

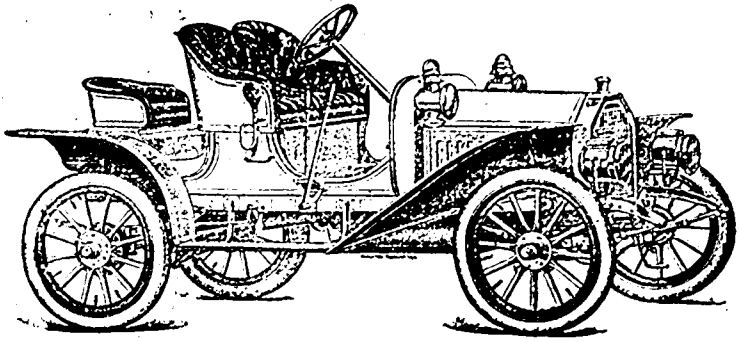
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HARVARD.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindley are entertaining this week the latter's brother, Herbert Osborne, who with his bride, Mrs. Annie (Belcher) Osborne, are on their honeymoon trip. Both bride and groom are residents of Waltham.

Rev. Chester A. Drummond of Littleton will preach at the Unitarian church next Sunday in exchange with the pastor, Rev. J. P. Sheafe.

Isaac P. Baker is confined to his home with an attack of the grippe. He is recovering slowly.

The grange conferred the first and second degrees on a class of candidates at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening last. There was also a valentine party with music interspersed. Misses Annie Reed and Ethel Nourse in duets were the special feature. Candy and popcorn for refreshments.

The eightieth annual meeting of the Harvard Temperance society will be held at the town hall on Sunday evening, February 20, at 7.30 p. m. Prof. J. F. Nichols of Boston will deliver an address. A cordial invitation is extended to our townspeople to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetherbee of New York announce the engagement of Miss Ruth May Bagster of this town to their eldest son, Ralph Wetherbee of New York. Both parties are well known here. Miss Bagster is a native of this town and received her education here, taking a teacher's course at Fitchburg Normal. She is at present a member of the teaching force in Maynard, where she has been for the past four years a highly respected and efficient instructor. Both parties have the heartiest congratulations of their host of friends.

Mrs. Frank Ford returns this week from the Clinton hospital, where she has been for the past three weeks under treatment. She returns much improved in health.

On Tuesday evening, February 22, there will be a social dance at the town hall given by young men of the town. All are cordially welcome.

On Thursday evening, February 24, the Whitney Brothers quartet will give a concert at the town hall under the arrangements of the Warner lecture course. As this quartet is of national reputation, mention of them is hardly necessary. Those who desire seats should come early.

On Friday of last week, while Rowell C. Davis was out driving with Mr. Cobb, the sleigh upset in a drift, both falling out, Mr. Davis underneath, and somehow cracking the bone of his leg just above the ankle. He is getting around however all right.

Entertainment.

Commendable mention should be made of the recent entertainment and dance of the Bromfield school. The first part, a French play, was given in a masterful way, the long texts in some of the parts being specially well given. Much credit is due the teacher of French, Miss Alcina B. Houghton, to whose untiring efforts was largely due the success of the play. It was something entirely new to the people and the promise is made that it certainly will not be the last of the appearance of the students before the town.

The Bromfield orchestra, Miss Helen Whitney, piano; Harlow Morse, violin; Misses Madaline and Viola Parker and Misses Carmen and Whitney, mandolins, gave a number of pleasing selections.

The dance that followed was well patronized, about seventeen dollars being the net proceeds of the affair.

Supper.

The ladies of the Congregational church gave one of their delectable suppers at the church vestry on Thursday evening at six o'clock, and a second at seven o'clock. The supper was all that could be desired, the ladies fairly outdoing themselves. Miss Crossley was in charge. Under the efficient management of Miss Annie Reed, a very pretty farce in one act was staged at eight o'clock. The sketch was entitled "How the story grew." The parts were assigned to Misses Ethel Nourse, Maud King, Mildred Tooker, N. Hartley Brook, Jennie Faulkenham, Phoebe Fanny, Mary Davis, and Osee Webster, each and every one adapted to their individual parts. They won the favorable comment of a large number who attended. There was also on the program two chorus songs by the members of the company, also a vocal solo by Miss Dorothy West. The young ladies are looking up a play of some wider scope to be given in the near future.

Still River.

The young people who gave the "District school at Blueberry corner," in the town hall, last week Friday, cleared nearly forty-six dollars and are feeling quite elated over the success of their play.

Miss Eleanor Hudson of Winchester was the guest of her cousin, Ruth Willard, from Friday evening to Monday, coming especially to attend the school play at Harvard.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse had the older members of their parish at the parsonage on Monday afternoon and evening for a valentine party.

Misses Mary Cumming and Anna G. Houghton returned from their visit to New York on Tuesday.

Miss Katherine L. Lawrence went to Lancaster on Wednesday to celebrate the birthday anniversary of her nephew, Hugh Clark.

Friends of Mrs. Herbert Atherton have been receiving souvenir postals from her at Cuba and the Isle of Pines, where she and her son Bertie are taking an outing, and her many Still River friends wish her a very pleasant outing.

Club Meeting.

The Tuesday club met with Miss Alice Harrod this week, and Miss Harrod arranged the program, which was on St. Valentine. Miss Harrod gave a piano solo and the following program was carried out: "St. Valentine," Mrs. W. B. Haskell; "Cupid guard of love," Mrs. Jennie Willard; poems on St. Valentine's day, Miss Laura Brown and Miss Katherine L. Lawrence; "On the trail of the valentine," Mrs. Anna Flanders; "Peggy of the pines," Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. L. H. Howard, Mrs. H. D. Stone; "A corner

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in valentines." Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Keyes, Miss Harrod, piano solo. Helen E. Stone, poem, "To my dear," Edna Robinson, "A valentine heart," Mrs. Morse and Helen Stone.
There were present Mrs. Luther Willard, Mrs. Louisa H. Bateman, Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Mrs. L. H. Howard, Katharine Lawrence, Laura A. Brown, Edna Robinson, Mrs. H. D. Stone, Helen Stone, Mrs. Anna H. Flanders, Mrs. Julia L. Keyes, Mrs. Jennie Willard, Mrs. A. L. Hunter, Mrs. Chester Willard, Hope Willard, Mrs. H. R. Harrod, Mrs. S. B. Haynes, Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mrs. K. P. Scates.

Next week the meeting will be with Mrs. Luther Willard.

TOWNSEND.

Harbor.

Last Monday morning on account of the very bad traveling the school team was fifteen minutes late; something that has not happened before for years.

At the close of the Harbor school for the Easter vacation, Miss Robbins will resign her position to take charge of a school of one grade in Ashby.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. LePoer, who has been very ill, is slowly recovering. Miss Marguerite LePoer, a teacher in the East Bridgewater schools, is attending her mother.

Several of the pupils of the Harbor school have been confined at home with sore throats and bronchitis.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Blake welcomed the arrival of a little son at their home.

Last week Mrs. Ransome Adams entertained her brother, Joseph Worcester, at Edgewood.

The As You Like It club met with Ms. Florence Conant on Tuesday. Mrs. Fannie Adams was chosen president and Mrs. Smith, secretary. Much interest is manifested and the club promises to be a great success. The next meeting is with Mrs. Mark Leadbetter.

Monday Club.

In accord with pre-arranged plans, St. Valentine's day was fittingly observed by the Monday club at the home of Mrs. Minnie Knight. A delightful valentine program and several surprises made the afternoon a noted one. There was a paper on the origin and observing of Valentine's day by the president, Mrs. Josselyn. A poem was written for the occasion by Miss Ellen Harvey of New Jersey, who has twice been a guest of the club. The interest of the meeting was still further enhanced by an original poem given by Mrs. Etta Jenas.

After the literary program, the valentine gifts were exchanged by the members of the club. Great was the surprise of the hostess when she was presented by the president in behalf of the club with a beautiful punch bowl and twelve glasses. However, the hostess equalled the occasion. In an incredible short time a most delectable fruit punch was being served to her guests. Thus with the giving of toasts and the drinking of healths the handsome gift was formally dedicated.

The hour before refreshments was spent in a game of hearts. Mrs. Flarity won first prize, Mrs. Conant the booby prize. Just before lunch Mrs. Josselyn, with a few happy remarks, placed in the hands of the hostess a beautiful cake. Although this was the second surprise of the day, the birthday offering was gracefully received with marked expressions of appreciation.

The guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Flarity.

Valentine Party.

Such was the sentiment of the invitations sent out by Evangeline Taft to her schoolmates and friends for last Monday evening. It was a merry occasion and the patron saint of February fourteen smiled knowingly at the votive offerings he received. Progressive games were played, chief of which was hearts. Prizes were won by Dorothy Smith, Maggie Bloomer and Ruth Doran. Cupid with his hearts and arrows assisted the lads and lasses in choosing their partners for the march to the dining room where the heart scheme was still further carried out in the table decorations and refreshments. One of the jolliest events of all was the sleighride given to the devotees of St. Valentine before being left at their homes.

LITTLETON.

Town Meeting.

A special town meeting is to be held at the townhouse on Saturday, February 26, at eight in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a moderator.
Art. 2. To see if the town will reconsider its vote passed at last annual town meeting, whereby it voted to adopt the provisions of the statutes in regard to "Official ballots" at town elections.

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WESTFORD.

Center.
The E. J. Whitney's had a telephone installed in their pleasant home last week, 16-2.
Rev. David Wallace preached at the Congregational church most acceptably morning and evening last Sunday. He will preach again this following Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Wallace is staying with his family in Lunenburg, where he had a former pastorate of six years.
Rev. Charles P. Marshall, when in town Tuesday to officiate at the funeral of his former parishioner, Mrs. Horace Hamblett of Brookside, made a few brief calls in this village, and reports being well established in this new environment in Quincy, near the Fore River shipyards.

Winter has progressed enough so that the usual harvest of colds and grip is beginning to fall into the hands of our physicians. Among their recent victims to be obliged to apply for medical assistance are Mrs. Nellie Fletcher, Miss Ella Gill and John Gill Fletcher.
Miss Eva E. Fletcher has the sincere sympathy of her many friends in her serious illness. It began with what at first seemed like an attack of tonsillitis but later an acute appendicitis developed. Dr. Wells and a Boston specialist in consultation and operative treatment as been deferred for the present at least, and at this writing the patient is resting quite comfortably.
Master Leon T. Hildreth has had an unpleasant visitation in an attack of pleurisy. He is on the gain now, sitting up each day, and certainly wishes no repetition of this painful visitor.

The delegation from Westford in attendance at the Farmers' Institute in Chelmsford, Wednesday, while of usual numbers, was for below the merit of the address called for. Failure of farmers to take advantage of the Institutes is to their own loss.
While the Congregational parsonage is empty, workmen are busy renovating several of the rooms in anticipation of future occupants.
Our townsman who undertook to move a large load of hay in the deep snow of Monday, we hope enjoyed reloading on the road in the village as much as did the onlookers.

One of the oldest members of the Union Congregational church started on that last journey of no return on Sunday. Having joined this church July 2, 1858, she had been connected therewith well over a half century.
A daughter was born into the household of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Green last week, being their fifth child.

An Address.
At the William E. Frost school, Wednesday afternoon, teachers, parents and friends listened to an address by Mrs. Walter Leroy Smith. Mrs. Smith represented the State Congress of Mother clubs, and wishes to organize a club of this sort here. A nominating committee was chosen and another meeting will be held about March first. One of the objects of these organizations is to bring the parents and their school into closer cooperation for the best development of the child.
Mrs. Smith was a woman of charming personality, an earnest and easy speaker, and much interest was shown in all that she said. Hygiene, child labor and juvenile court were among her topics.

Tadmuck Club.
The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club took place Tuesday afternoon in Library hall. It was one of the series in the season's study of Alaska, and was in charge of Charles O. Prescott, and the members of the club are certainly indebted to Mr. Prescott for his thoughtful and interesting account of the resources of this great country. He sketched its rapid development since its purchase by the United States from the Russian government forty years ago, giving a most comprehensive and intelligent outline of the real industry in 1896, and of its other mineral wealth in coal and copper, and of the agricultural possibilities of this great rich country, which are somewhat undeveloped. Mr. Prescott interspersed his talk with bright descriptions of Nome and Alaska from Mrs. Higginson's "Alaska." Miss Clara Smith supplemented the program with a most enjoyable reading by Anna Fulcomer, entitled "The Three R's at Circle City," which was an account of one school teacher's experience in 1896 in which was interwoven much courage, pathos and humor.
The next meeting will be a continuation of the general subject, the special subject being "Dr. Sheldon Jackson, and the introduction of the reindeer," in charge of Mrs. L. W. Wheeler.

The president, Miss Loker, announced that there were surplus copies of the calendars of the previous seasons of the club which could be procured of the secretary for a very nominal fee.
Now that the afternoon's daylight is so much longer, the time of meeting was voted to change from 2.30 to three p. m.

Congregational Soc.
The regular monthly social at the Union Congregational church, Wednesday evening, took the form of a concert of high order. The Mendelssohn quartet of Lowell, consisting of E. R. Wirt, first tenor; A. T. Munn, second tenor; C. M. Howard, baritone; and Harry Needham, basso; furnished the vocal part of the music in their best form, as might well be with Miss

Edith M. Sweet of Forge Village for accompanist. Mrs. Florence Holgate Campbell of Lowell, as reader, gave a variety to the program. In arranging and carrying through so successful an affair, much credit is due the committee, Mrs. A. W. Hartford and Miss Ruby Carter. Following is the program:

Piano solo, Miss Edith M. Sweet: "Down in the depths," quartet; "Dinner time, be rough," Mrs. Campbell; "When thou art near me," Mr. Munn; "Sally in our alley," quartet; "The light of dawn," Mrs. Campbell; "The lost ship," Messrs. Howard and Wirt; "Darling Nellie Gray," quartet; Mr. McClagerty on roller skates; Mrs. Campbell, piano solo, Miss Edith M. Sweet; "The storm friend," Mr. Needham; "Annie Laurie," quartet.

List of New Books.

The following books were recently added to the Westford public library: Adams, J. Spirit of youth and the city. Davenport, E. Education for efficiency. 379-18. Grenfell, T. Labrador, 817-19-61. Kingsland, Mrs. B. Book of good numbers. 325-K1. Knapp, S. A. Tuberculosis. 616-K1. McMillan, F. M. How to study. 371-M2. Packard, W. Wild pastures. 814-17. Pryor, Mrs. R. A. My day. 11-973-1. Smith, E. B. Study of Noah's ark. 817-83. Sutcliffe, A. C. Robert Fulton. B-2741. BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. Adams, J. H. Harper's machinery book. 1621-A. Atsheller, J. A. Forest runners. 1019-B. Black, W. Four Macnails. 1037. Coussens, P. W. Poems children love. 1088-1-c2. Gould, E. L. Felicia's friends. 939-B. Graham, K. Wind in the willows. 1029. Harwood, G. On track and diamond. 1035. Jewett, F. G. Body at work. 1613-J3. Murray, C. Storyland. 1088-N-M1. Tappan, E. M. England's story. 1942-T1.

About Town.

Alvin Polly, who has been ill a long while, is rapidly falling and medical authority says the end is only a question of endurance of constitution.
The infant child of Swan G. Swanson died at Brookside last week and was buried at West Chelmsford.
Harold Fletcher, reported ill last week, while still at the hospital is gaining rapidly and the danger line is apparently passed.
Daniel H. Sheehan has trundled his portable sawmill from Carlisle-Chelmsford lots to the lumber reserves around Keyes pond owned by Horace E. Gould. The on wheels of this moving through the deep snow on the Lowell road and elsewhere made sleighs that followed pivoted on a scale of ascending and descending and tip-over descent. The winter reserves for care of the roads evened up the ups and downs of the situation and so lessened the tendency to lurch.
The next Farmers' Institute will be held at the town hall, Littleton, Thursday, February 24. The morning address is expected to be given by Professor Sears on fruit culture. In the afternoon the high schools of Acton, Littleton and Westford will compete in drawing, followed by competition in the same line of work by the graded schools. Cash prizes will be offered for best results. Scholars from Graniteville and Forge will take the noon train steam cars for North Littleton, where conveyance will take them to Littleton Center.

Jonathan T. Good, long in the employ of the Brigham farm, has given notice to leave and will leave town with his family for California in early March. He was a faithful laborer. His successor is unknown.
The board of registrars of voters held the first meeting of the year Friday evening at the town hall.
The fortnightly club will hold its next meeting Friday evening, February 25. All sorts of good things, useful, vocal, instrumental and oratorical will be set off.
William R. Taylor, town auditor, is busy with department books in readiness for the annual town report. The collector's books shows attention to duty, and of the \$30,000 or more voted raised by the town, only a bare \$1400 remain uncollected. Can this record be duplicated in Middlesex county or the state; if so, speak up some of you towns.

James H. O'Brien is reported ill with pneumonia at his home on Pigeon hill.
If you feel a little off color on an appetite, don't be discouraged. The remedy is close by. The ladies of the Unitarian society are to give a supper and sociable in the vestry of the church, Friday evening, February 25.

Death.
Mrs. Hannah Marie Hamblett died at her residence at Brookside, Sunday afternoon, February 13, aged eighty-five years. She will be remembered as the widow of Theodore Horace Hamblett, who died last autumn. She had been a resident of the town since 1848, and was born at Westworth, N. H., May 15, 1825, and before marriage was Miss Hannah M. Sweet. Her parents removed to Dracut where she received her early education and in Lowell she married Mr. Hamblett at Dracut, February 19, 1840. Two children were born to them, Emma M., who died at the age of five weeks, and Lester H., who died March 5, 1905, at the age of fifty-four.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Coburn of Lowell, who is over ninety, also two nephews, Eugene Coburn of Fitchburg and Julian Coburn of Lowell, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Pope Hamblett of Fitchburg. One brother, Franklin Moses Jewett, enlisted from Westford in company B, Sixth regiment, and died at Readville, January 23, 1865. He was well known to the older residents of Westford, being engaged in the grist and sawmill business at Westford and Brookside.

The funeral of Mrs. Hamblett took place from her residence, Tuesday afternoon. Her many friends in Westford for many years, were represented at the funeral as well as her Brookside and Westford friends. Rev. Charles P. Marshall, the recent pastor of the Congregational church at Westford, of which she was a member, was invited to conduct the service, which he did with characteristic fitness, reading two inspiring poems as part of the service. This with the floral offerings made the occasion a fitting eulogy of her life, which was well ordered and finely blended. She wisely managed to keep clear of unwise extremes,

while the at-home spirit was always strong and wisely cultivated. The larger home life of society, social and religious, met her approval and presence. This well blending and conservation of home life and the larger life of the community was one of the strong factors that kept her interesting and youthful in spirit, in home and society until the end.
The bearers were old time neighbors and friends, Henry Burbeck, George F. Snow, Houghton G. Osgood and Samuel L. Taylor. Burial was in Fairview cemetery beside the companion of her life and their children. David L. Greig, the undertaker, had charge of all arrangements.

Forge Village.
Mrs. Hugh Daly and son, Gerald Daly of Leominster, were guests Sunday of Mrs. M. A. Loucher.
Ernest Longbottom of Arlington Heights visited Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, Wednesday.
Miss Theresa Loutner and Mrs. John Carmichael were entertained Wednesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keefe at Townsend Harbor.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met at the home of Mrs. Henry Catchpole, Thursday of last week. After the usual work was done of refreshments were served. The circle will meet this week with Mrs. Hugh A. Ferguson of Westford through the kindness of Mrs. Richard D. Prescott the ladies will enjoy a sleighride.
Rev. Mr. Munroe of North Andover conducted the Lenten services at St. Andrew's mission, Wednesday evening.

Celebration.
The fifteenth anniversary of St. Andrew's mission was fittingly observed Sunday evening at the mission house. A special feature of the service was the singing of the vested choir of small girls.
Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, vicar of St. Andrew's parish, which includes St. Andrew's church of Ayer and St. Andrew's mission of this village, conducted the services. Many former residents and members of the church were present. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hindle of Chelmsford Center, Wilfred Northington of Worcester and Edward Sturgis of Andover. Mr. Sturgis while master at Groton School fifteen years ago, conducted a religious Sunday school here, which has always been carried on by successive masters and students of Groton School. Mr. Sturgis spoke briefly on his experiences while conducting the Sunday school here, which caused much laughter.

Frank Hindle was formerly superintendent of Abbot & Co.'s mills, a position he held for many years until he resigned from active duty four years ago. He was also a prominent member of St. Andrew's mission. Mrs. Frank Hindle was a valued member of the Ladies' sewing circle. Wilfred Northington occupied a prominent position in the Abbot mills for many years, and was the first secretary of St. Andrew's mission. After the services were over a reunion of old friends took place. Many that were members of the Sunday school fifteen years ago having since grown up, greeted Mr. Sturgis warmly. A brief sketch is given here of St. Andrew's mission.
The earliest records show that a meeting was held February 13, 1895. There was elected a general committee to secure the services of the Episcopal church, namely: George Weaver, Harriet Precious, Francis Lowther, Harry Lewis, William C. Precious, Mrs. Alice Carrick, John Spinner, Sarah Precious, Mrs. Hannah Wyeth, Mrs. F. A. Sweet, Mrs. H. E. Randall, Thomas Carrick, Theresa Lowther. The association then formed elected as president John Spinner; secretary, Wilfred Northington; treasurer, Edward Sturgis. For eight years services were conducted in Abbot hall by the generous provision of the Abbot Worsted Co., and administered by successive rectors of St. Andrew's parish. Meanwhile, through the efforts of St. Mary's guild of young ladies, the sewing circle and by contributions of the people generally the sum of \$2011.93 was raised. To this was added \$350 by the Abbot Worsted Co., and many personal gifts including \$25 from Bishop Lawrence, making a total of \$3975.30. There was paid for a lot of land on Pleasant street the sum of \$325, and the balance for the construction of the mission house, which was dedicated by Bishop William Lawrence, October 3, 1903. The efficient and economic erection of this building was due to the faithful work of Hugh A. Ferguson of Westford and Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, who drew the plans of the building and personally superintended the work. The care of the building and grounds has ever since been performed with painstaking zeal by Wm. Burnett. The cost of a furnace, \$248; a piano, \$175; a horse shed, \$215, and numerous improvements have been gradually provided from time to time by the industry, sales and entertainments of the mission guild and the ever energetic ladies' sewing circle.

The successful and devout maintenance of the worship in Abbot hall and mission house has been in large measure due to the fine spirit of gratuitous service by three successive organists, Miss Polly Burnett, Miss Edith Northington, Miss Sarah Precious, and all the devoted members of the vested choir. The equipment of the chapel includes the altar, a memorial to Miss Christine Dakin Fosdick, given by eighteen residents of Groton to their efficient postmistress for over twenty years, their gracious friend and a sanctified servant of the master throughout a life time. The oak reredos behind the altar, a memorial to Mrs. Fosdick's father, A. Hamilton Bayly, and a gift of his children. Above the altar the chancel window, given by the congregation of St. Andrew's in Ayer. Two altar prayer books, given by Miss Motley of Groton; a lectern bible, given by Laura Hindle Charlton; altar vases, given by Theresa Loucher; two vases, once owned by Oliver Wendell Holmes and presented by Mrs. Henry Gurney; chapel lamps, given by Frank Hindle; the log pulpit, made by the vicar, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, from a monarch chestnut tree grown on the Shaker farm in Harvard, aged one hundred and five years in 1895 and measuring three and a half feet in diameter. Within and without the building opportunities have been afforded the village people and children in the way of a school garden, gymnasium

classes for both boys and girls, and varied recreations of music, lectures, dramatics, fairs and suppers.
The mission motto, "To serve the bodies, minds and spirits of the people," has been the aim of this religious and civic center of Forge Village.

Graniteville.
In spite of the disagreeable weather on Wednesday night a large number were present at the Lenten devotions that were held at St. Catherine's church. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, who preached a very strong sermon on "Death." His remarks were followed by deep interest and made a great impression on the members of the congregation. The sermon was followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament, after which the distribution of the ashes took place. The regular choir was in attendance.
It is hoped to have a young people's choir to give special music at the evening service at the M. E. church in the near future, and as soon as possible the regular choir will resume the leadership in the morning.
The village people are just recovering from another severe snow storm, which made traveling rather difficult for a time. The snow roller was out once more and appeared to do good work. It has been found necessary to bring the snow roller to use on several occasions this winter, and the chances are favorable that it will be used many more times before spring.

Joseph Wall has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, and a Thursday suffered a severe attack, which caused much pain and a hasty call for a physician was necessary. He is somewhat improved at present, but still confined to his home on First street. Dr. W. H. Sherman is attending him.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Charlton of this village are now visiting friends in Philadelphia, Penn., and vicinity, for a few days.
Mrs. W. H. Sherman, wife of Dr. Sherman, the local physician, is now visiting relatives and friends at her former home in Damariscotta, Me.

The weather has moderated once more and during the past few days J. A. Healy's men and teams have been busy hauling wood from where it has been recently cut and piling it in Mr. Healy's large wood yard in this village. The work is being rushed while the good sledding lasts.

The Coming Town Meeting.
Although town meeting day is but a few weeks away, very little is being said locally about the coming elections, and unless some "dark horse" appears, it looks as though the same board of selectmen will serve for another term. The school board appears to be all right as it is. It is earnestly hoped that an article will be inserted in the town warrant calling for a suitable number of street lights in Graniteville. Some mention was made of this subject a few years ago, but the committee appointed to look into the matter did not give it the consideration it deserved, with the result that the whole thing fizzled out, and the street lighting question has not been put before the voters. Now is the time to get busy and ask for what they want, and street lights are surely the principal need at present in Graniteville.

Sleighride.
Several members of the Shaker colony of Harvard with driver, Percy Burgess and Frank Stanton, enjoyed a sleigh-ride to this village on Wednesday and were escorted through the works of the Abbot Worsted Co.'s mill here by Alfred Prinn. They appeared to be greatly interested in the work, particularly in the combing, carding and spinning departments. One member of the party, Miss Bessie Bailey, a native of Ireland, remarked that she had not visited the interior of a mill for over fifty years, the last time being in a linen mill in Belfast, Ireland, where she was born. The oldest member of the party was Louisa E. Green, who was eighty-six years of age last December, and she stepped as lively as a woman, and she stepped as lively as alert to all that was going on. She has been among the Shakers for over sixty years. She spoke in glowing terms of the beautiful day and the fine sleighride and appeared to enjoy it to her first quilting party. Aside from the ladies already mentioned, the party included Joseph Gilson, Annie Tuttle, Florence Foye, Laura Beal, Sadie Maynard and Olive Martin, all Shakers. They extended a cordial invitation to the writer and other friends to visit them at their home in Harvard in the near future, and when that event takes place you will hear more of these very interesting people.

TOWNSEND.
West.
Miss Laura Sherwin from Groton has been spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. R. S. Ely.
Fred Richards, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is able to be about again.
Mrs. Amelia Hellur from Millbury spent a few days at her home in Jostynville last week.
Mrs. Hall, who has been assisting at H. L. Stickney's, is now employed at the home of W. W. Webster.
A most enjoyable neighborhood party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward on Bayberry hill last week Friday evening. About sixteen were present, including a number from out of town, and a social evening was enjoyed. A number of the party being musicians, a pleasing musical program was rendered and was followed by games and refreshments.
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cox have returned from a visit to their daughter in Dorchester. Miss Jennie Lemont, who accompanied them, will remain for a further visit.
Mrs. Ford Reed of Boston spent Sunday at her home here.
Mrs. Dawes of Cambridge is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis.
Mrs. George A. Seaver is quite ill at her home with a severe attack of grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard S. Tyler and little son from Clinton have been at the home of Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.
The Ladies' Literary and Social circle held their postponed meeting last week Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman and concluded their study of the "Life and works of J. C. Holland." The next meeting will be held next Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Patch and the topic will be life of Mrs. Riggs, (Kate Douglas Wiggin).

Miss Alice Seaver entertained a small party of friends at her home Monday evening, the principal feature of the evening being a valentine hunt which occasioned much merriment. Music and refreshments completed the evening's entertainment.
Rev. Charles Upton is expected to occupy the Baptist pulpit Sunday morning and evening, February 20, and the meeting of the newly organized junior league will be held in the vestry at three o'clock.

Center.
There was one of the largest crowds of the season at the Fireman's annual concert and ball, held at Memorial hall, last week Friday evening. The concert given by the Salem cadet orchestra was of the usual high order. The snow storm held up just long enough to allow the company to arrive and the dance after the concert was one of the cleanest parties ever held here, order and quietness prevailing. A bountiful supper was served in the banquet room under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Gates and able assistants.
Stephen Swicker is very ill with double pneumonia.
Mrs. Floyd and family have moved into the tenement recently vacated by George Gilchrist on Brookline street.
W. F. Rockwood, who has been confined to the house several days with a severe cold, is now able to be about once more.
Phoebe Weston Farmer tent 38, held a valentine party and also an initiation at Oddeflow's hall on Tuesday evening. The hall was prettily decorated and many features of valentine day was evident. Refreshments were served.
Miss Marjorie Barnard of Dunbar, N. H., is visiting at Mark Colby's.

Grange Entertainment.
Valentine's night, in charge of Mrs. Barber, Miss Williams and Will Copeland was observed at the grange, Monday. In Cupid's corner there was a snow table prettily decorated with heart valentines and red mittens, flowers and candelabra. A miniature cupid with bow and arrow hung suspended over the table and the red electric light made a very pleasing effect. Mrs. Barber gave an account of St. Valentine's day and the lucky days of February. There was a reading by Vernal Barber, a piano solo by A. G. Seaver, songs by Miss Williams, and several other numbers. All had a chance to test the truthness of their aim with bow and arrow at a great red heart for the target. The first prize was won by Brother Hannah of Mason, and the consolation prize by Mrs. A. T. Eldridge.
A broken heart march was also the feature of the evening, partners matching broken pieces of red hearts. This proved to be a most intricate march under the guidance of Dr. Atwood, and was given up in despair. A most excellent collation under the management of Mrs. Hattie Misner, Eva Stearns, Alice Brown and Alice Reynolds was served in the banquet hall, and the tasteful decorations and fancy china were admired by all.

DUNSTABLE.
New Advertisements.
FOR SALE.—A lot of Stock Hay. S. N. LOUGEE, Harvard, Mass. 22tf
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY E. MORSE, deceased, 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 GEORGE E. MORSE, of Harvard, in said County of Worcester, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the eighth day of March, A. D. 1910, 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 of this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard and Hillsdale papers published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court. Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3123 JOHN W. MAWHNEY, Register.

Church Service.
The union service held last Sunday evening at the Universalist church, was attended by a large number of the townspeople, every seat being occupied.
The church has recently been renovated throughout at considerable expense, and last Sunday for the first time in many months the regular Sunday service was held in the auditorium, which has been made especially beautiful and attractive by the decorator's art. In fact, the interior of the church as a whole shows the results of pronounced changes which have all been executed by the hands of trained and skilled workmen. Hardwood floors have also been laid and the exterior of the church has received attention and all needed repairs have been completed.
The strong address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Dr. Charles R. Conklin of Boston, state superintendent of Universalist churches, who told of the grand struggle the churches had made for years past to maintain their interest and standing, and he hoped and trusted that it would be an

incentive for other churches who are passing through similar circumstances to take courage and not give up. Ringing addresses were also made by Dr. Howard A. Bridgman, associate editor of the Congregationalist; Rev. A. A. Bronson, pastor of the Congregational church; Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins, pastor of the Baptist church; and also by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker.
Special music was rendered by the combined choirs of all three churches, and the service added another golden link to the chain of union services which during recent years have been held in Shirley to the betterment of the people and town.

Admitted.
W. Lloyd Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, has recently been notified by the bar commissioners that he has successfully passed for admission to the bar.
Mr. Allen is a graduate of Yale University, and last week Friday was elected president of the college division of the senior class of the Boston University Law school, from which he graduates next June.
Outside his work at the law school this year he is in the law office of Saltonstall, Dodge & Carter, Boston. Mr. Allen has very closely applied himself to his studies during his collegiate life, and has received conspicuous mention by the Boston Herald and other dailies for the high percent he attained in passing examinations. He is to be congratulated on his success, which is a marked indication that he will make good in his chosen profession.

News Items.
Miss Inez McMurray spent first of the week with relatives in Boston.
Miss Lena Gately started last Saturday for a few weeks' visit with her sister in Charlestown.
Oliver W. Balcom spent last Saturday and Sunday with his son Frank in Baldwinville.
Marion Jubb, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jubb, is confined to her home with tonsillitis.
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chaisson were visitors in Lowell last Sunday.
Mrs. Amos Bourgeois is critically ill with inflammation of the lungs.
The Remembrance Circle of King's Daughters connected with the Congregational church, gave an entertainment in the church vestry Monday evening. Ice cream and cake was on sale, and liberally patronized. A goodly number was present and the evening was very pleasantly spent. The program of entertainment was as follows:
Piano duet, Annie Holbrook, Arline Wilbur, dialogue, Edward Lilly, Sarah Stevenson, quartet, Albert J. Leonard, Shipley W. Kicker, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook and Nina Holbrook; mandolin solo, Gladys Love, accompanied with piano by Miss Selecta Love; farce, Miss Edie Hanna, Stanley Wells, Leslie Wells. Several tableaux were also given.

A NEW IDEA.
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One of the biggest—perhaps the very biggest—contracts ever made by any Boston newspaper is that which The Boston Journal has just closed with Shepard Norwell Company. It is for a page of advertising a day every weekday of the year without cessation. In other cities a few big stores, like Wanamaker, Dr. Hays, carried out this page-a-day idea, giving the newsstand a daily so that readers could follow all the new bargains and all the new offerings of the kind put on each day.
Shepard Norwell Company has recently been reorganized, and John Shepard, established himself as the publisher of the page-a-day The Boston Journal as the home paper of New England, and the paper, therefore, best adapted for carrying out this unique plan. These daily store announcements, therefore, will appear exclusively in The Boston Journal and will undoubtedly prove of great interest to the army of shoppers who are readers of The Journal.

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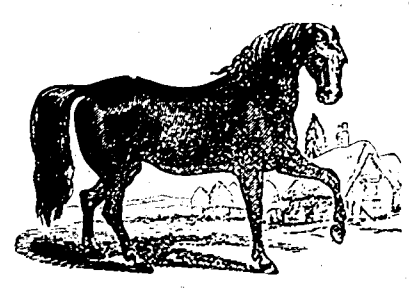
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of **J. EDWARD B. JEWETT**, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased, testate.
Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered, to **JOHN L. BOYNTON**, of Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond, 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 twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in *Turner's Public Spirit*, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all devisees and legatees named in said will, seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
321 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Elwyn F. Kemp of Groton to Moses P. Palmer, dated March 19, 1900, and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Libro 2506, Folio 361, will be sold at public auction at Palmer's Block, Groton, Wednesday, March 2, 1910, at ten o'clock a. m., for default in performance of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain parcel of land, situated on the Easterly side of the South Road in Pepperell, Mass., and containing Thirty-one acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeastly corner of the premises at the corner of said South Road and the Road to said Pepperell; thence Northeastly by said Road to Pepperell, about thirty-seven rods to land now or formerly owned by Charles Gerrish; thence Easterly by the said Gerrish land about ten rods to a ditch; thence by said ditch to land now or formerly owned by James Lawrence; thence Southwestly by said Lawrence land about one hundred and six rods to the aforesaid South Road; thence Northwestly by said Road about ninety rods to the point of beginning.

Excepting, however, from the above parcel of land four rods in width extending from said South Road to land of said Gerrish, and being the same strip of land included within the location of the Brookline and Pepperell Railroad, being the same premises conveyed to Elwyn F. Kemp by deed from Moses P. Palmer, mortgagee, bearing even date herewith.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

The main shaft at the icehouse broke Tuesday night and work was delayed for a half day. The new arrangement for disposing of ice chips by washing them into the pond has been very successful. The harvesting of ice will be completed this week.

The women of the Congregational society will give a reception to the men of the society, Friday evening, February 25, from seven to ten o'clock at the church parlors.

The Ladies' Aid society held an all-day session at the home of Mrs. William Ladd Dodge, Tuesday, February 15. A tempting dinner was served. Extensive plans were made for the future.

A town meeting dinner will be served at the Congregational vestry, Tuesday, March 8.

Rev. and Mrs. Warren L. Noyes were at Boston, Monday, and attended the ministers' meeting.

Nathaniel Hobart has been detained at home by illness, and Oscar Elliott is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Gilson of Townsend were recent guests of Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson.

Miss Gertrude Wiley of Pepperell was a recent guest at the Powers' homestead.

Percy Betterley spent Sunday at home from Worcester.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood has sold her farm to a Mr. Stanley.

Albert Gilson of Walpole is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell.

Arthur A. Goss did not receive his papers in season to take the examination for census enumerator at Milford, so decided not to enter the contest.

Mrs. Samuel Sweet spent Tuesday at Milford, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham.

Fish and game commissioners, Nathaniel Wentworth of Hudson, and C. B. Clarke of Concord were in town Wednesday, February 9, relative to the deer that was chased by dogs.

Wednesday evening, February 23, the program at the local grange will be a mock town meeting; committee, Clarence R. Russell and David S. Fessenden. The articles in the town warrant will also be discussed. Popcorn, Misses Maud and Ethel Taylor.

Warren L. Noyes attended the ministers' meeting at Manchester last week, and also an alumni meeting at Concord.

Death.
Mrs. Mary H. Le Clair, wife of William Le Clair, died Friday, February 11, after an illness of ten days, with pneumonia, aged 72 years, 1 month.

Mrs. Le Clair resided in Mason, but had spent the winter in town with her little granddaughter, Helen, who attended school here. A husband, three daughters, Mrs. Winnimma McHenry of Carmel, Ill.; Mrs. Hattie Caruth of Longwood, Fla.; Mrs. Christina Garley of Mason; two sons, Frank of Houston, Texas, and Joseph of Washington, D. C., a granddaughter, Helen Le Clair, and a grandson, Norman Caruth, mourns her loss. She was a member of Brookline grange. A woman possessed of many excellent qualities and respected by her many friends.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, February 16, Rev. Warren L. Noyes officiating. Burial was in the family lot at Reading, Mass., Thursday morning. Mrs. McHenry of Carmel, Ill., and Joseph LeClair of Washington, D. C., were in attendance.

Little Miss Helen Le Clair will return to Carmel, Ill., with her aunt, Mrs. McHenry, where she will make her home.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Helen Worcester, who has been on the sick list the past three weeks, is improving in health.

Rev. C. H. Davis is improved in health and preached last Sabbath. His throat is by no means well yet. He was assisted in the opening service of the morning by F. A. Lovejoy, and at the evening service by Andrew Jewett.

Forty members of Hollis society of Christian Endeavor visited the society of the First church, Nashua, by invitation on Monday evening. They had a royal good time.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. A. R. Wilson on Tuesday afternoon.

George W. Hardy, Willis C. Hardy, Charles F. Hayden, William B. Simonds and William E. Lund, went to Nashua, February 5, to take examination under the civil service rules for census enumerator.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Rev. Alexander Sloan of Enfield preached an excellent sermon on "Why this waste of love?" or "The mission of love," at the Congregational church last Sunday. In the evening he gave a very instructive talk on the beauty and uses of the snow.

Miss Beulah Sandford, a former teacher at the Center, was an over-Sunday guest of Miss Elizabeth Thacher's.

G. Frank Hibbard has severed his connections with the firm of Thacher & Ireland. He began his new duties as clerk in a Winchester grocery store last week Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard hope soon to begin housekeeping at a convenient distance from his place of business.

H. J. Harwood consulted a specialist in Boston on Monday who gave some encouragement regarding the return of his hearing. At present Mr. Harwood is unable to hear anything. As soon as his physical condition will warrant it he will undergo an operation for deafness with the hope of at least partial restoration.

Miss Emily Harwood is recovering from measles. Roger Priest has also been shut in with the prevailing disease. The families of Charles Smith and Everett Kimball have made further reception of mumps impossible in their homes.

The Forget-not-Circle of King's Daughters will hold their annual Easter sale, March 19.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Tuttle of Tahattawan road have gone to Florida for the rest of the winter.

The lower town hall is looking very attractive in its fresh coat of white-wash and paint. The selectmen's room is the next to receive improvements.

Frank B. Priest returned last week Friday from his long Maine trip.

Mrs. E. A. Cox is ill with head trouble at friends in Malden.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Houghton expect to leave town February 24 for Gloucester City, N. J., where they will spend a week with their daughter, Mrs. Carl Austin Dodge.

Miss Bartlett was the week-end and over-Sunday guest of Miss Helen Cushman in Waltham.

March 3 is the date selected for a novel entertainment of the Backlog club in charge of the Westend committee, Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, chairman.

The grade schools were closed last week Friday night for a vacation of two weeks on account of the prevailing epidemic.

Mrs. P. M. Harwood, who has been sick for several weeks, is reported convalescent.

Mrs. Samuel Reed remains much the same as last reported. She has been cared for by her daughters and is now in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Reed.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson has been threatened with pneumonia and nursed by her daughter, Miss Gertrude, who is also assuming the household responsibilities.

Mrs. Mary J. Priest was a recent visitor at her son Herbert's in Groton.

The Littleton Historical society will meet in the library Tuesday afternoon, February 22, Washington's birthday, at two o'clock. Joseph A. Harwood will read a paper on "Wielif, as a writer and preacher." All are invited.

Mrs. Edwards was the guest of Mrs. Mary S. Thacher, and also the week-end and over-Sunday guest of her cousin, Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson.

Miss Fannie A. Sanderson has been in Hartford the last three days.

A recent issue of the Courier-Citizen contains a valuable article on the care of orchards by Fred O. Styles of Littleton Common, one of the most successful orchardists in the county, a man who cares for 1500 trees, and attributes his success to proper pruning, cleaning, cultivation, fertilization and spraying, duties that require attention throughout the year. He promises another article on fruit-picking, packing and exporting, together with conditions as he found them in Europe during a recent visit to that country.

E. J. Wilcox hasn't forgotten that he was once young, and has proved it by taking a sled load of lads and lassies on a ride that proved the time of their lives. Last week he carried the middle-aged and next week we shall expect to see him out with the ancients and honorables.

It is whispered that a new enterprise at the Common is about to develop from its embryonic state. For further particulars we must patiently await the growth of roots and cotyledons.

Death.

Mrs. James Nixon received a telegram early in the week bearing the sad news of her nephew, William Henry Robbins' death in Los Angeles, Cal., Monday, February 14. The message came as a great shock to his relatives, who supposed that the young man was in his usual health.

It is probable that death was due to accident, as Mr. Robbins was following the carpenter's trade and may have been at work in a perilous position. His people await further information with much interest and anxiety.

The body is expected soon and will be taken to Mr. Nixon's home for funeral services. The deceased was the son of William B. Robbins of Ayer, and grandson of Edward F. Robbins, who lived in Littleton.

When a young boy, Henry Robbins came to Littleton to live with Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, and remained with them sixteen years. At the end of that time, a year ago last December, his ambition led him to the Pacific coast, where he hoped, like many an eastern boy, to improve his business prospects. Frequent letters brought convincing testimony of his love for his people and his eastern home, and his intention to return to the Nixon farm very soon.

Mr. Robbins was a young man of excellent principles. Thrifty, industrious, honest, clean, of even disposition, devoted to the interests of his employer, he had not long to seek for a position, but was rather sought and besought by those who search out the few faithful, efficient and trustworthy men.

L. W. C.
The Womans' club was most delightfully entertained and instructed by Mrs. Carrie Gilman Edwards of Springfield, who gave a lecture recital on "The therapeutic influence of music." In the lecture she gave most interesting and remarkable instances of the power of music over the human mind and body as recorded by physicians and nurses. Her several points were copiously illustrated by most skillfully executed selections on the piano, of which instrument she is complete master. By her charming personality, her burning interest in and the presentation of the subject, and her consummate skill as pianist, she kindled enthusiasm in every member of her audience, who applauded her to the echo.

Following the lecture recital Mrs. Edwards received the congratulations of her many friends and a pleasant social with appetizing dainties in charge of Mrs. Ada Webber and Mrs. Ellen M. Hartwell completed on of the most enjoyed afternoons in the club calendar.

There were present at the meeting about twenty-five non-members.

Dr. Horace Fletcher, who is in Pittsburg for a course of lectures before women's clubs, is watching the progress of the meat boycott with keen interest. Commenting on the increased cost of living, the doctor philosophizes the passing away of meat as a common article of diet.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of **ALFRED S. HULLSON**, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased, testate.
Whereas, **MARY B. NUTTING**, the administratrix with the will annexed of said deceased, has presented for allowance the second account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the ninth day of March, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administratrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons 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 February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
322 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.
Middlesex, ss.
Ayer, Mass., Feb. 12, A. D. 1910.

Taken on execution and will be sold at public auction at my office on East Main Street, in said Ayer, on Saturday, March Nineteenth, 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest, not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution, that Arthur W. Shattuck of Groton, in said County, had on the twentieth day of December, A. D. 1909, at eight o'clock in the forenoon (that being the time the same was specially attached as the property of the said Arthur W. Shattuck) in and to the following described real estate:

A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in the Easterly part of Groton, in said County, containing about one hundred (100) acres, bounded Westerly by land now or formerly of S. A. Shattuck; Northwesterly by land formerly of Albert Parker; Easterly by land now or formerly of Rufus Williams, land formerly of Elbridge Hartwell, the highway leading to the house formerly occupied by Rufus Williams, and land now or formerly of Nathaniel Duncan; Southerly by Baddacook Pond and land now or formerly of Noah Shattuck, beg the premises conveyed by deed of William E. Wheeler to Susie H. Shattuck, dated June 2, 1909, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, in book 3446, page 376.

A. A. FILLERBROWN,
Deputy Sheriff.

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 **GEORGE W. CANNERY**, late of Groton, 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 **GEORGE W. CANNERY**, of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, 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 eighth day of March, A. D. 1910, 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
1123 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Glassware and Hardware.

On occasions of impending danger people sometimes do what seems to them most absurd at other moments. When the steamship America, which carried one of the Ziegler exploring expeditions to Franz Josef Land in 1903, was being crushed by ice the following winter it became necessary to abandon the ship in haste. Orders were given to unload upon the ice everything that would be of use in the long winter yet before the men. The work must be done with dispatch.

While the crew was passing the bags over the side of the ship the cook, who was of an excitable nature, suddenly appeared at the rail with a large bag, which he heaved over with all his strength. It struck the ice below with a resounding crash, causing one of the sailors to exclaim:

"Hello, cook, what was that?"
"Oh, that is all right," he answered. "It was lump chimneys and flatirons."

But it was hardly all right, for during the winter they were obliged to cut the bottoms out of pickle bottles and use them in place of chimneys that had been broken.

Doubtless True.
A teacher in a Birmingham school was endeavoring to explain the term "booming" as applied to our railway system, says London Tit-Bits.

"Now," he was saying, "can any of you tell me the name of the office at which railway tickets are sold?"
"The booking office," replied one of the lads.

"Right," responded the teacher. At this moment his eye fell on a small boy at the end of the class who was evidently paying very little attention to what was said.

"Did you hear that, Spry?" he demanded.
"Wot, sir?" asked that youth innocently.

"As I thought, you were not listening. We will suppose your father decided to have a day's holiday and visit the seaside. What would he have to do before he could take his seat in the train?"

"Without a moment's thought the youngster electrified his teacher by replying:
"Pawn his tools!"

Odd French English.
A correspondent has been studying English pronunciation in a French dictionary (Pierre Larousse, 1890) and picks out a few examples to show how much effort is necessary for a Frenchman to acquire a true articulation of English. They are all taken from a surprisingly long list of English phrases current in France. "Broken down" (as applied to a race horse) is "bro-k'n-daoun." "Dead heat" is rendered as "did-hith," which is ingenious, but hardly correct. "At-half" is not a bad attempt for "high life," although the aspirate is missing. "Self government" looks an even more imposing political ideal as "self gheuvamment," and the word "shocking" is quite applicable when rendered "shok-ino-que." The opening words of Hamlet's famous soliloquy have a decidedly foreign look. "To be or not to be, that is thil kouess-teheunn."—Manchester Guardian.

Alluring Surroundings.
A young man who had just gone to Philadelphia to take employment in a business house was casting about for a suitable room for himself in Germantown when he chanced upon one in a fine house overlooking a cemetery.

He was a little doubtful about the terms and more than doubtful about the cemetery.

"Your rate is pretty high," he murmured hesitatingly to the landlady.
"But consider the cheerful view, sir," ventured the mistress of the house.

"Cheerful view!" exclaimed that applicant for lodgings. "Is that what you call a view that embraces a graveyard?"

"Why, certainly," was the response. "Just think how comfortin' and cheerin' it will be when you look out of your window and think you're not there!"—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Arsenic.
Arsenic is mined in Japan, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Germany, England and within a limited area, in the United States. Its uses are many. As a poison it has been known from very early times. The peasant women of Austria consume large quantities of it, having faith in its virtues as a beautifier, and the men of the same region are addicted to its use in the mistaken belief that it increases their bodily strength and endurance.

Noblesse Oblige.
"What are you staring at, Nellie?"
"Oh, please, ma'am, with your hair like that and your diamonds you do look so like Lady Plantagenet Gingham that I was awn maid to! Are you any relation, ma'am?"
"No—at least no near relation. But you can have that pink silk waist of mine, Nellie!"—Life.

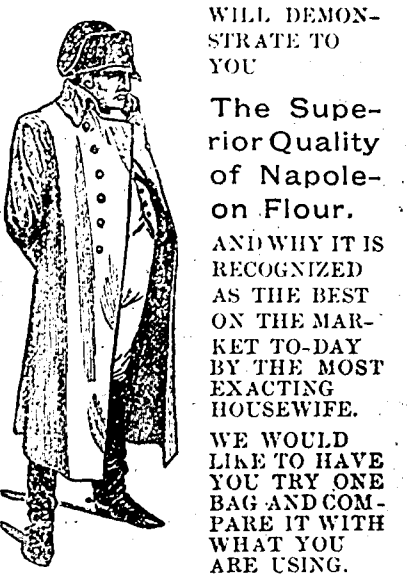
An Effort to Console.
"Yes," said Mrs. Flummerton, "my ancestors were among the country's first settlers."
"Well," answered Mrs. Cumrox consolingly, "the social and educational facilities in those days must have been rather crude, but I don't believe in heredity."—Washington Star.

Foolish Question.
"Some one stole every blessed stocking off our line."
"What are blessed stockings?"
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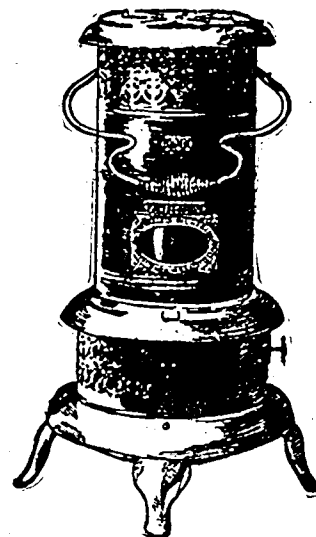
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How to Treat a Scalp When the Weather is Cold.

If women would remember that cold weather dries the hair and makes it unmanageable they might be able to treat the scalp so the tresses would be healthy and could be coiled into pretty coiffures. Water sometimes does more harm than good by increasing the stiffness of the hair as the liquid dries out. As a matter of fact, when each hair seems possessed to stand on end only brushing and the application of some mixture that contains oil is effective. Oils, besides neutralizing the condition of dryness and making the hair easier to handle, have the added virtue of tonic properties and if massaged into the scalp the benefit after some weeks is pronounced.

A tonic of this kind that has been used for several generations by one family is made from sixteen ounces of pure castor oil and two ounces of castor oil. Far from being greasy or unpleasant, this mixture is easily put on and has an agreeable odor. Containing less oil, but stronger in tonic properties, is a combination of four ounces of castor oil, half an ounce of tincture of cantharides, a quarter of a dram each of oils of lavender and rosemary. The best way of applying either of these is to make many parts close together on the scalp and rub the liquid into each, using either the finger tips or a small brush.

If the hair is extremely dry the application may be used every day, but in many cases every other day is sufficient. Too much of the tonic will make the hair heavy with grease and altogether unmanageable.

When the hair is falling and is dry and hard in texture a stimulating mixture to use may be made from one and one-half ounces of coccoanut oil, two and a quarter drams of tincture of nuxvomica, one ounce of bay rum and twenty drops of oil of bergamot. This tonic should be thoroughly rubbed with the finger tips into divisions made along the scalp. To apply it every other night is sufficient, and on alternate nights there may be used another formula composed of one dram of alcoholic tincture of cantharides, half a dram of tincture of capsicum, two drams of tincture of nuxvomica, three-quarters of an ounce of cocoa oil and two and one-half ounces of castor oil.

Nothing will so quickly cause the hair to turn gray as an absence of nourishing oils, and it is for this reason that tonics containing such ingredients are invaluable. When there is a decided tendency to whiteness a formula that has been found useful, if massaged nightly into the head, is one dram each of terebene, borax and sulphur and six ounces of lavender water.

STORAGE OF APPLES.

How to Keep Them in Good Condition in an Apple Cellar.

An apple cellar should be the tidiest and sweetest corner of the house. Nothing else should ever be stored in it. Its walls should be at least twenty inches thick, and it should have abundant light. All summer it should be open to drafts of air and kept free of any decay.

There should be no moldy boards or any smell of mildew. In other words, the air should be fit to breathe. When the apples are stored the drafts should be stopped, and when steady cold sets in you should shut the cellar tight and let it stay tightly closed until May.

You can place such a cellar as this conveniently under part of your barn or under your carriage house, only there should be no stable adjacent. The floor overhead should be covered with autumn leaves spread thickly to prevent any change of atmosphere below. The thermometer all winter should stand at about 33, just above freezing. Put your apples in shallow bins, cement the floor to keep out rats, and if barrels are used set them up somewhat from the floor.—Outing Magazine.

How to Manage a Life Preserver.

"The worst trouble about a life preserver," said an old sailor, "is that few people know what to do with one when it's thrown to them. Many a man would drown in trying to get a life preserver over his head. The average person struggling about in the water would try to lift up the big life ring and put it over his head. That only causes the man to sink deeper and take more water into his lungs. The proper way to approach a life preserver in the water is to take hold of the side nearest you and press upon it with all your weight. That causes the farther side to fly up in the air and down over your head, 'ringing' you as neatly as a man ringing a cane at a country fair. After that mister drowning man can be rescued."

How to Save in Cutting Goods.

When you wish to know the exact amount of material required for a garment procure sample and width of material from the clerk, then use newspapers the exact width of material; if single width, place pattern on paper, being sure to remember which is up and down of the goods. Use enough newspaper for whole garment and then measure exact amount required is a good plan when expensive material is to be used.

How to Wash a Red Broadcloth Coat.

For washing a red broadcloth coat get 10 cents' worth of soap tree bark. Steep in two quarts of water on back of stove for about an hour. Strain into tub, put enough warm water in to wash the coat, let stand for a little while to soak the dirt out, then wash and rinse well. Hang out wet on coat hanger so it won't shrink and button up to keep in shape.

Just Like a Woman.

A Boston physician was describing a week's drive that he took last fall through some of the most picturesque districts of New England.

"I saw much that was memorable and heard much that was worth remembering on this quiet, bucolic excursion.

"I remember an elderly justice of the peace in a beautiful New Hampshire village near Lake Sunapee. I stayed there all night with this fine, keen old man. He amused me and impressed me with his mordant humor. "During the evening the question of the unreasonableness of womankind came up for discussion. 'Ah,' said the old justice, 'woman is unreasonable, very unreasonable indeed. In fact, there is no living creature so unreasonable as woman. I remember that my wife and I were talking over our affairs one day, and we agreed that it had come to the point where we must both economize.

"'Yes, my dear,' I said to my wife, 'we must both economize—both!'" "Very well, Henry," she said with a tired air of submission to an unpleasant condition, 'you have yourself, and I'll cut your hair.'"—Boston Post.

Hymnological Ineptitude.

The story of a minister who held a religious meeting in a penitentiary and aroused the ire of the inmates by announcing as a hymn that one beginning "The dying thief rejoiced to see" is equaled by the tale of a local preacher whose church got in debt not long ago. A congregational meeting was held for the purpose of extricating it, and the chairman of the board of deacons, or whatever the financial body was, got up and stated the situation and ended by calling for a special collection to make up the deficit.

"I suggest that we sing a hymn," one of the members of the church suggested. This idea was carried out, and the number of the song was announced. A smile overspread many faces, however, when they reached the line, "When we asunder part it gives us inward pain." Nevertheless the "sundering" process was most successful and wasn't particularly painful either.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Tailed Englishmen.

Natives of southern Arabia believe that Christians wear hats only to hide their horns. Formerly the continent of Europe clung to the conviction that the Englishman's nether garments concealed a tail. So late as the reign of Edward VI., according to Bale, an Englishman cannot travel in another land by way of merchandise or any other honest occupation, but it is most contemptuously thrown into his teeth that all Englishmen have tails." The belief probably arose from the legend of the "Kentish Longtails." The people of either Canterbury or Strood (for the legend varies) mocked at Becket as he rode by on an ass and cut off the ass' tail. Wherefore they and their descendants were cursed with tails thenceforth. At least so said jesters of other countries, and the slander eventually reacted upon England in general. Another version substitutes St. Augustine and Dorsetshire.

Cold as a Cure.

Cold of a certain intensity produces not only hunger, but, as it has been proved, health as well. Raoul Pictet, the famous Swiss chemist, was making experiments on a degree of cold considerably lower than any which occurs naturally, and he found that at temperatures between 110 and 150 below zero no covering of any kind would keep cold out, or, more exactly, would keep warmth in. There is nothing surprising about that. The surprise is in the result. M. Pictet is a gentleman who has suffered greatly from indigestion. After an exposure of several minutes to the cold which he had produced he experienced a sensation of hunger which he has described as ravenous. When he had eaten he experienced none of the tortures of his ailment, and when he had alternately frozen and eaten three or four times he found himself entirely cured.—London Telegraph.

The Gallant Cabman.

Nothing perhaps produces quite so much wit from a cabman as a sense of being underpaid, which in most cases means that he has been justly paid. A lady who had been guilty of this kind of justice experienced the usual sense of discomfort when her driver straightened the palm into which she had just dropped her shilling and looked at her speechlessly. She was weakly about to add another sixpence when the cabby's sense of humor prevailed. He transferred the shilling to his pocket and smiled sweetly down at his embarrassed fare. "Course, missy," he remarked, "there was the pleasure o' drivin' you!"—London Chronicle.

Arundel Castle.

The most singular circumstance about Arundel castle is that its owner, by mere right of ownership, is Earl of Arundel in the peerage of England. It is believed that there is no similar example of a peerage held on such conditions. Apparently there would be no legal obstacle, were the house of Howard to fall upon evil days and the castle be sold to some millionaire, to prevent the millionaire taking his seat in the house of lords as Earl of Arundel.—London Standard.

A Reflection on Him.

"Quarreled on their wedding day? Dreadful! And what about?" "The bride's girl friends cried too vociferously to suit the bridegroom."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

To be vain of one's rank or place is to show that one is below it.—Stanislaus.

Simply a Man Hunt.

"I declare!" shouted a bellboy in one of the big downtown hotels as he dashed into the lobby.

"I declare!" he shrieked again, or at least it sounded like that.

An irascible old gentleman whose cardrums were jarred by the shrill screech wheeled about and glared at the boy.

"I declare!" he piped louder than before.

"Well, what's the answer?" demanded the old man gruffly.

"I declare!" came the shrill reply.

"Oh, you do, eh?" snorted the old fellow. "Well, why the deuce don't you?"

The bellboy cast a withering glance at him, gazed searchingly about the room and emitted a shrill "Declare!"

"Say," exclaimed the old chap, coloring the boy, "what the dickens is wrong with you, anyway? Are you going crazy?"

"Now, I ain't goin' crazy," replied the brass buttoned one. "I got a telegram fer 'em; that's all. Aw, look fer yourself!" exclaimed the boy disgustedly as he showed the yellow envelope under the old fellow's nose. It was addressed "I. D. Clair."

"Well, I declare!" gasped the old man weakly as he sank into his seat.—Pittsburg Gazette.

Show Windows in Austria.

The Austrian shopkeeper takes great pride in having his window dressed in an attractive manner and the glass perfectly clean at all times, no matter how small the shop or how small the city. Frequently the greater part of the stock of merchandise is displayed in the windows of the smaller shops. It is much less difficult to make attractive displays than in American stores, as windows open outward on hinges. Even heavy plate glass windows ten to fifteen feet square are so arranged and dressed from the street instead of from the inside, as in America. The large windows are usually arranged in the morning before many pedestrians are on the street. The wall space between shops is frequently rented by owners of adjoining stores and arranged to appear like windows, giving the appearance of being a large shop. When one wishes to examine an article displayed in a window the proprietor or clerk goes to the street with a key, unlocks the window and takes out the article, then locks his window again.

The Only Difference.

Clorinda was as black as night and of heroic proportions, but in every possible way she copied her slender young mistress, for whom she had a great admiration. "I like to look jes' as much like you as I can," she often said, "'cause you looks jes' like a lady orter look, M's' Hend'son."

Clorinda intrusted all her shopping to Mrs. Henderson and scorned the bright colors and pronounced styles affected by her own friends. One day she asked her mistress to buy her a pair of low shoes. As she made the request she glanced with admiration at the slim little foot showing beneath the edge of a dainty skirt.

"An' I want 'em jes' exactly like yours, M's' Hend'son," said Clorinda. "no diff'rence 'cep'tin' dey's gotter be wide nines, so maybe de buckle might 'pear better if 'twas a teenty mite larger'n yours."—Youth's Companion.

Father's Method.

During a recent slight illness the five-year-old Teddy, usually so amiable, flatly and obstinately refused to take his medicine. After a somewhat prolonged and ineffectual argument with him his mother at last set the glass of medicine down, leaned her head on her hands and "played" that she was crying. A moment passed, and the tender hearted Teddy, unable longer to bear the sight of his mother's stricken attitude, inquired, "What's the matter, mother, dear?" Without removing her hands from her eyes she replied, "I'm grieved that my son won't take his castor oil for me." Whereupon Teddy sat up in bed and offered consolingly: "Oh, I wouldn't feel bad if I were you, mother, dear. Father will be home soon, and he'll make me take it."—Delineator.

Bunching the Hits.

A legal journal tells a story of an Illinois attorney who argued to the court one after another a series of very weak points, none of which seemed to the court to have any merit until the court finally said, "Mr. —, do you think there is anything in these points?" To which the attorney replied, "Well, judge, perhaps there isn't much in any one of them alone, but I didn't know but your honor would kind of bunch them."

Had Authority.

A case was being tried before the late Lord Young. "Crabbe versus Crabbe."

"I may explain, my lud," said the advocate, "that my client Crabbe is a nephew of our opponent Crabbe, but a few years ago he dropped the 'I' in his name for the sake of euphony."

"Ah," replied Lord Young, "he has Biblical authority for that.—If thy 'I' offend thee, pluck it out."—Westminster Gazette.

Different Now.

"They say his wife was the inspiration of some of his best plays."

"Yes; he produced them before he was married."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Significant.

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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 JOHN H. KIMBALL and CHARLES A. KIMBALL, of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on their bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioners are 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.

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

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A MENIAL DIPLOMAT

By NATHAN HARDY.
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One morning about the middle of the last century a French fleet had been disabled in a storm off Sokotra and put into Aden, a British port, for repairs. Now the British lion has always been used to prowling about looking for a bone with plenty of marrow in it, and if he observes another animal going in an unexplained direction he immediately scents a feast. In other words, Englishmen have occupied every desirable vacant point on the face of the earth.

Naturally the governor at Aden saw so formidable a fleet he wondered what was its object. He asked the French admiral, and the admiral averred that the ships were making an ordinary cruise, but the Britisher knew very well that vessels in those days did not make ordinary cruises in fleets, and his curiosity was sharpened by the evasive reply. Believing that some move of importance politically was on foot, he gave orders that the repairs on the vessels should be dragged along as far as possible and in order to avert any suspicion as to the cause of the delay that might arise in the minds of the French officers arranged for a series of functions for their entertainment.

For a couple of weeks the French and British officers fraternized while the work on the vessels was pursued with a pretense of activity, but with little accomplished. During this period the Britishers made every effort to learn the Frenchmen's secret. The French are not a secretive people, but for once the mouths of the French officers on the subject of their intentions were shut like clam shells.

And so long as men alone had the matter in hand the secret might have been kept forever. Wheeling information is a province especially belonging to women. The governor, despairing of inducing the Frenchmen to speak, asked his wife to help him. He was met by the simple reply, "Why didn't you ask me before?"

"Katie!" she called.
A trim serving maid whose pink and white complexion denoted that she hailed from Ireland came into the room.

"Katie," said her mistress, "what are your intentions with reference to that young French sailor who is attentive to you?"

"Please, m'm. It's only sparkin'."
"Do you love him better than your government?"

"O! don't love him at all, m'm. Leastways it's only French love betune us, and that's no love at all, at all."

"His excellency is anxious, Katie, to learn to what point the French fleet will sail after leaving Aden. Do you think you could find out from the sailor?"

"O! I'll try, m'm."
"Well, try, and if you succeed I'll have something handsome for you."

In a day or two the French sailor, who was a petty officer on board one of the French ships, came to see Katie. During his visits he had been used to taking an occasional kiss. This time he was refused.

"D'ye think," said Katie, "that O'll be givin' ye kisses and ye goin' away to Maddygascar or some other haythen place and never see me again?"

"I not go so far as zat," the Frenchman protested.
"How far ye goin', then?"

"Oh, we go west."
"To France?"

"Non."
"To Ameriky?"

"Non. I don't know."
"Then ye'll get no kiss."
"Why you wish to know?"

"O! don't let a fella kiss me an' thim go to the other side of the world."
The banter was kept up for some time. Katie's red lips being very near those of the Frenchman. At last, hungry for the kiss, he gave up the secret. As soon as he had gone Katie sought her mistress. The governor was present.

"He towd me, m'm."
"Where do they go?" asked the governor eagerly.
"It's a place called Parim."
"Parim?"

"Yis, sor; Parim."
"You mean Perim."
"Yis, sor; Parim."
The governor opened his eyes. De Lesseps had just completed his arrangements for building the Suez canal, and when it was finished Perim island would be of great importance as commanding the southern entrance to the Red sea, a part of the waterway connecting two hemispheres. It was, of course, the intention of the French admiral to occupy it and hoist on it the tricolor of France.

Secretly giving orders for a gunboat to immediately sail with a detachment of British soldiers under cover of the night and occupy the island, the governor invited the French officers (who were about to sail) to a farewell banquet and ball for the day but one following. The admiral was loath to delay sailing, but could not well decline, having placed himself under obligations in the matter of repairs for his fleet. The dinner came off, and while the Frenchmen were eating it the governor had news that Perim had been occupied by British soldiers.

When the French admiral reached his point of destination and saw the British flag flying there he knew that his secret had escaped. But he never knew that it had been revealed by one of his petty officers to an Irish girl of no higher degree than the maid of the governor's wife.

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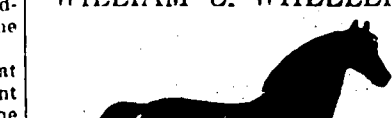
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A CLEVER TRICK.

Children Take Hot Bottles to Bed Dressed as Dolls.
It probably didn't occur to a certain minister's wife who lives in a badly heated rectory when she amused her babies by dressing the hot water bottle up like a doll that she was doing something that would please a great many babies besides her own. Even on chilly nights the youngsters seemed to prefer to take their dolls to bed with them rather than the very interesting looking hot water bags that their mother wanted them to cuddle. This put a bright idea into their mother's head, and she said to herself, "Why not pretend that the hot water bottle is a doll, and now off we go into



THE DRESSED UP BOTTLE.

the Land of Nod with a warm little playmate to take the chill off the sheets on a cool night?"

So quite to please and entertain her own youngsters she evolved a good night dollie, all in a warm little elder-down hood and gown, which concealed an ordinary hot water bottle. But the idea pleased so many other mothers that now it is being copied all over the country.

For the small boy who had never had the overweening love for dollie that his sister had enjoyed this clever mother devised a white bunny with pink ears and nose and pink eyes which were two little pink buttons.

For little babies who play on the floor, which may be chilly, these dolls are just the thing.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

Mrs. Lucy O. Perkins, now an expert guide at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, has been on the regular staff of the museum for several years.

There is one woman student at the Missouri School of Mines, Miss Eva Hirdler of St. Louis. Miss Hirdler, who is in the junior class, is working for the degree of mining engineer.

England has a mounted ambulance corps of women. The first six months of the course are devoted to first aid and nursing. After that attention is paid to shooting and riding. The corps is increasing in numbers.

Mrs. Philip N. Moore, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, says that during her recent visit to the Isthmus she found eighteen clubs in the canal zone doing work which compares most favorably with that of clubs in the United States.

The bureau of education in Manila has established a training school for nurses. Miss Malvina M. McKeever of Roxbury, Mass., who served as a nurse in the Spanish war and later a matron in the civil hospital at Manila, is to have charge of the new undertaking. The students will be Filipino girls.

Miss Lizzie L. Johnson of Casey, Ill., during the twenty-seven years that she was confined to her room by illness is said to have raised \$17,000 by making and selling bookmarks. Besides giving a large amount to foreign missions, Miss Johnson assists several native Christian workers in the orient. She is said to have carried on the large correspondence connected with her work without assistance.

Miss Ruhama Skidmore, who has been re-elected foreign secretary of the United States Geographical society, has held office for twenty years. She represented the society at the international congress held in London in 1897. Miss Skidmore is keenly interested in all geographical questions, and she is an authority on books on arctic exploration. Her mother is prominent in the American colony in Yokohama.

When "Mammy" Was Stylish.
The daughter of a former famous southern general who married a wealthy New Englander and came north to live has in her home the old negro mammy who "nursed" her in her young days. Mammy is large and slow moving, as one pictures all good mammys ought to be. Her proportions are ample and comfortable, as the two little children now in this home well know. Recently the southern mother was making preparations to go with the two little children and mammy to visit some of the "in-laws." She decided to dress mammy up, so she bought her a "straight front" corset, laced up shoes, a fine black dress, filly apron and cap. Mammy's misery was so complete that bending over and stooping were impossible. "Miss Lella," she moaned, "strop me up so tight and make me so stylish I couldn't do a thing. Miss Lella she had to wash and dress dem chilluns all de time we was dar, and all I done was jes' walk around and look proud."

CARPET AND RUG TREATMENT.

How They Can Be Cleaned and Made to Last Longer.
To spoil a carpet sweep it with a stiff, half worn broom, but to save a carpet dip your broom in clean, hot suds once a week, then shake it out and hang it up to dry.
Rugs should be beaten on the wrong side, then swept on the right side. Spots may be removed by the use of ox gall or ammonia and water, using a sponge or flannel. Slightly moistened bran is equally as good as salt in brightening rugs and carpets.
Vinegar will remove lime spots. Soot from an open chimney or the careless handling of stovepipes can be removed by covering thickly with salt, and this afterward can be brushed up quickly without injury to the carpets. Spirits of ammonia diluted with water, if applied with sponge or flannel to discolored spots, will often restore the color.
Remove ink stains with milk, and after soaking up all that seems possible either sprinkle thickly with salt or wash with a pure white soap, a clean brush and warm water.
For grease spots use powdered magnesia, fuller's earth or buckwheat flour. Sprinkle on spots and let it lie until grease is absorbed. Renew the flour or other absorbent material as often as necessary.
When carpet moths are discovered, after removing all artificial lights in the room saturate the cracks in the floor with benzine. Wash upper edge of the carpet with a solution containing sixty parts of poison to one part of alcohol. Be extremely careful about using this if there are children about.
For ingrained or three ply carpets writing a cloth out of hot water and lay it over the edges or binding and iron with an iron as hot as can be without scorching. This destroys the moth as well as the eggs. Wilton and the heavier carpets must be steamed on the underside.
A good solution to use in wiping up the floor before putting down the rugs or carpets is as follows: A quarter of a pound of red pepper steeped in a gallon of water, to which are added two drams of strychnia powder.

TREATING RHEUMATISM.

How to Secure Relief From a Very Painful Ailment.

To cure rheumatism it is necessary to rid the system of the excess of uric acid, and to do this a proper diet is even more important than the use of drugs, though in very severe cases the latter are not to be despised in conjunction with the dieting that is absolutely essential.

The Massachusetts General hospital of Boston allows the following diet for its rheumatic patients: Graham or brown bread, white bread (limited to one-half slice daily), corn, granum, rice, milk, eggs, flour, puddings, crackers, beans, peas, all kinds of vegetables except potatoes, tomatoes and asparagus, rhubarb, fresh fish, butter, cheese, buttermilk, cream, alkaline waters and toast. Avoid red meats, starch or potatoes, white bread and sugars.

The sensible use of water, both internally and externally, plays a large part in the prevention or cure of rheumatism. One or two glasses, either hot or cold, taken before breakfast every morning is excellent to start the organs of digestion for the day, and at least one glass should be taken between meals. Often the plain water will be enough to move a slightly constipated person, but if not a mild medicated water may be taken instead. It is very essential to keep the bowels open in cases of rheumatism.

Uric acid in the system is a poison, and it must not be forgotten that poisonous waste matter is also eliminated through the skin. The pores of the skin must be kept freely open and not allowed to become clogged if we hope to obtain the best results with rheumatic cases. A hot bath at bedtime is often very helpful.—Delineator.

How to Sew Lace to a Centerpiece.

A new way to put lace on a round centerpiece is to turn the material up on the right side. Just the thinnest edge is turned, and it may be necessary to slit it occasionally to make it lie flat. The thread of the lace is drawn for a gathering and the lace put around the centerpiece on top of the turned back edge. It must be held just full enough to lie flat, but not to ruffle. After the lace is basted on it may either be sewed firmly by machine or hand. Then outline the inner edge with a heavy cable stitch, using a twisted long thread cotton. This makes a smart finish and is much quicker than the usual buttonholed edge with lace sewed underneath.

How to Mend China.

The most successful way to mend broken china is the following formula: Powder a small quantity of lime and take the white of one egg and mix together to a paste. Apply this quickly to the china to be mended, place the broken pieces together firmly, and they will become set and strong. It is unusual when china breaks in the same place again after being mended with this paste.

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North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5:15, 6:00, 6:00, 6:05 p. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:33 p. m. Sundays—7:33, 8:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10:33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—6:15 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. then 11:48 p. m. Sundays—8:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m.

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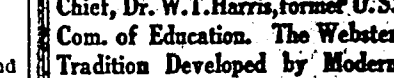
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PEPPERELL.

East.

The Babbidge Guild will hold its Sunday evening meetings regularly in the church vestry at seven o'clock, unless otherwise announced. Next Sunday evening the meeting will be led by Chester Shattuck; topic, "Patriotic Pepperell." Members are requested to give selections relating to Washington, Colonel Prescott, or other patriots.

The eighth grade scholars having studied Mexico, Rev. D. R. Child spoke to them on Monday by invitation, giving incidents of a recent trip to Central Mexico and Yucatan. It was not only very interesting, but an unexpected treat for the children, who expressed their pleasure by a vote of thanks to Mr. Child.

The members of Mrs. Rowell's Sunday school class met with her for a pleasant social evening on Friday of last week. A circle, to be called the "Whatsoevers," was organized, the members being Misses Margaret Burns, Susie Andrews, Ruth Wilson, Bertha Rice, Elsie Northrup, Mildred Shattuck, Bessie Farley, Elzaira Burns, Ruth Palmer, Mabel O'Neal, Doris Hartwell, Florence True and Gladys Shattuck. As the name indicates, the work and aim of the circle will be "Whatsoevers" of kindness or good works that may come to them from time to time.

Mrs. J. J. Rowell has been quite ill for the past two weeks and confined to her home with a cold and neuralgia.

Mrs. J. B. Davis of Webster visited at the home of her father, J. J. Rowell, this week, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bartz have moved into the Dunton house, Railroad street.

The Pepperell District Nurse association will hold a meeting Monday evening, February 21, at eight o'clock at the home of Edward L. Tarbell.

The republican town committee met recently and elected Arthur E. Bannon a member, to fill a vacancy caused by the retirement of John O. Bennett.

In our issue of January 29, appears the following: "The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Chapman has been named Rachel for their aunt, Mrs. Daniel E. Lawrence. This should have read that the child was named by its grandfather, John Pierce, after his sister, the late Rachel Pierce."

The Study class of the Alliance branch of First Parish will meet with Mrs. Bartlett, East Pepperell, Friday afternoon, February 25, at half past two o'clock. Mrs. N. S. Shattuck will preside and read the hymns by Rev. Jones Very, of whom Mrs. L. P. Blood will give an account. Current events by Mrs. Child.

Last week's paper stated that Mrs. F. G. Nutting had resigned her position in the office of J. J. Rowell. This is an error, as Mrs. Nutting is employed there at the present time.

Miss Margaret Anderson has been quite ill at Holyoke seminary. At first diphtheria was feared, but it proved to be an abscess.

Winifred Boynton was home over Sunday, returning to his studies at Worcester Polytechnic, Monday. It is a well-known fact that the courses at this institution are exceptionally difficult, but it is understood Mr. Boynton is proving himself capable of winning as well as deserving success.

Mrs. Allen McElhinney has been very ill with the gripe.

Mrs. Mention has been caring for Mrs. B. A. Keith the past two weeks, who is ill with rheumatism and gripe.

Earl Mention was in town with friends Sunday, returning to his work in Fitchburg that night.

Mrs. Ellen La Boer is ill at her home on South street.

Henry W. Shattuck has several teams and nine men at work lumbering in the woods near East Groton.

Miss Annie F. Nutter of Winchester was a guest at Miss F. J. Bowers, Wednesday and Thursday.

Herbert G. Way is busy varnishing the fixtures and renumbering the drawers in the Mansfield pharmacy.

Elmer Shattuck of Concord visited his old home, West street, Sunday and Monday.

Miss May Baker, the nurse, is at her home, Westview farm, for a short stay.

W. E. Chapman has completed cutting ice, having harvested over five thousand cakes for different parties.

Mrs. Charles H. Miller is confined to her home with the gripe cold.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting, Thursday afternoon, February 24, at 2:30 o'clock. At 3:30 there will be a food sale in the vestry in charge of the following committee: Mrs. W. F. Dennen, Mrs. C. E. Boynton, Mrs. Archibald Pike, Mrs. L. A. Boynton and Miss Josephine Lawrence.

G. H. Bullock, Optician, will leave his advertisement for announcement.

George A. Mahoney stated to the reporter that he would not be a candidate for re-election as tax collector. This is a very important office, and to the success of the entire business of the town, it should be a brilliant example of efficiency and thoroughness of method. Edward P. McCord an-

nounces that in response to suggestions of a large number, he will be a candidate for this office. His many years of work as collector for the telephone company, his previous business experience, as well as training at commercial school, should be valuable aids to his election.

William H. Mansfield went to Worcester, Monday, and while there attended the convention of the New England Pharmaceutical association.

Russell P. Wright left Sunday for Boston, where he has accepted a position in the laboratory of H. P. Hood & Son, Charlestown.

Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., at their meeting, Thursday evening, worked the third degree on one candidate. After this ceremony a reception was held in honor of three departing brothers, George Spooner, Edward Wright and Herbert Stenstrom. The speeches and remarks were touchingly appropriate and will long be remembered by those present.

Mrs. Harriet S. Phelps is visiting friends at Gloucester this week.

Mrs. Mention is caring for Mrs. Charles H. Miller during her illness.

At the meeting of the republican town committee last Tuesday, the following officers were elected: Charles S. Denham, chairman; P. J. Hayes, secretary; F. R. Bennett, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Bannon returned Monday from Worcester, where they have been enjoying a few days with friends.

A large gathering enjoyed guest night of the Woman's club last Monday evening, in Prescott hall. Thorough enjoyment ruled, and time flew fast to the strains of selections by Robbins' orchestra. Refreshments were served and the success reflects much credit on the committee in charge.

The final game in the Pepperell vs. Groton pool tournament was finished Wednesday. Pepperell won by a large margin and wins the prize offered by Manager Rice.

Tuesday evening, February 8, was installation of officers at Acoma Rebekah lodge. District Deputy Grand Master Mrs. A. F. Bliss and suite of Townsend installed, and after the observances were over, all joined in a social time, enjoying choice refreshments. Past Master Mrs. G. V. Herrig made very appropriate remarks on behalf of the lodge, and presented the district deputy with a choice set of china. Mrs. Bliss responded feelingly.

The overseers of the poor announce that all bills against their department should be in or before February 25. If not, payment will be delayed until the new business year of the town.

Leonard Blood, a former resident of this town, passed his ninety-fifth birthday, February 3, at the residence of his son, O. S. Blood, in Worcester. Mr. Blood has lived with his son since he sold his farm on West street. His general health is good and he is able to walk out pleasant days.

Deaths.

Grandma Hills, as she was always called by those who knew her, passed away Tuesday evening at the home of her son, Frank H. Hills. She was seventy-five years of age and is the last of the older ones living on Brookline street, having lived in town all her life. Funeral services were held Friday by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, appropriate hymns being sung. Many floral tributes covered the casket and about arrangements were in charge of R. H. Blood.

David Raymond Boynton died at his home in Lowell, Monday, after a long illness and term of suffering. He was fifty-three years of age, a native of this town and son of the late David Boynton of Oak Hill. He left here when a young man, going to Lowell, and in a short time established a prosperous commission business. He is survived by a wife, two sisters, Mrs. Ois A. Merrill, Mrs. George S. Carter of this town, and two brothers, L. A. Boynton of Pepperell, and H. E. E. Boynton of Newton. Funeral services were held by his pastor in Lowell, and interment in Pepperell cemetery, Wednesday, in charge of Harmon & Mahoney.

Mrs. Annie Kilbourn died Wednesday morning at her home on Oak Hill, aged eighty-seven years. She has been a sufferer for a long time, and much kind work and many thoughtful acts have been bestowed upon her by the ever busy Village aid. One son and three grandchildren survive her.

Village Aid Society.

Every one does not know of the great good accomplished by the Village Aid society, and many who know of the beneficent work are not aware of the large amount of effort and work needed to supply the necessary funds for this great distributor of blessings to the needy, but the large gathering which attended the supper and entertainment in Central hall, Thursday evening, was well satisfied with the delicious food set before them and were kept happily entertained by as interesting a performance as ever has been held here. The entertainers were all young children, but they did their parts like veterans. Much credit is due these children and the school teachers who have so kindly assisted. It would not be fair to specialize, as all did splendidly, and the entertainment closed with a violin solo by Thos. Sullivan. Mention must be made of the five little ones who sang "Five little pick-a-ninnies." Little Edward Durant and Betty Hutchinson, about three years of age. Dolly Boynton, Billy Hutchinson and Charlie Dennen took part and performed to perfection, even an encore. The recitations and musical selections were all pleasingly rendered, and reflects great credit and promise for those who drilled the children, particularly the teachers, Miss C. M. Shattuck, Miss Mary Woods, Miss Pond and Miss Hill, of the grammar school, for the time and effort it must have taken. In introducing the entertainers, Miss Lawrence, president of the society, made a few remarks, thanking everyone for the interest shown by the well-filled vestry.

The Moth Pests.

Tree Warden John F. Tune, who is also our local superintendent of moth work, is making good headway with the cleaning of the shade trees along the highways, notwithstanding the very

stormy weather of the past two months. He reports to date a total of about eight hundred of the gypsy nests. This is the most dreaded species of moth, and, as he has previously warned the people through these columns, should be treated with creosote only. This gypsy work results from the regular scouting program, but this year the entire territory could not be covered, as the selectmen were obliged to call a halt for lack of funds. However, this handicap has not prevented Superintendent Tune from making a complete canvass. He is attending to these sections which were not reached at the regular scouting time for gypsies, along with the clearing of the brown tail moths. Any one who is interested in this great task can appreciate what a tremendous amount of hard work is necessary to completely cover the extensive territory included within our town. Mr. Tune has accomplished the work in a high degree of perfection. He states that very little work has been done by owners of orchards and groves. This is certainly a very deplorable condition, but Mr. Tune does not intend to allow the work of his department to be discounted by neglect of duty by any one, and he states that any orchard or grove in this town which has not been cleared of the brown tail moths by March 10, will be visited by a gang of workers under his direction as local superintendent, and the work completed as required by law, and that a charge of twenty-five cents per hour per man employed will be charged, same to be rendered with tax bills.

About Town.

Mrs. C. Robert Wright is ill at her home on Tucker street and Mrs. C. S. Parker is caring for her.

Hale F. Jordan has sold out his grocery business in East Village to Martin Carboy of this town. Mr. Carboy takes possession at once.

A party of ladies came to Mrs. E. A. Reed's last Friday to spend the weekend in snow-shoeing and sleighriding. They left Monday morning reporting a very enjoyable time.

The Oxford club enjoyed a sleighride Friday evening to South Merrimac. They stopped at the Rockingham hotel, where they enjoyed dancing and a bountiful spread by Landlord Phillips. They arrived home about four o'clock Saturday morning.

Mrs. George H. Morrill, who has been staying with Mrs. Henry Wright since her illness last fall, has left there and is now with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Blake of Mill street. Mrs. Wright's health is improving.

Arthur L. Carter attended the play, "The man from home," at the Park theatre, Boston, Saturday evening. Mr. Carter reports that the play was fine.

Several from here attended the Fireman's ball at Townsend, last week Friday evening. They say the ball was all right, the music fine, but the weather a little strenuous.

Miss S. Luella Parker is staying with friends in Hudson.

We are glad to note that superintendent of streets, Silas Nokes, is using the snow rollers purchased several years ago much more freely than ever before, as it is certainly great benefit to our streets after these severe storms.

Dr. Lovejoy recently performed a successful and delicate operation on the eye of Mrs. George Elmer Shattuck of Nashua street. At last reports she was doing finely.

Samuel Blood of Heald street bought him a new pair of work horses last week.

To the Editor:

Please correct the date of organization of First Parish church, which was erroneously given as February 12, 1763. The original church society was organized January 29, old style, 1747.

DUDLEY R. CHILD.

SHIRLEY.

Bowling.

Hocquard's and Day's teams of the Shirley bowling league played a match game at the local alleys, Wednesday evening. Day's team won the match, taking the first string by 8 pins and the last by 57 pins, and also registered the highest total pinfall with 55 pins to the good.

Hocquard's team, however, started off in good shape, taking the first string with 10 pins to the good, all their men doing good average bowling. The second string they lost by close margins, and in the last string they fell away behind. The fast team work of the winning bowlers decided the contest by a good majority.

Eddie Gately of the winning team was the high individual roller in the contest, scoring 106, 85 and 95, which gave him a total of 286. M. Day came next with a total of 278, while Joe McGinnis was the high roller of the losing team, finishing with a total of 275.

Roy Mansur rolled 104 on his second string and finished with a total of 261.

HOCQUARD'S TEAM.

Bodah 90 81 81-252
Gately 106 85 95-286
O'Neill 82 77 82-239
Hocquard 80 87 77-254
McGinnis 89 97 82-268

DAY'S TEAM.

Mansur 74 104 83-261
Stebbins 78 77 93-248
E. Gately 106 85 95-286
Sibley 83 73 98-254
Day 92 99 96-278

133 429 465-1327

A team of Shirley bowlers played a game with the Calumets of Leominster last week Friday evening, at the local alleys and won the contest by taking all the honors of the evening, capturing three straight and also the highest total pin-fall by ninety pins.

The average team work of the Shirley's was excellent, all playing in good form. McGinnis, one of their best bowlers, was behind his usual record, but the rest of the bowlers in the team kept well together.

Collyer was the highest individual roller, scoring 90, 90 and 98, which gave him a total pin-fall of 278. M. Cotter came next with a total of 273, closely followed by Cook and Sibley with scores of 272 and 270. M. Cotter and Guy Cook both rolled a total of 103 in the second string.

Savage of the visiting team was the high roller of his team, finishing with a total of 259. The summary:

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In this part of the State. We also intend to make this Store

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And continuing until every

Heavy Overcoat, Heavy Suit, all Heavy Furnishings, Boots, Shoes, etc., are sold.

There is very little, if any, of the "Swift" stock left, but all new this Fall Merchandise. Here are the prices while the goods last:

All Heavy Overcoats Just Half Price,

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\$15.00 Overcoats \$7.50 \$18.00 Overcoats \$9.00
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All Heavy Suits Just Two-Thirds Regular Price,

\$10.00 Suits \$6.66 \$12.00 Suits \$8.50 \$15.00 Suits \$10.00
\$18.00 Suits \$12.00 \$20.00 Suits \$13.32 \$22.00 Suits \$14.66
\$25.00 Suits \$16.66

Look the others over, then come to us and we will save you some money.

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Announces that he will leave his store at any time to call on anyone wishing their eyes tested and glasses correctly fitted. I will go to any of the surrounding towns on request. A postal card and I will call. All work guaranteed.

The above announcement is an answer to the rumor that I am to leave town. Thanking you all for your past favors and wishing a continuance of the same, I remain, Yours truly,

G. H. BULLOCK, P. O. Box 5 East Pepperell, Mass.

Telephone 12-3.

SHIRLEY'S.

Sibley 93 92 85-270
Cook 85 103 81-272
McGinnis 82 79 87-248
Cotter 83 102 87-272
Collyer 90 90 98-278

CALUMETS.

L. Cook 87 82 88-252
Savage 82 92 78-252
Petts 86 79 79-241
Griffin 76 83 77-236
Tisdale 82 91 82-255

Total 415 425 499-1243

COLLYER'S TEAM.

R. Pomeroy 90 73 92-255
C. White 101 67 101-269
G. Cook 84 102 82-268
Leopold 80 82 82-249
Collyer 79 97 78-254

Total 441 429 449-1322

BURRILL'S TEAM.

Latin Allen 79 72 80-231
G. Cook 80 72 80-235
Dumny 80 80 80-249
E. Tremblay 82 86 81-249
F. Pierce 86 92 86-275

Total 427 423 420-1270

Entertainment.

Old Shirley Chapter, D. A. R., will hold an entertainment in Oddfellows' hall, Monday evening, February 21. The program will consist of miscellaneous numbers followed by a drama by seven young ladies. Rehearsals have been in progress for some time past, and many new, interesting and amusing features will be introduced, and nearly fifty young people are in the cast. The evening will be one of real merriment for all who attend. Mrs. E. H. Allen, assisted by other members of the D. A. R., have worked long and hard to bring the evening's entertainment to a successful termination. The proceeds will be used toward the erection of a town flag pole. It is hoped a large number will support this patriotic endeavor.

Basket Ball.

About 250 assembled in Oddfellows' hall, last Saturday evening, to witness the basket ball game between the Leominster high school freshmen and the Shirley high school, which was followed with a match game by the Shirley Crescents and the Fitchburg Crescents.

Both of the Shirley teams lost by close margins. The features of the game with the Leominster high and Shirley high was the fine playing of Leominster in the second half. The swift fast playing of Shirley was the feature of the first half, the score being 18 to 2 in favor of Shirley. However, the Leominster high won the game by a score of 26 to 24.

SHIRLEY HIGH.

Score, Leominster freshmen, 26; Shirley high school, 24. Goals from field: Hastings 7, Miner 4, Lancy 3, S. Wells 3; Sweeney, Hooper, Weeks, Goals from free throw, Miner 6, Hastings 2, Chapin, Maston. Failures from free throw, Miner 6, Hastings 7, Sweeney 3, Chapin, Lancy, Fouls, S. Wells 3, Evans 5, Lancy 5, Maston 4, Miner 2, Beer 5. Referee, S. W. Ricker. Time, twenty-minute halves.

FITCHBURG CRESCENTS.

Score, Fitchburg Crescents, 25; Shirley Crescents, 19. Goals from floor, Connors 4, Bangs 2, Beer 4, Jensen 2, Colburn 3. Goals from free throw, Connors 2, Beer 5, Ricker. Time, twenty-minute halves.

News Items.

Charles Lepage left town last week for the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, to receive treatment for Bright's disease.

At the eight o'clock mass next Sunday morning at St. Anthony's church, the Sodality of St. Anne will receive communion in a body.

Mrs. Benjamin White of Lawrence is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Perry.

Thomas Love of Lake George, N. B., is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. William Love, for a few days.

Miss Clara Hebert, who resides with the Phillis Glonet family, lost a valuable gold watch, Monday, while going from the post office to the Samson cordage works.

Miss M. L. Bourdon, the new assistant high school teacher, who only commenced her duties last week, has resigned, owing to the fact that she wanted to use a part of her time during the school sessions to teach a private school in Boston, and the school committee respectfully and rightfully refused to consent to this proposition.

Miss Mildred Daniels of Hopkinton,

who has had a tutor's experience in high school work, has been engaged to succeed Miss Bourdon, and arrived in town first of the week, assuming the duties of her school position, Tuesday morning.

Miss White, the school teacher, has been confined at home this week with a severe attack of the gripe.

The pastors of the town will occupy their pulpits as usual Sunday morning with the usual young people's meetings in the evening.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will serve a baked bean supper in the vestry Saturday evening, February 26, at 6:30 o'clock. Entertainment will follow supper.

Frank White, who has been confined at home threatened with pneumonia, is better and able to be out as usual, though not fully recovered.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular monthly meeting in the church vestry, Wednesday evening. Supper was served at 6:30, to which a large number sat down to enjoy. At the close of the supper hour the president, Elmer H. Allen, called the meeting to order, and the usual routine business was disposed of, when John W. Waters, director of physical culture at the Fitchburg Y. M. C. A., gave a splendid address upon the subject, "The making of a man," which was listened to with the closest attention. At the close of his remarks Mr. Waters was tendered a unanimous vote of thanks.

The members of the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church were entertained at the home of their president, Mrs. Fred Simonds, Tuesday evening, February 15. A goodly number of the members sat down to a delicious and appetizing chicken supper. After supper the members were entertained with music and games. The host and hostess spared no pains in making the evening one of enjoyment. At the close each member was presented with a souvenir of the occasion.

New Advertisements.

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