

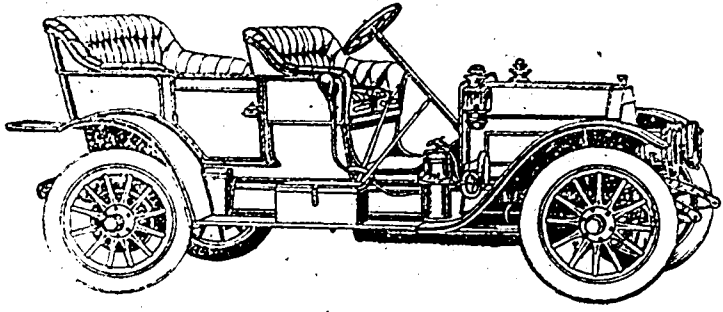
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#### TOWNSEND.

##### Center.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire are enjoying a vacation together with their daughter Bessie, at Portland, Me., and places along the coast.

Miss Eva McKenzie, who has been visiting at Mrs. George Brown's, has returned to Dorchester.

Rev. Mr. Durgin of the Bromfield street church, Boston, supplied the pulpit at the M. E. church last Sunday, it being a union service.

Charles Dix met with a serious accident Monday morning while getting some wood at Union Adam's mill. His horse started up suddenly and the wagon wheel hit against his leg, breaking both bones of it. Dr. Atwood was called and the injured man was taken to his home and made as comfortable as possible. Mr. Dix is along in years and all regret the painful accident with which he has met. His brother, who is over eighty years of age, came from Lowell to see him since the accident.

This week Saturday there will be a double-header with Greenville at Athletic park, the first game commencing at 1:30 p. m.

Miss Catherine Slamen of Natick, is visiting at William O'Brien's.

Mrs. Harry Whitcomb is visiting Mrs. Lewis Streeter at Waltham this week and also Mrs. Fitzpatrick of Brockton.

Miss Edna Wilder is visiting friends in Leominster this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Colby and Ethel Spofford are at Concord, N. H., for a short visit.

J. W. Eastman entertained his nephew, Charles Haynes, Master of the Lewis school at Boston, this week.

Mrs. Benjamin Hodgkinson of Quincy is the guest of Miss Bessie Eastman this week.

Mr. Shaw of Albany, N. Y., was a guest at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren's this week.

Miss Hattie Smith recently gave a whist party at her pleasant home on Brookline street. The guests were entertained by singing, the first of the evening. Refreshments were served.

Miss Ruth Potter of Worcester was a recent guest at Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Fessenden's.

Miss Helen Achorn is spending the remainder of the summer vacation in Norwich, Conn.

About fifty neighbors, friends and members of the M. E. church gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hargreaves on School street, Tuesday evening and gave them a surprise party. They carried refreshments with them. There was a short literary program and Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves were the recipients of a purse of money. All enjoyed a delightful evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hildreth are visiting in Leominster for a few days.

Mrs. George T. Powell has been on the sick list, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Nilo Woods recently visited her father in Fitchburg for a few days.

Joseph Wright, a former Townsend boy, visited his relatives here this week.

##### Death.

Captain William H. Elwell, for years a sea-faring man, died Tuesday morning at the home of Dr. W. E. Cole on Townsend Hill, aged sev-

enty-three years. He was born in the quaint old fishing port of Gloucester, a son of Robert and Dorcas Elwell and his grandfather was on the famous Constitution. Mr. Elwell was late acting ensign to the U. S. S. Ino. While yet a young man in active service in Virginia, he received a sun-stroke, from which he has always suffered. He has been under the care of Dr. Cole for about two years, he and his wife making their home with him. Prayers were at the house Friday morning and the body was taken to Worcester for interment.

##### Baseball.

The greatest game of the season was played here on Athletic park last Saturday between the fast East Weare, N. H., club and the local A. A. The first inning finished two to one in favor of the home team, but during the second inning the visitors solved the secret of Spaulding's pitching, getting four hits from him in succession which brought in six runs. The home team was then retired with no runs being made. Things looked rather dubious for Townsend and the cheering by the goodly aggregation from Weare, who had come by auto to see the game added greatly to the excitement. Manager Fessenden then placed Knight, our high school twirler, in the box and he gave one of the finest exhibitions of pitching seen here for some time, striking out twelve men and not allowing a single hit the remainder of the game. The home team by making one run at a time won out in the eighth by one run and the visitors were retired without a score in the ninth. Keefe and Eastman contributed a three-bagger each. The visitors played their game for all there was in it, and played much more alertly than the home team.

##### West.

Miss Florence Blanchard of Worcester is a guest of Mrs. Charles Hodgman for a few days.

Mrs. Ellen Warren of Fitchburg is spending a few days with Mrs. Augustus Wilson at the home of Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

Mrs. Cora Marr of Fitchburg is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood.

A social will be held in the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening. All are cordially invited.

Miss M. Ellnor Tower is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ware.

Fred Rawson of Hinkley, Me., is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Herman Stickney.

The Baptist Sunday school extended a vote of thanks to Clarence Stickney for conveying the picnic party to Pepperell last week.

Earl Craig left Sunday for Providence, where he has secured a position as surveyor.

On Friday evening the postponed lawn party was held at the Baptist church, the grounds being prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns, and the interesting program prepared was given in the vestry on account of the dampness of the evening, which consisted of selections on the gramophone; songs by the Baptist choir; solo by Miss Florence L. Austin of Cambridge; duets by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hodgman; harmonica selections, Charles Hodgman; select readings, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Miss Alice Seaver and Rev. S. D. Ringrose. During the fifteen-minute intermission refreshments,

consisting of lemonade and cake, were served and a pleasant evening was reported by all.

Mrs. George Roebuck and children are visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Bert Phelps and family have moved from Fitchburg to the Oren Manning place in the north part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. George Upton spent last Sunday camping at Ward pond, Ashburnham, occupying Sheldon's cottage.

Mrs. R. S. Ely has returned from a visit to Camden, Me.

Miss Stella Tucker of Leominster visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Tucker, last week.

Miss Mildred Seaver took charge of the branch library last Saturday.

Mrs. E. J. Lees and Miss Emma Adams returned Thursday from a visit to Stoddard, N. H.

Miss Alice Seaver is enjoying a week's vacation in Waltham and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster from Iowa are visiting Mrs. Lucy Lawrence.

Noah Farley of Hancock, N. H., has been a recent guest of his cousin, Fred Patch of Josselynville.

L. F. Wood has been entertaining Andrew Hesclon and daughter from Hudson, N. H.

Miss M. A. Taft of Lowell is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Harvey Hodgman has taken a position in charge of the milk car which runs daily between Boston and West Townsend.

Willard Tyler of Clinton is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Mrs. Roland Allen and infant from Groton visited her mother, Mrs. Robert Kaddy on last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son Randal from Providence, R. I., are stopping with Mrs. Brayton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Mrs. and Miss Lewis from Danvers are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Barker.

##### Harbor.

Frank Conant is slowly recovering from a wound in his left hand caused by jamming a rusty nail into one of his fingers. Soon after the accident, while using arsenic of lead still further poisoned his finger. It is thought, however, the nail caused most of the trouble. At the doctor's advice anti-toxin was used as it was feared lock-jaw might develop. The finger has been extremely painful, although fortunately the efforts to confine the trouble to the afflicted member have been successful. It is now believed that the danger week is passed yet daily visits to the doctor's office are still deemed advisable.

Miss Elizabeth Baldwin has returned from her very enjoyable Maine trip. Mrs. Bailey of Boston is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Bailey.

Miss Norma Anne has returned to Maiden.

Miss Elizabeth and Mildred Gray are guests at Mr. Hazer's.

Miss Myrtle Gray has returned from the summer school at Hyannis.

Mr. Babson entertained a week-end party from Boston at his bungalow on Wallace hill.

Miss Marguerite O'Connor and Annie Keefe are enjoying camp life at Wilmington.

Dana Fletcher returned last Friday from his annual trip to Lake Pleasant. During his stay at the lake Mr. Fletcher visited his mother in Greenfield.

Mrs. Herbert Harvey and two children of New York and Miss Hazel Bradley of Cambridge are spending the month of August at T. J. Harvey's.

Miss Gladys Ham of Lynn is at Maplewood, the guest of Mrs. Harry Bryant.

On Thursday the Misses Horgan of Chelsea arrived at their summer home at Brookside.

Charles Hildreth of Boston was in in the village recently greeting friends whom he had not seen for twenty years. Formerly Mr. Hildreth was employed as clerk in the store then conducted by Mr. Baldwin.

#### SHIRLEY.

##### News Items.

The Shirley baseball team will play the Hollis team on Saturday afternoon, August 14, on the new grounds. Game called at three o'clock.

Mrs. Joseph Smith of South Boston with two children are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. John F. Smith.

Mrs. Freeman of Malden is visiting her brother, Albe Annis.

#### New Advertisements

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 WILLIAM D. STRATTON, late of Littleton, 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 ALLURA A. STRATTON of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of September 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 the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

348 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

STRAYED—A Scotch Collie Pup on July 24 from Nagog Pond. Light in color and about six months old. A reward will be given for his recovery. Notify A. C. WOODWARD, 30 Parkworth Street, Boston, Mass.



## Our Annual Mid-Summer CLEARANCE SALE

Our Annual Mid-Summer Clearance Sale is now on. It is the time of year when we close out the balance of our Spring and Summer goods. It is our policy not to carry goods over to the next Season, and this is the reason for this sale and the big cut from the regular prices. Look over the following items and note the reduction:

### Men's Suits

This comprises the balance of our stock of Spring and Summer Suits. They consist of Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Scotch Mixture Suits. The regular price tag and the cut price tag on each Suit. The sizes broken of course, but all sizes in something.

One lot of suits, sizes 31 to 36, Fancy Worsteds, the values from \$7.47 to \$10.00, now go for.....

\$5.47

One lot of suits in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures, the values \$10.00 and \$12.00, now reduced to.....

\$7.47

One lot of suits in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures, the values \$12.00 to \$13.50, now reduced to.....

\$8.47

One lot of suits in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures, regular price \$15.00 to \$18.00, now reduced to.....

\$10.47

One lot of suits in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures, regular price \$20.00 and \$22.00, now reduced to.....

\$15.00

### Children's Knee Pant Suits

Ages 6 to 12

One lot of suits with the straight-cut style of Pants, prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$6.00, your choice now for

One-Half Price

One lot of suits, Knickerbocker Pants, \$2.50 and \$3.00 values now.....

\$1.98

One lot of suits, Knickerbocker Pants, \$5.00 and \$6.00 regular price, now

\$3.89

### Underwear

Five Special Lots at reduced prices.

All our 25c. Balbriggan and Black and White Mixture Shirts and Drawers for Men, now.....

19c.

All our Boys' 25c. Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers now.....

19c.

All our regular 50c. Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, now.....

35c.

One lot Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers 50c. value, now.....

39c.

One lot 50c. quality of Nainsook Shirts and Drawers, now.....

29c.

### Children's Wash and Khaki Suits

Ages 3 to 8.

50c. Wash Suits now.....

39c.

75c. Wash Suits now.....

59c.

\$1.00 Wash Suits now.....

75c.

\$1.50 Wash Suits now.....

\$1.00

Ages 5 to 14.

\$1.00 Khaki Suits now.....

79c.

\$1.50 Khaki Suits now.....

\$1.00

Hosiery

One lot Men's Hose, 15c. grade

Black and Tan, now.....

9c.

One lot Men's Fancy Hose, 25c. grade, now for.....

19c.

### Men's Outing Trousers

\$2.50 Trousers now.....

\$1.98

\$3.00 Trousers now.....

1.98

\$3.50 Trousers now.....

2.50

\$4.00 Trousers now.....

3.00

### Straw Hats

Every Straw and Cloth Hat in our store now goes at a big cut in price.

25c. Straw Hats for Children now.....

15c.

50c. Straw Hats for Children now.....

25c.

25c. Straw Hats for Men now.....

19c.

50c. Straw Hats for Men now.....

39c.

\$1.00 Straw Hats for Men now.....

79c.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Hats for Men now.....

\$1.00

25c. Cloth Hats for Children now.....

19c.

50c. Cloth Hats for Children now.....

39c.

50c. Cloth Hats for Men now.....

39c.

### PANAMA HATS.

\$5.00 Panama Hats now.....

\$4.00

\$7.50 Panama Hats now.....

6.00

### Shoe Department

Our entire stock of Tan Oxfords now offered at reduced prices; also, several lines of Gun Metal and Patent Oxfords.

### MEN'S OXFORDS.

\$3.00 Tan Oxfords now.....

\$2.25

\$3.50 Tan Oxfords now.....

2.50

\$4.00 Tan Oxfords now.....

3.00

\$3.50 and \$4.00 Gun Metal, Sailor Ties, now

3.00

\$4.00 Patent Oxfords now.....

3.00

### BOYS' TAN OXFORDS.

\$1.50 Tan Oxfords now.....

\$1.00

\$1.75 Tan Oxfords now.....

1.25

\$2.50 Tan Oxfords now.....

1.75

MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S TAN OXFORDS.

\$1.25 Tan Oxfords now.....

\$1.00

\$1.50 Tan Oxfords now.....

1.00

\$2.00 Tan Oxfords now.....

1.50

### LADIES' OXFORDS.

\$2.00 Tan Oxfords and Sandals now....

\$1.47

\$2.50 Tan Oxfords now.....

1.75

\$3.00 Tan Oxfords now.....

2.25

\$2.50 Gun Metal and Patent Pump Ties now

2.00

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### WESTFORD.

**Centre.**  
The evening service at the Congregational church which was the only service for the day in the village was well attended last Sunday. H. G. Osgood conducted the song service with Miss Hazel Hartford, accompanist. Miss Sarah W. Loker led the meeting, subject of which was "Hospitality." Some of the sub-topics most interestingly considered were: Some bible instances of hospitality; are our churches as hospitable as they ought to be? What is the original meaning of the word, and how far have we got away from that meaning? Does the advance of civilization tend to make people less hospitable? The need of hospitality of mind that shall make us tolerant of the views of others.

Miss Mary E. Jones of Shilton, Pa., is visiting her niece, Mrs. Oscar Anderson.  
Miss Beatrice Sutherland and Miss Althea Symmes are at Campton, N. H., to stay until the first of September.

Miss Marjory Seavey has been enjoying a week's stay with Misses Elinor and Marjory Cameron at the Julian A. Cameron's summer home at Cross Island, Essex.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Atwood are guests at Mrs. Caroline Atwood's.

Miss Edna Ferguson is spending the long vacation at a summer school at Angola, N. Y. Associated with her in her work is a former classmate at Putnam Hall school, Ploughkeepsie.

Master Wesley Hawkes of Melrose has been spending this week at the home of his aunt, Mrs. A. W. Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bencault and their little son have gone to house-keeping in the cottage owned by O. R. Spaulding on Main street.

Miss Ruth Fisher has been doing substitute work at the library this week to help out Miss Bance, who has been detained at home owing to her father's illness. Mr. Bance continues to gain in strength a little from day to day.

Supervisor of assessors, Mr. Patten of the State tax commissioners' office, Boston, was in town Wednesday afternoon and held a meeting with our board of assessors.

Charles O. Prescott left on Wednesday to go to Plymouth, N. H., to form one of that loyal trio of friends, the other two members of which are Rev. Charles P. Marshall and John P. Wright, for their annual camping and camping trip in the White Mountains. Mrs. Marshall is staying at Dover, N. H., and Mrs. Wright at South Royalton.

Amelia W. Lambert has just completed a five weeks' special course in dietetics in Boston under the direction of Miss Fannie Merritt Farmer, the well-known cooking authority. Miss Lambert is employed as dietitian at the State hospital, Tewksbury.

Westford residents felt their share of pride and interest in the recent dedication of the Pilgrim monument at Provincetown. A year ago last May in response to the invitations given to all the towns in the state, Westford contributed a block of granite toward the construction of the big shaft at the end of Cape Cod. The block was cut, polished and shipped from the H. V. Hildreth quarries. The inscription bore the date of the incorporation of the town, September 20, 1729, the date at the time it was sent and the name of the town.

Harold W. Hildreth has been detained at home and obliged to keep rather quiet this past week with an injured knee.

The swings, see-saws and merry-go-round have been put in place in the Whitney playground and the children and young people have gathered each day to use and enjoy them. There have been some hard games of tennis on the new tennis court and the object of the park for pleasure and recreation is beginning to be realized with the true measure of appreciation it so richly deserves.

### About Town.

Last week Thursday at the noon hour, during the thunder shower, a bolt of lightning tried to ring up on the telephone that connects the residence of S. L. Taylor with the wire snapped with the severity of the call. Although it was close to the house no one seemed to care to answer the call, being busy keeping up with each other at dinner movements. What little of "Fletcherism" was being practiced with the dinner, was suddenly discontinued.

Mrs. E. G. Bernhardt of Newark, N. J., is enjoying the old time rugged hospitality of the Greig farm.

Mrs. Herbert Coffin and daughter of Berwick, Me., are visiting uncle and aunt, Charles E. and Miss Belle Walker.

The improvements on the Unitarian church are nearly completed. Col. Edwin D. Metcalf, who presented the town with the soldiers' monument, has planned to place a memorial window in this church in memory of his mother, who attended church here when a resident of the town. The colonel will also be remembered by the older people as the bright, sparkling-eyed boy, who also attended this old First Parish church. The window will be placed in the rear of the choir.

W. R. and J. A. Taylor left the delights of the rural in the Stony Brook valley today for the tonic that is inherent in York beach.

Mrs. Amelia Weeks Perkins, a native of Prince Edward Island, died last week Friday at the home of her son, George Perkins, at the Nabnasset farm, Westford. She was eighty-five

years old and was the mother of ten children, seven of whom survive—Mrs. Kenrick of Hanson, Mrs. Shaw of Woburn, Mrs. Elizabeth Clement of Brookside, Joseph of Prince Edward Island, William of Sterling, Henry of Worcester and George of Westford. The funeral took place last Saturday. Rev. George L. Collyer of the village church, West Chelmsford, conducted the services. Burial was in Clinton.

Daniel H. Sheehan has bought one more of those large engines. This makes four for Tadnuck brook distribution.

### Forge Village.

The pet dog owned by John Calotta was run over by an electric car on Saturday afternoon and was so badly injured that it was necessary to kill the animal. The dog was chasing a cat when the car came along and as usual the cat got safely away while the dog was hurt. It was a valuable shepherd dog and had been trained to draw a little cart containing the owner's baby.

Services at St. Andrew's mission tomorrow will be held at 3.30 p. m. Rev. Harry Gray will occupy the pulpit.

Wilbert E. Parsons, who left here last fall with Mrs. Parsons for the far west has returned here for a short time on business. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are settled in Vancouver, B. C. They have traveled extensively in the west and south.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley and daughter Mary, of Marlboro, are visiting Mr. Hanley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole.

Arthur Holstein and party of friends of Lowell are spending two weeks at Hollingside cottage on the shore of Forge pond. Last Sunday they entertained thirty of their friends.

Miss Violet Collins of Providence is spending a few weeks at her home.

Gerald Daly of Lowell is enjoying a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daly.

Miss Lottie and Miss Mildred Parrott have spent the summer in North Adams. They expect to return home for the fall term at school which commences September 6.

Mrs. Fred Norton and two children and her sister, Miss Clara Morton of Bridgeport, Conn., are the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George Cougle.

William Bennett and two sons of Providence are enjoying their vacation at Mr. Bennett's father, Joseph Bennett.

Mrs. William Weaver is spending the week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler of Worcester.

Don't fail to read the full page advertisement of P. Donlon & Co. on the sixth page of this paper.

### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

Mrs. Sarah Holt in company with Miss Mabel Hazen went to Templeton on Monday, taking dinner at Templeton Inn, returning to Fitchburg where they called on a number of friends.

The eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jandreau, who has been critically ill, is some better.

Richard Cormier left town Thursday for a vacation of two weeks in Norwalk, Conn., and New York city.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gionet last Saturday. Mother and baby are doing nicely. The baby weighed ten pounds.

Jacob Porkola of Fitchburg, a Finlander, was drowned last Saturday evening at the Shirley reservoir. It appears that Mr. Porkola, in company with others, was in a row boat and in some way the boat upset and in the darkness he was lost from view. His body was recovered Tuesday.

The members of the Societe d'Assomption will receive communion in a body on Sunday morning, August 14, at eight o'clock. All members are requested to meet in St. Anthony's hall at 7.30 a. m.

Miss Etta Holden with a party of friends is spending a few days at Revere beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gately of Boston are spending this week with Mrs. Gately's parents.

Miss Gertrude McNally has gone to her home in Granville, N. Y., for a vacation.

J. C. Ayer, Esq., A. O. U. W., will escort a number of candidates to Tabanota lodge of Leominster Thursday evening, August 18, for the conferring of degrees. Every member is requested to board the 7.15 electric car at Shirley. Arrangements for the home trip have been made.

A series of three games has been arranged by the Shirley baseball team and the Tigers of Leominster for a purse of one hundred dollars. The first game was played on Wednesday afternoon at Leominster. Ten innings were played and resulted in a tie, each team scoring two runs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Winterbottom are spending this week with relatives in Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor O'Brien are enjoying a few days' outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant returned home from Falmouth Heights on Thursday.

Miss Etta Gately leaves Saturday for a two weeks' vacation at East Greenwich, R. I., and Nantasket beach.

Miss Bessie Dadmun has gone to visit relatives in Franklin, N. H., for a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. E. H. Allen has returned home from an extended visit at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dana B. Somes of Pittsfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beach and family spent last Sunday with relatives in South Acton.

Miss Mabel Hazen had a position offered her at the high school in Wallingford, Conn., to teach Latin with a larger salary than they had ever paid before. Rather than have her leave Lee, where she had been teaching for the last four years, they at once raised her salary and she has decided to return to Lee.

The selectmen with W. H. Wilbur and Dr. Lilly, held a meeting last week Friday in the railroad station and voted to appoint C. H. Weare, jr., a member of the school committee to

succeed H. F. Taylor, resigned. The appointment of Mr. Weare will continue in force until next town meeting day, when a reelection of a member of school committee will take place. At a meeting of the school committee Dr. Lilly was chosen chairman and W. H. Wilbur, secretary.

F. D. Weeks, C. R. White, W. G. White, J. E. Richardson and F. S. Brown enjoyed an automobile trip last Sunday to Nantasket beach, making the trip in Mr. Week's car.

Miss Rena Churchill left town Monday for a vacation at her home in Maine.

The Shirley baseball team defeated the Pepperell team on the new Shirley grounds last Saturday afternoon by a score of 11 to 8. The feature of the game was the fine pitching of Burrill and the work of Sheedy, second baseman.

Miss Adelaide Green of Boston was a guest last Sunday of the Misses Etta and Lena Gately.

Mrs. A. N. Herson of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is visiting relatives and friends in town.

John Sprague spent a few days the first of the week with his son in Harvard.

With a view to making the sanitary conditions of the town better, the selectmen have posted the following notice:

Be it ordered that all inhabited houses in the town of Shirley be equipped with privies, constructed of cement, brick or stone and cement, and also to abolish all open drains. It is also ordered that all privies be cleaned at once and hereafter every three months from date.

Charles R. White has purchased a fine new order team.

Regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Shirley Cooperative bank will be held in their rooms in Peasley's block on Tuesday evening, August 16, at eight o'clock.

Rev. J. H. Cote started last Sunday evening for Montreal, where he will spend a vacation of two weeks.

Miss Evelyn Miner entertained a few of her young lady friends at her home on Monday evening. A chafing dish supper was served by the hostess and the evening was a most enjoyable one for all present.

Miss Gertrude McNally has gone to her home in Granville, N. Y., for a vacation.

Miss Mabel Miner of Keene, N. H., spent last Sunday at home.

The Samson cordage works started on Monday to run all its departments on full time.

Mrs. Evelyn Wilson of Lawrence, niece of Mrs. Bertha Sargent, spent the weekend in Shirley.

The assessors announce a tax rate of \$16.50 for 1910, against a rate of nearly \$20.00 last year.

Don't fail to read the full page advertisement of P. Donlon & Co. on the sixth page of this paper.

#### Wedding.

Joseph A. Perreault of Leominster and Miss Anthonia Lambert of Shirley were united in marriage on Tuesday morning in St. Anthony's church, Rev. Fr. Bernier of Lowell officiating. More than usual interest was taken in the wedding, as both parties are well and favorably known.

The bride, Miss Lambert, was popular with her associates and has been a resident of Shirley for many years. The groom, Mr. Perreault, is employed in Leominster and like his partner has also a host of well-wishing friends.

The bride was attended by Miss Corinne Perreault, sister of the groom, and David Lambert, brother of the bride, as best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride at the close of the wedding ceremony, which was followed by a collation.

In the afternoon the happy couple were swiftly conveyed to Boston in an automobile and as they were leaving the house were given a rousing sendoff by the large number of guests in attendance at the wedding feast. Early in the evening a reception was given the newly-wed couple in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Perreault left Boston by boat on Tuesday evening for a honeymoon of ten days in Portland and Old Orchard beach. Upon their return they will reside in Leominster in a well-equipped home, which has been furnished throughout.

They were also the recipients of many useful and ornamental presents, including silver, cut-glass, linen and bric-a-brac.

#### Obituary.

The funeral of William R. McClellan, a veteran of the Civil war and a resident of this town for half a century, was held last Sunday afternoon at the home of his sister on Mill street with a large gathering of mourners and friends present. Rev. A. A. Bronson, pastor of the Congregational church, where the deceased attended, officiated, paying a splendid and sincere tribute to his memory. A solo, "Face to face," was rendered by S. Leroy Smith of Ayer. Caleb Butler lodge of Ayer, of which Mr. McClellan was a member for about forty years, was represented by a large delegation which took charge of the remains and exemplified the full masonic service at the grave, with four members of the lodge as pall bearers. Burial was in the family lot at the Village cemetery. The floral tributes were choice, being tastefully arranged by Miss Mary A. Park and Mrs. Alice L. Wright.

William R. McClellan was born in Richmond, Canada, in 1845, and passed away on Thursday afternoon, August 4, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Richard Pomfret, where he had been visiting for a few days.

His death was caused by an epileptic shock, with which he was seized, dying two hours later and never regaining consciousness. Dr. C. J. Pierce attended him and did everything possible to help him, but repeated convulsions greatly weakened his heart and the inevitable followed.

Mr. McClellan had not enjoyed good health for the past twenty years and at times was subject to very severe attacks of illness, which shattered his system and reduced his general vitality and which finally resulted in the shock which caused his death. He was sixty-four years of age.

Mr. McClellan enlisted in Boston, August 17, 1864, in Co. I, Fourth regiment heavy artillery and was honorably discharged June 17, 1865. He never fully recovered from the exposure and hardships endured in the

army service, and was obliged by reason of poor health to give up his daily vocation.

Mr. McClellan had been a resident of Shirley fully fifty years and when he returned home at the close of the war he accepted the position as overseer of the weaving department of the Phoenix mill here and left this town to accept a more lucrative position as overseer of the weaving department of the Damon Dale woollen mill at Concord and had held similar positions in textile work in other places, his last one being as overseer at Oakdale.

Mr. McClellan was highly respected. He was quiet and somewhat reserved in manner, but a staunch friend and peaceful and loyal citizen. He was a lover of outdoor life and was especially fond of flowers and foliage of all kinds. He had been married thirty-six years and leaves a wife, Frances S. and three daughters—Mrs. George H. B. Clark of Ayer, Mrs. H. V. Martin of Middletown, Conn., and Mrs. Arthur H. Jubb of Shirley; also five sisters—Mrs. Elizabeth Pomfret, Mrs. Ruth Phelps and Mrs. Sarah G. Ruggs of Shirley, Mrs. Mary E. Cleverly of East Somerville and Mrs. Eleanor Hawksworth of Washington, D. C., and one brother—Joseph H. McClellan of Shirley.

The deceased was also a member of George S. Boutwell post of Ayer and this post was represented by Commander Oliver W. Balcom and a delegation. A number was also present from Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., as the deceased was once connected with the highest branches of the I. O. O. F., and became an ancient Odd Fellow.

Among the large number of relatives present at the funeral from out-of-town were Mrs. H. V. Martin and children of Middletown, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. John Weir of Saundersville, George Pomfret of Waverley, John Pomfret of Hudson, Ralph Cleverly of East Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. D. Wetherbee of Ayer, Mrs. James McClellan of Concord with son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Balcom of Leominster, Mrs. Hattie Pacey and Mrs. E. L. Herson of Fitchburg.

Rev. A. A. Bronson was called from his summer home at Pocasset to officiate at the funeral and arrived in Shirley last Saturday evening, returning to his family on Monday morning.

#### Alliance Meeting.

In spite of the fact that fine weather on Alliance day has almost become proverbial, last week Thursday was a rare exception and Jupiter Pluvius, God of Rain, kept sending down showers all day upon the thirsty earth. This did not deter the Alliance members, however, for they gathered in goodly numbers at the home of Mrs. E. P. Miller, Shirley Centre. The usual routine of business was soon disposed of and interest centered in the paper which had been prepared by Miss Mabel G. Hazen for the occasion, entitled "A trip to Berkshire county," in which she gave a clear and comprehensive description of the principal towns of the county, including Great Barrington, West Stockbridge, Lee, Lenox, Pittsfield, Cheshire and Williamstown, with special reference to Bryant, Longfellow, Hawthorne and other notable personages, who at some time dwelt in this favored region. In fact the whole county is full of literary and historic associations which, together with its highly diversified natural scenery, make it a most delightful place to visit even in imagination. Many beautiful postcard views of elm-shaded streets, old colonial mansions, winding rivers and noble hills helped to make the trip more real and poems of Bryant and Longfellow written while living in the Berkshires were read.

After refreshments were served, to which the delicious fruit punch served by the hostess added the finishing touch, the meeting adjourned.

In place of the next regular meeting the Alliance will hold its annual basket picnic on Thursday, August 18, at Whalom park. Members are requested to meet at the woman's pavilion at twelve o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all the friends of Alliance members to join the picnic.

A good old-fashioned supper will be served by the Alliance ladies at town hall in the near future to be followed by dancing to first-class music. Full particulars will be given later.

#### About Town.

A very daring rescue was made by Sylvanus Holden of New York city, formerly of Shirley, while in bathing at Long Beach, Long Island, N. Y., on Tuesday, August 5. Five women and two boys were in bathing, and hearing the cry for help he swam out to them just as three of them had gone down for the third time. After diving for them he got them one by one and landed them safe on shore. After a number had worked over them for about half an hour, they were brought to life. For a short time it looked as if the three whom he rescued would be drowned, being an excellent swimmer he never for a moment gave up in his efforts to save them. Among those he rescued was a mother and daughter.

Miss Katherine M. Lawrence of Nashua and Mrs. Allison of Fitchburg were week-end guests at E. S. Baker's.

Homer Holden and family are camping at Dead pond this week.

George Knox is entertaining his mother from Lynn.

Frank Cormier has obtained work at Leominster and will soon move his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Story of Gardner spent Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Babb.

#### Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed and their daughter Margaret returned last Friday from a few days' visit to New York.

The assessors have about completed their work and the tax bills will soon be out. The tax rate for this year is \$16.50, which is quite a drop from \$19, which was the rate last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Holden of Shrewsbury spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden.

The trustees of the Center cemetery have decided to build a new concrete receiving vault, using the granite front from the old receiving tomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis and their son Ernest of Townsend spent Sunday with Mrs. C. A. Longley.

Miss Mollie Grout of Medford is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout. Rev. George Willis Cooke will preach at the First Parish church, Sunday, August 14, at 11.15 a. m.

Don't fail to read the full page advertisement of P. Donlon & Co. on the sixth page of this paper.

### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

W. F. Conant, for a few years with the Henry Siegel Co. in Boston, is now at P. F. Bonney's Sons. He has secured the services of Mrs. Nellie Wright as housekeeper, and with his little family has a very pleasant home at 159 Appleton street, Arlington Heights.

Miss Florence Bartlett has been spending a week at Five Islands, Me. During her absence, her father, L. W. Bartlett, made his headquarters at his mother's.

The Drew, Munson, Frost Fruit Co. is busily engaged in budding small trees. They have set out 13,000 trees and shrubs this season. The trees trimmed at the time of the demonstration in the spring are in excellent condition and heavily laden with fruit.

Note from Boston contractor to Littleton milk producer: Mr. A. Upson careful examination 5,428,000 bacteria were found in a can of milk shipped from your dairy last Monday. Note from Littleton milk producer to Boston contractor: Please, your majesty, could you find any milk in that can?

The Middlesex C. E. union will hold its next convention in the Baptist church, Littleton, on Labor day. This promises to be the best convention of the kind held for years. A remarkably talented set of speakers has already been engaged for the day. They are Pres. Irwin of East Greenwich academy, whose subject will be "The modern young man"; Rev. E. S. Ninde of Providence, R. I., who will speak on "The tombs and pyramids of Egypt"; Dr. Bowley Green of Providence will take as his subject, "Equipment for service."

Frank Farmer will have his annual candy pull next week Saturday afternoon to which everybody in town is invited as usual.

Mrs. Nelson B. Conant and daughter Caroline have returned from her mother's home in Adams, where they have been for the last five weeks.

Rev. H. L. Packard occupied the Congregational pulpit as pastor on last Sunday evening for the first time. The Congregational church is the only house of worship that will be open in town tomorrow morning. A welcome is extended to all who wish to worship there.

Rev. H. B. Drew left on Monday for a sea trip to Old Point Comfort. He will travel also through the Shenandoah Valley, being absent some ten days or more. During his absence the Baptist church will be closed, except for evening meetings.

#### Lycium.

The program for the season of 1910-11 has been arranged and promises to be equal to the best ever offered the public. In six entertainments there could not be more variety and there is sure to be something in the lycium course that will appeal to every kind of taste. Most people will be interested in every number.

Littleton justly prides itself in its lycium record and all the long established families in town are sure to support this valuable institution so long as the lycium committee can engage such drawing cards as appear in the following list:

October 1, William Spurgeon, Phil. D. D., L. L. D., cousin of the eminent divine, Rev. Charles Spurgeon, subject, "John Bull and Uncle Sam."  
November 22, Gen. William A. Barcroft, illustrated lecture on "The Boston Elevated."  
December 13, Mrs. Minna Tenney Peck, "The Passion Play."  
January 3, Jay D. Newton, magician, "Children's night."  
January 24, Home talent.

#### Acknowledgement.

In accordance with a vote at the March town meeting 1910, three volumes of the "Vital Town Records," recently published, were delivered to Dr. Green of Boston, and the following acknowledgement has been received:

June 22, 1910.  
Hon. Frank A. Patch, Littleton.  
Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of three copies of Littleton Records which the town of Littleton kindly voted to give me. They were received yesterday through the courtesy of Mr. Sanderson, and I wish to return my thanks to all who had a hand in paying me this compliment. The book is a credit to your town, and I consider it an important addition to the local history of the State.

As a son of Old Middlesex I take pride in your achievement.  
Very respectfully,  
SAMUEL A. GREEN.

#### About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Robbins, as guests of one of the many Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Shirley, are spending their vacations touring on the coast of Maine.

G. W. Cox and family of Barre are stopping here a while at his father's.

Hon. G. W. Sanderson and daughters recently spent a few days in Kennebunkport, Me., in the bungalow of his grandson, Burton S. Flag.

Mrs. Millie Sheppard of Wakefield was a recent guest of her cousin, Mrs. Hattie Hopkins.

Miss Lucy Adams, with friends, is at Swan Island, Me.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will meet next Thursday afternoon in the vestry of the church.

Walter Sleeper of Duluth, Minn., is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. M. Hartwell at the sleeper camp, Forge pond.

Mrs. Mary Robbins is with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ireland at their camp, Forge pond.

This week Mrs. F. A. Hosmer is entertaining her nephew, A. Kinsman of Northboro.

Alvah Jewett of Rosindale has been here the past week with his grandfather, Sherman Jewett.

Miss Grace Needham, with her brother Karlton, has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., visiting with relatives there.

Early last Saturday morning in three autos, Messrs. Titcomb, Kimball, Lovelace, Whitcomb, Houghton, Needham, Knight, Hartwell, Ireland and Conant went for a joy ride among the New Hampshire hills.

visiting Hillsboro, Sunapee Lake and other places of interest.

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### Success in the South.

A dispatch to the Milledgeville (Ga.) Union Recorder, dated Albany, Ga., relates these interesting facts of a former Littleton man:

A special train of twenty-seven cars carrying eight hundred bales of cotton to New York left Albany, today, over the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. The shipment was made by Judge F. F. Putney, one of the largest planters in this section, and president of the Georgia National bank, of Albany. This is said to be the largest shipment sent by any one planter in the South to New York during the prevailing flurry in the cotton market.

Judge Putney will not sell his cotton until it reaches New York. He will arrive in the metropolis by the time the special train reaches there. Owing to the fact that the price fell off about ninety points, today, he may hold it until next month. The cotton on the special train is in uncompressed bales, as the compress here is closed for the summer. This necessitated the use of a larger number of cars than would have otherwise been required.

Judge Putney has been holding the cotton, which is about one-third of his last year's crop for sixteen cents. Some time ago he sold 1600 bales.

Judge Putney has 30,000 acres of land in southwestern Georgia, and has been classed as a millionaire. He married a Woburn girl, and is well-known in Littleton, Acton, Westford and surrounding towns.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### News Items.

One of the social events of last week was the entertaining of a party of friends by the Misses A. Levered and Edna A. Parker at Invercroft on Friday evening, August 5. Whist and games were enjoyed and later dancing on the spacious veranda which was attractive with Japanese lanterns and the sweet chiming of the wind harps. Dainty refreshments were served. Among the guests from out-of-town were Dr. Raymond Carter, Miss Gertrude Carter, Arthur Carter, Frank Bennett, Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, Joseph Attridge, Pepperell; Mrs. Alan Mahon, Dorchester, Mass.; Mrs. Geo. L. Badger, Quincy, Mass.; Attorney Charles Luce, Milford; Hutchins Baker, Lowell; Miss Mary L. Perin, Brookline, Mass.; Miss Ruth Hayden, West Townsend; also, Mrs. Frances Cox Evans, Miss Blanche W. Hall, Albert L. Baldwin, Harry Powers, James Gilson and Ralph Greeley of this town.

Mrs. Edward C. Tucker and Mrs. George L. Badger enjoyed a delightful automobile trip Tuesday as guests of Mrs. A. D. Fessenden and Mrs. Victor Miller.



**CHOICE MISCELLANY**

**To Escape the Laugh.**

Lole Fuller, the noted dancer, told at a luncheon a story about her class of dancing children.

"I gave the children a Christmas party last year," she said, "and when the pudding came on I said to them: 'I have put in this pudding a coin, a little china doll and a button. Whoever gets the coin will be rich, whoever gets the doll will be married before the year is out, but whoever gets the button will be an old maid.'

"Well, the pudding disappeared rapidly, and the little girls soon found the coin and the china doll, but the button did not turn up. No one got the button. This amazed me. That night I said to my favorite little girl as we sat alone by the fire in my room:

"I can't understand what became of that button. I put it in the pudding myself."

"I'll tell you," the little girl confessed, turning rosy with confusion. "I got the button, but I didn't want everybody to laugh at me, so I swallowed it!"

**A Sailor's Compliment.**

A Boston publisher said of Mrs. Asquith, whose name has been so much discussed in connection with "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue."

"As Miss Margot Tennant she electrified London with her beauty, her wit and her high spirits. Mr. Gladstone admired her, and the novelist Benson owed his success to the portrait, wretchedly weak and thin as it was, that he drew of her in 'Dodo.'

"Gladstone, Tennyson and other distinguished persons made a cruise to Norway one summer in Sir Daniel Currie's yacht. Miss Margot Tennant was among the party, and her gaiety and beauty enchanted all on board, from Tennyson and Gladstone down to the cabin boy.

"Mr. Gladstone and Miss Tennant, promenading the deck one morning, paused and talked awhile with a sailor.

"Are you married?" Miss Tennant asked him.

"The sailor touched his cap and answered:

"Yes, ma'am; I'm sorry to say I am."

**Routed the Claque.**

"One of the performers at the Teatro Lirico, at Milan, had an exciting experience on the occasion of his first appearance this year. The opera 'Aurora' was being performed," says the Rome Gazette, "and, despite the fact that the baritone, Alneto, sang and played well, he was loudly hissed and ridiculed. The curtain went down on the first act, and Alneto, in the costume of the king of Castile, stepped before the curtain close to the footlights and addressed the audience in a voice tremulous with rage. He said that he was the victim of a heartless claque—that he had been hissed and his conscientious efforts had been groaned at because he had refused to pay the claque. The audience received his remarks with loud applause. The claque melted away, and the heroic singer from that time until the end of the performance received much applause."

**A Mistress of Detail.**

Dr. Robert Wood of Johns Hopkins university was complimented by a young lady at a dinner in Baltimore on the artificial mirages that he had succeeded in making in his laboratory.

"It is by attention to the least details," said Dr. Wood, with a smile, "that one succeeds in experiments of this kind. One must look after details like—er—like the landlord's wife."

"Tommy," said the landlord's wife to her little boy, "who is that talking on the doorstep to your father?"

"It's a divinity student," Tommy answered, "who is looking for a furnished room."

"Hurry, then," said the mother, "and walk up and down the hall whistling a hymn."—New York Press.

**Wouldn't Alter His Face.**

A prominent Russian statesman who bears a remarkable resemblance to the czar was once advised by his majesty to try and alter his appearance. "Why don't you shave off your beard, count?" asked Nicholas. "Your likeness to your unfortunate emperor lays you open to terrible risks, knocking about in public as you do."

"I will never alter my appearance, sire," answered the faithful count. "I am too proud of my resemblance to your majesty."

"Ah, well," said the czar, with a frown. "I fear if you don't alter your face some of my nihilist subjects will do it for you some fine day."

**Statue With Silk Hat.**

The warmest admirers of the silk hat will hardly claim that it lends itself to the sculptor's art. Yet the artist responsible for the bronze statue of Krupp on the lawn of the Kiel Yacht club has presented the ironmaster with a top hat and a walking stick in his right hand. He has also endowed him with a tightly fitting frock coat, carefully creased trousers and a mathematical parting in the center of the head, so that the statue looks more like a tailor's dummy than the representation of a captain of industry.—London Chronicle.

**Church News in New York.**

In a prominent New York newspaper it is now possible to read every Monday what wealthy ladies wore the day before at church—the only part of the service which is looked upon as news.—Columbia's.

**A Wild Race**

By WILLIAM EASTMAN

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While travelling in Colorado I dined informally with a successful mine owner. His wife was a demure little woman, who said nothing during the meal, her sole ambition apparently being to see that his children had what they wished and what was best for them to eat. After dinner, while smoking with my host, I asked him if his wife, being such a gentle, feminine little woman, did not find life in a new country distasteful.

He smiled. "I could tell you a story about that 'gentle, feminine little woman,'" he said, "that would make your hair curl."

"Do so," I replied.

"Lisa," he began—"that's my wife—was born out here. Her father came out to mine. When she was sixteen years old she was out one day with her father and brother, who were prospecting. They had with them a horse of Tennessee racing stock and feet as the wind.

"While Lisa was flower gathering and her father and brother feeling about in the ground with their picks suddenly she heard a noise. She looked up and saw her father and brother looking at each other, both very pale. Then her father ran to Jack, calling to her at the same time to come to him, loosed the bridle rein, put her on him and said:

"Ride for your life. A cloudburst is coming. Stick to Jack. He can outrun anything."

"And, turning the horse's head down the gorge, he gave him a slap on his haunch, and away he went, with little Lisa astraddle of his back.

"It was not far to a canyon communicating with the gorge they were in, and if Lisa could have turned her horse into it she would have been safe. Her father and brother, who rode the other two horses, did this and had the satisfaction to see the torrent boiling past them, they being on higher ground and out of its path. But in giving her the high bred racer they had endangered her instead of giving her the best chance. Jack, hearing the torrent coming after him, became unmanageable through terror and shot right past the mouth of the canyon.

"Fortunately Lisa had been used to horses. She knew her danger too. Jack was liable every moment to fall and was killing himself in the struggle. How he ever passed over the path he did I can't imagine. I've been over it often since, and every time I wonder more. If he fell the torrent would be on him and his rider before he could get up and she mount him again, even if that were possible. If he became exhausted that meant death too.

"Once, she says, she looked back to see what had become of her father and brother. She saw great trees hurled by a mad torrent against the rocky sides of the canyon. One sight of such a scene was enough for her. She tried to soothe her horse by speaking to him and patting him on the neck. Several times he had stumbled, but recovered himself, and she knew this was her greatest danger.

"Well, here I come in. I was a tenderfoot ordered by my doctor to come out here to breathe the mountain air. At the time Lisa was coming down the canyon I was being driven in a light wagon in the opposite direction by a man I had hired for the purpose. We heard a roaring; but, I being a greenhorn in the country and the driver being stupid, neither of us knew what it meant. The road was narrow. Beside it was the waterway and on either hand the canyon's walls.

"Suddenly I saw up the gorge a horse coming lickety split and knew by fluttering skirts that a woman was on him. He couldn't pass us at that gait owing to the fact that we took up all but about three feet of the road. Lisa says he seemed to recognize the fact, for he slowed up of his own accord.

"Just before Lisa reached us my driver seemed to catch the meaning of it all and, jumping from the wagon, began to scramble up the side of the canyon. I, not understanding what was the matter, sat still till the girl came up. I had never seen her before, but I was not likely to forget the picture. Her horse was white with foam; her hair had broken loose and was flying in the wind.

"A cloudburst!" she cried.

"I didn't know what a cloudburst was, but at that moment caught sight of its forward edge and didn't need any one to tell me. I had come west in a sleeping berth all the way from Ohio and was weak as a kitten. My cowardly driver was taking care of himself, but paying no attention to me. The girl took in the situation. She was trying to squeeze her horse between the stone wall of the gulch and the wagon, but had presence of mind to call to me to get on behind her. One glance at that coming death gave me all the strength I needed, and I was on Jack in a jiffy. Then she let him go again.

"We were a mile from her home, the horse was getting exhausted, and now he had a double load. She knew well enough that she was halving her chances at taking me on, but we managed to keep ahead of the flood, and in a few minutes Jack mounted the rising ground that led to his stable.

"And that," my host concluded, "is the 'gentle, feminine woman' you're talking about."

"She's that and a heroine besides." I supplemented.

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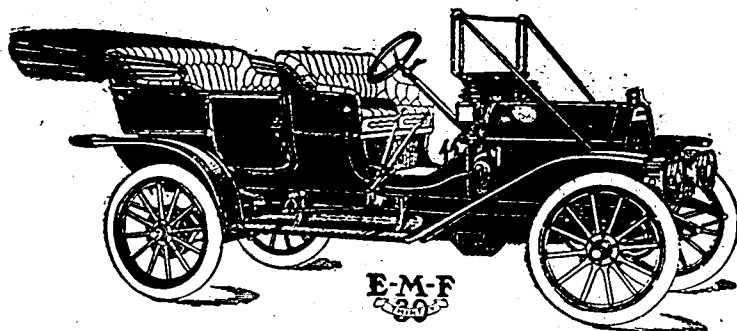
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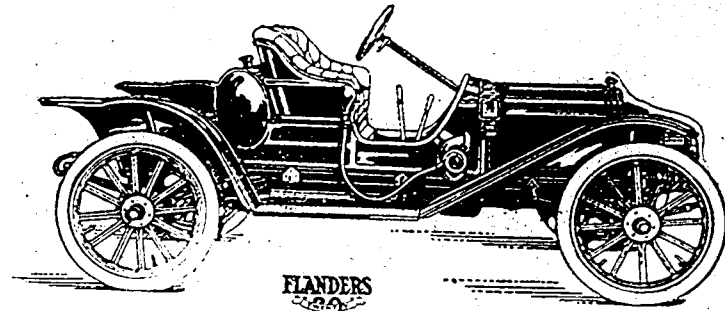
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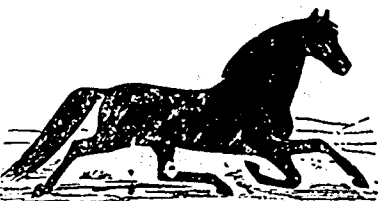
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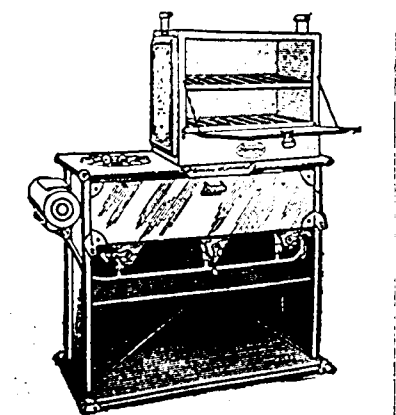
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**REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of a license granted to me by the Probate Court for the County of Middlesex, dated June 24, 1910, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, at two o'clock P. M., Saturday, August 20, 1910, the following described real estate, viz:

A parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Pearl street in Ayer in said County of Middlesex, being the same premises conveyed to Ermina L. Kingsbury as Minnie L. Kingsbury by Abbie J. Hayward by two deeds, recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds, Book 2006, page 48 and Book 2388, page 144, respectively, less a strip 90 ft. long and 12 ft. wide on the northwesterly corner thereof which was conveyed by said Kingsbury to Raymond G. Kelleran, by deed dated July 25, 1899, and recorded with said Deeds, Book 2756, page 475.

Said premises are the well known Kingsbury place, consisting of a large house and barn and plenty of land. Terms made known at time of sale.

THOMAS F. MULLIN, Administrator of the estate not already administered of Ermina L. Kingsbury. Ayer, July 28th, 1910. 3w46

Our papers go regularly every week to our subscribers, leaving this office every Friday evening, and are forwarded every Saturday morning from the postoffice at Ayer on the trains leaving at eight o'clock. Complainers are occasionally sent in from subscribers that they do not receive their papers promptly on Saturday. The fault is not with the publisher. If any of our subscribers fail to receive their papers, send us a postal and we will forward another copy with pleasure.

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Black enameled, complete with bolt, nut and two washers. For tea or coffee pots or pot covers		High Grade Willow Clothes Baskets	\$1.00—75c.	Scythe Snath	65c.—50c.
Extra Large Bleached Yellow Sponge	10c.	Extra heavy, white, all whole willow, very strong		Patent swing socket cap, fits all our scythes	
Regular 25c. Size		Bushel Baskets	60c.—40c.	Lawn Rakes	45c.—30c.
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Large size		High-grade fancy doors		Hay Forks	55c.—40c.
Medium size		Walnut Stained Doors	\$1.00—60c.	3 polished oval tines, 4½ and 6-foot hardwood handles	
Foot Tubs		Walnut stained doors		Potato Hooks	55c.—40c.
Wood Tubs, choice		Window Screens	40c.—25c. 38c.—30c. 35c.—25c.	4 oval steel tines, 5-foot handle	
Galvanized Pails	35c.—25c. 25c.—20c.	Wood frame		Enamel Ware	High-trade, triple-coated, acid proof, absolutely pure and guaranteed. Never before was such goods offered at the following prices:
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Medium		Polished Nickel Plated, Mirror Finish, 3 irons in a set		Tea Kettles	\$1.25—35c.
Croquet Sets	\$2.75—\$1.50 1.50—75c. 1.00—50c.	Ironing Tables	\$1.25—95c.	8-qt. Preserve Kettle	75c.—35c.
Child's Four-Wheel Carts	\$1.00—60c.	4½-foot 14-inch white, clear basswood top, hardwood legs, well braced, adjustable		8-qt. Windsor Kettle	90c.—35c.
10 and 15-inch wheels, varnished hardwood body, iron axles		Ironing Boards	85c.—65c.	6-qt. Princess Sauce Pan	75c.—35c.
Hammocks	\$4.75—3.00 2.75—1.75 2.25—1.50 1.25—75c.	4½-foot clear, white basswood		14-qt. Dish Pan	75c.—35c.
Large assortment of new goods		Shelf Paper	5c.—2c.	10-qt. Windsor Kettle	\$1.00—35c.
Blue-Flame Cookers	3 Burner \$5.50—\$4.75 2 Burner 4.00—3.25	Leading tints, embossed lace patterns, 12 inches wide		12-qt. Water Pail	\$1.00—35c.
Improved Burners, Steel Frame, closed in back, Black Japanned Finish		Ice Tongs	10c.—5c.	2-qt. Coffee Pots	50c.—20c.
Oil Stoves	3 Burner \$1.65—\$1.00 2 Burner 1.25—70c. 1 Burner 55c.—30c.	For family use. Anti-rust, heavy gauge steel		Wash Basins	40c.—20c.
Washing Machines	\$8.95—\$7.75	Lemon Extractors	10c.—5c.	2½, 3 and 4-qt. Preserve Kettles	40c.—20c.
Up-to-Date Family Washer will wash quickly, thoroughly and without tiring the operator, or injury to the clothes		Extra heavy crystal handles and lipped new patent cone, improved seed and pulp retainer		2½ and 3-qt. Sauce Pans	40c.—20c.
Lawn Swings	\$4.00—\$3.25	Hand Saws	75c.—50c.	4 and 5-qt. Pudding Pans	50c.—20c.
Guaranteed as to material, construction and finish bolted throughout, hardwood, painted and varnished		26-inch carbonized steel blade, royal blue finish, brass screws, guaranteed		4-qt. Porridge Pots	40c.—20c.
Lawn Mowers	\$3.00—\$2.25	Bamboo Fish Poles	15c.—5c.	3 and 4 Side Handle Bakers	40c.—20c.
8-inch wheel, 3 blades, 16 and 18-inch cutter bars, plain bearing		Selected quality fresh, yellow stock 18-ft.		3-qt. Stew Pans	50c.—20c.
Tea and Coffee Pots	75c.—50c.			6-qt. Sauce Pans	50c.—20c.
All copper, nickel plated				5-qt. English Kettles	50c.—20c.





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Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer and Fitchburg at 6.05, 7.20 a. m., then 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.20 p. m.

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## NEW ENGLAND AND THE TARIFF

### How a Democratic Congress Would Affect Her Industries

#### WINTHROP L. MARVIN EXPLAINS

The Political Issue in This State Sufficiently Clear—Tariff Agitation Already Curtails Textile Production—Many Plants Cut Their Activities

The danger to New England of a Democratic congress seems to makers of textile goods so great that Mr. Winthrop L. Marvin, secretary of the National Association of Woolen Manufacturers, says it has already had the effect of causing a curtailment of 40 percent in the operation of woolen machinery. Mr. Marvin's views, which he has given to this paper, follow:

"If the anti-protection party in next November's elections secures a majority of the house of representatives, it may as well be understood now as at a later time that the Democratic legislative program will involve an especial attack upon the great industries of Massachusetts. It is wool manufacturing and cotton manufacturing interests, where the Bay State stands pre-eminent, that are now being most viciously assailed by the protection-hating orators all over the west and south.

"If the next national house is Democratic the speaker of the house will be Champ Clark of Missouri, an avowed free trader and a statesman of the Bourbon school of the late Senator Vest, who, in Mr. Cleveland's time, declared that the Democratic party 'challenged the protected industries to a fight of extermination.' Champ Clark has proclaimed that if his first party carries the next house the first thing it will do will be to prepare and pass a downward reduction of schedule K, the schedule protecting the wool manufacturing industry of Massachusetts.

What Clark's Threat Means "This proclamation makes the political issue sufficiently clear-cut in Massachusetts. If these southern Democratic leaders have their way they are going to shut up our woolen mills and transfer their business, so far as possible, to Europe, just as they did under the disastrous Gorman-Wilson experiment of 1894-1897, well remembered as black years of idleness and famine by the textile operatives of this commonwealth.

The threat of Champ Clark and others of his kind to cut the throat of Massachusetts textile manufacturing if they are given the opportunity has already had its inevitable effect upon the condition of employment in our textile centres. The prospect that the protective tariff may be violently reduced and that 'cheap' goods will again pour in from Europe, as during the Gorman-Wilson regime, has sharply affected the market for Massachusetts-made fabrics. Buyers have reduced or postponed their purchases so far as possible, and for some time probably 40 percent of the productive wool manufacturing machinery of Massachusetts has been idle. There are signs of improvement in November seems less certain. But the mischief already done and beyond remedy is immense, and the brunt of the injury of these political anti-tariff threats has fallen upon the wage-earners of the commonwealth who have lost employment.

"It will require extraordinary hardihood this year for the leaders of the anti-protection party to go into mill cities like Lowell, Lawrence, Worcester, Fall River and New Bedford, and urge these same wage-earners to help themselves to more idleness and want and suffering by helping to elect anti-tariff congressmen, and thereby to elect Champ Clark as the next speaker of the national house of representatives.

No Duties Raised, Prices Lowered "A few months ago the cry was being raised that the new Aldrich-Payne tariff would enormously increase the cost of clothing. This new tariff, by the way, had not increased a single duty in the wool and woolen schedule. The only changes were a few slight reductions. Otherwise the schedule was exactly the same as it had been for twelve years under the Dingley law. There had been advances in the cost of the raw wool. But that condition proved temporary, for wool prices soon fell. And woolen fabrics now being offered by manufacturers reflect the change of prices in wool and the general reduction of cost, as compared with the figures of previous years. Thus, for example, the well-known standard serge of the American Woolen company numbered 3192 is available at \$1.30 a yard this year, as compared with \$1.50 last year. Unfinished worsteds that sold for \$1.60 a yard a year ago are now offered at \$1.47 1/2. There are similar declines in the price of dress goods, and some manufacturers are selling fabrics today at lower prices than have obtained since the financial panic of 1907.

"Here is most conclusive proof that the wool manufacturers of Massachusetts and of other states whose busi-

ness is now gradually improving, have not utilized the new tariff law to compel the payment of abnormally higher prices by their customers. The higher prices of a year ago were forced by the higher prices of raw wool, and the lessened prices of wool are reflected now in lower prices for the fabrics. These facts in the case were frankly stated by practical manufacturers at the time, but these authoritative statements were ignored by the tariff-hating press and politicians.

No Monopoly in Woolen Manufactures "There is no trust or monopoly in the wool manufacturing industry. Competition among the one thousand woolen mills of America is incessant and keen, and it is only the enormous volume of production that enables manufacturers to make a reasonable profit, which in this particular industry, taking one year with another, does not average far from 6 percent. The program of Champ Clark and the tariff smashers would compel a reduction of these moderate dividends and a reduction of the wages of the work-people, which are certainly not excessive. It is manifest that a dividend rate of less than 6 percent would fail to attract capital, or to hold it in, the somewhat hazardous business of textile manufacturing. And a severe reduction in the wages of the work-people in our textile centres, and a consequent reduction of their purchasing power, would quickly cripple every line of business in the commonwealth.

Democratic Tariff Policy is Sectional "Under the Cleveland regime there was at least the promise of free raw material for Massachusetts industries, in partial compensation for a cutting down of the duties that protected Massachusetts manufacturing. But now there is no such pretense. The free raw material dogma has not merely been abandoned, but has been publicly repudiated by the southern and western Democratic leaders, whose own states are producers of the raw material. The legislative program of the anti-tariff party in this country is distinctively a sectional policy, aimed in particular at the life and prosperity of Massachusetts and New England. Its success means less work and lower wages for the hundreds of thousands of men and women employed in our protected industries—and in Massachusetts the protected industries are nearly all we have."

### New Advertisements.

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Suspicious. "That pretty girl says she is just dying to meet Jinx." "Does Jinx borrow money from women too?"—Houston Post.

### New Advertisements.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires, in the following named streets and highways of said town. Said company agrees to reserve space for one cross arm at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the town and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said town may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to: East Main Street, from the Old Boston and Maine Highway Crossing near Church Street to Harvard Road; Pleasant Street, from Cambridge Street to Howard Street.

These locations to be identical and used jointly with the Ayer Electric Light Company.

Dated August 2, 1910. The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts. By FRANCIS A. HOUSTON, C. L. S. General Manager.

Ayer, Mass., July 28, 1910. Mr. E. D. Stone, Chairman, Honorable Board of Selectmen, Ayer, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Ayer, Massachusetts, for pole locations on East Main and Pleasant Streets, according to the drawing herewith furnished for said locations.

The above specified locations to be identical with those asked for by the New England Telephone Company to form a joint location line on said streets.

Yours truly, Ayer Electric Light Company. G. B. SPRING, Superintendent.

### Board of Selectmen.

Ayer, August 4, 1910.

Upon the foregoing petitions, it is Ordered, That a public hearing be given in the Selectmen's rooms in Town Hall in said Ayer, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., Monday, August 15, 1910, at which time and place all persons interested may attend and will be heard; and that the petitioners give notice thereof by publishing an attested copy of said petitions and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least three days before said hearing, and that the clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing, at least three days before the same, to the owners of real estate along the ways or parts of ways upon which it is proposed to construct said line, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

ELISHA D. STONE, FRANK S. PIERCE, JOHN M. MALONEY, Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petitions and order thereon. Attest: JOHN M. MALONEY, 2747 Clerk, Selectmen of Ayer.

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## NEW SHORT STORIES

### Hard to Hide.

Elihu Root, at the annual dinner of the International Young Men's Christian association in New York last month, said that evil courses were more difficult to conceal than generally believed.

"Take the case," said Mr. Root, with a smile, "of old John Bodewin. John was a lawyer's confidential clerk, and he had the pernicious habit of going to a neighboring saloon every morning at 11 and taking a small glass of whisky. He was not proud of this habit; hence, after the whisky, he always took a clove.

"But one morning it happened that there were no cloves on the bar, and John, having considered the matter,



"I'VE STOOD WHISKY AND CLOVES FOR NINETEEN YEARS."

swallowed a small raw onion from the free lunch tray. That would destroy the telltale whisky odor, no doubt, as well as the clove had always done, and, so thinking, he returned to his desk.

"It was a double desk. At it he and his employer sat face to face. John, on his return, was soon aware that his employer noticed something. The man's nostril quivered, he sniffed, and finally, with a grimace of disgust, he broke out:

"Look here, John; I've stood whisky and clove for nineteen years, but I draw the line at whisky and onion."

### Beveridge as Country Lawyer.

When Senator Beveridge was a country lawyer a pretty young school-teacher came to employ him as counsel in a case brought against her for whipping a boy. When the case came up on the docket the defendant, a pretty, shrinking girl named Marguerite, was charged with assault and battery.

The plaintiff's counsel gave the court a harrowing description of the brutal punishment administered by Marguerite and showed welts on the boy's shoulders, which, he declared, were made by her whip. Beveridge, after bringing out the fact that the boy was incorrigible, declared that such welts as those appearing on the back of the plaintiff were easily produced. To prove it he drew a small whip out of his pocket and struck himself a few light blows about the calves. Rolling up his trousers immediately after, he pointed proudly to welts as large as those shown on the boy's shoulders. Whether they were produced at the time or as part of a strenuous preparation for the case he never divulged, but he won the case for the schoolteacher.

### We Lead the World.

James H. Regan gave last month at the Hotel Knickerbocker, in New York, a Roman banquet characterized by the \$20,000 service of gold plate and by a concert wherein Caruso, Raymond Hitchcock and other artists of similar prominence took part.

Commented on the elegance of this banquet, Mr. Regan said, with a smile: "In elegance, as in wealth, America now leads the world. We have passed that stage in our development wherein the nouveau riche, studying a French menu despairingly, used to tell the waiter to bring him fifty dollars' worth of ham and eggs. And we have passed that stage wherein, if a child should whisper to its mother, 'But, mamma, Uncle Goldreef eats with his knife,' the mother would reply: 'Tush, darling, your Uncle Goldreef is rich enough to eat with a pick and shovel if he so desires.'"

### "Third" the Most Probable.

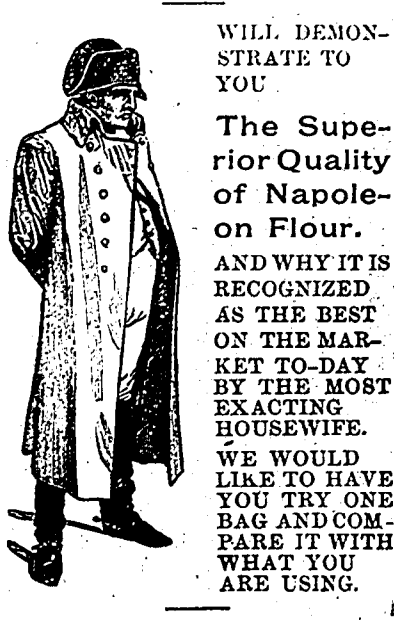
Harrington Putnam, Judge Gaynor's successor on the New York bench, is noted for his logical mind.

Once at a dinner at Red Lodge, as his country house is called, Mr. Putnam gave an admirable instance of this mental quality. The conversation had turned to nonmarrying widows, and Mr. Putnam disposed of the question thus:

"When a beautiful widow says that she will not marry again on any condition it may be, first, her husband was so good that she could never care for another man again, or it may be, second, that her experience of married life was such as to make her desire no more of it, or it may be, third, that she is telling a falsehood."

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## PEPPERELL.

### About Town.

Many schoolmates and friends of Althea Sartelle gathered at the home of John Sartelle on Friday afternoon to celebrate her thirteenth birthday. Refreshments and games made the time pass most delightfully.

Mrs. N. S. Shattuck left Saturday for Winthrop, Me., where she will visit relatives.

Dr. Horace Howe of Boston spent Sunday with his brother and the family of Dr. E. D. Howe.

John Hayes made his weekly visit over Sunday with his mother, coming from the American house, Boston, where he is employed.

Dr. Davis' horse which raced at Fitchburg last Saturday, came in second in class C of the matinee races held at the driving park.

Miss Annie Brown of Providence is visiting her friend, Miss Marie Jordan, at Mrs. Nathaniel Appleton's.

Alice Chinn of Rome returned on Monday to spend the remainder of the summer at her father's, Sidney Chinn, Truman Baker, a relative from Swampscott, is visiting at the home of Charles E. Boynton.

Mrs. Ellory Davis has gone to Bristol, N. H., to visit her daughter.

Miss Ada Whitney is visiting Mrs. Fayette Bicknell at Poland, Me.

Elbert S. Durant and family are enjoying a two weeks' vacation at Whittom park.

The families of Leroy Nutting and Chester Parker spent this week at Baboosic lake, Amherst, N. H.

Annie Goodwin McKinley of Lowell spent Sunday and Monday with her father, Ashley Goodwin.

Mrs. W. S. Parker returned Saturday from a four weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Winthrop, Jamaica, Lexington and Concord.

While working on the water tower at the Champion International card shop, W. E. Chapman met with an accident which might have been a fatal one on Wednesday. An iron cap, falling about sixty feet, struck on the top of the tower, bounded, struck Mr. Chapman on the head, so that it was necessary that several stitches be taken. Mr. Chapman's many friends are very glad that he escaped without greater injury.

The East Village Social club held its regular meeting at the grave of Nathaniel Appleton on Mt. Lebanon, Wednesday, August 10.

Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence has broken up house-keeping and gone to Wootton, R. I., with her sister.

### Cleanings.

Mrs. Maynard Copp returned to her home from the Massachusetts General hospital this week.

Freeman Simmons is away on his vacation.

A. E. Cossaboom of Worcester, formerly of this town, has been visiting friends in town.

M. E. Gilchrist is in Nashua working at his trade, paving.

Miss Edna Tarbell is taking Miss Lillian Harrington's place in the postoffice during her vacation.

Miss Anna Mae Shaw of Worcester is spending a two weeks' vacation at the home of her parents here.

Miss Elsie C. Ayer spent Tuesday with Mrs. E. E. Hayward.

Mrs. Jennie M. C. is the guest of Mrs. G. H. on Saturday.

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Mrs. Abbie Woodcock was the guest of Mrs. Harry Ramsden at Somerville a part of last week.

Charles Goff has returned from his fishing trip to Maine. A card of fish is expected soon, when all friends will be remembered.

Mrs. Walter Harriman has been a recent visitor in Gardner and Fitchburg.

Ralph Lawson is at work for Dr. F. W. Lovejoy.

Benjamin Krebs and family have moved into the house owned by Clark Thurston, corner of High and Main streets.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Blood of Gardner, formerly of this town, visited friends here this week, coming Tuesday. Mr. Blood went from here to Groton where he is camping with his brother. Mrs. Blood has returned to Gardner and Miss Helen Harriman accompanied her.

Mildred Lunt is visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Howard Denham was an over Sunday guest at the home of his parents in this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Styles (Blanche Bartlett) returned to their home in Hartford, Conn., on Sunday last, having spent a two weeks' vacation with Mrs. Styles' parents, Edward Bartlett re-

turned to his home in Springfield at the same time.

### News Items.

The second annual pop concert, under the auspices of the Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church, will be held in Prescott hall on Thursday evening, August 18, at eight o'clock. After a vaudeville entertainment there will be dancing. Music by Thayer's orchestra. Tonics, ice cream and candy will be sold during the evening. Tickets for reserved table seats will be placed on sale on Monday noon, August 15, at the stores of C. D. Hinchinson and Mrs. W. N. Mault.

Miss Barbara Bancroft is spending a part of her vacation with friends at Duxbury.

Mr. and Mrs. F. McKenna and their four children are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stevens.

Mrs. N. S. Shattuck left last Saturday for a few days at Winthrop, Me.

The covered bridge received a thorough sweeping out a few days ago. How great an improvement would be realized with a coat of whitewash inside.

Mrs. J. H. Miner and her sister, Miss Nellie Errington, enjoyed a trip to Bass Point over Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Harriman and daughter Helen went to Gardner Tuesday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Blood, formerly of this town.

Mrs. William Marshall received many calls and congratulations of friends and neighbors last Thursday, at her home on Pleasant street, being her seventeenth birthday. Her granddaughter Ruth celebrated her seventh anniversary by a birthday party last Saturday, many of her little friends being with her at her parents', Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Marshall.

Miss Anna Mae Shaw is spending her vacation at home. She and her mother, Mrs. George H. Shaw, went to Arlington on Tuesday to spend a few days with Mrs. Arthur Wright, sister of Mrs. Shaw.

Frank D. Bolles is spending a few days at Provincetown.

Edward A. McCord, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McCord, went to Orleans, Mass., on Monday, to visit his uncle, Hon. John Kenrick. He no doubt felt proud to make the trip from Boston alone.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodward of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting Mr. Woodward's sister, Mrs. C. T. Williams; also, at his brother's, A. S. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Williams recently returned from a trip to Brooklyn.

Town water is to be installed at the railway station on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division.

Miss Sarah F. Bowser of Winchester is at Miss P. J. Bowser's, Oak Knoll.

The dry season has again placed the Sheldfield street citizens in need of water. They are only a stone's throw from the water main and as the town voted at a special town meeting, May 19, that this street should be supplied, and also voted that the work be commenced at once, many are asking why it has not been done. Inquiry finds material enough to almost complete the work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hobart and daughter Catherine enjoyed a trip in their auto Sunday through Townsend, Brookline, Milford and Wilton and returned.

Mrs. A. Phinney, wife of Arnold F. Phinney, aged 92 yrs., 7 mos. and 5 days, died Thursday afternoon at her home in Worcester from myocarditis. She was born in Pepperell, daughter of Owen and Bridget (Ryan) Phinney. She leaves four children—Mrs. E. M. Nutting, Mrs. F. P. Gilbert, Mrs. Albert Grant and Frederick W. Gray. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial was in Hope cemetery, Worcester.

Born in Pepperell August 12, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Archibald G. Pike.

Miss Leola Hoffman of Chicopee, Ohio, and Miss Annabell Gellano of Lowell are guests of Mrs. Archibald G. Pike.

An art loan of pictures will be held August 23 and 24, under auspices of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., at chapter headquarters.

J. Milton Payne and Fred Black of Pawtucket are guests at the Page farm for the week.

The Chapman reunion has been postponed this year. Many who look forward to this annual event will no doubt be disappointed.

The case against George L. Lakin tried in court at Ayer last Saturday resulted in the discharge of the defendant.

The golf club go to Concord, N. H., Friday, to try for honors in a friendly match with the club of that place.

Theodore Reynolds of Bellamy's has gone on his annual vacation. Gardner J. Willey has charge in his absence.

A valuable colt belonging to J. C. Eppes, Groton, street, was run into by an automobile last Friday evening and a leg broken. Dr. Davis was called and the limb put in a cast. It is hoped it may be saved as it is a valuable colt and a very handsome one. The chauffeur not only stopped after the collision with the colt, which is only a few months old, but went to Mr. Eppes' place of business and notified him of the trouble. So that only a short time elapsed before aid was rendered the suffering animal.

A pretty wedding was solemnized last Saturday morning at the Unitarian church by Rev. Dudley R. Child. Miss Louise Huntley Williams of this town and Leon A. Lawrence of Concord were united in marriage. They received congratulations of many of their friends and also many valuable gifts. Mrs. Lawrence has been for some time with her sister, Mrs. Wm. N. Nault, in the millinery store, and has a large circle of friends. Mr. Lawrence is an officer at the state institution at Concord Junction. After the wedding the happy couple went in their auto for an extended trip.

Miss C. M. Shattuck continues to improve, although unable to get about to any extent.

The game with Groton scheduled for Saturday, August 13, has been cancelled on account of the poor condition of the grounds. The new date will be announced next week.

Myron Murphy spent a part of the week in town, returning to work in Worcester on Thursday.

The usual large number attended the dance at O. H. I. S. hall on Monday evening, and another success added to the credit of the committee in charge.

### News Items.

Arthur E. Bannon caught a three-pound pickerel at Massapoag Wednesday. He was accompanied by F. A. Milan, whose luck was not so good. The total catch was eleven.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Trenholm of Fitchburg, formerly of this town, have been visiting friends in town this week.

Word was received Friday of the death of Mrs. Inez (Shattuck) Greenlaw at her home in Beverly. She has been a sufferer for a number of years. She was the wife of Joseph Greenlaw of that town and they formerly lived here a number of years. Mrs. Greenlaw was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Shattuck, who reside here. Funeral was held Monday in charge of Roland H. Blood. Services at the congregational church by Rev. Dudley R. Child, as the pastor. R. W. Drawbridge is away on his vacation. Selections were sung by the choir of which the departed one was formerly a member. Beautiful floral offerings testified to the extensive friendship she had. She was aged twenty-nine and leaves two children to mourn her loss with their father.

The star attraction at the pop concert, August 18, will be Agnes Champney, the singing comedienne. She is a dainty soubrette who sings and dances, and her numbers alone are worth the price of admission. As this is her first appearance in this town, those who know of her will be glad of the opportunity to see and hear her. All the numbers on the program will be bright and popular.

The New England Moving Picture Co. will exhibit in Lawrence hall, East Pepperell, on Saturday evening at eight o'clock. A special feature will be the new picture, "Eastward trail," showing over a mile of film.

Included letters at East Pepperell postoffice, August 8: Arthur Carter, Miss Kate McCarville, James Read, Dorothy Stevens.

### Baseball.

The baseball team met their first defeat of the season at Shirley last Saturday afternoon, and the game was thrown away. The Shirley team had no right to it, for our boys gave it away by wild throwing to bases. The score of 11 to 8 tells the tale. Six of the winning runs were made on these throws and three of them were scored on one wild throw. But even with such odds to contend against, the Pepperells showed they could make runs. Batting honors are due Bartlett Gagnon, Madly, McCord and O'Toole, who also played a good game at short. Coffey pitched superbly and all through it was Pepperell's game, but for that unlucky wild throwing, all of which seemed unnecessary.

The Groton Alerts come here Saturday for their return game. The Pepperells intend to make things interesting and to manager E. P. McCord is due much credit for the persistent attempts for good games. The team should be well supported by large attendance and liberal patronage when they "pass the hat."

It was gratifying to the players as well as the fan, to have so many interested Pepperellites at Shirley to root for the home team. J. H. Holt, J. H. Bailey, A. E. Bannon, F. R. Bennett took autos full and many teams went.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

#### News Items.

The annual Willoughby picnic which always occurs the first Thursday in August, took place on August 4. Owing to the rain it was held in the town hall. When the day is pleasant the families convene at Silver Lake. There was as usual a large gathering when the many relatives of that name met for their annual reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Kahn are spending two weeks at the parsonage with their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Davis.

The library books are being removed into the new building this week. Miss Clara E. Smith has been appointed librarian.

Mrs. Dr. Cutter recently returned from a two weeks' visit in Canada, where she was the guest of Mrs. Dr. Lovejoy of Pepperell, whose summer home is in Canada.

The Hollis board of education have decided that this town shall belong to the supervisory school district with Milford and Amherst. Wilton was the third town in the district formerly, but voted last March not to remain and Hollis takes Wilton's place. It is expected that Superintendent Bacon will remain another year, which is gratifying, as he served so acceptably last year. The change in the district will make a difference in the apportionment of the expenses and the town will probably have to bear its share in ratio to the number of teachers in each town.

#### Escaped Injurr.

A young man and woman boarding at Mrs. A. H. Spaulding's, hired a team of George Cobb last week Friday, to take a ride to Pepperell. The young man was cautioned that the horse was afraid of automobiles, but was easily managed and was given careful directions how to manage him. They met an auto in Pepperell and both of them became frightened as well as the horse. They jumped out, leaving the horse, who turned about and after freeing himself from the buggy, started for Hollis and trotted along until he reached C. J. Bell's yard, where he was caught. The couple telephoned to Mr. Cobb to go after his horse, then they took the train for Nashua, where they hired an automobile to take them back to their boarding place. No one was injured.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### News Items.

George L. Perin, Jr., who has been ill with tonsillitis, is better.

Clarence Webster of West Townsend has been a guest at the Nathaniel Hobart homestead.

Miss Mary L. Brown is at home from Salisbury beach.

During the first part of November, 1809, the Oriental Whaling Company of Japan, killed thirteen whales, valued at \$48,000, off the coast of Japan.

# A Child Wife

By EMILY B. PARKHURST

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The daughters of all good families in India must be married. It would be a public disgrace as well as a crime against the Hindu religion for an Indian family of good rank to keep a daughter unmarried. Since it is difficult for their parents to find husbands for them the daughters are made away with. Those of high birth, called rajpoots, are put to death by men especially employed to do so. The British government having passed laws against these murders, the parents of those girls who have not found husbands have resorted to a method of marrying them in name, though not in fact. There are a number of Brahmins, old and decrepit, called Kullian Brahmins, who go about with the object of hiring themselves out to go through the ceremony of the "seven steps" with young girls upon being paid for doing so. After marriage they leave the country and never see their young wives again.

In Allahabad there lived one of these rajpoot men who had a daughter over twelve years old.

In the next house lived another family, in which there was one son, aged eighteen. The two children had been brought up together, and their childish friendship had grown into love. The parents of the youth were very proud of him and destined him to marry some girl who should be not only of high caste, but whose parents would be able to bestow on her great wealth.

One evening after it was dark he was walking in the compound (garden) about his father's house when he heard a low call from the compound of the next house. Going to the fence, he descried the crouching figure of his sweetheart, evidently suffering from some great misfortune.

"What is it, dear girl?" he said, springing over the fence and taking her in his arms.

"I am to die."

"To die!"

"Yes. Today a man—a horrible looking man—came to the house and talked with my father. I had been told to go on an errand, doubtless that I should be away at the time and not hear what passed between my father and this man. But I had not yet gone. I have been suspecting that, not being married, I would soon be made away with in some fashion, though father and mother have tried to keep the awful knowledge from me. So when I saw this frightful creature come to the house I concealed myself behind a bamboo screen and heard every word."

She gave way to her feeling and was unable to proceed. Her lover kissed her again and again, begging her to tell him all.

"My father bargained with the man for a hundred rupees to strangle me."

"When—where?"

"Tomorrow night father is to take me out for a walk by the river, when this man is to come upon us suddenly as if to rob, seize me and after he has killed me throw my body into the river."

The agony of the youth was equal to that of the girl. Both knew that their separation and her death were not to be prevented. It would be of no avail for her to refuse to go to walk with her father or to try in any way to escape her fate. The young man dare not disobey the commands of his parents. Should he fly with the girl the sleuths of the Indian police would follow and surely capture them. They spent what time that remained for them together, not laying plans to prevent the calamity, but weeping in each other's arms. At last the girl heard her mother calling her, and after one clinging embrace she ran into the house.

The next afternoon an old man leaning heavily on his staff stopped at the house and asked for a bit of bread and a little wine. The girl, who was to die that night—knowing the secret, though her parents were not aware that she knew it—went to the cupboard by her father's order and brought the refreshment.

"Is your daughter married?" asked the visitor.

"No," replied her father. "We have no husband for her."

"But you cannot keep a girl like that longer. Our religion forbids it."

"No," whispered the father; "we shall not keep her longer."

The look that accompanied the words was not lost on the old man.

"How much will you give me to marry her?"

"You are a Kullian?"

"I am."

"I will gladly give you your price if it be not too much."

"What say you to a hundred rupees?"

"I will give it gladly."

The girl was listening, and hope sprang up in her heart. She loitered near till she saw her father count out the money to the old man and then swooned.

When she came to herself she was told that she was to be married to the visitor. Death, which had been so near, seemed worse to her than living in separation from her lover, and she gladly went with her father and the old man that the ceremony should be performed. After it was ended the husband went away, and it was understood that he was never to return.

From that day the young lover was missed. Long after his love received from him the means to take her to America; He and the old husband were one.

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#### Schoolboy Logic.

"Should women have votes for parliament? Give your reasons for and against." This was a question asked of schoolboys in a recent examination in England. One boy replied: "No, because if they did they would want to get into parliament and then they would pass a lot of silly laws, such as that a man was not to smoke before his wife or that wives were to have Wednesdays and Thursdays off and then the men would have to stay at home and mind the children."

A logical answer to the question, "Why does a kettle sing?" was furnished by a boy who wrote, "Because if it did not you could not tell when the kettle was boiling." Asked to explain the initials "C. O. D.," one boy replied that they stood for "collector of debts," and a second said "cod-liver oil drink."

Another enterprising youth described a sleeping partner as "a man who goes to sleep when playing bridge." Asked how he would mend a puncture in a bicycle tire, a boy's answer was to the point, "I would get a box of stuff that you do it with and stick it on."

#### Items of Interest.

Owing to a lack of heat, peaches, grapes and tomatoes in Ireland must be ripened under glass, consequently prices are almost prohibitive.

In ten years, 1873-82, the remote district of Cassiar, in British Columbia, produced \$4,500,000 worth of gold dust.

Last year no fewer than 60,407 articles were found in public carriages in London and taken to Scotland Yard headquarters.

Don't fail to read the full page advertisement of F. D. Bennett & Co. on the sixth page of this paper.

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