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### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

The barge was to and from church for the first time last Sunday. John Wright drove his pair of handsome gray horses and furnished conveyance for many more than availed themselves of the opportunity to ride.

The many friends of Capt. W. H. Sawyer will be pleased to learn of his safe arrival in Berkeley, Cal., after a fatiguing trip and several hours of delay in route.

Mrs. Carl Billings (nee Gay), a former primary teacher at the West End, has been visiting for several days at Charles V. Flagg's.

Mrs. Henry Topham (nee Fletcher) with infant son, has been a recent visitor at Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty's home.

Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is visiting her brother Benjamin and his family in Arlington.

Mrs. J. W. Ireland continues to gain and is expected home the first of next week.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and Heywood spent Thanksgiving and the day following at Fred Parker's in Somerville.

Miss Elma Leavitt of South Acton was the guest of her aunt, Miss Jennie B. Sawyer, last Sunday.

A party of seventeen dined at Charles Smith's on Thanksgiving day.

An equal number gathered at the A. T. Kimball home and about twenty-two at H. J. Coopers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Flagg spent Thursday at her parental home in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kimball and children dined at Capt. Palmer's Thursday.

Miss Nellie Wright has been ill with tonsillitis and obliged to give up teaching for a few days, staying in the meantime with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Stone, at the Center.

Rev. Mr. Snyder was entertained by Principal and Mrs. Briggs.

On Thursday afternoon and evening of December 2, the United Workers of the Congregational church will be in their vestry ready to sell almost anything in the line of fancy and useful articles, including handkerchiefs, aprons, fancy bags, choice candies, food, etc. In the evening these will be an entertainment by our best home talent for which a nominal sum will be charged. Come and help along the good cause.

Elmer Flagg has sold his farm and with his wife and youngest daughter will spend the winter in California.

#### L. W. C.

The Littleton Woman's club and interested friends were favored Monday afternoon by the presence of a distinguished gentleman and scholar from the Groton School, Rev. Sherrard Billings, who gave a plain, practical and most suggestive address on "Boys and boy problems."

To those absent persons having the subject close at heart a better service could not be rendered than to publish the address verbatim. No digest could give even the slightest approach to justice, so freighted were the words of the speaker with the wisdom born of personal contact and long experience with boys and boy problems. Against precocity Dr. Sherrard Billings sounded a note of warning. Boys naturally develop slowly, and the ambitious parent serves their interest best by adhering in this respect to the principles of nature.

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important place in the youth's development.

Of the boy's religious life Dr. Billings spoke briefly but emphatically, since it is in itself a subject requiring much time and distinct attention.

The address received the closest attention and the hearty approval of a very sympathetic audience.

It is the wish of the Woman's club that we may hear from Dr. Billings again at no very distant day on the last of his topics discussed, "The boy's religious life," or similar subject.

The program of the afternoon was prefaced by a duet by Mrs. Hartwell and Mrs. Priest, most acceptably rendered.

#### Scholarly and Entertaining.

The lecture on "The development of American humor," by Rev. John Snyder, delivered in town hall, Tuesday evening, proved one of the most entertaining and satisfactory numbers given in the Lyceum for years. It reminded one of the good old times where speakers of highest literary merit gave the product of their intellect and culture to an audience appreciative of the best in literature, art and science, and surrounded by an atmosphere void of all disturbing elements. Mr. Snyder's address was most scholarly and entertaining, and delivered in an equally cultured and artistic manner, revealing the speaker's appreciation of humor, his wise judgment in the selection and classification of its different types, his ability as impersonator and his wonderfully felicitous English.

Let us have more lectures of this kind that not only entertain but stimulate morally and intellectually and stamp the lyceum as an institution worthy of permanence.

#### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

Mrs. Hache, Clara Gionet, Lizzie Brideau and Minnie Chalson were visiting in Lowell last Sunday.

Jerry Mushree of Gloversville, N. Y., is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Michael Gionet.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hazen spent Thanksgiving with Miss Helen Winslow at Cambridge.

The regular meeting of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., was held Monday evening. A delegation of about thirty from this lodge will attend the class initiation at Tahanto lodge, Thursday evening, December 2.

A week ago Mrs. L. O. Balch cut a squash weighing ten pounds, which was one year old and found it perfect in every way.

James Burrill, who has been at a private hospital in Jamaica, L. I., for treatment of cancer of the tongue, returned home Wednesday. The doctors at that hospital think his cure will be permanent. His son, Thomas C. Burrill, met him at Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collyer spent last Sunday with friends in Waltham.

Dr. and Mrs. Percy Miller of Harwich spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wolf.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ithel O. Ryan of Mason, N. H., aged nineteen months, died last week Friday of bronchitis. The remains were brought here Sunday and burial was in the family lot in Harvard. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan formerly well known residents of this town.

Mrs. Clara Crossman who resides in the old red house, while paying a visit at the home of Mrs. Wm. Crossman, last Friday afternoon, was stricken with apoplexy and is now in a serious condition. She will remain with Mrs. Wm. Crossman, where she is being kindly cared for.

A large audience at the union thanksgiving service at the Baptist

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church last Sunday evening. Short addresses were made by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon and Rev. W. H. Desjardins. Special music by the choir and a solo was given by Miss Nina Holbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hocquard, former residents of Shirley, have returned from New Carlisle, P. Q., and will take up their residence in Leominster, where Mr. Hocquard has secured a position.

Ten of the Shirley bowlers rolled for turkeys at the local alleys, Tuesday evening, given by the proprietor, Abel Morin, for the two highest scores. Three strings were rolled. Harry Collyer won first prize, scoring 299, and Fred Sleeper second, scoring 279.

A cold meat supper and entertainment will be held in the vestry of the Congregational church, Wednesday evening, December 2. Supper will be served at seven o'clock. Public invited.

The engagement is announced of Dr. C. C. Waggoner to Miss Helen Bagley, both of Corry, Penna. Dr. Waggoner is the son of Mrs. Dr. Farnald and spent his early school days here, where he is well known and highly respected.

The boys at the Industrial school were given a bountiful dinner, Thanksgiving day, and in the afternoon a concert was given, consisting of readings with vocal and instrumental music.

Miss Alice McNeil of Penacook, N. H., spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Marjorie Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collyer with friends in Waltham; Joseph Gately with relatives in Boston; Miss Fannie Lowe of Clinton; also, Miss Kolowrath and Edwin Grey of Littleton, with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gregory of Littleton; Karl Yanich with friends in Chelsea; Mrs. Will Lov with daughter Jessie with relatives in Everett; Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Rugg with Mr. Rugg's sister in Taunton.

The drama, "Down East," will be staged in Odd Fellows' hall, Friday evening, December 3, with W. J. Butler of Leominster in the leading role. The committee has given great care in the preparation of the play as a whole, which without doubt will be a pronounced social success. The play is clean, true to life, and intensely fascinating. The cast is made up as follows:

Ezekiel Fletcher, W. J. Butler, Jonas Desmond, J. A. Deardon, Charles Desmond, Shipley Ricker, Ralph Thorne, Perry Holden, Wash White, Frank Deacon, Deacon Perkins, Jacob C. Beach, Hannah Fletcher, Ida Warren, Bets Fletcher, Nellie Cronin, Myra Bigelow, Edna Harris.

Church Services.  
Mr. Pinkham of Newton Center will preach in the Baptist church, Sunday, November 28, at 9.15 a. m., and also in the evening at seven o'clock. All are welcome.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon will occupy his pulpit as usual Sunday morning, November 28, at 10.45 a. m. Regular C. E. meeting in the evening at seven o'clock. Subject, "Home missions, the battle of the future."

As the pastor, Rev. W. H. Desjardins of the Baptist church will be absent, Sunday, November 28, the Sunday school contest between the reds and blues will not close on that date as intended, but will continue until Sunday, December 5th.

Services at the First Parish church on Sunday, November 28, by Rev. Geo. Willis Cooke at 11.15 a. m.

#### TOWNSEND.

#### Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Streeter and son of Waltham were at T. E. Flarity's this week.

#### Competitive Entertainment.

Monday evening at the grange Mrs. Emma Seaver's side won out by six and one-third points on the competitive entertainment. The judges were Mrs. L. E. Starr of the Groton grange, P. S. Bancroft, master of Pepperell grange, and Miss Vera Robbins of Ashby. Both sides had a great variety during the forty-five minutes each allotted them for their program, which consisted, on Mrs. Barber's side, of a farce, readings, piano duet, a unique auction sale, solos and a quartet. Mrs. Seaver's side had a character sketch song, original poem by Warren Seaver; reading, "Lasca," by T. E. Flarity; and a musical orchestra in charge of F. B. Higgins. Besides the usual readings, solos, etc., they opened their program with an original poem set to music, which brought down the house. Both sides put much time into the affair, which was shown in the closeness of the decision.

#### Grange.

The Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, December 1. The morning session will be devoted to the election of officers, with papers on the following subjects:

"What we have introduced from Japan," Mrs. Flora J. Atwood.  
"Why the mail does not reach its destination," H. B. Hildreth, postmaster.  
"Will pine trees planting be profitable?" Joel S. Cook, tree warden.  
"Do farmers raise enough vegetables," Galen A. Proctor.  
"New things for Christmas," Minnie L. Knight.  
"The blessings or curse of the mouth," Mrs. Vernal Barber.  
Speaker, N. B. Stevens, Boston, "The St. Bernard pass."

Discussion on the following subjects if time permits: "Was there advantage in the winter district school to the older boys and girls, and should it be reopened?"

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## WESTFORD.

Center.

Miss Sarah W. Loker has recently attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions at Park Street church, Boston.

Rev. D. A. Hudson of North Chelmsford and Rev. C. P. Marshall exchanged pulpits last Sunday. The church was prettily decorated with chrysanthemums, ferns, sunnys and bitter sweet. There was special Thanksgiving music and all the service was especially appropriate to the spirit of the season. At the evening service there was a good attendance with praise service and a brief address by the pastor, based on the thoughts from the twenty-third psalm, which is always a subject for praise and thanksgiving.

The high school dance, which was postponed on account of the several cases of diphtheria, is to be given on Friday night, December 3. The proceeds are to be used to furnish the gymnasium.

## Teachers' Social.

The special social arranged and carried out by the enterprise and enthusiasm of our teachers, last Friday evening at the Congregational church was very much of a success. The entertainment consisted of the "Sunflower chorus," which was unique and smoothly carried out, the various sunflowers all giving their songs, recitations and choruses with vivacity. William R. Taylor and Miss Martha Grant acted the parts of Goodman Tabor and Mistress Carey in the garden scene. Those who took the parts of the sunflowers were Miss Elizabeth Cushing, Miss Edith Lawrence, Miss Winnifred Burnham, Miss Ruby Carter, Miss Hazel Hartford, Miss Adrith Carter and Miss Hilda Isles. Mrs. Charles P. Marshall was the accompanist. After the entertainment refreshments of cake and cocoa were served to all followed by merry games and a general good time. All were grateful to Misses Cushing, Grant, Burnham and Lawrence for making this social the success it was. The next event in the social calendar of the winter is the annual banquet to take place about the middle of December. Committees are already at work to sustain the creditable standard of this affair of its predecessor.

## Grange.

The second meeting of the Grange for November took place at the town hall, Thursday evening, with a fair attendance. At the business session details of the coming Farmers' Institute were discussed. The lecturer had arranged a good program for his hour, which was well carried out. The subject for the evening was "Lessons from the lives of noted men and women." S. L. Taylor gave a well-thought-out discourse given with characteristic originality and insight. Governor Johnson, Congressman Anderson of Ohio, and Congressman John Grant of North Carolina, Abraham Lincoln, Helen Keller and Edward Everett Hale were among those chosen by the speakers. There was singing by Mrs. S. B. Wright; also, a duet by her and Fred A. Smith. A quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, E. G. Boynton and Miss Cushing gave selections, followed by readings by Miss Grant and Miss Cushing. L. W. Wheeler closed the program with an article on "Halley and his comet."

The regular meeting of the North Middlesex Pomona will be held at Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, December 3. Part of the day's program will be the election of officers for the year. It is the turn of the Westford members to have charge of the dinner, and Miss Josie A. Prescott was appointed chairman.

The annual meeting of the state grange convenes at Springfield, December 14, 15 and 16, and some members of Westford grange are planning to attend the session.

## Grantville.

The Big Four club, composed of Miss Julia Rafferty, Miss Daisy Gagnon, Miss Myra McNulty and Miss Mayme Healy of this village, held a very successful dancing party in Abbot hall, Forge Village, on last Saturday night that was largely attended. McNally's orchestra furnished excellent dance music, and at intermission refreshments were served.

Florence G. Sullivan has recently severed his connection with the Abbot Worsted Co. and accepted a position as clerk in the grocery store of Henry J. Healy.

The anniversary mass for the deceased members of Court Westford, 170, Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, was celebrated in St. Catherine's church on Thanksgiving morning at 7.30 o'clock. The services were largely attended.

Mrs. Anne Casey of Salem has been a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Welsh in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. George Day of Damariscotta, Me., are now visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherman in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Putney with their little son Charles Alfred of Needham, have been recent guests of Miss Jessie Parker in this village.

Miss Mary F. Dailey of Manchester, N. H., has been a recent visitor here.

## Disastrous Fire.

Fire, which caused a property loss of \$3000 and for a time threatened valuable surrounding property on Monday night, destroyed two barns belonging to Mrs. Rachel Reed in West Grantville. No live stock was lost, horses and pigs having been removed before they were reached by the flames. The fire was discovered about 8.30 o'clock by Charles McLenna, who gave the alarm. The local apparatus, the A. R. Choate hose company, responded very promptly, and shortly after the Edward Abbot company of Westford and the John Edwards company of Forge Village arrived on the scene. So excellent was the work of the firemen that within twenty-five minutes of the start of the fire, the department had it safely under control. The flames first started in a small barn, whose lower floor is occupied by William Lambert as a fish market. The upper floor was filled with hay, etc., and it was in the hay the flames started. Mr. Lambert suffered a loss of about \$70. The cause of the fire is unknown.

In a short time the flames spread to the big barn, which stands only about twelve feet from the small structure. This barn was used as a storehouse by Victor Pigeon, and such was its contents that it was splendid food for the flames. Mr. Pigeon, who had a stock of meats and provisions in the barn, was one of the principal losers, though he is partly covered by insurance. Both barns were also insured. Within fifty feet of the barns stand the house occupied by J. Ellsworth York and family. Heroic efforts of the fireman saved this structure without any damage whatever.

William H. Beebe, who had property stored in the small barn, lost about \$200. Two of his sleighs, a pung and a lot of hay was a total loss.

The fire was a spectacular one and attracted a large crowd from here and in the surrounding villages. The absence of wind undoubtedly kept the loss at a low figure. The members of the local fire department deserve special praise for their quick work and untiring efforts at the fire.

Captain Healy and his men were right on the job, and the fine horses attached to the fire wagon certainly made a record run on Monday night.

## HARVARD.

### News Items.

E. J. McLaughlin, auctioneer, will sell by auction the personal property belonging to Allen Hazzard on Saturday, November 27, at one p. m.

The monthly meeting of the King's Daughters will be held at the Memorial rooms on Thursday afternoon, December 2, at 2.30 o'clock.

During the one week's recess of the schools, Miss Putnam visits Bedford, Miss King with friends at Worcester, Miss Brooke at Chelmsford, and Miss Nourse at her home in Bolton.

On this Saturday afternoon the members of the evening whist club meet at Memorial rooms to arrange for the series of evening whist parties to be held this coming winter and appoint special committees as may be necessary for the success of the affair.

Lancaster Clay is visiting over Thanksgiving with Rev. J. S. Gove and family at Marlboro, N. H.

Miss Charlotte Conant of Acton, for several years a successful teacher in our center school, visited last week Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Maynard.

On Thursday evening, December 2, the gentlemen members of the Unitarian society will hold their annual supper, social and entertainment at the town hall. The supper will be served at six and seven o'clock. The entertainment will be of a musical character. W. S. Lougee, cello; W. Hackett, violin; and Miss Lilla Cleaves, piano, will contribute several numbers to the program. The committee are Messrs. Lougee, Turner, Russell, R. G. Whitney and Clifford Dudley. After the entertainment there will be a social dance.

Mrs. C. R. White's dancing class will give a dancing party at town hall on Saturday afternoon, December 4, from three to four p. m. This party being complimentary, friends from Mrs. White's schools in Ayer, Shirley and Littleton will be invited, as also the townspeople, to whom a special invitation is given, to be present and enjoy the program. There are to be several figure dances by the children. Refreshments are to be served.

On Sunday evening next Rev. H. B. Mason will give an illustrated lecture at the Congregational church at seven o'clock. All are cordially invited. The subject is to be "Japan," and will be given in connection with seventy-four colored lantern slides with strong calcium light. Mr. Mason speaks very highly of this lecture and is very anxious that all who wish should hear it. All seats free. A ten-minute song service opens the meeting.

The Misses Cushman close their summer house this week and open their winter home in the suburbs of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cottle were at George F. Cobb's residence, "Hillcrest," over Sunday.

## Remarkable Oratorical Ability.

The lecture committee regret to say that owing to no fault of theirs or to E. W. Hock's, they were unable to carry out as advertised the program for Friday evening of last week. Nevertheless, Gov. Hoch of Kansas was present Saturday and was in no way disappointing after he commenced his subject, "A message from Kansas." A man of remarkable oratorical ability, a genuine command of rapid-fire English, he kept his audience for over one hour and he could have kept them as long again with his discourse, which from beginning to end was full of sound and very interesting points. Gov. Hoch certainly made a good impression with Harvard audiences on his first trip to the east, those hearing him having something to remember for some time. The next lecture will be on Friday evening, December 3, and will be given by Dr. Charles A. Eastman. Subject, "The real Indian."

## Party.

On Saturday evening last Miss Harriet Mason gave a party to a number of her schoolmates. The event took place at the parsonage between the hours of 5.30 and 8.30 p. m. Refreshments and games made up the time into one of real enjoyment and social good time. Those present were: Ruth Willard, Helen Richards, Marion Campbell, Kenneth Russell, Rogers Morse, Josephine Baker, Elmer Royal, Bernard Foss, Herbert Dickson, Charles Samorian, Lancaster Clay, Florence and Howard Davis, Olive Houghton, George Tooker, Cedric and Oressa Webster, Mildred Carman, Dorothy Bigelow, Edwin Savage, Helen Whitney, Philip Watson and Grace Morse.

## TOWNSEND.

### West.

Mrs. Frank Hardy, who has been out of town for the past five weeks, visited relatives and friends in Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover, returning to her home here last week, and is now quite ill and under a physician's care, but is reported as much improved.

Miss Gertrude E. Smith, who is employed in Harvard, called upon relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan have returned from a two weeks' visit to relatives in Reading and vicinity and reopened their residence here.

Mrs. George West of Lewiston, who, with her little daughter, Marion, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, returned to her home last Saturday morning. Mrs. Hodgman accompanying her for a brief visit.

George Hapgood has returned to his home in Portsmouth, N. H., after spending a few days at the home of his brother, Elbridge Hapgood.

Snooks, Fred A. Patch's coon dog, captured his twelfth coon of the season last week.

Mrs. George Beckwith has been quite seriously ill at her home in Joslyville for the past few weeks, but is better.

Mrs. Mary Wilson of New Ipswich is a guest at the home of her son, Ernest G. Wilson, and Miss Ruth Wilson has been spending a few days with relatives in Nashua and vicinity.

Mrs. John Cox left Monday for Dorchester to spend the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. M. Steele, where she was joined by her husband, Rev. J. H. Cox, who has been away on a protracted visit and is returning much improved in health.

Miss Nancy Reed resumed her studies at the Townsend high school, Monday, after an enforced vacation caused by a sprained ankle.

Miss Emma Lee of Boston spent Thanksgiving at the home of her mother, Mrs. Emily Lees; Albert Adams and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son Randall from Providence at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams; E. J. Pratt and family from Leominster at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ellen Pratt.

Mrs. Nelson Hart of Joslyville enjoyed a little gathering at her home on Saturday evening to celebrate her birthday.

The public schools closed on Wednesday for the remainder of the week, and Miss Blanche Sprague, teacher of the grammar school, left for her home in Readsboro, Vt., to spend the brief vacation.

Mrs. George West and her little daughter, Marion, and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman returned the first of the week from a visit to friends and relatives out of town.

Rev. W. F. Spidle, a former pastor of the Baptist church here, who went to Boston, Ontario, and thence to Alisa Craig, where he has been a successful pastor for five years, has handed in his resignation and will take up his work in Fernia, British Columbia.

Mrs. Emily Lees entertained the Ladies' Whist club at her home last Thursday evening, and the next meeting will be Thursday afternoon, December 2, at the home of Mrs. Fred Smith of Joslyville.

Rev. Charles Upton of Greenville, N. H., who is supplying the Baptist pulpit at present, will preach next Sunday. Last Sunday at the session of the Sunday school a special collection was made for the mission work in Alaska, and very interesting letters and specimens of the work of the pupils were on exhibition and mite boxes were taken by a large number of the school to be filled for this work. The Little Wanderer home sent out bags to be filled as usual, and a barrel and quite a collection of money was sent out to them last Monday evening.

The meeting of the Ladies' literary and social circle was held at the home of Mrs. Edward A. Craig on Friday afternoon, and selections from Will Carleton's poems were greatly enjoyed. The next meeting will be Friday evening, December 3, at the home of Mrs. Louise McElligott, and the subject for study will be Mark Twain.

Irving Streeter, sergeant of the Coast Guards, now stationed at Fort Warren, with his wife and child, is enjoying a portion of his month's leave of absence with his father, Ashbel Streeter, in Joslyville.

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Taken on execution and will be sold at public auction at my office on East Main Street, in said Ayer, on Saturday, January 8, A. D. 1910, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution that Elwin F. Kemp of Groton, in said County, had on the eighth day of October, at eight o'clock and ten minutes, A. M., that being the time attachment was made on mesne process in and to the following described real estate:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Southerly part of Pepperell and containing about 5 acres and 55 rods bounded as follows: Beginning on the Westerly side of a Town way, Northerly of the house formerly of Timothy Nutting, and at corner of land formerly of said Timothy Nutting; thence running Northerly by said town way 34 rods to land formerly of A. Whitney; thence Northerly by said Whitney land 23 rods 15 links to a cross wall; thence South 49 degrees West partly as the wall stands 15 rods to a rock with a stone upon it; thence South 36 degrees West to an ash tree and so on in the same course to a stake and stones to the land of the said Timothy Nutting, being 29 rods 7 links; thence Easterly by said Nutting land to the bound first mentioned, a distance of 23 rods 15 links.

Also, another parcel of land situated in said Pepperell bounded as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the premises at land of Edmund F. Nutting, at the corner of the wall by a road; thence Southerly by said road to land of James Kemp; thence Westerly by land of said Kemp to a corner in the fence about 15 feet South of an ash tree; thence Northerly by land of said Kemp to a stake and stones at land of Edmund Nutting; thence Easterly by land of said Nutting to the bound first mentioned. Containing 2 acres 107 1/2 rods, being the premises described in mortgage deed by Edmund P. Nutting to Elwin F. Kemp in South District Registry of Deeds, book 2369, page 254.

A. A. FILLBROWN,  
Deputy Sheriff.  
Ayer, Mass., Nov. 22, 1909. 3111

# Fireless Cooker Free

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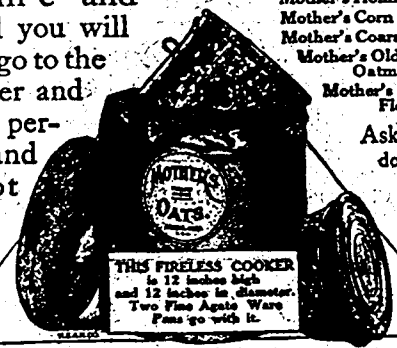


You may rest all afternoon if you have a Mother's Oats Free Fireless Cooker in the house, suppose you fall asleep, when your husband comes home and wakes you, 'all you will have to do is to go to the Fireless Cooker and take out the perfectly cooked and steaming hot dinner that will be all ready.

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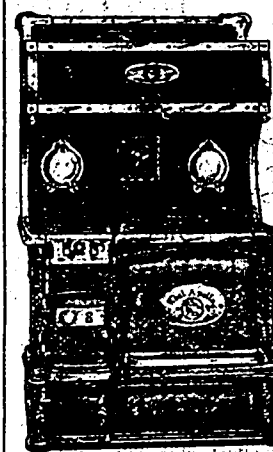
Mother's Oats  
Mother's Corn Meal (white or yellow)  
Mother's Wheat Hearts (the cream of the wheat)  
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Mother's Coarse Pearl Hominy  
Mother's Old Fashioned Steel Cut Oatmeal  
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Ask your grocer. If he doesn't keep Mother's Cereals write us today giving us his name and yours and we will send you free a useful souvenir.



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**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**News Items.**  
A horse owned by Mr. Stacy of Mason broke through the bridge near the site of the J. Harvey Hall mill and broke his leg in two places. It was necessary to kill him.

The engagement of Miss Bertha Wallace of Athol, Mass., daughter of the late Leroy Wallace and Ellen French Wallace, to James C. Turner of San Francisco, is announced. Miss Wallace invited eighteen of her girl friends to luncheon. After partaking of a dainty spread, they were invited to her apartment, where suspended from the chandelier were English walnuts, containing a prediction for each guest. The last one announced the engagement of the hostess and contained the engagement ring. The rooms were attractive with pink flowers, pink candles and decorations of pink. The wedding will take place in April. Mrs. Wallace will accompany her daughter to San Francisco.

The Saturday evening train of last week was delayed by the derailing of the passenger car and smoker near the West Hollis station. Fortunately the engine had slowed up a little; otherwise a serious accident would have been the result. The passengers were transferred to the smoker and brought to Brookline. Later the engine returned to West Hollis, and with the assistance of the train hands the car was placed on the track. Mrs. Mary Cox, Mrs. Frank Gilman and Wallace Jenness were among the passengers.

Channing Folsom of Newmarket, former state superintendent of schools, was in town, November 17, on school business.

Miss Helen Pratt spent the holiday at her home at Weymouth, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Daniels of Everett, Mass., are guests for Thanksgiving of Mrs. Ira Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester P. Valodge and daughter Ruth were at Rockland, Mass., for Thanksgiving week.

Mrs. Ella F. Burke and son Thomas of Boston are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rockwood.

The Loyal Workers will meet at the home of Mrs. Phoebe J. Randall, Wednesday afternoon, December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett spent Thanksgiving at Dedham, Mass., guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Patenaude.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Dodge and children enjoyed the holiday at Ayer, Mass., guests of Mrs. Dodge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Beverly.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Badger of Quincy, Mass., were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss and Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Pierce attended the Pomona grange meeting at Amherst, Thursday, November 18.

The friends of Mrs. Mary Davis will regret to hear she recently severely scalded her foot and ankle at the home of Mrs. Churchill at Waltham, Mass. She had filled a large pitcher with hot water, when suddenly the bottom dropped out and the contents fell on her foot and ankle. The accident will confine her to her home for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall and Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and little daughter Esther spent Thanksgiving at Pepperell, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Blake of East Pepperell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker, Saturday, November 20.

Mrs. D. H. Hickey of Boston spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Ira Daniels.

Mrs. William Matthews is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Kennedy and daughter Elizabeth, also Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck and son Gerald of Pepperell, were guests in town Sunday.

**About the Churches.**

The regular term from the Boston university composed of Rev. R. P. Andrews, Rev. W. H. Stern, Rev. C. M. McConnell, Rev. Lewis Havermale, and Rev. W. S. Handy, held a series of evangelistic meetings at the Congregational and Methodist churches, last week Friday and Saturday and Sunday evenings. There was a large attendance at all of the meetings and several converts. The young men were excellent speakers and singers and earnest, enthusiastic workers.

Rev. Charles M. McConnell preached at the Congregational church, Sunday morning. He was assisted by Rev. Lewis Havermale and Rev. W. S. Handy. Rev. H. P. Andrews preached at the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. W. H. Stern.

Ladies of the Congregational and Methodist churches served a oyster supper at the Congregational vestry, last week Friday evening, upon the arrival of the gospel team. About twenty participated.

A union prayer meeting will be held at the Congregational vestry, Sunday evening, November 23.

The ladies of the Methodist society are planning a Christmas tree and entertainment for the children of the M. E. Sunday school to be held at the Methodist vestry.

Rev. W. H. Drawbridge of Pepperell will preach at the Congregational church next Sabbath in exchange with Rev. Warren L. Noyes.

**LITTLETON.**

Miss Abbie McNiff has hot cocoa for her pupils at noon time, and Mrs. Effie Jewett furnishes it hot for the schoolchildren.

Harry Smith and Miss Alice Hartwell were with his grandmother last Sunday in Winthrop.

Conveyances from Pingreyville and the railroad station has been provided for Sunday morning to the different churches.

Elmer Flagg, having sold his farm, with his wife and young daughter, will spend the winter in California. The oldest daughter, Miss Mildred, attending Concord high school, will board with her grandmother in West Acton, and the other daughter, in the high school here, will board in town.

Henry A. Robbins and family of Newton spent Thanksgiving here at her father's, P. S. Whitcomb.

The Arts and Crafts meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon, November 30, with Mrs. Abbott.

The American club of the Orthodox church will meet Wednesday afternoon, December first, with Mrs. C. K. Houghton.

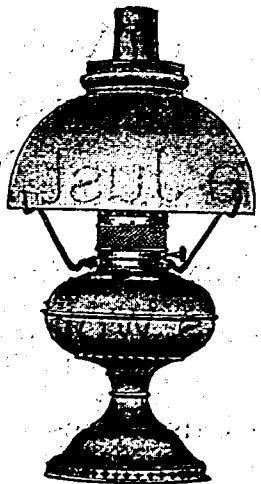
N. H. Whitcomb is having his extensive set of buildings all slated.

Sunday evening in the Unitarian vestry, Mrs. Alice Prouty will lead the guild meeting. Subject, "Hymnology."  
The harvest concert of the Unitarian Sunday school took the place of the morning service last Sunday, the exercises opening with the reading of Governor Draper's proclamation, by Master Howard Knowlton. The pastor gave a short talk for the children on the "Kingdom of kindness." The platform was fully decorated with fruits and grains, sent as a Thanksgiving offering to the children's mission in Boston.

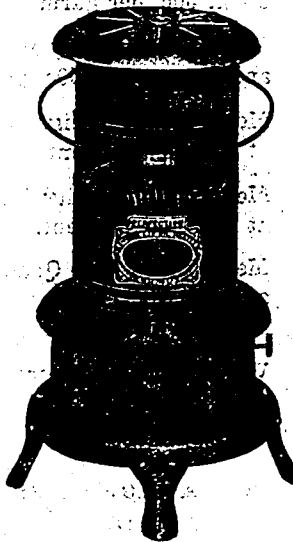
Miss Adeline Knowlton and son, Hayward, spent Thanksgiving in Somerville with her cousin, Mrs. Fred Parker.

**New Advertisements.**

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Music For All Occasions  
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.**  
To all persons interested in the estate of Frances O. Peabody, late of Groton, in said County, deceased.  
Whereas, Appleton H. Torrey, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held in Cambridge, in said County, on the Seventh day of December, A. D., 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.  
And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same 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, 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 fifteenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.  
W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY TAKE**



**Breaks Up a Cold at Once**

Its very easy to prevent and cure a cold. There is really no excuse for any one having a cold more than one day. The first time you shiver or have an indication of a cold coming on take 2 tablets of Bruce's Laxative Celery Quinine. If taken at once you will be surprised to find the cold has failed to materialize.

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- SUGAR-CURED HAMS, 15c. lb.
- SIRLOIN ROASTS, 16c. lb.
- BONELESS CODFISH, 3 lbs. for 25c.
- 7 BOXES SARDINES, 25c.
- NICE COOKING BUTTER, 20c. lb.
- SWEET POTATOES, 18 lbs. for 25c.
- POTATOES, 70c. in five bushel lots.
- BEST SEEDED RAISINS, 10c. a package, 3 for 25c.
- GINGER SNAPS, 4 lbs. 25c

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**Would You Sell?**

If you have an attractive farm or village estate within eight miles of Ayer Station, and want to sell at a reasonable price, call and see me or send me word to look it over with you. Within six months I have had 269 inquirers for such properties. This fall especially, in earnest, and I need more good places to suit them. Don't expect me to get you a fancy price for an ordinary place. I will, however, give you "A Square Deal To All" in my motto, and "Satisfied Customers" are considered my best form of advertisement. Within three weeks I have sold four places and others look promising. Buyers seeing this will do well to consult me for property in this section.

**EDWARD H. BLISS, "The Hillside,"**  
Phone 30-3, Ayer, Mass.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.**  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Lucius W. Wilmot, late of Groton, in said County, deceased.  
Whereas, a petition has been presented to the Probate Court on the estate of said deceased to Claraena A. Wilmot, of Groton, in said County, or to some other suitable person:  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the seventh day of December, 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 the 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, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, fourteen days at least before said Court.  
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.  
W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.**  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Adeline R. Warner, 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 H. Wilbur, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor thereof:  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the sixth day of December, 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 a copy of this citation to each person named herein, seven days at least before said Court.  
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.  
W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**WANTED**—A Girl for General Housework; some experience in cooking required. Apply to Wm. GEORGE A. SANDERSON, Ayer, Mass. 517

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF the First National Bank of Ayer, at Ayer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, November 16, 1909.**

Resources.	
Loans and discounts	\$400,185.37
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	171.10
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	58,997.50
Due from approved Reserve Agents	92,482.53
Notes of other National Banks	246.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	56.42
Specie	\$14,407.90
Legal-tender notes with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	1,100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$623,645.82</b>
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	36,491.58
National Bank Notes outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other National Banks	840.95
Due to State and Private Banks and Branches	742.65
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	27,642.59
Dividends unpaid	40.00
Individual deposits subject to check	432,974.86
Demand certificates of deposit	707.91
Cashed checks	400.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	2,805.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>623,645.82</b>

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.  
I, Hobart E. Mead, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1909.  
George W. Sanderson, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
Howard B. White,  
Thomas L. Hazen,  
Daniel W. Fletcher,  
Directors.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF the Towns National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, November 16, 1909.**

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$261,015.94
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	34,588.81
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	40,567.16
Checks and other Cash Items	1,427.61
Notes of other National Banks	908.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	59.42
Specie	\$2,790.00
Legal-tender notes with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>458,661.94</b>
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	30,297.54
National Bank Notes outstanding	100,000.00
Dividends unpaid	24.00
Individual deposits subject to check	208,340.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>458,661.94</b>

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.  
I, Henry A. Hill, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1909.  
E. Alonzo Blood, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
Clarence Stickney,  
Chas. B. Stickney,  
J. W. Eastman,  
Directors.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF the First National Bank of Pepperell, at East Pepperell, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, November 16, 1909.**

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$123,334.57
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	514.17
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	709.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	86,970.75
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	10.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	27,390.57
Notes of other National Banks	240.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	55.87
Specie	\$5,017.65
Legal-tender notes with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	14,052.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>306,568.58</b>
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus fund	3,300.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	6,222.10
National Bank Notes outstanding	50,000.00
Dividends unpaid	4.00
Individual deposits subject to check	195,875.40
Demand certificates of deposit	1,166.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>306,568.58</b>

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.  
I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of November, 1909.  
George G. Tarbell, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
I. J. Rowell, mmm  
E. D. Howe,  
I. J. Rowell,  
Directors.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the will annexed to the estate of Charles H. Lewis, late of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself the foregoing giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to  
E. L. LEWIS, Adm.  
South Easton, Mass., Nov. 16, 1909. 3111

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.**  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Edward J. Dixon, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased, intestate.  
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to James A. Dixon of Townsend, in said County, or to some other suitable person:  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the Sixth day of December, 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 the 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 a copy of this citation to each person named herein, seven days at least before said Court.  
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.  
W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**FOR SALE**—Haines Bros. Upright Piano; 3 outside door frame with door and screen to fit. One Black Walnut Piano; Post and rail and stair posts. Inquire of J. W. COLBURN, Shirley, Mass. 417

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This company has the sales monopoly of an improved form of commercial automobile, now in successful use by the U. S. Government and leading business concerns. The \$25,000 accumulated by the sale of these certificates is to be used for one purpose only—buying machines at the factory to fill orders. The machines are then shipped C. O. D. to the purchasers. Thus there is no credit risk, and the investors' money is neither tied up in equipment nor dissipated by expenses, but is either in cash on hand or convertible thereto at short notice.

Investors in this purchasing fund have the option of withdrawal of principal before maturity. A strong National Bank has agreed to act as Trustee of this fund for and on behalf of investors—to see that it is kept intact and used only as a purchasing fund. This bank will pay dividends as they fall due and will return to any certificate holder, upon sixty days' notice, the amount of his investment or any part of it, should he desire to withdraw same at any time before maturity.

The total issue is only \$25,000, each certificate being for \$25. For the present, with each \$25 certificate is given one share of 8 per cent. preferred stock, par value \$10; and with each \$100 purchase five shares of preferred are given. This unusual opportunity really brings the net return up to about 12 per cent., with the prospect of selling the preferred for nearly enough to pay for the whole investment. We make this offer so that it will not be necessary for this announcement to appear extensively, as previous issues have been largely oversubscribed.

If interested in absolute security of principal, large and definite interest return, and opportunity of speedy withdrawal of principal before maturity, if desired, this investment should receive your immediate attention. Communications and orders should be addressed, and checks made payable to:

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The genuine "1892" Ware, made only from pure SPUN (not cast) Aluminum, will not crack, scale, peel, break, scorch or burn.

It looks like silver but weighs only about one-quarter as much, is easily cleaned and handled, and will not rust, corrode or tarnish. Absolutely pure, non-poisonous and wholesome; saves money, time and doctor's bills.

Be sure you get the original and genuine ware stamped with the Maltese Cross. At your dealers.

**A. A. Fillebrown**  
Ayer, Mass.

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**THERE'S nothing like getting out of doors on these braising, sunshiny afternoons in early fall.**

Sometimes it is hard to get away from the office, particularly if you have to leave some things "hanging fire."

With the TELEPHONE to help you, it's all the same whether you're going to play golf or tennis, go out in the machine, or see the game.

A word over the wire saves an hour's delay in leaving the office, and a call in the latter part of the afternoon will clean up the things you couldn't do before you left.

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GROTON.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner's little boy's name is not "Cary," as misprint made it last week, but Carl.

At the meeting of Groton grange, Tuesday evening, it was voted to attend as a body the funeral of their recently deceased member, Mrs. Nellie Moore, at Ayer, Wednesday.

All the schools in town closed for the Thanksgiving recess.

Henry W. Whiting, superintendent of Groton School grounds and buildings, has been kept at home by illness this week.

Miss Gladys A. Mason is teaching in Sterling.

The portable sawmill on the A. W. Shattuck woodlot is expected to get to running this week. It has a sixty-horse power engine and a boiler requiring sixty barrels of water per day. It is estimated that 300,000 feet of lumber will be cleared from this lot, which is to be cut off by this coming January.

H. A. Johnson & Co.'s stable is to have the electric light.

Rev. P. H. Cressey and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Cambridge, and William A. Lawrence and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Leominster.

There was a pleasant family gathering at Capt. M. P. Palmer's on Thursday, when his two daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. George Warren with three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kimball with their two children came back to the old home from Manchester, N. H., and Littleton for Thanksgiving. On account of having had the measles, two of Mr. and Mrs. Warren's children did not come to grandfather's on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gilson had for Thanksgiving guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke and daughters, Carrie and Bertha Clarke; also, Mrs. E. A. Barrows and Miss Helen Barrows.

The lighting of the streets here by electricity is an accomplished fact, greatly to the satisfaction of all citizens. Two residences were lighted last week Friday night, and a quiet air of expectancy and excitement was felt as the people watched for the street lights Saturday night, and by Sunday night all the lights on the circuit were shining. The extension towards Lawrence Brooks, on the Martin's pond road and towards Mr. Prescott's on the great road, remained to be completed. The lights are kept on until about one o'clock every morning.

The supper and entertainment in the Catholic society in town hall last week was given a crowded attendance. The supper was excellent and bountiful, and given a large patronage. The entertainment, under the charge of Miss Hannah Hallissey, was very fine, the Carnival of Nations being very effective, and the whole reflecting credit on those who took part aside from Miss Hallissey, who had the management.

It was so stormy Wednesday evening that few gathered at the Congregational vestry for the Thanksgiving service, and no meeting was held.

Miss Helen Eddy came home for the Thanksgiving recess; also, Miss Genevieve Hodgman, the latter bringing college mates to spend Thanksgiving with her at her home here.

Harold R. and Winthrop L. Sheedy came home from Williams, Wednesday night, for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Mary E. Boynton was the best speller in the Groton grange spelling match last Tuesday evening. This spelling-match brought out an opinion from many that it would be a good move to have this old-fashioned and instructive pastime revived amongst us.

A November marriage of interest to Groton people is that of Richard Harrington and Miss Ethel Evans, both well-known young people formerly of this town. The marriage took place at the residence of Mrs. Henry Manley at Wollaston, November 17. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington occupy their new and pleasant home in Hyde Park.

J. T. Bennett and family spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Bennett's mother in Millbury.

The Groton season closed November 15. The academy team has not been beaten this year. It has scored 113 points against its opponents.

With the ten Chinese boys just received, the enrollment for the year is forty. There has been a steady growth in the school during the past year, not only in numbers but also in school spirit and scholarship. The boys sent by the Chinese government are all pursuing advanced studies and will be ready for college at the end of the year.

Carl Estabrooke of the University of Maine has been added to the faculty. Mr. Estabrooke has arrived and will begin work at once.

Vesper service will be held Sunday, November 28, at five o'clock. Rev. William J. Batt of Concord Junction, a member of the board of trustees, will address the meeting. The public is invited to this service.

Death.

Charles Lawrence, a well and favorably known resident of this town, was found Monday morning a victim of fatal gas poisoning in his room at a hotel on Green street, Boston, where he had registered the night before. He was born in Townsend Harbor, April, 1851, and had lived several years in different places, but in Groton the greater part of his life. For a number of years Mr. Lawrence was an efficient and popular conductor on the Marlborough branch and highly esteemed by patrons of that line. After leaving the railroad he resided in Groton, where he worked at his trade of cabinet maker and carpenter. Though a very quiet and retiring man, he was well liked by his fellow citizens. Mr. Lawrence was the only son of Abel Lawrence of this town, who now survives him. Through his father he was connected with the Shattuck family, so prominent in the early history of Groton. A widow also survives him. The remains are to be taken on Saturday to Albany, N. Y., where services are to be held and interment made.

Education of Chinese Youth.

The following was taken from the Boston Transcript of Monday, November 17:

The movement for the education of Chinese youth in this country, their expenses actually paid from what is known as the Boxer fund, has now reached the practical stage. The United States government has agreed to contribute to this country from China should be employed by her for educational purposes, and this plan is to send a hundred young men a year to Groton for five years, when, it is believed, the fund will be exhausted. The beneficiaries upon their return will be expected to serve their government for a period of five years. The candidates for this privilege are examined in October at Peking, and the tests are rigorous. Of the six hundred from all parts of the empire who recently took them, only thirteen actually passed, but twenty-seven made so favorable a showing they were permitted to join the contingent on condition that they put in a preparatory school here before entering the higher institutions of learning.

This advance guard of the annual inflow of Chinese students reached Springfield last evening under the direction of Yung Kwai, a graduate of the University of that city nearly twenty years ago, later an alumnus of Yale, and for the last fifteen years secretary of the Chinese legation at Washington. His party consists of fifty-one young men, thirty-seven government students and the others to attend school and college at their own expense. It is probable that they will be about equally distributed among Williston seminary at Easthampton and Wesleyan, Cushing, Lawrence and Phillips academies at Wilbraham, Ashburnham, Groton and Andover, respectively.

The majority of these students will take evening courses, as it is along those lines that China considers her needs greatest at present, and their opportunities to put this training to successful practice are considered excellent. In five years it is expected that there will be five hundred students scattered through American institutions, gathering the ideas of this country to take back and apply to the old but sluggish civilization of their own.

The chief significance of this arrival is that it indicates a permanent return to the broader view and practice displayed in earlier times by the Chinese government. Between 1872 and 1880 the Chinese government sent to the United States some fifty young men. Most of them at once entered college, though a few were first placed in preparatory schools. Sixteen of these students were at Harvard, seven at the University of Pennsylvania, five at Columbia and each at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Yale, the others being scattered in smaller groups through lesser institutions. Some of them are taking professional or technical courses, but the majority look forward to the civil service. These students have been under special supervision through the Imperial government, and though the Imperial government is believed to keep a friendly eye upon them, it has never attempted to guide their doings. It is conceivable under the new feeling which is believed to prevail at Peking, that government would be pleased to see the example of a child followed by others of the prosperous provinces.

Mr. Clough, principal of Lawrence academy, met by appointment the Washington representative of the Chinese government at the Brunswick hotel, Boston, and returned to Groton that evening with the allotment coming to Lawrence academy.

A Valuable Historical Work.

From the Boston Journal, November 22:

Dr. Samuel A. Green, Boston's well known citizen of citizens, has just completed another historical work of great value. Aside from his civic duties, which he has always been eminent in, Dr. Green, as is well known, devotes a great part of his time to his work in connection with the Massachusetts Historical society and to individual historical investigations relating especially to Massachusetts. Whatever he does is done so thoroughly that the historian who follows in his steps will never have to go over the original sources.

These Dr. Green's new book, a memorial to John Foster, the first Boston printer and the earliest American engraver, published by the Massachusetts Historical society, is a monumental work in its character. It is the first complete record of Foster's life. Its chief interest lies in the fact that Foster were so slightly recorded in the past that it is difficult to make a large volume of his history. Dr. Green, however, has given his readers all the possible regarding the career of this pioneer. Furthermore, he has discovered many new facts which have hitherto been buried. And he has compiled a bibliographical list of titles printed by Foster during the six years succeeding 1775. Besides a supplementary list, which may probably be credited to Foster. He also records six engravings of Foster.

Foster was born in Dorchester in 1648 and graduated at Harvard in 1667. He set up a press in 1675, and his work shows that he was "cutting in wood" for the Apostle Eliot as early as 1671, while teaching school in Dorchester. The permanent value of his work cannot be overestimated. It should be said that not only is the text of interest, but that Dr. Green has also added very rare illustrations.

A Leader of Men.

From the Boston Sunday American of November 21:

If one were asked who is the busiest man in Boston, he would actually pause in this big city of busy men, before answering. But it is pretty well known that there are but few men in Boston or elsewhere, who have been eminently successful in so many different lines of activity. One of these is General William Croft, president of the Boston elevated railroad. He was a busy student in Harvard, where he became identified with the rowing interests and was the captain of three successful crews. Later he coached several successful crews and he could no longer devote his time to the sport, and since then Harvard victories on the water have been much less frequent.

In the state militia Mr. Bancroft began at the bottom of the ladder, enlisting as a private in K company of the regiment of the same name. He rose from grade to grade until he became company commander. Promoted to colonel, in which office he served fifteen years, he made brigadier-general, and when the war was declared with Spain he was the first civilian, other than a civil war veteran, to be appointed a general officer in the United States volunteers. He is retired as major-general, the highest grade possible in this country.

For several years he practiced law and was very successful. He became interested in politics and for four years served Cambridge as its mayor. His first service in the great street railway business was as superintendent of the Cambridge Street Railway company. When the road was consolidated with the West End he was its roadmaster, after which he dropped out of the picture, but he returned as its president, and then as the president of the Boston elevated, which position he now occupies. His name is not in General Bancroft's dictionary. The only two times he has been away from his office for any length of time was when he was

commanding a brigade during the Spanish war and again when he went to Europe to inspect the underground and overhead systems of the principal cities. General Bancroft rises at 4.45 in the summer and at 5.30 in the winter, and for half an hour takes a ride on his favorite saddle horse. This morning he really begins his daily work, as he utilizes the time in inspecting some part of the elevated system. After breakfast he comes to the office in the winter. Then comes breakfast and the office.

He is at his desk, usually retiring there until 5.30 p. m., or later, having his luncheon brought in and working while eating. Even his Sundays are busy days, because after church service he starts on a tour of inspection over some part of the "road." If there have been complaints during the week or suggestions for the betterment of the service, or if there is any particular work such as the construction of the Forest Hills line, he arranges his trip so as to personally investigate all of such matters. His evenings are his own and are usually spent at home. His one diversion is his farm in Groton.

General Bancroft's connection with the elevated, General Bancroft is also a member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts and also of the United States Trust Company. Asked what General Bancroft's principal characteristics are, one of the road employees, who is very near to his chief said: "His tremendous energy, untiring endurance, absolute fairness and ability to make other people hustle."

WESTFORD.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hildreth and little daughter have returned from a visit to Andover.

The Thanksgiving prayer service at the Congregational vestry for Wednesday evening was omitted on account of the storm.

The gathering of pansies and blueets in the warm sunshine of Tuesday was quite a change to the wintry storm of Wednesday, which developed into something of a blizzard.

The electric car men on the branch line found it impossible to make anything like regular time, but they worked bravely to get the Thanksgiving home-comers and others to their destinations.

Miss Evelyn Atwood, who has been spending the summer and fall at the north and who has recently been staying at Winthrop, came up to Westford this week for a final visit of a few days with grandmother and aunts before leaving for her home in Daytona, Fla.

Letters have been received by friends here from Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Harmon, telling of their safe arrival at South Lake Weir, Fla., and of being greatly pleased with climate and conditions. Mr. Harmon tells of packing grape fruit for market, measuring fully eighteen inches round.

Accident.

Mrs. Charles H. Wright met with an unfortunate accident last Thursday night and one which was a narrow escape from much more serious consequences. As she was driving just beyond Pine Ridge, about a quarter before six, at which time it was pretty dark, an automobile, coming at a good pace, without any lights from the opposite direction, collided with her team. Mrs. Wright saw it coming and did her best to turn out, and seeing that the machine did not turn out, screamed loudly at the last minute, which warned the driver of the machine a little. She was thrown out and badly shaken up. She was so wrapped up in the carriage blankets that it helped somewhat in softening the fall. Miss Helen Murray was with Mrs. Wright in the carriage. She had with her a half peck of beans, which she had purchased at the store. The bag burst in the mix-up and beans were strewn broadcast along the road, all at an unfortunate time for planting. The automobile was from a neighboring town. The real owner of the machine was not in it at the time of the accident. The following day he came to see Mrs. Wright to offer all possible apology and reparation.

Tadmuck Club.

Owing to the fact that the weather was unfavorable and that the days just preceding Thanksgiving was apt to be busy ones with housewives, the attendance at the regular meeting of the Tadmuck club in Library hall, Tuesday afternoon, was not as large as usual.

Those present felt well repaid for coming, for the program for the afternoon was one of the travel talks that prove so entertaining and instructive. Rev. Winfred Cheney Rhodes of Roxbury, who made such a favorable impression before the club last season, was the speaker of the afternoon with "From Paris to Versailles," for his subject. Mr. Rhodes is a fluent and interesting speaker, and gave a most unbacked and pleasing description of his impressions of this famous city, showing himself a thorough student of its history as full of bloodshed and tragedy. He sketched its great architectural beauty, its parks and avenues, its churches and great cathedral of Notre Dame, the Louvre and the Latin quarter, and many other points. The speaker finished with a description of the wonderful palace at Versailles and the part it has had in French history.

The subject for the next meeting, December 7, will be "Conservation of our national resources." Miss Edith Foster, chairman, and promises to be of much interest. Mr. Foster has arranged for some special music for the afternoon, and the meeting will be an open one to be held in the vestry of the Congregational church.

About Town.

Extensive additions and improvements are being made on the buildings on the "Birchwood" farm located just north of Keyes pond, not only the buildings but the farm generally has taken on an appetizing appearance in the sense of beautifying rural life. The farm is under the controlling influence of one who believes in the attractions of surroundings, Hans C. Dage, for many years a resident of Lowell.

Rev. Thomas Jay Horner, remembered as the minister of the Unitarian church in Westford at one time, has recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of his ministry with the Unitarian church in Melrose. The church in Melrose has flourished under his ministrations, and the wise and influential citizen are among its supporters. The anniversary was a large and harmonious testimony of the prosperity

of the early minister of Mr. Horner. An occasional visit to the Westford church is always with pleasure and power.

The freight house at Westford station is full of No. 1 new barrels and they in turn are full of No. 1 new apples from the Read farm. This lot of apples has been sold to Joshua C. Decatur of the Boston market and will probably be introduced to cold storage, and before spring will be introduced to the purchaser at a price that will prove the value of careful selection, as well in a way "the survival of the fittest."

The Unitarian church has been invited to a missionary meeting to be held in the Unitarian church, Lowell, Wednesday, December 1, afternoon and evening. Among the speakers in the evening will be ex-Gov. John D. Long of Hingham, so universally known and loved by the citizens of Westford of all isms. This is the reward of one who always preserves a dignified respect for differences, void of thumb screws, either figurative or physical to force terms.

About thirty dollars was cleared by the S. Thompson Blood entertainment at the vestry of the village church at West Chelmsford last week. The vestry was crowded, with hardly room to laugh, but Mr. Blood always takes his audiences on a laughing tour, and there is no finish but the final.

Rev. E. H. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey observed Thanksgiving with turkey accompaniment at the home of their daughter in Jamaica Plain.

Church Fair.

The recent annual fair of the Unitarian church was alive in many directions. It was alive in large attendance, in efficient committees, in a well planned and prepared play in vocal and instrumental music, and lastly it was alive in \$240 worth of net values. This does not include a thousand little values in the smiling good time that was the real foundation of all alive.

The play, "Our church fair," was pronounced by those who saw it, with its gossip and tea chats and hear-say stories, as the real life-like picture of church fairs of more remote days. The cast of the play, including some of the best actors in town, was a sure hit, the mention of the names. The committee in charge of the play, Mrs. William L. Woods and Miss May Balch, are a whole team and are teeming with knowing how. Both were in the play, and in addition Miss E. Babbitt, Mrs. M. E. Drew, Miss Agnes Balch, Miss Grace Bennett, Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, Mrs. G. W. Goode, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Miss Clara Fisher. The gentlemen simply looked on and wondered why so much ability should be disfranchised. Charge it up kind friends to ancient might for right, and we are not ahead a mighty sight.

Aside from the play, there were other features equally harmonious, with doing to please and pleasing to do it is just right. Duet by Mrs. Homer M. Seavey and Miss Gertrude Fletcher; piano duet, Miss Julia H. Fletcher and Hayte Hartford. One of the special features of the evening and new to Westford audiences was the piano accompaniments and solos by Miss Eva Young, an English lady who is making her home with Mrs. William E. Frost.

The several committees for the fair were subdivided up in this working basis: Novelties, Miss Ruth Fisher; tea, Mrs. Alma Richardson; ice cream, Mrs. Sutherland; grab bag, Miss Mary Drew; popcorn, Miss Evelyn Hamlin; candy, Miss Mary Moran and Grace Burbeck; apron, Mrs. H. B. Hall; mystery, Miss Grace Bennett; fancy, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth; food, Mrs. Lizzie Hamlin.

The fair will occur again next year and those who didn't go will want and ought to go, and those who did go won't be able to say whose.

Forge.

Mrs. William Burnett, who has been confined to her room with a severe cold, which threatened pneumonia, is somewhat better. Dr. O. V. Wells is attending her.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Soucha died Friday, November 19, and was buried Sunday, November 21, in St. Catherine's cemetery.

Miss Emma Murray is spending this week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Morton of Bridgeport, Conn.

John Brown of Norton spent the week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown.

The Misses Christina Lowther, Annie Cherry and Mary Cherry spent Thanksgiving day as the guests of Miss Katherine Lowther at Andover.

Miss Eva Pyne, the primary school teacher, received word Wednesday of the serious illness of her grandmother, Mrs. Matilda Moses of Manchester, N. H. Mrs. Moses suffered a shock last week and her condition is critical.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson entertained Thanksgiving day Timothy Joseph, William and John Sullivan, Miss Agnes and Mamie Sullivan of Nashua, N. H., and Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell of Wamesit.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction the live stock, farming tools, wagons and other personal property belonging to Mrs. E. H. Brown of Lexington, Friday, December 3, at nine a. m.

The Ladies' circle has decided this year to have a sale and entertainment in place of the regulation sale and supper of previous year. Mrs. Ida Jenness Moulton of Beverly has been engaged to give the entertainment. Several years ago she appeared before the Woman's club in West Acton; also, at a Relief Corps fair and all who heard her once were eager to do so again. Friday evening, December 3, is the date of the sale.

W. H. Gooch and W. H. Furubush are in Maine on a business trip. Ralph Furubush accompanied his father and is to remain as fireman at the nickel mine.

Mrs. Braman has been visiting her daughter Ada at her home in South Boston.

Gus Wetherbee has gone to Warwick to spend Thanksgiving and J. A. Walker spent the holiday with his sister in Speacer.

The neighbors held a shingling bee last week and shingled the house of James Chester, who is quite aged and unable to attend to such work for himself.

Miss Bessie Tucker, who substituted for Miss Nellie Whittier at No. 1 school, has resigned her position and gone home.

Frank Davidson recently sprained his wrist, so he has been unable to do his usual work.

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock were at J. S. Braman's for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Hemenway and Miss Ellen J. Adams of Framingham were at Littlefield farm from Wednesday till Friday.

Edwin N. C. Barnes, the basso, gave a song recital in West Acton last week. This is Mr. Barnes' fifth recital this season, the others having been given in Westford, Ayer, South Acton and Lowell. He was recently soloist at the Church of the Advent, Boston.

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- Heavy Weight Fleece Jersey Ribbed. Sizes, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, at 25c. and 29c.
- Heavy Weight Gray Fleece, Fine Ribbed Vests, Drawers and Pants at 25c.
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AYER.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Felch start Monday night, November 29, on the Norwich line to New York city, and then they take the Clyde line to Jacksonville, Fla., where they will pass the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin E. Lawrence and son Roger left Tuesday for Weehawken, N. J., to spend Thanksgiving with their son, Herbert E. Lawrence, and they expect to return Sunday or Monday.

Miss Martha Whitcomb of Ayer and Ernest Hall Bowen of West Groton were united in marriage by Rev. Edwin Evans on Thanksgiving day. The newly-married couple will make their home in West Groton.

Conductors on the Boston and Maine system held a meeting Sunday, in Boston, and discussed a movement for higher wages and a readjustment of the hours of service. The proposition, which was decided upon at a recent convention, embodies a request for an increase of ten percent, and it will be voted on next week.

Alfred Volsine, who stole from Charles Belanger of Ayer the sixth of last January, the sum of \$145, and who has been wanted here, was found in New Bedford by Officer Beatty, who went for him last Saturday, returning with him Monday, and on trial was found guilty and sentenced to the house of correction in Cambridge for the term of six months from the twenty-second day of November.

Hon. George W. Sanderson, clerk of the district court and his two daughters, Fannie and Gertrude, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blanchard of West Acton, son-in-law of Mr. Sanderson.

Mrs. Clarence Moore and daughter, Fern, and Mrs. Will Reardon went Wednesday, and Mr. Moore and Mr. Reardon went Thursday, to Chicopee, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, proprietor of a hotel in that place. Mr. Moore and Mr. Reardon returned Saturday, and Mrs. Moore and daughter and Mrs. Reardon will not return till the middle of next week. Mrs. Murphy is a cousin of Mrs. Clarence Moore.

The Art class of the Woman's club met last week Friday evening with Mrs. Carrie Lynds. The program included a paper on Phidias by Mrs. Barker; Olympia, Mrs. Lynds; Delphi, Mrs. Butterfield; Ares, Mrs. Wyman; Proxites, Miss Ada Blood.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Phelps and daughter Bertha went to Laconia, N. H., Wednesday, to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Phelps' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hardy and daughter Helen spent Thanksgiving in Swampscott with Mr. Hardy's brother.

Fred W. Hosmer has commenced on the summer house at Sandy pond, in rear of George H. Hill's, for William U. Sherwin, and it is to be 16 by 26 feet. The piazzas are to be eight feet wide, twenty-four feet and forty-two feet in length.

Poverty dance in Page hall, Thursday evening, December 2, by the young people of the O. E. S.

The annual Thanksgiving service was held in the Unitarian church last Sunday afternoon. The program included organ voluntaries and selections, Miss Avis Burns; choruses, Sunday school; anthems; choir; cornet solo, Roger Lawrence; violin solo, Miss Adie Loveloy; trio, the Misses Eunice, Alice and Evelyn Sanderson; solo and chorus, Rev. E. Evans.

The executive board of the Ayer Woman's club met with the president, Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly, Friday evening, November 26. The club meeting of December 1, in charge of the health committee, is open to the residents of Ayer, free of charge. Dr. Frank Holt, assistant superintendent at the Boston city hospital, will speak on "District nursing," at 3:30 o'clock. The club extends a cordial invitation to all interested in this subject to be present on that afternoon.

The members of the N. E. O. P. have in preparation a drama, "Dawn in Maine."

Born in Shrewsbury, November 24, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wood. Mrs. Wood was formerly Miss Daisy Sherwin, daughter of William U. Sherwin.

A warrant is posted at the Unitarian church for a meeting of the legal voters of the parish, Tuesday evening, November 30, at 7:30 o'clock, to consider the application of Rev. Richmond Fisk as pastor, his pastorate to commence January 1, 1910.

The annual fair of the M. E. church will be held in town hall, Thursday and Friday, December 9 and 10.

Rev. L. E. Perry lectured Wednesday evening in "Wilmington," this state.

Rev. John Evers of Keene, N. H., father of Mrs. C. S. Viall of Williams street, is visiting in the home of the latter.

Rev. E. F. Blanchard of Hudson, N. H., spoke Sunday evening, in the Congregational church on "The lodge vs. the church." Mr. Blanchard believes that the church must be more like the lodge to succeed in the future.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church is preparing for the Christmas concert, which will be held on Christmas Sunday in the evening. Rehearsal music preceding the Sunday school each Sabbath.

Alec Barowski and Alec Grubinski of Shirley were in court Friday morning, for brutally assaulting Jacob Kookta, Thursday, in a quarrel, and the two assistants pounced upon Kookta, and not only pounded him, but one of them struck him over the head with a glass bottle, making two ugly wounds in the head and disfiguring his face so badly that he was hardly recognizable. On their arraignment they both pleaded not guilty, but on trial were found guilty and fined—Burowski twenty dollars, and Grubinski fifty dollars. All concerned are employed at the Samsom cordage works at Shirley, where many of their countrymen, Russian Poles, are employed.

Unclaimed letters at the Ayer post-office, November 27, 1909, as follows: J. J.

Minot, Miss Mary Nash, V. Lillie Perry, Feman Peroulo.

Deaths.

The townspeople were greatly shocked Thursday to hear of the death of Otis Brigham, aged 77 years and 11 months, who has been a resident here for forty years or more. He had not been for some time in the best of health, but was about Tuesday forenoon. On his return to his house at noon from a trip down town, he took to his bed and died early Thursday morning of pneumonia.

He was a native of Bridgton, Me., and was married to Elizabeth Houghton of Lunenburg about fifty years ago, she dying in May, 1905.

He was a blacksmith by trade, and when he first came to Massachusetts went to work at blacksmithing in Berlin, and from there he went to Fitchburg, where he went into business with his brother, Seth E. Brigham, who still carries on the business at the old stand in that city. After giving up business there for five years, on account of ill-health, he moved to Ayer and soon after started in business with James McRay, under the firm name of Brigham & McRay. In 1874 Frederick Whitney became a member of the firm, which was carried on under the firm name of Brigham, McRay & Co., and carriage making was added to the business. James McRay sold out his interest in 1883, and the firm name was changed to Brigham & Whitney, and in 1887 Mr. Whitney bought out the interest of Mr. Brigham.

When he first came to town he lived in the upper tenement of the Dr. Hartwell place on Washington street, then in the Sherwin house on Pleasant street, and from there he moved into the upper tenement of the A. E. Lawrence house on Washington street. The next move was into the house on Washington street where he died and which he bought of Edward Lawton about ten years ago, and where he resided ever since.

He leaves a brother, Seth E. Brigham of Fitchburg, and a sister, Mrs. Roxanna B. Ingalls of Bridgton, Me. Mr. Brigham was well and favorably known and he was one of our most respected citizens, and his death is a loss to the town.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the house, Rev. Edwin Evans of the Unitarian church officiating, of which church he has been a member for nearly forty years.

Burial at Woodlawn cemetery alongside of his wife.

Mrs. Nellie M. Moore died at her home, Monday, November 22, at the age of 63 years, 4 months and 2 days. She has been in failing health for about two years, her last illness dating from about the middle of last August. An autopsy by Dr. Deursan of Lowell and Dr. Hopkins of Ayer revealed a large gallstone in the passage between the stomach and bowel.

Mrs. Moore was born in Missouri, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall. She was a distant connection of Abraham Lincoln on his mother's side. She lived in Cincinnati, where she married Charles W. Moore. After that the family lived in Worcester, Three Rivers, Quincy, Lowell, Pepperell and Ayer. She was a great worker in charity while in Lowell.

Mrs. Moore was a member of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., the W. R. C., the Ayer Woman's club and the Groton grange. Was a wide-awake woman, always up with the times, generous to a fault, a good friend.

She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Moore, a half sister in Utah, and a cousin, Mrs. Ella Olney in St. Louis.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. D. Stroud officiating. The bearers were members of the Groton grange. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Died suddenly at her home in Fitchburg, Wednesday, November 24, Mrs. Navmore Boutwell, wife of Sylvester Boutwell, aged about sixty-five years. Mrs. Boutwell was a former resident here and lived with her son, James M. Boutwell, moving from here about two years ago back to Fitchburg, their former home. Her son, who is employed at the Chandler planer shop, returned here recently with his family and resides at their former home on East Main street.

Helen Lyette Bartlett, daughter of Mrs. E. J. Bartlett, died suddenly early Thursday morning, November 25. At the supper table Wednesday evening, she was taken suddenly ill, and death resulted from the effects of a shock. She was born in Ashburnham and came here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bartlett, from Townsend in 1862, and has resided here ever since with her mother. Her father, Rev. R. T. Bartlett, died here twenty years ago last July. She was born February 12, 1850, and at the time of her death was in her sixtieth year. She is survived by her mother, who is in her eighty-fourth year. Funeral services at her late residence, Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Rev. J. W. Thomas, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment in Townsend cemetery alongside of her father.

Obituary. From the Naugatuck Daily News of November 15: The burial services of the late George Stevens Fairbanks, who died at his Germantown, Penn., residence last week, were held at the residence of his brother-in-law, Frederick F. Schaffer of Hillside avenue, Sunday afternoon, November 14. The interment taking place in Hillside cemetery.

Naugatuck was Dr. Fairbanks' first residence after his graduation from Amherst college in 1845. The first position he held being principal of the Naugatuck high school. In later years Mr. Fairbanks had been engaged in newspaper work in Philadelphia, having held responsible positions successively on the Philadelphia North American, Leader and Times with which latter paper he was connected at the time of his death, which was directly due to a cold contracted on election night, when he was engaged in forecasting the political events of the day for his paper.

While in college he was actively engaged in the executive and managerial department of the college paper, and he was, during his entire college course, the local representative for several years at New York and New York cities. In Philadelphia, Mr. Fairbanks was intimately acquainted with all the leading factors in the political world and newspaper activity, and it is probable that no newspaper representative in Philadelphia had a wider or more intimate acquaintance with the city and state officials, and making Pennsylvania political history than he, and his untimely death is mourned by a large circle of friends not only in Philadelphia, but in Brooklyn, New York and Naugatuck, where he had previously resided.

Mr. Fairbanks came of a long and distinguished line of New England ancestors, his great-grandfather being in Dedham, Mass., in the year 1836, sixteen years after the landing of the Mayflower, and the original Fairbanks house, built at that period, still remains brought from England, being still standing and one of the historical landmarks of that region, made famous in historical lore by the pens of Whittier, Longfellow, Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau. He was the son of Abbie S. and Rev. Francis J. Fairbanks of Royalston, Mass., his father being also a graduate of Amherst, of which institution his uncle, Dr. J. W. Fairbanks, was for a number of years treasurer.

While residing in Naugatuck he married Miss Dorothy Schaffer of this borough, who survives him in her large daughter, Josephine, nine years old. Besides his parents are also two brothers, Herbert Stockwell Fairbanks and E. Hayward Fairbanks of the Philadelphia bar, and a sister, Mrs. W. A. Frye of Royalston, Mass. He was attended to their last resting place by his father and their mother, widow, daughter and their immediate relatives, the honorary pallbearers were Dr. H. H. Gordon, William G. Hall, Jesse W. Long and Andrew W. Hyde, all of Naugatuck. The service was conducted by Rev. Charles L. Pardee, rector of St. Michael's Episcopal church.

K. of P. Meeting. There was quite a large gathering in G. A. R. hall of the Knights of Pythias of this town, Monday evening, November 22. William Chesley, chancellor commander, presided and introduced the speakers prominent in the order, Henry R. Jacobs of Lynn and George E. Wragg of Boston. Their remarks were in reference to the benefits of the order, and they were both excellent and entertaining speakers. They left that evening on the nine o'clock train for Boston, after which an appetizing lunch was served. The order here is in a flourishing condition and that evening a number took the preliminary steps to become members. There are over a hundred lodges in the state having a membership of over twenty-five thousand.

Weddings. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Watson, at high noon, Wednesday, November 24, a quiet wedding took place when their daughter, Ethel May, was united in marriage to Harry D. Walker of Worcester by Rev. I. N. Nester of the Methodist Episcopal church, Worcester, where the bride was formerly a member. The doubling service was used. The bridal party marched into the room to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Florence Watson, a sister of the bride. Only the nearest relatives were present.

The bride was becomingly attired in a white silk dress, trimmed with lace and insertion and carried a pink ribbon. Her sister wore a pink silk dress trimmed with applique. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served.

The bride traveled in a gray tailored made suit with a black hat trimmed with plumes. The groom is superintendent for E. G. Cross, a contractor of Worcester. Numerous presents of silver, linen, hand-painted china and money were gifts to the bride. The rooms were decorated with potted plants, palms, ferns and cut flowers.

They left for Worcester in an automobile, where connection was made for New York.

The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl brooch and the bride's gift to her sister was a gold chain.

Miss Veronica McGuane, daughter of Patrick McGuane, was married Wednesday, November 24, to John Henry Curran, of this town, by Rev. F. J. Sherry, of this town's church. The bride was attired in a blue princess, navy blue coat, white beaver hat with plumes, and the bridesmaid was her sister, Miss Lida McGuane, and the best man was John McGuane. They took the train soon after the ceremony on the Fitchburg division for New York city.

They were the recipients of many wedding presents, consisting of silverware, cut glass, linen and many other presents, both useful and ornamental. When they return from their wedding trip they will reside in town.

A Notable Preacher. Rev. Charles L. Slattery, rector of Christ church, Springfield, will succeed to the rectorship of Grace church, New York city.

Since the death of Dr. Huntington ecclesiastical circles have speculated upon his successor in the great work of this metropolitan parish. Several New York clergymen have already been mentioned, but it is now decided that Dr. Slattery will be called, if the appointment meets with the approbation of Bishop Greer.

Dr. Slattery was well known to Massachusetts churchmen, and since his graduation from the Episcopal Theological seminary at Cambridge he has been considered for several important positions in this state. He has accomplished an aggressive work at Christ church, to which position he went after being dean for some time of the Seabury Divinity school at Fairbault, Minn.

He has written several notable works upon theological questions, and is considered one of the leaders of the broad church school in this country.

Last May at the church congress, held in Boston, he came prominently forward as one of the ablest opponents of the Emmanuel movement.

His name has been voted upon for bishop of one of the western dioceses. He is about forty, of striking appearance, and handles every subject he is called upon to consider with rare skill and judgment. Of Irish extraction, he is true to his lineage and carries his audience away with him by his wit and humor.

Rev. Charles L. Slattery was a former rector of St. Andrew's church, and well, and favorably known by many of our townsmen.

Moving Pictures. The program for Saturday evening is considered one of the best that has been given at these popular entertainments. The two feature pictures are "A strange meeting" and "Traced by a kodak."

Not since the production of "A Salvation army lass" has there been a film story as impressing as "A strange meeting." It clearly shows the efficacy of the endeavors of one of the pastors

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of a little mission in the slums of New York. Rev. John Stanton conducts services in a small chapel, and during one of his deeds of charity meets Mary Rollins, a victim of circumstances, her father and brother being crooks, forcing her to take a part in their nefarious work. A burglar is arranged and by coincidence the place selected is the home of Stanton. They are surprised, and Mary is again brought face to face with the man who is eventually her rescuer. The picture closes with her redemption. It unquestionably one of the most beautiful and touching subjects ever produced.

"Traced by a kodak" makes an especial appeal to the children, but cannot fail to interest the children of a larger growth also. The heroine of the little drama is Alma, the six-year-old daughter of young Doctor Norton, and in a series of charming scenes are told the adventures that befall her and her prize pony Nemo.

Other pictures are "A kind-hearted touch," "Invisible thief," a trick comedy, "A mother's sorrow," "Charity begins at home," "Cigarette making," and "Old sweethearts of mine."

Another of those popular guessing contests next Wednesday evening.

Church Services. At the Congregational church on Sunday morning, at 10:45, the subject of the service will be "The love of God." At the evening at seven o'clock the subject of the service will be "Promise and condition."

On Sunday, November 28, services will be held in the Unitarian church, 10:45, the subject being "The abundance of things he possesseth," by Rev. Edwin Evans. Sunday school at twelve.

Advent-Tide. The first of four Sundays before Christmas, the anniversary of the birth of our Lord, will be observed on Sunday, November 28. The services in St. Andrew's will be at ten o'clock. The entire communicant roll are asked to be present. Morning prayer will follow as usual at 10:45.

Week of Devotion. No time is more impressive for the united devotion of Christians than the weeks just preceding the anniversary of Christ's birth. This period was therefore selected by seventeen denominations in the United States and Canada to draw near to their common Lord and each other, and they agreed to observe together the week from November 28 to December 5. The opening service of this devotion will be held in the town hall next Sunday evening, at eight o'clock. A large choir will lead music and Rev. Dr. Peabody will be the preacher. On the succeeding evenings the services will be held in St. Andrew's church Tuesday; in the Congregational church Wednesday; in the Baptist church Thursday; and in the Methodist church Friday evening at eight o'clock.

Harvard. Dr. Charles E. Eastman, who is to lecture here on Friday evening, December 3, is a man of more than ordinary interest. A full-blooded Indian of the noble Sioux tribe, he is able to present his subject as one speaking from the heart. His Indian name is Ohiyasa. He was employed by the U. S. government for several years as reservation physician and later carried on the work for the government of finding names for the families of the Sioux Indians. He is the author of several interesting books, which are familiar to all readers of American literature.

Mrs. Eliza Wood, a resident here for the past few years, passed away at Lancaster, where she has been staying with friends for several weeks past. Up to that time she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Pattee of this town. The deceased was nearly ninety-three years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. William Boyle of Waltham, the latter a sister of Mrs. Lindley, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Lindley here in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood of Fitchburg were guests with Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Gale on Thursday.

Miss Anna Abbott of Ayer was a Thanksgiving guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth.

Thanksgiving. Among the arrivals from out-of-town on Thanksgiving we note the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farnsworth and daughter of Worcester; Misses Minnie, Grace and Edith Farnsworth of Boston, Malden and Springfield, respectively, with their parents, Deacon and Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth; Edna Flanders of Palmer with her mother, Mrs. Anna Flanders; Warren Harrod of Worcester with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harrod; Mrs. Annie Evans and two daughters of Boston with their mother, Mrs. S. R. Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scorgie and two daughters of Cambridge at their summer home; Miss Katherine L. Lawrence spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Annie M. L. Clark in Lancaster; Mrs. Louisa H. Bateman, Miss Eliza and Fred Bateman are visiting Luther H. Bateman in Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard, spent the holiday with their daughters in Winchester; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Howard entertained Mrs. and Miss Read at dinner.

Death. Calvin D. Blanchard of Harvard died at his home, Friday afternoon of last week. He was born in Harvard, December 7, 1850, on the farm now owned by George W. Norton. He was the youngest of nine children, and he survived a sister, Mrs. Sarah A. Howe of Worcester, who is now in her eighty-eighth year.

In April, 1861, he married Sarah M. Putnam of Wilton, N. H. They had three children, Abbie J., who died in 1872, Agnes Maria, now Mrs. Arthur E. Nelson of Hopedale, and Samuel P. Blanchard of Harvard.

He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. of Harvard for nearly half a century.

In 1875 fire destroyed his buildings and nearly all the personal property that was a severe loss to him, but he bore it bravely and by patient, persistent work and economy, secured a comfortable home.

He was a kind, faithful husband, father, friend or neighbor. Many will miss his cheery greeting from his piazza, the place he so enjoyed to sit during the warm pleasant days of the past few years.

Still River. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Haskell are the proud parents of a little son, Edwin Vaughn, born to them last Sunday forenoon.

The Tuesday club will meet with Mrs. Luther Willard, Tuesday afternoon, November 30.

Concert. Last Sunday evening the Sunday school gave a concert for the benefit of the Boston Baptist Bethel. The program was arranged by a committee from the school and there was a large turnout of listeners, which was as follows:

Singing of hymns by congregation; scripture reading and prayer; song, "I thank thee heavenly father," Florence Cross; recitation, Bernice Walker and Iola Vaughn; song, Vera Willard; piano selection, "The wayside chapel," Helen Richards; recitation, "The bird is my shepherd, Rogers Morse; singing, "Story of the autumn leaves," by the children of the primary class; reading, "Our daily bread," Mrs. Paine; singing, "Never alone I am," Helen Richards, Ruth Willard, Cressa Webster and Marion Campbell; recitation, "Thanksgiving," Eleanor Haskell; recitation, "The first Thanksgiving," Cressa Webster; piano selection, "The beautiful river," Ruth Willard; song, "Lift thine eyes," Mrs. Morse Edna Robinson and Helen Stone; recitation, "First Thanksgiving," Marion Campbell; singing by Mrs. Smith, Helen Stone, Henry Harrod and Howard Stone.

An offering amounting to four dollars was taken and sent to the treasurer of the Bethel towards their Thanksgiving fund.

Entertainment. Last week Thursday evening the young ladies of the village gave a supper and entertainment in the chapel. Supper was served to about ninety, and the tables were in charge of Mrs. Smith, Chester Paine, Carl Haskell and Ethelyn Russell. After the tables were cleared the following entertainment was given:

Song, "The herd bells," Malcolm and Marion Campbell; reading, "The thanksgiving growth," Miss Eliza Bateman; piano solo, "Edelweiss," Helen E. Richards; reading, "A hill picnic," Alice Harrod; trio singing, "Over the water gliding," Mrs. Morse, Edna Robinson and Helen Stone; reading, "Pamella Spicer at the beach," Mrs. Jennie Willard.

The treasury of the Ladies' Benevolent society was increased by seven dollars as a result of the affair.

HOLLIS, N. H. News Items. The village store, which was purchased in 1908 by Matthew Jameson, changed house November 17, when Mr. Jameson sold out to Mr. Cobb of Boston, who, with his family, spent the two past summers in town. It is expected that Mr. Cobb will also be appointed postmaster.

Last Sunday special Thanksgiving services were held. The pastor gave a stirring Thanksgiving sermon. The choir also rendered special thanksgiving music.

There was a special collection taken in the Sunday school last Sunday in answer to the appeal which came from Miss Myra Proctor of Townsend, for the seventeen teachers of Adana, Turkey, who lost everything at the time of the massacres last spring at that place. The collection amounted to \$12.35.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davis left town Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving and a week longer with Mr. Davis' father in Ware, Mass.

There was a thanksgiving meeting in the vestry Thursday at 10:30 a. m., in charge of the deacons.

About Town. Miss Mary Lawrence of Boston is spending a month with her father, Dudley P. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Munsell and little daughter, Dorothy, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Munsell's parents, Ralph E. Tenney and wife.

Miss Mamie M. Wheeler of Roxbury spent Thanksgiving with T. B. Mason and family.

Edward W. Carter of Roxbury spent Thanksgiving with friends in town.

Miss Nellie J. Wood of Groton was at home with her parents, J. E. Wood and wife, Thanksgiving.

Death. Dexter L. Blood died suddenly of heart failure at his home, 121 Walnut street, Nashua, early Friday morning, November 19. He was born in Hollis May 11, 1832, son of the late Leonard and Lucy Dow Blood and brother of the late Amos J. Blood of that city. He was married December 11, 1862, to Cornelia A., daughter of James L. Lorejoy of Amherst. He moved to Warren, this state, in 1883, and lived there until the death of his wife in 1900, when he moved to Nashua, where he has since resided. He leaves a sister, Mrs. I. W. Pierce, a niece, Mrs. J. H. Danlop of Toronto, Can., and a nephew, William E. Pierce of San Jose, Cal.

The funeral was Sunday afternoon at the home of the deceased's sister, Mrs. Isaac Pierce, in Nashua. Rev. George E. Soper officiated. Musical selections were given by Mrs. W. W. Cheever and Eugene W. Dunckles. The bearers were: Frank Farley, George P. Hall and Frank P. Rideout. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery, Nashua.

DUNSTABLE. News Items. Mrs. Ella Plummer Gove of Frances town, N. H., has been visiting Mrs. L. H. Parker.

The church grounds have been improved and beautified by Mrs. Austin Mr. Parker has expended much time and labor in grading his grounds.

The Home Missionary society will hold a meeting in the vestry, Wednesday afternoon, December 1. A display of articles made during the year, a short literary program, and the packing of the box for Miss Remington are the features of the day. All are cordially invited.

Friday evening, December 3, there is to be a school entertainment in town hall.

David Glover is under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Berling is taking treatment at a hospital in Nashua.

Dexter Butterfield entertained a family party of eighteen on Thanksgiving day. Rev. A. M. Rice and Mrs. Rice were guests of Deacon Kendall on the same day.

Henry Tolles of Forest Hill farm gave a husking bee last week Friday night. Forty or more were present and helped remove the coverings of a good quantity of corn, yellow and pop-over. Mr. Tolles raises quite a quantity of the latter for market.

Every One is Mean to Me. Dear Mother: I killed myself because every one is mean to me. I no longer want to live. I am sorry I done what I did. You will no longer have any trouble with me; and I hope you will forgive for what I have done. Best wishes and good luck to you all of your life. Thank God, I will be with my father.

ELISE LENHARDT. Leaving the above note, and with a photograph of her father clutched in her hands, little Elsie Lenhardt of Chicago, aged eleven years, turned out the gas, and her little spirit fluttered away to meet him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Her spirit was broken by continual punishment and her heart was sad with the thought that no one loved her. The little tot whose nature craved love and caresses, whose tender years required affectionate care, received them not. The buoyant spirit of childhood was crushed and the kind words that would have made her happy were not spoken. A young life was sacrificed to parental neglect.

Here is indeed a lesson to be remembered. The incident brings to mind the following words of Ingersoll's, which are appropriate to the occasion:

"If there is one of you here that ever expect to whip your child again, let me ask you something. Have your photograph taken at the time, and let it show your face red with anger, and the face of the little one with eyes swimming in tears, and the little chin dimpled with fear, looking like a piece of water struck by a sudden cold wind. If that little child should die, I cannot think of a sweeter way to spend an autumn afternoon than to take that photograph and go to the cemetery, where the maples are clad in tender gold, and when the little scarlet runners are coming, like some of us, from the farthest heart of the earth; and sit down upon that mound, and look upon that photograph, and think of the flesh, now dust that you beat. Just think of it. It could not bear to die in the arms of a child that I had whipped. I could not bear to feel upon my lips, when they were withered beneath the kiss of death, the kiss of one that I had struck."

New Advertisements. Special Red Tag Sale OF Blue and White Enamel Steel Ware CONSISTING OF 6 Qt. Sauce Pans, Retail... 75 6 Qt. Kettles, Retail... 75 14 Qt. Dish Pans, Retail... 75 12 Qt. Water Pails, Retail... 1.00 8 Qt. Windsor Kettles, Retail... 90 10 Qt. Windsor Kettles, Retail... 1.00 8 Qt. Preserver Kettles, Retail... 90 3 Qt. Coffee Pots, Retail... 75 Tea Kettles, Retail... 1.25 Special Price for this Sale: 50c each P. Donlon & Co. AYER, MASS.



**Animals and Instinct.**  
It is a mistake to imagine that animals are prevented by instinct from eating injurious food. A chicken will drink paint; a cow partakes of water in which noxious chemicals have been washed; ducks cheerfully swallow snails and choke themselves in the process. No animals, like children, need watching.  
Recently numerous cases of poisoning in ducks, which followed the consumption of cabbage leaves, have attracted much attention. A few hours after feeding poisoning has manifested itself by loss of appetite, great weakness, tottering steps and sometimes death. From time immemorial ducks have thrived on cabbage leaves. The poultry farmers were greatly puzzled.  
Then it was discovered that various caterpillars were concealed in the cabbage leaves; hence these ferns. But the point is that, far from instinctively detecting any danger and behaving accordingly, the ducks consumed great quantities of the leaves with much apparent relish.—London Answers.

**Pleasure and Sacrifice.**  
An alert little five-year-old was visiting a city park with her mother for the first time. She had noticed the beautiful red and white swan boats as they passed through in the morning, and her mother had promised they should come back after the shopping was done and have a ride.  
Shortly after dinner they stood on the bridge over the lagoon watching the boats below and listening to the cry of the barker as he tried to induce the passing crowds to patronize his swan boats.  
But when her mother started toward the boat landing little Elsie declared very vigorously that she did not want to go at all and, as her mother urged her, broke forth in tears.  
This sudden fear was so different from her former eagerness that her mother could not understand it until she noticed the boatman's call.  
He was crying: "Come along! Come along! Ride clear round the pond. Only 5 cents for ladies and gents! Children throw in!"

**Apples as Omens.**  
In parts of England many quaint superstitions still center round the apple. Apples hung on strings and twined before the fire are said to fall off in the order that the marriages of the various owners will proceed. An apple eaten before a looking glass is supposed to give a view of the inquirer's future husband, who will be seen peeping over his lady's shoulder. Peel safely taken from an apple, tossed three times round the head and thrown to the ground unbroken forms the first letter of a future lover's name. A more recent, though hardly more serious, custom necessitates a bowl of water in which are floating a number of apples. Mothers must drop forks into the bowl from a distance of about four feet. If the fork pierces an apple the feat is believed to protect the performer's children from catching cold.—London Scraps.

**Early English Scare.**  
In 1370 a report was circulated that "certain galleys, with a multitude of armed men therein, were lying off the foreland of 'hanet,' and an order was at once issued that "every night watch shall be kept between the Tower of London and Billingsgate, with forty men at arms and sixty archers." The watch was kept in the following order: "Tuesday, the drapers and the tailors; Wednesday, the mercers and the apothecaries; Thursday, the fishmongers and the butchers; Friday, the pewterers and the vintners; Saturday, the goldsmiths and the saddlers; Sunday, the ironmongers, the armorers and the cutlers; Monday, the tawers, the spurriers, the bowyers and the girdlers." Even in 1816 pirate vessels were captured off the Kentish coast, between Broadstairs and Margate.—London Chronicle.

**The Label Language.**  
"There's a language in hotel labels, the same as in stamps or flowers," said a courier. "All over Europe the hotel porters paste the hotel labels on your trunks in such a way that the porters in future towns will know what sort of a tipper you are.  
"Up at the top of the trunk the label means you are generous. In the middle it means you're a middling sort. Down very low it means you are no good."  
**Willing to Help.**  
"Ma, what are the folks in our church gettin' up a subscription fer?"  
"To send our minister on a vacation to Europe."  
"Won't there be no church services while he's gone?"  
"No, dear."  
"Ma, I got \$1.23 in my bank. Can I give that?"—Cleveland Leader.

**Franklin and the Balloon.**  
When the balloon was first discovered some one said to Franklin, "What will ever come of it?" Franklin pointed to a baby in its cradle and said, "And what will ever come of that?"  
**A Truthful Sign.**  
Mr. Longear—By the way, did you ever know that large ears are a sign of generosity? Miss Beanti—of course, Mr. Longear. They are a sign that nature has been generous.  
**The Spelling Class.**  
Teacher—Spell coincidence, Willie. Willie—I can't spell it, but I can tell what it means. Teacher—Well, then, what does it mean? Willie—Twins.—Judge.  
He who relies on posterity to do him justice will not feel the pain of disappointment.—Puck.

**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. Hardon, 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 Monday, the Thirteenth day of December, 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 to the center of Mulpus Brook; 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 crocheted 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 28th, 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., Nov. 18, 1909. 3t10

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.**  
In Shirley, Mass.  
By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank R. Hardon, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, a corporation established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having its usual place of business in Ayer, in said County, dated February 28th, 1906, and recorded with the Records of Mortgages of Personal Property in the Clerk's Office of the Town of Shirley, book 5, page 418, will be sold at public auction in said Shirley on the premises recently occupied by said Hardon, formerly owned by Edwin L. White, on Monday, the Thirteenth day of December next, at Thirty Minutes after Ten in the forenoon, all and singular the goods and chattels transferred by said mortgage, and therein described as follows:  
"Two team horses, two team wagons, two single wagons, one single basket wagon, one two-horse basket wagon, one mill truck, two two-horse sleds, two one-horse sleds, one two-horse tip cart, and one one-horse tip cart, all situated in said Shirley. Also one up-and-down saw, one stove saw and joiner, one kit saw, one single saw and joiner, one planer, one hoop planer, one basket machine, one edger, one cutting-up saw, two bench saws, and all other machinery, movable shafting and pulleys, and parts of machinery (except one tub stove saw, property of E. W. Seaver & Co., West Townsend, Mass.), now situated about the premises now occupied by me in said Shirley, and formerly owned by Edwin L. White."  
Terms made known at time and place of sale.  
North Middlesex Savings Bank, By Sarah T. Tuten, Treasurer, Ayer, Mass., Nov. 18th, 1909. 3t10

**Nothing Was the Matter.**  
"A newsboy I knew," said a yachtman, "took to the sea. He became cabin boy on a tramp collier. He was a good boy, but—  
"Once, when our white squadron was at Newport, this collier steamed in her slow way shoreward with her ensign upside down, the signal of distress—distress of the direst. Instantly a pretty sight was to be seen. Every warship in the fleet lowered a lifeboat, and all of those beautiful, snowy boats, manned by jacksies in spotless white duck, raced for the grimy old collier at breakneck speed—a pretty sight indeed. The captain of the collier stood on the bridge. He waved his hat, and the crews pulled all the faster. As they drew close they heard the man's cries.  
"Come on! Pull! Get down to it! he roared, dancing about wildly.  
"What's the matter, captain? The first officer to reach the collier asked breathlessly.  
"Why, nothing's the matter," the captain answered in a surprised voice.  
"Then why's your ensign upside down?"  
"The captain looked aloft, then frowned.  
"It's that boy Hank again," said he. "And here I thought it was a regatta!"

**Light and Dark Cigars.**  
A striking example of the ordinary smoker's ignorance on the subject of smokes is the popular superstition that in a dark looking cigar is stronger than a lighter colored one. Some strong cigars have dark wrappers, but the dark wrapper does not by any means indicate a strong cigar. Dark, gummy tobacco, if thoroughly cured, is the mildest form. Of course if dark tobacco is not thoroughly cured it will be strong, but so will light tobacco, for that matter. Any cigar man will bet you that the dark color is usually, though not always, a sign of a ripe, well cured leaf, which is therefore milder nine times out of ten than the lighter hued leaf. But when it is known that every manufacturer makes both dark and light cigars and that he uses exactly the same blend of filler in both and that the wrapper only constitutes a small fractional part of the cigar it is clearly seen that the shade of the wrapper has little to do with the strength of the cigar. Ask the dealer for a strong cigar. He hands out a dark one, and the imagination does the rest.—Harper's Weekly.

**How Spiders Undress.**  
It is an interesting sight indeed to watch a spider change its skin and one that will well repay any one for the time taken up by waiting for the little known—generally speaking—event to take place. When preparing for the change the spider stops eating for several days and makes his preliminary arrangements by fastening himself by a short thread of web to one of the main lines of his snare, this to hold him firmly while he proceeds to undress. First the skin cracks all round the thorax, being held only by the fore part. Next the lower part of the body is uncovered, and then comes the struggle to free the legs. He works and kicks vigorously, seeming to have a very hard time of it. Fifteen minutes of continued perseverance, however, brings him out of his old dress, the struggle causing him to appear limp and lifeless for some time after it is finished.  
**Just Pleasantness.**  
Perhaps just pleasantness has not a very heroic sound, but the human heart that, knowing its own bitterness, can yet carry itself cheerfully in without heroism. Indeed, if that human heart does no more than hold its tongue about its own aches and pains it has a certain moral value that the world cannot afford to lose. "Pleasantness" does not sound as well as self sacrifice or wisdom or spirituality, but it may include all these great words. And certainly just to start one's husband out to his work cheerily, to make the hobbled boy of a son feel a gentler and sweeter sentiment toward women because of his own mother's sound, sweet gayety and strength, to help one's servants to put good humor and friendliness into their services—these things make for righteousness in the world.—Margaret Deland.

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**COMMUNWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**  
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all others interested in the estate of Charles Tarbell, late of Bedford, in the State of New Hampshire, deceased.  
Whereas, Wallace H. Tarbell, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth 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.  
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**The Place For It.**  
An old Scotswoman was advised by her minister to take snuff to keep herself awake during the sermon. She answered briskly, "Why dinna ye put the snuff in the sermon, mon?"  
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# HER STRATEGY.

By F. A. MITCHEL.

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"Walter," said my old chum, Bess, "why is it that I have never made any impression on you?"

"You have. I'm fond of you in spite of your many faults."

"Not the way the others are. By the bye, which is my chief fault?"

"Vanity."

"You don't mean that. I know you don't."

"You mustn't judge me as if I were a woman. Of course, if you said it you'd mean the opposite."

"I do so wish you had a better opinion of me."

"No, you don't. If you did you would strive to make me have a better opinion of you."

"How would you have me begin?"

"By turning the cold shoulder to every man who shows he wants you whom you don't want."

She shrugged her pretty shoulders, pouted, knit her brows and finally said: "Well, I will. Now tell me who all these men are. I wasn't aware of their existence."

"Burnett for one."

"I have never encouraged him the least little teeny weeny bit."

"And Shotwell?"

"Nonsense! Mr. Shotwell has never been devoted to me."

"But, above all others, Atterbury."

"Mr. Atterbury and I have had a—"

"Tiff."

"He has been very rude to me."

"I don't believe it; but, whether he has or hasn't, forgive him."

"Would you consider that turning the 'cold shoulder' to him?"

"It would be preliminary to treating him with indifference. Indifference would indicate that he had no chance. Men always accept the inevitable; he would fix his mind on another girl."

"The wretch!"

"You said you invited my good opinion. I have told you how to win it. There's no necessity to discuss the matter further. I'm reading about this new aeroplane. It will supplant all the others."

"Aeroplane be bothered! I wish this matter about Mr. Atterbury settled."

"I don't know how it can be settled except by you."

"I mean the matter about Mr. Atterbury that has come up between you and me. How I shall treat him? Don't you think he should apologize?"

"Certainly."

"Why, you don't know what the trouble is."

"Nor do I need to know it. Any man who has a difference with you is a fool not to apologize at once."

"Even if he is in the right?"

"Certainly. You don't suppose he should go on arguing with you till the crack of doom, do you?"

"Well, I never!"

"You don't care whether he is right or wrong. All you wish is to make him bend the knee to you."

"It's no wonder," she said presently, "that you have never felt toward me anything but the most commonplace friendship, having such a contemptible opinion of me."

"You're right. Men seldom fall in love with a girl they understand. They must be fuddled, like Atterbury."

"I did think once," she began in a plaintive voice, "that"—She paused.

"You didn't think any such thing. You never felt toward me in any way except as a pal—the only one you had who would give you his honest opinion of you."

She raised her big, black eyes and turned them upon me in one prolonged look of reproach. I wondered if I were not doing her an injustice. But I would not trust her. I resumed my paper, while she sat stammering the sofa on which she sat with a big needle.

"Well," I said presently, having finished the article, "that beats anything in the shape of a flying machine I ever dreamed of."

My remark excited no response. Evidently she took no interest in flying machines. I turned over the sheets lazily.

"Hello," I exclaimed, "the abominable style of ladies' hats in vogue so long has changed!"

She raised her eyes with a look of inquiry to them. I laughed. She lowered them again. I arose.

"Shall you see Mr. Atterbury this evening?" she asked.

"Yes."

"Tell him, please, that I send a humble apology for my rude treatment of him."

"Phew! Is this preliminary to dropping him?"

"It is preliminary to winning a better opinion from you."

With that she walked out of the room.

Atterbury and I were bosom friends. I went straight to his house, found him at billiards, told him that my friend Bess was trifling with him and that after a lecture from me I thought she would behave herself. Then I gave her message, concluding with the words, "Now, take up with some other girl."

He left me somewhat abruptly. His brother came into the billiard room, and, finding me knocking the balls about, he proposed a game. We played several. An hour had passed when Atterbury returned with the most heavenly look of joy I ever saw on a man's face.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Will F. Russell of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond; You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirtieth 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 the 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 on one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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H. ELMER KIMBALL, Adm.  
Worcester Academy, Worcester, Mass.  
November 18, 1909. 2110

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Whereas, Fred W. Lovejoy, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented his petition for authority to mortgage certain real estate therein described, of the estate of said deceased, to raise the sum of four hundred dollars, for the purpose of paying the debts of said deceased; You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the Seventh day of December, A. D. 1909, upon the clock of the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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The Art of Saving.

I believe that if somebody could invent unique ways of saving money the public would have an assured future. Men, women and children would regard saving as a game and play it with all their heart. There are penny savings banks where newsboys and bootblacks carry their tiny savings, but other children regard their penny bank at home with unfriendly eyes. There are working girls who put away their five cent pieces and fatten their small bank accounts by walking instead of riding and making other petty sacrifices. But the majority of working girls spend as fast as they can earn and declare that they cannot help it.

One reads of a man who began his career by regarding every dollar as a warner and getting all the profit he could. With that quaint conceit in his head saving became a pleasure, and he won riches without realizing that it was a struggle. I know of more than one woman who receives each night from her husband every dime he has received in change through the day, for he is careful to avoid spending such a piece of money. These, with her own savings in the same direction, make a respectable weekly showing.—Kansas City Journal.

Only Seeking Information.

The average New York boy is not a wonder of wit and wisdom, but most of them know a good thing when they see it. Also the contrary. Not long ago one of them saw a sign in front of a Sixth avenue place, "Boy Wanted." He was looking for something of that kind and walked in. There was nobody in sight, and he stood gazing. Presently the proprietor, a most grumpy person, appeared.

"What do you want here?" he inquired with scant courtesy.

"Well," replied the boy, disturbed by the man's manner and hesitating, "do you want a boy here?"

"That's what the sign says, don't it?" snapped the man.

"Yep," responded the boy, getting his second wind.

"Then we want a boy."

"Aw right," grinned the boy, backing away. "You git one. You can't have me," and he wiggled his fingers at the man and went out quickly.—New York Herald.

Tira Themselves Getting Ready.

Washington Irving tells a story of a man who tried to jump over a hill. He went back so far to get his start for the great leap and ran so hard that he was completely exhausted when he came to the hill and had to lie down and rest. Then he got up and walked over the hill. A great many people exhaust themselves getting ready to do their work. They are always preparing. They spend their lives getting ready to do something which they never do. It is an excellent thing to keep improving oneself, to keep growing, but there must be a time to begin the great work of life. I know a man who is almost forty years old who has not yet decided what he is going to do. He has graduated from college and taken a number of postgraduate courses, but all along general lines. He has not yet begun to specialize. This man fully believes he is going to do great things yet. I hope he may.—Success Magazine.

The Paper They Were Written On.

The average author would probably laugh at the statement that at one time in the world's history manuscripts, simply as such, irrespective of the nature of the text, were immensely valuable. In ancient times manuscripts were important articles from a commercial point of view. They were excessively scarce and were preserved with the utmost care. Even the users were glad to lend money on them when the owners were obliged to offer them in pawn. It is related in an ancient tome that a student of Pavia, who was reduced by his debaucheries, raised a new fortune by leaving in pawn a manuscript of a body of law, and a grammarian who was ruined by a fire rebuilt his house with two small volumes of Cicero through the ready aid of the pawnbroker.

Highest Cross in the World.

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Grateful.

Young Lady—Give me one yard of—why, haven't I seen you before? Draper's Assistant—Oh, Maud, have you forgotten me? I saved your life at the seaside last summer. Young Lady (warmly)—Why, of course you did. Then you may give me two yards of the ribbon, please.—Illustrated Bits.

Lettuce Salad With Fried Cheese.

Dress the lettuce in the usual way with French dressing. Have a mild cheese, rather dry, cut in strips like French fried potatoes, dip the strips in beaten egg, roll them in fine breadcrumbs and drop them into boiling fat to brown as quickly as possible. Serve with the lettuce.—Boston Post.

Passing Events.

Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current. No sooner is a thing brought to light than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this, too, will be swept away.—Marcus Aurelius.

Vengeance should be left to women.—Petra.

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Lawrence—6:15, 6:35, 6:40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. Sundays—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 11:32 p. m. Return—Leave Lawrence—6:20, 6:40, 6:50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:50 p. m. Sundays—7:20 a. m. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—6:18, 6:30, 6:55, 7:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:32 p. m. Sundays—7:33, 8:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10:33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5:30, 5:55, 6:30, 6:55, 7:15 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 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 10:15 p. m. Sundays—7:15 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Nashua—6:35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:35 p. m. Sundays—7:35 a. m. then same as week days.

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# CARE OF RUGS AND CARPETS.

How They Should Be Cleaned and Handled to Make Them Last.

A little systematic cleaning each month will preserve the life of a valuable carpet or rug for many years. Many women in their efforts to live up to the reputation of being good housekeepers literally beat the life out of expensive rugs. Handsome rugs should never be put on a line and beaten. They should be laid on the grass and whipped gently. They should then be turned over and swept with a stiff broom that has been dipped in ammonia water. This brightens the colors.

The professional cleaner often finishes off this clearing process by washing them off with olive oil soap and warm water. This seems to give new life to the wool in the rug. The long fringe on oriental rugs can be washed in the bathtub. Make a warm suds and dip the fringe up and down in the shallow water, being careful not to knot it. Then hang in the sun to dry.

Spots on carpets and rugs should be removed immediately and not allowed to stand until the next cleaning day. All sticky substances can be removed by sponging them with a mixture of alcohol and salt—about a teaspoonful of salt in a pint of alcohol. Spots caused by shoe or stove blacking should be covered immediately with cornmeal, then rubbed with a cloth and finally swept with a stiff brush. Ink spots if attended to immediately can be removed by an application of wet salt. Do not rub the spots, however. If they do not yield to the salt, then apply skim milk and salt alternately.

The use of tea leaves for sweeping has been abolished by wise housekeepers, as the coppers in them will in time ruin a good carpet. The wise woman spreads old newspapers over the carpet which she is going to sweep, first wetting them in ammonia water, about two tablespoonfuls of ammonia to a pall of water.

Salt is excellent to sprinkle on the floor before sweeping, as it helps to bring the color back to its original brilliancy, but it should not be used on a carpet with a heavy nap. For ingraining it is fine. For heavy carpets like axminster and velvet first use the papers dipped in ammonia water and then go over the carpet with a flannel cloth wrung out in borax water.

Old pieces of outing flannel make the best rags for cleaning carpets. Next to this is old underwear on which there is no lint. If it is possible to get a beef rag, this is excellent for renovating faded and soiled carpets. Many butchers will save one for you if you notify them in advance. Open the rag and pour contents into a pall of warm water. Throw the bag away. Now wring out heavy cloths in the gall and water mixture and go over all the carpet, rubbing with a goodly amount of elbow grease. If this method is used two or three times a year it will be found well worth while.

## How to Keep A Room Moist in Rooms.

A matron who is fond of music and owns a handsome grand piano says she keeps it in tune much longer and prevents it from drying out with the intense heat of her city house by growing plants in water in her drawing room. She raises Chinese lilies and hyacinths in glass bowls and jars and usually has standing on the piano or near it a big rose jar or a large glass pitcher filled with a dozen or more vines of tradescantia growing in water. This vine is better known as the "wandering Jew" and thrives as well in water as in soil. It comes in the plain green and variegated leaves and is a charming addition to a room, as well as making the air more moist. The vines root readily in water and need comparatively little light. About once a week the plants are carefully removed and the jar washed and filled with pure water. A small lump of charcoal in the water will keep it from getting impure.

## How to Handle Cold Storage Fowls.

Massachusetts' state board of health has issued a bulletin on cold storage poultry, in which this advice is given to housekeepers: "In order to avoid obtaining waterlogged and refrozen fowls the consumer should demand the frozen bird and thaw it himself. If thawed quickly by immersion in a bucket of hot water it may be eaten with impunity and with relish the same day it is purchased, or if bung overnight at room temperature it may be ready for use the day following."

## How to Remove a Scorch.

When an article has been scorched by a too hot iron the scorch may be removed in this manner: Dissolve in a basin in which there is a little water as much borax as the water will contain. Place the basin on the stove to keep hot. Soak the scorched portion in the borax water, and then lay it in the sun to bleach. Repeat as soon as it dries if the scorch has not been removed.

## How to Clean a White Belt.

To clean a white belt make a rather thick paste of cream of tartar and cold water and rub the belt well with it. Leave for an hour and then rub with a mixture of alum and fuller's earth in equal parts. Next dry brush the belt with a clean soft brush till all the powder is removed. Rub again with some coarse oatmeal to which a little powdered whiting has been added.

## How to Brighten Lamp Burners.

After using lamp burners for some time they become dirty and dingy. Put them in a kettle and cover with boiling water. Add a tablespoonful or so of hot soda and a lump of lye soap. Take off and dry the burners, then brighten them up by the use of powdered charcoal or brick dust.

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**Center.**  
 The report from Louis P. Shattuck this week is very encouraging. The fever is abating and he is more comfortable generally. The sympathy of the community goes out to his sick room, as he is a faithful servant of the public.

Howard Shattuck, who has been on the sick list since the first of May, is improving and is able to ride out in good weather.

Mrs. Irving J. Wetherbee, who has been at the home of her parents, has returned to Groton with her infant daughter. Much sympathy is expressed in her case, especially at this holiday season, the widowed mother and fatherless child are not forgotten.

Mrs. Joshua Blood has been enjoying a visit from Mrs. Eugene Thrasher, the wife of her cousin, Rev. Eugene Thrasher, who for four years has been the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Newton Lower Falls.

The Bennett brothers have a fine new automobile which they enjoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Wright spent Thanksgiving at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Mabel (Wright) Lawson, in Shelton, Conn. It is especially pleasant for them all, after their experience in the different hospitals to meet again.

The study class of the L. S. C. branch of the Woman's Alliance will meet on Friday, December 3, at half past two o'clock p. m., with Mrs. Dudley R. Child, paper on James Russell Lowell by Mrs. Appleton; lyrics by this author will be read by Mrs. E. A. Reed; religious news by Miss Ruth Rogers.

The annual Christmas fair of the Ladies' social circle of the Unitarian church will be held on Thursday, December 9, in Central hall. The committee wishes to receive all articles for sale before December 1.

Miss Susan Whipple of Ipswich, sister of Horace Whipple, visited over last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Harmon.

Mrs. Alice J. Spencer spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Walter E. Jewett.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank MacCarthy and their daughter, Constance, were guests at the home of their mother, Mrs. J. E. B. Jewett, for Thanksgiving.

Miss Anna P. Blood of New York city returned home for her Thanksgiving visit on Thursday morning.

The families of L. P. and S. T. Blood and John R. Shattuck held their reunion at the home of Mrs. S. T. Blood's mother, Mrs. John R. Shattuck on Thanksgiving day this year.

The union Thanksgiving service, which was held at the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday evening, was well attended. Rev. Dudley R. Child's sermon was very much enjoyed.

Miss Alice Cole of Bedford spent a few days of last week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Walter E. Jewett.

Mrs. William Kendall delayed the pleasure of his family gathering on Friday for the convenience of her daughter, Mrs. Peckham of Boston.

Mrs. Bessie F. Allen left town on November 19 for her winter home in St. Louis, Mo.

Frank Parker of Forest Hills and family are visiting at Winslow Parkers.

Mrs. David Spear has gone to the almshouse, where she will be well cared for.

Miss Anna W. French left town on Monday to spend Thanksgiving with her friends in Worcester.

Le Roy Nutting and family spent Thanksgiving day with his brother Fred at the home of the latter.

Mrs. Fred Nutting is now serving as clerk in the office of Irving J. Rowell.

**Wedding**

A quiet pleasant wedding occurred on Friday afternoon, November 19, at the home of Mrs. Harriet A. S. Phelps, on Park street, when her daughter, Miss Gertrude Phelps, and Mrs. Sidney Ray Dempsey of Fitchburg were united in marriage by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge.

On Wednesday evening November 17, Miss Orpha Annette Lee and Eugene Voorhees Potter were joined in the bonds of matrimony. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge being the officiating clergyman. The scene of the wedding was in Miss Lee's home in Somerville. She has been on the staff of teachers in Pepperell high school for several years, and will be at home to her friends at 157 Walnut street, Somerville, after the commencement of the new year. Miss Lee's most intimate friend here, Mrs. Drawbridge, accompanied her husband to the wedding.

**East.**  
 F. S. Bancroft and wife, James Starr and wife, Misses Pansy, Howe and Bertha Farnsworth, attended competitive night at Townsend grange, last Monday.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma McCausland of Westminster, formerly of this town, was held Monday. Interment at Walton cemetery in charge of Roland H. Blood. The deceased had many friends here as was evident by the arrangement. Services were conducted by Rev. Untam Webber. Music by Mrs. G. W.lerce and Miss Laura Herrig.

The M. E. church was crowded last Sunday evening, so that there was little standing room. The union Thanksgiving services were inspiring, and how could they but be so, with joint work of Revs. Webber, Drawbridge and Child. The musical selections were by Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, Miss Edith Wells, vocal; Miss Laura Herrig, violin; and John H. Hayes, organist.

Those interested can witness an eclipse of the moon next Saturday, but they will have to be early risers, as the time is from about three to five a. m.

Don't forget the meeting of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club next Monday.

Our town is becoming more prosperous than ever, and this is as it should be, but why prosperity should also bring ever-rising prices in the beef and other vital necessities is a puzzle to the man with a large family and small income.

Several more dogs have been reported found dead. Our chief is right on the trail, and woe be to them if the vagabond who is perpetrating this devilishness is caught. Some one is guilty of a wrong and unrighteous determination of this condition would not exist. Perhaps they do not know or knowing do not understand that the law not only protects the public, but protects the dog, and that any complaints of offending canines should be reported to the police. Not only will you get justice, but if injured you can secure damages. And on the other hand, if a dog is cruelly treated or maliciously put to death, the guilty one can be punished.

Mrs. Nellie Moore, formerly of this town, died Monday at her home in Ayer. She has been ill for several months, but it was expected she would recover. She was prominent in membership of various societies and had many friends. She enjoyed the distinction of being a second cousin of Abraham Lincoln. She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Moore, for many years an engineer in the mill here.

Among those who attended the Harvard-Yale game last Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Keyes, C. W. Keyes, R. B. Taft and C. B. Taft.

Judge Arthur P. Stone and family of Belmont spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. L. E. Starr. Other guests were Mrs. E. A. Markham, Mrs. Minerva Stearns, Miss Mary Hills of Cambridge, Mason H. Stone of Newton, and Arthur Rockwood of Brookline.

Mrs. W. M. Blood, Miss Bertha Farnsworth went to Ayer, Tuesday, with floral tributes for their departed friend, Mrs. Nellie M. Moore.

Winsor Park and Prentice Blood of Concord were guests of John R. Shattuck over the holiday. Winsor spent much of his time renewing friendship with his schoolmates and fellow graduates of high school.

Miss Gertrude Phelps of this town and Sidney R. Dempsey of Fitchburg were married at the home of Mrs. H. S. Phelps, Park street, last Friday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge of the Congregational church and Rev. Salem D. Towne of Boston. The happy couple, after a honeymoon trip, will make their home in Fitchburg.

Miss Alice Blood has entered the employ of J. H. Bellamy Co. in their new store.

Robert Burns is ill with measles at the home of his father, Pleasant street.

John Millan and family of Nashua were at his parents, Tarbell street, for Thanksgiving.

Among the home-comers and visitors for Thanksgiving we notice Miss Gertrude McGrath from Holbrook, Miss Alice McGrath, John Lillis, William Scanlon, Thomas Cunniff, Minot Blood, Leslie Reed and Amos Mahoney from Boston; Miss Cora De Roehn from Lowell; Miss Anna Mae Shaw, Arthur Toward, and Winifred Boynton from Worcester; Oscar Anderson from Mt. Hermon; Richard White, Roscoe Woodward and Roger Robbins from Dea's academy.

Rev. R. W. Drawbridge and Mrs. Drawbridge went to Union, N. H., Monday, for the week.

Col. George Greenhalge and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Pawtucket, R. I., arrived in the colonel's auto, Wednesday, at Mrs. L. B. Page's, Town and street. Howard Richardson of Washington, D. C., and Charles Dana Richardson of Boston were also guests at this farm over the holiday, with old friends in town who were there.

About forty passengers went from here on the late train Saturday evening for Groton and Ayer. It is an object lesson for those buyers who purchase in Nashua, thinking they save money. The prevailing prices in our stores are a big drawing card for the

town, and this new train a boom to out-of-town patrons.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woodward and daughter of Tilton, N. H., are at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward, Park street.

Mrs. John Slaney was brought home from the Nashua hospital, Friday. Mrs. Slaney has been ill for a long time, and it is hoped the operation performed will be of much benefit.

There was a large number of relatives and friends at the home of W. S. Woods, Main street, for Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mention and son Ralph, Jamaica Plain; Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jeaks, Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Towne and daughter, Springfield; and many of the town.

Relatives of Lloyd Chapman, who is in Montana, received a telegram from him, Thursday, containing greetings to them and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Miller went to North Leominster to attend the funeral of Luther F. Williams, a native of this town and uncle of Mr. Miller.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. N. W. Appleton at her home, Thursday afternoon, December 2, at 2.30 o'clock. All who attend are requested to be prepared to sew on bags for sailors. After the regular meeting there will be a social with tea.

Ernest Bartlett arrived home from Boston, Wednesday evening. He returns to the city Sunday, having accepted a position as bookkeeper with a Milk-street firm.

The dance held in Prescott hall, Thursday evening, under auspices of L. B. S. of the Unitarian church, was a success in spite of the inclement weather conditions. Robbins' orchestra furnished music and all had a jolly good time.

The afternoon hop and the evening dance by the Oxford club in Lawrence hall, Thanksgiving, had the usual large patronage. Thayer's orchestra pleased all and everyone entered into the spirit of "oh be happy," and notwithstanding the disagreeable weather there was a large attendance.

Ralph Scipione, our popular fruit dealer, has announced his annual coupon contest. For a number of years he has given away valuable presents in these contests, and each year seems to excel the previous. A coupon is given with each purchase and the holder of the largest number on January 2, 1910, will receive a solid gold diamond set, Waltham watch. There are three prizes in all. Look for his advertisement next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris and family went to Mr. Harris' parents at South Merrimac, Wednesday, returning Friday.

Luther F. Williams, aged 81 years, 7 months and 13 days, died Monday forenoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank N. Fiske, North Leominster, of old age. He was one of the most widely known citizens of North Leominster and had lived there for a great many years. He was employed for many years in the tannery at North Leominster. For several years he was janitor of the Pierce school. Mr. Williams was a native of Pepperell and moved to North Leominster when a young man. He was a gentleman of pleasing personality, and during his long residence in North Leominster made many warm personal friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright left Wednesday for Shelby, Conn., to spend a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lawson and family. Charles Spaulding is looking after the R. F. D. during Mr. Wright's absence.

Mrs. Rosa Papper was given a surprise party at her mother's, Mrs. Mary Severse, last Tuesday, it being her birthday. Her friends gave her some beautiful presents, including a gold bracelet. A delightful time was enjoyed and refreshments served.

William Taft and wife of Northfield, Vt., are at his father's, C. B. Taft, for a few days.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. B. J. Farrell, off Main street, Monday afternoon, when her daughter, Edie May, and Roy Clifton Geisler of Boston, were united in marriage by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, pastor of the Congregational church. Several of the bride's friends were present. A bountiful dinner was served. Many beautiful and useful presents were received, among them being heirlooms presented by the bride's uncle, Dr. J. O. Harriman of Manchester, N. H., which included a ring 140 years old. The happy couple left on the 5.40 train amid a shower of good wishes.

Keep your mind in touch with the visiting nurse campaign. It is not only a needful institution, but unlimited in its field of possibilities.

The new telephone cable from Railroad Square to Nashua street has been all "pulled in." It will now be but a short time when it will be cut over and in working order, after which all those wires now hung in the air will be taken down and the improvement will speak for itself.

The Clarion-Advertiser can be found at the following places: Parker's news stand, Scipione's fruit store, at Swasey's and at Mansfield's pharmacy.

Chief of Police Montelth was in Boston Monday in the Lawrence case, returning Tuesday. During his absence this department was in charge of G. G. Tarbell.

Joseph Attridge is at home on the sick list and unable to be at the store.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting, Thursday afternoon, December 2, at 2.30 o'clock.

Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., has invited Pennchuck and Granite lodges of Nashua to visit them here Dec. 16. The lodge will work the second degree in full form and the exercises will be held in the town hall.

Ever to the front, the management of this paper were able to give the earliest returns from the great Yale-Harvard game last Saturday. Not only was the result of the first half prominently displayed in the office window at 3.15 p. m., but the news was phoned by our employes to many interested. We appreciate the "thank you's" received and cordially invite all our readers to give special attention to our advertisers during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kennedy and daughter went to Brookline, Sunday, for the day.

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Unclaimed letters at the East Pepperell postoffice, November 22: Ed Danby, Mrs. William Cassisto, Edyth Fabbrini, Mrs. Story Sullivan.

**Busier Than Ever.**

There is something about Thanksgiving that makes one feel cheerful, happy and busy, and that in itself is sufficient to give thanks for. Recalling the day a year ago, it presents a picture of partially paralyzed business conditions, and much doubt and apprehension, but even so, there was much to be grateful over, and that forgotten. It will be remembered that through that long term of business depression the Pepperell Card and Paper Co. was able to run full time and gave employment to many from the places which were slack or closed. This year conditions are busier than ever before, and plans are being perfected to enlarge this plant's capacity by the addition of one 80-inch, new design patent coating machine, one 76-inch calendar, and a new boiler. The official staff has changed with Waldo Spaulding, president; R. Deware, vice-president and general manager; J. B. Morrow, superintendent; and Joseph Donnelly, assistant superintendent, these last two named being the new members. They have been for years associated with the concern, and its success and that they merit this recognition is well known.

**Fire.**

Another practical demonstration of the great good of the hand chemical, also the efficiency of the telephone service, and most laudable of all, our firemen in this case most all were citizens not of the regular volunteers, but those who take care of the town's chemicals in the rural districts. Their prompt response to the message from central, in the face of one of the worst storms of the year, is heroism, for they do not receive pay for their services. It is a distinct testimony of municipal pride, but in spite of their efforts fire destroyed the depot building at Hollingsworth, on the Millford branch of the Boston and Maine, Wednesday evening. It was discovered about six o'clock by Willis E. Kimball, who was on his way home from the Nashua River Paper Co.'s mill in Groton. About the same time a fellow worker, Mr. Curtis, came along and in a few minutes Eddie Duffy, a youth who looks after the depot, arrived. Word was quickly sent to the mill, who called Groton central office. Their fire department stated it was Pepperell territory, so Pepperell central was called and once more the telephone and the chemical joined forces to save the property, and by the quick work of operator E. P. McCord, a half dozen nearby neighbors having fire department extinguishers were notified, and, although the building was beyond aid when they arrived, as a high wind was blowing, there were a number of freight cars on the tracks loaded with expensive papers, which could not be moved out of danger, were protected by the chemicals. The fire was at its height about train time, but as the train was over an hour late in arriving, very little remained but burning embers. Inquiry into the cause seem to show exploded lamp or over-heated stove. The Duffy boy, it is understood, was at the building about five o'clock lighting up and fixing the fire; upon returning an hour later he found it in flames. Loss, about \$500.

**Sudden Death.**

A mystery is connected with the sudden death of Charles Lawrence last Monday at the new Granville house, Green street, Boston. He registered from Pepperell. For a while it was feared it was a son of Augustus Lawrence of this town, but on investigation he was found to be living in Connecticut with his sister. Later Chief of Police Montelth discovered that a man of the same name belonging in Groton

was missing and going to Boston with the man's sister, the body was identified as Charles Lawrence of Groton. He at one time was a conductor on the Boston and Maine, for years running on the Boston and Maynard trains. He had not been in the best of health, but, it is stated, had a large sum of money when he left Groton last Thursday, about \$1250, which cannot be accounted for. The medical examiner says suicide. Many think it was accidental, as the gas jet was found partially turned off. The body was taken to Groton in charge of Undertaker Rockwood.

**Wedding.**

The many friends of Miss Orpha Lee, formerly of this town and for a number of years connected with our high school, will be interested in the following, cut from the Somerville Journal, November 19:

On Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, a charming wedding took place at the residence of Dr. Wesley T. Lee and Mrs. Lee at 231 Broadway, when their sister, Miss Orpha Annette Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore Lee, was united in marriage to Eugene Voorhees Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Potter, of 157 Walnut street. The ceremony was performed at eight o'clock by Rev. William Drawbridge of Pepperell, in whose family the bride made her home for four years, while teaching in the Pepperell high school. The bride was attired in white crepe de chine, with Spanish lace and pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, and her veil was fastened with one same flowers. At the bride and groom's mother, Mrs. Lee was the gift of the groom. She was attended by Mrs. Wesley Lee as matron of honor, who was escorted in her wedding dress by Miss Mary S. Vroom, niece of the groom, who was ring-bearer, carrying the ring concealed in the heart of a rose. Little Miss S. Vroom, sister of the groom, rendered the wedding march. Robert Cochrane acted as best man, and the ushers were Dr. Wesley T. Lee and Dr. Rose Vroom.

A reception followed the wedding, when sixty guests tendered congratulations. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Quimby of Arlington, Edward S. Burns and daughter of Cambridge, and Mrs. Clark Gould and daughter of Norwood, relatives of the couple. Mrs. John Lee, mother of the bride, was attired in black grenadine, with sequin trimmings. Mrs. Lee wore a gray satin, with pearl trimmings. A happy feature was the singing of fraternity songs by the Alpha Phi fraternity of Boston university, with which the bride is affiliated, which occurred immediately after the ceremony. The wedding decorations consisted of large quantities of ground pine brought from Pepperell for the occasion, palms and chrysanthemums. Carnations were used in the dining room. The couple received many useful and valuable gifts. After their wedding trip to the Berkshires, Mr. and Mrs. Potter will be at home in their apartments after January 15. The bride is a graduate of Boston university, class of 1904. The groom completed his studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in 1907, and was afterwards employed by the government as civil engineer in Cuba. He is now in the service of the National Fire Proofing company, Boston.

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**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Pursuant to a power of sale, contained in a certain Power of Sale Mortgage given by George A. and Emma M. Whitcomb, both of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to John P. Tenney of Acton, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of March, 1908, and recorded in Middlesex So. Dist. Registry of Deeds, book 3359 and page 455, for breach of the conditions therein contained and for the purpose of enforcing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described, on Monday, the Twentieth day of December, 1909, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, the following described tract or parcel of land, situated in said Littleton, near Littleton Center, so-called, and bounded as follows, viz.:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of land of Thacher and Ireland, formerly the Littleton Store and Hall Association, near the store and at the road leading to the Fitchburg Railroad Depot; thence westerly on said road to an iron pin set in a stone over a brook; thence northerly on said brook one hundred ninety-nine (199) feet to a corner of a wall; thence westerly as the wall now stands two hundred thirty-one (231) feet to a stone set in the ground; thence southerly one hundred eighty-six and one-fourth (186 1/4) feet to a stone post at said road previously described; thence westerly on said road fourteen (14) feet to land of Edward Frost; thence northerly and westerly on said Frost's land to the road leading to Allen P. Whitcomb's house; thence on said road northerly to land now or formerly of Charles F. Stone; thence southerly on said Stone's land and land of A. P. Hager, to a stake and stones by the wall about ten (10) rods, north of the pound, so-called, at the northeast corner of land of Sherman H. Jewett; thence westerly in a straight line on said Jewett's land and land of Thacher and Ireland, as the wall now stands to the end thereof at the fence; thence southerly on land of said Thacher and Ireland as the fence now stands to the bound first mentioned, containing about twenty-nine (29) acres with the buildings thereon, and with an equal privilege in the wall at the store aforesaid by paying one-half expense of the repairs of said wall. Being a part of the same premises conveyed to George S. Whitcomb, late of Littleton, deceased, by Mary E. Hussey, by her deed dated May 1, 1883, and recorded in said Registry of Deeds, book 1631, page 558, and inherited by said Whitcomb, as his sole heirs-in-law.

Said premises will be sold subject to a mortgage to The North Middlesex Savings Bank, upon which there is now about the sum of Three Thousand (\$3000) Dollars; also, subject to any unpaid taxes.

The sum of Five Hundred Dollars in cash will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Other terms at the sale.

**JOHN P. TENNEY, Mortgagee.**  
 Allen Brooks Parker,  
 Attorney for Mortgagee.  
 48 Tremont Street, Boston,  
 or West Acton, Mass. 3111