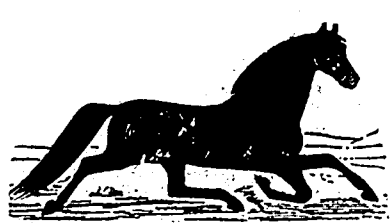
By virtue of a license from Probate Court in and for the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, granted on the 27th day of April A. D., 1909, to John L. Boynton of Pepperell, in said County, as administrator of the Estate of Henry C. Corey, late of Groton, in said County and Commonwealth, deceased, there will be sold by public auction on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of October, A. D., 1909, at two o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises hereinafter described, a certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the Southerly side of Martin Pond Road, in Groton Center, Mass., containing about four and one-half acres, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of said premises at a corner of land of Hon. George S. Boutwell, at the Southerly side of said road; thence Easterly by said road about twenty-seven rods to a stone post set in the wall near an apple tree; thence Southerly in a straight line about thirty-five rods and two links to a stake and stones at a pond hole at land of said Boutwell; thence Southwesterly by land of said Boutwell, about thirteen and one-half rods to a corner; thence Northwesterly by land of said Boutwell about forty-four and eight-tenths rods to the place of beginning."

One hundred dollars to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Other terms and conditions made known at time and place of sale.

JOHN L. BOYNTON, Administrator of the Estate of 314 H. C. Corey, East Pepperell, Oct. 9, 1909.

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INJURY TO ANKLES.

How to Treat a Sprain by Simple Methods and Avoid Trouble.

If possible, as soon as an ankle is sprained put it under water as hot as can be endured, alternating with cold water. The easiest way to manage this is in the tub under the hot and cold water spigot.

This treatment often allays the swelling and stops further trouble. It is well to summon the doctor at once in case of a bad sprain. If he is long in arriving, bandage with antiseptic bandages or with adhesive plaster. For the former wrap it around the ankle, and the middle of the foot alternately in the form of an eight. Cut the adhesive plaster in short strips and interlace them from side to side of the sprain, pulling tightly to hold the injured parts in place.

Making a shoe of medicated clay frequently reduces the inflammation. This should be renewed as fast as it dries up.

Rest the foot in a horizontal position, or, better yet, have it higher than the hips. When the ligaments are torn and the ankle must be rested on a pillow, much of the strain will be relieved by keeping the foot beyond the edge of the pillow, which is doubled up under the ankle.

When a sprain is bad, necessitating inaction for a long time, the circulation should be kept up by massaging frequently from the knees to the ankle, more particularly the calf of the leg. The massage movements should be upward. If this is kept up many times a day from the time of the accident, there will be no pain in walking, even after weeks of disused muscles.

There is apt to be weakness for months after a hard sprain. To avoid further trouble one should wear a support of some kind. This may be a woven stocking made of rubber or silk or a leather ankle that laces up the front and slips over the heel.

How to Pot Plants.

New or dry pots should be sealed in water before potting plants, so as to fill the pores, or they will absorb moisture from the soil and dry out the roots. It is a good plan to protect potted plants with covers or set them inside of a second pot to keep plants from drying out. The roots near the sides of the pot are easily dried in sun or draft. Covers or double pots shade them. Covers can be made of rice matting and various other material, or pot covers can be purchased ready made. Plant rooted cuttings in two and two and a half inch pots and report into larger sizes as the pots fill up with roots. Small plants should never be put into large pots, but advanced as they gain size and strength. If overpotted the soil becomes sodden before the plant grows large enough to require room. It grows slowly and often makes a complete failure. In repotting turn the pot over, face down, placing the fingers across the top to hold the plant, and gently rap the edge of the pot on the edge of the table or potting bench. The plant will slip out easily, and the roots may be examined and plant slipped back in the pot or potted on, as desired. If the roots have reached the outside of the ball and formed a network around it the plant requires a larger pot.

How to Freshen a Shabby Gown.

The tucked net that now comes by the yard is a wonderful time saver to a busy girl. She who finds in the morning that the gown she wishes to wear that afternoon is hopelessly shabby at yoke and sleeves need not sit to lament, but with a yard of this ready tucked goods and an hour's time can have her gown freshened up quite like new. By using the old sleeves for a pattern it is surprising how quickly new ones can be cut and run together by hand. This net comes with tucks of various widths in white, cream and black. Then there is net that is tucked in groups of threes, with two or three inches space between each group, which is filled with colored dots embroidered in silk. This is not only used for yokes, but also makes up very prettily into shirt waists. No trimming of any kind need be used on them. They are made to fasten down the front with either crocheted buttons to match the dots or with tiny rhinestone ones.

How to Hang Tablecloths.

Tablecloths if hung properly are much easier to iron than if they are hung carelessly. The proper way to hang tablecloths is to fold the hem ends together and hang them on the line with pins close together. When the cloth is taken from the line it should be folded carefully, so that it will not have any of those great long creases that it is sure to have if thrown carelessly into the basket. If these simple precautions are taken the tablecloth will iron easier and will look much better.

How to Give Ferns Steam Baths.

Ferns may be kept fresh by giving them a steaming of three hours. Once every week or so they should be put into the bathroom, shutting all windows and doors of the room to keep in the steam. The bathtub should then be filled with hot water. It will give out a good steam. The room should not be cooled suddenly after this is done. By treating the ferns to this bath it is not necessary to wash and spray the leaves, which do not give so satisfactory a result.

How to Cleanse Sponges.

Solled sponges can be quickly freshened by rubbing the juice of a lemon well into them, then rinsing several times, first in hot water and then in cold. An occasional sun bath is excellent, and a thorough washing with ammonia water every few weeks should not be omitted.

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At Two-Bar Ranch

The Manager Got His Instructions and Obeyed Them

By DONALD ALLEN

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A manager, a housekeeper, a cook and twenty-six cowboys made up the complement of the Two-Bar ranch, and every one except the manager was laboring under suppressed excitement. No orders had been promulgated, but the Saturday afternoon had been devoted by unanimous consent toward washing up, combing hair and bringing out white shirts and red neckties. Two weeks previously old Jim Bradshaw, foreman, who was supposed to be deep in the confidence of the manager, had said to the storekeeper on Lame calf creek:

"Tom, old Two-Bar is coming right to the front in a business way."

"As to how?"

"Going to have a telephone line over to the railroad."

"That ain't so much."

"Going to fit up an office for the manager with desks and chairs, same as a New York broker's office."

"Nothing to brag of."

"Going to have a typewriting machine."

"Lots of folks got 'em."

"And now hold your breath, you old swindler, while I tell you the rest. We're going to have a girl to run the machine."

"No-o-o!"

"It's a fact. Coming from Chicago, Smarter's chain lightning. She's going to be stenographer and typewriter. Yes, sir, she is, and no other blamed ranch for a hundred miles around has got one. Old Two-Bar is ahead on the game."

"Well?" queried the storekeeper after a long pause.

"Well, I'm here to give you a tip. If you haven't got two dozen white shirts in stock, send for them quicker than lightning. Send for red neckties. Send for silk handkerchiefs. Send for real cloth collars, and send for perfumery and toilet soap."

"Why?"

"Why, you galoot? Because every man on our ranch is going to come loping over here and inquire for them very things and isn't going to worry about prices either. Because why? Because every man is going to fall in love with that girl before she gets within a mile of the ranch and is going to dress up and let her see what a Jim dandy he is. There can't but one man marry her, and the rest of the gang will shoot him."

It was a tip. The shirts and other things were sent for, and the boys loped over. Forty-nine cent white shirts went for a dollar and a half and no questions asked. Perfumery and hair oil met with a firm market. Red neckties were in great demand.

And now the great day had finally arrived. Old Tom had been sent over to the railroad with the buckboard to bring back the young woman and her trunk. Every man had volunteered to make the trip, and when Old Tom had been selected the gang gathered around him, and its spokesman said:

"There's got to be a square deal or bloodshed—no flinching or soft talk to get ahead of the rest of us. You've got an old woman down on the Brazos, Tom, and if you don't own up to that girl that you have off comes your scalp."

Four hours later the buckboard was sighted with a fieldglass. Fifteen minutes after the announcement it could be made out with the naked eye. While it was still a mile away the cowboys formed in double line along the road to the house. At half a mile they removed their hats and puffed out their shirt fronts. At twenty rods their red neckties blushed furiously. And now Old Tom, having the dignity of a Roman senator, drove the vehicle between the lines, and the veiled lady bowed right and left as every man bent his head and scraped his right foot. Nothing further could have been desired by the most critical.

"And what does she look like?" was demanded of Old Tom as he reached the stables, where they waited for him.

"Boys, she's cute. She's a looker. She's going to set hearts a-fire and cause forty different murders. You might just as well go into convention and resolve that every galoot of you is going to fall head over heels in love with her at first sight."

Old Tom's prediction was fulfilled. Every man as he got sight of Miss Glazier fell in love with her or thought he did. In a week discipline was lax. In a fortnight there was none at all. Every cowboy on the ranch wanted to sit around looking pretty, and the Chinese cook didn't have time to wash half the white shirts awaiting him. Old Tom stormed and the manager complained, but things continued at sixes and sevens. Few of the men could make an errand at the office. It was only while the typist was walking out that they had sight of her. Three or four got up the nerve to approach her, and the bearing and language of all of them were alike. They bowed and scraped and cleared their throats and said:

"Good evening, marm. I'm hoping I see you well, marm. I'm hoping this country appeals to you, I'm hoping you won't mind the galoots a-peeping at you from behind the bunkhouse and

the stables and showing what their bringing up has been, I'm hoping that you may decide to consider to settle down among us after finding a devoted husband—one perfectly willing to die for you any time of day or night."

And Miss Glazier would smile and blush and reply that she liked the country and the people and the coffee and the wolves and jack rabbits, and the man would lack away bowing to the ground to assert to his comrades in waiting that he had made an impression and to be called a liar for the statement.

Cowboys came from other ranches, but were run off as fast as they appeared. Travelers rode out of their way, but were discouraged. At the end of three months the Two-Bar ranch had the reputation of being at loose ends, and the manager's quarterly report elicited the following reply from eastern stockholders:

"Not at all satisfactory. What is the matter out there?"

"I have a stenographer and typist," was telegraphed back.

"Then discharge or marry her," were the instructions.

The manager was a man of action. He had never discharged a stenographer from his employ, and he was not going to begin then—not if Miss Glazier would accept him and the other alternative. She blushed and said she would, but wanted to go back to Chicago for a couple of weeks to see her mother.

The men got hold of the news an hour later—that is, Old Tom told them separately and collectively that any of them who wanted to bid the angel goodby would find her in the office awaiting them. It was white shirts and red neckties again; it was more hair oil and perfumery. They said nothing to each other, but they read each other's thoughts. If a husband could keep that poor girl at Two-Bar she should have one. It was Old Tom who lined them up and sent in the first man. The first man had his speech all ready. So did the second, the third and down to the last, and those speeches were all alike. They began with a bow and a kick and a lump in the throat and proceeded:

"I hears, marm—I hears that you are going away for to dwell in our midst no more."

"Yes, I am going back to Chicago."

"During your stay here, marm, you may have observed—you may have taken notice that I have cast my eyes on you as often as possible, and that with the greatest possible respect. It has been a case of love on my part, and I am now here to offer you my hand and heart and promise to do everything in my power to make you happy. I'm rough, but I'm tender. I ain't educated, but I'll never ask for a divorce."

And the reply each one received was the same:

"I feel honored, but must tell you that I am to marry the manager on my return."

And when the last had filed in and filed out Old Tom suddenly broke forth:

"Now, you crosseyed, lop shouldered, knockkneed gang of galoots, the turtle-doves have got through cooling. Cupid's got a hustle on him, and if you don't hustle around and bring Two-Bar back to her pristine glory I'll turn loose and bury the whole of you in one grave!"

Knew All Their Tricks.

"Gentlemen," said Frederick the Great. "I am entirely dissatisfied with the cavalry. The regiments are completely out of hand; there is no accuracy, no order; the men ride like tailors. I beg that this may not occur again and that each of you will pay more attention to his duty, but I know how things go on. You think I am not up to your dodges, but I know them all and will recapitulate them."

"When the season for riding drill comes on the captain sends for the sergeant major and says: 'I have an appointment this morning at —. Tell the first lieutenant to take the rides.' So the sergeant major goes to the senior subaltern and gives him the message, and the latter says: 'What! The captain will be away? Then I am off hunting. Tell the second lieutenant to take the men.' And the second lieutenant, who is probably still in bed, says: 'What, both of them away? Then I will stay where I am. I was up till 3 this morning at a dance. Tell the cornet I am ill and he must take the rides.' Finally the cornet remarks: 'Look here, sergeant major, what is the good of my standing out there in the cold? You know all about it much better than I do. You go and take them.' And so it goes, and what must be the end of it all? What can I hope to do with such cavalry before the end?"—"History of Frederick the Great."

His Head For Trifles.

They were sitting in the gloaming, planning the home to be—at least, she was planning. George merely listened, pondered, listened and sighed.

"And we'll have one of those lovely velvety Turkey carpets for the dining room, George," she cooed.

"Oh, my pet," he lifted, "what a trouble the crumbs and cigarette ashes would be on a Turkey carpet. I can't bear the thought of my sweet-heart brushing and brushing, and making those dear, sweet little hands rough like the hands of any common housemaid!"

"What a head you have for trifles, dear!" she lowered softly.

"Tell you what we'll do, dear!" cackled George. "We'll toss for it! Tails for the Turkey carpet, heads for linoleum!"

Clunk! And the linoleum had it.

"How lucky!" murmured George as he picked up the double-headed penny.

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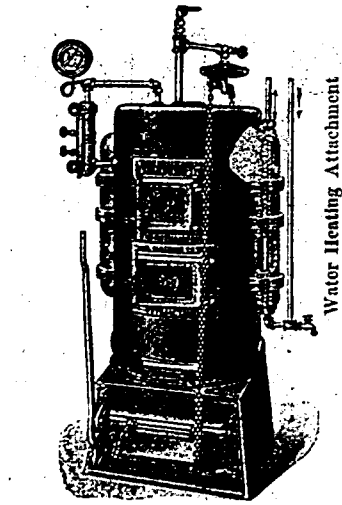
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Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5.35, 6.25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. (10.25 p. m. to Woburn only.) Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. Sundays—7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

Lawrence—6.15, 6.45, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 6.10, 6.50 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—1.20 a. m. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford, via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.08, 6.02 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m.

North Chelmsford—5.30, 6.55, 6.50, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.48 p. m. Sundays—7.15 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. Sundays—7.35 a. m. then same as week days.

Tyngboro via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.06, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m. Sundays—7.18 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Tyngboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Sundays—11.33 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

THOMAS LEES, Supt.

WOMAN AND FASHION

A Silk Jersey Costume.

To the woman who can remember as far back as the early eighties the return of the jersey will bring many memories, though the handsome affair of today hardly resembles, except in outline, the jersey which was so universally worn twenty-five years ago.

This garment offers many possibilities and may be adapted to several styles which no doubt the winter will develop. The moyen age style is responsible for the return of the clinging, flexible silken jersey costume, the delight of a beautifully formed woman and the despair of others not so fortunate. The jersey forms the basque



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part of the suit. The kilt is generally of some other heavy silk, like moire or ottoman, although cloth is also used in combination. The bodice is sometimes elaborately trimmed with braid. One of the most effective designs recently seen is shown in the sketch. In combination with the plain black bodice of jersey was a kilt of checked suiting. Buttons of the suiting closed the bodice, and a soft black sash joined the two. The collar was black lace. Jersey silk can be purchased by the yard, and the material and cost will be as follows:

2 yards jersey silk, 72 inches wide,	\$10.00
3 yards suiting, 54 inches, at \$1.25	3.75
2 yards satin, at \$1.00	2.00
Buttons	.25
Lace	.25
Findings	.30
Total	\$17.05

The Fall Hats.

All black hats are always a wise choice and will be particularly smart this season, as will also the black and white hat, which is a combination that is always admirable.

The late models from Paris creators point to the fact that black hats trimmed with colors are to be widely popular.

For October wear is a wide brimmed hat of coarse black straw trimmed simply with clusters of ripe wheat. No other trimming is needed. As a trimming wheat is very popular.

A stunning hat is of black velvet with a wide brim flaring away from the face at the left side and sloping down at the right. It is faced with violet satin and has a two inch band of violet velvet at the edge of the brim on the underside. It is trimmed at the left side with a huge cluster of violet velvet, sweet peas and black wheat intermingled.

Another feature of the millinery of the coming season will be the combining of flowers and aligrets. Clusters of these delicate feathers will be commonly seen darting from the center of bunches of blossoms and fancy feathers. The tam-o'-shanter crown will continue to be in good style, and, while a few months ago everything was upstanding, the newest wrinkle is to have trimmings lie quite flat on the hats.

Among the seasonable hats for children's present wear is a fur felt Mexican with a high, conical crown and a wide, flaring brim.

The former is twisted with a varied colored silk cord, and the colors to choose from are brown, cardinal and navy blue. The price is \$1.75.

Another smart looking hat is a French patent leather snail, the brim slightly rolling, trimmed with a gros-grain ribbon band. This costs \$2.25, but is a bit of millinery that will last for months.

Smart Shoes For Children.

Although, as a rule, children's shoes are supposed to be as simple and as sensible as possible, a little variety is liked once in awhile even in these. There is a new style in a child's shoe made on the most approved, square toed, common sense last, by the way, which combines patent leather and chamola colored suede in an unusual way. The upper portion is made of the suede, but the black patent leather runs up in a broad band to the top, covering the front seam. The buttons are yellow.

BOWED LEGS.

How This Deformity Can Be Avoided In Early Life.

If a child's legs have a tendency to curve or bow it should not be allowed to walk. The wise mother, however, will let it twist and roll on the carpet. The legs will then soon straighten themselves. What a pity it is that many young mothers are so unwise as to make their babies walk too soon, before the little, soft bones have become sufficiently strong to bear even so light a weight.

Of course when the baby first shows an inclination to stand upon his own feet he should be allowed to do so and should even be provided with a chair to keep him from falling. Then the first little step must be encouraged, too, and the child should learn to the best of his ability, but slowly. All of this exercise is natural and should therefore not be checked.

The carelessness that is particularly deplorable is not the innocent play of a child who will rest when he is tired. It is the walks that he is forced to take hanging to the hand of his mother. You have no idea how much more difficult it is for people to walk a long distance on a stone pavement than on a wooden floor. Furthermore, mother walks perhaps slowly, but steadily. There is no loitering on the way to rest the aching little feet. Mother is not tired herself, and she therefore forgets that to every one of her steps baby must take about four and that he will soon be tired. It is then that the strain comes upon the legs, and even the bones themselves are not able to withstand it.

How to Candy Sweet Potatoes.

The southern method of cooking sweet potatoes has gained widespread popularity in the north, but few cooks, amateur or professional, know how to get these right. Even at high priced restaurants, where one pays a neat little sum of money for sweet potatoes in southern style, one does not get the toothsome dish that is served almost daily from Richmond to Tallahassee. The potatoes are there, but the juice, the candy, the softness, are all left out. Sometimes this is from carelessness as well as ignorance. Cooks will not take the time to do the work slowly and well. The correct recipe is as follows:

Boil together a half cupful of sugar and a pint of water until it spins a heavy thread. After the sweet potatoes are boiled tender in their skins take them out, peel them, slice them and lay them in a baking pan with the fat side up. Four over the potatoes the sugar and water. Place these in a hot oven until the potatoes are slightly warm. If brown sugar is used instead of white the candied effect will be much better and more palatable. This should be served in the pan in which it is cooked. Therefore it is wise to use one of the brown and white earthen dishes.

How to Test a Motor.

Probably the best test of the condition of a motor is to run it as slowly as possible, observing whether its action is perfectly even or not. In many cases, to be sure, a motor which runs powerfully and well at normal or high speed will not "hit evenly" when throttled down owing either to improper carburation or to uneven ignition. The motor which runs perfectly well at low speed, however, usually retains its action under higher speed and load conditions, provided only it is equipped with a proper carburetor. Incidentally it should be mentioned that a prevalent and most deceptive cause of irregular running at low speeds is lost motion in the linkage between the control levers and the carburetor and timer. Where such lack exists even a slight amount of vibration is often sufficient to throw out the regulation.

How to Avoid a Fall.

A man who once had a bad fall when going down his cellar stairs now has a broad strip of white painted on the floor at the end of the last step. This is easily seen, even if the cellar be dark, and many a nasty accident is avoided.

If the house is rented and you do not like to paint the boards, a piece of white oilcloth can be tacked in the floor at the foot of the stairs. See that the tacking is securely done or a worse fall may follow than from a mis-gauged step.

How to Make a Floor Filler.

To make a good floor filler put one pint of broken glue in an old tin bucket and cover with one gallon of boiling water. Put the bucket into a second vessel of water, and the glue will dissolve without burning. When it boils add enough sifted sawdust to make a good putty. Fill the floor cracks with this and smooth with a steel wood scraper or thin bladed case knife.

How to Keep Palms Thrifty.

To make palms thrive in an ordinary sitting room sponge the leaves once a week with lukewarm water to which a little milk has been added. Then stand the plant in lukewarm water, deep enough to completely cover the pot, until the water stops bubbling. This is the proper way to water palms.

How to Render Flannelette Safe.

After flannelette articles have been washed they should be rinsed in water in which one ounce of alum or sal ammoniac has been dissolved. This little precaution will make them nonflammable and may be the means of saving many little lives.

How to Sweeten Rancid Butter.

Melt and skim the butter, and then put into it a piece of well-toasted bread. In a minute or two the bread will have absorbed all offensive taste and smell and the butter will be perfectly sweet.



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A certain tract of parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Ayer and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the premises on the Shirley road, so-called; thence West by said road one hundred fifty-six (156) feet more or less to a corner in the fence; thence North by the fence now stands three hundred twenty-six (326) feet more or less to a corner; thence Easterly by the fence one hundred fifty-six (156) feet more or less to a corner; thence Southerly by the fence three hundred twenty-six (326) feet more or less to the point of beginning.

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Saturday, October 16, 1909.

PEPPERELL

Center.

Little Catherine Hobart was not as badly injured by the fall from an express wagon as was reported last week. She was able to attend church last Sunday.

Rev. Dudley R. Child's sermon last Sunday was quite timely in this day of dissatisfaction. His text was from Proverbs 29, 18. The increase of attendance in the services of the church indicated a growing interest.

An automobile party from Hudson, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Larkin and their son Lester, and Mr. and Mrs. Baintine, visited at L. P. Blood's last Sunday. Mr. Larkin is a niece of Mrs. Jane Goodwin.

Mrs. Elisha A. Markham has moved into a tenement in the house occupied by Lucius Wilson and family on Townsend street.

In the absence of Mrs. Henry A. Wright, who is under treatment in the Memorial Hospital, Worcester, her niece, Miss Doe of Everett, is in charge of her home. Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Wright's sister of Chelsea, is also there. Mrs. Wright is recovering, making very satisfactory progress towards her normal state of health.

Mrs. Hortense Dudley Hay of Winchester, a friend of Miss Harriet Freeman, is boarding at the Cutter retreat for a short time.

There is to be a song recital on Saturday evening, October 16, open to friends at the Cutter retreat.

Verner Wilson, a former employe at the clothing store of Matthew Lane, and who has been at the Bancroft place on Heald street for several weeks, left town the first of this week for California.

Intelligence was received this week of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lane of Fitchburg, formerly of Pepperell.

Dr. Charles G. Heald has been taking a vacation at Burnt Island, on the coast of Maine. Dr. F. W. Lovejoy has charge of his patients during his absence.

Howard Shattuck, who had improved very much from his long illness, suffered a relapse last week. He is under the care of Dr. Lovejoy, in Dr. Heald's absence.

William L. Jewett is about to move from Main street to his house on Pleasant street, which has been the residence of A. A. Blood. He expects to get settled there this month. Arthur A. Blood is now located in Gardner.

Rev. and Mrs. Dudley R. Child are settled in their home, next to the town house. Mrs. Child has joined the Woman's club. Her name was pronounced at the last meeting in the banquet hall.

Mrs. Nellie Fuller has been visiting in Billerica at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice (Fuller) Fox.

Mrs. Besse (Jewett) McCarthy and her little daughter Constance have been guests this month at her early home, the residence of Mrs. J. E. B. Jewett. Mrs. Jewett is improving slowly from the effect of the fall which she sustained last month.

Mrs. Hamblett has been enjoying a visit this week from her sister, Mrs. Lydia Wright of New Ipswich. Her sister, Mrs. Martha Wright of Brookline, N. H., and an adopted daughter visitor here recently.

Margaret LePoe, who spent a part of her vacation at her early home here, has returned to her school in Bridge-water.

Miss Eva Harris, daughter of Mr. Harris, the veterinary surgeon, is making her home with Mrs. Annie Wiley at present.

Mr. McDowell has sold out his interest in the Dana Jewett farm on

Shattuck street to Rev. Mr. Durgin. The McDowell family have moved their furniture into Mrs. Sarah B. Lawrence's part of the Deacon N. P. Smith's residence. Deacon Smith and his daughter left town this week for Malden, the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Harrison. The McDowell family are to live in Deacon Smith's part of the house.

East.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. John Pierce, Wednesday, October 20.

Mrs. Harriet Phelps, aged 82 years, 6 months, died Wednesday morning at her home in Pepperell, after lingering illness. Those who knew her and of her suffering, though sad at the loss, are mercifully thankful she has gone to her home with God. She was born in Hollis, April 15, 1827, the widow of the late John B. Phelps, and lived with her son, Ebenezer Phelps, who survives her. Funeral will be Saturday afternoon from the residence. Service by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge. Burial at Hollis, N. H., in charge of Roland H. Blood.

W. E. Chapman has been awarded the contract of painting Memorial hall, Townsend.

Ned Harmon is at his home at Mrs. L. E. Starr's, Main street, having been away almost a year at work in North Haven, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Annis left Monday for their annual fall trip. Their first destinations were Norwich, Conn., and Providence, R. I., and they are to be gone about a month.

Mrs. C. S. Hudson, formerly of the Boston Branch store, now of Roxbury, is visiting Mrs. B. J. Farrell and other friends.

Miss Burns returned Monday from Petersham, where she spent Sunday. The Congregational church there was favored with her voice in the musical program. This service was the closing of this church after the summer session.

Arthur Tower was home over Sunday from Worcester academy; Boynton Merrill, son of Otis A. Merrill, and Wendell Lovejoy, son of Dr. F. W. Lovejoy, were home over Sunday, returning to Mt. Hermon early in the week.

H. I. Whipple left Monday for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend the annual meeting of the American board of foreign missions and the Congregational brotherhood convention.

A chance for lovers of comedy as well as instructive amusement should not miss "The toy makers," to be presented in Tarbell's Opera house, Saturday evening, October 16. This is a unique musical absurdity. There will be twenty-five original numbers of pretty music. It is said this performance has no equal as a producer of laughter, cheers and charm.

The attention of our readers is respectfully called to the advertisement in this paper of valuable properties for sale by auction.

Housekeepers should be interested to know that it cost ten dollars to fill a milk jar with preserved blueberries. A short time ago Judge Forsyth of the City police court in Boston so ruled when he fined Mrs. Dora Mozzer of 66 Barton street. According to law, you cannot place anything but milk in a milk bottle, no matter what it is. Our milkmen in this town report but few cases of unclean jars returned to them, but many which might be made serious if called to the attention of the officers by officers.

W. E. Chapman has a number of men applying a new coat of paint to the old K. O. O. F. store building. Stenstream & Deloid are superintending the changes in the interior, as they will open up a new plumbing shop there as soon as made ready.

Fred A. Milan, while in the city Tuesday, purchased the medals to be awarded by the sporting committee next Tuesday. These are not only pretty but of lasting value, many of them sterling silver. The entire lot will be on exhibition in the windows of W. H. Mansfield's pharmacy after Thursday.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting Thursday afternoon, October 21, at 2:30 o'clock. A baked bean and oyster supper will be served in the vestry at 6:30, followed by a social.

Leon Whitcomb shot a large fox Monday, near his place on Sartell street.

Mrs. Mary F. Peck received painful injuries last week when at the auction at Oak Hill. She was about to enter her carriage and made a mistake, bruised her knee, which although painful, is improving.

Thursday evening, October 8, Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., worked the second degree on the eight candidates who successfully weathered the first degree two weeks previous.

The regular harvest dinner at the M. E. church vestry was held Thursday noon and was a decided success in patronage as well as appreciation.

Our chief of police is right there, if the undesirable are on the streets. Thursday afternoon he juggled a stranger from Milford, who has been in town the past few days, a more or less conspicuous entertainer.

The Woman's club will meet in Central hall Monday afternoon, October 18, at 2:45 o'clock.

V. H. Wilson and William Brooks left Thursday on their return trip to Hemet, Cal. They have been here since August, guests of Mr. Wilson's cousin, Mrs. F. S. Bancroft and family.

George Haskell of Boston arrived Wednesday for several days at F. S. Bancroft's.

There will be a special occasion at Prescott grange Friday evening, October 22. Deputy Edwin Burt of Andover will inspect, and an interesting evening is assured.

W. C. Perry arrived in town Thursday for a few days.

Our expert golf players continue to bring home trophies from other clubs. Last Saturday Joseph Wiley won the prize at Chestnut Hill, having the best gross score.

Roger B. Taft attended the play at Brookline Country club, Thursday.

Mrs. George L. Smith and daughters, Mrs. Herbert Raymond, Mrs. S. M. Nokes and Miss Gertrude Nokes, went to Boston, Thursday, attending the food fair. On their return Mrs. Smith and Miss Gertrude Nokes left for Lakeport, N. H., for a week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fletcher were surprised one evening recently upon the occasion of their ninth anniversary of their wedding. About thirty friends and neighbors were present and social enjoyment prevailed. Refreshments were served and the host and his wife made happy by several useful reminders of this occasion.

Charles H. Fitch, Park street, and S. M. Nokes, Lowell street, have town water installed, the work being done by D. E. Weston.

Dr. L. R. Qua is conducting the medical examination of the pupils at the Groton street school. Optician G. H. Bullock is also examining the eyes.

Hiram Shattuck of Seattle, a native of this town, who lived here the greater part of his life, arrived in town, Wednesday, on his way to Milton, N. H., where he is a comrade of the soldiers' home. His stop here was made particularly pleasant by the hospitality and brotherly treatment of his G. A. R. comrade, G. G. Tarbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Roland arrived Saturday afternoon at their new home, Pleasant street.

A large gang from the plant department of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. are in town under Foreman Henry Farnum, constructing a continuation of the lines in the southwest part of the town, so as to connect the residences of Rev. Mr. Durgin and those of Robert LePoe.

John F. Reagan has put out an attractive sign, "The Pepperell House," on his new hotel.

Dr. E. D. Howe and family returned Tuesday from the trip to New York. The doctor speaks in glowing terms of the Fulton-Hudson celebration.

A large audience enjoyed a pleasant evening last Friday at Tarbell's opera house. "The untalented" was presented by local talent under the leadership of Mrs. Wales, and under the auspices of the L. S. C. of the Unitarian church. The cast was an unusual large one for local effort, and all of the many difficult parts reflect credit on those in charge. The committee deserve special praise for this successful conclusion; again many hardships, and much difficult planning and trying experiences.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Plummer of Groton street returned last week from several weeks' outing through New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Parker left Monday for their home in Fitchburg, having spent Sunday at Mr. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Parker.

The many friends of Mrs. Nellie Moore of Ayer, formerly of this town, will regret to learn of her serious illness.

The opera, "Robinson Crusoe," at Tarbell's Opera house, November 7 and 8, respectively.

John Holt of Mt. Lebanon street arrived home from New Hampshire last Friday evening in a Maxwell touring car, which he has purchased. Mrs. Holt and daughter, Mrs. Bannan, accompanied him. The car was driven by W. A. Shephardson. The trip included Uncanoonuc mountain and other noted points in New Hampshire.

The usual courtesy of the results of the baseball games of the major leagues has been recently withdrawn by the telephone officials. This, it is understood, was unavoidable. However, it is with pleasure we note the appreciation of the efforts of this paper to please those interested by having the score in the Clarion-Advertiser office window each night.

Stenstream & Deloid have moved to their new store in Railroad square. See their advertisement.

Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice, October 11: Mrs. Sarah Birchall, George Keats, Mrs. E. S. Watts.

Experience Party.

Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., will celebrate its Charter day on Tuesday afternoon, October 19, in the Chapter house, by holding an Experience party and silver supper in addition to its regular monthly meeting. The executive board will meet at two o'clock. At 2:30 there will be a business meeting of an hour, at the close of which the rest of the afternoon will be in the hands of the Program and Hospitality committees. For four months the Chapter members have been earning money for this day, and are then expected to bring their dollars and relate their experience in rhyme. The public are cordially invited to be present, a small entrance fee to be charged to all non-members.

Resigned.

Walter C. Cheney has resigned his position as foreman of the coating department of the Pepperell Card and Paper Company, which position he has held for over four years. Mr. Cheney leaves for Lawrence, where he has accepted the position of superintendent of the Merrimac paper mills. Although so highly spoken of by his former associates, he is also very popular with all. Only congratulations are heard, with regrets at his departure. Before leaving he was tendered a formal reception by his department, and presented with a handsome watch chain and silk umbrella. John Kiley made the presentation speech in a fitting manner, and their superior was so affected he was unable for many minutes to make reply.

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Pepperell Day.

A few weeks ago a few of our local horse men desired to get up a try of speed of their horses, and out of that desire has grown a full-fledged Pepperell day for Tuesday, October 19, including a brass band. The unusually large poster announcing the day's sports shows what a few can do if they want to. The committee who solicit funds received gratifying assistance and the hearty thanks of the entire general committee is extended in return. A fine day is looked for by outsiders as well as local gunners. Baseball, Ayer vs. Pepperell. As each team has won three games this season, a good game should be the result. At noon a clam dinner will be served. Promptly at one o'clock the athletic sports and speed trials will be in order. The Ashby military band will furnish music, and any one who wants to see a good dollar's worth of fun for 25 cents is given this opportunity—children under fifteen, free. Dance in the evening at Tarbell's Opera house. Music by Thayer's orchestra, four pieces.

Death.

The community around about Hovey's Corner were shocked at the news of the death of Henry Varnum Hovey, at his home Tuesday evening, about 6:30 o'clock. Although he has been in poor health the past few years, this summer has noted a marked change, and he has been under physician's care for some months past. Death came suddenly, evidently heart failure. Mr. Hovey was a son of the late Joseph and Dolly Varnum (Shattuck) Hovey, and lived all his life on the old homestead, where he was born. He was aged seventy-two years and leaves two sisters, Miss Thirza Ann Hovey and Mrs. Betsey Winn. Funeral was Friday afternoon. Services by Rev. Dudley Child, in the absence of his pastor, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge. Beagon lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he was a member, attended in a body, furnishing pall bearers and holding their service at grave. Interment in charge of Roland H. Blood.

Large Crops.

J. Rowell has a fine display of potatoes in the window of E. E. Tarbell's grocery store. They are not only large, but smooth and weigh over two pounds each. They are of the Great Mountain variety. S. M. Nokes can also boast of a large yield and choke stock. Apples and potatoes are a good crop here this year. And by far the largest and best display of one vegetable to be seen in any garden round about is the cabbage patch of Edward F. Harmon. There are over seven thousand head of them in a small plot of land, and they are all finely filled out and hard as could possibly be desired. Mr. Harmon has a well-known reputation in this line, and that his work is to be well rewarded would seem sure, for he is disposing of the crop. One order received is for fifty barrels.

Taxpayers.

The following is a list of the taxpayers who pay a tax of fifty dollars and over:

Charles L. Bemis	63.71	Pietro Isola	63.00
John O. Bennett	70.23	Mrs. A. F. Jewett	73.95
Charles M. Blood	129.99	William A. Lawrence	135.42
E. H. N. Blood Heirs	86.26	Luther Lawrence (Heirs)	152.83
Henry B. Blood Heirs	68.00	W. E. A. Legg	152.83
John H. Blood	76.21	Walter W. Palmer	312.80
L. C. Blood	56.43	Levi W. Phelps	51.00
Mrs. R. E. Blood	54.40	Eben B. Phillips	59.50
Charles M. Bolles	144.81	Mrs. Ellen Tower	64.80
Mrs. Alfred Boynton	56.95	Walter W. Phelps (Heirs)	63.75
L. A. Boynton	81.98	John J. Williams	63.75
Henry B. Bradley	52.58	A. S. Wood (Heirs)	33.92
Burkshaw Knute Co.	64.20		
Mrs. Nellie F. Card	69.28		
Charles H. Chapman	56.04		
Mr. Edgar F. Chase	59.93		
Mrs. Carrie Conant	85.80		
Mrs. Henry A. Conant	92.55		
Charles Crosby Heirs	55.72		
George S. Day	80.95		
Charles S. Denham	63.20		
Charles A. Dennen	33.42		
John M. Johnson	91.16		
Edgar F. Chase	83.20		
Elbert S. Durant	53.17		
Frank S. Fitch	187.70		
Miss Katherine Fitch	174.27		
John F. Frosard	191.63		
Amos Geiger	51.30		
Mrs. Lydia A. Goodnow	147.35		
Edw. Goggin	58.50		
Thomas F. Graham	86.15		
Daniel Haggerty	51.90		
Ray L. Harris	118.45		
William F. Hayes	56.41		
Patrick J. Hayes	73.05		
William F. Heald Heirs	93.50		
Cortland S. Hill	155.51		
Henry F. Hovey	144.81		
Henry V. Hovey	54.07		
Edw. D. Howe	65.13		
Charles D. Hutchinson	217.22		
Miss Ann M. Jewell	89.95		
Charles H. Jewett	280.37		
John E. B. Jewett Heirs	113.90		
John M. Johnson	172.94		
Andrew P. Kemp	82.20		
Parker J. Kemp	153.98		
William A. Kemp	74.87		
John M. Keane	104.85		
Charles W. Keyes	309.95		
George T. Keyes	76.50		
John M. Keyes	82.20		
J. A. Lawrence	75.18		
Henry Latender	232.87		
Fred W. Lovejoy	61.20		
William N. Mault	73.57		
George W. Maynard	60.48		
William T. McDonald	85.58		
S. McNary	104.47		
Mrs. Nancy E. Merrill	228.21		
William H. Merrill	104.47		
Charles H. Miller	68.90		
John H. Miner	61.50		
Mrs. Christopher Morgan	61.50		
Bert J. Morrow	61.50		
John M. Nalette	61.50		
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Mrs. C. H. Peck	52.25		
Pepperell Card and Paper Co.	1700.00		
Mrs. W. C. Perry	80.32		
Brooks P. Phelps	52.25		
George W. Phelps	82.25		
Walter E. Pierce	61.34		
Norah S. Pike Heirs	112.30		
John M. Pickett	132.93		
Levi S. Pickett	96.78		
Lester R. Qua	135.45		
E. A. Reed	55.05		
G. M. Richardson	55.05		
Samuel Richardson	129.75		
Horace B. Robbins	129.75		
John H. Rowell	129.75		
Levi Sartelle & Son	231.03		
Joseph A. Saunders	271.02		
A. A. Shattuck	129.85		
A. B. Shattuck	132.93		
George E. Shattuck	328.67		
Henry D. Shattuck Heirs	117.21		
Mrs. H. Shattuck	55.55		
Miss Mary L. Shattuck and	77.45		
Mrs. Hattie Phelps	77.45		
Mrs. Florence Sibley	77.45		
William W. Sibley	67.28		
Waldo Spaulding	226.83		
James Starr	66.56		
John A. Sullivan	66.56		
M. H. Sullivan	66.56		
P. F. Sullivan	66.56		
George H. Swift	53.00		
Charles E. Taft	53.00		
A. A. Tarbell	359.60		
E. L. Tarbell	74.68		
Henry Tarbell	222.56		
Henry Thurston	132.93		
Harvey Tilton	348.12		
Miss Louisa Tilton	419.22		
Mrs. H. N. Tower	187.65		
Frank H. Ward	187.65		
David E. Weston	74.40		
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