

GASOLINE ENGINES

After a great deal of investigation, have installed an Olds Engine in my Garage and Machine Works. It works so well and is so economical, that I have taken the agency for this section. There is no joint or packing in the head, so there is no danger of getting the water into the cylinders. It has 40 percent less parts than nearly any other engine made. If your governor spring breaks, it shuts itself down. Both inlet and exhaust valves are seated in cages, so the entire valve, seat and all can be almost instantly removed from engine without disturbing any of the adjustments.

The Olds have especial outfits for all classes of Electric Lighting, Pumping, Sawing and Spraying. In size, they vary from 11-2 Horse Power to 150 Horse Power. If interested, would be pleased to have you call and look over my plant.

Agent for Ayer, Groton, Shirley, Harvard and Littleton.

FOR SALE

One two-cylinder opposed Automobile Engine, 14 Horse Power. In fine condition. Two Running Gears and a number of Second-Hand Cars for sale at your own price.

E. O. PROCTOR, Ayer, Mass.

ARE YOU AWARE

that we are selling the **Gelebrated D. & H. All-rail Coal** (all sizes) at \$7.00 per ton delivered in your bin, also that we are giving a Cash Discount of 25c. per ton if paid for when ordered or within six days from date of delivery?

Positively No Discount Given After 6 Days

Our Coal is running best quality. Ask your neighbor. Order by phone, card or in person and get prompt delivery.

Yours truly,

A. E. LAWRENCE & SON,

Telephone No. 7. Ayer, Mass.

TOWNSEND.

West.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will deliver a special address appropriate to the season at the Baptist church on Sunday morning and special musical selections will be prepared by the choir. His topic will be, "The babe in the manger." Evening services will also be observed in a fitting manner.

On account of the severe weather there was no meeting of the Ladies' Mission circle at the home of Lucy Lawrence on Wednesday afternoon and the cottage prayer meeting at the home of G. A. Seaver was postponed till a week from Wednesday evening, as the leader, Walter Wilder, was on the sick list and the weather also was very unfavorable.

Benjamin Lawrence has been sick at the home of his mother, Mrs. Oren Lawrence, and Herman Lawrence has been taking his place on the order team for the past week.

Miss Bessie Conway of Josselynville is spending the holidays with her parents at her home in Salem.

Eric Young, who is employed at the Center, was arrested by Constable Patch on Wednesday afternoon for drunkenness and disorderly conduct at his boarding place at the home of A. J. Hatch.

Warren Elliott, formerly employed at the works of the West Townsend Granite Co., has entered the employ of Joseph Thompson.

A very interesting meeting of the Ladies' Study club was held at the reading room on Monday evening with twelve present. The topic was "Our government," under the charge of Miss Alice Seaver, for Mrs. Fred J. Tenney, who was unable to be present. At the close of the program a very interesting and instructive paper on "Washington, our capitol," was read by Mrs. E. J. Lees. The next meeting will be "Our holidays and customs," in charge of Miss Edith Tenney, and "Spanish missions," by Miss Agnes Thompson.

The Men's club held their usual meeting at the reading room on Tuesday evening and enjoyed a very interesting debate on "Should Panama be fortified."

The public schools closed on Friday for the holiday week and Miss Blanche Sprague, the grammar teacher, left on Saturday morning for her home in Readsboro, Vt.

The annual Christmas tree for the Baptist Sunday school will be held in Seminary hall on Saturday evening and the committee in charge, consisting of Mrs. Charles Hodgman, Miss Lena Thompson and Perry W. Sawtelle are preparing a very interesting program.

Miss Nancy Reed of Cushing academy, Ashburnham, is enjoying a vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Benjamin Hodgman from Lewiston is spending a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

Clarence E. Streeter, who has been for a few weeks with his son in Waltham, has returned to town and is boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrar.

While J. S. Booth of the West Townsend Granite syndicate was preparing to drive home last Wednesday, the horse belonging to Duncan Rush became restive and broke away and ran to the village where it was stopped and returned to the ledge by F. D. Parsons. No one was in the carriage and no especial damage was done.

Mrs. Fred Roberts and family from Ashby have moved into the E. W. Seaver cottage on Elm street.

The many friends of Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, who underwent a serious operation at the Boston Homeopathic hospital, are glad to learn she is so much improved as to be able to be removed to the home of friends in Somerville.

Milton Wilder of Josselynville will spend his vacation at the home of friends in Milford, N. H.

Centre.

Harold Morse of M. A. C., is at home for the Christmas vacation; also, Burton Whidden of M. A. C., is with his mother at Mrs. Emily Barrett's.

William Spear sold his household goods at auction at his home near "Old City," Friday afternoon, many of the articles being very ancient.

Useful Holiday Gifts

If you are worrying about the selection of some of your Xmas Presents, "We can help you."

A Few Christmas Suggestions:

Men's Sweater Coats	50c. to \$5.00
Boys' Sweater Coats	50c. to 2.00
Men's Umbrellas	50c. to 5.00
Ladies' Umbrellas	\$1.00 to 5.00
Cuff Links and Pin to Match	75c. and 1.00
Gloves of all kinds	25c. to 5.00
Handkerchiefs, all kinds, Plain and Initial	5c. to 50c.

Men's Slippers	50c. to \$2.00
Ladies' Furfelt Slippers	\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
Neckwear	25c., 50c., 1.00
Cuff Links	25c., 50c., 1.00
Mufflers	50c., 1.00
Fancy Arm Bands	25c., 50c.
Suspenders in fancy boxes	25c., 50c.

These are only a few suggestions, we are unable to catalogue the whole stock. COME IN AND SEE THEM.

Fletcher Bros., Opposite Depot, Ayer, Mass.



USEFUL AND ATTRACTIVE GIFTS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

Our stock of goods suitable for Christmas Gifts is most complete. Here are suggestions for gifts that are sure to please and be appreciated. You will find something for everybody in our varied stock. Many of the articles for Holiday Gifts come enclosed in handsome Christmas Boxes. Come and look our stock of Christmas goods over. It will please you we are sure.

Handkerchiefs for Christmas Gifts

Men's Linen Hem-stitched	15c., 25c., and 50c.
Men's Japanette, soft finished	5c., 10c. and 15c.
Men's Japanette Initial	10c. and 12c. each
Men's Linen Initial	25c. and 50c. each
Men's Linen finish Initial	15c. each
Men's Silk Initial	25c. and 50c.
Men's Linen, 6 handkerchiefs in a handsome Christmas box	\$1.50 to \$2.50 per box
Men's Japanette handkerchiefs, 6 in a handsome Christmas box	50c., 75c., and \$1.00 per box
Men's Fancy Colored Silk	25c. and 50c.
Men's and Boys' Fancy Bordered	5c. and 10c.
Ladies' Embroidered Silk, fancy	25c. and 50c.

Gloves for Christmas Gifts

Men's Cape Gloves, unlined, for street wear	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Men's Cape Gloves, lined, for street wear	1.00 to 2.00
Men's Mocha Gloves in fleece-lined	50c. and 1.00
Men's Mocha Gloves, silk and wool-lined	1.50
Men's Mocha Gloves, with squirrel lined	3.00 to 5.00
Men's Mocha Gloves, with lamb's wool lined	2.50 and 3.00
Men's Working Gloves, lined or unlined	50c. and 1.00
Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens	25c. and 50c.
Men's Fur Gloves, Gauntlets	3.50 to 5.00
Boys' Wool Gloves and Mittens	25c. and 50c.
Boys' Gloves, for dress wear	50c. to 1.00
Boys' Leather Gauntlets, lined or unlined	50c.
Children's Plush Mittens, in a pretty box	50c.

Umbrellas

Always an acceptable gift. We have them for Men, Women and Children.

Men's Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$3.50
Ladies' Umbrellas	1.00 to 4.00
Children's Umbrellas	50c. and 75c.

Sweaters

A most acceptable gift. We have sweaters for every member of the family.

Men's Coat Sweaters	48c. to \$5.00
Boys' Coat Sweaters	79c. to \$2.00
Ladies' Coat Sweaters	\$2.00 to \$6.00
Misses' Coat Sweaters	\$1.50 and \$2.00
Children's Coat Sweaters	50c. to 1.50

A Few Suggestions from Our Furnishing Department

NECKWEAR. The very newest styles and colors, very attractive patterns in Four-in-Hands	25c. and 50c.
Bows in fancy Christmas Boxes	15c. and 25c.
SUSPENDERS. A great variety of styles, each pair in a hand Christmas Box	25c. and 50c.
Boys' Suspenders	15c. and 25c.
ARM BANDS. Fancy Arm Bands, each pair in a very handsome Christmas Box	25c. and 50c.
HOSIERY. For Men in plain and fancy colors. They come assorted colors, four and six pair in a Xmas Box,	\$1.00 and \$1.50 a box
Silk Hose for Men	50c. pair
Everwear Hose, 6 pair in a Xmas Box	\$1.50 box
DRESS SHIRT. Made in Black Silk, lined with White,	
PROTECTORS.	\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

BATH ROBES. Makes a most desirable Christmas gift. He will appreciate one	\$3.50 to \$7.00
NIGHT ROBES. For Men, are made of fine cotton or domet flannel	50c. to 1.00
For Boys, made of domet flannel	50c.
MUFFLERS. Every kind of Mufflers for every member of the family. The square Muffler in the cashmere or silk	25c. to 2.00
The Way Scarf Muffler, in all the new colors,	25c., 29c. and 50c.
COMBINATION SETS. Pair of Suspenders, pair of Garters and a pair of Arm Bands, all in a handsome Xmas Box	50c. and \$1.00

Caps and Toques

Caps of every kind for Men and Boys.	
Toques of all kinds for Men and Boys and Children.	
Men's Cloth Caps	50c. to \$1.00
Men's Fur Trimmed Caps	\$1.00 to \$2.50
Men's Fur Caps	2.00 to 5.50
Boys' Cloth Caps	25c. and 50c.
Boys' Toques	25c. and 50c.
Misses' and Children's Toques,	25c. and 50c.

Jewelry.

An excellent assortment of Cuff Buttons and Scarf Pins, each in a handsome Xmas box.	
Cuff Buttons	25c. to \$1.50
Scarf Pins	25c. to 1.50
Watch Fobs	50c. to 2.00
Nickel Watches for Boys	1.00

Bags and Suit Cases

A practical and useful gift.	
Suit Cases made of Imitation Leather,	\$1.25 to \$1.98
Suit Cases made of Leather	5.00 to 7.47
Suit Cases made of Japanese Matting,	1.25 to 3.00
Hand Bags made of Leather	1.50 to 6.00

Holiday Footwear for Every Member of the Family

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR MEN. In a great variety of styles, in Black and Tan Leathers, or in warm Felts	50c. to \$1.50
CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR BOYS. In Black and Tan colored Leathers	50c. to 1.00
High Buckle Arctics for Men and Boys,	
High Buckle Arctics for Women and Children,	
Rubber Boots for Boys and Children.	

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR WOMEN. In a great variety of warm Felt goods, in fancy colors; some with Fur Trimming; also, in Kid and Patent Leathers	50c. to \$2.00
CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR GIRLS AND CHILDREN. In Patent Leathers and also in warm Felt goods in fancy colors	50c. to 1.25
Indian Moccasins for Men and Boys,	
Indian Moccasins for Women and Children,	
Shoes of all kinds for the Boys and Girls.	

Geo. F. Brown
REURABLE CLOTHING AYER, MASS.

Published every Saturday by John H. Turner, Ayer, Mass.
ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS A YEAR.
 To All Advance Paying Subscribers One Dollar.
 Subscribers are urged to keep their subscriptions paid in advance.
WATCH THE DATE OF YOUR PAPER.
 Entered as second class matter at the postoffice at Ayer, Mass.
Saturday, December 24, 1910.
WESTFORD.

About Town.
 The Fortnightly club, which has been flourishing and listening for some effective and affectionate voice to call it forth to old time gathering of forces to do something, has heard the Christmas call, "come forth," cheer up the children and all else humanity will catch on. With this in view the management of the Fortnightly club will give a Christmas entertainment at the Wright school-house on Saturday evening, December 24. There will be songs, speeches, trees, readings, presents. Something for everybody from the cradle onward to old age and all midway ages. The gift of good listening will be appreciated by the management. Let every one try and bring that and have it attractively contagious.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles and baby Decatur left California last Monday for Westford and Groton. Mr. Decatur will be remembered as one of the younger generation of scholars of the Stony Brook school and oldest son of John H. Decatur on the Lowell road. He has been in California several years with financial success. Mrs. Decatur will be remembered in Groton as Miss Rose Adams, daughter of Henry Adams, the familiar Adams in the grange, musician, actor, carpenter and all-round handy talented, take hold disposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dupee of Lowell have added a baby carriage to household essentials. It has not yet been assigned a name. Mr. Dupee will be remembered by Westford people as a native of the town where once stood the largest elm in Middlesex county, when the first sheared it of its beauty and life, and made ashes for the cornfield of the farm buildings. The old Dupee farm homestead at Westford depot.

Vigorous as ever for the welfare of village, church and social life of the community, Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, the Oak Hill branch, gave a concert and entertainment with her Sunday school class at Marshall's hall on Thursday evening of last week. The listeners were not a crowd, but those who did listen, listened to edification. Several dollars were saved from being wrecked by cheap users. They will be devoted to uses along the lines of "Hitch your wagon to a star."

Miss Flora Palmer and Dr. Samuel L. Joslin were married at Reno, Nevada, December 3. They will live at Fernley, Nevada. Both are well known to the villagers of Westford. The bride as a native of the town with home at Graniteville, and the groom as a successful physician with office at Graniteville for several years.

Thomas H. Murray, living on the Concord road, is seriously ill with a complication of troubles, with dropsy predominating. As section foreman on the Nashua and Acton road, he has been unable to work since November first. His illness has been nearly two years gaining a hold that keeps what it gains. He has a family of nine children, and several grandchildren. His two oldest sons are employed on the railroad. He is a member of Westford grange.

The Sunday school and friends of the Unitarian society will observe the gift side of Christmas with its social comè together in the vestry of the church on Saturday evening, December 24, at seven o'clock. There will be a tree free. The children will all get a present, so plan to be present.

Alexander F. Courtney on the Keyes road on Francis Hill is critically ill. It is the reappearance of an old trouble caused several years ago by an accident while working in the Brookside mill.

Two of the children of Carl Strandberg on the Lowell road at Brookside are ill with pneumonia.

H. E. Fletcher & Co., stone contractors and general furnishers of stone hardware, are still at it with two hundred men, and zero frost is driven from his lurking in the stone by steam pressure. This gives the stone summer pliability.

Miss Belle Walker recently entertained old-time Stony Brook schoolmates and neighbors and made the evening with its eatable sweets more impressive as friendship than any rod of correction applied in the discipline days of the little red school-house.

Eugene Tallent of Hopkinton, N. H., has been in town looking after what was left from the fire. The barn, henhouse, fence posts, thirty acres of land and two brooks are still unremoved, except the water which has turned seaward.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Whitney at Brookside is ill with the winter's chill.

Mrs. C. R. P. Decatur and Edward are home from the Provinces, whither they have been visiting relatives and snow storms.

Forge Village.

The funeral of William Ward, who died on Wednesday afternoon, December 14, took place on Saturday morning, December 17, at eight o'clock, from his late home on Lowell road, Groton, and was largely attended by relatives and friends, including many from out-of-town. At 9:30 high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Charles A. Finnigan of the Sacred Heart church, Groton. The bearers were William Leahy, George Rose, Michael Bradley, Michael McGovern, Michael McNamara and John Cleary. The burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer. There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends, which showed the esteem in which the deceased was held.

A very interesting concert was given on Saturday evening by the members of the R. T. S. club in their rooms, and was very much enjoyed by all who had the pleasure of being present. The program included songs and recitations by the different members and also by their invited guests, the principals taking part being Joseph Bennett, Thomas Jacquelin, Robert Orr and Charles Flanagan. The concert closed with the singing of the club song composed by one of the members.

The Tigers of this village, mainly composed of R. T. S. club men, have formed a hockey team and expect to have a game on next Saturday. They are in a fine condition and ready to meet any of the surrounding teams.

The many friends of Dola Dumont will be pained to hear of the injury which he received while skating last Sunday. A large party were enjoying the sport on Sandy pond, when Mr. Dumont tripped and fell, sustaining a very painful injury to his shoulder. He was attended by Dr. Sherman of Graniteville.

Hermidas Chamberland sustained a very bad sprain of his foot last week Friday while at work in the mill of the Abbot worsted company. A basket of wool, weighing 450 pounds fell on it, and Mr. Chamberland is still confined to his home.

Mrs. Lucretia Reed has been confined to her home for about two weeks, suffering from an attack of the grippe. She is cared for by her sister, Mrs. Mary I. Drake.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett entertained Robert McAdell of Manchester, N. H., at their home over Sunday.

Mrs. William Burnett is recovering slowly from a severe attack of the grippe.

Self Help Lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., held its semi-annual business meeting in Abbot hall on Monday evening. There was an exceptionally good attendance and business was done in a first-class manner. The following officers were duly elected: Fred Naylor, n. g.; William De Rohen, v. n. g.; Harry White, elective sec.; William Baker, permanent sec.; William Burdick, treas.; John E. Burnett, lec. mas. and chap. William Baker was chosen delegate to the next district meeting. Past Grand William Burnett was elected lodge deputy.

The Ladies' Sewing circle postponed their meeting until next week, on account of work preparatory to Christmas. For this same reason, the choir of St. Catherine's postponed their meeting.

Christmas Tree.

The annual Christmas tree of St. Andrew's mission was held on Monday evening and was attended by a large number of people. The program was comprised of twenty-eight numbers and was unusually good, the children speaking and playing better than they ever have before on such an occasion. They certainly did credit to their teachers. It was said by one listener, "Not one child made a single mistake."

After the program was completed, Santa Claus distributed the gifts from the tree to all the children, many receiving as much as their little hands could hold.

Among those who attended this most enjoyable affair were many from Groton, Ayer, Graniteville, as well as a large number of friends and relatives of the little tots in this village.

Christmas Exercises.

The children of Cameron school held their annual Christmas exercises at the school on Friday afternoon, which was largely attended by relatives and friends. Each grade gave a very interesting program, including readings and singing of Christmas music. In the two lower grades, the principal features were the well-laden Christmas tree and every child was remembered by a gift.

In the two grammar grades, the singing and readings were splendid. Two and three part songs were rendered in first-class shape. In the principal's room, the special number was a one-act sketch by the young ladies, which showed careful training on the part of the teachers as well as careful study on the part of the pupils. The piano solo by Mrs. Edith Spencer was very much enjoyed by the audience.

The teachers of the school are certainly to be congratulated on the excellent work given by the pupils.

Graniteville.

The short business meeting held by the Holy Name society in St. Catherine's church after mass last Sunday, it was voted that this society would attend in a body the big mass meeting of the Holy Name societies that will be held in St. Patrick's church in Lowell on the third Sunday in January.

The regular meeting of Court Westford M. C. O. V. was held in their rooms in this village on Thursday, when the election of officers took place and one member was initiated.

The choir members of St. Catherine's church are now busy rehearsing special music to be sung in the church on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spaulding and family, who have resided in this village for the past few months, have recently removed to Fitchburg.

The members of St. Catherine's Temperance society held an interesting meeting in their rooms on Monday night. Considerable business of importance was transacted and the committee on entertainments reported much progress. It is the intention of the committee to hold an entertainment and supper, followed by dancing some time during the latter part of January. This affair will be held in this village.

The engagement of Charles Pope of North Chelmsford and Miss Angelina Brissom of this village has been announced.

The Sargent school closed here on last Friday for a vacation of two weeks. There was a very interesting entertainment of songs and recitations given by the children of the four rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hall are rejoicing over a baby boy which was born last Wednesday.



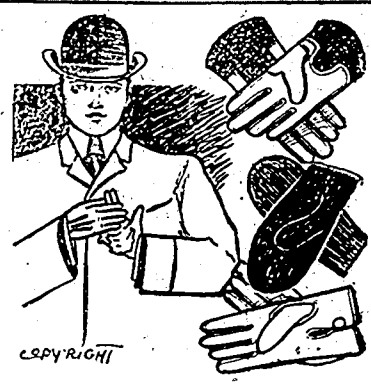
The Boston Store
GEO. B. TURNER & SON
 AYER, MASS.



Christmas Shopping Must Be Done At Once

NO TIME TO HESITATE NOW

If you want a hint and want to know the price at which the articles can be obtained, here are short quotations to quickly aid



Men's Dress Gloves.....\$1.00 and \$1.50
 Men's Working Gloves.....25c., 50c., \$1.00
 Men's Working Mittens.....50c.



Men's Neglige Shirts.....50c., 95c. and \$1.25
 Men's Night Shirts.....50c., 75c. and 1.00



Men's Underwear, fine wool at.....98c.
 Men's Jersey Underwear.....50c.
 Men's Wool Fleece Underwear.....95c.



Men's Hosiery, 4 pair in box.....\$1.00
 Men's Fine Wool Hose.....25c. and 50c.
 Men's Fine Cotton Hose.....12 1/2c. and 25c.
 Men's Neckwear.....25c. and 50c.



Men's Handkerchiefs, Linen Initial.....25c.
 Men's Handkerchiefs, Silk Initial.....50c.
 Men's Handkerchiefs, Plain Linens.....12 1/2c. and 25c.
 Men's Handkerchiefs, Fine Linene.....5c. and 10c.
 Men's Suspenders, in fancy boxes.....25c. and 50c.
 Men's Arm Bands in fancy boxes.....25c. and 50c.

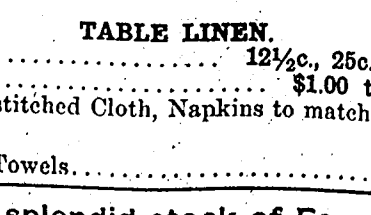


TABLE LINEN.
 Fine Tray Cloths.....12 1/2c., 25c., 37 1/2c. and 50c.
 Napkins.....\$1.00 to \$3.00 per doz.
 Damask Sets, Hemstitched Cloth, Napkins to match at \$5.00 per set



Ladies' Silk Dress Patterns in fancy boxes.....\$3.00 and \$6.00
 Ladies' White Waistings in fancy boxes.....98c.



Ladies' Automobile Veils, all colors in boxes.....\$1.00
 Ladies' Square Chiffon Veils, all colors in boxes.....89c., \$1.25
 Ladies' Silk Scarfs, all colors in fancy boxes.....\$1.00 and \$1.25



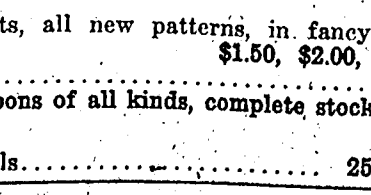
Ladies' Kid Gloves, light weight, fine kid at.....\$1.00 and \$1.50
 Ladies' Kid Gloves, heavy weight, fine kid at.....1.00 and 1.50
 Ladies' Hosiery in fancy boxes, 4 pairs at.....1.00
 Ladies' Hosiery in fancy boxes, 2 pairs at.....1.00
 Ladies' Silk Hosiery in fancy boxes, 1 pair at.....1.00



Ladies' Handkerchiefs, fine Maderia embroidery at.....25c. and 50c.
 Ladies' Handkerchiefs, fine Silverine embroidery at.....50c.
 Ladies' Handkerchiefs, Linen Initial at.....25c.
 Ladies' Handkerchiefs, fine Linens at.....10c., 12 1/2c., 15c. and 25c.
 Ladies' Handkerchiefs, Swiss embroidery at.....10c., 12 1/2c., 15c., 25c. and 50c.



Ladies' Handkerchiefs, Lace Trimmed Linens at.....25c. and 50c.
 Ladies' Neckwear, latest patterns in Bows, Stocks, Jabots in Lace, Swiss Embroidery, Silk, Velvet, Persian, in up-to-date boxes at.....25c. and 50c.



Ladies' Shirt Waists, all new patterns, in fancy boxes at.....\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
 Ladies' Sweaters.....\$2.25 to \$3.50
 Ribbons of all kinds, complete stock.

We have a splendid stock of Fancy Articles, you must come and see them. LEATHER PURSES and Bags-All kinds of Empty, Fancy Boxes for Gloves, Neckwear, Shirt Waists, Candy, Etc. Ward's Fine Stationery in Xmas Boxes, 15c. to \$3.00. Desk Sets, Needle Books, Collar Bags, Traveling Bags, Comb Sets, Whisk Broom Holders, Hatpin Holders, Etc., Etc.



Home Made Hot Biscuits

CLEVELAND'S SUPERIOR BAKING POWDER

Home Made Cake and Crullers.

You will make them dainty and delicious; but more, you will know what goes into your food—that it is pure, wholesome and contains no poisonous alum.

ers. The father of the girl, Mr. Joseph Desmarais, was notified and came for her late in the afternoon. It is thought that she will recover.

Centre.
Schools closed the sixteenth for the mid-winter holiday vacation of two weeks.

The faithful R. F. D. carriers will cover their routes on Monday and help circulate the Christmas cheer to those living along their territory.

Misses Edna and Jennie Ferguson, Edith A. Wright, Ruth Tuttle, Eva Fyne and Edith Bicknell are among our young ladies teaching in other places who are at home for the Christmas holidays.

Last Sunday morning at the Congregational church, Rev. David Wallace gave his hearers an excellent Forefathers' day sermon. Next Sunday morning there will be special Christmas day sermon with appropriate music. On Christmas eve, Saturday, the Sunday school will have their special observance. There will be a supper for the children at 5.30, and at 6.30, the Christmas tree with Santa Claus and other entertainment.

The snow storm of Tuesday night has made good sleighing and the promise of a white Christmas. The men on our branch line electric have been hindered with the snow where drifts and particularly where old Boreas gets in their worst work on the Cummings hill, but they have done valiant work to make their regular trips.

Christmas Exercises.
Last week Friday afternoon, the pupils of the William E. Frost school had their Christmas exercises previous to the close of school for the vacation. The four teachers—Miss Ruth Fisher, the principal, and Misses Grant, Burnham and Crocker, combined efforts and made a most successful and enjoyable event for the children and their interested parents and friends who attended in good numbers. The affair was held in the town hall with a Christmas tree. Each pupil received candy, popcorn and oranges, and in an interchanging of the gifts. The ornaments on the prettily trimmed tree were all the handiwork of the children themselves. A most entertaining program of songs, recitations, dialogues and a Christmas exercise participated in by a number of the pupils was enjoyed by the audience and evidently by the children themselves, who always enter with such zest into the doings of the glad Christmas-tide. The enrollment of pupils at the Frost school is one hundred and thirty-seven.

Seriously Ill.
One of those sudden and serious transitions from apparently the best of health to ominous sickness, especially to little children, came to Dr. and Mrs. Wells this week when their little daughter was taken seriously ill. On Monday, her first birthday anniversary, when a group of other little ones were bidden with their parents to help observe the day, she seemed so wholesomely well that it was hard to associate the idea of sick-

ness with her, but later in the week she was taken very ill. Her father called a specialist in children's diseases from Boston to consult with him. An abscess in the ear with some internal trouble is the diagnosis. With treatment the condition of the abscess has been somewhat relieved and the child is more comfortable and continued gain is earnestly hoped for.

THE POPULAR EXCURSION OF THE YEAR TO MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

Season Now in Full Swing There. High Carnival Reigns Supreme. Excellent Chance to Visit These Cities.

Boston people who are fond of outdoors and the exhilarating pleasures of winter sports, will welcome the announcement of the Boston and Maine Railroad's annual mid-winter excursion to Montreal and Quebec. The going dates of this excursion are from December 29, to January 2, inclusive, and tickets are good returning until January 17.

This excursion has come to be an event that is eagerly anticipated by hundreds of people in Boston and near-by towns. Very low rates of fare have been made for this trip.

The social life in both Montreal and Quebec is very gay just now, for the season is well under way. The charm of the winter life in these beautiful Canadian cities were better known to Americans there would be an overwhelming invasion of these resorts by tourists who are now accustomed to spend part of the winter at southern resorts.

To revel in such delightful sports as tobogganing, snow-shoeing, skating, and hockey, and to enjoy these sports are enjoyed at Montreal and Quebec, is like partaking of the elixir of life.

The tourist who visits either of these cities is not confronted with the problem of what to do when he gets there. There is so much going on, so much to do, and so much fun in the doing of it, that the time passes all too quickly. Visitors are made heartily welcome at the rink, at the dances on the ice and at the fancy dress car-nivals. And the moonlight snowshoe marches are another enjoyable feature of the winter life.

When you step your foot in either Montreal or Quebec, you can easily imagine that you are in the old world, for both cities have the aspect of an old land. The Canadian people are generally hospitable to Americans. The tourist will be able to obtain accommodations to fit his purse and obtain the most luxurious, modern hotel accommodations at a comfortable pension.

To those who plan to take this excursion have the choice of routes, but continuous passage except on the lines mentioned where stopover will be allowed on notice to conductor, going or returning within the limit of the ticket.

New Advertisements
CARD OF THANKS.

To all who, by kindly acts of assistance and beautiful floral offerings, so tenderly sympathized with me in the loss of our little Ellen, we desire to express our heartfelt gratitude.
MR. JOHN McCANN,
West Groton, Mass., Dec. 17, 1910.

FOR SALE—Low Down, Light Express Wagon. Good solid wheels and tires, new shafts; also, Express Hauler, cheap. J. A. SHAW, 22 Park St., Ayer, Mass. 1115

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer will be held at the Banking Rooms in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 9, 1911, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of acting upon the following business:

To choose a Board of Directors to govern the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.
HOBART E. MEAD, Cashier,
Ayer, Mass., Dec. 8, 1910. 4113

FOR SALE—About Twenty-five R. I. R. Cockerels. Also, about same number of B. P. Rock. All these birds are from the very best stock. MRS. M. E. MOORE, Groton, Mass., Tel. 45-11, 3114

THE STRAND WAGON COMPANY.
West Groton, Mass., will sell you for \$18, one set of four light runners, suitable for Grocers, Express and Druggists, with bent shafts; \$35 buys a Two-horse Logging Sled, Steel Shod; \$25 for One-horse Sled, with Bent Shaft and Spring Steel; \$35 gets one of those handy One-horse Farm Wagons with nine-foot boot and Sideboards; \$55 buys a Two-horse Team Wagon with 2-inch Axles, 3x1/2 Tires, Body 12x4; \$30 for Low Front Wheels complete to go under your Dump Cart; \$100 for a Two-horse Tip Cart, complete with Low Front Wheels; \$37.50 takes One-horse Dump Cart with spear so made to fit your forward wheels, and built these Sleds, Wagons and carts for years. We know they are built right and give good service, so look over your wagon and carts. Have plenty what repairs you need. Have plenty of stock on hand, such as Rims, Shafts, Hubs, Spokes, Axles, Iron and Steel. There is one point wish to call your attention to—we hire good help and understand the work. Am willing to do your work at a price so that you can afford to have it done. Phone 101-24. L. G. STRAND.

FLOWERS
For Every Occasion
DESIGNS A SPECIALTY
HARDY ORNAMENTAL
PLANTS, TREES, SHRUBS
H. HUEBNER
All Orders Given Prompt Attention
GROTON, MASS.
Greenhouse near Groton School
Telephone Connection

Under New Management
THE BOSTON HERALD
Boston, Mass.
DAILY: \$3.00
SUNDAY: \$3.00
Per Annum.

POSTAGE PREPAID. Delivered anywhere by mail. Addresses changed as often as desired.

The Boston Herald, New England's Representative Newspaper, should be taken in the homes of every one who enjoys and appreciates a progressive, clean and interesting newspaper. The Boston Herald covers thoroughly every department of news gathering. It avoids sensationalism.

"All the News That's Worth While"
THE BOSTON HERALD
IS IN EVERY SENSE A
NEWSPAPER FOR THE HOME

Make The Boston Herald your Newspaper for 1911. Order of the News-dealer, or send remittance to the Publication Office.

Liberal commissions to Postmasters. Newsdealers should send in regular orders.
THE BOSTON HERALD.
Herald Building, Boston, Mass.

Visit
The
Ayer Variety Store
And Be Satisfied

We have pleased many and there is time and stock left from which you can make your selection.

Be Sure and Visit
The Ayer Variety Store
Tel. 82-2

WESTFORD.
Came Near Freezing.
Etta Desmarais of this town, aged six years, narrowly-escaped freezing to death on Friday morning of last week. The young girl attends school at North Chelmsford and for some unknown reason started to walk home about nine o'clock. Instead of going along the Tyngsboro road, she followed the railroad track toward West-

ford. At 12.30 o'clock a brakeman dived on the railroad track a quarter of a mile below Westford depot. The child could not speak or walk when found and was on the verge of freezing. She was carried to the station and was cared for by Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, and when revived, told a disconnected story. The little girl did not have hat or mittens on, but was clothed in a warm coat and gait-

Sportsmen, Attention!
L. SHERWIN & CO.
HAVE A GOOD LINE OF
Revolvers, Rifles and Guns,
Ammunition, Etc.
In addition to their large stock of other goods.
Main Street, Ayer.

Yuletide Greetings to All

Our Holiday Line of Furniture this year surpasses in STYLE and FINISH

Anything Ever Before Shown in This Vicinity in Our Warerooms
AT
Park St., Ayer
246 High St., Clinton

WE HAVE A FINE CROP

PACKARD
Hobart M. Cable

MCPHAIL
GILBERT



We have the Finest Assortment of
Jewelry, This Side of Boston

As Well as
CUT GLASS, SILVERWARE, FANCY CHINA and
UMBRELLAS

Special Holiday Prices on Watches

IN OUR
CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

We have a Full Line of HIGH GRADE SUITS and OVERCOATS for
Young and Old

J. J. BARRY & CO., Ayer, Mass.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court, To E. ALONZO BLOOD of Townsend in said County, Commissioner appointed by said Court, March 10, A. D. 1910, to make partition of certain real estate among the tenants in common thereof, and to ALBERT M. RICHARDS, Clinton in our County of Worcester.

Whereas, A. Z. GOODFELLOW of Fitchburg in said County of Worcester has presented to said Court his petition, praying said Court to authorize and direct said E. Alonzo Blood, to said Petitioner, for reasons set forth in said petition, the sum of the hundred eleven and 25/100 dollars, said sum being represented to be the amount of the share of said Albert M. Richards of the proceeds of the sale of said real estate.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of December, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you who may be found in said Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or if any of you shall not be found, you whereover found, or by leaving a copy thereof at your usual place of abode, or by mailing a copy thereof to you at your last known post-office address, fourteen days, at least, before said Court; and also, unless it shall be made to appear to the Court that you are a non-resident, you shall be deemed to have had actual notice of the proceedings, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3113
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 CAROLINE F. FARNSWORTH, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and one codicil thereto, have been presented to said Court for Probate, by ALFRED P. K. KNIGHT, SAMUEL F. FARNSWORTH and JOHN SYRON PEARSON, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of December, 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 petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering 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 eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3112
W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Highest Grade
PLUMBING HEATING AND VENTILATING
O'Toole Brothers
CLINTON, MASS.
Get Our Prices

LOST—On the four o'clock train, Saturday, December 10, between Brookline, N. H. and Ayer a Ladies' Black Bag, Pocketbook containing a sum of money and a check from H. H. Barber, Esquire, of Ayer. Suitable reward if returned to MRS. CHARLES A. SWICKNEY, Townsend, Mass. 1114

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court, To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of JONAH PARKER late of Townsend 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 BENJAMIN W. PARKER of Peppercell in the County of Middlesex, 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-seventh day of December, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3113
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 HARRIET CONANT late of Peppercell 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 SUSAN T. RICHARDSON of Peppercell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3114
W. E. ROGERS, Register.

MID-WINTER EXCURSION
TO THE FAMOUS
CANADIAN CITIES: MONTREAL AND QUEBEC
TICKETS GOOD GOING
DEC. 29, '10, to JAN. 2, '11
RETURNING UNTIL JAN. 17, '11, INC.
ROUND TRIP
FROM
Ayer, Mass.
TO
MONTREAL and **QUEBEC**
Go & Return same route \$10.10
Go & Return via route not another \$12.05
Go & Return via route not another \$14.05
Both going and returning routes must be declared to Ticket Agents at the time of purchase.
OUTDOOR WINTER SPORTS.
Visit the great social and historic centers of Canada at a time when outdoor sports are the popular entertainment feature, and enjoy the most fascinating mid-winter trip of the Rockies that reveals winter scenic grandeur unequalled on the continent. For fares, excursions, tickets and literature apply to Ticket Agent at above Station.
BOSTON MAINE
G. C. McINTIRE, G.P.A.

GROTON.

News Items.

At the meeting of Groton lodge, I. O. F. M. U., on Monday night, the following were the elected officers: George F. Bailey, n. g.; George T. Stevens, v. g.; Kenneth Graham, rec. sec.; Sidney F. Davis, fin. sec.; Grant W. Shattuck, treas. Other officers are appointed by the noble grand.

Rev. G. M. Howe was pleasantly surprised last Saturday to receive notice of his election to the National Geographic society whose headquarters are in Washington, D. C.

In his endeavor to keep warm during one of those cold nights of last week, George Tuttle took a hot soapstone to bed with him. He has since been suffering from a severe burn on his foot which is annoying and painful, as he tries to keep on with his work.

The twenty-third annual dinner and roll-call of the Union Congregational church will be held in the vestry on Wednesday, January 4. Dinner will be served at twelve o'clock, followed promptly by the roll-call, and that by the annual business meeting.

The funeral obsequies of William Ward were held at the Catholic church here last Saturday morning, with interment in Ayer.

Last Saturday afternoon the remains of Percy Briggs, who died in Fitchburg, were brought here for interment in Groton cemetery.

The following is the course for 1911 in the Luther, Blood free public lectures: January 3, Prof. Darrach, Shakespeare's "Twelfth night"; January 14, Miss Gertrude Canfield, reader; February 14, Weber quartet with cellist and pianist; March 3, Prof. Platt, "American morals."

The 1911 calendars are being distributed. We are in receipt of two very beautiful ones. One from Shattuck Store Co., the other from E. B. Gerrish.

"The Happy Dozen," young men give a dance in town hall on Tuesday evening, December 27.

Mrs. Willard Tolles is reported ill. Mrs. Charles Harrington is assisting at Moore's store during the Christmas rush.

Miss Bertha Swallow is assisting at the postoffice as extra help during the Christmas work.

Edward Gray and family are occupying the late William Lawrence place on Farmers' row.

Some new subscribers, or old subscribers, who have made changes in telephone calls are: Edwin A. Shattuck has a two-party line; George L. Boynton's call is 28-2, instead of 28-12; Edward Gray of Farmers' row has the telephone and Rev. C. A. Finnegan, private line.

H. Robins Sampson arrived from Dale Creek, Wyoming last Saturday night, on a leave of absence. For the last year and a half Mr. Sampson has been at the West learning railroading. He spent the first nine months of this time at the headquarters of the Union Pacific at Omaha, Nebraska. Since that time through the State of Wyoming at different offices as cashier, and the last three months as telegraph operator, which position he held when at Dale Creek. Returning, Mr. Sampson will take the position of relief station agent, going wherever he is directed. Mr. Sampson is pleased with the western people and the country, though Wyoming is sparsely settled.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Boynton have returned to their own home on Pleasant street. Mrs. Dresser, from Lovell, Me., mother of Mrs. Boynton, is with them to spend the winter.

Joseph B. Raddin, leaving on Friday, goes to the home of his son, George G. Raddin and family at Beaver, Pa., for a Christmas visit.

Miss Clara Tozier, teacher, will spend the vacation from her school in Fitchburg at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gerrish.

There will be a church social with supper and entertainment at the Unitarian vestry, ladies' parlor, on Thursday evening, January 5. Supper at 6.30. The program as arranged, consists of piano selections by Mrs. Cressey; vocal selections by Clarence Hay of Boston; monologue by Miss Clara Robinson, and a play "Murder will out," in which the following will take part: Mrs. Carrie Bruce, Mrs. Alice Rockwood, Miss Carrie Clarke, Miss Hertha Fletcher, Miss Marguerite Leonard and Miss Florence Souther.

Lawrence Harrington was operated on for removal of adenoids on Wednesday by Dr. Priest.

Shad Evans was called to his home in New Jersey last Saturday by the death of an aunt. He returned to Groton on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish leave this Saturday for a week's Christmas visit to his cousin, Mrs. Wallace Mayhew in Philadelphia.

John Bradley and Wyman Gibson are home, from Amherst Agricultural college.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Richards and daughter, Miss Nellie Richards, will spend the winter, beginning next month, at Groton Inn.

Edwin A. Shattuck's work as juror closed on Friday after twelve weeks of service. James F. Shattuck was the other juror on that term.

Mrs. F. A. Sherwin went to Medford on Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mabel Ellis Freeman.

Miss Helen Dodge leaves next week Wednesday for Minneapolis, Minn., where she will visit her uncle, James Gallison of that city.

party with a good attendance, notwithstanding the very cold weather. The proceeds were about fifty-six dollars.

Harold Hamlett Woods came home from Dartmouth on Thursday and Harold Bigelow Woods comes from Worcester Polytechnic on Saturday, to spend the Christmas with the family in Groton.

William H. Whitehill has recovered from his last week's severe attack of illness, and is about his work and on the street again.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence entertained the Groton school students at their residence on Thursday evening. On the next morning, Friday, December 23, the students left town for the Christmas holiday vacation.

The play, "Liberty Bells," which has been rehearsed by Groton grange, to be staged in town hall, has been postponed indefinitely. Four of the families to which some of the actors belong have been visited by death.

The marriage banns of William MacMahon and Miss Delia Coughlin were proclaimed for the first time in the Roman Catholic church last Sunday. The marriage ceremony will take place at the church on Wednesday, January 4.

Grange Meeting.

Groton grange had a pleasant meeting on Tuesday night. There were one hundred members present and some eight visitors. The hall was decorated in Christmas fashion with laurel leaves, evergreens, Christmas bells and a Christmas tree. A good-sized class received the first and second degrees. The program was made up of a piano selection by Mrs. Amy Tolles Wright; reading, by Miss E. A. Mason; vocal selection by Miss Dora Bailey; a play, "How the story grew," in which Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, Mrs. Alice Rockwood, Mrs. Whitehill, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley, Mrs. Jennie Hemenway, Miss Elsie Bailey and Miss Bertha Swallow were in the characters. Reports from the State grange were given by James R. Hawkes, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown and James Starr. Everybody had a bag of Christmas candy and "Merry Christmas" good wishes prevailed on every side.

Baptist Church Notes.
The Christmas festivities will be this Saturday evening, in the following order: supper at six o'clock; children's concert follows the supper; Christmas tree after the concert. Friends are welcome.
Next week, Thursday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, will begin a series of meetings conducted by State evangelist, Rev. D. M. Lockrow, who is in the employ of the Baptist State missionary society. These evangelistic meetings will be continued at the Baptist church, over two Sundays, and every week day intervening. Sunday services at the usual hours. Week day at 7.30. Everybody welcome.

On Wednesday, January 4, the Baptist church will hold the annual reunion with business meeting at ten o'clock, dinner at twelve o'clock, roll call at two o'clock.

Found a Coin.
Edward Collier, a high school youth and a son of Mrs. Estelle Collier, housekeeper for J. B. Raddin, is the possessor of an old coin which he picked up a few weeks ago. He found it lying by the driveway leading to the house and near the side door.

This coin is about the size of an old-fashioned U. S. two-cent piece, formerly in circulation. On one side of it and in the center is engraved the head of a man with the word Georgius on the side toward the face; on the side opposite, are the Roman numerals II, and the word Rex. On the other side of the coin a seated figure grasps a spear in the left hand, and has a shield leaning on the right. The word Britannia and the date 1749 completes the engraving of that side.

This, then, is an old colonial coin of George the Second's reign and is 162 years old. It antedates the battle of Bunker Hill and the Declaration of Independence by over a quarter of a century. How long it has lain undisturbed where it was found, no one knows. Perhaps it belonged to somebody who previously owned this place, in comparatively recent years.

But, as we know that Hon. James Sullivan, afterwards governor of Massachusetts, bought this same place in 1778, and lived here with his family for several years, it needs no very wonderful imagination to make the coin dropped accidentally by some one of his family. The description of the farm by the historians is interesting. "He (Sullivan) bought a farm on the Lowell road, about a half mile east of the First Parish meeting house. It was pleasantly situated and the house which still remains, stands on an elevation, commanding a view of a most agreeable variety of fertile fields and sunny slopes."

Christmas Party.
The Groton Sewing school Christmas party was held last Saturday afternoon and was a very pleasant occasion. The children of the school always look forward with delightful anticipations to this annual party so thoughtfully prepared for their enjoyment. A beautiful Christmas tree with adornments of icicles, tinsel and candles, was the conspicuous attraction for all their eyes. The fruit of the tree distributed by teachers or officers was to the older ones a collar and cuff set with a bow of velvet ribbon, to the younger children a prettily dressed doll and a cornucopia of candy. Ice cream and cake were served to all and dancing helped in the festivities. The school resumes work after the holidays.

Deaths.
Mrs. Ellen (Lury), wife of Forrest Stiles, died at their home in Woonsocket, R. I., on Friday, December 16, at the age of twenty-six years. The infant son born on Monday, December 12, lived but a few hours, although the best medical care and nursing were given. When pneumonia seized the mother, she was not able to withstand the attack and survived her infant but four days.

Nellie Lury lived in Groton from childhood to the time of her marriage. She was esteemed for her excellent character and admired for her modest, quiet and gentle deportment.

When news came of her sudden and early death, everybody who ever knew her was sorry and had a kind word to say of her. She was always a dutiful and affectionate daughter. She graduated from Groton High school in 1902 and united with the Congregational church here previous to her marriage.

The funeral was held in Groton at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lury, on Monday afternoon, December 19. Rev. G. M. Howe officiating. There was a large attendance of neighbors and other friends, and a most generous offering of lovely flowers. Mrs. Kathleen Cook of Somerville, a member of the Appleton Ladies' quartet, sang, "Lead kindly light," "Face to face," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," in connection with the service Mr. Howe read the beautiful poem, "Just across the river." The bearers were Barbee A. Miller, Thomas F. Donahue, Morton A. Souther and John McDonald. The remains were placed in the receiving tomb.

Mrs. Stiles is survived by her husband and one child, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lury, who feel grateful to the neighbors and friends for the kindness shown in this sudden affliction.

A message came to Groton last week bringing the sad tidings of the death at Falmouth on Thursday, December 15, of Mrs. Mabel Ellis Freeman at the age of thirty-one years.

Miss Mabel H. Ellis was for four consecutive years the popular teacher of the Butler grammar school in this town, which position she resigned four years ago this Christmas season, to take a school in Revere. She taught there another four years, and it was during the last year's work that she felt the nervous strain upon her health from which she never recovered.

Miss Ellis was married in May, 1910, to Robert Freeman, a grocer in Falmouth, where she was happily situated in their pleasant home. The particulars of her last illness have not reached her many friends in Groton, some of whom planned to attend the funeral which was in Medford, her native town, from the home of her parents, on Monday afternoon, December 19. Mrs. Freeman is survived by her husband, her parents, a brother and sister.

Lawrence Academy Notes.
The election of officers of the Gamma Beta society was held on Tuesday and resulted as follows: Prescott Williams, pres.; Leonard Fisher, vice pres.; Burton H. Hoar, sec. and treas.; C. H. Libby, Harvey C. Chourne, Geo. P. Watkins, ex. com.
At the public meeting held last week Thursday, after a spirited debate on the question: Resolved, that Gram was a greater general than Lee, the judges decided in the negative. The participants were: aff., Douglass and Rich; neg., Hayden and Fribish. The judges were Frank Lawrence Blood, Revs. George M. Howe and P. M. Cressey. The rest of the meeting consisted of papers, singing, and the Lawrenceian and everything passed off in a way to reflect credit on all who took part.

West Groton.
On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Emma Hill returned from a long visit in the west. She will spend the winter at her home here. Her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Wentz, with her little child, arrived on Tuesday for a two weeks' visit at the home of her brother, Chester Hill.

Lawrence Dilbert of Groton is employed in the store of M. F. McGowan, in place of L. G. Strand, Jr., who is now in the blacksmithing business.

The house on Main street owned by Herbert Brown of Foxboro, has been purchased by Miss Flora Kemp.

Miss Grace Bixby of Boston is home for the holidays and will remain till after new years.

A Christmas service will be held in the chapel by Mr. Trowbridge next Sunday morning.

There will be a neighborhood Christmas tree at the hall on Christmas eve. The usual exercises will be given, consisting of Christmas songs and recitations by the children. Whether Santa Claus is to appear in person to distribute the gifts is something of a mystery as he has not deigned to notify us of his intentions; but as he does not generally disappoint the West Groton children, we shall hope to meet him next Saturday evening.

Going Thursday, Mrs. M. E. Williams will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Worster of Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby will visit their son, Clifford Bixby of Waltham. Mrs. R. H. Burgess will spend Christmas in Lowell.

Mrs. George Gay was called away on Thursday of last week by the death of a friend. She returned on Wednesday.

Miss Beulah Brill of Shirley, employed in the family of Talmage Kierstead, was called home last week by the sad death of her little brother by drowning.

Miss Angeline Farnsworth, accompanied by her niece, Ruth Mellish, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melzar Farnsworth of Shirley.

Miss Bertha Bixby made a short visit this week with her sister, Mrs. McCurdy of Dorchester.

Miss Alma Bowles, who has been transferred from Leominster to the Shirley Centre school, is at home for a two weeks' vacation. Other young ladies home for the holidays are: Miss Ruth Lawrence of Bethlehem, N. H., for two weeks; Miss Helen MacCherle of West Mansfield; Miss Dorothy Bowles from Fitchburg normal; Miss Olive Tarbell of Brookline; Miss Esther Jarvis of Fitchburg, and Miss Hazel Thompson of Waltham.

The L. A. society will omit their regular meeting next week. The first meeting of the year will be for the annual election of officers.

The annual roll-call and supper of the Christian Union church will take place on Wednesday, January 3.

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding will entertain their nephews, Rev. A. E. Kilbourn of Williams-town, Ralph Kilbourn of Albany and

Ellery Kilbourn of Vermont university.

A Devoted Husband.

The funeral services of Percy Briggs were held at his late home in Fitchburg last Saturday. Throughout the community are heard words of sympathy for the surviving families, and especially for the young wife so suddenly bereft of a devoted husband.

Mr. Briggs was well-known and universally liked in Fitchburg, where he has been employed for several years. His happy, genial nature won him many friends, and the beautiful floral tributes surrounding him in death bore mute testimony to the grief and sympathy of many who had known and loved him in life.

The esteem in which he was held by his employers and fellow-workmen was evidenced by the closing of departments six and seven of Putnam's machine shop from nine o'clock till twelve on Saturday, the members of those departments attending the services in a body.

In his immediate family Mr. Briggs leaves only a widow, there being no child as was erroneously stated in another column last week.

Mrs. Briggs will reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington of this village.

Following is a list of the floral offerings:

Pillow, lilies, pinks, roses, with "prayer," wreath of lilies and pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Briggs and family; standing cross of pinks and roses, on base of lilies, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington; crescent and star, pinks and roses, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Harrington; spray, pinks, Ralph and Bertha Harrington; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuttle; basket, roses, pinks, lilies, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pitts and family; standing wreath, roses, lilies, pinks, shamrocks; wreath, roses, pinks, lilies, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sawyer; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Croft; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bixby; Mr. and Mrs. George Webber; Mrs. A. J. Harrington; Clarence Tilton; Mrs. E. Sleeper and family; spray, pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Aden Fuller; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tuttle; spray, pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Sleeper; spray, pinks and roses, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harrington and family; spray, roses, Mrs. Woolford and family; spray, pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Hefferman; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savory; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Croft; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bixby; Mr. and Mrs. George Webber; Mrs. A. J. Harrington; Clarence Tilton; Mrs. E. Sleeper and family; spray, white pinks, Mrs. Laura Wright and Miss Lois Wright; white pinks, Phineas Harrington; pinks, Mrs. Bradford; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cobb; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Rugg.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Charles Conant of Lowell has failed much this last week. Littleton relatives have visited him recently.

Dr. John Lemley of Albany continues to grow weak although no marked change has taken place within ten days.

Mrs. Maria Shaw is reported convalescent.

Fred Moore, who recently went to Florida to favor his health, writes very pleasantly of his winter home. He has for neighbors, Frank D. Sawyer and family, who formerly lived but a few steps from Mr. Moore's home in Littleton.

Mrs. Mary J. Kimball, who has spent the fall months with her brother's family at the New England hotel in Boston, returned to her daughter's in Littleton on Tuesday.

The grange spent a pleasant evening of Wednesday at the town hall. The entertainment was appropriate to the Christmas season. Delegates to the State grange meetings in Worcester, gave a report of the program.

The ladies of the Baptist church hold another of their popular food sales next week Saturday afternoon, in the vestry. These enterprising women are determined to clear the church debt that has been staring them in the face for the last few years, and appreciate the patronage of their friends.

The Lincoln class held a full and interesting meeting on Monday evening.

Lester Moore is conducting his father's farm this winter and has in his barn a herd of forty-five cattle.

Leslie A. Hager, who recently underwent an operation for hernia in a Providence hospital, is making fine progress.

The Newtown Whist club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yapp last Saturday evening.

It is reported that Edward Brotz has bargained for the Dea. Reed farm in Westford.

Clifford Shedd expects to move into the bungalow to be vacated soon by Chester M. Hartwell.

The C. E. topic for tomorrow is "Born in us today." Miss Martin is the leader at the Baptist church.

The Complimentary Ball club held a meeting on Saturday evening and elected as its officers, D. H. Woodbury, pres.; Karlton Priest, sec.; J. H. Whitcomb, music com.; C. F. Johnson, decorating com.; Dr. J. N. Murray, supper com. The ball will be given in Littleton town hall on February 7. Harry Brigham's orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

Walter Boireau of Clark college, Worcester, will spend his vacation in Cambridge.

J. H. D. Whitcomb's family will spend Christmas day at her father's in Stow.

Mrs. Alonzo V. Moore and daughter Mabel are spending Christmas with the Brodeurs in Worcester.

G. H. Cash entertains several nieces and nephews from Allston, Christmas.

Mrs. George Gardner and two children from New Bedford arrived at her father's on Friday for two weeks.

Hon. G. W. Sanderson and Everett Kimball expect each a family of thirty to dinner and Christmas celebration on Monday.

C. A. Kimball, Thacher & Ireland, G. W. Sanderson, J. H. D. Whitcomb and Thomas McNiff filled their ice houses Thursday with superior quality of twelve-inch ice from the Mill pond. The fall of snow comes just in time to add good sledding to other conveniences for harvesting ponds' extract. The Boston Dairy company is also at work filling icehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Breaugh of Danvers were in town on Wednesday.

Frank A. MacMurtry has sold his farm of thirty acres with cows, poultry, wagons, tools, etc., to F. L. Fraser of Boston, who has not, however, arrived at the appointed time to take possession. If the bargain holds good, Mr. MacMurtry will store his goods and go to Rhode Island State college on January 4, for the poultry course. Mrs. MacMurtry in the meantime contemplates a visit to relatives, in Vermont.

The holiday dance to be given on December 29, by the Back Log club, is one of the social attractions of the coming week. Music by Thayer's orchestra.

Christmas parties at the Orthodox and the Unitarian vestries this afternoon, and at the Baptist church this evening. Christmas concert at the Orthodox church at 10.45 a. m. tomorrow and at the Baptist church in the evening.

Arthur Whitney's family of Lexington will be holiday guests at Hon. Frank A. Patch's.

D. G. Houghton, A. T. Kimball, N. H. Whitcomb and W. H. Titcomb attended the Farmers' Institute at Centralville on Wednesday.

Miss Cora Warren is at home from her school duties in Rutland, Vt., for the Christmas vacation.

Entertainment.

Saturday, December 31, will be observed as children's afternoon at the Woman's club. Mrs. Fannie P. Woodbury, chairman, will have charge of the entertainment. Miss Ethel Wood, a story teller, will treat the children to a series of stories and will introduce a large family of dolls, such as are used by the little folks of the various nations. Miss Wood is very highly recommended, and an afternoon of much pleasure is anticipated. All the children of the first eight grades, with their mothers, are cordially invited to attend. An attractive feature of the program will be singing by the children. The meeting will be held in the Unitarian vestry and will begin at 2.30 o'clock.

At Home.

Richard Hartwell, Herbert Whitcomb and Malcolm Priest are at home from M. I. T. for the holidays. Stanley, Richard and Benjamin Conant are at home from school and college. Miss Marion Flagg is at home from Newton, Miss Dorothy Priest from Boston, Roger Priest from Amherst, Miss Bertha McCoy from Hyannis normal school, Miss Edith Houghton and Miss Elizabeth Smith from New Jersey, Miss Esther McInnis from Ludlow, Miss Bertha Stratton from Nahant, Jonathan, Herbert and Miss Margaret Harwood from Cambridge, and Ralph Hill from Boston.

Entertainment.

The concert given at town hall last week Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, received good patronage considering the inclement weather, and everyone speaks in highest praise of the entertainment. Miss Bertha E. Morgan, monologist of Roxbury, who gave such eminent satisfaction at the Woman's club on "guest evening," a year ago, was very happy in her selections and commanded most sympathetic attention.

Miss Laura A. Cave of Boston, lyric sopranoist, revealed a wonderful voice of unusual sweetness. Although still in her teens, Miss Cave gives promise of a brilliant future. Miss Mildred H. Cook of Dorchester, a superior pianist, accompanied the soloists. C. E. Daly cornetist, was not less at home with his musical instrument. The home talent is too well and favorably known to need further comment. Miss Catherine Kimball, violinist, and a double quartet consisting of Mrs. Priest, Mrs. C. K. Houghton, Mrs. Christine Showe, Mrs. Leslie Hager, Messrs. Cox, Whitney, Dods and K. Priest contributed much to the enjoyment of the audience. The proceeds are to go towards a building fund.

Deaths.

Harvey D. Brown of Pingreyville entered into rest early Sunday morning, December 18, following a short sickness caused by a stroke of paralysis. He was 79 yrs. 4 mos. and 4 days old, and had lived the greater part of his life in Littleton, the last thirty-seven years in Pingreyville.

Mrs. Brown died about seven years ago and the household duties have since devolved upon one of the daughters, Miss Cora, who with the son Francis, has most kindly cared for the aged parent. Three other children survive the deceased, one daughter Mary of Lowell, another Myra of California and a second son William of Erving.

Mr. Brown will be greatly missed in the home where he was a kind and faithful husband and father, and in the neighborhood where he dwelt at peace with everyone. He was of the good old-fashioned type, sturdy, industrious, conscientious, honest and in every respect trustworthy. A peaceful and contented mind, a heart in tune with the symphony of heaven, a clean life, a spotless reputation—these and other desirable qualities were among the assets of this good man.

Funeral services were held from his late home, Wednesday afternoon and interment was in Westlawn cemetery.

Nathan B. French, aged seventy-three years, passed away suddenly at Henry F. Work's on Great road on Sunday. Death was due to dilatation of the heart. Mr. French leaves a son Orrin, whose wife was Miss Myra Works of this town. The burial was in Framingham.

Mrs. Lucinda Chamberlain Hollis, aged 81 yrs., 2 mos., 14 days, died on Monday morning, December 19, at her home in Cambridge. For many years she had been falling in health and during the last few weeks decline had been very rapid. The disease was diagnosed as arterio sclerosis. The funeral was held at Mrs. Hollis' home in Cambridge on Wednesday afternoon. Mary Nye and Mrs. Hiram Sawler of Littleton were present. Interment was in Montpelier, Vt., where Mr. Hollis was buried many years ago.

Mrs. Hollis was a Littleton resident during her early life, and in later years came here to spend every summer. She is most pleasantly remembered as a person of gentility and refinement, high ideals and womanly character, a devout member of the Baptist church and constant attendant, a warm friend to all her associates, and a hearty sympathizer with every good work. It was with great joy that she looked forward each year to returning to her Littleton home where she lived with parents, brother Charles, and sister Agnes, and reluctantly she turned the key for the last time in the fall and departed from scenes so full of the sweet memories of youth.

Mrs. Hollis was most fortunate in receiving the tender and unremitting care of her son's widow, Mrs. Alta Fletcher Hollis, who has spared herself no pains for the comfort and happiness of the aged mother.

at her home in Cambridge. For many years she had been falling in health and during the last few weeks decline had been very rapid. The disease was diagnosed as arterio sclerosis. The funeral was held at Mrs. Hollis' home in Cambridge on Wednesday afternoon. Mary Nye and Mrs. Hiram Sawler of Littleton were present. Interment was in Montpelier, Vt., where Mr. Hollis was buried many years ago.

Mrs. Hollis was a Littleton resident during her early life, and in later years came here to spend every summer. She is most pleasantly remembered as a person of gentility and refinement, high ideals and womanly character, a devout member of the Baptist church and constant attendant, a warm friend to all her associates, and a hearty sympathizer with every good work. It was with great joy that she looked forward each year to returning to her Littleton home where she lived with parents, brother Charles, and sister Agnes, and reluctantly she turned the key for the last time in the fall and departed from scenes so full of the sweet memories of youth.

Mrs. Hollis was most fortunate in receiving the tender and unremitting care of her son's widow, Mrs. Alta Fletcher Hollis, who has spared herself no pains for the comfort and happiness of the aged mother.

SHIRLEY.

Reception.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles were tendered a reception last week Thursday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church, in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. The affair was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Knowles and was handled to perfection by the members and attendants of the church who planned this gathering some time ago with a view to making it an event to be long remembered.

Accordingly to a prearranged plan by the committee in charge, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles accepted an invitation to dine at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon that evening, when shortly after eight o'clock a messenger came to the house and announced that the pastor and his guests were wanted at once at the church vestry, and upon the suggestion of Mr. Bronsdon all hurried to the church and reaching the vestry found it in total darkness. However, the lights were suddenly turned on and about one hundred of the church people, who were seated in a circle, waved handkerchiefs and voiced their feelings with cordial greetings, and Mr. and Mrs. Knowles were escorted to seats in the front of the vestry.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, master of ceremonies, then announced that a program of entertainment had been arranged and was rendered as follows: Piano duet, Misses Eleanor Miner and Flora Shepperd; piano solo, Miss Arline Wilbur; song, "Silver threads among the gold," Mrs. Harry Collyer; mandolin and piano duet, Misses Gladys and Bertha Love.

At the close of the entertainment remarks were made by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, Elmer H. Allen, John G. Conant and Joseph H. McClellan. Mr. Bronsdon then read a brief address of a humorous character and in behalf of the people of the Congregational church, presented Mr. and Mrs. Knowles with a purse of money which took the form of a silver shower. Mr. Knowles responded briefly, thanking all very sincerely for their expressions of love, kindness and good will, which he said would always be pleasant memories through life.

Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. M. Louise Butler and Mrs. Alice L. Wright, who were assisted by Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence, Miss Gladys Love, Miss Bertha Weeks and Miss Blanche Wells. A social hour followed the real spirit of christian fellowship predominating.

The wedding anniversary came to a close with the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in christian love," followed with benediction by the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles were married early in life in Chelsea, December 15, 1855, by Rev. William A. Keese, pastor of the Cary avenue Baptist church of that city, where both were members. Ten children have blessed their union, they losing two through death, a son and daughter. Eight children are left them, two boys and six girls, six of whom were present at the wedding anniversary.

Church Meeting.
A special meeting of the Congregational church will be held in the church vestry on Tuesday evening, December 27, at 7.30. The warrant, posted by the parish clerk,

AYER.

News Items.

George B. Turner & Son, enterprising dry goods merchants, have a pictorial advertisement on page-two of this paper which, no doubt, will be very pleasing to the ladies.

A. E. Lawrence & Son have been for some time doing an extensive business in the filling of coal bins in and out-of-town.

Frank H. Thayer of Nashua, for a number of years a resident of this town, was here last Saturday on business.

The usual biograph moving pictures with songs, in Page hall this Saturday evening, on Monday afternoon, December 26, there will be a special moving picture show.

Schools closed this week Friday and will reopen on Monday, January 2.

A large and interested audience listened on Sunday evening to a very important address by Rev. George H. Cote of Boston, on "Health education."

Charles Jackson, employed by the Harvard Shakers, was one of the men who recently felled a tree on land of the Shakers that measured at the butt thirteen feet and one inch in diameter.

Arthur W. Carley of Ayer stands twenty-first in the third year medical class of the University of Pennsylvania.

There will be a special convocation of Bancroft chapter R. A. Masons on Tuesday evening, December 27.

The ice at Sandy is ten and one-half inches, and they will not cut ice until it is twelve inches thick.

Rev. Dr. Fisk will preach on "The birth of Jesus," at the Unitarian church at 10.45. Sunday school at twelve m.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the services at St. Andrew's church since Rev. A. L. Bumpus is the resident clergyman of that church.

Ayer is the center of attraction as a business town with its many fine stores well stocked with a class of goods that can not be found anywhere for a business center of its size.

J. B. O'Connell, general yard master met with a very painful and serious accident on last Saturday afternoon.

Harry Gerrish, who has been in the employ of J. J. Barry & Co. of late, and who has been assistant yard master, is filling the position made vacant by the accident to Mr. O'Connell.

Alec Bedot of Pepperell, larceny at Pepperell on December 10, of an overcoat, the property of Bellamy & Co., valued at nine dollars, was in court on December 19, and on trial was found guilty and sentenced to the House of Correction for three months.

Alexander Young of Townsend, drunkenness at Townsend, was in court on December 22, and on trial was found guilty and fined five dollars.

At a meeting of the Middlesex Law Library association, held at the American House, Boston, last week Saturday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Inquiry at the State House brings out the information that some complaints have been made of the rate advance announced by the Knights of Pythias.

It cost William H. Wilder of Gardner \$9,289.44 to be elected to congress from the fourth district, according to figures which were filed on Friday, December 16, at the State House by his campaign committee.

The meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday was one of great interest. There was an address by Mrs. Helen A. Brennan of Danvers.

The Art class meets this Friday with Mrs. Alice Butterfield. The subject was "Forest Trees," and the memorial to Mark Twain.

The Leominster electric light company, the same company that operates the Ayer electric light plant, held a meeting in Boston last week Saturday.

At present there is considerable power being utilized by the use of gasoline engines and this power is steadily on the increase in Ayer.

Some of these establishments are to install electric lighting plants. Long ago the town needed a day service from the electric light plant here.

Mr. Thorpe of Boston, civil engineer, was in town on Thursday, testing the pressure of water at the hydrants in different parts of the town.

Mr. Thorpe of Boston, civil engineer, was in town on Thursday, testing the pressure of water at the hydrants in different parts of the town.

From the Lowell Courier-Citizen, December 13: "In the month of June, 1864, when Gen. Sherman was on his way from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Atlanta, L. J. Eames of Lowell was appointed by Col. W. W. Wright military director of railroads in Gen. Sherman's department.

From the Lowell Courier-Citizen, December 13: "In the month of June, 1864, when Gen. Sherman was on his way from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Atlanta, L. J. Eames of Lowell was appointed by Col. W. W. Wright military director of railroads in Gen. Sherman's department.

From the Lowell Courier-Citizen, December 13: "In the month of June, 1864, when Gen. Sherman was on his way from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Atlanta, L. J. Eames of Lowell was appointed by Col. W. W. Wright military director of railroads in Gen. Sherman's department.

From the Lowell Courier-Citizen, December 13: "In the month of June, 1864, when Gen. Sherman was on his way from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Atlanta, L. J. Eames of Lowell was appointed by Col. W. W. Wright military director of railroads in Gen. Sherman's department.

John Swinerton, John J. Lynch, Geo. D. Critchett, and Mr. Rand from Lawrence and others, numbering about sixty, started for Chattanooga June 14, 1864, arriving there June 19.

The trains on those lines were run by telegraphic order and to a person fond of adventure and excitement, a good assortment could be furnished.

As nearly as forty-seven years have passed, ought we not to take an inventory of numbers, and ascertain how many will respond to roll call?

Services Christmas Day at St. Andrew's Church. 10.00 a. m., holy communion. 10.45 a. m., morning prayer and sermon. 12.00 m., Sunday school.

At the First Congregational church, morning service, a Christmas sermon will be preached on "Childhood in Christianity." The evening service will be the Sunday school Christmas concert at six o'clock.

Although Leominster still leads the league it received a set back when the Fitchburg team gained on its rival by taking three of the four points.

The following is the individual standing: Names. Games. Pinfall. Ave. 1 Reagan, L. 18 1762 97.88

Names. Games. Pinfall. Ave. 1 Reagan, L. 18 1762 97.88 2 Coleman, J. 12 12,119 445

Names. Games. Pinfall. Ave. 1 Reagan, L. 18 1762 97.88 2 Coleman, J. 12 12,119 445

HOLLIS Carr, aged eighty-five years, a many years resident of Harvard, died on Saturday, December 17, at the home of Henry Veasie.

The next lecture in the Warner course is to be on Friday evening, December 30, and is to be a song recital by Miss Villa W. White and Miss Linda Ekman.

Services, appropriate to Christmas eve, will be observed by the churches on Saturday evening. The Orthodox at the church, under the management of Miss Annie Reed.

Mrs. John Brennan and daughter Catherine from Bellows Falls, Vt., are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neyland for the holidays.

Mrs. S. W. Davis is on the sick list with an attack of indigestion. George Maynard, who has been laid up for several days with a severe cold, is up and around again.

Although late we are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Pettigill on Oak Hill.

Tuesday night the grange gave a miscellaneous shower to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Davenport at the regular meeting held at the town hall.

The complimentary ball club of Harvard has secured the services of Hibbard's orchestra for their annual ball to be held on Thursday evening, January 19.

Miss Annie Russell is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. D. W. Sheehan.

Schools closed on Friday for a one week recess, beginning again on Tuesday, January 2.

While returning from Still River last Tuesday one of the horses on the meat cart of A. H. Bigelow slipped and fell, breaking a leg and it was immediately killed.

The 500 club hold a social dance at town hall on Monday evening, December 26. Music by McNally's orchestra.

Sunday evening there will be a Christmas concert in the vestry and a program of especial interest will be used.

Monday afternoon Mr. Hersey's chimney caught fire, and for a while there was a hot time, but it was put out without doing any damage.

Eleanor Haskell and Edna Robinson returned from their visit in New Jersey last Friday and had a fine visit with the Fairchilds who did everything possible to make their visit pleasant.

Edna Flanders is at home from her school duties in Whitinsville for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Flora Murchie has concluded her school teaching in Vermont and has returned to her Still River home.

Mr. Merrifield returned from a business and hunting trip in Maine on Thursday. He got two deer which he expressed home.

The annual Sunday school Christmas tree was held in Trinity chapel on Monday evening, December 19.

The gifts were then distributed from a well-filled tree, Mr. Skinner of Groton school acting very successfully as Santa Claus.

Shirley grange held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday evening, December 20.

At the next meeting on January 7 the installation of officers for the year of 1911 will take place.

Mr. Burrage of Lunenburg sold all the personal property of E. B. Fairchild at public auction last Saturday.

On Friday, December 16, the Centre primary and grammar schools united and held a Christmas tree in the primary schoolroom.

Mr. Chevrette of Fitchburg spent the week-end at the Johnson house, which he owns.

Rev. Howard Bridgman has completed the improvements to his house. He has installed an engine to pump water into a large tank in the cellar.

Henry Farrar is recovering from a bad attack of the gripe and will soon be out again.

The continued dry weather has caused many of the wells to go dry. Some of the farmers are forced to go to Mulpus brook to get water for their cattle.

Miss Bessie Farnsworth, who is teaching music in a conservatory in Houghton, N. Y., is home for a short vacation.

Mrs. William L. Crockett and daughters Merle and Ruby and Mrs. Jenkins have been confined to their home with the gripe.

Frederick S. Holden of Shrewsbury is visiting his father, Luther R. Holden, for a few days.

Mrs. Charles K. Bolton spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. H. F. Grout.

Mrs. Frank Chandler is very ill with the gripe.

Miss Eva Jenkins, who has been a summer visitor at the Center for a number of seasons, received severe burns in a hotel fire in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., within a short time, and death took place at a hospital where she was taken for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth attended the funeral of a relative in Cambridge on Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Andrews is visiting her daughter at Townsend Center.

Mrs. Edward Farnsworth is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Berger, at Fitchburg.

Mrs. Arthur Cummings spent the first of the week at Fitchburg.

Miss Etta Holden of Leominster spent a few days at home this week.

Miss Etta Holden of Leominster spent a few days at home this week.

Miss Etta Holden of Leominster spent a few days at home this week.

Miss Etta Holden of Leominster spent a few days at home this week.

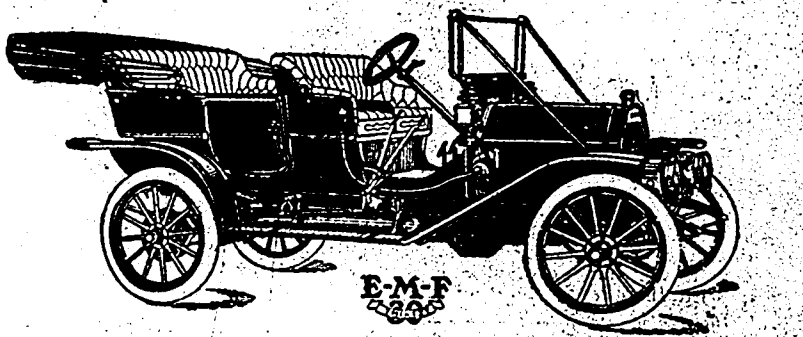
Miss Etta Holden of Leominster spent a few days at home this week.

Miss Etta Holden of Leominster spent a few days at home this week.

Miss Etta Holden of Leominster spent a few days at home this week.

21,000 Testimonials To the excellence of the E-M-F "30" AUTOMOBILE Are submitted to the Public EVERY DAY

THERE ARE 21,000 E-M-F THIRTIES in use at the present writing, and we take pride in referring without distinction to any one of the 21,000 owners of these machines. THIS IS A BROAD STATEMENT, but it is made advisedly, for we know whereof we speak. WE KNOW OUR CAR. We know what it has done. We know that the high standard of its efficiency has set a mark which our competitors have struggled to reach, but have failed to attain. THE E-M-F THIRTY at \$1,250 revolutionized the automobile business. In the short space of three years it developed the largest and most complete automobile manufactory in the world. ANOTHER REVOLUTION has occurred in the AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING BUSINESS. THE 1911 E-M-F THIRTY is being placed on the market at the PRICE OF \$1,000 F. O. B. DETROIT. THREE MODELS: 5 Passenger Touring Car; 4 Passenger Demi-Tonneau; 2 Passenger Roadster.



CLASS, SPEED, DURABILITY and EASY RIDING QUALITIES. Four cylinders (selective type), sliding gear transmission, dual ignition system Batteries (magneto). Insure yourself the use of a car for the fine Spring and early Summer weather by placing your

Order Now AYER AUTOMOBILE STATION ROBERT MURPHY & SONS, Props. AYER, MASS. PHONE 86-3

THE Holiday Season should suggest useful presents for your friends, and articles that will reflect your kind remembrance of the season's best wishes. Therefore, we suggest a selection from our assortment of comfortable and durable MORRIS, OAK and REED ROCKING CHAIRS, SIDEBOARDS, BUFFETS, and CHINA OLBETS, LADIES' WORK and WASTE PAPER BASKETS, AXMINSTER, BRUSSELS TAPESTRY and OREX RUGS and MATS of all sizes. Price 55 cents. Don't forget that LIQUID VENEER and a BISSELL'S CARPET SWEEPER will keep the furniture and carpets fresh and clean and bright, or a framed picture will add cheerfulness to the home.

W. Wright & Son Mead's Block. AYER, MASS.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this opportunity of sincerely and gratefully thanking neighbors and friends for the kindness shown us since the death of our beloved mother and sister, and for the kind words of love and sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Downing, Mrs. Abbie Adams, Mrs. Charlotte Damm, Ayer, Dec. 22, 1916.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss. Superior Court. Directors of the Boston & Maine Railroad, Petitioners for the Alteration of a Crossing at Main Street in Groton.

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex:

REPRESENTS your Petitioners, the Directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad, that a public way in the town of Groton, in said County, known as Main Street, and the Railroad of the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company, of which the Boston and Maine Railroad is the lessee, cross each other; and that your petitioners are of the opinion that it is necessary for the security or convenience of the public that an alteration, which does not involve the abolition of a crossing at grade, should be made in the bridge at said crossing.

WHEREFORE your Petitioners pray that your Honorable Board, after public notice, hear all the parties interested, and if it decides that such alteration is necessary, shall prescribe the manner and limits within which it shall be made, and shall forthwith certify its decision to the parties and to the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

By Edgar J. Rich and Thronon Alexander, their Attorneys.

A true copy, Attest: A. A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Lowell, in said County, on the first Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, to wit, by adjournment at Cambridge on the sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1910.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Groton Railroad Station of the Boston and Maine Railroad on Monday the thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1911, at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the Town of Groton in said County and the Boston and Maine Railroad lessee of the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company each with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, three weeks, successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Groton fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed, for said view and hearing.

RALPH N. SMITH, Ass't. Clerk.

Copy of petition and order thereon, Attest: RALPH N. SMITH, Ass't. Clerk.

A true copy, Attest: A. A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of PATRICK J. AWLOR late of Ayer 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 HARRY H. FRASER of Los Angeles in the State of California without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the ninth day of January, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of December 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 EDWIN JENKINS late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas, ALBERT J. TWOOD, executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell the private real estate in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of January, A. D. 1911, 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 ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the County, within fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

WESTFORD.

Centre. Carl Anderson, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright recently held an auction of household goods at their former home, things that do not wish to transfer to their new home. There was a good attendance and ready buyers. Since then Miss Ella Hildreth has purchased the real estate consisting of house, barn and about four acres of land. This place was between land on both sides belonging to the Hildreth estate, and the venerable house had treasured associations connected with Miss Hildreth's father and grandfather.

At the Congregational banquet held last week Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Conant of Littleton were in attendance with Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard.

Grange. At the last meeting of the grange the master and secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright gave reports of the State grange sessions from which they had just returned and where they represented this grange as delegates.

The entertainment for the evening was in charge of the ladies' degree staff and consisted of a shadow play in charge of Mrs. A. H. Sutherland. Among the subjects represented were "Hiawatha and Minnehaha," "Jack Horner," "An Indian," "Happy Hooligan," "Jack Sprat and his wife," "A housewife," and "Mistress Mary."

Miss Ruth Beneault received the prize for guessing the largest number of shadows correctly. There were singing of popular songs and a speed contest which was to see which contestant could cross the hall, open the suit case, carry, and take out and put on jacket, hat with two hat pins, close suit case, open umbrella and get back to starting place in the shortest space of time.

At the meeting of the new year on January 4, the annual installation of officers will take place, followed by a supper in charge of the executive committee of the grange, consisting of Messrs. Sutherland, Taylor and Blaney.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Monday afternoon little Miss Elizabeth Wells had a party in observance of the first anniversary of her birth. It was a most enjoyable affair and the little lady met the event with her characteristic sunny serenity of normal healthy babyhood, and as if such events were no unusual happenings. The group of invited babies, accompanied by their mothers and a few other friends, ranged in age from six weeks to two years, and were certainly a winsome group, which consisted of Roger Hildreth, Esther Fisher, Elizabeth and Helen Hildreth, Alice Heywood, Everett Beneault, Mildred O'Connor and Elizabeth Wells. Miss Elizabeth was the recipient of various pretty gifts.

To the older guests Mrs. Wells served refreshments of chocolate and cake; also, home-made candies. The rooms were very prettily decorated with Christmas greens.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. The following officers have been elected by Brookline grange for the ensuing year: Edward R. Pierce, m.; James H. Gilson, o.; Mrs. Edna A. Hall, l.; Frank E. Gilman, s.; Chester Barnaby, a. s.; Mrs. Lucretia E. Martin, chap.; Clarence R. Russell, treas.; Mrs. Hattie F. Pierce, sec.; Alfred S. Barnaby, g. k.; Mrs. Etta Hill, Ceres; Mrs. Myra Standley, Pomona; Mrs. Della R. Hall, Flora; Miss Lila Barnaby, l. a. s.; Miss E. May Pierce, pianist.

Frank D. Taylor brought in his second deer on Thursday, December 15, making a total of six that have been captured by local hunters this season.

The Christmas concert at the Congregational church has been indefinitely postponed.

At the Sunday morning service, December 25, at the Congregational church, Mrs. Mary Noyes will read the beautiful story by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, "The other wise man." A union service will be held in the evening. Rev. James N. Seaver will give the address.

Miss Marion A. Stiles is at home from school duties at Nashua for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haven Abbott are at Palm Beach, Florida, for a few weeks.

Miss Mary L. Brown will spend the Christmas holidays at home from Waltham, Mass.

Married at Milford, Sunday, December 18, by Rev. Charles F. Robinson, Ralph O. Greeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Clifford Greeley of Amherst, and Miss Maude Alice Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Taylor of Brookline. Mr. Greeley is a popular clerk at the store of Walter E. Corey, both bride and groom have a large circle of friends who extend congratulations and wishes for many years of happiness. They have commenced housekeeping at the John B. Hardy cottage.

A Christmas reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Shauck.

Miss Jessie Seaver is spending the Christmas vacation at Plymouth and Wareham, Mass.

Miss Dorcas Foster of Fitchburg has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Hall.

Miss Hazel Goss, Harry Corey and Forace Hall are enjoying a vacation from school duties at Milford high school.

Otis Rockwood of Meridan, N. H., is at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Rockwood. Miss Mabel Rockwood of Greenfield and Arthur Rockwood of Boston will also be at home for the holidays.

The news of the death of Mrs. Clara W. Rockwood at Townsend, Friday, December 16, saddened the hearts of her many friends in Brookline where she was so much beloved.

The officers of the Nissittissit Boys' club for the ensuing six months are: Forace Hall, pres.; Gerald A. Shattuck, vice pres.; Harlan Whitcomb, sec.; Earl Dodge, treas. The club

will hold a Name Sociable at the vestry of the Congregational church on Friday evening, December 30.

Nathaniel Hobart, Mrs. Belle C. Hall, Mrs. Celia Powers, Will A. Hobart, Mrs. Adella Whitcomb, Miss Alice Whitcomb, Mrs. Sarah Corey, E. L. Baldwin and Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe were among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Rockwood on Monday afternoon.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. All the schools closed on Friday, December 16, for a two-weeks' vacation.

N. H. Smith, at the "Bridge," who suffered a severe fracture of the leg last October, while picking apples, is now at his home. He was confined in the hospital in Nashua nine weeks. He remained in Nashua a while, after leaving the hospital with friends. He is obliged to go on crutches still.

Quite an interesting incident occurred in the Sunday school last Sabbath when the superintendent asked if there were any offerings for the birthday bank, and two classes of young people came up and deposited their pennies. One class of young ladies, belonging to C. A. Hill's class; the other a class of young men, belonging to the pastor's class. One lady, who expected to go up alone to make her offerings, found herself in the company of twelve young people.

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

The Christmas tree for all the children in town will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, December 24.

The Christmas concert of the Sunday school will be given on Sunday, December 25, during the usual hour of the lesson.

Eldridge Jewett of Pepperell has been spending a week in town with his brother, Andrew Jewett.

Mrs. E. K. Jewett spent two days this week with Mrs. Julia Rideout in Wilton.

Born, December 15, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Nute.

LITTLETON.

About Town. The Woman's club meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, December 31, in the Unitarian vestry. It will be children's afternoon, in charge of Mrs. Fannie P. Woodbury. A story-teller, illustrated, will be given by Miss Ethel Wood, and the music will be by the children.

Capt. W. H. Sawyer spends Christmas in Danvers with his niece, Mrs. E. H. Brennan.

The Guild meeting will take the form of a Christmas service, in charge of the music committee, in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Sunday evening, December 25.

Miss Cora W. Davis was obliged to be out from the postoffice four days of last week, owing to paint poisoning, as the interior of the railway station had recently been painted.

There is on exhibition at the Reuben Hoar library, photographs of cathedrals in Italy, Spain, France and England. This exhibition will remain until January 9, 1911.

LIST of new books in Reuben Hoar library.

- Master of the vineyard... Reed
Sorter of the great West... Houscove
Puddin' head Wilson... Clemens
Plamstead quarries... Waller
Nathan Burckhardt... Watts
From keel to kite... Hibbrook
Northern lights... Parker
Head coach... Paine
Woman's impression of the Philippines... Woodruff
With Rodgers on the President... Kater
Four boys in the Yellowstone... Finmore
Wolf patrol... Finmore
Diary of a Daily debutante... Anon
Louise, Queen of Prussia... Merz
Captain Stormfield's visit to Heaven... Clemens
Mary Casey... frequently Martha
Wrecked on a coral island... Boster
Bek's first comers... Drinkwater
American party... Thompson
Marela... Lutz
Journals of Ralph Waldo Emerson... Emerson
Sons of the Puritans... Forbes ed.
Winning the great West... Richards
Wireless telephony... Richner
Patience of John Morland... Dillon
John Chinkers... O'Higgins
Strictly business... Burbanck
Clever Betsy... Burbanck
Young train-master... Stevenson
Post the northern name... Godfrey
Story of New Netherland... Griffis

Graniteville. Mrs. A. J. Charlton, who has been on the sick list for a couple of days, is convalescing slowly.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE. Nine Acres of Standing Wood and White Pine Timber, near Boxborough Station, Fitchburg, R. R. ARTHUR H. SARGENT, Meadow Creek Farm, 5t12 South Littleton, Mass.

MISS E. B. PATTERSON will be in Ayer, Friday and Saturday, every two weeks beginning December 22, and will order for toilet work and chirophy promptly attended. Orders left with Mrs. S. A. Jones, 52 Pleasant Street; also, Mrs. Nixon, East Main Street, or Box 215, Ayer. 4t11

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM H. FULLER late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas, in said County, deceased, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by EMMA ETTA FULLER, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the ninth day of January, A. D. 1911, 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 Shirley Oracle, a newspaper, published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

The Famous Rayo

The Lamp with Diffused Light should always be used where several people sit, because it does not strain the eyes of those sitting far from it.

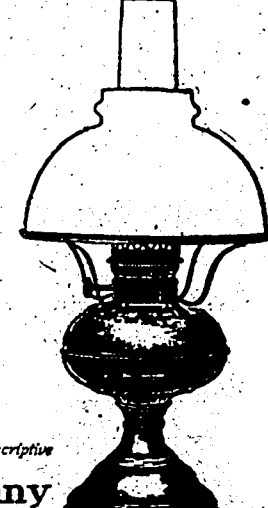
The Rayo Lamp is constructed to give the maximum diffused white light. Every detail that increases its light-giving value has been included.

The Rayo is a low-priced lamp. You may pay \$5, \$10 or even \$20 for other lamps and get a more expensive container—but you cannot get a better light than the Rayo gives.

This season's Rayo has a new and strengthened burner. A strong, durable shade-holder keeps the shade on firm and true. Easy to keep polished, as it is made of solid brass, finished in nickel.

Once a Rayo User, Always One.

Dealers Everywhere. If not at yours, write for descriptive circular to the nearest agency of the Standard Oil Company (Incorporated)



Foot Ball

Sounds like cool weather. Before starting a fire in your Heater, call us and let us get it in readiness for the colder weather following Foot Ball.

CHAS. E. PERRIN, The Plumber, Tel. Con. West Street AYER, MASS.

900,000 MERCHANTS MAKE MORE MONEY WHY NOT YOU? This Register will ENFORCE Records of CASH SALES AND MONEY PAID OUT Price NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS Others from \$20 Up. Easy Payments if Desired. National Cash Register Co. Boston, Mass. Write for Illustrated Catalogue Giving Prices.

A Prompt and Reliable Train Service enjoyed by those who travel via the New York Express IT PAYS TO SAVE A BUSINESS DAY. And you'll thoroughly appreciate the high standard of travel comfort and efficient service that meet the demands of discriminating travelers. WESTBOUND. Lv. Portland, 16 15 pm; Old Orchard, 16 34 pm; Biddeford, 16 45 pm; Kennebunk, 17 02 pm; Dover, 17 40 pm; Exeter, 18 09 pm; Haverhill, 18 44 pm; Lawrence, 19 09 pm; Andover, 19 22 pm; Lowell, 19 55 pm; Ayer, 110 33 pm; Clinton, 110 55 pm; Worcester, 111 27 pm; Ar. N. Y. City, 75 35 am. EASTBOUND. Lv. N. Y. City, 110 40 pm; Worcester, 114 07 am; Clinton, 114 36 am; Ayer, 114 52 am; Lowell, 115 22 am; Andover, 115 48 am; Lawrence, 115 57 am; Haverhill, 116 06 am; Exeter, 116 35 am; Dover, 117 00 am; Kennebunk, 117 42 am; Biddeford, 117 59 am; Portland, 118 25 am. BUFFET SERVICE ENROUTE IN EITHER DIRECTION. NOTE—Owing to the early arrival at New York City (6.45 a.m.) sleeping cars will be held at Grand Central Terminal until 6.40 a.m., allowing one hour and fifteen minutes for passengers to depart from the train. For Tickets and Reservations write, call or telephone to local Ticket Agent, Lincoln Sq. Station. Daily except Sunday. Daily except Monday. Stops to take or leave passengers for or from New York. C. M. BURT, G. P. A. BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD

MEN GET REAL PLEASURE WEARING CHAPMAN DETACHABLE RUBBER HEELS WOMEN FIND CHAPMAN DETACHABLE RUBBER HEELS MOST HELPFUL CHAPMAN THE HEEL THAT GIVES DOUBLE THE WEAR DETAGHABLE AND PREVENTS THE SHOE FROM RUNNING OVER RUBBER HEEL BOSTON, MASS. CHAPMAN PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ENJOY THE BENEFITS DETAGHABLE DERIVED FROM WEARING RUBBER HEEL BOSTON, MASS. BOYS ENJOY THEIR SPORTS BETTER WHEN WEARING CHAPMAN DETACHABLE RUBBER HEELS GIRLS LIKE TO WEAR THEM BECAUSE THEY KEEP THEIR SHOES FROM RUNNING OVER

The Best Advertising Medium Established, 1868 The nine papers we publish fully cover the Towns of Ayer, Groton, Pepperell, Westford, Littleton, Harvard, Shirley, Townsend and Brookline, N. H.

Huntley S. Turner Printer

Phone 105-2. AYER, MASS.

Opposite Railroad Station. "You get your work when it is promised."

NO WORK TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL.

Printing that is Up-to-Date. We will please you.

BOSTON and NORTHERN ST. RY. CO. LOWELL DIVISION. TIME TABLE. Issued June 21, 1909. (Subject to change without notice.)

WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for Boston via Towksburg and Reading (Sullivan Square Terminal, Charles-Law)—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 8.45 p. m. Sundays—4.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.15 p. m. Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5.25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.25 p. m. until 9.55 p. m.) 10.25 p. m. to Woburn only. Sundays—6.55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. to Woburn Square Terminal—6.22 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.22 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.25 p. m. until 9.55 p. m.) Sundays—7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. Lawrence—6.15, 6.45, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. to 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—6.20, 6.40, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—6.18, 6.48, 6.55, 7.05 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.43 a. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—6.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 a. m. then 11.43 p. m. Sundays—6.30 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.55 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—6.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—8.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—6.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. then 11.13 p. m. Sundays—7.30 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

THOMAS LEES, Supt.

Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co. TIME TABLE.

Cars leave Ayer for Lowell, North Chelmsford and Brookside at 8.05 a. m. and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.05 p. m. The two earlier cars, one at 5.15 and 5.30 a. m., start from the carhouse.

Sundays—First car at 7.05 a. m. then same as week days.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer and Fitchburg at 6.05, 7.20 a. m. then 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.15 p. m.

Sundays—First car at 8.20 a. m. then same as week days.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for West Chelmsford and Ayer at 6.05, 6.55 and 7.50 a. m. and 50 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.50 p. m.

Sundays—First car 7.50 a. m. then same as week days.

Cars leave Brookside for Lowell, North Chelmsford and Ayer at 6.15, 6.50 and 8.05 a. m. and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.05 p. m.

Sundays—First car 8.05 a. m. then same as week days. 1910. Subject to change without notice. L. H. CUSHING, Superintendent.

Harry P. Tainter Insurance Agent and Broker Groton, Mass.

F. B. FELCH, Carriage, Harness and Implement Dealer, Robes, Blankets and Horse Goods. Agent for Rogers & Hubbard's Bone and Glass Biscuits. Will place your order till you know about them. Tel. 84-2. Ayer, Mass. 12t

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 2, 1911, at ten o'clock a. m. to choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing, and act upon any other business that may legally come before said Meeting.

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier. Townsend, Mass., Dec. 6, 1910. 4t13

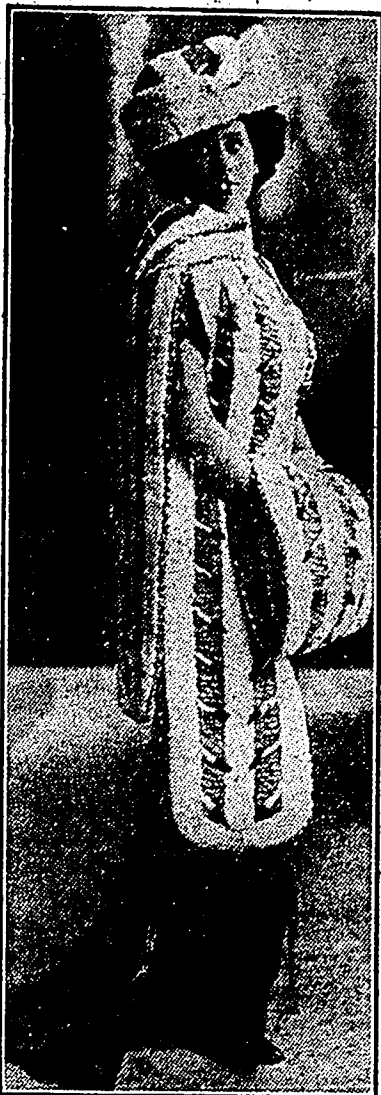
EVAN P. WENTWORTH, D. M. D. BURT M. BRISTOL, D. M. D. DENTISTS. 419 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. Telephone Boston, Monday and Wednesdays.

Engraved Cards Business and Social Wedding Stationery Card Showing Styles and Prices Willingly Furnished GEORGE H. B. TURNER, AYER. The circulation of the Public Spirit in town is ten times that of any other paper circulating through the post-office here, those sold at Sherwin's store and at the publication office.

Electric Lamps I am selling Guaranteed Carbon Electric Lamps, 4, 8 and 16 c.p., for \$2.00 a dozen. Give them a trial. GEO. H. B. TURNER, AYER.

FUR FASHIONS.

Charming Combinations of Pelts and Velvet Seen This Season.



ONE OF THE NEW SCARF STYLES.

Never was there a time when the combinations of fur and fabrics were more alluring than this season. The lovely model shown is one of the new scarf stoles in gathered velvet edged with ermine.

Photography For Women.

Photography as a work for women was brought into prominence recently when the national photographers held their convention in Cleveland. A hundred or more women had prints on exhibition which were of high grade. Miss Lena McCauley, art critic, in an address on photography as the art of the hour, spoke with enthusiasm of it as a work for women. She said in part: "Photography is the living art, the art of the hour, the art of today. It is the latest child of the pictorial arts and the art most concerned in everyday living. We can think of no phase of human activity in which it has no part, for it is an aid not only of pleasure, of beauty and decoration, but it is an important factor in literature, in science, in the manufactures. The surgeon depends upon the camera. The astronomer and the microscopist use it to extend their vision and to record mysteries and discoveries. "Photography offers a wide field for the service of women. Woman is naturally an art lover and takes kindly to instruction in art. The profession is not hedged by precedent, as are law and the medical calling. Woman enters on the same platform as men, and the avenues of work being so varied, she is welcome and may do the work best fitted for her without standing beside her stronger brothers."

American May Be Queen. The Princess of Braganza, who was Miss Anita Stewart of New York, now stands a chance of being queen of Portugal, her husband being the pretender to the throne, who may be seated there in case the republic fails and King Manuel is not able to hold his own. Her money, which she gave in exchange for the title, was made in Chicago by "Silent" Smith, who married her mother.

At Last, a Comfortable Motor Veil. "At last there's a comfortable motor veil," sighed a woman who recently purchased a motor veil like the one seen in the illustration. When the winds do blow the average auto veil has an unfortunate habit of parting

company from the headgear worn with it. This newcomer does nothing of the sort, for it is partially sewed to a broad piece of ribbon which fits securely over the hat, and nothing short of a blizzard will detach it from the wearer's head if properly adjusted.



FOR THE WOMAN WHO MOTORS.

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

GOOD-BYE DANDRUFF

A Clean Scalp for Everyone Who Wants One

Parisian Sage will kill all dandruff germs and banish dandruff in two weeks, or nothing to pay. It will stop falling hair or itching scalp in two weeks, or money back. It will stimulate the clogged up hair roots, will cause the hair to grow, will prevent the hair from turning gray, and the danger of becoming bald will vanish. Parisian Sage is a daintily perfumed hair tonic, that is not sticky or greasy. Parisian Sage is sold by druggists everywhere, and by William Brown on the money back plan. Try a 50 cent bottle today and learn for yourself what a delightful tonic it is. The girl with the Auburn hair is on every package.

LYMAN KENNETH CLARK
Counselor-at-Law
417-421
OLD SOUTH BUILDING, BOSTON
Telephone 9-2, Ayer
At Residence, Washington St.,
Evenings

D. W. FLETCHER
Successor to John L. Boynton
INSURANCE AGENT AND BROKER
Conant Building, Main Street
East Pepperell, Mass.



Let us wheel in a barrel of **GOLD MEDAL FLOUR** at your house. Nothing better for Bread and Pastry.

HARLOW & PARSONS,
Ayer, Mass.
Tel. 130.

Charming New Millinery

at Reasonable Prices can always be found at the Parlors of

Geo. L. Davis
26 Main St.
Ayer, Mass.

Ribbon for Children's Hats

Wire-edged Ribbons make the most practical bow trimmings for Hats.

Our expert bow-makers will tie your bows for your Children's Hats while you wait, without charge for labor.

Price per yd., 25c.

See Costello

Now about having your Sleigh Painted.

Shop: Central Avenue, UP STAIRS.

Over Wheeler's Blacksmith Shop.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of **HENRY C. COREY** late of Groton, in said County, deceased: Whereas, **JOHN L. BOYNTON** administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition praying the Court to determine the amount of money which he may pay for the perpetual care of the lot in which the body of said deceased is buried, and to whom the same shall be paid in addition to the amount heretofore determined for such purpose the latter amount having been found insufficient.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-seventh day of December 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 administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Athletics Versus Learning

Story of a Twirler and Tackler
By HUDSON C. EASTON
Copyright, 1910, by American Press Association.

"Johnny," said Peter Weatherbee to his son when his boy left him in the mountains of Colorado to go east to college, "I want you to study your latin' hard and don't give too much of your time to those games the boys play at college. Out here when an eddicated young man onct gets a start he can top those who haven't the eddication. Now study hard and let the other things go."

When Johnny returned four years later his father was very much disappointed in his record. He had taken no honors, stood near the foot of his class, but was the athletic hero of the season. As a twirler he could send a ball that few could hit; as a tackler no man could get past him. Johnny's father was owner and editor of the Rocky Mountain Globe. But the paper during Johnny's sojourn at college had been running down. A rough element had come into the town, which had started with fine prospects, and so disturbed the condition of things that the better people were leaving, while no new respectable settlers were coming in.

"Father," said Johnny. "It seems to me that it's the duty of an editor to make it hot for evil wherever his paper is located."

"And get shot for doing it."

"Better be shot than let the other fellow take the bread and butter away from you. If the town dies our paper dies."

Peter Weatherbee consented that his son should write articles against the evil disposed, thus awakening the better class of citizens against them. Johnny began by inveighing against the indiscriminate carrying of weapons. Then he attacked certain men who ran gambling houses, with others who made offices of the said resorts.

"Johnny," said his father, "seems to me you've weakened yourself. You can't carry a revolver since you've come down on the practice, and these men you've been larrupin' 'll shoot you down like a dog."

"They won't go for me, father. I'm only an understrapper. They'll go for you, at least till they find out that I'm the man that's after them."

The next morning Johnny put his desk in a room through which all must go to his father's office. He had hardly got settled when one of the parties attacked in that day's issue of the paper came up the stairs.

"Where's old Weatherbee?" he asked. "I'm goin' to kill the—"

"In there," interrupted Johnny. The man was opening the door when Johnny tackled him from behind, pulled him to the landing and threw him down to the first floor, two flights below. He was not killed outright, but died in a hospital the next day.

"So much for my football training, father," said Johnny. "By and by I'll try some other athletic features I learned at college."

Johnny sat down to write some more articles attacking other rascals. Over his desk was a rosewood baseball inlaid with gold which Johnny had won in college as a trophy. When he was railed on his defenselessness he said he could use that far better than a revolver. Duging the morning he heard a quick footstep at the other end of the hall. There's lots in a step. Johnny knew at once what this one meant. Seizing his wooden ball, he went to the door. Some fifty feet away a man he recognized as a pal of the one he had thrown downstairs was coming with blood in his eyes as well as his step. Johnny twirled his trophy ball, landing it in the right eye of the comer and relieving it of all the blood there was in it.

The man didn't come any farther. Indeed, he was taken to his home, where a doctor pronounced his case a fracture of the frontal bone. He died in a few days.

These two novel encounters encouraged the good citizens and somewhat shamed the bad ones. An athletic gambler vowed he would take Johnny on his own ground. Meeting Johnny on the street, he suddenly tackled him with his right arm and began to rain blows on his face with his left fist. But Johnny had been thus held often before. He wriggled out like an eel and landed a blow on his opponent's mug that capsize him. The man started to run. Johnny followed him, every now and then getting in a kick. At last, after having several times served as Johnny's football, the man gave out and could go no farther.

Those who saw the last kick the gambler received differed as to the distance Johnny sent him. Some said it was ten feet, some fifteen, and one man, who claimed to have measured the distance with a tape line, declared that it was just nineteen feet and four inches.

The man suffered from a broken coccyx, which is the end of the backbone. This being the third man that Johnny had put "out of the fight," a number of citizens called on him and told him that they would see him through what else might be in store for him. Johnny said to them:

"While at college I prepared myself for my beginning here. But I reckon that, having got rid of the three worst men in the town, the others will be cowed."

And so it proved. Johnny, having paved the way for his usefulness, rose rapidly in the esteem of his fellow citizens and is now one of the prominent men of the state.

Christmas Gifts
AT
Brown's Drug Store

You will have no trouble to select a present when you look over our magnificent display of the latest gift goods.

Special attention is called to our stock of **DESK FITTINGS** and **BRASS GOODS** from the **FROST ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP.**

- MANICURE SETS
- TOILET SETS
- FOUNTAIN PENS
- PERFUMERY
- BRUSHES
- CHRISTMAS CARDS
- AND DECORATIONS
- CALENDERS
- STATIONERY

Cigars, Pipes, Confectionery

It is a pleasure to show our goods whether you buy or not.

BROWN'S

The Prescription Drug Store,
Main Street - Ayer, Mass.

N. A. SPENCER & SON

Wish to call your attention to their stock of

GEMETERY MEMORIALS

which they would be pleased to have intending purchasers inspect and obtain prices.

Ayer, Mass.

Union Cash Market
AYER

- GREEN MT. POTATOES, 65c. per bu. in 5 or 10 bushel lots.
- GOOD SIRLOIN STEAK, 18c. lb.
- FRESH SHOULDERS, 13c. lb.
- LEGS OF LAMB, 18c. lb.
- LEGS OF YEARLING LAMB, 15c. lb.
- SMOKED SHOULDERS, 13c. lb.
- SIRLOIN ROAST, 15c. lb.
- GOOD ROAST BEEF, 12c. to 14c. lb.
- BEST FAT SALT PORK, 13 lb.
- PICKLING ONIONS, 20c. pk.
- LARGE ONIONS, 90c. bu.
- BEST CREAMERY BUTTER, 5 lb. lot, 85c. lb.
- GOOD BUTTER, 32c. lb.
- BUTTERINE FROM 15c. to 23c.
- BONELESS CODFISH, 3 lbs. for 25c.

Remember the Place
UNION CASH MARKET, Main Street
Ayer, Mass.

AUGUSTUS LOVEJOY
Insurance Agent and Broker
Farm Property written; also, all kinds of Property placed in good, strong companies.
42 East Main Street, Ayer.

E. D. STONE
Insurance Agent and Broker
Second Floor, Page Block
AYER, MASS.
Office hours, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturday 8 to 9

O. W. GREEN
Piano Tuner, Littleton
AGENT FOR TEN MAKES OF PIANOS AND THE BEST PIANO POLISH MADE. Telephone connection.

GEO. F. FELCH
LORIST
Designs a Specialty
AYER, MASS.

THE THANKSGIVING TABLE.

How to Decorate It With Autumn Leaves and Sprays of Bittersweet. Even with "money to burn," the most appropriate Thanksgiving decorations are those that can largely be had for the gathering. Autumn leaves, festoons of ears of corn, their husks turned back and braided together, cocklebur baskets that the children can make and fill with sprays of bittersweet, barberries or mountain ash, strings of horse chestnuts glossy and brown, intermingled with ropes of yellow kernels of corn or popcorn. Red Virginia creeper makes beautiful decorations, as also cattails and groups of bell peppers in all stages of ripeness, from deep shining green to flaming scarlet.

For a centerpiece on the dinner table a popular design consists of a large yellow pumpkin or bronze green Hubbard squash, the stem cut off, the contents scooped out and the edges cut in fancy shape or finish as a basket with handles, line with waxed paper and fill with rosy cheeked apples, purple grapes, golden oranges, ruddy pears with sprays of autumn leaves and green or crimsoning vines trailing gracefully over the outside.

A tall crystal vase with a bunch of fluffy yellow chrysanthemums makes a beautiful centerpiece, especially when standing on a copper tray or one of the reflectors now so popular for up to date table decorations.

Where there are small children an effective centerpiece can be worked out by filling a cardboard box or tray with sand, covering all, or a portion, with moss, then building from pasteboard a miniature barn and outbuildings. Place a rail fence of twigs around the edge, cover all with mulch and sprinkle with powdered alum or epsom salts to represent hoarfrost. In the barnyard have a tiny straw pile, a toy wagon and other farm implements with candy fowls and animals grouped realistically about.

For Thanksgiving favors let the children make toy animals from potatoes, lemons, gourds, beets and nuts with twigs or toothpicks for legs. Strange indeed are the little "beasties" that can be thus cunningly contrived.

If you have fine brass or silver candlesticks for your table use them, of course, but if you have not very effective ones can be made from red and green apples, sweet potatoes or a crook necked gourd, imitating an old Roman lamp. If you have any old family pieces of pewter Thanksgiving is the time to bring them out, though the proud possessor of pewter nowadays is more than thankful to display them on every occasion.

Indian baskets are also appropriate furnishings for the Thanksgiving table, utilizing them for passing fruit, nuts and popcorn.

CLEANING WHITE SILK.

How Paint Stains and Grease Spots Can Be Easily Removed. Grease marks on white silk can often be successfully removed by means of dry magnesia rubbed over the spot, while in the case of colored silk sunshades fuller's earth is a good medium, and pure soap and water can be safely employed in the case of white silk parlors.

Stains of paint can easily be removed by means of spirits of wine, applied with a piece of fannel. Spirits of turpentine represent, however, a stronger remedy, which is necessary if the marks have not been recently made. Stale breadcrumbs sifted with a little powdered blue are one of the best mediums for cleaning white silk. The crumbs must, however, be stale and the powdered blue properly mixed with them. If they are then rubbed with the palms of the hands lightly over the material all surface dirt should be removed. This may be tried with excellent effect on the hems of ball skirts of white silk or satin.

Paint spots can usually be removed easily with turpentine. Should there be none at hand, however, the old fashioned remedy of ironing over brown paper should be tried. To do this an iron is made hot, and a sheet of thick brown paper is laid on the top of the stained material and the iron pressed over it. This has the effect of softening the stain, which is afterward scraped away with a blunt knife.

How to Sit at a Desk. Many headaches, backaches and, in fact, serious illnesses can be avoided if one knows the proper position in which to study and sit at a desk. Always sit as far back in the chair as possible, but do not touch the shoulders or the small of the back to the back-of-the-hip joint without bending the back. Practice leaning forward till the chest touches the knees. Repeat the motion three times. Now you may lean over your desk for hours without a backache. Don't sit with the end of the spine curled under you.

How to Make Grape Catchup. For grape catchup allow a pound of sugar to five pounds of the fruit. Boil the sugar in a cupful of vinegar for a quarter of an hour with half an ounce each of cloves, mace and cinnamon. Meanwhile bring the pulp and skins of the grapes to a scalding point, cool and rub them through a sieve. Add the pulp to the vinegar and cook for twenty minutes. If the catchup is too thick it may be reduced with vinegar.

MONEY BACK

Wm. Brown Guarantees Miona to Surely Cure Indigestion and Stomach Sickness

MI-O-NA is guaranteed to cure indigestion or any stomach trouble, or money back. It is not a makeshift remedy that taken regularly, will make the stomach strong and healthy. It builds up the veins, puts rich blood in the veins, and stops headaches and all nervousness.

Why should any reader of this paper hesitate to try this great stomach prescription when it doesn't cost a cent unless it cures.

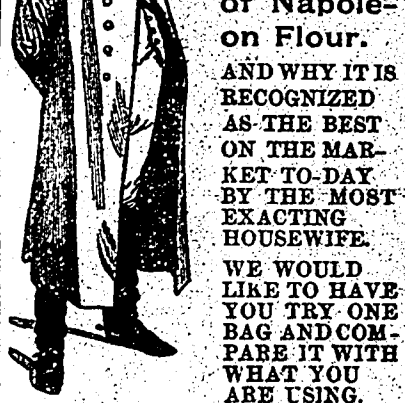
In five minutes it will banish after dinner distress, nervousness, gas eruptions or heartburn.

Women who desire a lovely complexion, sparkling eyes, and perfect health should try MI-O-NA stomach tablets. They cause the stomach to properly digest food, keep the liver, stomach and bowels in order and furnish nutritious matter that makes pure, rich red blood.

If you have such sickness caused by the stomach, such as sick headache, biliousness, dizziness, constipation, sleeplessness, nightmare or nervousness, MI-O-NA stomach tablets will surely bring you back to health.

Sold by William Brown and druggists everywhere, and guaranteed to do just as advertised. Free trial treatment on request, from Booth's MI-O-NA, Buffalo, N. Y.

Just One Trial



WILL DEMONSTRATE TO YOU
The Superior Quality of **Napoleon Flour.**
AND WHY IT IS RECOGNIZED AS THE BEST ON THE MARKET TO-DAY BY THE MOST EXACTING HOUSEWIFE.
WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU TRY ONE BAG AND COMPARE IT WITH WHAT YOU ARE USING.

Mullin Bros.
Ayer, Mass.



WILLIAM E. WHEELER
General Blacksmithing
Horseshoeing a Specialty
ALSO, ALL KINDS OF CARRIAGE REPAIRING, RUBBER TIRES, PAINTING AND JOBBING PROMPTLY DONE AT NEW SHOP ON CENTRAL AVENUE
Just received a Big Line of Horse Blankets, Robes and Sleighs.
Phone, 74-3, res. 78-4. AYER, MASS.

A Nice Assortment of **Democrat Wagons**
Concord Buggies

Carriages, Butcher Carts, Harnesses
A GOOD ASSORTMENT AND AT ALL PRICES.
CALL AND SEE THEM

Carriage Repairing in All Its Branches Promptly Done
ALSO, HORSESHOEING AND GENERAL BLACKSMITHING

Frederick Whitney
AYER, MASS.

Jas. P. Fitch
JEWELER
CARLEY'S BLOCK, MAIN STREET
NEAR P. O., AYER, MASS.

FRANK B. BURNETT
Successor to ARTHUR FARRER
Insurance Agent and Broker
Main Street, Ayer, Mass.
AYER, MASS.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER



Absolutely Pure
The only baking powder
made from Royal Grape
Cream of Tartar
No Alum, No Lime Phosphate

Saturday, December 24, 1910.

PEPPERELL.

News Items.

Word was received here Wednesday that the request of certain citizens regarding a new enumeration of the census for this town cannot be granted. It is understood the matter will be aired in the senate at Washington before it is definitely settled.

A large number of the young folks are home for Christmas, among them Roscoe Woodward from Dean academy; Miss Mae Meriam, Mt. Ida school; Newton, where she is an instructress; Minot L. Blood of Boston, and Miss Mabel Howe.

Chief of police, J. J. Monteith, made his man walk right into Bellamy's store last Saturday and disrobe of a fine overcoat he had stolen the week before. He gave the name of Ituski and after being required to settle the damage he was taken into custody for the theft of ninety-dollars from a neighbor Polander on the hill. He gave the name of Bedat in court and was sentenced to three months.

The chicken-pie supper at the Congregational church vestry for the yearly expense of the public clock was a great success. A large number attended and everybody had a sufficiency of a delicious and tastily served supper.

H. F. Hobart treated his neighbors to some fine cuts of venison last week.

Mrs. A. C. Stewart has been confined to her home for the past two weeks with liver trouble of an acute nature.

There was a Christmas tree at the Oak hill hall for the children and others of the Oak hill Sunday school on Friday evening, December 23.

Business is on the rush at the factory of the Buffalo Shoe company. About one hundred employees in the different departments and every bit of floor space is in use.

The night operator at Central, Miss Molly MacDonald, will spend her Christmas with friends in Connecticut. She will be away for one week. Edward P. McCord will supply during her absence.

The old-fashioned dance to be given in Prescott hall on Friday evening, December 30, is in charge of E. S. Durant, L. G. Robbins and A. A. Lawrence. Thayer's orchestra will furnish music. M. E. Gaskell, prompter.

The new restaurant at Railroad square, opened by Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence, is receiving its share of patronage.

Edward P. McCord has resigned his position at the Champion International Card and Paper company, and accepted one with the Buffalo Shoe company, as receiving and stock clerk.

The veteran fireman, Henry Lakin, who, with the steamer horses has broken out sideways for so many years, gets out just as early as ever, and on Wednesday he received the blessings of many who had to walk to work early and found the walks all plowed out.

See tax collector, E. P. McCord's advertisement in another column.

William Jewett is employed at the Buffalo Shoe company's factory.

George V. Herrig has entered the employ of the Champion International Paper company.

Fire.

A fire alarm was given by the Central telephone office at about 2:30 a. m., last Saturday morning at the request of a subscriber near the fire, who discovered that the buildings of Francis Hamilton on Main street were ablaze. The fire had gained such headway before being discovered, that the entire building was on fire. However three streams were playing on record time and soon, by timely use, under the direction of Engineers Blood, Shattuck and Robbins, the water was conqueror. The lack of sufficient help hindered the fire department. The excellent work done is to the credit of all who rendered valuable aid. Many of the vehicles in the shop were pulled away, but the loss is almost complete, without insurance.

The feature of good which stands out most prominently is the town water. Many nearby buildings had become endangered and no doubt under old conditions the entire village, thereabouts, would have been destroyed.

The cause of the fire is unknown and the entire town hear with regret of Mr. Hamilton's loss as he has been more or less of an invalid for the past year. To many men in the best of health, such a loss would mean ruin, but it is said that Mr. Hamilton intends to rebuild.

About Town.

Roscoe Woodward from Dean academy, came home on December 18, for his Christmas vacation to be spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward.

Minot Blood is spending his vacation at Warren Blood's.

Edward Wright, former assistant superintendent of Nashua River Paper company's mills, was in town Monday and Tuesday visiting among friends. Mr. Wright is now employed in a similar capacity at Balston's Spa, N. Y.

Arthur Bannon is still confined to the house with rheumatic neuralgia. Albert Putnam is driving Mr. Bannon's laundry team during his illness.

Harry Allen and wife and little daughter from Somerville are visiting Mr. Allen's mother at A. J. Woodward's on Park street.

Helen Brown of Worcester is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Green have moved into the Dr. Fletcher house on Main street; Mrs. Sarah Fletcher into Miss Florence Sibley's tenement recently vacated by P. J. Kemp, who has moved into his new residence on Main street. Charles Dane is fast getting settled in the place known as the Richard Pierce place on Head street.

A Million for the Heirs.

After years of waiting, the various grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Capt. Christopher Grant, one of the best remembered of the old Marblehead skippers engaged in the West Indian trade early in the last century, now have hopes of obtaining, as his heirs, the spoilation money long ago paid over to the United States government by France to offset the capture and looting of Capt. Grant's three schooners by French privateers.

With the accumulated interest it is calculated the money to be divided will amount to more than \$1,000,000. A bill providing for its payment to those entitled legally to receive it ready to be introduced in Congress by Senator Lodge and Congressman Roberts.

Those directly interested in the distribution of this money include Mrs. Margaret Blood of this town; William Brown, a provision dealer of Marblehead; Mrs. Joann Burrigge, Marblehead; Christopher Hillier Lynn; Mrs. William U. Tuttle, Hyde Park; and Benjamin Thompson, address uncertain. These are offspring of Capt. Grant's five daughters. His only son remained a bachelor.

Obituary.

Col. Wm. F. Spalding of Malden whose death occurred last week Saturday, was a printer, a member of the grand army and an ex-alderman. His death was caused by an acute attack of heart disease in his sixtieth year. He was born in Pepperell in 1812 and was the elder of two children of Eli and Harriet Spalding.

He was left an orphan at an early age and after the death of his father he was taken by his grandfather, Alpheus Eastman, with whom he lived in Hollis. He was educated in the district and high schools of that place and at Appleton academy, New Ipswich. He began his business life as a clerk in a grocery store in Nashua and at the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the 7th New Hampshire regiment and was assigned to Co. H of Hollis, September 27, 1861. He was soon raised to sergeantcy and after the disastrous assault on Fort Wagner he was made first lieutenant and assigned to Co. E, July 17, 1863. He was engaged in some sixteen battles and was wounded in the assault upon Fort Wagner. During the siege he had charge of the company which mounted the large 200-pounder Parrot gun on Morris island and which became famous and known as the "Swamp angel," which was the first gun that threw shot into the city of Charleston, setting fire to the city in many places, creating great consternation in the rebel city. The 7th and 8th infantry was a part of the brigade that charged Fort Wagner with the "colored" 54th Massachusetts which was commanded by Col. Robert G. Shaw and the brigade was under the command of Acting Brigadier-General Putnam of the 7th New Hampshire, when both commanders were killed and a great number of the brigade were killed, wounded and captured.

Immediately on being made first lieutenant, Colonel Spalding was given the command of his company and was in a fair way to captaincy when the close of the war came. He has resided in Malden the greater part of the time since. He was a conductor on the Old Consolidated railroad between Malden and Boston and filled other positions of trust. For about a dozen years past he has been in the printing business in Malden.

The colonel was prominent in Odd Fellows' circles, being a past officer in all branches in Malden. He also commanded the 2d Massachusetts regiment of Patriots Militant, thereby securing the title of colonel which his friends always called him, though he preferred to be called a plain comrade. He was past commander of Post 40, G. A. R., and was marshal of all the Memorial day parades. He was a leader in the post leg club and was quite a musician, being a good singer and a fine companion. He represented ward one in both branches of the Malden city councils. Col. Spalding was also a member of Mt. Vernon lodge of Masons and the 7th N. H. regiment association. He was twice married and is survived by an aunt in Nashua and a grandson, Wm. F. Spalding of Walpole. His only son Fred, having died last year in New York.

Gleanings.

Mrs. Charles Parker, who has been caring for Mrs. Harry Foster, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Otis Saunders of Lunenburg, formerly of this town, is at work in a milliner's store in Fitchburg.

Miss Edna Kittredge has been at the home of her parents a short time on account of sickness. She returned to her work in Worcester this week.

Low water has caused a shut down this week in H. A. Parker's mill at the East village.

Frank Beyer of West Groton has been visiting friends in town this week.

P. J. Kemp moved into his new home on Thursday of last week.

Arthur McGrath went to Florida on last Monday for the winter.

Mrs. Marietta Putney, of Chapel

place has returned from a six-weeks' visit with friends in Leominster.

Mrs. Harry Foster, who was reported in last week's paper as injured by a fall, is improving rapidly.

George Herrig, who has been shipping clerk at the Buffalo Shoe company's shop, is now employed in the shipping department of the Champion Card and Paper company. E. P. McCord has taken the place vacated by Mr. Herrig.

Fred Shepherd of Erie, Pa., is soon to move into Mrs. Jennie Winch's house on Main street.

Miss Anna Thayer and sister Catherine visited in Boston this week.

Mrs. Abbie Shattuck and Mrs. Warren Blood attended the meeting of the past noble grand association of the Rebekah lodge held in Fitchburg on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Martha O'Neal, formerly of this town, is still very seriously ill at a private hospital in Hartford, Conn. Her daughter, Miss Agnes, who was employed in an office in Leominster, has left her work and gone to Hartford to be with her mother all that is possible.

Mrs. Thomas Attridge and Mrs. Way are working in the store of Charles Swasey for the holiday season.

The Sunday school of the Unitarian church will have a Christmas tree in Central hall, Saturday evening, December 24. All friends are invited to come and bring their presents.

The young men of East Pepperell will hold a social dance in Lawrence hall, Monday, December 26, afternoon from two to six and evening from eight to twelve. Music by Thayer's orchestra.

Edward Wright of Balston Spa, N. Y., formerly of this town, was here a few days this week.

Operations are under way for a first-class moving picture show to be run in Lawrence hall three times a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoon and evening. B. C. Wilson and W. E. Jones, proprietors.

Centre.

The voice and piano pupils of Miss Ida E. Dow of Boston, and a teacher of this town, gave a recital in Faelton hall in that city, Tuesday evening, December 19, consisting of piano and vocal solos and duets. Selections from the Messiah were sung by the Dow Choral society, Miss Ida E. Dow, conductor; Gladys L. Gordon, accompanist. A program of twenty-five numbers was rendered. Those assisting from Pepperell were Arlene T. Deware and Lillian L. Dunton.

On Friday, December 16, in memory of the Boston tea party in 1773, the Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., held its December meeting with the treasurer, Mrs. Marshal Meriam. Owing to the unpleasant weather and busy season the attendance was small. The usual business meeting was followed by a tea contest, after which the Vice Regent invited the ladies to tea in Mrs. Meriam's pleasant dining room.

At the First Parish church, the Sunday school Christmas festival will be held on Saturday evening at 7.30. The Sunday school will join in the morning service on Sunday, meeting at the church at 10.30. The meeting of the Babbidge guild at six o'clock will be led by the minister, who will speak of Christmas in song and poem.

The Red Cross seals are on sale at all the stores in town.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will meet on Thursday, December 29, at 2.30. This is the annual meeting and a full attendance is desired. Supper will be served in the vestry at 6.30 to members of the society.

The clock supper was a success, socially and financially.

Ezra L. Goss sustained an injury to his knee while going up stairs. He fell fracturing the knee cap.

Mrs. H. A. Drury is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. A. Harrington at Worcester.

Rev. A. W. L. Nelson was called home on Tuesday by the illness of his mother at Westboro.

The high school orchestra gave a very interesting entertainment at the vacation closing of the grammar school.

Saturday evening at 7.30, the usual Christmas tree and entertainment will be held in the vestry of the M. E. church. On Sunday services will be observed, followed by the annual Christmas concert in the evening.

TOWNSEND.

Centre.
The Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their meeting Tuesday evening: M. Blanche Shaw, pres.; Margaret Wilson, sen. vice; Ella Wilson, Jun. Vice; L. Elvora Smith, treas.; Battle M. Smith, chan.; Mrs. Lillian Floyd, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Helen D. Warman, Mrs. Ellen Richards, Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, trustees.

Mrs. R. H. Miller and little daughter Katherine of Los Angeles, Cal., are visiting at Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. A. N. Fessenden.

Schools closed this Friday for the Christmas vacation and will begin again right after the new year.

Miss Marguerite Struthers of the Northfield school is enjoying her vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Struthers.

Miss Lillian Hildreth of the Waltham postoffice force was at H. B. Hildreth's over Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas Sale.

The annual Christmas sale of the M. E. society held Wednesday afternoon and evening, was well patronized. The booths, representing the days of the week, were trimmed in various colors and contained for Monday all sorts of wash day articles. This was in charge of Mrs. Alice Bowley. Tuesday, ironing day necessities, in charge of Mrs. Sylvia Wachs; Wednesday, memory table of various articles sent by out-of-town people, Mrs. Bliss; Thursday, fancy articles, Mrs. Dow and Mrs. Lawrence; Friday, dust caps, cleaners and brooms; Mrs. Hargreaves and Mrs. Misner; Saturday, cooked food, Mrs. Waite and Mrs. Scales. Miss

Josie Warner had charge of the candy booth and Mrs. George Upham the ice cream. Nearly everything was sold. In the evening the following program was given:

Piano duet, Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Wachs; Southern lullaby, ladies' quartet; two tableaux; solo, Stella Farrar; "I saw him do it," ladies' quartet; piano solo, Mrs. Walter Farrar. The evening's entertainment ended with the laughable farce, "Packing the missionary barrel," which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Deaths.

Mrs. Clara (Whitcomb) Rockwood, wife of Walter F. Rockwood, died at her late home on Main street, Friday morning, December 16, after a lingering illness of several months. She was born April 30, 1860, at Townsend, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Whitcomb. When she was still a young girl her family moved to Brookline, N. H., where her girlhood days were spent and where she lived also many happy years of her married life. A few years ago, the business interests of her husband was the cause of their return permanently to this town, where they have since resided near the Osgood store.

The last services were held at the home on Monday afternoon, her former pastor, Rev. F. D. Sargent, now of Putnam, Conn., officiating. Mrs. Sylvia Wachs and Mrs. Florence Gwinn sang "The home land," and "Some sweet day, bye and bye." The profusion of beautiful floral offerings of sympathetic neighbors and friends, testified to the esteem in which she was held and to her sweet character, recognized by all who met her.

She leaves a husband and two daughters—Ethel and Gertrude, who have the sympathy of all in their loss of a faithful wife and loving mother. She also leaves a brother, William H. Whitcomb of Newtonville, and a sister, M. Lizzie Whitcomb of this town, who has been to her more than a sister in tenderly aiding and caring for her during these last sad months. All that could be done was done, by loving husband, daughters, sisters and faithful nurses for one who was so kind to all, during her whole life. The burial was in town. Many friends and relatives attended from out-of-town.

Charles Simonds, aged seventy-five years, died quite suddenly last Saturday at his home on Townsend hill. He has not been well for some time, having slow consumption, but had been up and about until the very last, when death came almost without warning. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Alice Powell, wife of G. T. Powell, with whom he made his home, and two sons, Leroy and Everett. The funeral was held at the home on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. L. Struthers officiating. The burial was in the family lot. Neighbors and friends sent many beautiful flowers. Mr. Simonds was a kind father, neighbor and friend. He was formerly librarian at the Congregational church Sunday school for some time.

Harbor.

The last of the laurel wreaths have been shipped to Boston for the holiday trade. One family is reported to have sent in one hundred and fifty dozen. Icehouses in this vicinity are being rapidly filled with an unusually fine quality of ice cut from the Harbor pond.

This Saturday the Sunday school have an entertainment and Christmas tree at the Harbor hall, to which all are invited. At six o'clock a baked-bean supper will be served.

Last Saturday evening the Whist club met at Pinehurst. Following the cards a bachelor lunch was served. The invited guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Hezlie Spaulding and Miss Kate Tarbell, all of West Groton.

The "As you like it club," at its last meeting was delightfully entertained at Mrs. Ida Brown's. After the opening exercises, favors containing in part a floral romance were distributed among the members by whom all omissions were to be filled in. The contest was interesting and called an intimate acquaintance with the names of flowers. A box of homemade bonbons was given as a prize to the winner. The program included the reading of newspaper items; also, musical selections by Mrs. Conant. Following the serving of lunch the meeting adjourned.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.
Mrs. Dana Sanderson, who has been at the home of her parents for a week past, will not return to Shirley until after the Christmas holidays.

The public schools closed on Friday for Christmas holidays and will reopen on Monday, January 2.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge held its regular meeting on Friday evening of this week when three candidates were initiated.

Mrs. K. C. Fernald, who has been at her home for a few days, returned to Riverdale, N. Y., on Tuesday.

Leo O'Neill, clerk at C. R. White's grocery store for some years past, has accepted a position with the Peerless Automobile Co. of Boston, and will commence work in their repair shop with a view to later becoming a chauffeur. He will enter upon his new duties on January first.

Miss Louise Roe, teacher in the home of Rev. Dr. Howard O. Bridgman, will spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

The annual roll call of the Congregational church occurs on Thursday evening, January 5, in the church vestry.

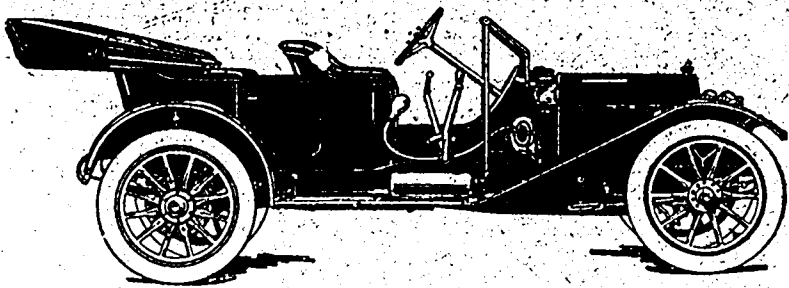
The following program was given at the high school assembly on Friday, December 16: Piano solo, Emma Hubbard; school paper, Ethel Holden, Walter Wheeler, editors; reading, Mildred Evans; song, school.

Dr. H. M. Paine of Harvard, with family and household goods, has moved to Shirley, occupying the residence formerly owned by Dr. Fernald.

Mrs. H. W. McCoy spent the weekend with relatives in Boston.

Miss Mabel Hazen, teacher of Latin in New Haven, will be at home Saturday of this week for the Christmas holidays.

New Prescott Garage



Agent for

CHALMERS CARS

In

Dunstable, Groton, Townsend, Littleton, Harvard, Ayer and Pepperell

Demonstrations Now Given on All 1911 Models

Renting and Repairing

T. F. GRAHAM, Prop., East Pepperell, Mass.

Christmas Gifts

THE BEST ASSORTMENT OF



Silverware, Watches, Clocks, China, Toilet Sets, Military Sets, Smoking Sets, Fancy Articles

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens

CAN BE FOUND AT

Pepperell's Up-to-Date Jewelry Store And the Prices Are Right

G. H. BULLOCK

Jeweler, Graduate Optician, East Pepperell, Mass.

Telephone 12-3.

A Fine, New Line OF GIFTS FOR THE Christmas Season

Including Watches, Clocks, Rings, Chains of all kinds, Bracelets, Cuff Links, Jewel Cases Hat Pins, Crosses, Fobs, Scarf Pins, Collar Pins, Brooches, Beads, Rosaries, Thimbles, Pendants, Watch Pins, Toilet Sets, Shaving Sets, Military Brushes, Mesh Bags, Silverware, Cut Glass.

HONEST GOODS AT HONEST PRICES.

W. A. Kemp, Jeweler
East Pepperell, Mass.

ROBBINS' ORCHESTRA

Music furnished for any occasion. Any number of pieces as desired. Tel. 68-2.

L. G. ROBBINS, Mgr.,
13112 East Pepperell, Mass.

CHARLES BLANCHARD is agent for Green's Chick Feeds and Fish Mashers. Call James Starr's, Pepperell Centre, Mass. 121f

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the undersigned, wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who so kindly assisted and sympathized in any way during our sad bereavement and also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson and family.
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Raddin.
William Sawelle.
Groton, Mass., Dec. 22, 1910.

E. D. HOWE, D. D. S.

Dental Rooms

OVER WHIPPLE & TOWER'S STORE EAST PEPPERELL.

What—Think Of IT

Now is the time to engage for your fall painting and papering and fixing up. I am bound to satisfy both in quality and price. If I don't, tell me and I will reason it with you. Just think of that sleigh you will want this cold winter. It must need painting.

W. E. CHAPMAN

Carriage, Sign, House Painting, Furniture Polishing, Paper Hanging, Interior Finishing and Decorating.
Tel. 14-3, Pepperell, Mass.

NOTICE.

Tax payers who have not paid 1910 taxes. Read your town's vote. I said I did not wish to send out a summons. I have sent hundreds. I do not want to make out a single warrant. I shall make out warrants for every tax not attended to before January 1. Tax office in Telephone Block. Open every evening, December 24, to January 1, 6 to 10 p. m.

EDWARD P. McCORD,
Tax Collector, 1910.

WANTED—Woman to do Housework. For particulars see or write **MRS. A. F. PARKER,** Brookline St., East Pepperell, Mass., or **A. F. PARKER,** American Express Office, Pepperell. 4112

The regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Pepperell will be held at the Banking Room at East Pepperell, Mass., on Tuesday, January 10, 1911, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier.
E. Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 7, 1910. 4113