

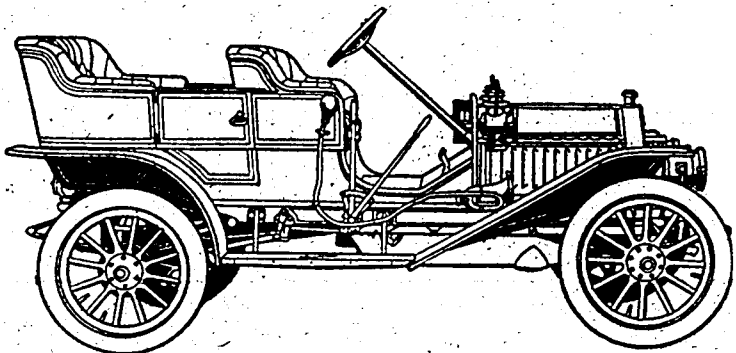
TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT.

Forty-Third Year

Ayer, Mass., Saturday, October 8, 1910.

No. 4. Price Four Cents

Model 10 Surrey Seat



Have on hand One Buick Model 10, Surrey Seat. Can give you a good trade. After this is gone, it will be impossible to get another, as the Buick Company are entirely sold out of Model 10's.

Have Two Model 17's. These are all I shall be able to obtain.

Can give you a bargain in a Model 17, or a Model 16, Toy Tonneau.

Second Hand Cars

Have for sale one Second Hand Model 10 Buick. In fine shape. Two Stanley Steamers, One Grout Steamer and a Haynes Gas Car.

E. O. PROCTOR, Ayer, Mass.

HARVARD.

News Items.

During the meeting of the Hampshire County organization of the W. C. T. U., held at Williamsburg recently there was among other events an oratorical contest for a gold medal between several young lady contestants. Miss Susie Marsh of Ware was awarded the gold medal. Miss Marsh largely spends her summers here visiting with her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Barry, at the terrace and also at the home of S. J. Savage.

The selectmen are putting in a bulkhead on the southwest corner of the town hall and excavating for the new furnace which is to be put below the lower floor thereby saving an amount of dust and dirt that was almost impossible to keep out under the old system. It is also talked of having space in plenty for a lockup for the use of our town constables. At present there is no place in which to confine prisoners nearer than the town farm and even that is not really what is needed.

Frank Davis of Colon, Neb., is east for a few weeks visiting relatives; he has been a recent guest at Stowell W. Davis' and at Susie Davis'.

Ralph Whitney, who was taken so suddenly ill with an attack of appendicitis while at the Groton fair last week, was operated on by Dr. Paul Thorndike at the private hospital of Dr. Kilbourn of Groton. His case was a bad one and his recovery was at first considered seriously, but at time of writing reports are more favorable for his coming back to health again.

Rev. H. B. Mason wishes to announce that there will be a meeting of all boys interested between the ages of twelve and eighteen years at the Congregational church vestry, for the purpose of organizing a patrol of the boy scouts of America, that order which has become so popular with the youth of America and England through the efforts of Ernest Seton Thompson and others. Meeting on Saturday, October 8.

Miss Gladys Hildreth has the matter of entertainment for the annual church fair of the Orthodox society in hand. She has selected the drama, "Alice in Wonderland," and is busy now arranging the cast of characters. Elaborate preparations are also being made for the costuming of the participants.

Friday evening the members of the Unitarian parish met Rev. George Jones at the town hall for an informal reception and general social time. As Mr. Jones is newly settled here, this meeting was arranged so that he might become better acquainted with the members of his parish.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Davis received word on Thursday that their daughter Mary, who has been visiting relatives in Vermont, regaining strength since her operation last spring, is to undergo another slight operation. Mrs. Davis has gone to Vermont and will return with her daughter if possible.

Husking Bee.

A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent at the farm of James B. Lovering Saturday night, when a crowd of friends joined in a husking bee. All reached the farm safely, about thirty in all. The house and the front yard was decorated with Japanese lanterns which made it very attractive. The merry huskers went into the barn and husked from eight till nine o'clock, and all worked hard for the red cars. About seventy-five bushels of corn was husked in that short time when the floor was cleared for dancing until 10.30. After dancing all went into the house, where refreshments were served and got rested, for they worked hard. At 11.30 all going to Fitchburg were given a straw ride to the station. It was 12.30 when they arrived at Ayer. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hammond of Andover, Mr. and Mrs. Lovering, Mrs. Madden, Mrs. Joyce, Misses Ruth Tucker, Minnie

Moulton, Irene Gilchrist and Winifred Madden, Mr. Vanderford, Ray Hughes, Leon Patch, George Tucker, Malcolm Madden, Morgan Madden, William Joyce and Russell Hammond.

Grange.

Neighbors' night at the grange occurring on Tuesday last, drew about ninety-five to one of the pleasantest meetings of the year. Visitors were present from Groton, Littleton, and Townsend granges. After the business meeting the affairs were placed in the hands of the lecturer, who announced the following entertainment: Vocal selection, Miss Maude King, Miss Reed, accompanist; solos, "The rosary," and "Crossing the bar," A. T. West; discussion of the question, "Resolved that the gentler farmer is not a detriment to the welfare of the community," affirmative, A. H. Turner, Henry Knight, and Perley Beard; negative, Messrs. Hawkes, Woods and Rev. H. A. Cornell of Groton. A short recess was declared while the judges, members of Littleton grange, retired for a decision. Hon. Frank Patch reported for the judges in a short but very pleasant speech. The merits of the question was decided with the affirmative, while the merits of the debate went with the negative. Groton grange then furnished a literary finale: Reading, "Judgment day," Effie Gillespie; bell solo, Henry Adams; reading, "Teddy O'Rourke," Miss Farnsworth; bell solo, Henry Adams.

The usual banquet was served in the lower town hall and was typical of grange abundance and good fellowship. The customary vote of thanks was extended Groton and other visitors for their help and to Harvard for their hospitality. Closed at 12.30 o'clock.

Still River.

The high winds of this week has caused a big damage to the apple crop hereabouts, many hundreds of barrels being blown off the trees.

Chester Willard has finished his intervale piece of potatoes. He has dug there over 1,100 bushels of as fine a lot of tubers as one could wish to see. He has another field to dig, which will probably turn out 400 bushels more.

On Thursday, William Felton of Seattle, Wash., with his mother from Bolton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes. Over twenty-seven years ago, Mr. Haynes was employed by Mr. Felton, in his Clinton store, but for over twenty years Mr. Felton has been in the west, this being his first visit to his native state.

Tuesday, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Paine, Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Mrs. Anna Flanders, Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson, Mrs. Jennie Willard and Mrs. A. H. Keyes, attended the Wachusett Baptist association at Littleton.

Sunday forenoon, Luther Willard was suddenly taken with a severe heart trouble, and was unconscious for a time, and for a day it seemed as if he would be stricken with apoplexy, but his constitution was able to keep it off, and he is now much better. For awhile his many friends in Still River, were very anxious for him, and now they are glad that he escaped the feared trouble.

Howard Stone has so far recovered from his sickness, that he is now able to superintend his work again.

Wednesday, Mrs. Herbert Whitney entertained some Worcester friends at her cottage.

Mrs. Clara Brown visited in Boston and vicinity a few days this week.

Ethel Parker has gone to Southern Pines for the winter. She was there last winter and received much benefit, but decided to go early this fall, so as not to have any relapse from the gain already made.

This paper is the paper to insert your advertisements, for the reason that it cannot escape the eyes of the thousands who read this paper from week to week. No "bogus" circulation.

Fall Suits and O'Coats

We are now ready to show you an unusually fine lot of Stylish Suits and Overcoats made for us by Schaffner & Marx for the coming season.

We're anxious to have you see the new patterns and Colorings. Some very smart Grays, Blues, Browns, Tans; exquisite Patterns and Stylish Models.

Suits, \$10.00 to \$24.00. O'Coats, \$10.00 to \$22.00

We also have a complete line of HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES and FURNISHINGS

FLETCHER BROS., AYER

Geo. F. Brown
RELIABLE CLOTHIER - AYER - MASS.



New Fall Fashions

in
Young Men's and Men's Clothes

The styles are remarkably attractive and will appeal to the good dressers of this vicinity. We're showing the smart new fall models for Young Men. The clothes we sell you are distinctly of the better sort—the very clothes you will like. We have the newest fabrics, the latest and best tailoring features, and we can assure you garments that are perfect fitting in every detail.

We can please the man who knows that quality is the true test of clothes value.

YOUNG MEN'S SUITS.

\$8.47, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00

MEN'S SUITS.

\$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.00

FALL HATS AND CAPS.

The new Fall Hats are ready. We have the correct blocks in both the Stiff and Soft Hats. Our hats come from the best makers, including the well-known

LAMSON and HUBBARD

make of soft and stiff hats. Also all the new shapes and colorings in Fall Caps for Men and Boys.

Stiff Hats—\$1.98, \$2.50 and \$3.00.
Soft Hats—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.
Men's Caps—25c., 50c., \$1.00 and \$1.50.
Boys' Caps—25c. and 50c.

MEN'S COAT SWEATERS.

A big assortment of Sweaters for Men and Boys. Some splendid values for the price. We are offering some special bargains this season. Colors—White, Oxford, Crimson and Blue.

Mens—79c., \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00
Boys—79c., 98c., \$1.50, \$2.00.

SWEATERS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

We have a good line of Sweaters for Women, Misses and Children. They come in the new weaves and the new Coat Styles. Colors are White, Crimson, and Gray. Extra good values for the price.

Ladies' Coat Sweaters—\$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.
Misses' Coat Sweaters—\$1.50 and \$2.00.
Children's Coat Sweaters—50c., 98c. and \$1.50.

WANTED, CIDER APPLES

We shall be ready to receive Apples on Monday, Sept. 26, and would call your attention to the improvement recently made whereby 10 wagons can be unloaded at one time without delay.

The same liberal and courteous treatment, as heretofore, will be extended to all.

HAYNES-PIPER CO., Ayer, Mass.

R. P. LOUGEE, Supt

TOWNSEND.

Centre.
Mrs. Alice C. Risley and little granddaughter, Miss Alice Chinn, of Jefferson City, Mo., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Brookline street. Mrs. Risley is the daughter of Phoebe Weston Farmer, the famous army nurse, for whom our local daughters of veterans have named their tent, and went with her mother as a nurse through the war when only a very young girl. One of our veterans still living in Townsend, John Hildreth, well remembers their gentle care and good nursing. The daughters of veterans, with the sons and veterans as guests, will give Mrs. Risley an informal reception at their place of meeting next Tuesday evening.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a harvest supper and entertainment Friday, October 14. There will be quite an interesting entertainment, consisting of readings and songs and a farce, "Adabelle's country relation." There will also be a "Kitchen orchestra" of twelve pieces, led by Mrs. V. H. Wachs, to furnish music for the occasion.

The program for the Grange Monday evening, October 10, is "Current events," by Wilbur H. Scales, master. It will be past masters' night with reminiscences and suggestions. Music in charge of Mrs. Susie M. Turner.

George Wilson has moved his family to one of the farms on the road to Brookline, N. H.

Chester Going has moved into the mill tenement recently vacated by William Smart.

Mrs. A. L. Fessenden returned this week from a visit to Somersworth, N. H.

R. G. Fessenden and friends enjoyed a short trip by auto last week up through the White Mountains.

Harold Swicker has been quite ill this week with threatened typhoid fever, but is now improving.

Miss Josie Warner, who has been keeping house for Mr. and Mrs. A. Richards during their Atlantic City trip, has returned to Mr. Scales' on the west village road.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce were guests over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart at Brookline, Mass.

The members of the various Ladies' clubs and also of the Mens' clubs in all the villages intend soon to give a combined entertainment at Memorial Hall. Particulars will be given later.

Miss Nellie Weston has been entertaining her former friend and nurse, Miss Bessie Nash, this week.

Mrs. Whitehouse who has been visiting at Charles Seaver's, has returned to her home in Malden.

Miss Grace Kilbourne of Grand Haven, Mich., is the guest of her aunt, Miss Nancy Kilbourne.

Mrs. Louie Lutpold of Greenfield is at her mother's, Mrs. Sherrin's, caring for her brother who is recovering from typhoid fever.

Miss Lillian Hildreth of Waltham is enjoying the remainder of her vacation at her home here.

The first meeting of the Monday club this season was held at the pleasant home of Mrs. E. A. Flagg on Elm street. The program of the afternoon was as follows: "Current events at home and abroad," in charge of Mrs. A. D. Fessenden, assisted by Mrs. Mary E. Smith; Miss Angela Boutelle and Mrs. Evelyn Warren. Several vocal selections were given by Mrs. Kitty Flagg Irish of Everett and were much enjoyed by all present. She was accompanied on the piano by Miss Emma Adams of West Townsend. A dainty lunch was served just before the company adjourned.

Items of Interest.

A New Yorker has invented "matress truck," a bit of fire apparatus which is designed to be elevated to about the second story of a house and then spread out in such a manner that imprisoned persons in the upper stories may jump into them with absolute safety.

The Woman's Missouri Development association has offered prizes for the best essays by the school children on "Missouri and her resources." One object of the association is to get agriculture taught in the schools. The primary object, however, is to find a means for bringing under cultivation the 12,000,000 acres of rich land that are now untilled.

In twelve months from the imposition of the enhanced rates of tobacco duty in England the consumption of tobacco has gone down by the appalling extent of over nine million pounds weight—three-quarters of a million a month.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

William L. Mitchell's house is greatly improved in looks and convenience by having the ell raised a story.

The Forget-not circle of the King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. Annie C. Smith on Tuesday afternoon, October 11.

Charles Stevens gave his former pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Fairfield, a call last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton, with Mrs. Houghton's aunt, Mrs. Childs, and Mr. and J. H. Whitcomb as auto guests, went to Harre last week Friday to attend the annual fair.

The United Workers of the Congregational church met with Mrs. W. E. Conant on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Gertrude Blanchard, Smith college, 1910, a daughter of Mrs. Helen Blanchard of Gardner, was present with her mother, and gave an interesting account of her preparations for missionary work in China, for which country she will sail in ten days. She spoke much of the student volunteer movement through which she was inducted in choosing her life-work. Mrs. Conant served light refreshments and a pleasant social followed Miss Blanchard's inspiring talk.

Henry Robbins and family of Newton were auto guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Kimball of St. Johnsbury, Vt., arrived at A. T. Kimball's on Tuesday for their annual visit.

While picking apples at the home place on Wednesday, John Halpin met with a sad accident. The limb against which the ladder was resting broke and Mr. Halpin fell with much force to the ground, receiving severe injuries.

C. F. Johnson has a newly-driven well on his home premises.

Henry Hartwell of Waltham visited his uncle, C. P. Hartwell, this week.

At the Groton fair last week, William Yapp's horse took first prize and George Yapp's second prize in the races.

W. H. Titcomb, A. W. Drew, A. T. Kimball, and J. H. D. Whitcomb were among those who attended Brockton fair from Littleton.

First Meeting.

The Woman's club calendar for 1910-11 appropriately and neatly bound in green with gilt lettering, reminding one of the club colors, green and gold, promises a season of good things with much variety. The first meeting of the season takes place at the Orthodox vestry on Monday afternoon, October 10, at 2.30. The following is the program for that day: Prayer, club chaplain, Mrs. Caroline A. Hosmer; president's address; music, piano duet, Mrs. Charlotte A. Tenney, Miss Emma E. Tenney; roll-call; vacation notes; payment of annual dues.

The directors wish for a full attendance and urge every member to give in response to her name, an account of a summer trip, outing, or pleasant experience in her life since the close of last club season.

Those who were present at the first meeting a year ago remember with much pleasure the enjoyment given and received through the vacation reminiscences contributed by each member in response to her name. Let there be the same general and informal response next Monday.

Convention.

The Wachuset Baptist association held the annual convention at the Littleton church Tuesday, and by general acknowledgment it went on record as the most enthusiastic and inspiring meeting of the kind held for many years. In point of numbers, good speaking and general interest, little more could be desired. Fully two hundred persons were present during the day and it is estimated that one hundred and fifty were served to the bountiful dinner prepared by the ladies of the Littleton church. A full account of the address of the day would make profitable and interesting reading, but the speakers were many and a list of their names must suffice.

Morning—Leader of devotional exercises, Rev. H. A. Cornell, Groton; welcome, Rev. H. A. Cornell, Littleton; sermon, Rev. A. A. Royal, West Boylston; address, "The mission of the Baptist church," Rev. George F. Boecher, Woonsocket, R. I.

Afternoon—Prize service, Rev. S. D. Hingree, West Townsend; address, "The Northern Baptist Education society," Rev. A. L. Small, Fitchburg; address, Rev. F. W. Blakeslee, Fall River; music, Mrs. A. B. Webster, Stoneham; address, "Work among the Italians of Boston," Miss Mamie Davis, Boston; address, "Country church problems," Prof. H. K. Brown, Newton; closing service, Rev. H. O. Speed, Clinton.

Gift.

Littleton people will be interested to know that the giver of the new fountain to be placed on library corner at the Centre, is Mrs. S. Elizabeth Whitcomb, who has modestly withheld her name.

The gift is made in honor of the donor's parents and is to be a bubble fountain that meets with the requirements of the law and is in every way modern and complete.

The fountain at the common will be ready very soon for use.

We shall be very glad to hear that some public spirited person at the West End is contemplating a similar gift for that community, thus balancing the watering facilities of this good old temperance town.

Church Notices.

The Lincoln class of the Baptist church has begun its course of study outlined for this season and is fortunate in securing as teacher, Principal John A. Backus. The subjects to be taken up are: Child labor, Wealth and capital, Labor conditions, Women in industry, Public utilities, Temperance, Labor organization, Socialism, Marriage, The race question.

The C. E. meetings at the Baptist church are to be held for one half hour only in the future, in order to give more time for the evening service which is to include a sermon each Sabbath evening.

The Ladies' circle of the Baptist church will meet at the parsonage next Wednesday afternoon to work for the fair. A full attendance is desired.

The lecture at the Congregational church last Sunday evening by Rev. Roy B. Guild, secretary of the Church Building society, was attended by a large audience of interested persons. The lecture was copiously illustrated with excellent views of the country, homes and buildings of various indus-

tries. Words of praise are heard from all who were privileged to attend the meeting. The collection at the Congregational church tomorrow will be for the society represented by Mr. Guild.

About Town.

The reception which the King's Daughters, last week Friday, tendered to the people beyond the seventieth milestone, was a very pleasing success. Through the kindness of Conant & Houghton, their auto with Roland Houghton as chauffeur, was placed at the disposal of the King's Daughters to bring to the vestry and return to their homes, the guests of the afternoon who greatly enjoyed the reception. As they entered the vestry a white aster was pinned onto the ladies and a purple one on the men. Over thirty were present, more than seventy years of age. Mrs. Charles Flagg presided at the piano, singing of old-time songs by Mrs. H. M. Hartwell and Mrs. Mattie Priest. Light refreshments were served. A very enjoyable time was passed by all who were present, and were more than thankful for the kind attention they received.

W. H. Sawyer arrived here on Tuesday from his long sojourn in California and Oregon.

The King's Daughters' circle will meet on Tuesday afternoon, October 11, with Mrs. Annie Smith.

Miss Emily Adams will have charge of the young people's guild in the Unitarian vestry and she will speak on the work of the "Young people's religion union."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Littlefield, who recently sold their farm here, start on Tuesday, October 11, for Los Angeles, Cal., for a winter's sojourn, and may remain longer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ireland and family spent Sunday in Winchester with their daughter, Mrs. Hibbard, going their and returning by auto.

Miss Helen Harwood has returned from an extended visit with friends in Norwell.

Mrs. W. C. Brown attended the musical festival in Worcester last week Friday.

Mrs. Lind and daughter of Beverly have been recent guests of their cousin Mrs. F. A. Hosmer.

The Reuben Hoar library will be closed on October 12, the holiday made legal last spring.

Vandalism.

Some of the signs in the State preserve in the north part of the town have been taken from the trees on which they were placed and destroyed. Six months in jail besides the twenty dollars fine for destroying such signs would be too light a sentence for such miscreants.

This preserve embraces estates, about two hundred in all, protected by the State where no shooting is allowed and all wild life of game and other birds are safe and can breed unmolested.

This is not a private preserve, but one protected by the State for the public benefit. There should be more of them in every town in the state.

G. E. B.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Sunday guests at C. T. Wetherbee's were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kneeland of Somerville; Mr. and Mrs. George N. Lamb of Worcester and Mrs. Pratt of South Acton. Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield intend to start for California next week Monday.

Miss Florence Moore came home with Miss Mary Nelson last Friday night and stayed over Sunday.

Paul Viets is attending Lawrence academy.

Quite a number from here have been to Brockton fair this week.

Saturday evening, October 8, will be the last dance of the season at Library hall. These Saturday evening dances have been run for the benefit of our library and have afforded much pleasure to our young people as well as the summer guests who have been with us.

Ruth Wetherbee has entered upon a course of instruction at Bryant & Stratton's.

Three members of the state library committee were here last Friday consulting with our librarian.

Elsie May Graves read at the entertainment and supper given by the Universalist society at South Acton, Thursday evening.

New Advertisements

Lamson & Hubbard

Wearers of L. & H. Derbies point with pride to the trademark in their hats, after months of wear

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Every style for every man.

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GOOD WAY TO USE HYOMEI FOR CATARRH

Besides breathing through the inhaler a few times a day, many catarrh sufferers write that they find inhaling HYOMEI (pronounce it High-o-mei) from a bowl of steaming water each night before retiring a great aid in curing stubborn cases.

Try it; it's very simple; gives quick relief and makes you breathe easier. Fill a bowl half full of boiling water; pour into the water a teaspoonful of HYOMEI, cover head and bowl with a towel and breathe through nose and mouth the pleasant, medicated, antiseptic and healing vapor that rises.

This method relieves that stuffiness at once, and makes your head feel fine. You can get a bottle of HYOMEI at druggists everywhere or at William Brown's for only 50 cents. Ask for extra bottle HYOMEI inhaler.

But bear in mind that a HYOMEI outfit which includes inhaler and bottle of HYOMEI costs \$1.00.

But, as stated before, if you already own an inhaler, a bottle of HYOMEI costs but 50 cents.

HYOMEI is guaranteed by William Brown and druggists everywhere to cure catarrh, sore throat, coughs, colds, asthma and croup, or money back. Try it on that generous basis.

Stomach dosing never cured catarrh, and never will. HYOMEI directly reaches the inflamed membrane, kills the germs and soothes and heals the inflammation. Write for free trial bottle of HYOMEI to Booth's Hyomei Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Bronislaw Brozovsky of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts to William N. Mault of said Pepperell, dated the twenty-eighth day of August 1907, for breach of condition therein contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on Wednesday, the twelfth day of October, at five o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate in the easterly part of said Pepperell, on the southerly side of Leighton Street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on Leighton Street at land formerly of L. F. Williams; thence easterly by said Leighton Street about eighty (80) feet to a fence at land formerly of Albert Leighton; thence southerly by land formerly of said Leighton about one hundred and one (101) feet to a stake and stones at land formerly of said Leighton; thence westerly by said Leighton land about seventy-eight (78) feet to a stake and stones at land formerly of said L. F. Williams; thence northerly by said Williams' land over the center of the well, about one hundred and four (104) feet to the point of beginning.

Said property will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. Terms one hundred (100) dollars in cash at the time and place of sale, and balance in ten days.

WILLIAM N. MAULT, Mortgagee.

Pepperell, Mass., September 22, 1910. 312

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH N. ELLIOTT, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by CHARLES H. MILLER, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

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

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

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

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LOST—Pass-book No. 5,322 North Middlesex Savings Bank. Finder please return to said bank, Ayer, Mass., S. T. TUTEN, Treasurer.

Baking Day
is an easy day for the woman who uses a

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Ask the Woman who uses one

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Ask the Woman who uses one

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Reed's Blue and White Enamel Ware. Warranted Not to Chip.

Sauce pots, 8-qt.	were \$1.20, now 98c.	10c. Lunch Boxes, made of Fibre	at 5c.
Sauce pots, 10-qt.	were 1.40, now \$1.08	Whittemore's Liquid Shoe Dressing	Regular 10c. bottle, now 5c.
Sauce pots, 14-qt.	were 1.75, now 1.33	A Fine Assortment of New Laces	from 5c. to 10c. yd.
Sauce pots, 16-qt.	were 2.00, now 1.63	Parlor Lamps with Decorated Globes, 98c. to \$3.50	
95c. Cold Blast Lanterns	at 69c.	Gents' 25c. Change Purses	at 19c.
50c. Tubular Lanterns	at 39c.		
10c. Cotton Gloves	7c. pr., 4 pr. for 25c.		

Candy

We now have on sale Our Popular Molasses Peppermints at 12c. lb.
A very fine Molasses Peppermint at 10c. lb.

Special for Saturday, Oct. 8, Only
Mixture of French Creams and Chocolates, Regular 15c. at 10c.

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To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE S. BOUTWELL, late of Groton in said County, deceased, testate:

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered, to WILLIAM F. WILKINSON of Groton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his official bond, or to some other suitable person.

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

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on the eighth day of the month of September, and to deliver a copy of this citation to all devisees and legatees named in said will, seven days at least before said Court.

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

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Saturday, October 8, 1910.

GROTON.

News Items. The town house is to be wired in the near future for electric lighting. An appropriation of \$300 for this purpose was made at the last town meeting.

Paul Mason is working in Nashua as a fireman on the Boston and Maine railroad.

A. H. Torrey and B. A. Miller, delegates from Groton, attended the Republican county convention at Lowell Wednesday.

F. A. Sherwin attended as delegate the Democratic state convention in Boston on Thursday and Grant W. Shattuck attended as delegate the Republican state convention in Boston the same day.

Frank M. Blood and George T. Stevens attended as Republican delegates the senatorial convention in Lowell, Tuesday.

The game at Groton School this Saturday afternoon is with the Yale freshman. Game called at 3.15.

Mrs. Milo H. Shattuck goes next week to Pepperell where she plans to spend the winter at Dr. Heald's.

Mrs. Nellie Trayne Partridge of North Adams is in town for a visit with her brother, John Trayne.

Arthur Gamlin, who has been spending his vacation with his mother at East Groton, has returned to Boston, where he is employed on the elevated as conductor.

Miss Helen Dodge is visiting her friend, Miss Lenore Wingate, at Nashua, a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley of East Boston with their daughter and her son were over Tuesday from their summer home in Townsend for the day's visit at his brother's, Charles Woolley.

This week at a business meeting following the regular Wednesday evening church meeting of the Congregational church it was voted to put in electric lights, both for the main auditorium and the lower rooms.

Mrs. Lucy Simonds of Manchester, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jane Clarke, and other friends in Groton.

Miss Edith Waters, who has been having observation and practical work in the Chaplin primary school, and also done some private teaching, returned Wednesday to complete her course of instruction at the kindergarten school in Cambridge.

It may interest Groton friends to know that Miss Nellie M. Sargent has taken a position as dietitian in the Eastern Maine general hospital at Bangor, Me. Miss Sargent will teach cooking and dietetics to the nurses in training at the hospital and will also superintend the cooking done in the main kitchen for between eighty and one hundred patients and about fifty other people, including doctors and nurses.

Miss Gladys Mason and Miss Marion Blood went to Lowell on Thursday, that being the Pepperell teachers' day off for visiting schools. They visited the Lowell normal and some of the city grade schools.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cook and family returned Monday to Lee, N. H., having spent their vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolley.

Mrs. George D. Blood and daughter, Miss Emma F. Blood, went Wednesday on a visit to friends in Yonkers, N. Y. During the vacation of Miss Emma Blood, her place as librarian at the public library will be filled by Miss Ruth Rockwood.

Miss Jennie Thayer of Boston, who frequently visits here in Groton, her native town, has recently returned from a trip abroad. She traveled in company with her friend, Miss Weeks, also well-known in Groton. Miss Thayer has resumed her former position at Ginn & Co's.

Dr. James Carr and family from Chicago with their friends, were visitors of Mrs. Emma P. Shumway last week.

The registrars of voters will be in the lower town hall on Thursday, October 14, from eight to nine p. m., and on Saturday, October 29, from twelve noon to ten p. m., in the selectmen's room to receive evidence of the qualifications of persons intending to vote at the election on November 8.

Ralph Whitney of Harvard was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital last week Friday afternoon by Dr. Thordike of Boston. Mr. Whitney is doing well with outlook favorable for good recovery.

Michael Fox of Pepperell is a patient at the hospital here, brought in the latter part of last week with a broken leg.

Samuel Ramsden was up Sunday from Cambridge and called at the Groton hospital to see Mr. Evans, who is there as a patient.

Herbert C. Rockwood was quite ill over Sunday.

The representatives of the Baptist church in this village at the Wachusett Baptist association in Littleton on Tuesday, were Rev. H. A. Cornell, William Parkhurst, Mrs. Maria Parkhurst, Mrs. Alice D. Peabody, Mrs. Herbert C. Rockwood and Mrs. Marcia W. Parkhurst.

The people of the Baptist church are preparing for a series of evangelistic services to be held at an early day.

Miss Fannie E. Taylor is visiting her friend, Miss Carrie Hartt, for a week at Newport, R. I.

The county commissioners are expected this week to accept the newly built road over Groton School way,

before it is opened to public travel. The contract for building this relocated piece of road was taken by Burpee Blakney, who has it completed.

The position of chief telephone operator at the central station here, left vacant by Mrs. Converse's resignation, is filled by Miss Carrie Clarke. Miss Florence Souther takes Miss Clarke's place as assistant, and Miss Verena Adams, Miss Souther's place as spare hand.

Arthur H. Mason left Monday on a month's vacation, which he will spend mostly in Chicago with his brother, S. R. Mason, jr., of the Western Electric Co.

Basset Dickerman and family will move to Ayer about the middle of this month. Their home in Ayer will be on Washington street. Their Groton friends are sorry to have them go.

Mrs. Adams of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a guest of Mrs. E. P. Shumway. Mrs. Mary Herbert has returned from her vacation and is at her post of duty at Mrs. Shumway's.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Converse left Groton on Monday for East Douglas, where they have gone to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Black of the old Ayer road are in quite failing health. Mr. Black is the holder of the Boston Post gold-headed cane.

M. Joseph Cleary was badly hurt on Tuesday afternoon. He and several other men were unloading some heavy machinery from the freight cars near the Groton freight depot. These castings, which weighed about a thousand pounds, somehow got away from the men and crashed on to Mr. Cleary. Three ribs were broken besides receiving other severe injuries, the extent of which, Dr. Kilbourn says, cannot be determined until later. Mr. Cleary is one of the workmen at Groton School. He was taken to his home on the northern part of Main street.

Lawrence Academy Notes. Lawrence academy opened its football season Saturday, October first, with Cambridge Latin school. The score was Lawrence 23, Cambridge 10.

The next game is played in Danvers next Saturday, with St. John's Preparatory school. The schedule for the season is as follows: October 12, Groton school; October 15, Boston Latin; October 22, Lowell high; October 29, Morris Heights; November 6, Allen school; November 9, and 16 open; November 19, Worcester Classical.

The school has a good attendance from several different states and the work of the year has started in good shape. The fact that the school is now on the accredited list of the New England colleges ought to interest boys of local high schools to pass their two years' preparation at Lawrence.

All the graduates of last year, with one exception (one has gone into business) have entered college. In New England the largest number entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

W. R. C. Inspection. There was a large attendance and a very interesting and profitable meeting at the W. R. C. inspection on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Shattuck of Fitchburg performed her official duties as inspector faithfully. She was admired by all present for the very pleasing manner in which she either praised or criticized the work which passed off most creditably. The hall was decorated in national colors. All were glad to welcome back Mrs. Mary Boynton, who has been absent all summer in Maine with her sick and aged father, now passed away. The corps voted to hold a supper and entertainment on the evening of October 29. After the business of the meeting was over, a social hour with refreshments of coffee and sandwiches, ice cream and cake were enjoyed.

Accident. S. Evans, foreman of the Samuel Ramsden farm on the Ayer road, went through a thrilling experience and narrow escape in Ayer last Saturday afternoon. He had just disposed of his load of apples at the Haynes-Piper mill, and after looking up and down the tracks to see if all was clear, started to cross them. A freight car had hidden the view, for he immediately saw, as he was crossing the tracks, the 2.49 express from Fitchburg coming rapidly. Mr. Evans knew the inevitable collision, and in the moment's time to think, he decided to hold on to the reins. The hind part of the wagon was hit, he was thrown out onto the ground, striking his head. The horse cleared itself and was not hurt. Mr. Evans' head and face were badly shaken up. Dr. Hopkins brought him to the Groton hospital, where he is doing well.

Grange Visitation. On Tuesday evening a party of about twenty-five members of the Groton grange went by barge to Harvard for visitors' night with the grange of that town. A party of fourteen went from Littleton, and five from Boxborough. The chief feature of the evening was a debate between the Harvard and Groton granges on the question "Resolved, that the gentleman farmer should be considered a help rather than a detriment to the community," the visitors from Littleton acting as judges. The speakers from the Harvard grange, maintaining the affirmative of the question, were Arthur H. Turner, Henry A. Knight, and Perley Beard. The speakers from Groton, on the negative, were James R. Hawkes, William Woods and Rev. H. A. Cornell. Humor as well as reason characterized all the arguments on both sides. In announcing the decision the speaker from the Littleton-grange said that while the personal feeling and sympathies of the judges were on the affirmative side, yet it must be conceded that in the weight of the argument and manner of presentation the Groton representatives had the advantage. There were in addition to the debate a number of recitations and musical selections by members of both the Harvard and Groton granges. Those from Groton taking part being Misses Effie Gillespie and Bertha Farnsworth with recitations, and Henry Adams with bell solos, accompanied by Miss Helen

Barrows. A fine supper was served by the ladies of the Harvard grange. It was about 1.30 o'clock when this village was reached on the return.

Fair. The Congregational church fair is to be held in the town hall on Thursday afternoon, October 13, commencing at 2.30. It is four years since this society has held a church fair. This one is to be quite elaborate, hardly eclipsed by any previous one. There will be a number of tables, fancy, domestic and apron, white, children's, candy, ice cream and cake. The several booths will be made attractive with tasteful decorations and altogether the hall will present a bright and animated scene. The supper in charge of the gentlemen will be served at six and seven o'clock. The entertainment will be held in the main town hall, commencing at eight. This entertainment, an operetta, is different than anything given here at other fairs. The rehearsals and all the preparations of harmonious costumes and scenes have involved much time and labor. It will be a very pleasing entertainment without the least doubt.

Groton Fair. After a week's elapse the management of the Groton fair still feel well pleased with results. The attendance is shown to have been up close to, or over 2,500. It is reported that the proceeds will cover all bills and expenses, although a new expense this year was the building of some additional sheds.

The proposition to have for the future a two-days' fair, instead of a one-day fair, is in high favor with a number of the members, but as yet has not been brought formally before a business meeting of the club for its vote.

The club has many fine plans which, when funds permit, they will carry out to make the fair day a still better one and every way a grand holiday for the people of Groton and their neighbors. The following is the list of premiums awarded last week:

Best pig—Robert Sargent, 1st; J. N. Gardner of Dunstable, 2d, \$3; N. Drawing, farm teams, 2,600 or over—Robert Sargent, 1st; \$4; 2d, \$3. When not a prize was awarded. Drawing, farm teams under 2,600—John Gardner, 1st; \$4; W. Felton Stone, 2d, \$3. Best single draft horse—L. M. Upton, Dunstable, 1st; \$3; Robert Sargent, 2d, \$2. Horses—Best rig driven by lady, Mrs. E. H. Whittemore, Fitchburg, 1st; \$3; Mrs. Maud E. Trayne, 2d, \$2. Best pair of carriage horses—E. H. Whittemore, 1st; \$2; Mrs. Maud E. Trayne, 2d, \$1. Best carriage horse—Austin Haley of Graniteville, 1st; \$3; H. A. Johnson, 2d, \$2. Best sucking colt—J. A. Sanderson, 1st; \$2; Mrs. M. E. Trayne, 2d, \$1. Best brood mare—J. A. Sanderson, 1st; \$3; Mrs. M. E. Trayne, 2d, \$2. Best pony pig—Mrs. Maud E. Trayne, 1st; \$2; 2d, \$1. Bulls, fat cattle and young stock—M. A. Johnson, 1st; \$2; 2d, \$1; M. A. Johnson, Guernsey bull, five months, 1st; \$2; 2d, \$1; M. A. Johnson, best two-year-old cow, 1st; \$2; 2d, \$1; M. A. Johnson, best one-year-old Ayrshire heifer, 1st; \$2; 2d, \$1; best calf under six months old, Ayrshire, M. A. Johnson, 1st; \$1; 2d, 50c.

There were no entries in class five, milch cows, and class six, sheep and swine.

Poultry—Best trio of R. I. Reds, M. A. Johnson, 1st; \$1; Mark H. Blood, 2d, 50c; best trio of White Plymouth Rocks, W. Lawrence, 1st, \$1; Roy Culver, 2d, 50c; best trio of Barred Plymouth Rocks, Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; Roy Culver, 2d, 50c; best trio of Buff Rocks, M. A. Johnson, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c; best trio of Minorca, Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c; best pair geese, M. A. Johnson, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Under class seven, mention made of exhibit done by Lev Sawyer, premiums offered, Portuguese poodles, berkshire rabbit hounds and Weibfoot foxes.

Grain—L. Blood, best trace field corn, 1st; \$1; L. M. Upton, 2d, 50c; Taylor & Son, best half bushel barley, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c; Taylor & Son, best half bushel rye, 1st, 50c; 2d, 25c; Taylor & Son, best half bushel buckwheat, 1st, 50c; 2d, 25c; Dr. F. E. Gilson, 3d, 10c.

Best and largest variety of vegetables—Taylor & Son, 1st, \$5; John Lawrence, 2d, \$3; Taylor & Son, best bushel Potatoes, 1st, \$1; John Moyle, 2d, 50c; Taylor & Son, best bushel Potatoes, 1st, \$1; John Moyle, 2d, 50c; Taylor & Son, best bushel of Green Mountain, 1st, \$1; W. F. Wharton, 2d, 50c; John Moyle, best bushel re-man, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c; Taylor & Son, 3d, 25c; Taylor & Son, 4th, 10c; F. L. Blood, best Gold Coin, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Best bushel of corn, three best, 1st, John Moyle, 2d, 50c; best show, Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; Roy Culver, 2d, 50c.

Cabbages—John Moyle, three best, 1st, Roy Culver, 2d, 50c; best show, Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; Roy Culver, 2d, 50c.

Pumpkins—John Moyle, three best, 1st, \$1; Roy Culver, 2d, 50c. Best half bushel onions—John Moyle, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c. Best half bushel white beans—M. A. Johnson, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c. Best half bushel colored beans—M. A. Johnson, 1st, \$1; Taylor & Son, 2d, 50c.

Best half bushel turnips—Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; Roy Culver, 2d, 50c. Best show, Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; Roy Culver, 2d, 50c.

Best show of melons—Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; Roy Culver, 2d, 50c. Best twelve parsnips—Taylor & Son, 1st, 50c; John Moyle, 2d, 25c. Best twelve carrots—Taylor & Son, 1st, 50c; John Moyle, 2d, 25c.

Best three bunches of celery—W. F. Wharton, 1st, \$1; Taylor & Son, 2d, 50c.

Mangles—F. L. Blood.

Beets—William Parkhurst.

Apples—W. F. Wharton, Baldwin, 1st, \$1; D. W. Mason, 2d, 50c.

King—G. S. Knapp, 1st, \$1; D. W. Mason, 2d, 50c.

Dr. F. E. Gilson, 2d, 50c.

Fall Pippin—C. H. Berry, 1st, \$1; W. F. Wharton, 2d, 50c.

Newtown Pippin—Dr. Gilson, 1st, \$1; C. H. Berry, 2d, 50c.

N. Y. Pippin—T. R. Clough, 1st, \$1; Dr. E. Gilson, 2d, 50c.

Garden Royal—C. H. Berry, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Hubbardston's Nonpareil—Arthur C. Tuttle, 1st, \$1; T. R. Clough, 2d, 50c.

Mcintosh reds—G. S. Knapp, 1st, \$1; W. F. Wharton, 2d, 50c.

Rosbury Russets—D. W. Mason, 1st, \$1; Dr. F. E. Gilson, 2d, 50c.

R. I. greenings—G. S. Knapp, 1st, \$1; D. W. Mason, 2d, 50c.

Palmer greenings—Dr. F. E. Gilson, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Gravensteins—G. S. Knapp, 1st, \$1; M. P. Swallow, 2d, 50c.

Apple—G. S. Knapp, 1st, \$1; C. H. Berry, 2d, 50c.

Golden Russet—Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Bothel's Honey—Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; G. S. Knapp, 2d, 50c.

Best ten varieties, five of each—G. S. Knapp, 1st, \$1; Dr. F. E. Gilson, 2d, 50c.

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Malden Blush—Dr. F. E. Gilson, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Head—Dr. F. E. Gilson, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Williams—G. S. Knapp, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Blue Pearmain—Dr. F. E. Gilson, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Healthy—G. S. Knapp, 1st, \$1; A. C. Tuttle, 2d, 50c.

Dr. F. E. Gilson, 3d, 25c; H. Berry, 1st, \$1; Dr. F. E. Gilson, 2d, 50c.

Snow—Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; G. S. Knapp, 2d, 50c.

Crab apples—D. W. Mason, 1st, 25c. Other apples shown not mentioned in premium list, but for which premiums were to be awarded as to other varieties.

Peckawa—M. A. Johnson, 1st, \$1; Shennock—W. F. Wharton, 1st, \$1; Taylor & Son, 2d, 50c.

Mother Apple—D. W. Mason, 1st, \$1; American Beauty—Dr. F. E. Gilson, 1st, \$1.

Fallow Wales—A. C. Tuttle, 1st, \$1; Golden Sweets—Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; Round Sweets—M. P. Swallow, 1st, \$1; Wheeler Sweets—T. R. Clough, 1st, \$1; Winter Sweets—M. A. Johnson, 1st, \$1; Talmans Sweets—C. Tuttle, 1st, \$1; G. S. Knapp, 2d, 50c.

Peaches, eight specimens—M. A. Johnson, 1st, \$1; G. S. Knapp, 2d, 50c. Pear, eight specimens—D. W. Mason, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Grapes, eight bunches—Taylor & Son, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Bread, cake and pastry, etc.—Loaf of white bread, Mrs. Eva B. Taylor, 1st, \$1; Mrs. E. H. Whittemore, 2d, 75c.

Loaf of Graham—Mrs. George L. Smith, 1st, \$1.25; Mrs. Willard Smith, 2d, 50c.

Best loaf of brown bread—Mrs. Alice Raymond, 1st, \$1.25; Mrs. E. H. Whittemore, 2d, 50c.

Best half dozen rolls—Mrs. Willard Smith, 1st, 75c, no second prize offered.

Best half dozen biscuits—Mrs. George Smith, 1st, 75c, no second prize offered.

Best show of canned fruit and jelly—Mrs. George Smith, 1st, \$2; Mrs. S. M. Nokes, 2d, \$1.

Two pounds of creamery butter—M. P. Swallow, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Best fruit cake—Mrs. George Smith, 1st, \$1; Mrs. Willard Smith, 2d, 50c.

Best sponge cake—Mrs. Alice Raymond, 1st, \$1; Mrs. E. H. Whittemore, 2d, 50c.

Best gingerbread—Miss Gladys Swallow, 1st, \$1; Miss Fannie E. Taylor, 2d, 50c.

Best dozen doughnuts, no second premium offered—Mrs. Willard Smith, 50c.

Best apple pie—Mrs. George Smith, 1st, 75c; Mrs. M. A. Johnson, 2d, 50c.

Best squash pie—Mrs. Alice Raymond, 1st, 75c; Mrs. George Smith, 2d, 50c.

Best fancy pie—Mrs. E. H. Whittemore, 1st, 75c; Miss Fannie E. Taylor, 2d, 50c.

Mince pie—Mrs. M. A. Johnson. Household manufactures, etc.—Best quilt, Harvard Shakers, 1st, \$1; Best sofa pillow—Harvard Shakers, 1st, \$1.

Best piece of needlework—Mrs. Balm, three handkerchiefs, 1st, \$1; Miss Agnes Johnson, 2d, 50c.

Best yard of lace—Mrs. George Smith, 1st, \$1; Miss Agnes Johnson, 2d, 50c.

Best hand-made floor mat—Miss Carrie Floyd, 1st, \$1; Miss Charlotte Floyd, 2d, 50c.

Best made apron—Mrs. Balcom, 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c.

Home gardens—George W. Woods, 1st, \$1; Paul Wilson, 2d, \$1; Irene Melanion, 3d, 50c.

Embroidery, special—Margaret Benedict, Lillian Knapp, Gertrude Crowley, A special premium of \$100 was given by Mrs. John Lawrence to be awarded by judges for excellence in this class. The winners of prizes in this class are not marked as yet.

The principal interest of the day centered in the horse racing, in which there were three classes, two of which were finished in straight heats, but in the 2.40 class there was an unexpected result in the fourth heat, which was won by the bay mare Nellie Kemp, who had not previously come in better than third. She took the heat easily and her work aroused the most enthusiasm of the day. Because of darkness it was decided to give up the race and divide the money. The summary:

2:18 CLASS, TROT OR PACE. Purse \$150. Joe Trambly, grh (Floss) 1 1 1 1; Peppercorn (Bos) 2 2 2 2; Belmont, bg (Maker) 3 3 3 3; Bonney Nelson, bg (Avard) 4 4 4 4. Time 2:22, 2:21 1/2, 2:21 1/4.

2:30 CLASS, TROT OR PACE. Purse \$100. Col. Patch, brg by Loumaynard (dam, Mattie (W. G. Yapp)) 1 1 1 1; Our May, grm (Foss) 2 2 2 2; Bonney Nelson, bg (Avard) 3 3 3 3; Vendetta, bg (Joseph) 4 4 4 4. Time 2:29 1/4, 2:31 1/2, 2:30.

Lockton and Unknown also started.

2:40 CLASS, TROT OR PACE. Purse \$100 (unfinished but prizes divided). Sarah W. bm (Miles) 2 1 1 3; Gazetta, brm (Smith) 1 2 2 2; Nellie Kemp, bm (Geary) 4 3 4 4; Albertson, bg (Gilchrist) 3 4 4 4. Time 2:26 1/4, 2:24 1/4, 2:23 1/4, 2:23.

Church Services. Unitarian church service at 10.45. Sermon on "The warfare against evil." Sunday school at twelve m. Y. P. R. U. at seven. Miss Hattie Hume, leader.

At the Sunday morning service of the First Congregational church the subject of the sermon will be "The self-distrustfulness of innocence." Text, Matt. 23:12. At the evening service a question from the book of Job will be considered. "What shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?"

Rev. D. M. Lockrow will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow at 10.45 a. m., and at seven p. m. Special singing.

Items of Interest.

Until this year the four mills of Greece have used the old-fashioned millstones for grinding, and in consequence the demand has been only for American winter wheat; but now the fourteen mills at Piræus have installed modern, automatic cylinders, and it is likely that there will be a demand for what is known in the market as "Azyrna" and "Ikra" wheat. The capital invested in the flour mills of Piræus amounts to more than \$1,500,000.

Pietro had drifted down to Florida and was working with a gang at railroad construction. He had been told to beware of rattlesnakes, but assured that they would always give the warning rattle before striking. One hot day he was eating his noon luncheon on a pine log when he saw a big rattler coiled a few feet in front of him. He eyed the serpent and began to lift his legs over the log. He had barely got them out of the way when the snake's fangs hit the bark beneath him. "What a gun!" yelled Pietro. "Why you no ringa da bell!"

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New Advertisements.

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 Saturday, October 8, 1910.

AYER.

Have Left Town.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Perry and daughter Bertha, left Thursday afternoon for Hudson, N. H., where Mr. Perry is the pastor of the Congregational church in that town. For a few months past he has been preaching there regularly every Sunday and Mr. Perry is very much liked by the people of his congregation, and he is very much pleased with his new position and has entered upon his duties in his new field of labor with earnestness, as he has always done, wherever located.
 Mr. Perry was well-liked in town and he and his family will be greatly missed. His daughter Edith, employed in the National bank here, will go to her parents' home in Hudson on Saturdays, returning on Monday mornings.

Rushing in Apples.

Apples are being rushed in at the Haynes-Piper Co.'s works here, from the farmers in the adjoining towns and large quantities in freight cars. The facilities with which they can handle the apples that arrive, no matter how large the quantity, are on a grand scale. They are unloaded by machinery, being rapidly conveyed to the top of the hydraulic presses by gravitation and made into cider in the twinkling of an eye.

With the new machinery recently introduced, the process of making the cider is rapidly accomplished and all hands are kept busy. Quite a number of men are employed in the different branches of the business and the superintendent, Ruel P. Lougee, is ever on the alert.

Eightieth Birthday.

Hon. George W. Sanderson, clerk of the district court for many years, celebrated at his home in Littleton, his eightieth birthday on Thursday of this week. There were present from here, Dr. Chester Parsons, Judge George A. Sanderson and family. Among many others were Ex-Senator Whitin of Whitesville, Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury, who was also a member of the senate with Mr. Sanderson, Arthur W. Symmes of Peabody, formerly of Pepperell, a prominent lawyer of that town, John P. S. Churchill, clerk of the Quincy court. Letters were received from many prominent people who could not be present. Among them one from Ex-Gov. Long and John Burroughs, the naturalist. Senator Whitin presented Mr. Sanderson with eighty beautiful roses.

News Items.

A. M. Whitman, who was one of the telegraph operators at the railway station here four years ago, and whose family resides in Portland, Me., came here Tuesday, September 27, and is one of the telegraph operators in the upper yard, his hours being from three to eleven at night.

W. J. Costello, who has a paint shop over William E. Wheeler's blacksmith shop, went to the hospital at Groton last Saturday morning and in the afternoon was operated upon for hydrocele. He is doing nicely and expects to return here from the hospital this week Saturday.

The democratic representative convention will be held in the lower town hall on Saturday afternoon, October 15, for the nomination of a candidate for the eleventh representative district, comprising the towns of Ayer, Acton, Chelmsford, Carlisle, Littleton and Westford.

Mrs. McRay and her brother, Michael McGray arrived at Boston from their European trip last week Thursday, having been gone three months and four days, leaving here June 25.

Communion at St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning, October 9, at ten o'clock. Rev. Malbone Birkhead will preach. Service at Forge Village at 3.30.

In Ayer, October 5, by Rev. J. W. Thomas at the Baptist parsonage, Albert F. Allen and Miss Edna E. Robbins, both of Ayer.

The Woman's club accepted the invitation to the opening meeting of the Altrurian club of Shirley on Thursday, and was represented by the following delegation: Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Nina M. Beverly, Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Alice Butterfield, Misses Clara and Adelaide Blood, Mrs. Clara L. Burns, Mrs. Marie Clark, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, Mrs. Nellie Fox, Mrs. Franklin Lawton, Mrs. Carrie Murphy, Mrs. W. Proctor, Mrs. S. G. Shattuck, Mrs. A. M. Spaulding, Mrs. Ruth Sherwin, Mrs. Ellen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenner went to Littleton on Thursday to be present at the eightieth anniversary of Hon. Geo. W. Sanderson.

A half dozen ladies belonging in Littleton, some under seventeen and some over, are to make their first appearance in court here, charged with malicious mischief and other misdemeanors on Saturday morning, October 8.

Ignaz Jardinivck of Pepperell was in court charged with assault and battery at Pepperell, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Angus McInnis of Townsend, charged with assault and battery, Matti Jokki, complainant, was in court on Tuesday, and on trial was found guilty and fined fifteen dollars.

The Social Gathering of the Unitarian church will meet at three o'clock on Tuesday, October 11, at the home of Mrs. G. P. Beverly. Final arrangements for the annual fair are to be made at this meeting.

Benjamin W. Carter of Quincy, a florist, has entered the employ of George E. Felch, as grower at his

greenhouses, and has moved here with his family. Mr. Felch intends to give his entire attention to floral design work and soliciting for the same.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their annual fair in Page hall, November 10, afternoon and evening.

Dennis Sullivan, whose body arrived here on Wednesday, was a resident in this town for upwards of fifty years, and resided on Forest street. A couple of years ago, when feeble from old age, he was taken to Springfield, where his son, Edward J. Sullivan and his daughter, Mrs. Patrick J. Guiney, resides. His death occurred on Monday, October 3, and was from heart disease, and he was eighty-eight years of age. Burial was on Wednesday in St. Mary's cemetery in this town.

E. H. Longley is building the new tomb at the Shirley Centre cemetery of cement, and it will evidently be an excellent piece of work. He has John Kendall to assist him and another man from here.

The horse of Robert Sargent, milkman, ran away with the milk wagon on last Saturday morning, while he was delivering milk to a customer on Fletcher street and the fifteen cans of milk were thrown helter skelter. Neither horse or wagon were put out of commission.

We cannot but remark as well as others of the excellent piece of cement sidewalk in front of the office of Levi B. Tuttle and the Chinese laundry. It is a pattern for others to go by and much better and more durable than the concrete sidewalks in front of the other stores.

D. W. Mason, ticket agent at the station here, had a very fine exhibition of apples at the Groton fair, last week Thursday and he was awarded seven prizes, four firsts and three seconds. His apples must have been of superior quality when he had so many famous apple raisers in Groton to compete with.

Rev. H. B. Drew of Littleton will give a lecture on "The south and the negro," in Page hall, Monday evening, October 10. This lecture is under the auspices of the C. E. S. of the Congregational church.

At the town meeting on Thursday evening, the following article was acted upon: "To make an additional appropriation of six hundred dollars for sidewalks," and it was voted to authorize the town treasurer to borrow that sum.

Mrs. Herbert A. Lang came to town last week Friday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wood, on Washington street, and returns on Monday to her home in Manchester, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Barry and son returned from Jaffrey, N. H., Thursday, where they spent a couple of weeks.

Last Saturday evening at a meeting of the selectmen, Daniel W. Fletcher and Thomas Burns were chosen jurymen to serve the long term of the superior civil court at East Cambridge, commencing on Monday, October 10.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Winslow, who resides on Washington street, Wednesday, October 5. This makes the second child, the other one a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Bassett Dickerman and children of Groton are to move back to Ayer in about a week or ten days, and will occupy the house of Miss Aggie Sanders on Washington street.

Dr. Sullivan, who was operated upon for appendicitis last week at St. John's hospital, Lowell, is getting along nicely and his recovery is early predicted.

Thomas McGuane has taken the position vacated by John Wardsworth last Saturday, as night yardmaster. A day or two after Mr. Wardsworth left, J. J. Haggerty gave up his position and J. H. Hurley is his successor, assistant night yardmaster, and Martin H. O'Neil takes the position vacated by J. H. Hurley.

Fire was discovered on the roof of the barn of L. Sherwin & Co., on West street, last Saturday evening about 6.30, and the alarm was given by a boy who was passing by and saw the roof on fire. Mr. Sherwin and his son Charles were soon on the spot and with the assistance of a ladder and a pail of water put it out. A space of the shingles about two feet square was burned.

Accidents.

Ruel P. Lougee, superintendent of the Haynes-Piper Co.'s cider and vinegar works here, had the misfortune to have slipped on the stairs he was going down on Tuesday afternoon, falling on his back and striking his right arm so severely that the shoulder was dislocated. It was, after a little while, put in place by his assistants and a physician was called. He is attending to his business as usual, with his arm in a sling, and is in considerable pain.

Henry Nutting, owner of a motor cycle, ran into the horse of the fruit wagon of G. Poulus & Co., on the railway bridge on Wednesday evening of this week, and he luckily escaped serious injury. His motor was slightly damaged. The horse escaped with a slight tearing away of the flesh just above the left leg, and the trace of the harness was broken. He was on the wrong side of the road and going at a good speed. After rounding the curve of the left sidewalk, before he could get out of the way, he ran into the horse, while about half way across the railroad bridge on East Main street.

Last Saturday afternoon, S. Evans, who has charge of Samuel Ramsden's farm in Groton, after delivering a load of apples at the Haynes-Piper Co.'s works, and while going over the railway crossing at the vinegar factory, the engine of the passenger train due here at 2.49, struck the rear part of the wagon, smashing it, and throwing Evans out, escaping with not very serious injuries and a scalp wound. He was on arrival at the railway station, taken by Dr. Underhill of Groton to the residence of Dr. Cowles. The horse escaped without a scratch. It was a very narrow escape for Mr. Evans, that might have proved fatal.

Mrs. Leonard E. Canning of Shirley street, while stepping off a electric car last Sunday, of the Ayer and Leominster electric, on West Main street,

near Mechanic street, held onto the handle of the car and was thrown down to the ground, breaking her left wrist, and sustaining a severe nervous shock.

Part Time Attendance.

To the Editor: I would like to make the following announcement through your columns. While the plan indicated is not at all new, but quite common in many towns, yet it is due our people that a brief explanation be given.

At a meeting of the school committee held last Saturday evening, the conditions at the Washington street primary and at the Shirley street school were discussed. The first mentioned school has enrolled two more than its seating capacity and two more are expected. This would make a total enrollment of fifty-six. This is more than there should be of children in the first two grades under one teacher. The large number of children, sixty-three, in the third grade forced us to place twelve in the Shirley street school. This makes three grades in that school under one teacher.

Besides this overcrowded condition of the Washington street school, both schools are more or less hampered in their work. For, as the first grade goes home at recess, both forenoon and afternoon, the teacher has to attend almost entirely to them the first part of each session and to provide various sorts of seat work for grade two. This means that the teacher's time cannot be wholly given to grade one during the parts of the day devoted to them. Moreover, grade two come to their work with the teacher each day after a half-session of seat work. They are therefore somewhat fatigued and not ready to grasp their work readily.

As the appropriation for the year does not provide for an extra teacher, the best means of relief, it was decided to try the part time system, which is commonly resorted to by many other places in similar circumstances and found to be very satisfactory for the lower grades. By this plan the children in the second grade in each of the two schools will come in the morning and those of the first grade in the afternoon. This order of attendance provides the longer session for the older children.

It is believed that by this plan several other objectionable features of the present condition will be obviated, and that the work of the two grades will be improved by each having the undivided time of the teacher and by the second grade coming to their work fresh rather than fatigued. As each class gets the same amount of time from the teacher as before, in actual instruction, it is reasonable to expect this improvement.

The plan is an experiment, made necessary under the conditions confronting us. It is not likely to continue the entire year, as with experience in school work the children may later be able to better employ leisure time in the schoolroom.

The part time attendance will begin Monday next, October 10th.
 F. C. JOHNSON.

Odd Fellows' Centennial.

The following lodges of the I. O. O. F., M. U., will jointly celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the order: Middlesex of Ayer, Fitchburg and Progressive of Fitchburg, Rockwood of Leominster, Harmony and Bay State of Worcester, William McKinley of Gardner, Squannacook of West Groton.

On Sunday, October 9, a special service will be conducted at the Rollstone Congregational church at Fitchburg at 10.30 a. m. Rev. A. J. Covell will preach the anniversary sermon. Previous to the service there will be a parade in full regalia and it is expected there will be fully five hundred Odd Fellows in line.

The parade will be in charge of Henry Winchester of Leominster, who will be chief marshal. It will be headed by the West Fitchburg drum corps. Members will assemble in Reform club hall, 155 Main street, Fitchburg, at nine a. m., and the parade will start promptly at 9.45.

After the service they will march back to the hall, where a substantial collation will be served, after which there will be speeches by past grands and members, interspersed with musical selections.

The Odd Ladies have been invited and will participate. On Saturday, October 15, the celebrations will be continued with a field day at Washington park, where dancing, bowling, roller skating, foot races, tug of war, and other sports will be indulged in. Souvenir admission buttons are now on sale by the committee; also, by secretaries of the lodges.

Dinner and refreshments will be served on the grounds and with a fair day the attendance will be large.

Railroad News.

At the meeting of the directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad Co., held Tuesday afternoon at the North station, Boston, \$10,000,000 was appropriated for the purchase of new equipment and for making improvements.

Of the total amount about \$3,000,000 will be expended for additional equipment and most of this will go for passenger coaches. Some of it will be used for passenger and freight locomotives.

Of the money from improvements a large share will be used for strengthening bridges, especially at the western end of the Fitchburg division and at the northern end of the White Mountain division, where the heavy travel on the more weighty modern trains has been found to be considerable of a tax on the carrying capacity of the bridge. An appropriation of \$200,000 has already been made for this purpose.

Twenty-five miles of track, making a double track, are to be laid between Ayer and Nashua on the line of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division, to accommodate the Bar Harbor, Portland and New York traffic. These tracks have been taxed by the heavy freights, and the new schedule provides for facilities which will accommodate the newer and heavier locomotives with which it is planned to equip the road.

The budget of appropriations provides for extensive construction on the lines of the system, includes repairs

of bridges and allows for the purchase of three hundred new cars and one hundred locomotives of the Atlantic and Pacific design, which cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 each.

The appropriation provides for the enlargement and centralization of the railroad yards at Fitchburg, a new station at Canterbury, N. H., and a general increase of the trackage facilities in the freight yards along all of the lines.

It is estimated that three millions will be expended in completing the railroad shops, which were begun last year on the Somerville marshes.

The cars and engines will cost approximately \$5,000,000, and the remainder of the appropriations, with the exception of the \$3,000,000 expended on the Somerville shops, is to be spent in reconstruction.

Announcement is made that the Boston and Maine is not expected to make any more important changes in the personal of the officials at present. President Mellen and Vice President Byrnes and General Manager Frank Barr of the Boston and Maine started on a tour of inspection on Wednesday morning covering about 700 miles. The route will be from Boston to Intervale and thence to St. Johnsbury and to the Canadian line, the return being made via the White Mountains and the western division.

The trip made by President Mellen and his party will be for the purpose of studying the physical conditions of the sections of the road traversed and to ascertain their needs, if there are any, in the expeditious handling of traffic.

In the matter of operation General Manager Barr is in supreme command, and the new management has given him to understand that he has full swing in this department. He will order whatever is required to bring the property from an operating standpoint, up to the highest standard obtainable.

The rumor that naturally followed the retirement of President Tuttle has subsided, as assurances have gone forth that so long as the heads of departments and their assistants "make good" they need have no fear.

A. W. C.

The Woman's club held the first regular meeting of the season in Page hall, Wednesday afternoon. Six candidates were admitted to membership. A vote of sympathy was passed in memory of the three members who have died during the summer—Mrs. Sarah J. S. Bennett, Mrs. Hattie A. Lovejoy and Mrs. Philena Atherton. The program included a brief address by the president, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, setting forth the advantages of club membership, a report of the annual meeting of the state federation by Mrs. Nina E. Beverly and a paper "From beautiful Ontario to the deserts of Nevada" by Mrs. Elizabeth Marsac, read by her daughter, Mrs. Eva Richardson. The music was a club song and a vocal solo by Miss Ruth T. Fenner.

A club tea was served in charge of Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Viola M. Cole, Mrs. Clara L. Burns, Mrs. Almira M. Sargent and Mrs. Amanda M. Spaulding. Mrs. Ella A. Church and Mrs. Laura E. Hardy presided at the tea urns.

Geo. S. Poulus & Co., who purchased the moving pictures in town here are taking full possession this week Saturday. They expect to have a nice and clean a show as has ever been produced in town. Also a special offer is going to be appointed to see that the children make no disturbance.

Items of Interest.

LOST—From the Board of Trade rooms, two dirty towels. Return to janitor on no questions asked. We wouldn't mind if the cuspidor, that has been such a mystery, was wrapped with aforesaid towels. Reward—One Nottingham cigar. It's a bird.

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 Solid brass spring and 30-inch chain 15c.
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 Full one pound, hard maple carved prints 20c.
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 Clean white maple, fits hand 5c.
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 9-inch swerved blade, steel ferrule, ebonoid hot water proof handle 15c.
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 Assorted, rosewood, ebony and box wood handles, brass rivets, three style blades, extra finish, fine edge 10c.
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 To the Republicans of the
Fourth Congressional District

Notwithstanding the amusing and somewhat amazing claims of the Wilder Campaign Committee, I wish to assure the Republican voters and the delegates that Mr. Harry L. Pierce now has the personal pledges of considerably more than the majority of the delegates to the Congressional Convention.

The claims made by the Wilder people now are on a par with their claims after the caucuses in Waltham where pledged delegates were elected that they would have nine and possibly twelve delegates from the city of Waltham.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY DELEGATE WILL BE STAMPEDED BY CLAIMS THAT HAVE NO BASIS IN FACT AND WHICH ARE MADE IN THE DESPERATE HOPE OF INFLUENCING DELEGATES WHO HAVE ALREADY ALIGNED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF MR. PIERCE.

Geo. J. Burns, Ayer, Mass.
 Chairman Pierce Congressional Campaign Committee.

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. Complaints 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 paper, send us a postal and we will forward another copy, with pleasure.

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LOST—On the Groton Fair Grounds, September 25, a Pair of Gold Band Spectacles in Black Case. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning the same to the house or office of F. E. GILSON, Groton and Ayer, N. H.

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A DOLL

By DELIA TREVOR.

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This story illustrates how much more powerful is kindness than brute force. Major Hopkins, commanding Fort —, garrisoned by two companies of cavalry, seeing some of his scouts approaching, rode out to meet them. As they approached he saw riding before the sergeants a little Indian girl about five years old.

"What have you there, sergeant?"
"We were getting a peep, sir, at the devils from the bushes when this little tot came running right into us. There was nothing for us to do but seize her and clap a hand over her mouth. Then, of course, we had to bring her with us to prevent her cries drawing the reds after us."

"She must be returned, but it is too late today. We'll keep her till morning. But what did you learn?"
"They've got the war paint on, and the whole tribe is wild. There must be between two and three thousand spears, which would give them from 500 to 800 warriors."

The major turned and rode back to camp, motioning the sergeant to ride beside him and continue his report of the information he had gained. The prospect was not pleasant. There were not a hundred men for duty in the fort, which was an old fashioned affair, and the ammunition was low. The Indians would undoubtedly attack and if they kept up the siege long enough would certainly capture the fort. The logical end of this was a massacre of the whole garrison, including women and children.

Upon entering the inclosure the major dismounted, took the Indian child in his arms, lifted her from the horse and, taking her to his quarters, turned her over to his wife. Then he hurried away to prepare for a death struggle.

The little redskin stood stolidly where she was placed in the middle of the floor, her straight hair falling in any and every direction, her beady black eyes darting hither and thither. The white children clustered around her, gazing at her as an object of wonder. Being perfectly quiet, she needed no attention till the shades of night cast a gloom about her, when her child's Indian stoicism broke down and she began to cry.

Mrs. Hopkins endeavored to quiet her without effect. Little Maud Hopkins possessed a very beautiful doll with waxen head and shoulders and light, fluffy hair. Taking up this doll, her mother placed it in the arms of the tiny captive.

"There," she said, "if you'll cease crying you may have it to keep."

Whether or not the child understood the words, she certainly understood the act. She hugged the doll against her breast, ceased weeping and soon fell asleep.

The next morning Major Hopkins ordered the sergeant who had captured the child, with a dozen cavalrymen, to take her back to the Indians. In doing so there was a risk of their being murdered. But the major, believing that the loss of the youngster would tend to further irritate the savages, did not dare hold her. The child mounted before the sergeant, tightly holding her doll, looking out of her coal black eyes as if she would annihilate any one who attempted to deprive her of it, rode out of the fort toward the Indian village.

When the party was descried approaching a body of warriors, seizing their arms, prepared to receive them. But when the whites drew near and the captive was distinguished the women set up a howl of pleasure. Then when the child was clasped by her mother, still tightly holding her white doll, every Indian in the village crowded around to see.

When the sergeant and his men turned to ride back to the fort no effort was made to prevent them. Soon after their departure a powwow was called among the chiefs. Their preparations were all made to begin the attack on the fort, and in this incident they saw delay. The child that had been returned was taken to the conclave and set in the center of the circle with her doll. The Indian mother asked permission to go to the fort and thank the donor for her beautiful gift. After a long discussion the request was granted.

The same evening a band of Indians was seen approaching the fort. The whites at first considered them as an advance guard of the enemy coming to make the expected attack. But the redskins came on close under the stockade, and it was then seen that a squaw was among them. They asked for admittance, and the gates were thrown open. Upon entering the inclosure the object of the visit was made known, and the squaw was conducted to Major Hopkins' quarters. The Indian mother acquitted herself of her mission, and Mrs. Hopkins invited her to partake of refreshments.

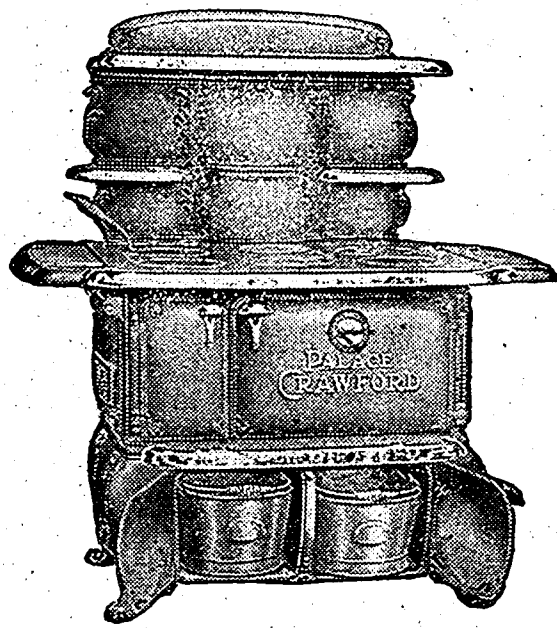
The visit lasted several hours, and when the party returned the squaw mother bore a message of peace and good will to the Indians, including a promise from the commander of the fort that certain wrongs should be redressed and a request that they would return to their reservation. The terms were accepted, and the redskins took off the war paint.

Thus a long war with its attendant horrors was averted by a bit of motherly kindness to a child.

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

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by ADRIANUS LOWEJOY, who prays that said instrument may be issued to him, one of the executors therein named, the other having declined the trust, without giving a surety on his official bond.

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

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

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY HARRINGTON, late of Groton in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES A. HARRINGTON, in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of October, 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 Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in Groton, the last publication to be on one day at least before said Court, and by mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to the next of kin of said deceased seven days at least before said Court.

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

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McNaye are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter.
N. H. Smith met with a serious accident last week Thursday. While picking apples for Pierce Brothers, the ladder he was standing on slipped, and he fell backward, breaking one leg near the hip. He was taken to the Emergency hospital, Nashua, where he is being cared for, and is doing as well as can be expected.
Mrs. Keziah Wheeler, the oldest person in town, passed away last week. Had Mrs. Wheeler lived until October 13, she would have been ninety-one years old. Mrs. Wheeler lived with her only son, and has been unable to go out for several years, because of the infirmities of age. She is survived by two daughters and one son.
George Williams' house on Peachcroft hill, is up and can be seen from many points in town. Contractor Miller is building it, and promises that it will be ready for occupancy on December first.
Hollis grange has accepted invitation to neighbors' night at Millford, October 5, and at Nashua on November 4.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Proctor, who have occupied the Proctor homestead all summer, returned to their winter home in Boston on Monday, October 3.
William Woodin left Hollis on October first, to enter a business college in Boston.
Robert Leslie returned to his home in Worcester last Sunday after visiting friends in Hollis a week.
Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Price are making an extended visit with relatives in Pawtucket, R. I.
Frank Hardy and Samuel White went on the excursion to New York, Albany, with the trip up the Hudson and which left Boston on October 6.
The Hunter's supper was enjoyed at the Cranford Inn, Monday evening. Mr. McFarland's company won the greatest number of points; consequently Mr. Cobb's company had to give the supper.
Leonard Lawrence's family left their summer home in Hollis last week, for their home in West Roxbury. They were accompanied by Miss Ethel Lawrence, who expects to remain with them all winter.
The first meeting of the season of the Hollis Woman's club, was held Wednesday afternoon with Miss Lily Eaton. The program was, "Monthly review," by Miss Arvilla Hardy, and a paper, "France on the eve of revolution," by Miss Louise Stratton. The topics for study through the season are, October, November, December, "The French revolution"; March, "The English novel"; April, May and June, the topics are on the questions which are now interesting the public mind.
The first meeting of the year of the Ladies' Reading and Charitable society was held on Thursday afternoon, with Miss Minnie Colburn.
At the serenade given Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jameson last week, an accident occurred which may prove distressing. One of the participants, George Robbins, held in his hand a cannon fire cracker. Someone applied a lighted match to it, which caused it to explode into Mr. Robbins' eyes, burning his eyes and face quite badly. He was taken to the Charlesgate hospital, Cambridge. The physicians fear the sight of one eye will be destroyed, but cannot tell yet.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
Mrs. Clarence Noyes and daughter Virginia of Franklin, Vt., are guests of Rev. Warren L. Noyes and wife at the manse.
Wednesday evening, October 12, will be sister's night competition at the local grange. Entertainment by sisters under charge of Mrs. Clara Russell.
Mrs. Frank Maynard and Mrs. Edwin Taylor were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Adams at Lunenburg.
Mrs. Winnie Hall Nye and daughter Madie of Keene, N. Y., are at the home of Mrs. J. A. Hall.
Miss Olive Shuman of Quincy, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall.
Mrs. Albert Turner of Townsend and Mrs. Mabel Haines of Waltham, have been recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Frank Maynard.
Mrs. Chester B. Valdege and daughter Ruth are visiting relatives at Rockland, Mass.
Winnifred Delia is the name of the little daughter that recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hall.
Herbert Corey, Walter Corey, Richard Wright and Andrew Marshall attended the Rochester fair, Wednesday, September 28.
Miss Mary L. Perin is attending Pratt's institute at Brooklyn, N. Y.
The Sunbonnet club will dine at the Russell farm on Friday, October 14.
The annual enumeration of scholars is ninety-five—forty-two girls, fifty-three boys.
Mrs. Albert W. Corey has been ill with lumbago and sciatic rheumatism at the home of her nephew, John Kline at Leominster, Mass.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett are enjoying a few days at Dedham, Pigeon Cove and Marblehead.
Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker, Miss Mary Hammond, Mrs. James Whitmarsh of Nashua are at Ineroft.
Miss Leonora Bradley is having improvements made at her new home at South Brookline.
Mrs. Frances Cox Evans is at Boston for a few days.
Mrs. Belá G. Cochrane returned to Wollaston, Mass., Wednesday.

Wedding.
Merrily chimed the wedding bells Wednesday afternoon, October 5, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gilman, when their daughter, Annie May was united in marriage to Henry St. Clair Bailey, son of William J. Bailey, Rev. Warren L. Noyes officiating and using the single ring service. Frank J. Bailey, brother of the groom, served as best man, and

Miss Mildred Gilman, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid. The ceremony took place in a bower of autumn leaves, which was very attractive with brilliant tints. The bride was daintily attired in a gown of white pongee silk and wore sweet peas in her hair. The bridesmaid was gowned in blue pongee silk. About sixty relatives and friends were in attendance.
A reception followed the ceremony and the happy couple received hearty congratulations. Refreshments were served and later a beautifully decorated wedding cake was cut by the bride and each guest remembered.
Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were the recipients of over one hundred gifts, including handsome silver, dainty china, linen, money and household furnishings. Both are popular young people and have the best of wishes for many years of happiness from their large circle of friends. They will reside at Pepperell where a cozy home is awaiting them.
Among those in attendance from out of town were William J. Bailey, Worcester, Mass.; J. Frank Bailey, Lynn, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Myron Stiekney, Miss Minnie Calderara, Millford; Mrs. Freeman Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Willoby, Mrs. Linville Shattuck, Gerald Shattuck, Pepperell, Mass.; Mrs. Joseph Cross, Round Hill, Nova Scotia; Judge and Mrs. Edward Parker, Nashua; Mrs. Mabel Gilman and daughter Muriel, Mrs. A. A. Gould, Townsend.
The oldest guest present was Nathaniel Hobart, who has reached his eighty-eighth milestone and who fully enjoyed the festive occasion. The youngest guest was David William Fessenden, a nephew of the groom, who has not observed his first birthday. As the bridal party was being photographed on the lawn, a shower of confetti fell upon the bride and groom.

AUCTIONS.

M. W. Longley, auctioneer, will sell by auction, the personal property belonging to W. E. Griffin and others, on Saturday, October 8, at one p. m.
Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell the personal property belonging to the estate of Charles F. Wood, by auction in Littleton, on Monday, October 10, commencing at nine a. m.
Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction, the cows, bull, horse, wagon, farming tools and other personal property belonging to E. Peterson, Lexington, on Friday, October 21, at 9:30 a. m.
M. W. Longley, auctioneer, will sell on Saturday, October 8, at one o'clock p. m., the personal property of W. E. Griffin, on the road from Shirley Village to Ayer.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE—Luther and Dexter Page, heirs of Abel Page, who died in 1851, in Ayer, please communicate. Prout business. Address, J. E. L. SPENCER, ING, Ayer, Mass., Box 6. 213

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

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by HAN A. TAYLOR, who prays that said instrument may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

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

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of L. EMORY CARTER, late of Shirley in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by SIDNEY A. CARTER, who prays that said instrument may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

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

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

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

TIPS ON SWEEPING A ROOM.

How to Do It Thoroughly With Little Trouble.

In the first place, supply yourself with sweeping sheets. How many of you have them ready? A substitute is sometimes supplied by using the soiled sheets from the bed for covering the furniture, but that is not exactly a clean method.

Should you wish to purchase new sheets buy the coarse unbleached cotton cloth, double width, and bind it with turkey red. Make the sheets big enough to cover the largest piece of furniture you wish to protect in this way.

Dress yourself for your work before you begin it—a cotton frock which fits easily in the waist and sleeves, so that your movements may not be hampered; easy shoes, a sweeping cap, which will protect the hair entirely, and, if you are careful of your hands, a pair of loose, old gloves.

Begin your work by carrying from the room all small objects which you cannot lay on some chair or couch, that can be covered afterward. Dust them before you lay them aside, using a cheesecloth or chamols cloth duster which has been slightly dampened.

Next move out of the room all small pieces of furniture which can be taken from the room easily, dusting them also before they are banished.

Cover closely with your sweeping sheets all the furniture which cannot be removed, using smaller cloths for draping pictures and other wall ornaments which cannot readily be taken down. Rugs and the like will, of course, have to be taken out.

Have ready your damp tea leaves or damp shredded paper for sweeping. Never do dry sweeping. The dust flies, no matter what care you exercise. When you use the damp tea leaves it does not have the chance to blow about the room and fill every niche or crevice which supplies room for it.

Sweep from the corners and sides of the room to the center. Go into every recess with your broom.

REARING CHICKENS.

How to Take Care of Young Stock and Feed Them.

When chicks are from twenty-four to thirty-six hours old they are ready to be moved from the incubators to the brooder house. Put them in hovers nearest the furnace. Be sure to have heat up in hovers at least twelve hours before the chickens are put in to insure the hovers being warm and dry. There should be dry sand well sprinkled over the hover floors or some road dust. Sand is the best. Let the chickens alone till they are thirty-six hours old. Then feed them some rolled oatmeal well rubbed up in the hands. Feed this for a few days; also some green evaporated bonemeal and chicken grit. Give water and milk in fountains, made by inverting some tin fruit cans over saucers, first cutting a notch in the edge of the can about one-quarter of an inch deep. Such a fountain will keep chicks dry, and the drink will be kept clean. When chicks are a few days old begin to feed a chicken food containing meat and grain. Feed five or six times daily.

On the south side of the brooder house have roomy yards sown to rape for chicks when they are a week old to run in, and also provide rape for cutting and feeding them later on when the yard rape is used up. This method of rearing chickens is more of a pleasure than work. Use plenty of whitewash in houses. Put it on with a compressed air sprayer. That is the best thing for the purpose. Fill every crack and crevice that can be filled in this way, and the job is quickly done. During the warm months spray yards and hovers with sulphuric acid and water, four ounces of the acid to three gallons of water. This will destroy all vermin and their eggs. Most cases of cholera are only lice and mites sapping the life out of the chickens. Warm houses for the winter layers can be built quite cheaply of rough lumber, and a liberal use of heavy tarred paper will make frost proof houses.

How to Keep Oilcloth Clean.

Those who use oilcloth as a covering for floors often find it hard to keep it in good condition. It should never be scrubbed with hard brushes or washed with strong soap or soda. Oilcloth should be cleaned by being washed with a soft cloth and tepid water, and should it be very dirty a little ammonia should be dissolved in the water. When it is dry rub the oilcloth well with beeswax that has been softened with turpentine. Four ounces of beeswax melted and thoroughly mixed with eight ounces of spirits of turpentine gives a nice polish. Now and then rub the oilcloth with boiled linseed oil to "feed" it and keep it in good condition. Milk also is good for it.

How to Loosen Glass Stoppers.

There are several ways of doing this. Pour around the mouth of the bottle a little oil, and in an hour or two, if you cannot remove the stopper, place the whole bottle in warm water. Remove it and gently tap the stopper on either side against glass, when you will find it will easily come out. To avoid the same thing happening again be careful to twist the stopper around as it fits into the mouth of the bottle.

How to Reshape Women's Hats.

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Registration of Voters



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

Thursday, September 15, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, October 22, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, October 29, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, October 29, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1910. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

JOHN L. KENNISON,
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Registrars of Voters.

The Canton Man

A Tale of South China
By **CLARISSA MACKIE.**
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Dr. Osmond sat on the veranda of his bungalow trying to be content in the knowledge that his enforced rest from the daily grind of his Hongkong practice was proving very beneficial to his health as well as to his projected book on "Chinese Temple Ruins." And because the famous Len chun temple ruins were in the neighborhood he had gone no farther north than the coast town of Ko-Ngan.

Within the jasmine draped veranda all was dark save the red glow of the doctor's cigar. Overhead the great punkah fan swayed to and fro, stirring the air into refreshing coolness.

A sampan bumped against the little landing, and there came the slap-slap of bare running feet on the ground outside, then the gate in the garden wall creaked slowly on its hinges, a shadowy form flitted up the path between the oleanders and fung itself in a crumpled heap at the foot of the steps and somebody's long cue struck the floor like the snap of a whiplash.

"Well, what's the matter?" asked the doctor sharply. "Who is it?"

"The great doctor's contemptible servant whose honored father"—the white died away in a choking sob.

Dr. Osmond half rose to his feet. "You are the Canton man who called me to town yesterday? Your father is worse?"

"Nay, the great foreign doctor cured my revered father of a fever," whined the Chinese. "Newt's eye and an owl's membrane were of no avail, but the black medicine of the foreign lord brought my parent to life."

"I am grateful to the great physician. I would reward him generously for saving my father's life. I am a poor man, but I have knowledge that may repay the great lord for his goodness," whined the Canton man.

"I want no reward, my man. I am glad your father is better. Do you want some more of the black medicine?"

"No more medicine is needed. My father is well and happy. The foreign doctor is interested in the ruins of the temple in the walnut grove?"

"Yes."

"He has perhaps wondered what became of the sacred image of the Goddess of Mercy whose fame is on every tongue, but whose face has never been looked upon since the earth dragon shook down the temple a century ago?"

"By Jove, yes." The doctor leaned forward eagerly.

"He has perhaps heard of the priceless jewels hung upon the sacred form—offerings from royal pilgrims of many ages. He has heard of the great emerald that a son of heaven took from his royal brow and placed in the hand of the Goddess of Mercy? The great foreign physician would like to see all these splendors and perhaps choose some for himself?"

"Your story sounds incredible, and yet—can you take me to the ruins now?"

"Yes. It is but a few steps to the walnut grove."

"Wait, then, while I make ready." Still skeptical as to the truth of the native's story, Dr. Osmond equipped himself with cap and stout oaken stick from the rack. In the breast pocket of his white coat was another weapon without which he never traveled in this country of doubtful friends—small and heavy and shining and very dandy looking when one faced its muzzle.

The doctor lighted a paper lantern for the Canton man, and this, augmented by the white triangular ray from his electric pocket lamp, lighted their way through the garden to a gate in the south wall that gave into a tangled field.

On the farther side of the field the walnut grove loomed blackly.

Under the trees the doctor and his guide picked their way among the crumbling columns and scattered stones of the fallen temple.

Suddenly the Chinese paused and swung his lantern about with a swift circular movement, lighting up heaps of broken rocks and columns, rough and forbidding, just as they had fallen. He beckoned to Osmond, and the latter bent his back and followed his guide through an opening among the debris that grew larger as they advanced. The ground sloped suddenly, and he felt several stone steps beneath his feet. He paused while the Chinese lifted a slab of stone and then another and motioned him forward.

"If the great lord will go on ahead, his servant will arrange the opening that we may have air."

Nothing loth, Osmond moved down three shallow steps and found himself in a small chamber choked with debris. Before he could look around there was the dull clang of falling stone, and he rushed up the steps only to knock his head against the stone that covered the entrance.

It did not need the derisive cries of the Canton man to reveal to Dr. Osmond that he had been the victim of a very flimsy plot. His threats and commands only brought forth insults from the lips of the Chinese.

"Ah—foreign devil doctor—you cast

the evil eye upon my father, and he died this morning! He is dead, and the black medicine killed him! Ai—ai—ai!" screamed the furious man through the crack between the stones.

Osmond placed the muzzle of his revolver to the crack and said, "Lift this stone or I will kill you!" And when there was no reply save a wild sobbing laugh the Englishman pulled the trigger.

Above the noise of the explosion the doctor heard a shriek of pain that diminished as the Canton man fled from the scene, leaving him alone in the underground prison house with little chance of escape.

After a vain endeavor to lift the stones that walled him in he retraced his way down the steps and turned the rays of his lamp about the chamber.

The image of the Goddess of Mercy, filling two-thirds of the space, was propped slantingly against one wall, revealing tarnished splendors of paint and gilding; the staring, supercilious eyes were of painted porcelain, but nowhere was there a trace of the precious gems with which tradition had loaded the image.

There was a movement on the outstretched hand of the Goddess of Mercy, and Osmond started violently; a small venomous snake inched its way up the arm and disappeared over the shoulder. He turned the light rapidly here and there, and then he understood the full sweetness of the Canton man's revenge, while the skin about his temples seemed to shrink with terror.

The rays of the lamp fell on countless writhing forms of serpents.

The flashing of the light seemed to rouse the reptiles to greater anger; they hissed loudly until he snapped it out, but the horror of total darkness overcame this other fear, and he turned it on again, the lense fixed on the fallen image.

If he got out alive he would have rich material for his book. This underground chamber could tell him many things once rid of its occupants. But he would never get out alive, so it would be of no use to him! He laughed bitterly, and the sound echoed weirdly among the rocks. There was a quick rustling—and the serpents had disappeared!

If he could keep them away by shouting he would do so, and at the same time he might be heard. But that was absurd, for all his native servants were arrant cowards, and there was no foreigner nearer than the town. All at once he remembered that two officers from the British cruiser in the harbor were to spend the evening with him. Might they wonder at his absence and look for him? He, who was never a praying man, called upon God to send his friends that way. Then he lifted his voice and shouted their names again and again.

By and by when he was tired silence reigned in the chamber; one by one the snakes came back and stared at him with lidless watching eyes. He gazed at the porcelain orbs of the Goddess of Mercy and thought how little mercy there was in her disciple, the Canton man!

The serpents were becoming obnoxious again, and this time he pulled out his revolver and aimed at the tiny viper in the outstretched hand. There was the sharp tinkle of shattered porcelain and when the smoke settled down to the floor the Goddess of Mercy still thrust forth an arm, but the hand was broken; on the floor among the crushed fingers lay the straight slim body of the dead viper.

Osmond leaned forward and peered at the half palm extended toward him. His eyes distended and his breath came sharply. The hand was hollow, and poised on the broken edge was something that gleamed strangely in the lamplight! The emperor had been no fool who had placed his offering within the hand of the Goddess of Mercy! The doctor stretched forth a hand and, with unbelieving eyes, touched the sparkling green stone; it fell into his palm and nestled there, while he gloated over it. Reaction came when he remembered that he was a prisoner until death!

He shouted again and again. He lifted his weapon and shot the porcelain eyes from the staring image. He shot at the other hand and saw that it was wood. He shot at the hissing serpents and drove them away from the stone steps, and then he mounted the steps and tried to throw a flash of light through the crack of the flagstones.

At last there was a distant shout—an English shout—and he shouted in return; he reloaded his weapon and fired recklessly through the cracks and he flashed his light repeatedly. The shouts grew nearer, and he recognized the voices of the naval visitors he had expected.

When they found him his own eager hands helped to lift the stones of his prison. Briefly they told of their visit to the bungalow and their wonder at his absence, their natural suspicion and their search for him. In turn he told his story, and they did not believe he had found the emerald until he displayed it to their wondering eyes.

Back in the bungalow Osmond asked for the time. "It must be near morning," he said.

"Ten o'clock," remarked Lieutenant Breer, with a glance at the white hair that sprinkled Osmond's head—it had been jet black the day before!

"And it was about 9 when I left the bungalow," said Osmond briefly.

After that Dr. Osmond went back to Hongkong and plunged into his neglected practice. "I came back to get rested," he explained, but he lost interest in the ruins of Chinese temples, and whenever he was asked why he merely looked at a gleaming emerald on his little finger and answered vaguely, "Because!"

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Lawrence—6.15, 6.45, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—6.20, 6.50, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—6.15, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 5.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. then 11.45 p. m. Sundays—6.32 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

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PEPPERELL.

News Items.

A neighborhood Alliance meeting will be held on Friday, October 14, at 2.30, in hall of the Unitarian church. Reports from the united branches and a paper by a Boston Alliance worker will precede a social hour. All members cordially invited.

A christening service will be held in the Unitarian church next Sunday at 11.30. The evening meeting of the Babbidge guild will be led by Clifford Shattuck.

The Pepperell Woman's club opened the fifth year this week. There was a large attendance, a lecture by Mrs. Mary L. Tucker on "Tree study for children," was given followed by a reception to the teachers of the town. The latter were fully represented and the occasion proved an auspicious opening for the year's work. Following is the list of officers and directors:

Mrs. May B. Tarbell, pres.; Mrs. Fannie Bennett, 1st vice pres.; Mrs. Clara Reed, 2d vice pres.; Mrs. Lucy P. Saunders, 3d vice pres.; Mrs. Nellie M. Gutterton, rec. sec.; Mrs. Helen G. Merrill, cor. sec.; Mrs. Achsah E. Blake, treas.; Mrs. Louise A. Lunt, cus.; Mrs. Emma G. Rowell, Mrs. Alice Shattuck, Mrs. Julia C. Dunn, directors for two years; Mrs. J. Ideella Ward, director for one year; Mrs. Julia E. Lovejoy, auditor.

The L. E. A. of the Congregational church will hold the opening entertainment of the season as a harvest supper at 6.30, Thursday, October 13, in the vestry of the church. All are cordially invited to come. There will also be a meeting of the society in the ladies' parlor at two in the afternoon of October 13.

The East Village social club will meet with Mrs. Mathew Lane, on Wednesday afternoon, October 12, at 2.30 o'clock. Subject, "Miscellaneous."

About Town.

Miss Minnie Spragg, the district nurse, returned from her vacation on October 3.

William H. Shattuck and D. Parker have returned from their vacation spent at Prince Edward Island. Daniel Dunbar will return a little later.

Fred Benner, with several others, started on Monday for a hunting trip in Maine.

Several of the school teachers enjoyed a ride on Saturday to Harvard, where they spent a pleasant day picnicking and sight-seeing.

Miss Luella Parker is visiting friends in Hudson this week.

Mrs. Perley Blake is visiting relatives in Braintree.

Mrs. Raymond of Somerville is visiting at E. L. Tarbell's.

October 6 was teachers' visiting day. All public schools closed on the day of the fair.

Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence has returned to town after several weeks' visit with her sister in Providence.

Gleanings.

Arthur McGrath returned from the White Mountains on Saturday last, and is at the home of his mother here.

Miss Emma Higgins has resumed her work in the office of the Nashua River Paper Co., after having spent a few months in traveling both in this country and in Europe.

Mrs. Smart, wife of Dr. Smart, a veterinary living in town a few years ago, now of Haverhill, was in town last week coming on Thursday as the guest of Mrs. Harris Tarbell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Handley visited in Salem this week, going on Sunday.

Elmer Andrews went to Fitchburg on Friday of last week. Mrs. Andrews, who had been visiting there at the home of Mrs. William Peach, returned with Mr. Andrews and is slightly improved in health.

Mrs. N. A. Lawrence of the East Village, although convalescing, is still confined to the house, unable to do any work and only sits up a part of the time.

Ralph Buck and Miss Florence True are attending the business college in Fitchburg.

Russell Davis returned recently from Peabody to his home with Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker in this town.

Mrs. Lincoln Johnson and Mrs. L. H. Bean visited in Hollis this week.

Mrs. Harris G. Tarbell, who has been visiting her parents here, went on Tuesday to South Portland to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Dunton.

Miss Gladys Holden, niece of John Fiske, returned to her home in Southbridge on Monday last.

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Harrington and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Harrington and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leighton, Mrs. Annie Nash, and Miss Edith Gerlish, all of Worcester, arrived in their auto on Tuesday and spent the day as guests of Mrs. Horace Drury.

Miss Annie F. Nutter of Winchester is a guest of Miss F. J. Bower, Oak Knoll.

Chairman W. A. Kemp announces that all interested in the annual fall

hunt should be at F. J. Danlap's bicycle store on Tuesday evening, October 11. It will be then decided to this year's hunt. There is a promise of good sport this season, as there are large numbers of greys and partridge reported, and the open season commences on October 15.

The meeting at the home of Mrs. P. W. Flynn last Monday evening to complete plans for the free library and reading room to be in the east part of the town, was full of enthusiasm and much work was accomplished. Mrs. P. W. Flynn was elected president; Mrs. L. E. Starr, and Miss Mary Kerin, vice-presidents; Rev. D. R. Child, treas.; Miss Crotty, sec.; F. A. Milan, E. P. McCord, directors. Committees were appointed to canvas the east part of the town for subscriptions and other needs for the success of the movement.

Miss Minnie Spragg has returned to her duties as district nurse.

Miss Maud Chinn and her sister Harriet, were home over Sunday, returning that day to their duties as teachers at Pelham and East Weir schools.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Tobieson have moved into the tenement of Mrs. C. A. Conant on Main street.

Dr. Nelson S. Woods opened his new office in the late rooms of Dr. C. A. Grenache on Monday. Dr. Woods is a graduate of the dental department of the Baltimore medical school and has had several years' experience with Dr. Bush of Worcester.

Owen Flynn of this town died at the hospital in Westfield on Saturday, October first, of tuberculosis. He was a native of Ireland and in his thirtieth year. He had lived here about seven years and for a short time was employed by Dr. Charles G. Heald, as hostler. He was a member of the Foresters and K. of C. lodges in this town. Funeral was from the home of his sister, Mrs. R. Connolly. Services were in charge of Rev. T. I. Coghlan.

A Great Success.

The fair on Thursday, under the auspices of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club, was a great success in every way as could be desired. The weather was perfect for a large attendance and certainly nearly 3,000 people attended the exhibition and sports combined. The agricultural department was well represented and the horses, cattle, and poultry show well filled with entries. Dr. A. J. Peters of Boston in judging the colts, is quoted as stating the show of colts for number and appearance, the finest he had seen at any fair this year. There were thirty-seven entered and certainly were a fine display of what Pepperell horses are when shown up.

The children exhibits were as interesting as any part of the show and gained much applause from all and the entire show was full of interest and particular creditable mention is due the merchants who went to no small amount of trouble in making attractive displays and aiding in the general success.

Lane Bros, Whipple & Tower, Geo. H. Bullock, Buffalo Shoe Company and A. J. Saunders & Son had space. The dinner was all that could be desired in quantity as well as quality. After dinner the greater number went to Babbatasset park headed by the Ashby military band, which furnished music throughout the day. The races were not completed before dark and were concluded on Friday. Shirley won the ball game by a score of 6 to 2.

The list of premiums could not be obtained in time for this week, but will be complete for next week's issue.

LITTLETON.

Anniversary.
Hon. George Webster Sanderson, whom Littleton proudly claims as one of her grand old men, opened wide the doors of his ever hospitable home on Thursday afternoon, the eightieth anniversary of his birth. The earth, robed in autumnal beauty and fanned by the balmy breath of the Indian summer, seemed quite in tune with the heavens whose benign sun looked down on the happy scene and smiled. Surrounded by devoted children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mr. Sanderson, with his daughter, Miss Fannie, received one hundred and fifty guests from far and near. Among the latter were Hon. A. E. Pillsbury, president of the '85 senate, to which Mr. Sanderson belonged, J. P. S. Churchill, clerk of the Quincy Court and secretary of the District Clerks' association of Massachusetts, and others from Boston, Milton, Dedham, Arlington, Lowell, Acton and numerous Littleton people.

From those unable to grace the scene by their presence came letters of congratulations. E-Gov. John D. Long, all of Mr. Sanderson's living associates in the senate, John Burroughs and several other friends sent greetings. Many choicest tributes of affection and esteem were received in form of flowers, fruit, birthday cakes and other remembrances. Conspicuous among the quantities of flowers were eighty Killarney roses from Ex-Senator Arthur Whitin of Whitinville, and choice flowers presented by the Clerks' association. All the guests were invited to register, and about seventy-five availed themselves of the opportunity. They were afterwards ushered to the ancient dining hall, the original living room of the house, now furnished in part with antique pieces used in the days of Mr. Sanderson's grandparents. Here ices, assorted cake, nuts and other dainties were served by members of the family.

From early afternoon till evening shadows gathered and silvery moonbeams played between the sheltering branches of the spreading elm, the dear old homestead resounded with happy greetings and stored within its walls sweet memories of an ideal birthday.

For our venerable friend we would ask that the present joys and comforts be long continuous.

Receptions.

Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Fairfield were honored with a reception by the Unitarian society last week Thursday evening. The pleasant auditorium of the vestry took on an air of festivity in its brilliant decorations of autumnal vines, branches and asters of warm

and cheering hues. On this feature alone one might easily expatiate to great length, for in selection and artistic arrangement there was ample proof of aesthetic taste and delicate touch.

In the receiving line with Rev. and Mrs. Fairfield were their three beautiful daughters and stalwart son, Mrs. Chambers, an aunt, and Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Brown. The reception was attended by a large number from all denominations. Festivities were much enlivened by the Cynthianian orchestra which discoursed throughout the evening music most conducive to sociability. The usual refreshments, consisting of fruitade, ice cream and cake were served.

"Gay Littleton" has begun another round of pleasures, and among the first social functions and in many ways the most beautiful of the new season was the reception at the Unitarian vestry last week Friday afternoon, given by the Forget-not circle of King's Daughters to the three score years and ten circle.

The much anticipated day dawned balmy and bright as if the king of kings could not withhold his blessed sanction of the Daughters' kindly thought act. To each of the thirty-three aged persons present was given upon entering an aster of significant color to be pinned to coat or gown. The first hour was spent in social greetings, after which the president, Mrs. Everett Kimball, gracefully addressed the company with words of heartiest welcome. Mrs. J. M. Hartwell and Mrs. Mattie K. Priest sang solos and duets accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. F. Flagg. Ice cream and cake were served and then followed one of the happiest social hours ever witnessed.

The singing of familiar songs, the good old songs of long ago, gave much enjoyment and stimulated the sociability if possible, and when the time for good byes came the most genuine expressions of happiness and gratitude issued through lips from the depths of sincere hearts.

The event has passed into history, but as long as life shall last there will linger in those precious minds and hearts sweet and blessed memories of the King's Daughters' reception of September 30.

News Items.

The first number of the Lyceum course will be given at the town hall, Tuesday evening, October 11, when the Hayden Concert company will furnish the entertainment.

Miss Emily Adams, who leads the guild tomorrow evening, will speak on the work of the Y. P. R. U.

The subject of the C. E. meetings for tomorrow evening is "Forward steps in our society." Leader at the Baptist church, Miss Emma Tenney; at the Congregational church, Edward Esten.

There will be an important meeting of the Improvement society in the selectmen's room next Monday evening, at eight o'clock. A full attendance is required.

Albert Wyeth moves next Monday to West Acton where he will enter the employ of Hall brothers.

F. B. Priest is adding a barber's shop to his Sawyer buildings to be used by Thomas Stephens, who has recently moved into the upper tenement.

The temperance meeting held in town hall, Thursday, as outlined in last week's Gleaner, had a good attendance, seventy-five or one hundred coming from out-of-town. The meeting began enthusiastically and the address of the morning by Rev. H. C. Speed of Clinton, a superb discourse, added fire to the zeal of all present. The lunch served by a competent committee from the different religious denominations was delicious and received just praise. The program was wisely planned and gave general satisfaction and, we trust, renewed interest.

Littleton friends are sorry to learn that Mrs. Harriet Pickard Wetherbee, now living in the south, buried one of her twins last week. At the time of the child's death Mrs. Wetherbee was in the hospital for treatment.

Mrs. J. H. Kimball entertained her parents, one brother and a sister last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson of Windsor road, Somerville, were Sunday guests of the H. F. Proctor's. Mrs. Carson was well known as Miss Clara A. Cameron, trained nurse, who formerly practised much in Littleton families.

J. W. Ireland's family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hibbard in Winchester, going in the McDonald automobile.

Perhaps no subject is under more general discussion in town at the present time than apples, but some of our orchard enthusiasts are very willing by way of variety to listen to a more earthy subject—the potatoes, six on one stalk in F. B. Priest's patch, weighing collectively over five pounds.

The Arts and Crafts meeting, the first of the season, was attended by thirteen members, who were very enthusiastic over the work planned for this year. It is expected that the society will increase in numbers, as some who were absent from this meeting have signified their intention of joining soon. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Abbott, October 21, at the usual time.

Mrs. Mattie K. Priest, president of the Woman's club, attended "presidents' day" at Shirley on Thursday afternoon.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Miss Emma Knowles received word this week of the death of her friend, Miss Marion, Sloan of Cripple Creek, Co. Miss Sloan was formerly a resident of this town, going west some three years ago. Consumption was the cause of her death.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church held their regular monthly supper on Tuesday evening. A social hour and a lecture by Rev. Harold B. Drew of Littleton was much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Povear, with daughter Ruth, were at Mr. and Mrs. John Conant's, the home of Mrs. Povear, the first of the week.

Mrs. A. D. Danforth, who has been in the home of Sidney A. Carter at the Centre, has returned to her home in West Somerville.

Among those attending the Wachusett Baptist association meeting at Littleton, on Tuesday, were Mrs. Emma Cummings, Mrs. Charles Brusco, Miss Carrie Hartwell, Miss Myra Girard.

The Shirley baseball team and the Concord A. A. team will play a game on the Shirley grounds on this afternoon at three o'clock.

Samuel James, who had a shock the first of last week, is slightly improved.

Mrs. John W. Farrar, who has been very ill for the past five weeks with pneumonia, has not improved any.

C. R. White has been confined at home the past week again with rheumatism.

Frank Wheeler is spending a three weeks' vacation in Jamaica.

Barnard Holden was rendered unconscious by falling from a teter in the school yard.

Many friends called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson on Harvard road, Wednesday evening, to view the night blooming cereus, which was in full bloom at eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gately, Mrs. Jennie Ayers and son Howard of Boston, and Miss Abbie Gately of Medford were called to the bedside of their brother, Edward Gately, on Wednesday, when it was thought he would not survive the day, but at this writing he is a little more comfortable.

The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist church will have a harvest sale and supper in the vestry on Wednesday evening, October 12. Sale opens at six, supper served at 6.30 o'clock. There will also be an entertainment following the supper at eight to consist of music; also, selections by Miss Nellie Cronin, Miss Mildred Daniels and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brockelman started Thursday for a vacation in New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler are keeping house in Mrs. Frances A. Heron's tenement.

The Boston and Maine railroad is placing a granite curbing about the station. The Hassam paving company of Worcester has the contract. A walk six feet wide is being laid about the station, and will extend some distance in either direction along the tracks.

Fred Provost of Centre road is a member of the crew of the battleship New Hampshire and in response to a dispatch sent by his father, Augustin Provost, Fred replied that he was not aboard the boat belonging to the ship that was swamped recently in New York harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lane have closed their summer home on the Lunenburg road and returned to their winter home in Cambridge.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman went to Northampton on Wednesday to attend the exercises at Smith college.

Henry W. Brockelman and Fred Brown went to the Brockton fair on Wednesday.

The position of stenographer held recently by Miss Lucie Cook of Fitchburg, in the office of the C. A. Edgar and Mfg. Co., is being filled by Miss Ruby Felch.

Altrurian.

The Altrurian club held its first meeting of the season on Thursday afternoon in the Congregational vestry. It being presidents' day a large number of guests were present from Fitchburg, Littleton and Ayer, and a very social meeting was enjoyed. Reports of the last meeting were given by the secretary, Miss Grace M. Kilburn; also, from the delegate, Mrs. M. J. Conant, of the federation meeting held in Lynn last June, who spoke of the great work accomplished during the year and of the fine entertainment and auto rides given by the club entertainers. Misses Doris White and Sarah Stevenson then gave a piano duet, which was finely rendered for such young girls.

The president, Mrs. Mary Winslow Hazen's address of welcome was very cordial and full of good advice. Mrs. Hazen spoke of the good work accomplished during the past year and hoped for greater progress and stronger work for the coming year; also, referred to the fine calendars prepared by the directors. A vocal duet was given by Misses Eleanor Miner and Flora Shepard, called "Love's old songs," followed by a solo from Miss Edith Lyon of Ayer, entitled, "My lovely rose," which was sweetly sung and greatly appreciated. Later a light lunch was served by the hospitality committee. Meeting was then adjourned for two weeks.

Items of Interest.

Under the headline, "Pious Cheese," the Frankfurter Kl. Presse quotes a letter which is being sent out by the head of a religious community offering for sale "pure cheese made by pure hands of repentant women at our home in X." Every purchaser of twenty kilos or more will be credited with a memorial mass, which we will celebrate at our chapel on the death of the purchaser. Retail customers will receive with each purchase a prayer coupon, and when five of these are sent to us by the same person they will be exchanged for a mass coupon. As it is made in our home by women of scrupulous cleanliness, our cheese is of incomparable quality, and to taste it means to buy it.

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Jennie Dwyer, having but two weeks' vacation from her duties in the office where she was employed and having to take them after everybody else in the concern had been accommodated, was obliged to wait till autumn for her outing. Then she went into the country, stopping at a farmhouse not far from a village.

Jennie's was one of those many cases where a girl brought up in comfort finds herself obliged to get on as best she can. So long as her father lived there was a plenty, but, nothing being laid up when he died, his income ceased; consequently Jennie, who had the refinement of a lady, was obliged to work like any other poor person.

Jennie's chief recreation on her vacation was taking long walks. There was a handsome place on one of her routes which reminded her of one she had lived in when she was a little girl. Her father had then been rich and surrounded his family not only with comforts, but with luxuries. This place which attracted her attention appeared to be vacant except for a caretaker and his wife, who lived in a cottage on the premises. How Jennie longed to enter and stroll about over the pleasant grass and in among the trees and the flower garden! Being a timid little thing, she was a long time screwing up her courage to do so. She satisfied herself that there was no dog on the place and found that there were some loose pickets in the fence at a distance from the house where she might enter unobserved.

So one morning when the air was fresh and crisp she pushed the pickets aside and timidly advanced, keeping at a safe distance from the house. But there is always something to tempt a lawbreaker, and Jennie saw in the garden certain flowers of a hardy nature that had not yet succumbed to the early autumn cold snaps. She dearly loved flowers, and from the trees she cast covetous eyes on these, which were rather too near the house for her to safely poach. However, there was not a person in sight, and, leaving cover, she started for the garden, but halting, stopped now and again to make sure no one was observing her.

Though she did not know it, some one was observing her. Tom Maryweather, the son and heir of the owner of the place, a graceless scamp, had come down from town to get a gun he had left there, and at the moment the girl was advancing on the flower garden he was standing back out of view looking at her through a window. He had his gun in his hand, being about to carry it downstairs. He waited while Jennie hesitatingly moved on the garden, cast a final distrustful look at the house, then began to appropriate the flowers. Tom, being of an artistic turn of mind, was quite enraptured with the scene of a shy girl so fond of flowers that she could not resist the temptation to steal them on this beautiful autumn day. He was also dramatically disposed and wondered what kind of scene would result if he were to adopt measures usual with poachers. Presently, when Jennie stopped to take another furtive glance at the house, Tom, advancing to the window, gun in hand, cried:

"Stand, you robber!"

Jennie did stand, though it was all she could do to keep her legs, while one by one the flowers she had plucked dropped from her hand. Tom was not near enough to discern the terror he had inspired, so he proceeded further: "Don't you know," he cried in a stentorian voice, "that the wages of sin is death?"

There was no reply to this.

Suddenly Tom discovered that he was playing with firearms with a vengeance. Jennie, taking the realistic scene in earnest, collapsed. Tom saw her stagger sidewise, then sink down in a heap.

Jumping out of the window, he landed on an extension roof, from there dropped to the ground and ran like a deer for the girl.

When Jennie recovered consciousness she found herself in the arms of a man who was looking into her face eager to know whether he had killed her. Seeing her open her eyes and look straight at him, a great relief came into his eyes. He was about to cover her face with kisses when he remembered that he had not even been introduced to her. But he did not consider her sufficiently recovered to stand alone. At any rate, he held on to her till she of her volition disengaged herself.

The rest of this story is just like any other love story. Tom, who, as I have said, was artistically inclined, was captivated by the picture he had seen from his window. He is not the only man who has been caught by a girl unconscious that she is making herself attractive. But Tom's fate was sealed when the crisis came and he saw what he had done. Long after Jennie had forgiven him he kept up his protestations of regret, calling himself every bad name in his vocabulary. He loaded Jennie with flowers, begged her to come and take all she wished and insisted on getting out a horse and his two wheeled cart and driving her home. The house at which she was boarding was a mile distant, but Tom failed to get there in less than a dozen. Instead of going back to town and thence to his shooting club, he remained in the house as long as Jennie's vacation lasted. The courtship ended in the winter.

GROTON.

West Groton.
Mrs. G. G. Harrington has been quite ill for some days, but is improving. Dr. Hopkins is in attendance. She is being cared for by her aunt, Mrs. Ducaey.

Mrs. Charles Bixby with her daughter Ruth, went Friday of last week to Wellesley Hills to attend the birthday celebration of her brother, Mr. Bixby joined them for over Sunday.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington has been visiting relatives in Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley started on Wednesday for a trip down the Hudson to New York. Little Elliott will spend the time of his parents' absence with his grandparents in Danvers.

G. G. Harrington and son Grant are visiting friends in Norwood. They expected while away to attend Brockton fair.

A. F. Bates attended the parade and special church service of the I. O. O. F. M. U., in Boston last Sunday.

The special collection to be taken at church Sunday, October 9, will be for home missions and will constitute a thank-offering on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the chapel.

A. H. Thompson spent Thursday in Boston. A visit to Mechanics' fair was a possible part of the day's program.

The leatherboard mill is undergoing repairs by several carpenters from Groton.

G. H. Bixby attended the republican State convention last Thursday.

Broken Into.

The house occupied by Edwin Brown in the part of West Groton known as Thompsonville was entered by a thief or thieves recently and nearly all of Mr. Brown's clothing was stolen.

Mr. Trofater's summer cottage here was also entered not long ago, and thoroughly rummaged, though nothing of special value was found. A quantity of grapes were stolen from the vines.

These acts recall the loss of silver ware from the parsonage, of a bicycle from H. Spaulding's barn and several happenings of a like nature in the recent past.

Death.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bliss were called to Vermont last week by the death of Mr. Bliss' mother. The following is a clipping from the Rutland Herald: "Mrs. Robert R. Bliss, eighty-five years of age, died yesterday (Tuesday) morning at three o'clock at the home of her son, Byron C. Bliss in Centre Rutland, after an illness of a few weeks. Mrs. Bliss formerly lived in Fair Haven and Blissville, but had been a resident of this city for about twenty-five years. She is survived by two sons: Byron C. of Centre Rutland and R. W. Bliss of Groton, Mass."

The funeral was held on Thursday, the two sons and two grandsons, George R. of Schenectady, N. Y., and Percy Bliss of Rutland, acting as bearers. Burial was in Blissville.

Items of Interest.

To the practical engineer who visits Canada nothing is so astonishing as the enormous extent of the waterways and the tremendous possibilities of the yet unharassed water powers for the supply of electrical energy, says Canada. Considering the recent utilization of power from the Niagara Falls over a large area of Ontario, it seems almost incredible that only 516,000 of the 2,652,000 horse-power which it is estimated can be produced in Canada is as yet in use. In Ontario the water power is computed at 3,130,000, nearly ten percent of which has been developed. The Province of Quebec, however, owns two-thirds of the entire water power of the Dominion, of which as yet a bare fraction has been utilized.

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NOTICE.

Anyone desiring Town Water Service installed and connected this season, must hand in their application before November 1, 1910, to Perley Blake, Superintendent of the Water Works.

Deer Hunting

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