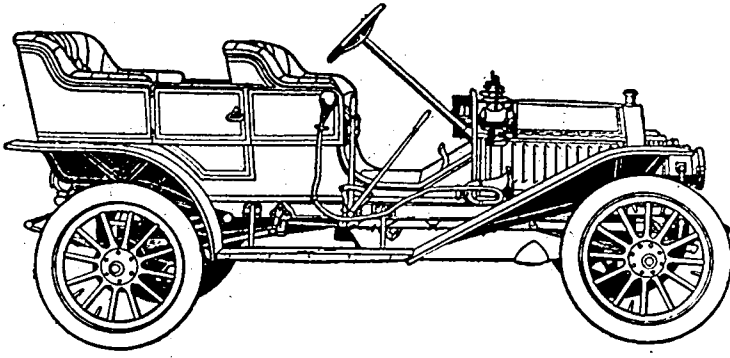


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HARVARD.

News Items.
On Wednesday next, March 9, the ladies of the Unitarian society will meet with Mrs. Alice Bigelow for an all-day sewing meeting. A box lunch is the bill of fare.

On Saturday this week the stockholders of the Hillside Gold Mining Co. will hold a meeting at the Memorial rooms of the Hapgood annex.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pattee are rejoicing at the arrival of a grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Frank (nee Pattee) Blair of Berlin are the proud parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ripley, who recently sold their farm at East Bare Hill to Simon Lundstrom, are engaged to work as master and matron of the Emerson farm at Bolton, taking the place of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Goding resigned, and also a former townsman of ours.

A. H. Bigelow has secured the service of Adam Murchie to work at the market. Mr. Murchie is engaged to work until January 1, 1911. He commenced his work this week Monday.

Mrs. Susie Whitney was taken this week to the Memorial hospital, Worcester, where she is to be operated on for internal abscess. Her friends hope that this may not prove serious, and that she may be speedily returned to health and home again.

Miss Gertrude Willard is visiting this week at W. E. King's.

Property owners of Harvard are reminded that the time limit for removing the brown tall moth has expired, and under instructions from the selectmen and state officers, our local superintendent, George C. Maynard, will visit all property where the moths have not been removed and do the work, charging for the same according to law.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woodland seem to be having more than their share of sickness this winter. One of the younger children, Catherine, has been sick for some time, narrowly escaping pneumonia. Mildred is now on the list of sick with a severe cold.

Miss Susie Davis has recently sold her farm with the stock and tools, the purchaser to take possession March 15.

Gordon McCleery, who has spent this winter in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas, is back for the summer at his old job, teamster for Fiske Warren.

The Evening Whist club met at the I. O. O. F. hall on Tuesday evening and enjoyed an evening of social and

scientific cards. The prizes were won by Helen Barnard, first; Nell T. Hartshorn, second; K. M. Bigelow, first; Alcina Houghton, second. Miss Barnard, who has won first prize at every party this year, also won a consolation prize, the special gift of A. H. Bigelow, who personally sympathized with the losers. The gents' booby was eminently fitting for the slow ones, a large bottle of ketchup.

The Harvard Chemical Co. will hold a series of four Saturday evening parties for the benefit of the company treasury. Everyone should be interested. The first will be held this week under the direct management of the foreman, R. L. Fillebrown; Superba orchestra. Next Saturday will be the second party under the management of the steward, A. T. West. Music by four pieces of King & Cole's orchestra. The secretary and treasurer, W. J. Kerley, will direct the third party. The proceeds will be devoted to the support of the fire company. Fourth party will be announced later.

Lancaster Clay is visiting this week with his sister and husband at West Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harry Dickerson.

The grange met on Tuesday evening last, and although a very disagreeable night a very interesting and profitable meeting was enjoyed. The question, "Men and women that have helped to make Harvard and the world better," brought out some quite ancient history and some very interesting reminiscences. E. J. McLaughlin paid a loyal tribute to the memory of the late George E. Burt, the inventor of so many useful machines, some of which to this day have never been improved upon. Reading by Harold Tooker; papers by Henry Knight and Mrs. Clay; song by Mr. West completed the evening's entertainment.

Still River.

Mrs. Reed heard last week that Mrs. Rev. Edward Reed, her son's wife, of Cincinnati, Ohio, had slipped on the icy pavement of that city and broken her hip and arm, and will be confined at the hospital of that city for a long time.

Arthur Cross, who was operated on at the hospital in Worcester last week for appendicitis, is doing well at last reports, and Miss Flora Murchie, who is at the same hospital recovering from an operation for same trouble, is expected to be well enough to come home soon.

Mrs. Sarah Puffer has been called to Worcester on account of the sickness of her sister there.

NOTICE

Commencing Monday, Feb. 21, the Clothing Store of D. W. Fletcher & Son will be controlled and managed by the Fletcher Bros. We intend to carry a complete line of Men's Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Furnishings and solicit the patronage of our friends and former customers.

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Final Mark-Down Sale

We have just completed the Annual Inventory of our Stock. As usual, we find ourselves with many broken lines and odd lots of this season's goods which we desire to close at a positive sacrifice to ourselves rather than carry over to another season.

Our object is to clear our counters of this season's goods. We do this because it is our policy not to carry merchandise from one season to another, in order that our next season's showing of goods may be

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Odd Suits and broken lines of this season's goods. All sizes in something.

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\$12.00 Suits, now.....	\$8.47
\$15.00 Suits, now.....	\$10.47
\$18.00 Suits, now.....	\$13.47
\$20.00 Suits, now.....	\$14.47

Winter Caps

Every cap in store now at a reduced price.

Men's 50c. Caps, now.....	39c.
Men's \$1.00 Caps, now.....	79c.
Boys' 50c. Caps, now.....	39c.
Boys' 25c. Caps, now.....	19c.

Women's and Misses Tams One-Half Price.

50c. Angora Tams.....	25c.
75c. Angora Tams.....	37c.
\$1.00 Chinchilla Tams.....	50c.

Men's Fur Coats

Every Fur Coat and Fur-Lined Coat in the store is now offered at a cut price.

Fur Coats worth \$22.00, now.....	\$16.47
Fur Coats worth \$25.00, now.....	\$20.00
Fur Coats worth \$30.00, now.....	\$25.00
Fur Coats worth \$35.00, now.....	\$29.47

Boys' and Children's Overcoats

Ages 5 to 16.

Every Overcoat at reduced prices.

\$5.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$3.47
\$6.47 Overcoats, now.....	\$4.47
\$8.47 Overcoats, now.....	\$6.47

Men's Sheep-Lined Coats

Every Sheep-Lined Coat in our stock is now offered at One-Quarter off regular price.

Fancy Overcoats

The balance of our stock of Men's and Youths' Fancy Overcoats are now offered at the remarkable cut of

ONE-HALF PRICE.

Every Coat is included at just one-half the regular marked price.

Sizes 34 to 40.

\$10.00 Coats, now.....	\$5.00
\$15.00 Coats, now.....	\$7.50
\$18.00 Coats, now.....	\$9.00
\$20.00 Coats, now.....	\$10.00

Men's Black Kersey Overcoats

Sizes 34 to 44.

Every Overcoat in our stock is now offered at a reduced price.

\$10.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$7.47
\$12.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$8.47
\$15.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$11.47
\$20.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$15.47

Furnishing Goods

50c. Negligee Shirts for Men, now.....	39c.
50c. Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers for Men, now.....	39c.
25c. Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers for Boys, now.....	19c.
50c. Working Gloves, lined for Men, now.....	35c.
25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys, now.....	19c.
\$1.00 Coat Sweaters for Men and Boys, now.....	79c.
25c. Police Braces, now.....	13c.
25c. Four-in-Hands and Button-on Ties, now.....	15c.

Children's Clothing

1 Lot Children's Knee Pant Suits, ages 12 to 16, in straight pants only, marked just ONE-HALF Regular price.

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HARVARD.

Still River.

Kenneth Russell and Rogers Morse are visiting in Worcester this week.

Edna Flanders of Palmer and Edith Farnsworth of Springfield are having a week's vacation from their school duties, and are at their Still River homes this week.

Death.

Wednesday morning the village people were pained to learn that Mrs. Warren O. Willard was severely sick with rheumatism around the heart, and in the evening word came that she had passed away.

Mrs. Willard, or as she was commonly known among her friends, "Nellie Warren," was a life-long resident of this village, where she was born fifty-five years and two months ago. She was a beautiful character, a person loved by all who knew her, always a cheery word and smile for every one, and many were the little acts of kindness on her part, a bunch of flowers, or something from her garden, given so often to her friends, a constant attendant at the church, where her smiling face was always a help to both pastor and people.

She always had a kind word for everybody, and never was heard to speak harshly or unkindly of anyone, and so she leaves every one in Still River her friend, all of whom feel a great loss has come to them at this time, and the husband left has the sincere sympathy of all in this sad hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard were especially devoted to each other, and her loss is a severe blow to him. The funeral will be from the house Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

TOWNSEND.

Harbor.

After an illness of two weeks Stephen Keefe is able to resume his duties in the Harbor store.

Mrs. Page of Pawtucket was a recent guest at Mrs. Josslyn's.

Miss Nina Gray of Waltham spent the week-end with her brother, Adney Gray.

On Saturday Miss Blanche Baldwin, after a week's vacation at home, returned to her school in Malden.

Carlyle Kelley was at Harbor farm for a few days this week.

Miss Marguerite Le Poer, who was called home on account of the illness of her mother, resumed her school duties at East Bridgewater last Monday.

On Wednesday Mrs. George Jones went to town to see Leonora Bradley in St. Elmo, which is having a very successful run at the Globe. At the close of the Boston engagement Miss Bradley's company goes to Columbus for a two weeks' stand, and from there to Detroit, where the season probably will end. Miss Bradley has always been a stage favorite, as many of her friends here can testify.

This week the Monday club met with its secretary, Mrs. Knight, who is just recovering from the grippe. On account of illness several of the members were unable to attend, and the literary program was omitted. The ladies present did needlework and enjoyed a social hour.

On Tuesday the As you like it club was entertained by its president, Mrs. Fannie Adams, at her home, Edgewood. During the afternoon the club assisted one of its members in finishing autograph squares. A very pleasing feature of the afternoon was the several planola piano selections played by Mr. and Mrs. Adams. Although climatic conditions were so unfavorable that all members could not be present, yet fifteen seated themselves for refreshments at a bountifully spread table. Mrs. Doran entertains the club next Tuesday.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Superintendent Brick was called to Lowell last Friday by the death of his mother.

Schools Nos. 2 and 4 close this week for a vacation of two weeks. The other two schools have a week to make up, so will have a shorter vacation.

Miss Catherine Mead has been spending the week in Townsend.

Charles H. Burroughs has gone to Washington, D. C., for a visit.

Miss Vera Bradford visited friends in Nashua over Sunday.

Miss Mary Nelson came home Friday night to stay over Sunday. She has been spending her week's vacation with her sister in Belmont.

Quite a delegation from here went to West Acton, Wednesday evening, to hear the "Rose maiden," which all report as very enjoyable.

Charles L. Woodward has sold his farm to Mr. Flerra, who has been living there for some little time.

Last week Ernest Bartheaux received notice of the sudden death of his father, caused by apoplexy.

All voters whose names are not on the list will have a chance to register Saturday, March 5, from one to four, and Saturday, March 19, from twelve a. m. till ten p. m.

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WESTFORD.

Center.
 It has been decided that it will not be necessary to close the library this year for the annual cleaning of the building and the enumeration of books.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot F. Humiston were in Boston last Saturday and enjoyed grand opera.

H. L. Wright spent last Sunday with the Henry M. Wright's at Quincy, and while there attended the Washington Street Congregational church, which is Mr. Marshall's new charge. He reports a large congregation, a pretty church and that the Marshall's new home is very pleasant, quite a model of comfort and convenience.

Our faithful village nurse, Miss Mary Morin, has reversed the usual order of things, and been the sick one herself this past week with a hard cold and a touch of pleurisy, requiring medical help, but is now nearly back to her own vigorous, normal self.

Charles L. Hildreth has been confined to his home on Boston road this past week with an attack of grippe.

Edward M. Abbot Hose Co. held their regular monthly meeting at their headquarters, Tuesday evening. An excellent supper was enjoyed by all, the committee in charge being William L. Woods, John Feeney and Edward Clement.

Rev. Mr. Wallace preacher an excellent sermon to a large congregation Sunday morning, a well elucidated discourse upon the difference between merely making a living and making a life. It was practical and helpful to a degree without being commonplace. The topic it was based in thoughts from Christ's call to Zaccheus. The new pastor and his family are getting nicely settled at the parsonage and the two daughters have become enrolled as pupils at the Frost school.

Miss Nellie Fletcher is convalescent from an attack of grippe.

Our townsman, Donald M. Cameron, who is spending the winter with his family in Lowell, goes this month with other friends from New York for a trip through the Spanish main. They will visit Kingston in Jamaica, Colon in Panama, Port Limon in Costa Rica, and will land at New Orleans, making the journey northward by rail.

Miss Edna Ferguson returned to her teaching in Beverly, after being detained at home for two weeks with a serious cold.

Weather and traveling and the all prevalent colds were causes for postponing the meeting of the W. C. T. U. Wednesday afternoon, at Mrs. E. J. Whitney's for one week at the same time and place.

Miss Eva E. Fletcher, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week Wednesday, at the Lowell hospital, is making most satisfactory progress toward recovery, and may be able to return home in another week. She has been the recipient of many kindly expressions of sympathy in the way of letters, flowers, etc., which is just a happy reflex action of the thoughtfulness she has always extended to others in times of suffering or trial.

Death.
 Mrs. G. W. Goode has the sympathy of her many Westford friends in her bereavement in the loss of her good mother, Mrs. Sarah C. Litchfield, who died at her home in Chelmsford this past week. Mrs. Litchfield formerly lived in Westford with her husband, the late Paul Litchfield, and they were regular attendants at the Congregational church.

It was always a pleasure to meet Mrs. Litchfield with her fine presence and gracious, intelligent personality, and her loss will be keenly felt in the family circle and by her other friends. The immediate cause of her death was from heart failure. The funeral was from her late home in Chelmsford, Wednesday, and was attended by a number of friends from Westford.

Tadnuck Club.
 The Tadnuck Club held its regular bi-monthly meeting, Tuesday afternoon, at Library hall. The program for the afternoon, was the last one in the season's story of Alaska, which the members certainly feel have proved instructive and valuable. Mrs. L. W. Wheeler was in charge of the afternoon and gave a paper on "Ten years of progress in Alaska," showing the remarkable development of this country along all lines in one brief decade. L. W. Wheeler gave an interesting sketch of the work of Dr. Sheldon Jackson and his introduction of reindeer into Alaska.

Mrs. Wheeler prefaced the program by reciting a group of short poems, "Life's mirror," "The fool's prayer," and "To the fringed gentian." The next meeting, March 10, will be in charge of Miss Martha Taylor. This was to have been Mr. Marshall's afternoon, but owing to his going from town Miss Taylor has kindly consented to take the afternoon, the subject of which will be given in next week's Wardman.

The club voted to send remembrances in the shape of flowers and a letter to Miss Fletcher at the hospital.

About Town.
 As usual the Friday evening entertainment at the vestry of the Unitarian church in attendance and liberality in its incoming cash was satisfactory. The supper was one of the satisfactory features as of old they have ever been at this religious hotel. Lowell contributed its Cecelia ladies' orchestra, that made all who love music continue in that love. Westford contributed its talented reader and impersonator, Miss May Balch, who

impressed all with "Easy isn't it if you only have the talent." Littleton contributed thirty-two folks, several horses and a barge. Westford contributed its managers for the evening, Miss May Balch, Mrs. Lizzie Hamilton, Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher, who made the evening a great success.

At a meeting of the republican town committee Monday evening, it was voted to hold a caucus for the nomination of candidates for town officers next Monday evening, March 7, at the town hall at 7.30. Following close on this wise and timely essential to government, the democrat caucus will be held the Tuesday evening following, March 8. The annual slate-making is already under way subject to revision by the caucuses.

The contest at the recent Farmers' Institute at Littleton and Westford, the first prize was awarded to Vernon Fletcher of the Sargent school, Graniteville. He is a son of Harry N. Fletcher, the well-known stone contractor. The contestants from the academy at Westford decided not to be contestants ere the dawning of the day had established itself. Thus is the profundity of their ability unmeasured by competition. It is quite well; it will gain and keep, and as there are no past, present or future days but one eternal today, time is in no hurry. Why should the scholars be?

The Cavalry association held a business meeting, Saturday afternoon, at the rooms of its charming sunny entertainment on the Boston road. Several names were voted on as members of the association and accepted. The regulations of the association were changed by vote of the meeting, which allows the association building open every Saturday afternoon and evening until 11.30, at the expense of the association. Those desiring the stimulus of recreation from these guarded and housed environments, as in dancing must pay the fiddler. It was unanimously voted to allow the free use of Cavalry building to the Westford Veterans' association.

Councillor Fletcher is reported ill at his home on Oak hill. This is the real out-door busy spot of Westford for all grades of labor from brain to muscle, and the doctor has his occasional turn at affairs in the make-up of this industry.

Henry Smith, the superintendent for Abbot & Co. at Graniteville, thinks he was the first to thaw out winter for spring plantings, and succeeded in coaxing the ground to receive the first planting of peas of the season last Saturday, February 26. As he is competing with the writer for first place in early peas, there is no telling how much in advance of last Saturday's planting some one is. Suffice it to say, none of your New Jersey, California flank movements for early peas as last year, but a real frozen ground February contest.

Agnes A. Profit, the seven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Profit, died at her home, Sunday, at the residence of William H. Decker on the Littleton road. The funeral was held Wednesday and burial was in the Fairview cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker David L. Greig.

Gaspard Dezele has closed his home on the Lowell road and moved his family to Lowell. He still continues to work at Abbot's mills at Forge Village.

Money for Town Expenses.
 The financial committee have completed their estimates of amounts of money necessary for town expenses for the coming year. The writer has not seen the report, but authority says the totals foot up \$35,000, or \$500 more than last year. Among the recommendations by the committee for raising money is \$500 for the observance of Memorial day. This day will be observed for the dedication of the Soldiers' monument, the gift of Col. Edwin D. Metcalf, a former resident of the town. The day means much. It means a loyal appreciation of those who left the rural pursuits of the town for the perils of soldier life with its libby prisons, impaired health and the early grave. This appropriation carries with it the usual exercises on such occasions. Oration probably by Ex-Gov. John D. Long; music, instrumental and vocal, and the ever-appetizing dinner with the after reflections of wit and wise thought. The generosity of the soldier with his life, whose presence we greet no more in visible form as well as those living in our midst with the evidence of a war record, should make us all generous with the day in appropriate exercises and resources, without even the objections that isolated individual ready-tongued, "No."

Electric Power.
 Something doing on Oak hill at all times and low at that. Just now it is more power, not individual power, direct, but directed. With increased business comes increased machinery, which must have more power, which brings up at the point of beginning—power. The steam power plant at Oak hill stone quarry is to have electricity as an associate, and the H. E. Fletcher & Co. ever busy stone contractors have contracted with the Lowell Electric Light Company to furnish electricity for power, and the poles for the wires are already being established in the earth. With steam, electricity, improved machinery and well-equipped personalities to press the button, the life of Oak hill is well lit up and is free from the groupings of candle-light power.

Best of the Season.
 The Fortnightly club held the most interesting meeting of the season last week Friday evening. It was a regular costume party of songs and impersonations.

Heading, Mrs. Walter Wyman; living picture, "A lady of olden times," Mrs. Lillian Snow; song, Horace Gould; recitation, Anna Wyman; recitation, "Rosa Lee," Dorothy Skidder and Uncle Rastus; Misses Stella Ginn, Lillian Wright and Mark Morrison; living picture, "A society lady of the oilian times," Miss Katie Burke; song, Everett Woods; reading, Mrs. Elizabeth Wyman; "The three fates," Miss Stella Ginn; Lillian Wright and Mrs. Alma Ginn; reading, Mrs. Alice Lamont; sunflower chorus, six darkies; song, Mark Morrison; dialog, Morris Brown; Mark Morrison, Everett Woods and Mr. Anderson; phonograph selections, J. B. Ward; tableaux, "Good night," Bernice Upton Snow; sunflower chorus, William Upton Snow; song, "Car Wagon," Charles Blodgett; Fred Blodgett and Edward Gamlin. For youth in old age, Mark Morrison, eighty years old, seem-

ed to be there all right blacked up as darkie. The committee in charge were Mrs. Horace Gould, Miss Lillian Wright and Charles Blodgett.

The next meeting will be held next Friday evening, when De Lucy Corkum of Billerica will be present, and do the act of talking in long metre.

Basket Ball.
 The Westford Academy basket ball team defeated the Shirley high school team last Saturday afternoon at Shirley, scoring 25 to 6. Judges of the sportive element of life, who were close witnesses of this contest, conceded that the Westford team outclassed in speed and training the Shirley team. The noticeable feature of the game was the work of Feeney, Banister and Waldken, and the rapidity of perpetual motion of the Tallent brothers for the Westford team. For Shirley the work of Miner, Wells and Evans excelled. The following is the lineup of the two teams:

WESTFORD.
 Banister, ft. Mr. Evans
 Feeney, ft. lb. Weeks
 A. Tallant, c. C. Hooper
 Waldken, lb. J. Wells
 S. Tallant, rb. Mr. Miner
SHIRLEY.
 Goals from the floor, Feeney 4, Banister 5. Goals from fouls, Waldken 2, Banister 4. Goals for Shirley, Evans 2, Hooper 1, Forester, Weeks, Timmer, Wells.

It can be seen that the Shirley team is a Hooper team that will take Weeks to Hooper up to the Tallant of the Westford team.

Next Saturday the second team of the academy will meet the Shirley high, and the academy first team will try something more to their speed and size with the Shirley A. A.

Forge Village.
 Mrs. A. H. Comey has been confined to her home the past week by illness.

Lenten services were held in St. Andrew's mission, Wednesday evening. Immediately after the services a guild meeting was held.

Miss Mary Leclerc is recovering from an attack of mumps.

John M. Bowker of Arlington was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett's, Monday.

Mrs. William Weaver has returned home after a pleasant visit spent as the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler of Worcester.

Mrs. John Carmichael visited her sister, Mrs. Michael Keefe at Townsend Harbor, Tuesday, her little nephew, Master David Keefe returning with her.

At the farmers' institute held in Littleton, Wednesday of last week, the following prizes were won in the drawing contest for school children. Second prize, George Wilson, eighth grade; third prize, Joseph Milot, second grade; sixth prize, Della Connell, seventh grade; seventh prize, Lottie Parrott, fifth grade.

Free-man Marshall and Miss May Teller of Reading were entertained Sunday by Mrs. Lucretia Reed at her home on Pleasant street.

Archie S. Bennett of Somerville was an over-Sunday guest of Mrs. H. E. Randall.

Miss Kathryn Brown has been confined to her home the past week by illness. Dr. W. H. Sherman is attending her.

Miss Edith Forster was unable to entertain the Ladies' Sewing Circle as planned, Thursday, owing to the illness of her mother. The circle met with Mrs. Richard D. Prescott.

Death.
 Mrs. John Spinner received word early in the week of the accidental death of her brother, Walter Wheeler of Billerica, Essex, England. The accident occurred February 15, while he was engaged in demolishing buildings at Hare Lodge, near Rumford, England. He was fatally crushed by a wall falling upon him. He was taken to the hospital, where he died an hour later. The accident is particularly sad, as he was the sole support of his aged parents, with whom he made his home. He leaves besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eben Wheeler, who is seventy-nine, and her husband eighty years old, four sisters, Mrs. John Spinner of this village; Mrs. Fred Ramsey, Mrs. Walter Vere, and Miss Catherine Wheeler, also three brothers, Alfred, Henry and Edward Wheeler, all of England.

Graniteville.
 Eugene Coté, a young man of this village, died at the Lowell General hospital after a long and painful illness, on Thursday, February 25. His remains were brought to his home on River street and the funeral took place Saturday morning at nine o'clock. At 9.30 o'clock a requiem mass was celebrated in St. Catherine's church by Rev. J. J. Sargent. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Hattie, sang the Gregorian chant "Pie Jesu." The floral tributes were varied and beautiful. The bearers were Henry Coté, Joseph Coté, Adelard Coté, Oscar Milot, Dona Milot, Fred Gagnon. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery, this village. Undertaker J. A. Healy was in charge.

Mrs. Annie Decker, with her little son John of Philadelphia, Penn., is now visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Charlton in this village.

Vernon Fletcher of this village won first prize in the drawing contest in competition with scholars from the Westford, Littleton and other schools at the Farmers' Institute in Littleton last Thursday. Vernon is a scholar in the grammar grade of the Sargent school here.

The regular meeting of St. Catherine's temperance society was held in the rooms of the organization on Wednesday evening.

Rehearsals have already begun for the comedy drama to be presented by the entertainment committee of Court Westford 170, M. C. O. F. The play will be given in Westford in the early spring.

The democrats will hold their caucus in Westford town hall on Tuesday evening, March 8, this year, and it is thought that a large number from this village will attend. The date of the republican caucus will be announced later.

Edward Lorenzo, who has spent the last few months in New Jersey, is now at home in this village.

The regular meeting of Court Graniteville 179, F. of A., was held in its rooms on Thursday evening. Busi-

ness of importance was transacted. After the meeting an entertainment was held which was greatly enjoyed by the members.

Mrs. Joseph Wall of this village spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Minnie Alforth in Lawrence.

Lenten devotions were held in St. Catherine's church on Wednesday at the usual hour.

William L. Wall has recently accepted a position in the wall paper department of the Houghton & Dutton store in Boston, and took charge of his new duties a few days ago.

William Show has moved into the Leahy house.

LITTLETON.
 Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith Conant of Malden have been recent guests at his father's.

George A. Cook's daughter, little Marjorie, is very ill. After having a siege with measles she still remained sick and was making little if any improvement. A specialist was called Monday, and he found an abscess on one lung, a very ordinary occurrence following measles. Marjorie is in the care of a trained nurse, and everything possible is being done for her recovery.

It was a jolly party of thirty-two that attended the Unitarian supper at Westford Center last week Friday night. E. J. Wilcox carried fifteen on his two-horse sled, and Nahum H. Whitcomb took as many more. Conundrum, How did the other two go?

Mrs. Charles Campbell of Leominster is a week-end guest of Mrs. Harris Steele.

Miss Leola and Ruth Steele has gone to Leominster to visit their aunt, Mrs. C. A. Campbell.

The schools at the West End will close Friday, March 11, for a vacation of three weeks. The grade schools at the center will open next Monday after having a measly vacation of three weeks.

Miss Emily Adams, who has been caring for her mother during several weeks past, has returned to her school in Weston, and her duties as nurse are transferred to Miss Lucy Adams, who has engaged a substitute for her school in Waltham.

Rev. Samuel C. Benson of New Haven, Conn., will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday, March 6. He comes highly recommended both as a man and as a teacher.

Wedding Anniversary.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of King street, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding Friday, February 25.

They took the afternoon train for Boston, and were joined by their eldest children, Harry, Clifford, Raymond and Jessie, and also by Miss Alice Hartwell and Miss Hayes. Upon their arrival in the city the company went to the Essex house, where they enjoyed an excellent dinner served in a private dining room. The party then went to the Park theatre and saw "The man from home."

Upon their return to Littleton at midnight the party found a good neighbor waiting at the station with a carriage to convey them home. This they found had been entered, but not by intruders. Before them as they were escorted to the dining room was a most attractive and delicious spread prepared by their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Johnson, who had brought among other delicacies a beautiful angel cake elaborately and artistically frosted.

Flowers, cake, letters of congratulation, and other tokens of regard were among the pleasant remembrances that helped make the day memorable in the lives of the very worthy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have the best wishes of their many friends for another twenty-five years of happiness together.

Town Meeting.
 Last Saturday evening the meeting was well attended and marked by lively discussions. W. E. Conant was chosen moderator.

The selectmen, it seems, have had some doubt as to the method of proceeding with the official ballot. They had inquired of several towns, and Robert Luce, representative, author of caucus law and authority on the subject regarding the official ballot, and still remaining in doubt thought best to call a meeting. After several speeches in regard to the subject, it was finally voted not to rescind the vote of last March. The use of the official ballot will consequently be adopted in Littleton.

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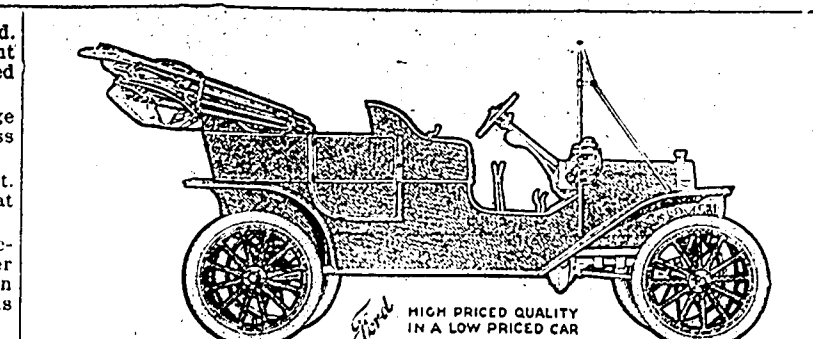
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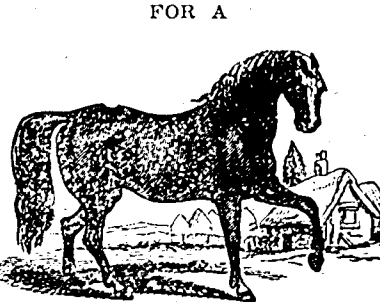
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A certain parcel of land, situated on the Easterly side of the South Road in Pepperell, Mass., and containing thirty-one acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the premises at the corner of said 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 Southwesterly by said Lawrence land about one hundred and six rods to the aforesaid South Road; thence Northwesterly 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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TOWNSEND.

West.
John Manchester of Lowell has been a recent visitor at the home of his aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester of Josslynville.
Simon Francis has just recovered from a severe attack of grippe and the pink eye.
Cora B. Willard visited relatives in Boston and vicinity last week.
Mrs. Ellen Pratt, who has been spending several weeks with her son in Leominster, has returned and opened her cottage on Elm street.Miss Agnes Wilson took charge of the library delivery station, Saturday afternoon, Miss Seaver, the custodian, being present in the evening.
A little daughter was born Tuesday morning, March 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vivan of Josslynville, and died a few hours later. Miss Bartis from Roxbury, Mrs. Vivian's aunt, is with her at present.

William Lawrence left Monday morning on a trip to the south, and Richard McElligott is spending several weeks in Florida.
The total number of books distributed from the library delivery station for the month of February was 312.
On account of the severe rainstorm and the bad traveling, there was no session of the public schools on Monday. The schools closed for the spring vacation on Friday afternoon, Miss Sprague, the teacher of the grammar school, returning to her home in Readsboro, Vt., on Saturday morning.
The regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held in the vestry, Saturday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock.
Miss Mabel Patch is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.
Mrs. J. H. Cox and her sister, Miss Jennie Lemont of Bath, Me., returned last Friday from a visit to relatives in Dorchester.

Mrs. John Clark has recovered from an attack of grippe, and Miss Mabel Thompson, who has been on the sick list for a few weeks, is able to be about again.
The Baptist pulpit will be occupied next Sunday by Mr. Upton of Greenfield, and the Young People's League will meet in the vestry at three o'clock under the direction of Miss Marion Kellogg, superintendent.
Miss Inez McElligott is visiting friends in New London, N. H., where she attended school last year.
Duncan Rusk, who has been on a business trip to his former home in Scotland, returned to his home last Saturday evening.
Mrs. Ford Reed of Boston spent Sunday at her home.
Miss Blanche Sprague spent last Sunday with relatives in Uxbridge, returning Monday evening.

Center.
Mrs. Walter F. Rockwood has been quite ill with bronchial trouble. She is still confined to the house.
Ed. Saunders of Malden was in town last week visiting his little son at Ai Richards.
Mrs. Lizzie Smith entertained a friend from Boston the past week.
Elmer Wallace of Brookline, N. H., has entered the employment of the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co. He will have charge of the woodlands and teaming.
John Spaulding, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is slightly better this week.
The L. B. S. of the Congregational society held a supper and entertainment at the Congregational vestries, Wednesday evening, and both were well patronized, considering the bad traveling. The entertainment consisted of a piano duet by Misses McKenzie and Misner.
A farce entitled "Tom's fiancée," was well given and was very pleasing to all, with cast as follows: Mrs. Stanhope, Tom's mother, Mrs. Noah Wallace, Bessie Stanhope, her daughter, Miss Mabel Bliss, Alice Maynard, Tom's fiancée, Miss Grace Tarbell; Hulda, the maid, Helen Higgins; song by Miss Mabel Tarbell. There was an exhibition of animals from P. T. Barnum's circus, which was a novel feature of the evening.
A little girl was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, Saturday, February 19.
Miss Lillian Hildreth of Waltham postoffice, is at H. B. Hildreth's for a short vacation.

A Success.
The concert and dance by our local band, last Friday evening, was a success in every way, nearly one hundred dollars being cleared above expenses. The concert was of high order and showed the time and labor the boys have put into their work these winter months. Ice cream and tempting array of home-made candies were on sale during the evening, and there was also a guess-cake, ribbon, and whip, and ring pitching, for the highest score, the prizes being a silk umbrella. This was won by our veteran baseball pitcher, Harry Whitcomb. The weight of the guess-cake was six pounds and ten ounces, and seven different ones guessed within two ounces of the weight. William Creighton was the winner, by drawing lots. George Cady of the west village won the whip. Dancing was enjoyed to the music of the Philharmonic orchestra, which made its first appearance that night and did excellent work.

BROOKLINE, N. H.
News Items.
Little Miss Ruth Valedge is ill.
Mrs. Edward E. Parker has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker.
Miss Mary L. Brown is at home from school duties at Waltham, Mass., for a brief vacation.
Miss Marjorie Patch, who has been at the Russell farm for several weeks, returned to her home at Malden, Mass., this week.
Mrs. Walter F. Whiting of Hillsboro, and little Miss Constance Nye of Sandown, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Nye.
Hutchins Parker and friend of Lowell spent the week-end at Four Pines. The check lists have been posted and contain 138 names.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 9, WILL BE MASTER'S NIGHT at the local grange. Entertainment in charge of William J. Bailey, and Fred W. Dudley of Hollis will inspect the work of the grange.
A citizen's caucus will be held at Tarbell's hall on Saturday evening, March 5, at eight o'clock.
Mrs. Mary Cox spent part of last week at Boston, the guest of Miss Leonora Bradley.
The friends of Mrs. Phoebe Jenness Randall, who is at St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua, will be pleased to know that favorable reports have been received from her.
Elmer W. Wallace has accepted a responsible position with the Fessenden Lumber Co. of Townsend.
Mrs. Walter Parker and Miss Eliza J. Parker, who have spent several weeks at Four Pines, returned to Lowell this week.

A Delightful Event.
The reception given by the women of the Congregational church to the men, Friday evening, February 25, was a delightful event. The parlors were attractive with decorations of hemlock, arranged by Mrs. Helen M. Hall, Rev. W. L. Noyes, P. L. Pierce, Dr. Holcombe, W. S. Brown, H. A. Brown and C. B. Valedge were in the receiving line. Mrs. Eleanor Lamprey and Miss Myrtle L. Shattuck served as ushers. The ladies' quarter, composed of Mrs. Minnie I. Holcombe, Mrs. Jennie Boutelle, Mrs. Bertha Brown and Mrs. Emma Valedge, finely rendered selections. Readings by Mrs. Mary Noyes and Mrs. Bertha Brown added to the pleasure of the evening. A tempting lunch was served, the table decked with ferns, English violets, dainty china and silver made a pleasing picture. Mrs. W. L. Noyes poured, and Mrs. Perley L. Pierce and Mrs. Chester B. Valedge assisted in serving. The men responded with pleasing remarks. Mrs. Emma Valedge was the pianist of the evening.

Were Honored.
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kline, who have recently moved from Fitchburg to Leominster, were honored by their Fitchburg friends with a reception, planned by the Young People's societies at the First Baptist church at Fitchburg where they have been active and influential for several years. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Snell, expressing the regret of the church upon losing the active association and influence of Mr. and Mrs. Kline, and paid a tribute to their value to the church in the past, and expressed the appreciation of all for their work and assistance in various branches of the church life, especially among the Young People's societies. During the evening Rev. Mr. Snell presented Mr. and Mrs. Kline with a beautiful framed picture, entitled "And a little child shall lead them," which was accepted by Mr. Kline with appropriate remarks.

School Meeting.
The annual school meeting will be held at the grammar schoolhouse, Saturday afternoon, March 12. Following are the articles to be acted upon:
To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
To choose a clerk, a treasurer, two auditors and all other necessary officers for the year ensuing.
To choose one member of the school board for three years.
To see if the district will vote to accept the following by-law: Any child in the district between the ages of six and sixteen without a regular and lawful occupation who shall, except in cases of ill health, be absent from school for more than one day during the space of any one month, unless excused by the school board, shall be fined not exceeding ten dollars for each offense.
To see what sum the district will raise for school purposes.
To see what the district will do for the repair of school buildings, raise money or act in any other relative thereto.
To see what sum of money the district will vote to pay the district officers for the ensuing year.
To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Delightfully Entertained.
Tuesday, March 1, regardless of the stormy weather, the Sunbonnet club met at the cosy home of Mrs. Helen Hall, where they were delightfully entertained. It was a crooked party, and the numerous crooked ways greeted in from every nook and corner.
A tempting New England dinner was served, "just a bit crooked," with surprises that aroused much mirth. The old-fashioned china was in keeping and much admired. Combined with the delicious viands it must have been responsible for the wonderful appetites. The souvenirs were "Sunbonnet lassies" performing the weekly vocations. The Sunbonnet story was related by Mrs. Ella W. Tucker, and readings were given by Mrs. Della Hall, Mrs. Hattie Pierce and Mrs. Emma Valedge. The guest of honor was Mrs. Alice P. Parker of Nashua, who received a cordial greeting. Confections were served during the afternoon. There was so much happiness we forgot the clouds outside. A vote of thanks was extended to the hostess for her hospitality. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the meeting with Mrs. Sarah Cobleigh, mother of the hostess, a bright active woman of eighty-three years, who is constantly busy with her needle, making patchwork with minute designs. There were thoughts for the absent members. Another sunny chapter for the Sunbonnet history.

HOLLIS, N. H.
News Items.
Friday evening the Hollis high school basketball team played a game in the town hall with a team from Amherst. Result, Hollis high won; score, 35 to 7.
George Sargent and family, who removed from Hollis about two years ago, have returned, living on the Hunt farm, East Hollis, which they purchased last fall.
Ernest Chapman has charge of Hollis station during the hours between the three o'clock and 6.40 p. m. trains, Sunday afternoons. The station has always been closed Sundays until this winter, but the public complained, and the railroad company put Ernest in charge.
The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society met in the vestry, Thursday afternoon. Tea was served at five o'clock.

There will be a basket ball game Friday evening. Each one is followed by a dance.
LITTLETON.
News Items.
Miss Georgia Whitcomb met with a painful accident last Thursday evening. While caring for her horse she fell from the scaffold, fractured her wrist and cut her forehead. Miss Emma, being alarmed at her unusually long absence from the house, went to the barn to make an investigation of the matter, and found her sister lying helpless in a pool of blood that had issued from the wound. The doctor was quickly summoned, and set the wrist and bound the wound. Miss Whitcomb has the sympathy of her friends in her trouble. She is doing well, but will be inconvenienced for a long time.
It is said that there are seventy cases of measles in town now, and there are sixty patients who have been exposed and expected to be in the swim. Among the new patients are Joseph Whitcomb's children, Morton Alwood's children, the French children of Mr. Works, Charles Hartwell's children, Barbara Priest, Mabel Yapp, Beulah Inson, Marjorie Cook and the Edgar Woodbury boys. Robert Harwood is recovering from mumps.
The high school seniors enjoyed a jolly sleigh party Saturday night, February 19, through the courtesy of Nahum H. Whitcomb, who furnished team and drove to Ayer. Miss Jackson, associate teacher, chaperoned the party, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kimball entertained upon their return, serving an appetizing oyster supper and joining the pupils in a series of pleasant games.
Mrs. Charles V. Flagg and infant son returned home from Burbank hospital last week Saturday.
The Sunset party was unfortunate in regard to weather, but nevertheless, a fair number attended, and the receipts were considerably more than the expense. The hall was appropriately decorated, the color scheme being red, white and blue.
John R. Churchill of Waltham was a week-end visitor among relatives and friends in town last week.
Nahum H. Whitcomb treated the primary class of the Unitarian Sunday school to a sleigh-ride last Saturday. Miss Emily Adams accompanied the party as chaperon.
The grade schools will reopen next Monday for the spring term.
The King's Daughters' sleigh-ride took place on Friday and the party was taken by John A. Wright to Groton, where they dined at the Groton Inn, returning early in the evening.
N. B. Conant and family spent part of last week at the Hatch home in Concord.
A. T. Kimball with Mrs. Kimball took a party of ten to Westford for a sleigh-ride and social evening at Mrs. Elizabeth Hamlin's Monday evening of last week.
Rev. H. B. Drew chaperoned the Farther Lights on a merry sleigh-ride Monday night of last week.
Mrs. E. A. Cox's many friends are glad to hear of her return home and favorable symptoms.

A Large Company Present.
The Farmers' Institute held at the town hall, Littleton, Thursday, February 23, attracted a large company from neighboring towns as well as from our own village.
The meeting was opened by an address of welcome by Hon. Frank A. Patch of Littleton grange. Response was given by De Lacy Corkum of Bilerica, who in humorous vein gave a word of praise for the appearance of our town.
Sumner H. Reed of West Brookfield addressed the audience on the breeding of cattle. He used a chart, showing the Holstein and the Jersey, and directed the attention to the essential points in a good milking cow, so that it would be possible for one to select a calf that would develop into a desirable milker. Questions were asked and answered following the address, and many facts were thus revealed that the average farmer would not notice.
In the afternoon Mr. Reed spoke on diseases of animals and simple remedies at hand. He emphasized the need of prevention of disease, making that more important than the application of remedies.
The dinner served by the grange was in every particular excellent, and the service correspondingly good.
Nahum H. Whitcomb, in general and humorous vein, presented as after-dinner speakers, Mrs. Grace Lawrence, Mr. Corkum, Mr. Esten and Mr. Reed, also Miss Noyes, reader of Lowell, all of whom gave much pleasure as well as entertainment.

New Books.
The following books have been recently added to the Reuben Hoar library:
Third degree, Klein; Wireless telegraph boy, Trowbridge; Morais in modern business, Yale lectures; Old Indian days, Eastman; Conquest of the air, Houghton; Handbook of Chopin's works, Jonson; Boy with the U. S. survey, Wheeler; Efficient life, Julek; Marching with Morgan, Lane; Howers of wood, story of Michigan pine forest, Pufferfoot; Jonathan and David, Ward; Three thousand dollars, Green; It can never happen again, De Morgan; Last of the chiefs, Abner; Annapolis, plebe, Beach; Ocean life in the old sailing ship days, Whidden; Annie Laurie ming beach; Song of the cardinal, King; Old town, Huer; Sunny side of the hill, Carey; Wistful years, Gilson; At the guest, Knowles; Florence Nightingale, angel of Crimea, Richards; How to understand electrical works, Onken; King in khaki, Webster; Courier of empire, Marcus Whitman's ride, Whitson; Alaska the great country, Higginson.

Lincoln Club Entertainment.
The chicken supper and entertainment by the Lincoln club deserves a word of commendation. The supper was pronounced excellent in every particular. The entertainment that followed was of excellent quality. The Cynthian orchestra rendered several selections, all of which showed fine progress on the part of each member. The music furnished by them was in itself a full entertainment. The celebrated Newton quartet sang in excellent voice, receiving repeated applause.

Mr. Arnold, the famous author of Woonsocket, R. I., recited an original poem and read selections appropriate to the Lincoln celebration, all of which were beautifully rendered and pleasantly received. The receipts were not as good as could be desired, but as large as the prevalence of measles and mumps would warrant.
PEPPERELL.
A Worthy Tribute.
One of Pepperell's many sons to leave home and attain brilliant success in business, as well as universal respect and confidence, was the late Dr. Raymond Boynton, whose death was mentioned in a recent issue. The following tribute was written by Smith Baker and appeared in the Lowell Courier-Citizen:
Frequently public men when they die, have more virtues and a higher character ascribed to them than they possessed while living, but men in the ordinary walks of life are forgotten concerning their virtues and noble qualities. It is to be found in the common walks of life, among men who do not move in the upper circles of society, who have not the wealth to make great donations, who make no eloquent speeches and whose names are almost never seen in the newspapers. Among that number was Dr. Raymond Boynton, of the firm of Russell & Boynton, grocers on Merrimack street.
Mr. Boynton came to Lowell thirty-five years ago and has been a quiet, industrious and useful citizen ever since, until his death, Monday, February 11. He was not a common man among common men, but possessed a balance of character which though attracting no attention by its brilliancy, constantly became stronger and deeper in its hold upon the hearts of people to be met.

First, he was a sincere, honest, conscientious man, both in his words and his dealings, so that the more people knew him the more they believed in him. People realized there was no deception in his speech, or his life and that he would be honest, not only with the men, who were his equals, but with the poorest child. This transparent honesty gave him the confidence of all who knew him. It was readiness which after all is the basis of worthy character.
Second, he was a man of unobtrusive modesty. There was no appearing to be what he was not, no affectation, no egotism, no self-conceit or putting on a display, no trying to seem more than he was, rather, the fact, if it can be considered a fault, was that he underrated himself and did not think he had the ability he had, for he was an intelligent man with good ideas and had frightened him to hear his own voice in public, as much as his judgment was prized in private. This modesty increased the love the people had for him and made him a companion for both men and boys.
Third, he was a man of thoughtful kindness in all his things. This was one of the charms of his character. In his business it never seemed to trouble to do a kind thing, or to do a little favor, or an opportunity to do a little thing which justice did not require, hence it was a pleasure to trade with him—to have him call at the house—for the oft-repeated words were "no trouble at all; no trouble at all; a great pleasure," and you felt they were not for you, but for the commercial politeness, but that it made him happy to do a favor. In other words, he practiced the golden rule in his business life. But his kind and kindness was seen in little things outside of business relations. For instance, hundreds of children, boys and girls, many of whom he did not know, will ever remember him for the rides he gave them and which he knew made them happy. It was a little thing, but a great revelation of the heart of the man.
Fourth, there was nothing mean about him in any of the relations of life. He was a man of high character in the church he was ever ready to do his part and a little more. This made him a useful man upon committees, and in any kind of social work he could be depended upon not to shirk but to do his part. He would do his part, and he would do it well. We all know that a fourth of such men. Some men will talk and a stranger would think them the most important men in the concern, but it all ends in talk and bluster and telling what ought to be done but not so with him. He never talked in public, or said much but was ever ready to work, to do the unbecome work, in other words, he was ever willing to put his shoulder to the wheel.
Fifth, he was a man of clear and decided convictions. He knew what he believed and had a reason for it. This made him a fine and useful committee man, a silent power behind the curtains, whose advice was good for something. Such men are never appreciated while they live but they form the solid walls of any organization to which they belong.
Sixth, he was a cheerful, hopeful man with a vein of fun in his nature, which made him a good companion, being on the bright side, full of charity for others.
Seventh, he was a man of spotless moral character. There was nothing in his outward reputation to be apologized for, or covered up. His moral record was clean, so that in thinking of him we do not have to try to balance virtues by virtues and labor hard to make his virtues more than his faults. His record was clean.
Eighth, he was an humble christian with not the least self-righteousness or trust in his own goodness, yet, with an inclination to self-deprecate himself. He trusted only in the merits of Jesus Christ as his atoning savior. His faith was, "I am a poor sinner, with nothing at all and Jesus Christ is my all and in all." Such middle-class men are the rock bed of society. They are not honored enough, but the memory of them is an increasing delight and a constant sermon to those who knew them. The Lord increase their number.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. In the probate case, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH E. BALCOM, late of Shirley, 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 HENRY T. BALCOM, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of March, A. D. 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed to file a copy of the notice directed by this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's "The Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, Mass., and to file a copy on one day, at least, before said court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Clerk of said court, this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
3124 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, March 5, 1910.

GROTON.

A Very Old Preacher.

Rev. Jacob Patch passed away Monday evening, February 21, at his home, Stevens Point, Wis., at the unusual age of ninety-five years. While he has been in delicate health for several years, he has been able to lead a remarkably active life for one of his age, and within ten days of his death he was able to drive out and down town in his cutter accompanied by his assistant, Mr. Peterson. For several days previous to Monday he seemed to be suffering from a slight cold and indigestion, and at three o'clock Monday morning he lapsed into a comatose state. During Monday afternoon, however, he rallied and recognized Mrs. Patch and caressed her tenderly, but shortly afterward fell into his final rest.

Jacob Patch was born in Groton, January 12, 1815, and came of Puritan stock, his ancestors having come over in early colonial days. His grandfather was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and his father in the war of 1812. He was one of a family of eight children, all of whom, with his death, have now passed away. His father died when he was twelve years old, and at the age of sixteen he went to Sharon, Conn. Later he attended the Western Reserve college at Hudson, Ohio, and took his theological course at the Theological seminary in the same town, from which he graduated in 1845. Soon afterward he engaged in the ministry, his first charge being at Orland, Ind. In 1845, at Honeoye Falls, N. Y., he married Miss Jane Bush. The marriage was an exceptionally happy one, and for sixty-four years they have journeyed on, hand in hand, through sunshine and shadow, always like two young lovers.

Mr. Patch remained in charge of the church at Orland for twenty years, but in 1886, on account of ill health, he was obliged to resign. He then came to Stevens Point, and upon his arrival there took charge of the First Presbyterian church, which at that time had a membership of only ten persons. In 1872 the membership had been increased to forty, but in the latter year, yielding to the solicitations of his former parishioners, Rev. Patch returned to Orland. After remaining there for three years he returned to Stevens Point, and this has been the home of the family ever since. After his return he had no regular charge, but for many years was engaged in missionary work, principally in towns along the line of the Wisconsin Central railroad, but he frequently occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church in Stevens Point, and also visited and preached in churches elsewhere. He organized the Presbyterian churches at Phillips and Marshfield, and also established a number of missions. The mission at Shantytown, known as the Lake Howard Presbyterian church, he established and regularly attended for several years after he was more than eighty years old, making the trip of twenty miles in carriage or cutter, driving his own horse and usually accompanied by Mrs. Patch.

Mr. and Mrs. Patch were the parents of six children, of whom two died in childhood. Allan, in Indiana, and Fred in Stevens Point, many years ago. The remaining children are George E. Patch of Sunnyside, Wash.; Miss Jennie and Dr. Mary Patch at home, and Mrs. Martha Campbell of Canfield, Ohio. The children of George Patch were raised for the most part under the old home roof, and were regarded by the grandparents almost the same as children. They are Mrs. Mary Belz of Washington, D. C. Allan Patch of Milwaukee, and Oren and Harry Patch, who located in the state of Washington. Besides raising their immediate family Mr. and Mrs. Patch took a kindly interest in helping a great many young people to get an education and a start in life.

Mrs. Patch will be eighty-eight years of age on May 27. She is remarkably well and active for one of her years. In looking over some of Mr. Patch's old papers, it was noted that she was able to read his small and tremulous script without glasses. She is wearing up under her sorrow bravely and philosophically, realizing that the parting is but for a little while, and buoyed up by her faith in the promised reunion on the other side.

Among his last acts in his official capacity were his last sermon in the Presbyterian church on December 24, 1905; his last marriage, Kate Baker to V. V. Harris, on September 11, 1908; last visit to the Lake Howard church on April 21, 1907; last sermon preached at Meehan on Jonah and the whale, in May, 1908; last baptism, his granddaughter, Dorothy Ramsey Belz on September 26, 1909.

For several years Mr. Patch has been regarded as among the oldest if not the oldest minister in the country. Accurate information on this point, however, is unobtainable. He has always maintained an active interest in the ministry, although not definitely assigned to any fixed charge. He was always an honored guest at the sessions of the presbytery, synod and other assemblies of the church, where he was the patriarch of the group. For a man of his years, and as a representative of the old school, he was broad in his beliefs and sympathetic with the frailties of those who sometimes faltered in their upward and onward progress. The announcement of his death will be received with regret by all who ever enjoyed his personal acquaintance.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon, February 25, from the Presbyterian church, Stevens Point, Wis. Rev. Jacob Patch, the subject of this sketch, was an uncle of Mrs. H. W. Whiting and an uncle by marriage of Mrs. William F. Patch, the nearest relatives in Groton who represent this early colonial family.

Tenth Anniversary.

The most brilliant society event of the season occurred on Monday evening of this week when Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell observed the tenth anniversary of their marriage at the home of Miss Georgianna Boutwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell received in the drawing-room assisted by Miss Abercrombie of Lunenburg, and Mr.

and Mrs. Francis Lawrence. Mrs. Boutwell was charming in her wedding gown of white brocaded satin with pearl passementerie and Duchesse lace, and carried a magnificent bouquet of violets. Mrs. Lawrence was attractively gowned in white chiffon, and Miss Abercrombie in grey voile with pale blue trimmings.

During the entire evening music was played at the piano, at which Miss Abercrombie and Miss Clara Robinson presided. Miss Robinson was very attractive in pale blue crepe de chene with black velvet trimmings.

The house was charmingly decorated with beautiful flowers. The dining-room, where delicious refreshments were served, was very attractive with its handsomely appointed table, at each end of which were large silver candelabra, the centerpiece, an immense bunch of pinks and maidenhair fern, the general color scheme being green and white. Mrs. Francis Lawrence and Miss Nellie Richards poured, assisted by Miss Ruth Gerrish. Miss Richards was charming in grey chiffon with opalescent trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell were the recipients of many beautiful flowers.

Among those wearing beautiful gowns were Mrs. Needham, black messaline silk trimmed with silver; Mrs. Goble, pale blue satin with silver trimmings; Mrs. Higley, grey satin princess with Persian trimmings; Mrs. Shaw, white silk; Mrs. Cross, black chiffon; Mrs. Grant Shattuck, blue voile trimmed with panne velvet; Mrs. Clough, mode voile applique with self-tone braid; Miss Ruth Gerrish, white lace robe; Mrs. Robinson, plum-colored chiffon taffeta, trimmed with jet; Mrs. Frank Woods, brown satin; Mrs. Frank Torrey, white crepe de chene; Mrs. Bruce, black silk; Miss Bruce, Copenhagen blue satin; Mrs. Sickford, black chiffon with violets.

Others present were Miss Archibald, Miss Emma Blood, Mrs. Barr, Mr. Cross, Lawrence Park, Mr. Clough, Michael Sheedy, Charles Gerrish, Dr. Goble, Mr. Richards, Mr. Dodge, Mr. Higley, William Lawrence, Grant Shattuck, Rev. George M. Howe, Frank F. Waters, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell received many letters of congratulations from friends invited, but who were unable to attend.

Death.

The funeral of Miss Anna C. Shattuck was held from the home of her brother, Edwin A. Shattuck, on Tuesday afternoon, March 1. Miss Shattuck died in Wakefield, Sunday night, February 27. Though not enjoying the best of health for some little time past, the fatal illness was cerebro spinal meningitis of short duration.

Miss Shattuck was born in Groton, the daughter of Mrs. Lucy B. and the late William Shattuck, and was thus a descendant of one of the early Groton families, and one of the many great-grand children of the revolutionary soldier and noted historical Job Shattuck. She was educated in the schools of this town, and was a graduate of the Framingham Normal school. After teaching in Groton she filled positions in other places, among which were those in Jamaica Plain, Boston and Wakefield. The date of the birth was May 14, 1851.

Always conscientious and faithful, her estimable character was recognized wherever her work was done. Besides her relatives there are very many other friends here who heard of her decease with sincere regret, although believing that a Christian woman had passed on, to realize her hope of another fuller and happier existence.

Miss Shattuck is survived by her mother, Mrs. Lucy B. Shattuck, two brothers, Edwin A. and Jerome C., and one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Floyd, all of Groton. There are besides these one brother, Norman Shattuck of Leominster, one sister, Miss Maria Shattuck of Waltham, a sister, Mrs. Lucy Spaulding of Benzon, Mich., a sister, Mrs. Josie Morey, and a brother, William Shattuck, both of Hollister, Calif. This is the second death in a family of eleven children.

The interment was in the family lot in Groton cemetery. Rev. H. H. Gay officiated. Services were also held Tuesday morning in Wakefield. The pastor of the Congregational there officiated and spoke of her close attendance at church and Sabbath school, and her beautiful upright life.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

Rev. R. W. Drawbridge of Pepperell gave a very interesting talk last Sunday at the vesper service on "Man and his implements."

George M. Carpenter of Burlington, Vt., has been elected captain of the football team for next year, and Harold P. Cowperthwaite of Westfield, N. J., manager.

The graduating class has elected the following officers: Elmer W. Pike of Fisk, Vt., pres.; Vi Chi Mei of Tien Tsin, China, vice-pres.; George R. Batteller, Jr., of Boston, sec. and treas.; Louis H. Sheedy of Groton, sergeant-at-arms.

Harold Sheedy, L. A. '06, has completed the course at Williams in three years, ranking very high in all his studies, and has been elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society, thus reflecting great honor on Lawrence academy.

There are now between forty and fifty students enrolled, the largest number for several years. The latest school to place Lawrence on its "Accredited list" is the University of Pennsylvania.

Treasurer's Report.

The following report of the District Nurse Committee for the year ending March 1, 1910, may be of interest to the townspeople.

We wish to call attention to the large amount raised by the Entertainment committee, which during its two years of existence raised \$467, making it unnecessary for us to raise by personal subscription the usual sum.

It was with great regret we accepted the resignation of this very efficient committee, and it will be seen we must soon depend on personal subscriptions and paying patients to raise the annual amount.

The number of visits recorded for the year, 596, is somewhat misleading, as Miss Riley makes many helpful calls which are not reported, only three which are paid for appearing in the report.

The loan closet has been well pat-

ronized, giving relief and comfort in many instances. We are greatly in need of contributions of old linen and cotton cloth.

Miss Riley has been granted a leave of absence for two months, Miss Flynn taking her place.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

March 1, 1909, to March 1, 1910.
DR.
Balance March 1, 1909..... \$275.56
Received from contributions..... 259.00
Received from pay patients..... 159.86
Received from entertainments..... 317.45

Total..... \$1011.87

CR.
Paid nurse's salary..... \$720.00
Supplies and medicines..... 25.80
Telephone..... 27.00
Cash in Ayer bank..... 259.07

Total..... \$1011.87

Respectfully submitted,
LILLIAN M. SHATTUCK,
Treasurer.

Debate.

Miss Fannie E. Woods, teacher at Groton high school, from which Perle P. Fallon graduated in 1907, went to Worcester on Friday night, February 25, to attend the Bates vs. Clark college debate, held that night in the Old South church of that city.

Miss Woods felt well repaid for going, and witnessed the excellent work of Mr. Fallon, who was captain of his team. The press of the city speaks of him as "a most effective man to lead off the question for the negative." Clark won, repeating her victory of last year, when the teams debated in Lewiston, Me.

The question debated this year was: Resolved, that the commission plan of municipal government should be generally adopted throughout the United States. Definition: the essential feature of the commission system is the combination of legislative and administrative functions in a small body of men.

Bates took the affirmative; Clark the negative. The judges were Hon. Francis C. Lowell, judge of United States district court; Prof. W. B. Mitchell, Bowdoin college; Prof. William Orr, Springfield Central high school.

Grange Meeting.

The next meeting of Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange will be held at Groton, Wednesday, March 9. The following order of exercises will be observed:

10.50. Has the honor of the United States been sullied by having ten war ships, 600 men and seventy guns on the great lakes? Read treaty of 1812. Does the American farmer want a change in this peaceable arrangement?
11.30. How the country became spread national interest on broad subjects and should it be renewed? Hon. M. P. Palmer of Groton.

Music in charge of Miss Helen Barrows.

1.30. music.

1.35. The wonderberry as I found it, said, Tucker of Pepperell.

1.45. How we work in the mines, by a miner, E. F. Docherty of Groton.

1.55. The oriole's nest, Mrs. E. A. Barrows of Groton.

2.00. How the Maori women in a decade have excelled the American women in national importance. Mrs. Harold Boucote of Leominster.

2.15. The use of nitrate of soda. Geo. A. Mahoney of Pepperell.

2.25. new potato culture, how to grow potatoes in thirty-five days from planting to maturity, Rev. A. N. Somers of Westboro.

2.30. reading, Miss E. A. Mason, Groton.

3.30. questions and music.

3.40. profits in sheep raising, Myron P. Swallow of Groton.

The afternoon session is open to the public and closes at four p. m.

News Items.

In the year 1852 the Humane society of Massachusetts gave to Rufus Hazard of Groton a premium of ten dollars for saving the life of Samuel Williams. While the fact is now entirely forgotten, it may be well to put on record the following entry found on page 58 of the History of the Humane Society of Massachusetts (Boston, 1876).

To Rufus Hazard, a colored person, for extraordinary exertion and great hazard in attempting to save Samuel Williams, who had sunk in Squamcook (Squamacook) River.

It was five years Tuesday, February 25, since Governor Boutwell died.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence and daughters, the Misses Hester and Mary Lawrence, sailed Saturday, February 26, for Europe via Mediterranean ports.

Miss Anna Patterson, daughter of Allen Patterson, is making a good recovery at the hospital here, from operation for appendicitis performed by Dr. Kilbourn two weeks ago.

Wyman Gibson was operated on by Dr. Kilbourn at the Groton hospital last week Saturday, and has been since making desirable improvement.

There was no meeting at the Baptist church last Sunday evening, as the pastor, Rev. H. A. Cornell, went to Lowell to officiate at a baptismal service held that evening at the Emmanuel church of that city, the church of his former pastorate. Of the six who received the rite, five date their religious interest to the time when they sat under Mr. Cornell's preaching.

Rev. Mr. Luck occupied the pulpit at the Unitarian church last Sunday, substituting for the pastor, Rev. P. H. Cressey, who was called to Cambridge by the dangerous illness of Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Cressey's mother.

Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood and son, Mark H. Blood, are suffering from the grippe, the latter confined to his bed. Mr. and Mrs. Blood and son are still at Groton Inn, where they went for the winter.

The annual opening of the mite boxes took place at the meeting of the Ladies' Missionary society of the Baptist church, last week Thursday afternoon. Talks and reports of conditions in the missions at Assam made an interesting program. There were twenty present at this gathering, including the pastor, Rev. H. A. Cornell, who spoke interestingly on the subject, telling how two of his classmates went out to Assam as missionaries. It is an important strategic point through which all trade passes from Thibet to India. A most delicious lunch was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

It is currently reported that Charles B. Eddy has bought the so-called Fletcher place, owned by Grant W. Shattuck or by the heirs of the late Milo H. Shattuck.

The Groton Chapter, D. R., held its annual meeting Thursday, March 3, at the home of Mrs. Charles Bickford. The following officers were elected: Miss G. A. Boutwell, regent; Mrs. Lawrence Park, vice-regent; Miss Flora J. Smith, sec.; Mrs. William

Bruce, treas.; Mrs. W. A. Lawrence, historian; Mrs. F. L. Blood, Mrs. Eugene Nutting, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Clough, executive committee. At the close of the business meeting refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will not hold a sociable next Thursday afternoon, but will meet in the church parlor from two to five o'clock.

Mrs. Lucy B. Shattuck, who is in her ninety-first year, met with a fall, last week Friday morning. She had risen from bed and was about dressing, when in some way she caught her foot and tipped over. The injuries were not so severe as was feared, but her shoulder and back still give her pain. We all hope that Mrs. Shattuck will soon entirely recover.

The mass of broken ice, driftwood, etc., is banked well up to the red bridge, on that part of the Nashua. It is such an unusual spectacle that many have taken pains to go on purpose to see it.

The annual gentlemen's night, with supper and entertainment, will be held at the Baptist church vestry on Thursday night, March 17. A fine program is being prepared.

Mrs. Barbee Miller was operated on for appendicitis at the hospital here, on Tuesday, Dr. Kilbourn and Drs. Heald and Lovejoy of Pepperell attending.

Harold R. Sheedy, having completed his four years' course at Williams' college several months ahead of the usual required time, has been at home for some weeks. Mr. Sheedy will return to Williams next June and receive his diploma with his class.

During the day, Tuesday, March 1, Revs. G. M. Howe, H. A. Cornell and P. H. Cressey were all absent from town, an unusual occurrence.

The mill of the Nashua River Paper Co. has been shut down on account of high water. There was three and one-half feet over the dam and nine feet of back water. The river rose so that the water extended nearly over the road. Brooks and ponds around town were overflowing and many cellars were flooded.

The March meeting of the Groton Historical society was held Tuesday night, March 1. The attendance was small, owing to the weather. Those who were present enjoyed much Rev. P. H. Cressey's "Confessions of a Romanticist." Everybody knew it would be good, but the subject was calculated to arouse curiosity as to what the confessions were about, and those were hindered from attending the meeting were the only ones disappointed.

Famous pictures will be on exhibition at the public library until March 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Wood have as boarders at their pleasant home on Whiting avenue, Mrs. E. J. Fletcher and three children, who are from Greenfield, N. H. The daughter attends the high school, the oldest son is a student at Lawrence academy, and the youngest son attends a lower grade of the public schools. Mr. Fletcher, the husband and father, is in Scotland. He is a purchaser and importer of bonded stock.

Hon. Henry L. Parker, a prominent lawyer of Worcester, dropped dead of heart disease on February 24. He was a native of Acton, where he was born on October 7, 1833, and was fitted for college at Lawrence academy, Groton, and graduated at Dartmouth college in the class of 1856.

The death of Rev. Jacob Patch at Stevens Point, Wis., removed probably the oldest minister in that state. He was a native of Groton, and a brother of the late Zara Patch. His age was ninety-five years.

Miss Annie L. Gilson left Tuesday, going on the Raymond excursion to California. Miss Gilson's plan is to spend a large part of the time when away at Pasadena.

Blue birds have been seen in Groton, and somebody heard a robin here this week.

The members of the graduating class, Groton high school, are preparing to give a play in the near future.

Subscribers are urged to keep their subscriptions paid in advance.

New Advertisements.

February 24, 1910.
The Selectmen hereby announce that the Town Books will close on Thursday evening, March 10, at nine o'clock. Please render all bills on or before that date.

Reports and articles for warrant must be in by Thursday, March 24.
FRANK A. TORREY,
JAMES R. HAWKES,
Selectmen of Groton.

FOR SALE.—A Lot of Good Hay. Inquire of WILLIAM STONE, Harvard, Mass. 1125.

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WANTED.—To Buy Old Banjo and Mirror Clocks. Write what you have. Box 1164, Maynard, Mass. 6125.

LOST.—A Brown Pocketbook between the depot and the fruit store, Ayer, February 22. A liberal reward offered for its return. MRS. T. H. GRIFFIN, Harvard Road, Ayer, Mass. 1126.

FOR SALE.—2 Doors, 2 ft. 6 in. by 6 ft. 6 in. with lock and hinges. Marble Manilla; 4 Storm Windows; 12 Light Glass; 10x14; lot of Odd Blinds. Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass. 251f.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who in any way have helped us in our time of trouble.

To the New England Order of Protection, those who sang at the funeral, the many friends who sent flowers, all who offered help and sympathy our thanks are due.

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For \$1.25

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Aluminum Tea and Coffee Pots marked from.....	\$2.25 to \$1.12 1/2
Aluminum Tea Kettles marked from.....	\$4.00 to \$2.95
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Miss Theodore H. Atwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood, is expected home from Boston in a couple of weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher returned Tuesday evening from their wedding trip. Frank Nutting, who is in the hospital at Worcester, and who fell from a building a distance of forty feet, February 17, will recover from the fall. Since the X-ray was applied it was found that a broken bone was resting on the spine, and he has been placed in a plaster cast. It will take several weeks or months before he will be able to go to work. Mrs. Ida Pearson of Stoneham, daughter of Mrs. S. F. Farnsworth, who came here Wednesday on a visit with her mother, returned Saturday, March 5, to her home. George H. Baker, in the employ of L. W. Phelps for many a year, a very capable man for the responsible position he holds, has, we are sorry to learn, been on the sick list for over a week, wrestling with his old complaint. Miss Eleanor May Webber came home last Wednesday for the Easter vacation, and will be home till April 4. She is teaching this year in Goshen, and is having good success there as a teacher. Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders of Central avenue passed her seventieth birthday with her daughter, Mrs. O. N. Kidder, on Fletcher street, last Monday. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Lew, mother of Mrs. Mary I. Hazard, was eighty-nine years old Tuesday, March 1, and is well and enjoyed her birthday at her daughter's home. Mrs. Lew is spending the winter with her daughter. Her son, W. A. Lew, and his wife and two daughters of Lowell, were present on her birthday. Mrs. Lew has lived in Lowell since twenty-one years of age, coming from Derry, N. H., her native town. The liquor cases come up for trial in the district court, Saturday morning, March 5. The probate court has entered a decree dismissing the petition of Mrs. J. H. Pillman against her husband for separate support, but ordering him to pay her counsel fees. All bills against the town should be presented for payment on or before Monday evening, March 7. The selectmen will be in session at their room on that evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. L. E. Perry, who has recently been extended a call to the pastorate of the Hudson, N. H., Congregational church, preached at both services there last Sunday. Although it had been expected he would be in a position to make an announcement as to whether or not he would accept the call extended, he announced at the morning service, February 27, that he had been unable as yet to arrive at a decision, but that he would let the committee know one way or the other in the near future. The embankments at the railroad bridge is higher than the sidewalks and it keeps the walks muddy. If lowered the sidewalks would be drier and more passable in wet weather. Frank Stone, railroad postoffice clerk, running from Greenville, N. H., to Boston and return, has filled that position very acceptably for the past twenty-one years. The mail car on which he is employed leaves here for Boston every day at 8:10 a. m. Edgar W. Fielden of Jamaica Plain, his wife, Mrs. Clara Fielden, John H. Adams, Leon W. Hastings, and Albert F. Caswell, were before the grand jury of Suffolk county and held on the charge of being connected with the recent robberies of Boston and Maine freight cars in Charlestown, and with the breaking and entering of the Norfolk Blanket Cleaning Company's plant in Jamaica Plain. Piles of goods, boots, shoes and dress goods, were exhibited in the court room. The robbing of cars has been going on for months, and the value of the goods taken amount to thousands of dollars. Rev. A. D. Stroud, pastor of the Methodist church here, has requested to be transferred from the Minnesota conference to the New England conference, and will be assigned to one. The jurors drawn for the superior court at Lowell next Monday are J. J. O'Brien and Kirk Buddington, employed at the express office. C. A. Hodgman of Groton is going to work for Harlow & Parsons, taking the place made vacant by the retirement of Charles A. McCarthy. E. O. Proctor is expecting the lumber for his garage building every day, and Howard D. Stone of Still River is to build it. It is to be a frame building 45 by 60 feet, two stories, with basement, and the building is to be steel sheathed on the outside. After it is erected Mr. Proctor is to add another building in the rear 45 by 60 feet for his machine shop, and then entire building will be 45 by 105 feet. The wooden dock in which Raymond Plouffe sat while on trial for life for the alleged murder of Dr. Henry N. Stone of Newburyport, is more than sixty years old, and has been used in every first degree murder trial held in Worcester county since 1847. It was used in the Torno, Nelson, Frost and Walnwright cases that have been tried in recent years. The two James brothers, who were victims of a double hanging in Summer street jail years ago, also sat in the box. Miss Churchill, the fiancée of Plouffe, left here for Newburyport with the dress suit case and trunk belonging to Plouffe. Sad indeed must be the reflection of a state's prison convict during his invidious experience in his cell, while in solitary confinement; alone, in silence, he is the victim of remorse and intense regret as he realizes his loss of friends, liberty and participation in the active duties and privileges which pertain to citizenship, and recalls what "might have been" under happier conditions. Fortunately for Plouffe verdict was not murder in the first degree. The patent staging on the chimney, of Mr. Phelps' lower mill that has been there for several weeks after the tall chimney had been repaired was removed Wednesday.

Mr. Phelps has bought a large number of logs of his brother, Louis Phelps of Leominster, and his six teams have been bringing them to Ayer. Nearly half of the number had to stop owing to the sudden disappearance of the snow. The building recently vacated by A. E. Lawrence & Son, corner of Main and West streets, has been purchased by S. Dickinson of Fitchburg. A clam supper was served in the lower town hall, Wednesday evening, by the men of the Methodist church. The committee in charge was Rev. A. D. Stroud, John P. Lentz, Z. H. Tyler, Henry Turner, Elbridge Kidder, Harold Sanders, Philip Andrew, Norman Beers and Harry Allen. Esther Washburn, who had an operation for appendicitis a few weeks ago, is ill with diphtheria. The rhetoricians in the high school were omitted last week in the absence of Principal Wiltman. The funeral of Mrs. Herbert Pillman took place from the Baptist church, Sunday afternoon. A quartet, Philip Delano, J. Reynolds, Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. Fred Lowell, sang "Under his wings," "Sometime we'll understand," and "Looking this way." Rev. J. W. Thomas conducted the service and paid an earnest tribute to the deceased. The bearers were: William J. Delano, William Findlay, Byron Murphy and John B. Washburn. The full church and the many beautiful floral tributes testified to the love of friends. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in Woodlawn cemetery. Miss Nina G. Fletcher will give a violin recital in Page hall, Friday evening, April 22. The illustrated card of the notice of the costume dance, Friday evening, February 22, that was posted at the town hall, attracted considerable attention, and was a very artistic piece of work. The artist was Miss N. M. Fillebrown, daughter of Deputy Sheriff Fillebrown. Frequently Miss Fillebrown displays her skill in the line of work as an illustrator. The young people of the O. E. S. will hold a hat dance in Page hall, Thursday evening, March 31. Prizes will be given for the best, largest and smallest hat. Music by Wilson's singing orchestra, Fitchburg. On Tuesday, March 8, the ladies of the Unitarian society will serve a supper in the vestry of the church at six o'clock. Business meeting at four o'clock. In the evening at eight there will be an entertainment consisting of music and a three-act drama, "Lucia's lover." Charles A. McCarthy, who has been in the employ of Harlow & Parsons for the past twelve years, has bought the meat market in Shirley of George E. Harlow, lately managed by James A. McMillan, Jr., and has taken possession of the business. In company with Mr. McCarthy is Edward Markham, who has been a clerk in the freight office of the Boston and Maine railroad for a number of years. Michael Horan, who resides on West Main street, upon entering his henhouse one morning last week, discovered that about four of his birds were missing, and upon investigating found tracks on the snow going and approaching the henhouse. Mr. Horan says that he has a pretty good idea as to who took such a privilege during the time he smokes his pipe. Mrs. Lillian Moore Stearns, wife of Fred S. Stearns, died in Lynn, February 28, aged thirty-two years, after a long illness. She was born in Lynn and was the daughter of Joseph Moore. She formerly taught the Harmon Street school in that city, and later taught in Ayer and at Harwich. She was a member of the First Universalist church of Lynn. She leaves a husband. Wednesday morning Allen Doncaster of Somerville and James Goss of Arlington started Wednesday morning on the warpath in exterminating of the nests of the brown-tail moth on the trees in Nutting grove, and will take two or three weeks to go all over the trees in the destroying of the nests. M. J. Carey has assisted them in the work done. Warren L. Preble is sick and confined to the house this week and is under the doctor's care. All people indebted for the removal of moth nests from their trees are requested to pay the bills by March 19, the money being needed for the continuation of the work. The amount of unpaid bills at that time will be added to the tax bills. The sewing school opens its last half this Saturday. There will be a brief teachers' meeting at the close about 4:10 p. m. Will people visit the school. It will pay and it is your duty. The Unitarian Women's Alliance met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. D. W. Fletcher. An appropriation was made toward the building fund of a western church, the subscription to the Cheerful letter was renewed, a letter of greeting was sent to Mrs. F. A. Day, an absent member. The program included chorus singing by the Alliance, readings by Mrs. Charlotte I. Whitman, vocal solos by Mrs. Eva Richardson and recitations by Miss Doris Fletcher. Refreshments were served during a social hour. E. O. Proctor expects to be at the Automobile show in Boston every day next week, and he will be pleased to explain the anti-kick device, to be exhibited by one of the largest jobbers in automobiles. Services at the Baptist church, Sunday, March 6, as follows: Preaching at 10:45, followed by communion service. Sunday school at twelve. A full attendance is desired, as there is to be rehearsal of special music. In the evening at seven o'clock there will be a union no-license meeting. Miss Elizabeth Gordon of Boston, acting state president of the W. C. T. U., has been engaged to speak. On Monday evening Rev. J. W. Thomas received a dispatch calling him to Melrose, where on Tuesday afternoon he attended the double funeral of Mr. and Mrs. S. Munro, former parishioners, whose death occurred so near together that one service was held for both in the church. In this family Mr. Thomas had officiated at two weddings, one funeral service and two baptisms during his pastorate there. At the close of the service many former friends and acquaintances waited to grasp once more their

former pastor's hand in cordial greeting. Mrs. E. G. Duncklee has opened her millinery rooms in Public Spirit building, March 1. The rooms were closed through the month of February. The ladies of the Congregational church are preparing for their annual Easter sale and supper, which will be held in the church vestry, Thursday, March 24. There will be for sale aprons and many other useful articles. Also an abundance of home-made candy. It is hoped all who will come and bring their friends with them. The next meeting of the Ayer Woman's club will be Federation day, March 16. Addresses by Federation officers. March 30 will be guest afternoon. Each member can obtain two tickets of Mrs. George Shattuck, Washington street. Tuesday, March 1, at the high school Mrs. W. L. Smith, the state organizer for the National Congress of Mothers, will speak to all interested in child problems. It is hoped to effect an organized parent-teachers' association. Parents are earnestly urged to attend the meeting at 3:45 p. m. The thirty-sixth annual concert and ball of Division No. 7, A. O. H., will be given in town hall, St. Patrick's night, March 17. Music will be furnished by Holt's orchestra of Nashua, seven pieces. Concert from 7:45 to 9:15. Grand march at 9:30. Dancing until two. Supper will be served in the lower hall by a caterer from Lowell. C. A. McCarthy, floor director. The executive committee of the Ayer District Sunday School association was held in the lower town hall last Monday. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Ayer, April 26. For other Ayer items of news, see page 8. District Court. John J. Thyne, charged with breaking glass in Mrs. Hill's building, Merchants' Row, was on trial found guilty and fined ten dollars. M. Morrissey of East Pepperell, charged with drunkenness at East Pepperell, was tried, found guilty and fined ten dollars. Charles Shicks of Lowell, drunkenness at Ayer, was on trial found guilty and fined ten dollars. Richard Freeman of Groton, disorderly conduct on a railroad car at Westford, was in court, and on trial found guilty and fined fifteen dollars. Prizes for Gymnasium Work. The management of the Civic gymnasium has arranged for a series of athletic and gymnastic contests during the present month. Mrs. S. M. Davis, who has shown much interest in the gymnasium, has offered two handsome shields for a prize for those having the highest average work in the above contests. The prizes are handsome and substantial. They are made of bronze and copper, and mounted on a wood back. The winner will have reason to be proud of them. In addition to these the annual ribbon prizes will be given to the member who attain the highest marks at the end of the season. The prize ribbons will be first, second and third for each athletic event. The condition awarding the prizes will be the same as those generally followed in the athletic clubs and gymnasiums. The athletic contests will be on Mondays, and the gymnasium contests on Thursdays. The first contest will be on Monday, March 7, and the last contest on Thursday evening, April 7, which will be a public exhibition of the classes. Those taking part in the contests are reminded that the hours are from 4:30 to 5:15 o'clock for the afternoon class on Monday and Thursday, and 7:30 to 8:30 for the evening class. The gymnasium is now taking on new life and energy, and it is up to the boys to make these contests what they should be. Below is given the dates for the athletic contests for shields. The program for the other contests will be published next week. Monday, March 7.—Standing broad jump, snap under bar for distance, dips. Monday, March 14.—Standing high jump, ring snap for height, pull up. Monday, March 21.—Standing hop, step and jump, rope climb, bar vault. Monday, March 28.—Two standing broad jumps, standing high kick, rope skip. Exhibition night, April 7.—Running high jump, eight potato race, running broad jump. Reception. Wednesday evening, March 2, Hon. and Mrs. George J. Burns gave a reception at their home in honor of their daughter, Avis Adella and her husband, Harry E. Fisher. The young people were married on February 15, and spent the following two weeks on a wedding trip to Bermuda, from which they returned on the evening of March 1. The palatial residence of Mr. and Mrs. Burns, furnished for the occasion with the fine skill of the owners, was all used for the accommodation of the guests, who, if one may use the words of our poet Longfellow: Thriving come with merriment and To celebrate the fortunate, the happy day. When a new household found its place, Among the myriad homes of earth. These guests came from Hudson, Marlborough, Shirley, Harvard, Boston, Everett, Newton, Melrose, Somerville, Greenfield, Ayer, Vermont and New Hampshire. Little Avis Burns Chandler, a namesake of the bride, opened the door to the guests and they were greeted at once by Mr. and Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Charles H. Fisher, parents of the bridal pair. The ushers, a charming group in white gowns and wearing long stemmed American Beauty roses, were Miss Elinor Clark, Miss Esther Stone, Miss Madolin Whitney of Ayer, Miss Barbara Hazen of Shirley, Miss Susan Penhallow of New London, Conn., and Miss Ethel Felton of Greenfield. The reception room was furnished in a color scheme of green, which included beautiful palms and ferns, the whole arrangement being the work of the Misses Clark, Penhallow, Hazen, Hale and Felton. In the receiving line were the bridal pair, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher, Miss Mary Hale of Newbury, Vt., the attendant and college room mate of the bride, and George Whitmore of Somerville, a friend of the groom.

The bride wore rose silk trimmed with Irish point lace and carried white bride roses. She seemed a veritable American Beauty rose herself as she stood in her frank, fresh, beautiful, young womanhood, receiving her friends with graceful, cordial charm. The husband, a fine young man, proud and smiling, did well his part in the festivities of the occasion. The bride's attendant wore Nile green silk and carried Killarney roses. The evening was very pleasantly varied with excellent music by this orchestra: Miss E. Marion Sweatt of Graniteville, piano; Walter Lougee and Ruel P. Lougee of Harvard, cello and violin. Reed of Fitchburg was caterer and efficiently served the large company with dainty refreshments. The gifts were numerous, rich, dainty, choice, beautiful and of great variety, including silver, glass, china, pictures, statuary, linen, furniture, crisp clean bills and broad gold pieces. Among them a "Victory of Samothrace" from the art class of the Woman's club, of which the bride is a member, and a beautiful gold clock from the George J. Burns hook and ladder company. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are to live at the home of the bride's parents, where a dainty suite of rooms has been made ready for them and where they will be at home to all friends. A Very Able Address. The Ayer Board of Trade held its regular meeting, Thursday evening, in their rooms on Washington street. The regular business was attended to and two new members were voted in, and President George H. Brown, in well-chosen words, introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Richmond Flisk, D. D., who gave a very able address on this subject, "The two chief characteristics of our time," which the speaker said were "the increase of knowledge and the increase of sympathy and interest in human well-being." These are the most fundamental and far-reaching powers in determining and directing both the material and the moral activity and achievements of our day. To show the circumvise advancement of knowledge the speaker contrasted the scientific outfit and instruction of the colleges of 1854-8 and that of today, a change and advance so great and so radical as to compel re-writing of history from the days of Babylon, Egypt, Judea and Greece to the middle of the last century. Knowledge shows the way for goodness and sympathy to apply this power to the correction of evils of all kinds. Hence the stimulus of our times of varied researches that puts into effect for human well-being the joint forces of science and high moral purpose, which now animate an ever-increasing army of scholars and lovers of God and man. Light refreshments were served after the lecture. The superintendent of the schools, F. C. Johnson, is to be the speaker at the next meeting. A Successful Business Career. D. W. Fletcher, who last Monday retired from the clothing business, now carried on by his sons, Howard and Frank, first engaged in the clothing business in 1865 in the employ of R. T. Bartlett on Merchants' Row, and July 6, 1870, all the buildings on that Row were destroyed by fire. Mr. Bartlett then moved his tailoring business to Harvey A. Woods' building, afterwards the grain store of J. Cushing & Co., now occupied by A. E. Lawrence & Son, and was there two years. In 1873 Mr. Bartlett moved into Page's block, and Mr. Fletcher remained with Mr. Bartlett until the fall of 1879. Mr. Fletcher and E. D. Stone purchased the stock of goods of the J. C. Tenney estate, and he continued in partnership with Mr. Stone until November, 1893, when he bought out S. W. Fletcher's business, his brother, in George B. Turner's block. Mr. Fletcher was then in business for himself and part of the time with his son Howard, until he sold out to his sons last Monday. He purchased the Nutting block in 1902 or 1903, where the business is still conducted. A Devoted Wife and Mother. After the surgical operation last Thursday week, Dr. Hopkins remained with Mrs. Pillman from two o'clock until 11:30. Before her death that night Mrs. Pillman said to Dr. Hopkins, I am free of pain and feel comfortable. Now, doctor, tell me if I am going to recover, for I wish to know. When informed that she was a very sick woman. She called her husband and children to the bedside, bade them all farewell, and said to her husband, take good care of the children. Mrs. Pillman was conscious to the last and survived for half an hour. The immediate cause of death was a blood clot in lung. Before the closing of the casket the children kissed their mother, and it was a most affecting scene, and deeply impressed all who were present. Mrs. Pillman was a most exemplary woman, a loving wife and mother, and wished to live to care for her family she was so devoted to. Ministers' Union. The spring meeting of the ministers' union was held in the lower town hall, Tuesday, all day. In point of numbers and interest it was one of the finest that has been held by this organization in the fifteen years of its existence. The union is inter-denominational, and ministers from far and near were present. The meeting opened at ten o'clock in charge of the secretary, Rev. William J. Batt of Concord Junction. He called all present by name and introduced them to the gathering, and each briefly responded with mention of his parish and some feature of his work. The first regular speaker of the morning was Rev. E. T. Root of Providence, R. I., secretary of the Federation of churches for Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He spoke of the need of organization of churches, so that some church should be responsible for each square mile, and overcrowding and overlapping in church work would be prevented. The chief basis of consolidation is cooperation, its chief foe, not sectarianism, which is fast disappearing, not denominationalism, which is consistent with federation, but institutionalism, a desire to build up the local church, and the influence of social ties. Examination shows too many sittings for the population. If the

churches desire large institutions they must consolidate, if they will keep all the churches they must be satisfied with intensive work. The second speaker was Dr. F. E. Emrich, secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary society, who agreed with Mr. Root, and said we must make a new study of the Roman Catholic church. He spoke of the unifying effect of the Lord's prayer, which contained a whole system of religion. A fine lunch was served at noon in charge of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shattuck and Mrs. L. E. Perry. In the afternoon Rev. W. F. Lovett of West Acton presided. Secretary Batt reported that the meetings of the union for fifteen years had been in Boston for Ayer. It has published some valuable tracts. Among its deceased presidents of note have been Rev. Geo. S. Shaw of Ashby, Rev. Joshua Young of Groton, and Rev. Edward Everett Hale of Boston. The first address of the afternoon was by Rev. E. A. Paddock, superintendent of religious work in Idaho. He is a rapid, racy speaker, and gave many interesting stories of his experiences. He said there were too many churches in towns along the railroads in the west, while many rural communities had none. Mr. Paddock and each of the other speakers emphasized the thought that there were too many churches in many localities, both east and west, and that this was a great hindrance to the progress of christianity. The second address was by Rev. M. L. Cutler, Universalist pastor of East Jaffrey, N. H. He said the reformation had established one thing, man's right to dissent. We are safe to think what we will. In the west churches may be united; try to unite churches in old New England towns and see what you get. Then he gave an account of his own experience. He believes a minister may, and in the country church should, work at some other employment part of the time. At work on a level with other men, a minister gets nearer a man than he can in any other way. Mr. Cutler has forty-seven acres of land, has himself built barns and a house, owns cows, horses, pigs and hens. He has been twenty-three years in his present place, and believes that ten years of service are necessary before a minister can really know his people. After him Hamilton S. Conant spoke of the great good done by the inter-denominational Sunday School society. Both sessions were varied with singing of hymns and songs without instrumental music. The afternoon meeting was attended by a good delegation of townspeople, including three or four ladies. A vote of thanks to the speakers and those who served lunch was passed.

Moving Pictures. The feature picture for Saturday night is the Biograph film, "Nursing a viper." A graphic story of the French revolution which occurred during that period of bloodshed and terror. The dramatic possibility is well developed by the Biograph actors, and in this instance they seem to have outdone their own previous work. The dramatic climax when the husband returns in time to save his wife from the clutches of the man he had befriended, and when he thrusts him into the hands of the infuriated mob, which was hunting him, are well managed and seem integral parts of the picture, as indeed they are. Child Prodigy. The following is taken from Leslie's Weekly of February 24: They call Boston "the hub" of the intellectual universe. Certainly it is an incubator for child prodigies. Harvard will soon find itself with a graduating class of intellectuals whose ages range from seven to sixteen. She has four students now whose ages are from eleven to fifteen. One of them recently instructed a group of college professors in the mysteries of the fourth dimension. Included in this quartet of phenomenally developed child mentalities is Norbert Weiner—the youngest person known to attain the degree of bachelor of arts. He is fourteen years old, a graduate of Tufts college, and a student at the Harvard Graduate school. He spent but little of his time in the public schools. His father, a man of wide culture, taught him several languages in his early childhood. At Tufts college he made an enviable reputation as a student. He took an active interest in the social affairs of the college and was popular with his mates. Just what mental pabulum Boston feeds her youth is not definitely known. The recipe is secret—in the interests of "Boston" for the intellectuals, now and forever. Norbert Weiner is a graduate of the Ayer high school. Church Services. In St. Andrew's parish, on Sunday next, the holy communion will be celebrated at Forge mission, nine a. m., and at Ayer eleven a. m. Lenten services in Ayer Monday, 7:15, and Tuesday, four p. m., and in Forge, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. At the Unitarian church Sunday, March 6, services will be at 10:45 a. m., and seven p. m. Sunday school at twelve. The topic of the morning session will be "The real possessions of life." At seven p. m. Dr. Flisk desires to reach all, old or young, but especially the younger people, to whom he will give a brief address. Rev. H. A. Bridgman of Shirley will preach at the Congregational church, Sunday morning, March 6, at the usual hour, to be followed by communion. Advertising rates reasonable and furnished on application.

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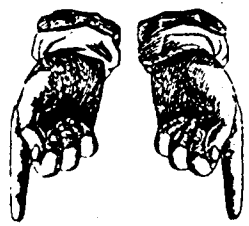
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It was a geologist and prospector who discovered that the Widow Carson's farm, forty miles from the recognized oil fields, was the center of another basin and so reported to the Sunshine Crude Oil Producing company, capital \$1,000,000. That company had gobbled up all the best wells in a large district and was rapidly controlling production.

Moses Perkins was a young man of twenty-six. He was a farmer's son and a farmer himself, and he was not yet married. He had left his farm for a few months to help drill oil wells for the Sunshine company. Moses was hard working and honest. He would put in a long day's work, but he wasn't smart. From the day he began work at \$2.50 a day until the day he was discharged, a period of twenty days, the foreman over him applied to him such terms as sleepy-head, idiot, blunderbuss, born fool, and so forth.

One day Perkins was sent for a can of utrogycein. On his return he was seen coming along tossing it in the air and catching it when it came down. This was too much. Perkins was discharged.

It was a geologist who differed from all the other geologists that found a new "dip" on the Widow Carson's farm. Her farm was the center of the basin. It was a stony, sterile old farm of 160 acres, and the widow herself was almost as dilapidated as the farm. She was forty years old and gaunt and homely, and she had three gaunt and homely children. The geologist staked his reputation that there was oil beneath her land, and the Sunshine company took him in on a proviso. The first thing was to get the legal privilege of sinking a well, and this was to carry with it a lease in case oil was discovered. There must be more or less beating about the bush to prevent the widow from taking the alarm. The preliminaries were entrusted to a lawyer disguised as a peddler.

When Moses Perkins had got it into his head that there was a Widow Carson somewhere on earth who was of interest to the Sunshine company he figured that it could mean only one thing. Then he began to inquire around, and after a week he lighted on a man who could tell him. Then he put a shirt, collar and a pair of socks into an old satchel and set out for the forty mile walk. In the evening of the second day he arrived at the widow's. He found her and her children as above described. It was next door to poverty. Moses had often dreamed of the wife he was to marry, and he was taken aback. He might have given up his project and retreated in good order had not a peddler arrived the same evening. He was the disguised lawyer of the Sunshine company. He seized on Moses Perkins for a dunderhead and went ahead and talked. The widow didn't catch on, but Moses did. A company wanted her farm for a quarry, and she was ready enough to sign any sort of paper the next day.

Moses had been asked to stay overnight. The peddler must go farther. This left the coast clear for a few hours. Moses had never made love to a woman, but he began while yet the peddler's countails were fluttering through the gate. He told of his own farm, his prospects, his good health—how he looked in vain for years for the woman of his dreams, but had found her at last. He needn't have done half as much talking. The widow was ready to lease her farm, and she was also ready to marry again. Before midnight she was the promised bride of Moses Perkins. At 10 o'clock the next forenoon she was his wife and her children were calling him pop. At 11 o'clock the peddler arrived with certain documents and a witness. He found the bride sitting on the bridegroom's knee. He intimated that the papers were all ready to sign and that he had a certain sum of money to pass over, but fool Moses had something to say. He was the husband and the man of the house now. As soon as the wedding trip was over he was going to take off his coat and vest and make those 160 acres hump and bustle. The big bowlders lying around would take a roll, and the stony ground would blossom as the rose. Mrs. Carson would have been willing to sell the old place for most anything, but Mrs. Perkins didn't care to even sign a lease.

For six weeks longer Moses was taken for a chap with sawdust in his head. The lawyers and speculators and rings tried in every way to get the best of him, but what they cursed as his stupidity helped him to hold his own. Then he woke up one morning with his head all right. He had found oil exuding from a spring, and he announced the fact to the world at large; also that the farm was for lease or sale. The Sunshine people were not the only ones to rush. Three leases were made, and three companies pledged themselves to pay royalties, and inside of a year Moses Perkins was a millionaire and the Perkins family were eating square meals. The Carson basin turned out to be the greatest find in the state. "To think that I should have taken you for a lunkhead!" sighed the peddler-lawyer one day when handing Moses a check for \$50,000.

"Oh, mebbe I was!" was the good natured reply. "But, you see, I got over it. That's what some lunkheads never do."

SUFFRAGE DISCORDS.

Mrs. Belmont's Ascendancy a Bone of Contention.

Unless all signs fall there are going to be serious ructions of some sort in the woman suffrage camp. So many are their woes that it would take too much time to enumerate them, but everything goes back to the national convention in Seattle last summer, when the national association voted to move its headquarters from the peaceful little town of Warren, in Illinois, to New York. As soon as this decision was reached the bird of peace spread its wings and took its departure to parts unknown. The western sisters murmured. The metropolis would swallow up the headquarters, they thought, and they would be left out in the cold. The New York suffragists also had their misgivings. The headquarters, they prophesied, would swallow New York.

From the point of view of the two classes of malcontents both these predictions have now happened. Complaints that the national office is absorbed with local affairs and oblivious to constitutional amendments and other issues pending in the west reach the east daily, and the local organizations on their part complain of encroachments on their preserves by the national office, while the state office is declared to be an equal siner.

"There are upward of a score of counties in New York state that haven't even an organization," a local suffragist remarked tartly, "and yet the state officers spend the greater part of their time in New York."

The association of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont with these two organizations makes the situation acute. When the two bodies acceded to her proposition to make their removal to New York financially possible her capacity for leadership was not reckoned with. Now, as her figure has loomed larger and larger in the public eye, the query of Cassius, "Upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed that he is grown so great?" has been repeated with suitable modifications. One of the specific complaints about the relations of the suffrage organizations with this particular patron is that her financial contributions are always made for a specific purpose instead of being paid into the treasury to be expended as the executive sees fit.

The next meeting of the National Woman Suffrage association will be held in Washington in April, and all these issues are likely to come to a head there. The association elects its president every year, and a well known western woman is talked of as the probable nominee of the insurgent party. The present president, the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, has held office for eight years.

London's Latest Craze.

Last year roller skating in London was the pastime of the moment. This year a novel and exciting feature has been added to it. At the Empress Skating rink at Earl's court a "skating switchback" has been set up. This device, which, by the way, is the first of its kind, is a sort of sloping platform (very like that on which the switchback cars run up and down). This stretches from end to end of the building, and down it those who like new sensations glide merrily on their roller skates. Rather terrifying, but



SKATING THE SWITCHBOARD.

full of thrills and with a fascination of its own, is "skating the switch," as it is popularly called, and London has gone quite crazy over it. The rink at Earl's court is a fine one, having an area of 60,000 feet and accommodating 4,200 skaters.

Man on Dress.

Let him alone. Don't argue with him. His ideas are warped. You can't please him at all. If extravagant you are a fool. If economical you are surely dowdy. He will proudly assert that it's the woman, not the clothes. You get yourself up to fit his ideas, and it will be a case of "sweet bells jangled."

He will point out all the handsomely (tastefully, he calls it) dressed women and wonder (in a rasping tone) why you look dowdy.

Use For Testing Tubes.

A stock of common glass test tubes is a convenience for women who have table centerpieces or other low decorations to arrange now and then. An attractive dinner table in a small apartment utilized recently the fern dish with pink carnations mingled with the ferns and moss. The flower stems were immersed in the test tubes, which had been sunk into the earth of the dish. The candle shades of the table were, of course, the same shade as the flowers.



Points For Mothers

Many of us remember our first stitches at our mothers' knees. In teaching a child to sew in the first place interest her by telling her of the articles she can make—dolly's clothes, towels for the mother, handkerchiefs for the father, and later she may make an apron, skirt, etc., for herself. Give her work that will gradually grow under her tiny fingers and not long seams that madden a nervous child. Ten minutes at a time will be long enough if the little one shows any restlessness or lack of interest, and half an hour should be the limit. Fit up a little workbox, using a clean pasteboard box, and put in it a little thimble, a small pair of bluntly pointed scissors, two spools of white cotton, a tiny pincushion and an equally small needle book, with half a dozen No. 7 needles in it, and an emery cushion for rusty needles.

Commence with a plain undergarment for the doll, cutting it out in two pieces and pinning the sides together. Get soft muslin to make it easy for baby fingers to handle. Give the child a needle to look at, let her handle it and then take No. 40 cotton, show her how to cut the end of the thread diagonally so as to make it go easily through the eye of the needle and how to roll the thread between the fingers if split at the end. Threading a needle correctly and making a knot in the longest end of the thread (over the left first finger) that will be small and compact will be sufficient for the first lesson.

The Children's Teeth.

"If I were asked," says Professor Osier, "to say whether more physical deterioration was produced by alcohol or by defective teeth I should unhesitatingly say by defective teeth." It is only through sound teeth and clean mouths that we shall be able to preserve the health of the stomach and many other organs of the human system.

Think of the poor children who suffer loss of appetite and loss of sleep on account of toothache! Is it reasonable to expect with these conditions existing for any length of time that children will grow to be strong and healthy men and women?

The question naturally arises, How can we correct the existing conditions? The most effective solution must be through the children. There must be impressed on their minds early in life the necessity of a clean mouth. They must be instructed in the use of the toothbrush, for in reality the toothbrush is mightier than the dentist.

Everyday Logic For Everyday Mothers

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We all want our children to be happy, and the happiest are those who have happy mothers.

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Take an interest in your boy's last or his next ball game and in his tousel headed friend.

Welcome with a smile the chatter of your daughter and her girl companions.

Life and motherhood are serious matters of grave importance, but we need cheerfulness to sweeten the little everyday duties, and if we wear sad or sour faces our children will naturally turn from us to find brighter companions.

School Headaches.

A great many children who are perfectly well during the holidays suffer from frequent headaches and other ailments as soon as they go back to school.

This usually means that the eyes are in some way defective and that the child needs to be taken to an oculist to have his eyes tested. A pair of glasses worn for a time will often cure the mischief altogether, whereas if it is allowed to go on unchecked it may mean that he will have to wear glasses all his life. It is not merely always the brightest eyes that are the strongest. Indeed, very beautiful eyes are often shortsighted and imperfect in many other ways.

One Happy Queen.

When the little Juliana, princess of the Netherlands, goes abroad with her mother, Queen Wilhelmina, the carriage is drawn by four white horses, and everywhere it goes the placid Dutch who see it grow excited in their happiness. The queen is said to be as pretty as she was before her marriage, the disappointment and illness of years having marred her good looks somewhat until her present happiness restored it.

Danger of Cold Water.

Children should be prevented from drinking very cold water after partaking of a warm meal. Very often after drinking hot coffee or tea a large quantity of cold water is drunk. This mixture of the warm and cold is very injurious not only to the stomach, but also to the teeth. The habit should be broken in childhood, because when once formed it is difficult to overcome.

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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 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 thereof, by publishing this citation in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

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. MAWBEE, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of ALFRED S. HUDSON, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, MARY B. NUTTING, the administratrix with the will annexed of the estate 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 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. 3123 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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PEPPERELL.
East.
There was no school in the Townsend Street school Wednesday, because of flooding of the basement.
A large number from here are planning to attend the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange at Groton, Wednesday, March 9. An unusually interesting program has been prepared.
Advertised letters at the East Pepperell postoffice, February 28: Master Theodore E. Blinn, Corn. P. O., Hattie or Ida Remick, A. & J. H. Stoddart.

Read This.
The rules of the District Nurse association are now ready for publication, and we print herewith the same. It is particularly gratifying to state that to date, Miss Spragg, the nurse, has made sixty-nine visits. Every one should carefully read the rules and then it will be easy to appreciate what a valuable organization is at the call of any body or any family in need of nursing service.

RULES.
The Pepperell District Nurse association aims to provide nursing service for every patient in Pepperell who needs the short call of a district nurse. Any person who needs her services should feel perfectly free to summon her. These calls are made to such patients as do not need, or cannot afford the whole time of a nurse, or who cannot afford to pay at all.
The nurse shall be an example of order, neatness and cleanliness. She shall be responsible for the personal cleanliness of her patients, and for the care and order of the sick room. She shall instruct the family of the patient in such services, and shall require strict obedience to the directions she may give, or to those of an attending physician.

In case of misunderstanding or complaint, any member of the executive committee may be consulted. To prevent misunderstanding, the following rules have been adopted:
Rule 1. The Pepperell district nurse is on duty from eight until six p. m., daily; but in case of emergency may be called at any time. Her headquarters are at the home of Dr. C. G. Heald. Connected by telephone.
Rule 2. The nurse shall be entitled to sufficient periods of rest and recreation, and shall not be on duty more than one afternoon free from duty during each week, and shall choose this afternoon according to the visits to be made.
Rule 3. A visit consists of one-hour service. Any additional portion of an hour shall be paid for at the hour rate.
Rule 4. She shall not attend contagious diseases.
Rule 5. The nurse shall act only under the orders of the physician in charge of a specific case, or of one of the executive committee of the association.
Rule 6. The nurse shall receive no money consideration for herself from any patient. She may collect for the association the amount charged for her services, and she shall keep a careful record of such collections and pay them to the treasurer of the association.
Rule 7. In lending articles to patients, the nurse is required to keep a record of the date of the loan and of the return, and shall require all articles to be returned clean and in good condition.
Rule 8. In any matter not covered by these rules, any member of the executive committee shall be the authority governing the nurse's activity.

CHARGES.
Rule 9. Medical or surgical, 25 cents per hour or portion thereof.
Obstetrical—for confinement, \$1.00; for after calls, 25 cents each, giving ether for surgical cases, 75 cents.
Fire.
On Saturday morning about three o'clock a fire was discovered in the bakeshop of Fred S. Bancroft. It has gained considerable headway, and in response to telephone alarm, its spreading was prevented, but the building and contents were totally destroyed. It was partly insured. The cause is unknown, but there seems to be very strong evidence that the fire was incendiary. Mrs. Bancroft's bread has a well-deserved reputation, and the many customers are anxious for the business to be re-established, which, it is understood, will be done at once.

About Town.
About twenty children went on a sleigh-ride to Nashua, Monday evening, February 28, chaperoned by Miss Crotty. The sleighing was not what might have been expected, but they seemed to enjoy the ride as well as the moving pictures.
Mrs. C. Robert Wright, who has been suffering with erysipelas, is improving.
In spite of the bad traveling about forty persons attended the play given by Groton school in the town hall, Groton, last week Wednesday evening.
A party of young people attended the dance in Tyngsboro, Friday evening, given by the Vincent club.
Walter Bancroft and wife from Medford, former residents, have been visiting at Dana Bancroft's on Townsend street.
Harry Jewett, who has been visiting his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Parker, returned to his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Monday.
Mrs. Avander M. Blood left Wednesday, March 2, for Springfield, where she will spend several weeks with her son.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp left Tuesday morning, March 1, for Pennsylvania and points farther south. It is hoped the trip will benefit Mrs. Kemp's health.
Everett C. Boynton, who has been employed by the Burkinshaw Knife Co., has accepted a position with the City Carriage Co. of Nashua.

Miss Minnie Turner of Somerville is spending a few days with her friend, Mrs. Edward L. Tarbell.

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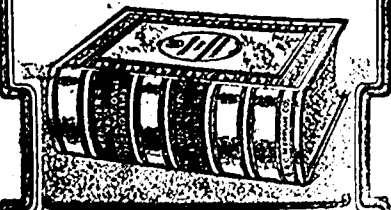
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Saved by A Parrot
But There Were Links Between the Bird and the Outcome.
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On either side of New York harbor, commanding the Narrows, is a fort. That on the east shore is called Fort Hamilton, that on the west Fort Wadsworth. These forts are at all times garrisoned by United States troops.

There lived some years ago near Fort Hamilton a widow named Hammond, whose boy, Robert, growing up in close proximity to an army post, imbibed a taste for a military life. When he became eighteen years of age he went into the fort one day and enlisted and then went home and told his mother what he had done.

Robert Hammond was a steady young fellow and, having received a pretty good education, resolved to try for promotion through the noncommissioned to the commissioned grades. He had become a corporal when that happened which sometimes makes and sometimes breaks a man—he got a sweetheart. Nancy Alvord was about Hammond's age and a lovely girl. Nevertheless she was the cause of his getting into trouble.

Famous Coney Island, where there is a multitude of shows, is but a few miles from Fort Hamilton, and one summer day when the young soldier had leave to go where he liked he took between midday and 9 p. m. he called for Nancy, and together they stepped on an electric car for a visit to the island.

Robert had money enough in his pocket to enable them to take in most of the shows, and so great was their enjoyment that the time passed more rapidly than they realized. The days were at the time at their longest, and this, too, had something to do with their mistaking the hour. At any rate, when there was still twilight they heard a clock strike 9.

Robert's heart sank within him. His leave had expired, and he would not be able to reach the fort in less than half an hour. He would be "broken"—that is, reduced to a private—and his dream of becoming a commissioned officer was at an end. At any rate, he would be obliged to begin all over and by a long period of good behavior get again in line.

"Very well, Nancy," he said; "I may as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb. We'll stay here as long as we like."

Nancy endeavored to induce him to go back at once, but he would not. So they ordered a supper and after that continued to enjoy themselves at the various places designed for the double purpose of giving people pleasure and getting their money. When the money was mostly spent they took a car and went home. Passing a saloon kept by the name of Murphy, Robert wished to go in and get a glass of beer, but Nancy dissuaded him. Robert left her at her house, then went to his mother's.

Though it was late, Mrs. Hammond was just about going to bed. Robert told her that he had broken his leave. Mother-like, she persuaded him to go to his own room that he had occupied as a boy and remain there overnight. He did so and in the morning overslept. Then his mother begged him to take breakfast at home. By the time he reached the fort it was long past reveille roll call.

Robert was put in arrest. And what was his astonishment when told that the saloon keeper, Murphy, had been murdered the night before, that some shreds of blue uniform and several arms of buttons had been found near the body and a soldier answering his description had been seen near the saloon.

The young soldier was troubled only at the prospect of being reduced to the ranks. There could be no doubt of his proving that he had not been in Murphy's saloon and that he had been with his sweetheart and later with his mother. He gave the captain the address of both women and told him to go and ask his mother and Nancy if he had not been with them during the night of the murder.

The officer, in order that there might be no collusion between Robert and the others, said nothing about the charge of murder to either woman in order to better conceal his object. He told them that the soldier was in danger of being tried for desertion. Both women knew enough of army offenses to understand that desertion was a serious charge. Neither knew what reason Robert had given his superiors for his absence, and both feared to say anything about him for fear of disproving what he had himself said. The consequence was that both denied having seen him the night before.

This was quite enough to convict him, if not of the murder, certainly of falsely accounting for his absence. He was turned over to the civil authorities to be tried for murder.

It would be impossible to give an idea of the anguish of the mother and sweetheart when they learned of the real charge that had been made against the son of the one and lover of the other and that they had put it out of their power to prove an alibi for him and in this way establish his innocence. They were visited by Robert's attorney and questioned. It was evident to them that he did not be-

lieve the reason they gave for telling his captors that they had not seen him during the night of the murder, and it would not have made any difference to him had he believed them. They had made a statement and could not contradict it before a jury and expect the contradiction to be considered evidence.

Nancy Alvord, after her terror at her lover's position and her chagrin at having denied that she had been with him had in a measure subsided, began to think of some way to prove the truth of her first story. This led her to read carefully the newspaper accounts of the murder, and she saw that Murphy's watch, which was found in his vest pocket, had stopped at thirty-seven minutes after 10. She remembered hearing a clock strike 11 while on the car returning from the island. This was fixed in her mind by the fact that she expected a scolding on her return home for having staid out so late.

The civil authorities considered that Murphy's watch marked the time of his death. The murder occurred in an upper room used for card playing, no one but the murderer and the murdered man being present. That there had been a scuffle was evident from the shred of uniform and buttons picked up on the floor. The watch had undoubtedly stopped during this scuffle. At thirty-seven minutes after 10 on that eventful evening, with a limit of ten minutes either way, Robert and Nancy had been among the shows at Coney Island. They had passed Murphy's saloon at about twenty minutes past 11. Had Nancy not been hand-capped by her first statement she could have told a perfectly straight story that would have tallied with the facts and exonerated her lover.

The next move she made was to go to Coney Island and visit the attendants upon the various shows with a view to finding some one who had seen her there with a soldier and if possible to secure that soldier's identification as Robert Hammond. She went over the ground, but found no one who remembered her or her soldier escort.

As the day for the trial drew near the result looked black for the young soldier. His mother was in agony over the situation, which was rendered more excruciating by the fact that in her effort to shield her son she had put it out of her power to save him.

The morning before the trial Nancy was sitting by her open window overlooking the lower bay, trying to think of her problem. A woman came to a window of the house opposite and hung a parrot cage containing a parrot beside the window. The woman left, and the parrot began to chatter.

Nancy jumped from her seat, dashed into an adjoining room, seized her hat, flew downstairs out into the street and boarded a car for Coney Island.

What she did there will appear at the trial, which was called in the criminal court the next day.

A jury had been impaneled and the prosecutor had stated the case for the state and had produced his witnesses. They were but few and stated only what has been thus far given. Then the prisoner's counsel took up the case for the accused, calling him to the witness stand. He asked Robert a number of irrelevant questions not apparently bearing on the case, requiring him to give long explanations. Finally the state attorney objected to the questioning as irrelevant, and the judge sustained the objection. Then the counsel called Nancy to the witness stand and pursued exactly the same course with her till another objection was raised and sustained.

"Where were you?" asked the counsel of Nancy, "on the night of the 10th of June between 10 and 11 o'clock?"
"At Coney Island."
"Who was with you?"
"The accused, Robert Hammond."
"That will do."

"At a sign from the attorney a phonograph was brought into court and set on a table. An operator put its machinery in motion, and a voice, plainly Nancy's, began to talk. What had been spoken in the machine was of no importance, detached sentences expressive of the pleasure to be derived at visiting Coney Island.

Then another voice was switched on. Every one started. It was the voice of Robert Hammond.

"I'm a soldier, I am. Got leave till 9 o'clock, and here I am at 10:30 talking into a phonograph machine. I'll be broke tomorrow. I will. My chevrons will come off, and I'll serve the balance of my enlistment as a high private in the rear rank. Come, Nancy; let's get along to the next show."

"Your honor," said the counsel for the defense, "I made the jury familiar with the voices of my two witnesses that they might recognize them in this phonograph, which I propose by its operator to prove received the voices at Coney Island about the time the murder was committed."

Robert was acquitted. He had been saved by the squawky voice of the parrot that had brought to Nancy's mind the phonograph, thus suggesting that they had talked in one on that eventful evening.

Robert Hammond's captain was so chagrined at the jeopardy in which he had placed the young man by the way he had approached his mother and sweetheart for evidence that he interested himself in the soldier's behalf, promoting him rapidly as a noncommissioned officer and coaching him for his examination for lieutenant. Hammond, with his wife, Nancy, are now stationed on the Pacific coast.

The murderer of Murphy turned out to be a militiaman who had been off on an excursion with his company. He had gone to Murphy's saloon, played and lost to Murphy himself and in a burst of passion killed him. Acting suspiciously, he was finally accused of the murder, tried and convicted.

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TIME TABLE.
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WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for Boston via Tewksburg and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charles town—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:45 p. m. Sundays—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:15 p. m.

Boston via North Attleboro, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charles town—5:25 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 9:25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12:25 p. m. until 9:55 p. m.) 10:25 p. m. to Woburn only. Sundays—5:55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:55 p. m. 10:25 p. m. to Woburn only. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—6:32 a. m. and every 60 minutes until 9:32 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 11:32 a. m. until 9:52 p. m.) Sundays—7:32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:52 p. m.

Lawrence—5:15, 6:15, 6:40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. Sundays—7:10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—6:10, 6:50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:50 p. m. Sundays—7:20 a. m. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:30, 6:55, 7:33 a. 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—5:30, 5:55, 6:30, 6:57, 7:18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. then 11:33 p. m. (Saturdays every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m.)

Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10:45 a. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12:45 p. m. until 10:15 p. m.) Sundays—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6:35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10:35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1:35 p. m. until 10:35 p. m.) Sundays—7:35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:55, 7:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:48 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 10:48 p. m.) Sundays—8:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5:40, 6:20, 6:57, 7:33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m.)

First car leaves Ayer 7:05 a. m. last car from Ayer 10:35 p. m. Last car from Lowell 7:33 a. m.; last car from Lowell 9:33 p. m. for Ayer. Westford, Fitchburg, and Leominster last car from Lowell 10:33 p. m. Ayer only leaves North Chelmsford 11:05 p. m. due at Ayer at 11:50 p. m.

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; North-easterly 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 Raddacook Pond and land now or formerly of Noah Shattuck, being 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. FILEBROWN,
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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. CANNY, late of Groton, in said County, deceased, Intestate.
Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court for the appointment of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGE W. CANNY, of Fitchburg, 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 A. Deane, Register, first day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
1223 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

