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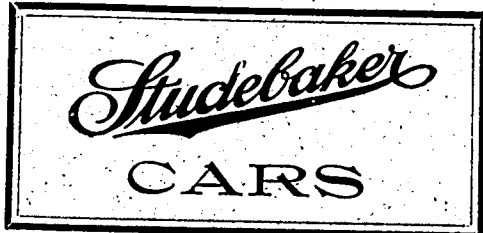
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### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Noah King has exchanged his house and land near the depot for the so-called Burgess farm property in Bare hill, with John Lee, the present owner. Mr. King will occupy at once.

Miss Vera Wentworth, of England, recently a guest at Tahanto farm with Miss Rachel Warren, is now with the suffragettes on their hike from New York to Boston. She, with two other militants, are taking part in this demonstration.

A representative of the Massachusetts Forestry association of Boston is in town this week seeking to interest holders of waste land to join with this association in the re-forestation of these waste places. Several of our leading citizens are interested and have joined with this association.

Cedric Webster returned from the hospital at Clinton on Monday last. Although weak from his sickness he is improving and very glad to be at his home once more.

Last Saturday's game between the Harvard and Shirley baseball teams proved to be a Waterloo for Shirley. This seemingly invincible team, after winning ten straight from local teams in surrounding towns bit the dust to the tune of 14 to 4 before the fast playing of the Harvard boys. They are going to try to avenge this week Saturday, when Harvard plays them again on their own grounds. If Shirley wins, a third game is to be play-

ed on Labor day. William McNamara, just home from his services in the navy, pitched for the home team.

Members of the grammar school, class of '13, gave a surprise party to Miss Luana Webster, the event being the fourteenth anniversary of her birth, at the home of Mrs. A. H. Bigelow on Monday, August 11. The carriage house was turned into a play house for the afternoon, the girls decorating the walls with flowers and foliage. Games were played. A lunch was served in the dining room, which was also prettily decorated, the covers being marked with a seating card for each. When preparations were completed, Miss Webster was invited in and the surprise was complete. Those present were Luana Webster, Carrie and Marjorie Houghton, Doris Houghton, Eva Eagles, Vera Willard, Margaret Leahy, Mary Benedict and Beryl Bigelow.

The ladies of the Unitarian church will hold an all-day sewing meeting on Wednesday, August 20, with Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth.

There will be a dance party at the town hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the young men of the Fourth of July club.

The grange hold their annual picnic at Dickson's landing, Bare hill pond, on Tuesday, August 19. If stormy it will be held at the town hall. All are welcome.

Operations for the bettering of the corner on the road under Pin hill and at the foot of Levers' lane for which a sum of money was appropriated

last March, is underway. B. J. Priest has charge of the work.

Arrangements of the reproduction of Hiawatha as given by the Orthodox society have been made with Bolton grange. The play is to be repeated there by Harvard tapers on Monday evening, August 8. This play is also to be given by the same troupe at Roxboro on the Cobleigh grounds near the church on the evening of August 20, under the auspices of the Roxboro C. E. society. If stormy on the evening of August 20 the play will be given August 22.

The ladies of the Orthodox society are to give the last of their series of three summer events at the Bromfield grounds on Tuesday evening, August 19. This will consist of a cafeteria supper and pop concert. Supper to be served from 5.30 to 7.30. The Dixie Concert Company will furnish music for the evening. During this time ice cream will be served. There is to be no admission fee charged. All welcome.

**Death.**  
After several weeks of sickness, William Bateman Willard, 36 years, 2 months, 11 days, passed away at his home on Prospect hill on Sunday morning, August 10. He was first stricken with typhoid fever and although everything the medical skill and good care could do for him was done, yet his strength proved inadequate to the task of rallying and failed slowly until the last.

Mr. Willard was a very bright and well-informed young man. A graduate of the Lancaster high school he became a great reader and always ways ready to talk on subjects of the day. He served the town faithfully for several years, as selectman, and wherever he put his hand, at home or in public, his work has always been marked with honest and service. He was a member of Harvard grange.

Funeral services were from the Baptist church on Wednesday, Rev. L. H. Morse officiating. At the family lot at the cemetery thirty officers and members of the grange took charge and rendered their beautiful and impressive burial service. The grange quartet, Miss Josephine Baker, Miss Viola Parker, A. H. Turner and A. T. Weston sang "Bid adieu to me" and "Sometime we'll understand."

**Still River.**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. L. Clark, of Lancaster, well-known to the residents of Harvard and Still River, having been in England and attended the pageant at Lancaster, Eng., after which the town of Lancaster is named. Mr. Clark carried greetings from the town of Lancaster to the mayor and councilors of the city of Lancaster, Eng.

Bert Atherton, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Atherton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunter, Mrs. Chester P. Willard and children and Miss Rolenia Campbell attended the Baptist picnic at Bolton on Tuesday.

The Still River Sunday school and village picnic will be held at Turin shore on Thursday, August 21. Everybody, whether interested in the Sunday school or not, is cordially invited to attend. This is the great day of the year and everyone that attends is sure of a good time.

Miss Alice Marshall spent a day recently with her friend, Miss Emma Van Dyke, of Hollis, N. H.

Rev. Samuel Read, of Springfield, whose mother and sister live in Still River, died at his home on Monday morning of tuberculosis. Mr. Read was well-known in the village from visiting here and he has preached several times in our church.

Miss Ethelyn Russell is visiting in Lyndonville, Vt.

Martin Dolphin has been entertaining his brother's family, of Clinton.

John Sprague, of Shirley, has been visiting his children, Frank Sprague and Mrs. S. B. Haynes, this week.

Lester B. Keyes, of Springfield, was in Still River on Wednesday afternoon to attend Mr. Willard's funeral.

#### Death.

Last Sunday morning the community was shocked to hear of the death of William B. Willard of North Still River. While he had been very sick for a long time at a very small hospital for his recovery were known for several weeks he had gotten practically over the typhoid and although very weak and the fever kept on, yet he seemed to be gaining slowly and his death was a sudden blow to all.

Mr. Willard has always lived at home and was looked upon as the mainstay of his parents and to a great extent relieved his father of the cares of the farm. He was for several years one of the selectmen of Harvard, but when his three-year-term ran out last spring he refused to accept a renomination. He was a faithful official attending the meetings regularly and most of the time in office held the position of clerk. He was a member of the grange.

Mr. Willard was taken with typhoid fever about two months ago, shortly after his nephew, Kenneth Whittemore, who lived in the same family, was stricken with the same disease. Kenneth recovered, but his brother Raymond was stricken and died, his death being reported in this paper two weeks ago.

Mr. Willard was so dangerously sick that he was not told of Raymond's death.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abel Willard and sisters have the sincere sympathy of all in their great afflictions. The funeral was from the Baptist church at Bolton on Wednesday, with prayers at the home before the church services, Rev. L. H. Morse, the pastor, officiating. A ladies' quartet sang twice and Mrs. Mary Haskell sang a solo. The floral offerings, which were very beautiful, covered the casket, pit and platform and table. The church was nearly filled with friends and relatives.

Mr. Morse in his remarks spoke of the upright character of Mr. Willard and of his always faithfully carrying out anything that he felt was his duty. Of his loving care of his invalid mother and of his interest in the welfare of the nephews, who have been in the household from boyhood. At the grave in the old cemetery at Harvard Center the Harvard grange gave their very impressive burial service. The bearers were the selectmen of Harvard—Warren H. Fairbank, B. J. Priest and C. H. Haskell and Benjamin Keyes of the grange.

Many tropical plants possess light-giving qualities; not only are their blossoms and stems luminous, but their juices are phosphorescent.



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\$4.00 Oxfords now reduced to... \$3.00

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Sizes 2½ to 5½

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\$2.00 Gun Metal Oxfords reduced to... \$1.49

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\$2.50 Tan Oxfords now reduced to... \$2.00  
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Every Straw Hat now goes for one-half the regular price.

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50c. Straws for Men or Children now... 25¢  
\$1.00 Straws for Men or Children now... 50¢  
\$2.00 Straws for Men, choice now... \$1.00  
\$3.00 Straws for Men, choice now... \$1.50

### Panama Hats

\$5.00 Panamas, your choice for... \$3.50  
\$8.00 Panamas, your choice for... \$5.00

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Men's Cotton Hose, Black or Tan, a regular 2 pairs for 25c. quality, now for... 9¢  
Men's Police Braces... 15¢  
Men's Police Braces, 50c. kind... 35¢  
Men's Fancy Hose, 25c. grade... 17¢

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Here are some price reductions on many of our regular lines of Summer Underwear.

All our 25c. Underwear for Men and Boys, price cut for this sale to... 19¢  
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\$1.00 grade of Men's Union Suits... 79¢  
50c. grade of Boys' Union Suits... 39¢  
Men's Nainsook Underwear reduced to... 25¢  
Men's Union Suits, seconds of \$1.00 grade 69¢

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## George H. Brown

### TOWNSEND.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart, of Brookline, are at Mrs. Abbie Bruce's this week.

Mrs. Mary Sherrin entertained a party of twenty-six at her home on Sunday afternoon, all but two being her children, their husbands and wives and grandchildren.

The Y. M. C. A. of Lawrence will play the Townsend A. A. at Athletic park this Saturday.

Ray Thacher, who went to Leeds, Eng., to visit relatives the second week in June, is booked to sail from Liverpool on August 19, on the Franconia for the homeward trip.

By invitation of Mrs. B. W. Potter, of Worcester, and Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, the Monday club is invited to this Friday, where they will be Mrs. Potter's guests at the Potter farm in Rutland. Mrs. Lizzie Smith, of this town, is also to help entertain the guests.

Mrs. H. B. Hildreth, together with Mrs. Abbie Shirley and Miss Catherine Shirley of Lynn, Miss Lillian Hildreth of Waltham, Mrs. Wilcox and Miss Joy, are enjoying an outing at Nantucket.

Rev. A. L. Struthers, who has been at his summer camp at Nelson, N. H., arrived home on Thursday night.

### Harbor.

Mrs. Eleanor Bateman, after a three-weeks' visit at Edgewood, returned to Arlington on Thursday.

Mrs. Sarah Merriam, who has always been a welcome guest at Edgewood, is critically ill at the Old Ladies' home in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Susan Wetherbee returned on Thursday evening from Carlisle, where she has been visiting her brother, Rev. Granville Pierce.

Miss Florence Flynn, of Pepperell, is a guest of Miss Myrtle Gray.

On Wednesday, at their home in North Shirley, Gladys, Webster and George, three children of John Leahy, underwent successful operations for the removal of adenoids and tonsils.

On Thursday, Mr. Starr, of Pepperell, began operations for a driven well at Willowbrook.

Harry Bealheur, general manager of the Atlas Leather Mfg. Co., of Caseyville, Ill., is spending a few days with Superintendent Gray in the interests of the leatherboard business.

Will Lawrence, of West Townsend, has been selected by the republican town committee to enter the primaries with nomination papers to take his chances of becoming the nominee for representative to the general court from this district.

The report of a mad dog running at large in the town caused considerable excitement on Wednesday evening.

The authorities when notified instigated a prompt investigation. It was found that the report had started from the queer actions of a stray brindle bull dog that had visited several places on Wallace hill and vicinity. It was also learned that the dog had shown no signs whatever of hydrophobia.

Mr. and Mrs. Adney Gray returned on Monday from Prince Edward Island, their native place. Nearly a week each was spent at Georgetown, the former home of Mrs. Gray, and at Alberton, the native town of Mr. Gray. Their trip also included Halifax and Sydney, C. B., where they visited the Dominion steel works that give employment to 15,000 people. Mr. and Mrs. Gray returned by the way of St. John, N. B.

It is reported that the services of Charles Dudley have been secured for the fall and winter at Christbrook farm.

### Items of Interest.

The records show that 323 valuable pictures have been purloined from the Louvre.

Nearly three times as many British as American workmen are employed in the construction of the Panama canal. Of \$1,510 in the unskilled proper, Great Britain claims 4433 as citizens, while the United States claims 11,850.

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WESTFORD.

Center. Mrs. Lizzie A. Hamlin and daughter, Gertrude and Evelyn, went Wednesday of this week for a sojourn at York Beach. They will be joined there by Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher and son John, coming from Woburn, N. H., and later all come home together. Miss Mary Moran returned the first of the week from spending a very pleasant week at Cheebacco Island, Essex, the guest of Mrs. J. A. Cameron at her summer home.

George E. Gould is preparing to be in attendance at the Rockingham, N. H., fair during next week. Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wright and daughter, Frances and Alice, are spending two weeks' vacation with Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Marshall at Manomet, near Plymouth.

Pretty announcement cards have been received by the Westford friends from Mrs. Gertrude Carver Skidmore, who is staying with Mrs. Sutherland, who still far from well.

A recent wedding noted in Lowell is that of George R. Smith and Miss Juliette McKissock, which took place on Monday of this week. This is of interest to some of the Westford people from the fact that Mr. Smith has been the organist at the Unitarian church here for quite a long time.

Mrs. Margaret McDonald, living on the Concord road, counted ninety-seven automobiles in two hours' time last Sunday afternoon passing the house.

W. E. Carver is having the heating plant changed in his new home from a furnace to steam heat.

Fred L. McCoy has had a telephone installed at his home this week—11-12.

Mrs. W. M. Wright, after three weeks of serious illness, is now much more comfortable, although not able to step on the foot that has been so afflicted with abscesses.

Mrs. Nelson Tuttle and Alfred Tuttle enjoyed a day's outing at Salem and Marblehead Wednesday of this week.

The academy building is being cleaned and renovated preparatory to the opening of the fall term.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth have been in Rockland, Me., the greater part of this week in combined business and pleasure trip.

The Donald M. Camerons are at the Cameron homestead.

The Fred A. Hildreths, of Malden, are spending a vacation at H. V. Hildreth's.

The vestry of the Congregational church is being renovated, the trustees taking advantage of the excellent weather to have the work done. The ceilings, side walls and floors in both rooms, as well as the hall and stairway, will all be done over. Milo D. Clay and men of Lowell are doing the work.

George Symmes was in charge of the evening service in the Congregational church last Sunday.

The berry harvest, which is of vital importance to many Westford people, is about over. Of course, it is needless to state that another dry season has had its bad effect, especially in some locations, and the growers are much in need of what was a reasonable estimate.

Some of the pickers have made good income, even though any one who has had experience knows that it is hard-earned money. Some records are 15, 16 and 18 bushels per acre, and this among the younger pickers. One man picked over 200 baskets one day in the Walker berry field. Another man has a record of picking three crates in one day. The early apple harvest is now on in earnest and many hundreds of boxes have been shipped this last week, the auto trucks giving most satisfactory service. W. E. Carver, as usual, is sending his own teams over the road with the Old Homestead fruit.

Arrives in Good Condition. The granite drinking fountain arrived this week Monday in good condition. This was a relief to the committee in charge, after having had two experiences with breakage in shipment. The fountain was set up and piped over the foundation, that has been in readiness for many weeks and the water will be turned on shortly. This work is in charge of A. H. Sutherland, a member of the committee, and done with characteristic skill and dispatch.

At a full meeting of the committee in charge held with Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright on Monday evening it was voted that the secretary of the granite, Mrs. Frank C. Wright, write a letter to the board of selectmen presenting the fountain to the town. The fountain is of approved pattern, with drinking place for horses in front, a bubbling fountain for people at the back and near the base is a place for dogs to drink.

The inscription, in suitable place, reads: "Presented to the Town of Westford by Westford Granite, 1913."

About Town. The sixth annual reunion of the Spalding Light Cavalry association will be held at the Association building, Boston road, Westford Center, on Thursday, August 21. Each member of the association is entitled to invite a friend, a man friend, who will be entitled to eat dinner just as though he were a soldier. Dinner will be served at 6.45. At three o'clock there will be a clay pigeon shoot at Whitney playground, each member to furnish his own shooting apparatus and skill, the gunpowder and other fireworks to be furnished by the association. An entertainment that requires one skill than eating or shooting will be given at the Association building at eight. This entertainment will be given by two well-known entertainers. Come everybody who hath belongs to the association shoot, eat, laugh and be social.

By invitation of Rep. George P. Drury, of Waltham, Ayer, Mass., and M. Swift of Fall River, State Lecturer Richardson of Millis, Overseer Chapman of Ludlow and Private S. L. Taylor of Westford, were invited to attend the field meeting of Waltham grange, Saturday held on the lawn of Miss Cornelia Warren, an old residential farm of several hundred acres handed down through several generations. A dairy farm of 200 cows and twelve horses, and a certified milk fifteen cents per quart, modern barns and all the cleanliness that modern agitation demands. All the environments of groves, lawns, flowers, weather, generous hospitality, an enthusiastic company and an orchestra made the event one of rare stimulation. For the generosity of these environments the above guests settled their indebtedness with talk.

Robert Marshall, of Philadelphia, is visiting his brother, Joseph Marshall, at Westford corner. He reported that wheat and corn abundant in the Quaker state.

The Herbert E. Fletchers are in the role of vacationists at Bar Harbor. John A. Taylor and W. R. Taylor are at York Beach this week.

Dr. Dunlap, formerly of the University of North Dakota, now of Syracuse university, stopped to visit his friends, John A. Taylor and Miss Lucretia Dunlap while he was en route to his home in Iowa after attending the summer school of athletics at Harvard university.

The next meeting of the grange will be held on Thursday evening. The lecturer's hour will be in charge of Joseph Wall and he will give a lecture on "Broadway Street."

The new bungalow camp of the Lowell Y. M. C. A. located on the south shore of Nabbasset pond, was dedicated Tuesday evening. The building will accommodate about one hundred people. It is built in a very natural way with a large rustic fireplace in the dining-room. This room is also used as a chapel. The nearest point to this camp on the electric cars is the junction of Plain and Nabbasset roads at Edwards' Corner.

Charles F. Emerson, of Chelmsford, who has just resigned as organist at the Unitarian church, was once a student at our Westford academy. He has been connected with Dartmouth college for forty-five years, which is the longest service of any person. For ten years he was dean and now has been made dean emeritus. It is interesting to note that of the 5000 living alumni less than 300 received their diplomas before his connection with the college began.

A communication has been received at this office without the author signing his or her name. The publishers of this paper are willing to publish any communications from its subscribers dealing with any matter concerning the welfare of the public. In doing this, all the management reserves the name of the author, to show that the communication is sent in good faith. If the author of this communication should wish to have the name withheld and signed by some initials or words the publisher is willing to do so, but must insist on knowing the name of the author before doing so.

Dry Weather Talk. Some dry weather notes on the crops seem to read like this: Since the recent rains the Prairie farm has added a dozen acres of corn to a three-acre field, claiming before the rains only eight and a half bushels per acre. Nature and science seem to have gone into disagreement as to whether level culture or hilling is best. In a drought science says level culture, but nature and the crops have declared in favor of high ridging as practical in the corn field of Frank Emerson and the best field of corn in the Stony Brook valley, where the corn in the recent severe drought never wilted to be noticeable, while corn on adjoining farms and similar land treated to level culture wilted badly for want of moisture. Speak right up science if you have got anything to say in rebuttal.

Ridging is practiced every year on the above farm and never fails of a good crop of corn. On the old Peledah Fletcher farm a piece of corn planted on land extremely dishing from all sides, the dish that caught all the evening dews and an occasional intention of rain, suffered worse from drought than the ridges that surrounded the dish.

Clipping. The following tribute to the life of Sarah Heywood, as she was familiarly known in Westford, is so inspiring and so characteristic of her life that it is taken from the Worcester Evening Gazette of July 23: "The cultivated gentleman of the old school is a fast-vanishing type. Such a one was Mrs. Trumbull, whose death is mourned by her Worcester friends.

"Sarah Hartwell Heywood was born in Westford, April 1, 1830. Her mind, eager for knowledge, was developed by the careful culture of that day. Perhaps her literary interests were early determined by a meeting with Edward Allan Poe, who lecturing in Westford, stayed at her father's house, and of whose handsome face and winning manners she always retained a vivid recollection.

"In 1872, she removed to Beverly, and her modest grey house—the Sea Shell—on an elm-shaded street, soon became a resort for the best society (in the truest sense). An arm-chair in the harbor-looking window, known as Dr. Andrew P. Peabody's, for she was an earnest, 'old-fashioned Unitarian,' very active in that church. Active, also, in every enterprise for civic improvement, she was often called upon to speak on historic or other occasions (such as the centenary of the Sunday school in this country, when a tablet to its founder was dedicated), and her thoughtful papers, on such subjects as King Lear, Poe, Martin Luther, and the like, were often printed. Many bits of playful verse are cherished by those from whom they were written.

"While she had a deep interest in the best literature combined with a keen critical faculty, Shakespeare was her favorite, and she exhibited an almost personal enthusiasm for his heroes, rendering their lines with spirit up to the last year of her life. Long before the era of woman's clubs she organized and conducted for several years a Shakespeare class, later taking up the study of Dante and other classics.

"She numbered her friends among young and old, rich and poor, and her influence for good that she exerted over their lives was incalculable.

"On June 1, 1887, she married George Augustus and Louisa (Clapp) Trumbull, of Worcester, and his death she mourned as a personal bereavement. Branch of this family to bear the name. She died at her home in Beverly, where she and her niece, Mrs. Edward H. Coffin, had been spending the summer, on June 28, 1913, and was buried beside her husband in

Westford. It was hard to believe in her advanced age, so youthful were her feelings, so animated her conversation whatever. Items accompanied by the sender's signature are very welcome.

Grangeville. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Putney, of Charlemon, with their two sons, Alfred and Willis, are now the guests of Miss Isie Parker.

Mrs. Annie Kelley, of Springfield, and Miss Fay Anthony, of Marblehead, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dubeval.

The Graniteville baseball club journeyed to Townsend last Saturday afternoon and in a fast twelve-inning game met with defeat at the hands of the Townsend boys by the score of 4 to 3. Batteries—Bridgford and Hury for Townsend; and Eastman for Graniteville. Graniteville will meet the Westford A. A. for the fourth game of the series on the home grounds here on Saturday. A hot game is expected.

Rev. A. Earl Kernahan, of Greeley, Iowa, newly pastor of the M. E. church, with his wife and family, are now permanently located in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hawkes, with their daughter and son, Miss Nora and Wesley, of Melrose, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hawkes.

That part of Broadway street, near the mill bridge, that has been undergoing repairs for the past few weeks, is now practically finished. All that remains to be done now is to put on the sidewalks and the street stones, and later this will be done so that the whole street from bridge to bridge will be in fine condition.

Picnic. Cameron Park, Forge Village, was the scene of a merry gathering on last Saturday afternoon, when the annual picnic of St. Catherine's church, an event that has been looked forward to with deep interest, came off on schedule time. The first delegation was the team of the Sox baseball club on the 1.35 car and on arrival at their destination were met by the Forge Village Fife and Drum corps under the leadership of John Edgerly. A line of march was soon formed, and headed by the band, all marched to the grounds with stirring strains from the musicians.

At the park, various tables and booths were suitably placed about the grounds, and it was needless to say all did a flourishing business for the day. The Forge Village people turned out in large numbers, while every car deposited a load of pleasure seekers from out-of-town to a picnic site situated on high ground, overlooking the lake, and an ideal place for an outing. With the various attractions neatly displayed and the Forge Village Fife and Drum corps discoursing sweet music at a table in the afternoon, one could sit and eat, and drink, and scene, take a boat ride, swim, or witness the various sports of the day.

After a visit to the cane stand, souvenir booth, ice cream and candy table, and a game of checkers, the ball game between the White Sox of Graniteville and the Cubs of North Chelmsford. This proved to be the big attraction of the afternoon and the White Sox won by the score of 9 to 2. Batters—McCarthy and Prackneck for White Sox, McNulty and Rousso for Cubs.

After the ball game the following sports were run off: 100-yd. dash, George Gower 1st, Edward Riney 2d; 200-yd. dash, Walter C. Burnet 1st, Edward Riney 2d; 400-yd. dash, Walter C. Burnet 1st, Edward Riney 2d; 800-yd. dash, Walter C. Burnet 1st, Edward Riney 2d; 1.600-yd. dash, Walter C. Burnet 1st, Edward Riney 2d; 3.200-yd. dash, Walter C. Burnet 1st, Edward Riney 2d; 6.400-yd. dash, Walter C. Burnet 1st, Edward Riney 2d.

After the sports an excellent old-fashioned supper was served on the grounds and it was found necessary to set the tables several times to satisfy all. After supper the merry crowd found amusement until a start was made for Abbot's hall, where the evening dancing party was held until 11.30 o'clock, excellent music being furnished by the Colonial orchestra of Lowell.

Forge Village. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leclere welcomed a little daughter into their home on Monday.

Mrs. Ernest Longbottom and son, William A., of Lexington, returned home on Tuesday after staying a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Burnet. Mrs. John Burnett and son Leonard accompanied Mrs. Longbottom and stayed for the remainder of the week.

Miss Stella B. Carlin left on Saturday for a two-weeks' outing at Burlington, Vt. They will also spend some time with her brother at St. Albans.

Miss Pyne was the guest of Miss Marion Taylor in Acton last week Thursday and Friday. On Thursday of this week she left for Bedford, N. H., where she will remain two weeks.

Charles Coburn, of Providence, R. I., recently visited with his grand-nephew, Mrs. Mary Coburn.

Fred Naylor and daughter Ruth are spending this week with Mrs. Naylor's sister, Mrs. Eckells, of North Chelmsford.

Robert Constantine and son Arthur, of Waterbury, visited at the home of Mrs. Proctor recently.

Mrs. Michael Keefe has returned to her home in Townsend Harbor after spending several days at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Carmichael.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus, former vicar of St. Andrew's parish, but now pastor of St. Michael's church, Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived in town on Tuesday and spent the day visiting his former parishioners, who were pleasantly surprised, as they were not aware of Mr. Bumpus' vacation.

LITTLETON.

News Items. Mrs. Josephine H. Laws, of Somerville, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles P. Hartwell.

Margaret Hartwell has returned from a recent vacation at Shaker's, where she had a very pleasant stay. She enjoyed sight-seeing among the historical places in the town.

Miss Florence Bartlett has been at the Maseot house, Orr's Island, Portland, Me., for four weeks and a half, returning Tuesday.

A Littleton man is reported to have met with a serious mishap in South Acton while on his way home from Maynard on Wednesday night of last week. He drove his horse over a hydrant at the end of a bridge, and in so doing wrecked his wagon, threw himself out, and striking his head on the curb, cut his head through the scalp. Some men who heard the crash came to his assistance, after which he borrowed an old wagon and drove home.

Miss Caroline Conant is visiting her brother, Wallace B. Conant, in Concord.

The correspondent announces that another set of letters containing items for this paper will arrive no attention whatever. Items accompanied by the sender's signature are very welcome.

Grange night will be observed at the grange on Wednesday evening, August 14. There will be music and tableaux; also a paper on "Flowers," by Miss Miriam Cash and a discussion on "Fruit growing in New England" by Willard A. Munson.

Miss Elizabeth Thacher, who has had a siege with neuritis, and has been with more or less inconvenience for two weeks, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing left home last Saturday for a trip to Nova Scotia. They will be away two weeks and during their absence Mr. Ewing's daughter, Mrs. Clyde Crane, and Mr. Crane will serve as mistress and master.

Hugh McDonald & Son sold the last of their 1913 Overland automobiles last week to Bert Little, of Ayer. The 1914 cars will be ready for sale in a few weeks.

Mrs. Everett Kimball returned on Monday from Gloucester, where she spent a week with E. F. Chamberlain's family.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Yapp, of Newtown, on Saturday, August 9.

Frank E. Briggs, former principal of the Littleton high school, and for three years past principal of Bar Harbor high school, has resigned to accept the principalship of Lincoln academy in Newcastle, Me., succeeding Harry L. Bradford.

Members of Frank Hartwell's family, of Somerville, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. E. Frank Jacobs.

Mrs. James W. Ireland is spending several days with her son Harry and daughter in Gardner. Mr. Ireland has recently moved to that town and has entered the employ of Hager- & Houghton.

Frank McKinlay, of Woburn, was at his father's in Newtown over Sunday.

Mrs. Locke, of Newtown, is entertaining a niece from the south.

Miss Maria Fletcher, of Boston, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Theodore Fletcher.

John Lawrence has severed his connection with A. Eugene Robbins, a pianist, and entered the employ of Alfred Healey.

Frank Healey contemplates taking a course at Bryant & Stratton commercial college, and will enter upon his studies next month.

Miss Hattie Shafter returned home last Saturday from Wells Beach, Me., where she enjoyed a vacation of three weeks.

Theodore Holbrook, of Great road, experienced another severe shock recently and is in a critical condition.

Mrs. Sherman H. Jewett is improving. She can articulate and swallow more easily and has more control of her limbs than when reported a week ago.

The babies at the Center, one each in the F. A. Hosmer and the Arthur Bartheaux families, are convalescent.

D. G. Houghton and son Roland went to New Boston, N. H., early this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Carl A. Dodge returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Hager have spent the week at the South Shore and their daughter Alice has visited the E. A. Flagg family.

Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield was called to Ware recently to officiate at the funeral of a former parishioner.

Dorcas M. Ames, of Somerville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ames, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, while her parents are taking a trip to Georgia.

Several members of the Nye family went to Whalom Park for a picnic Monday.

Mrs. Edwin N. Robinson has spent the week with friends in Bolton and Worcester.

Miss Ella Schnair plans to enter a hospital in Biddleford, Me., the first of September to pursue a course in nursing.

Miss Edith A. Fletcher, Littleton high school '11, and Fitchburg Normal school '13, has accepted a position as teacher in Westchester, N. H., and will report for duty the first of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nye have visited this week with their aunt, Mrs. Blanchard, in Gardner, and a cousin, Dr. Ernest Brown, in Springfield.

We are happy to report that Miss Augusta Nye's health seems to have somewhat improved. She has been able to walk a longer distance than for several months.

Miss Stella Cummings, of Wollaston, has been visiting Miss Miriam Cash. Miss Cash has also entertained a school-mate from Norwood, Miss Helen, who enjoyed with her hostess a day at Littleton. Miss Talbot graduated from Fitchburg Normal last June and has accepted a position as teacher in one of the Duxbury schools.

Mrs. George H. Cash is entertaining her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Edgerly of New York City. Mr. Edgerly has been connected with the New York postoffice for many years.

A fire broke out near W. L. Kimball's camp in the woods at Spectacle pond last week Friday. It was discovered at the outset and the campers by prompt action, and a good judgment brought it within control before the flames had spread over a large territory. Friday afternoon the alarm was given for a fire on the borders of Forge Village road. The brush and trees were burning furiously, and before the fire was left the place thought that all was safe. It is supposed that some coals lodged in the wall were responsible for the recurrence of fire on Friday.

A good number of helpers answered the call for assistance and all worked hard to keep the fire from the woods nearby. Their efforts were successful and in a few hours the flames were brought under subjection.

Nahum H. Whitcomb and family enjoyed an automobile trip to Unity, Mass., recently starting Saturday morning and returning Tuesday. They were the guests of Mr. Whitcomb's sister, Mrs. Hayward Hartwell, and family, who are spending the summer in their farm home.

Mrs. Lucy Packard has had a vacation of four weeks, spending part of the time with friends in suburban Boston, and visiting her son's family in Chelmsford this last week. She returned to Littleton Tuesday.

Goodwin Warner's horse became frightened at an automobile passing in front of Dr. J. N. Murray's last Friday and ran into Jesse Dodge's team, which was driven by Jesse Dodge, Jr., taking a wheel off the buggy and badly wrecking the Warner wagon. The automobile passed out of sight in an instant. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt. James Lawton, who was operated

Upon a second time in Elliot hospital, Boston, last week, is getting along all right and the family is much encouraged over his prospects.

Another auto accident occurred Saturday evening when two young men were riding along the Great road. The chauffeur mistook William G. Brown's driveway for the main highway, and suddenly struck the terms when the car turned, turtle and was totally wrecked. The occupants were taken into Mr. Brown's house and Dr. Christie was called. He worked over the injured man for a few hours, but discovered no injuries that were likely to prove very serious. Later in the evening the men were taken to their home in Arlington.

Miss Marion Prouty, Littleton high school '13, will enter Mt. Ida seminary in Newton this fall.

Miss E. C. Dane, teacher of painting in the Littleton school, has accepted a position as teacher in Berlin, Conn.

Miss Vera Libby, Fitchburg Normal school '13, has accepted a position as substitute in that institution. Her sister, Miss Alice Libby, who has recently completed a four-years' course in Fitchburg Normal, has accepted a position as teacher in Berlin, Conn.

The quartet of girls who have sold ice cream at the common during the summer will continue to keep their parlor open for business until September first. They have taken a vacation in turn, Lillian Robinson and Gladys Woodbury spending a week in Lowell and Revere, and Elsie Whitney a week in Somerville. The fourth member of the company has not been away yet.

Richard Dodge is the happy possessor of a new motorcycle.

The Middlesex county republican committee met in Ayer on Monday, and endorsed Hon. Frank A. Patch for county commissioner and Charles A. Kimball for representative.

William Burnham has sold his farm in Pingreeville to James Long of the same village, and bought of J. F. Moore & Sons the Harvey Brown place in Pingreeville.

The trustees of the library at their last meeting authorized the librarian to make a new registration of all those entitled to use the library, beginning with the first of September. In many libraries this is done as every other year, but here no new registration has been made since the library was first founded and the number on the lists is considerably greater than the entire population of the town. The librarian has been authorized to open the library on Monday afternoons and evenings during the month of September, beginning on September 8. This will give the pupils of the schools additional opportunity to do their reference work at the beginning of the term, thus relieving the library force and will also afford a chance to see what demand there is that the library be open on other days than Wednesday and Saturday.

Union Meeting. The fourth annual union service of the churches of Littleton was held in the Baptist church on last Sunday morning. This service now has all the appearance of a well-established yearly event. The house was filled by the three protestant congregations, all the pastors participating in the services in a manner that made very real fellowship which can be cherished and authorized to open the library on Monday afternoons and evenings during the month of September, beginning on September 8. This will give the pupils of the schools additional opportunity to do their reference work at the beginning of the term, thus relieving the library force and will also afford a chance to see what demand there is that the library be open on other days than Wednesday and Saturday.

The fraternal tendency is never wholly within nor toward any denomination now exists, and in fact a christian church, embracing all, will be built of lumber brought down from the forests of truth to the mills of God by all the great sects of christiandom. Any other expectation is sure to be disappointed. The area of our fellowship" was the theme.

Musical features by the young people's choir of the church, a vocal solo by Miss Woodbury, violin obligato by Miss Mildred Flagg and organ accompaniment by Miss Olive Flagg, added much to the occasion.

A Broken Idol. The lively scrap between the governor and the union has effectively demolished His Excellency as the idol of organized labor and has rudely awakened union men all over the country to the fact that Governor Foss is of the same material as other large employers of labor—no better.

The gubernatorial chair has rudely to the votes of the workmen and now, at the first opportunity, they are getting what they voted for, a business administration.

Of course the governor has handed out at sundry times and in divers places a nice line of talk about the rights of labor to organize and stand together for better working conditions and living wages. Now he says these precepts apply to the textile industry, but not to his business. Of course.

Most employers are willing that others in other lines of business should grant their help better wages and better conditions, but when it comes to hit the home pocket it is quite another matter. No over-Edw. Gov. Draper, who to do him justice, had the courage of his convictions, and never pledged to have any use for labor, organized or unorganized, other than an instrument for increasing his income, could he have rudely born him and lordly or adhere more steadily to the principle: "Nothing to arbitrate." This is not surprising. The surprising thing is that so many thousands of voters could so easily be misled by the ancient sages who election talk into believing that anything else would happen.

It would seem that men old enough to have seen the game played a dozen times or so ought to have enough sense not to be sold so easily. A man with a fair amount of brains ought to know that no man that employs a large number of his fellows for the money he makes off them is going to voluntarily work for the interest of his employees and against his own. It is not human nature, it is not business and it is not customary. So long as the present system of doing business is in vogue the conflict will be irrepressible.

In the very nature of things the question of the division of the products of labor between labor and capital cannot be settled to stay settled. Capital wants a constantly increasing share of the product and so does labor and where is the chance for a settlement? Right here, the pet maxim of the capitalist comes in: "There is nothing to arbitrate."

So the fight must go on while the system stands, and in the meantime

It is the height of foolishness for workmen to go on voting for large employers of labor for official positions, expecting or hoping they will voluntarily do anything to better the condition of the worker. V. T. E.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court, to grant a letter of administration on the estate not administered of said deceased, to JASPER E. SAWYER of Leominster in the County of Worcester without requiring a surety on his bond.

And said petitioners pray that a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of September, A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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**SHIRLEY.**  
News Items.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Chesbrough, who have been residing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Chesbrough, have rented the house which will be vacated the latter part of this week by the MacElroy family.  
Clarence Sanderson is spending a vacation at Kingston.  
Mrs. Bernard Bodah has returned home from a vacation at South Braintree. During her absence she was taken very ill and is now planning to go to the Massachusetts General hospital for an operation.  
Much interest is being taken in the approaching marriage of Frank J. Neylan and Miss Mary Etta Gately, both of Boston, which takes place some time during the month of September. Mr. Neylan is a court stenographer and his home is in Ayer. Miss Gately is a native of Shirley, where she is well-known and respected. They will reside at Winter Hill.  
Augustus P. Ecuier has resigned his position as clerk in the store of H. O. Peasley to take effect Saturday of this week. Mr. Ecuier has accepted a position as salesman for the Prime Tea Company, of Boston, and his route will extend through Worcester, Clinton, Beverly and other places.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Weeks left town on Monday in their auto for August Me., where one of Mr. Weeks' horses is taking part in the races. They will return home on Saturday.  
Winnie Weeks, son of F. D. Weeks, is planning to enlist in the navy for a term of four years.  
Miss Annie Gately, of North Bergen, N. J., arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gately, the first of the week for a visit of one week.  
Mrs. E. S. Binney is spending a vacation of ten days at Marblehead.  
Miss Emma Knowles leaves today for a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. Edw. Grey, of East Taunton, who is spending a few weeks with her parents.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scott, of Rotterdam, N. Y., arrived in town Wednesday and are stopping at the Scott homestead on Chapel street.  
The fire department at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Co., are making a fishing trip at Swampscott Saturday, August 30. They are wishing to join the party will please communicate with J. Albert Dearden, who is arranging all the necessary details. Refreshments for the day will be provided and no stone will be left unturned to make the day one of real pleasure.  
Mrs. Mildred Tilden has accepted a position in the office of the registry of deeds, Cambridge.  
Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps, who has been confined to her home with sickness, is some better.  
Miss Nellie G. Gardner spent a few days this week with her sister, Mrs. Lois Clayton, at Nobscoot.  
Mrs. Mary Norkus, who was rushed to the Clinton hospital last week for an emergency operation, is progressing nicely.  
Rev. and Mrs. G. Edwin Woodman, of Freeport, Me., are spending a few days this week visiting friends in town.  
The old lumber from the Mitchellville bridge sold last Saturday netted the sum of ninety dollars for the town of Shirley.  
Mrs. Sylvester Chesbrough is visiting relatives in Providence.  
Mrs. Charles H. Miner spent a few days recently with friends in Allston.  
Mr. MacElroy, the blacksmith, has rented the Crossman house, which is owned by C. W. Marshall, and will occupy the same the latter part of this week. Mr. Marshall has just completed repairs on this house.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Pomfret, of Hudson, spent over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leon D. Mudgett went on the Saratoga excursion trip Tuesday.  
Fred D. Weeks, James E. Richardson, Charles R. and Willard G. White and Fred S. Brown spent the day last Sunday at Nantasket Beach, making the trip in Fred D. Weeks' auto.  
The Congregational church parsonage, which is now vacant, is being thoroughly cleaned and repaired and a bathroom is being installed.  
Two large fishing parties are being made up by the employees of the Samson cordage works to go down Boston harbor during the week the works is closed in September.  
Mrs. Nellie Ford, in company with her sister, Mrs. Annie Collins, spent last Sunday with relatives in Boston.  
The Samson cordage works will close down the first week in September.  
Miss Madeline Logue left town last Sunday for the home of her cousin in Fall River. Mrs. Frank Lee, for a few weeks' vacation. Dorothy Lee, who has been spending a vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Ford, returned to her home with Miss Logue.  
John D. Lilly, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is spending the summer in the east, paid a visit to his brother, Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, last week.  
John Shields, of Worcester, spent over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Logue.  
Miss Helen Balch has gone for a vacation to her home in Franklin, N. H., in company with her little niece, Helen Dadmun, who will remain with her for a couple of weeks.  
M. J. Johnson, of Boston, spent over the week-end with Mrs. Johnson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.  
Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook and her two daughters, the Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook, are spending this week at Oak Bluffs.  
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Glonet last week Wednesday.  
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glonet last week Friday.  
Miss Bertha Sanderson returned from Hyannis last Saturday evening, where she has been spending five weeks, to her home in Shirley to remain during the remainder of the school vacation. Miss Sanderson teaches school in Medford.  
George Pomfret, of Waverley, with three children, who have been visiting since last Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret, returned home on Tuesday. His wife, Mrs. Pomfret, in company with Miss Inez McKurray, is spending this week in Durham, Me.  
Miss Edith L. Conant, of Chicago, who has charge of the welfare department for Montgomery Ward & Co., of that city, is at the present time making an extended trip through Yellowstone Park, Denver, Colorado Springs, Ogden and Salt Lake City. Miss Conant is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, of this town, where she has a host of well-wishers in Shirley.  
John Chittenden left town last Saturday for Shelton, N. B., where he will attend the national convention of the Society of Assumption, which will be held in the above city, August 13, 14 and 15. Mr. Chittenden is the delegate from Shirley. Before returning home he will visit Rogeraville, N. B., and will make a visit to his native home in Tignish, Prince Edward Island. Mr. Chittenden expects to be away for about two weeks.  
A. A. Eliebrown, auctioneer, will sell on Saturday afternoon, August 23, at one o'clock, the personal property of the late S. E. Scott. Sale rain or shine.  
**Baptist Church Bulletin.**  
There are few things that the modern man hates so much as he does shame. He does not care so much what other people think of him as he does pretend to be what he is not. The most unpopular man today is the hypocrite, and yet he was the most popular in the time of Christ. The Master struck the fatal blow at hypocrisy when he said, "Why do you pretend to be what you are not?" because He was Himself absolutely sincere. What was the sincerity of Jesus, and what is the challenge of that sincerity to us? The answers to these questions will be given in the sermon on Sunday morning at the Baptist church. The service begins promptly at 10.50.  
Bring the children to Sunday school, remembering God's promise: "They that seek me early shall find me." We are studying the exodus of the children of Israel. Sunday school at twelve for all ages that can talk.  
The evening service will be a foreign missionary meeting, when the pastor will continue the series "The Cause of Christ in the World" drawn from his collections and knowledge as the son of a foreign missionary. Evening service at seven o'clock. To each of these services come and welcome.  
**Center.**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Pinkham, of Wollaston, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed.  
Miss Hazel Mackaye is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Stevie Mackaye, at her cottage on Parker road.  
Miss Margaret Goodspeed is making a two-weeks' visit with friends in Hinsdale.  
Miss Winifred Duffield, of the Weyman music class, completed her course last week and has returned to her home in New York city.  
Miss Minnie Whitford is visiting at the home of her mother in Malden.  
Miss Allison B. Whitford is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy N. Kenway in Newton.  
An automobile party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dustin, Miss Carrie A. Dustin, Harry Brown and Shirley Wood, of Reading, were guests at the homes of Mrs. Hattie F. Holden and W. E. Barnard Sunday.  
Mr. Tuller, of Boston, was a guest at the home of Mrs. Dakin on Sunday.  
Miss Florence Ralph, of the Weyman music class, left on Monday for her home in Buffalo, having completed her course of study here.  
Rev. Robert A. Bryant, of Lunenburg, supplied the pulpit at Trinity chapel last Sunday. Mr. Bryant will again conduct the services on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.  
Another successful ice cream sale for the benefit of Shirley grange was held on last Saturday afternoon in front of the town hall. The sale was held under the management of Mrs. N. R. Graves and Mrs. L. E. Holden this week.  
Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman closed up their house on Center road on Monday and have gone to Brookline for a short stay.  
Superintendent of moth work, Ardie A. Adams, is out this week with a town sprayer spraying the shade trees for the brown tail moth.  
Miss Florence Zimmer has completed her course of study with Wesley Weyman and returned last week to her home in Buffalo, N. Y.  
J. Walker Ward last week completed his duties as E. F. D. carrier in Shirley. Henry W. Eisman has been appointed temporary carrier until the competitive examination to be held at Fitchburg takes place.  
Rev. Howard A. Bridgman supplied at the Congregational church in Chelsea last Sunday.  
Mrs. Sara Longley and S. LeRoy Longley have returned home after spending a few days at York Beach.

**LUNENBURG.**  
News Items.  
Rev. Alfred Noon and Mrs. Noon returned Saturday evening from an outing of a few days in the Brookline boys' camp at Pocomasset, where their son, Raymond, is in charge. Mr. Noon occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday morning as usual.  
A little son made his appearance in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Barney on Sunday, August 10.  
Mrs. Keach and little son Roy, of Stanstead, Conn., are visiting her aged mother, Mrs. Martin, and her brother, T. D. Martin, and family in Goodrichville.  
Miss Idella Magovern has returned home after spending nearly two weeks of her vacation with friends and relatives in Framingham.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Haven, of Worcester, visited old friends and acquaintances in town last Sunday.  
At the grange on Wednesday evening, Miss L. B. Smith gave an illustrated lecture upon "Hawaii—its customs and its people," as she saw them during her stay upon the island. On Sunday evening it is expected she will speak before the Y. P. B. C. E. in the Congregational church.  
Lawrence Bigelow and Cameron Burnap are the newboys while the others are on their vacation.  
Micah M. Boutwell, one of the oldest men in the town, observed his eighty-seventh birthday on Wednesday, August 6, and Mrs. Adeline Jones, the oldest in Lunenburg, was ninety on Friday, August 8.  
The many years that have passed over their heads, both these people are genial, pleasant, happy and comfortable, and enjoy seeing their friends as much as ever, if they do not come in large numbers.  
The mean annual temperature of the globe is fifty degrees Fahrenheit.  
**MINISTER PRAISES THIS LAXATIVE**  
Rev. H. Stubenvoll, of Allston, Ia., in praising Dr. King's New Life Pills for constipation, writes: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are such perfect pills no home should be without them. No better regulator for the bowels can be found. Every pill guaranteed. Try them. 25c. at William Brown's, Ayer."  
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**HOW TO AVOID ACCIDENTS WITH KEROSENE LAMPS.**  
The two great and very real dangers in connection with lamps are dirt and carelessness, and to these two causes are attributed most lamp accidents. Lamps with metal reservoirs are safer than those of glass or china, as the former, if upset, can be picked up and replaced before the oil can escape. Of course the oil used must be of good quality.  
There is no saving, but some waste and some danger in poor oil. Bad oil clogs the wick and the burner, besides giving off an unpleasant and very dirty vapor. Never turn down a lamp. It is meant to burn with the flame at full height, and when allowed to smolder in this way it will either smoke or smell, and most certainly beat rapidly and become a distinct source of danger.  
An alcohol lamp should always be placed in a shallow dish, as it is liable to run out on table or dresser and ignite. Never keep the alcohol bottle near the lighted lamp. Do not pour fresh alcohol into the tank if there is burning char on it, for the entire contents may burst into flames.  
**PRESERVING HINTS.**  
How to Make Delicious Pickle That Can Be Recommended.  
An easy way of canning cherries and a way which preserves much of the beauty of the cherries is to bottle them after they have been washed, dried and pitted and to put two ounces of sugar in each bottle. Then cork them tightly and put the bottles in cold water. Bring the water to the boiling point and boil gently until the cherries are covered with juice. They are then done. Cool them in the water, push the corks in more tightly and store them away.  
Raspberry vinegar makes a refreshing and easily prepared beverage, and the vinegar is not troublesome to make. Cover four quarts of red raspberries with vinegar. Twenty-four hours later scald and strain the mixture. Measure the juice and add a pound of granulated sugar to each pint of juice. Boil twenty minutes and bottle. This concoction will keep for years. When it is to be used add a tablespoonful to a glassful of cold water.  
To make spiced currants wash, dry and stem the currants. Measure them and for four pounds allow a pint of vinegar and two pounds of brown sugar. Add half a cupful of whole spiced tea in a thin muslin bag. Cinnamon, cassia buds, cloves and allspice should be included. Boil the spices, sugar and vinegar for ten minutes, skim and add the fruit. Boil until the currants are tender; then put them in jars and boil down the sirup, pour it over the jars and seal.  
Spiced cherries are a less usual but no less delicious pickle. To make them boil six pounds of granulated sugar with eight pounds of stoned cherries for twenty minutes. Remove the fruit and put it in scalded jars. Add two tablespoonfuls of ground cinnamon tied in a piece of cheesecloth, a tablespoonful of whole mace, a tablespoonful of whole cloves, a pint of vinegar and boil the sirup down until it is thick. Then pour it over the fruit and seal the jars.  
How to Get Rid of Bedbugs.  
Paint the mattress over lightly with bichloride. It neither stains nor smells. Wipe the bedstead and springs with a cloth wet in it and drench cranies unwipeable. Wipe the backs of pictures and of dressers—in fact, any sheltered and static space. Wipe the floor with bichloride, then sweep with a broom dipped in very hot water.  
Empty closets, wipe over, examine all accumulations of paper, boxes, etc. A bug overlooked will in a month's space infest a whole house. Couches of rattan, wicker or upholstered are strongholds of the blood suckers. Set in air and drench with benzine or gasoline, leave standing a day and drench again, shaking, brushing and beating between drenchings.  
How to Make Children's Gimpes.  
Why is it that children's gimpes are not sold as reasonably as white lawn dresses of the same quality? One mother, after looking in vain for everyday gimpes at a low price, turned to a bargain counter offering dainty white lawn dresses. Here she solved her difficulty. She chose those with a rather full ruffled skirt and no other trimming except a narrow edging at the neck and wrists. She did not wish to sacrifice the quality of material for the elaborate embroidery with which bargain counter white goods are generally advertised.  
How to Dry Wash Gloves.  
A wooden frame over which wash gloves are stretched to dry is a convenience to the woman who wears shawls, doeskin and silk gloves in the warm weather. A wooden band with a stationary thumb costs 40 cents. For 20 cents more a hand with a movable thumb, adjusted by means of a wooden screw, can be bought. The gloves can be put on the frames either before they are washed or afterward, while they are still wet. They cannot shrink, as the frame holds them in shape.

**SATURDAY NIGHT SERMONS**  
BY  
REV. SAMUEL W. PURVES, D.D.

**THE MOST CRUEL SIN.**  
Text: "Honor thy father and thy mother."—Ex. xx. 12.  
Parents take the place of God. They are "klugs" by divine right. They have a natural authority which is a reflection of that from heaven. "The baby's skies are its mother's eyes" in more ways than one. Parents are wiser than children. Even ignorant parents have a wisdom gained from experience which is more valuable than the knowledge of the schools. It is the wisdom given from above. The Almighty stamps the approval of ambassadorship upon a father and mother's position by declaring this commandment: "Honor, respect, obey." Many a man in these days honors his Heavenly Father outwardly who treats his earthly father like a servant. The superintendent of a state reformatory told me that hundreds of boys say their descent to hell began with disrespect of fathers and mothers. The murderer awaiting execution drew on his white cell wall a gallows with five steps—first, profanity; second, Sabbath breaking; third, disrespect for parents; fourth, murder; the fifth was the platform of death. This broken commandment—dishonor to father and mother—was halfway up.

**The Heathen Chinese.**  
I am afraid that the liberty of childhood and the deference paid to youth in our modern twentieth century civilization diminish rather than increase our respect for parents. We say that the civilization of the Chinese is inferior, and we send missionaries to them, but the respect and veneration paid to parents by the Chinese put to shame our neglect and ingratitude. I remember with what surprise I saw the son of a venerable Confucian, himself a man of forty, wait behind his father's chair during a long interview. It was a vestige of the stately manners of the east, strangely contrasting with our civilized rudeness. The "uncivilized heathen Chinese" have a custom that would do credit to a Christian people. On every New Year's morning every man and boy from the emperor to the lowest peasant pays a visit to his mother. He carries a present, varying in value according to his station and means, thanks her for all that she has done for him and asks the continuance of her favor for another year. These innocent and child-like people are taught that the mother who bore them should be respected as long as she lives and her memory venerated after her death. In my lecture travels I find that the highest type of our American people are those that show a fine deference and honor to fathers and mothers. The growth of the Mothers' day observance is one of the hopeful signs of the times.

**The Most Cruel Sin.**  
At a certain stage in life many of our shallow young people fall into the unkind habit of criticizing their parents. If a father has large property and is wise enough to keep it in his own name he can be assured of outward respect. But the unrealized and unrealizable tortures of the indignation were not more terrible to flesh and blood than the mental agonies suffered by those who are now dependent on ungrateful sons and daughters. What vicious blows a girl strikes at her mother's tender breast! What dagger thrusts fathers suffer from boys for whom they have sacrificed their all! I have seen women bend with shame and old men written to the lips and quiver as an aspen leaf under the merciless lash of an unkind tongue. It is the most devilish, the most damnable, the most cruel sin on the human calendar. There shouldn't be any unhappy old people. The latter days should be the golden days of their lives. The son who feels too "smart" to consult with his father, the daughter who is too "snippy" to confide in her mother, will some day be willing to give their good right arm for the privilege of having a father "butt into" his affairs and "meddle" with her housekeeping. Don't ask a mother to sit with folded hands, either. Let her help with duties suitable to her strength. Lack of any work is torture. "Sharper Than a Serpent's Tooth."  
Sure, you're smarter. You ought to be. Each generation enjoys privileges unknown to the one preceding—better schools, larger general culture, more complicated social life. Then the old mind fails, occasional lapses in English, trivial errors in scholarship. And when they come for a visit don't be shocked. "Father is so crude," she whispered apologetically. They are surprised at his table manners, chagrined that he cannot hear as well as he used to. How long is he going to wear that coat and hat? How humiliating his independence of the English grammar! No use to get a doctor in his last sickness. They go to the drug store and get a bottle of patent medicine with lots of alcohol in it. They economize on the coffin and beat the undertaker down, but buy lots of flowers that folks can see. Possibly the recording angel stands about to see how much black they wear and counts the floral designs at the cemetery—but he doesn't! Say, brother, as you hope for peace on earth, be good to that father; honor him with comradeship. Kiss that mother and tell her she is the best mother God ever made. A year from now you might give all you have in the world to do it, and it will be too late!

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GROTON.

Wallace Carlin and family have moved from Willow Dale to Court street. William Austin, of Philadelphia, was a guest last week of Mrs. Charles Blodgett. Mrs. J. H. Sheedy enjoyed an automobile trip to Boston Wednesday, going with Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick L. Donahue, of Dorchester, both formerly of Groton, welcomed a ten-pound son, born Sunday, August 10. The Groton band will give a concert at the bandstand this Saturday evening. Samuel Blodgett and family and his three sons, Charles, Chester and William Blodgett, and their families; also, Miss Annie Duffy and the Misses Nellie and Lizzie McGovern, making altogether a party of thirteen, enjoyed a trip to Revere Beach where they spent the day on Tuesday. They went by way of Lowell. George Fay Sampson begins his two-weeks' vacation this week Saturday. Charles M. Raddin will take his place as driver on the American Express Company's wagon. Mrs. Frank Lincoln Howes, of 26 Still street, Brookline, after a month spent at Riverdale, her country place in Groton, sailed on the Franconia last week Tuesday. Charles B. Baldwin, the oldest man in town, who has sold the Sunday papers—The Globe, Herald and Post—for the past twenty-five years, has given up the agency. The papers are now sold by F. G. Carpenter, station agent, at the railroad station. Howard Souther and family are making a week's visit to Mrs. L. F. Floyd, near Baddacock, and report great luck fishing. Their brother, Fred Souther, is coming over later from Leominster to get a share in the fine fishing found at Baddacock. John Storer, Jr., of Pine-Crest, who has been out west for the past six weeks, is at home again. Miss Marguerite Leonard, a graduate of Fitzburg Normal school '13, has accepted a school at Lancaster, third and fourth grades, for the school year opening next month. Mrs. Ned Stewart, of Clinton, with her husband's nephew, Arlington Stewart, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Huebner. Born on Thursday, August 14, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Gates, Pleasant street. The attention of a Groton party out driving the other day was attracted to an unusual sight in Dunstable. On a steep hillside, covering over quite a large space of land, appeared the words: "Yes for women." Each word was formed from white stones and each was apparently three feet high, making the whole a very spectacular, and telling of a large amount of labor and energy. "Camp Groton" at South Hero, Vt., has been an ideal spot, both as to fishing and camping to the merry party staying there for the past ten days or more. Dr. Gobie, after spending a few days in camp, joined Mrs. Gobie at Woodstock, Vt., enroute on his return to his home in Groton. The Aitken family came Wednesday. Mr. Durant is expected in Groton by Thursday. Mrs. Durant, Mrs. Leonard and daughters, Edna and Marguerite, intend to remain a week longer. E. F. Gobie, of Woodstock, Vt., and Miss Rachel Gobie, of Winoskie, were among the many guests at this "Camp Groton" at South Hero, Vt. Guy Swallow was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital on Thursday afternoon. Dr. Mixer of Boston, assisted by Dr. Priest of Ayer, operated. Mrs. Addie Shattuck Peirce has left town and is at the Woman's club house, Magnolia. The Brown Leaf club held its annual picnic at Baddacock pond Thursday. The weather, which was so doubtful at first, proved all that could be desired, and the men, women and children with guests of the families made a jolly company of between fifty and sixty. They met near the pumping station at M. P. Swallow's camp. Sports, bathing and fishing and an excellent dinner with a fine social time made the hours fly almost too quickly for this good time which comes only once a year. The Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church held an out-door session of their regular meetings last week Thursday. It was an informal gathering held at Baddacock pond on the Baddacock farm side. Besides the members of the society some members of their own families and a few other guests, making twenty persons in all, were present. They had a pleasant time. William Felton Stone and family are camping at The Meadows. Rev. G. M. Howe, who is having his annual vacation, went last week to Oxford, and left Tuesday of this week to join members of his family at their cottage at Mere Point, Me. The Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club will hold their annual fair on September 26. Henry Fitzgerald has moved from Court street to West street. Mrs. J. E. Adams' father, J. H. Corwin, of Athol, who has just passed his eighty-sixth birthday, and his daughter, Miss Eliza Corwin, are here at J. E. Adams' residence on Elm street. Miss Carrie Stevens has returned to P. J. Benedict's after a week's visit in Boston. Miss Stevens will extend her visit to Mrs. Benedict until the first of September. Mr. Rendal and family are occupying the upper tenement of W. W. Ames' house on Willow Dale street, the Thompson family having the lower tenement. Mr. Rendal is the barber who bought out W. Potter at Palmer's block. Francis Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Collier, of West Somerville, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Collier.

The Wheellocks, going in their auto, are making a stay at the beach. There are eleven boys of the Fox Patrol, Boy Scouts camping at Baddacock pond. Their tent is pitched with flags flying on the Baddacock farm shore. They have two boats and in the evening the camp-fires. They follow out the daily program, Boy Scout regulations and are having a first-class boys' own royal good time, all under the direction of Lee Bixby. The money to pay for the tent and other expenses was a gift to the patrol. Mrs. Keough, Mrs. Abram Miller's mother, is visiting in Sharon, Conn. Word is received from Mrs. Hawkes that her husband, James R. Hawkes, who has been so very ill at the Massachusetts General hospital, is better. The physicians now feel assured that he will survive this attack, which is good news for all his friends. There was quite a sensation at Dunphy's lunch rooms last week Thursday night when young Mr. Dunphy while handling a revolver accidentally discharged it. The bullet, which was too large for the calibre of the revolver, passed between the fore-finger and thumb and went through to the upper part of the hand, where it lodged. Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard, hearing quickly of the accident, telephoned Miss Warren, Dr. Green's nurse. Dr. Priest was summoned and extracted the bullet. The wound has since been doing well. The Dunphy family, who were naturally much startled by the accident, appreciated much the prompt assistance given. The school committee are having the ceilings whitened, wall tinted and the floors oiled at the Chaplin school and some other slight improvements made to put the building in readiness for the coming year's work. Similar work is being done at the other school buildings where needed. The following are the Union Congregational church supplies for August: August 17, Rev. Jesse G. Nichols, of South Hadley; August 24, Rev. John C. Prince, of Rockland; August 31, Rev. John L. V. Smith, of Lake View church, Worcester. Rev. George A. Pelton, who supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday, was pastor of that church from April, 1884, to May, 1886. He is now eighty years of age, but is vigorous and energetic. He lives now in New Haven, Conn. He enjoyed meeting many former friends and acquaintances, and showed a vivid and retentive memory of people here a generation ago. Elected Principal. Frederic F. Smith, of Chester, has been elected principal of the high school. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Tufts college and of the Bridgewater Normal school. He has had about thirteen years' experience as a teacher. He taught for one year in the Royal Normal College for the Blind in London, a position of value in affording chance for travel on the continent, as well as residence in London. He has been principal of the high school in Chester for the past five years, was principal of the high school in Ludlow for six years, was principal of the Normal school in Gorham, Me., one year; also, in the Westfield Normal school as a substitute for a part of a year. Mr. Smith is especially interested in the teaching of the sciences and in their practical applications, and also in manual training and agricultural education. He is married and has one child, a daughter of about three years of age. Mr. Smith has spent a part of the summer at Buzzard's Bay and a part at Charlotte, Vt., near Edward Island, at the latter place as a teacher at a summer school. It is expected that Mr. Manning will serve for a time as superintendent of the school until a more permanent arrangement can be made. Clipping. The following clipping is from the Portland Evening Express and Advertiser of recent date: "Hubert A. Wright, a member of this year's graduating class of Newton Theological institution, Newton Center, Mass., was extended a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Central Baptist church of Deering, Me., last evening. Mr. Wright has recently supplied the pulpit of the church and has since been favorably regarded for succession to the pastorate. It is not known what action Mr. Wright will take on the extended call. Mr. Wright is a native of Missouri, and is about twenty-six years old. He took his college course in a Michigan college, afterwards coming to Newton Center for his theological course. He stood fourth in his class and is regarded as an exceptionally able young man. He was strongly recommended to the Portland church and their observations of his ability as a preacher and endorsement given. "The Central Square church has been without a pastor since last October, when Rev. F. A. Robinson resigned and concluded his services." "The above was printed in the Standard and was learned by Mr. Wright's friends here that he has declined the call to the Deering, Me., church, the condition of his health making this decision imperative. On August 5, Mr. Wright wrote the committee of the church giving him the call, that he was then in the hospital and that his physicians forbade his attempting work for the remainder of the year. This is a disappointment to the church at Deering and also to Mr. Wright, who was impressed with the opportunity for effective work which that church and the field it occupies gives to its pastor. West Groton. Miss Edna French, of New York, is a guest of Mrs. P. E. Smith, who, with her children, returned from her visit to Brooklyn on Friday of last week. Vernon Davis, of Fitchburg, is visiting at the home of his uncle, A. F. Bates. Elizabeth Childs, of Fitchburg, and Cynthia Hunt, of Attleboro, are spending some weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jarvis. Mrs. A. W. Lamb is entertaining her niece, Miss Ruth Austin, of New York. Miss Clark and Miss Lucy Davis, of Upton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams. Ralph Lawrence is visiting with friends in New Hampshire. Miss Lillian Harrington, of the paper mill office force, is spending a two-weeks' vacation with relatives in Walpole. Archie Spaulding, of Lebanon, N. H., was a recent guest of his uncle, Dr. S. T. Bowthorpe. Miss Bernice Bixby has returned from a short stay in South Portland, Me., where she joined her sister, Mrs. George McCurdy, on Wednesday of last week. Esther McDougal and sister are visiting with Mrs. Frank Marsh.

Mrs. Rebecca Webber, of Ayer, visited at the home of her son, G. S. Webber, on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday afternoon Edward Webber was one of twenty-five guests at the birthday party of little Miss Woods, of Groton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit Woods. Mrs. Kirk Lawrence, of Pepperell, is engaged professionally at C. R. Dudley's. Mrs. Vinton, an experienced nurse, is still caring for Mrs. A. P. Blood at the Kemp home. James Fallon lost his horse on Sunday morning as the result of sudden sickness, which did not yield to treatment. The animal was a family pet and will be missed by the children. Mrs. G. H. Bixby did not return from York Beach on Monday with the others of her family, but has remained during this week, hoping for a greater gain in health. The third degree of Masonry was conferred on Carl Strand and Clarence Thompson in the Caleb Butler lodge at Ayer on Monday evening. Mrs. Daniel Ludden is entertaining a guest, Miss Jarvis. Mrs. Frank Jaqueth and son Al-fred are spending two weeks in Vermont. P. W. Kane is giving a new coat of paint to his three cottages on Kemp street. Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge left town on Monday for Pomfret, Conn. Their trip was delayed by a call to Mr. Trowbridge to supply the pulpit of Rev. H. L. Mason, of Harvard, who was in a hospital. L. G. Strand, with members of his family, started by auto for York Beach on Saturday, and despite several punctures arrived in time for dinner. They returned on Sunday, having greatly enjoyed the trip. Mr. Strand went fishing seventeen miles off shore and was successful in catching an eleven-pound fish, an honor which he was obliged to share with two other contestants, however. Our West Groton blacksmith enjoyed his success, but not the water, and ended his fish story with "Never again for me." The next regular meeting of the Improvement society will be on Tuesday evening, August 19. The forestry committee will have an interesting report and other important matters will be brought up for discussion. An Amherst college professor was in town on Thursday evening, visiting the school and home gardens, and commended their appearance highly. In West Groton he pronounced the onion bed of Donald and Robert Bixby as the best of its kind among the thousands he had seen. In spite of the dry weather the gardens seem to have flourished and many products have been gathered for the home table. We can speak from experience of the fine size and quality of Edward Webber's turnips and Provost Thompson's sweet corn, having been the recipient of fine specimens of each. West Groton has been less fortunate than surrounding towns in the amount of its rainfall, our variable weather, unusual at this season, has been aptly described by one of our citizens as "a dry up, a freeze up and a blow up." The Odd Fellows' picnic on Saturday was a grand success, so far as numbers and an ideal day could count, but it made it so. Two large barges and a three-seated wagon, rather more than comfortably filled, left Depot square at the appointed time and autos and private carriages as well as the noon and evening trains carried many others. It is estimated that fully a hundred were present. In fact, so many attended that were not looked for the late return that, though the barges were crowded to the steps, it was impossible for all to ride. Several men hired an auto and still others, it is understood, walked from the Lunenburg car line. The Fox Patrol of the Boy Scouts are spending the week in camp at Baddacock pond in charge of Lee Bixby, and eleven boys are having a grand time. Two large barges, by Eugene and Gregory Smith, Robert Bates, George Woolaver, Everett Durant, William Clark, Harvey Lawrence, William Tracey and William Fallon. Watchful parents are keeping an eye in that direction, but in spite of writing all are well and exuberantly happy. On Wednesday they caught seventy-two fish—perch and horned pouts—and ate them all! The young man in charge went prepared to stay out hours of reading, but he has found neither the quiet nor the hours. These eleven scouts are having a glorious good time and, naturally, quick hours are not on their program. They are to return on Monday. LITTLETON. News Items. Aksel Iveson, second son of Mrs. Patrick Dorsey, has entered the navy. He left home on Thursday morning with the hope of returning in four years. Caroline Conant is visiting her brother, Wallace B. Conant, in Concord. The new electric lights were installed in the town hall this week, and the work was completed just in time for the improvement society entertainment. Recent guests at J. H. D. Whitcomb's were Miss Elizabeth Bacon, of Newton; Miss Lillian Hathaway, of New Bedford, and Miss Dorothy Hartford, of Medford, school friends of Miss Marion Whitcomb and Mary V. Gardner. The little Bradlee boy, who lives in the Ramsdell house, is suffering from the effects of a broken arm. Changes in Time Table. A supplement to the Boston and Maine railroad timetable given out on Thursday contains the following changes that go into effect on Monday, August 18: The evening train which has left Ayer at 9.16 and Littleton at 9.24 for Boston, will leave Ayer at 10.04 and Littleton at 10.11. The outward noon train leaving Boston at 11.30 and Littleton at 12.33, will be discontinued and a train will leave Boston at 11.01 and Littleton at twelve noon, stopping here on signal. The train which has left Boston at 8.55 in the morning and Littleton at 10.11, will leave Boston at 9.01 and Littleton at 10.13. The train leaving Boston at six in the evening will leave Littleton at 7.03, instead of 7.17. A train will leave Boston at 9.01 in the evening and Littleton at 10.25, stopping on signal. Nine trains in all will be discontinued on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine beginning next Monday, but most of them are trains that did not pass through Littleton. This sounds like retrenchment. Aluminum will next year cost \$386 for a metric ton of 2204.63 pounds.

THEY SAW THE LAKE FLY. An African Phenomenon That Looked Like a Waterspout. Crossing Victoria Nyanza, Messrs. F. H. Melland and E. H. Cholmeley, the authors of "Through the Heart of Africa," saw a phenomenon which, although common on the lakes of central Africa, seems rare enough. The chief engineer on coming down late to luncheon told us that he had seen a waterspout near by. As we had finished our meal we hurried up on deck to get a glimpse of it. We saw near the southern horizon a gray smoke-like column arising from the surface of the lake and expanding into what looked like a cloud above. Thinking that it must be the engineer's waterspout, we approached Captain Gray and Mr. Akeley, who were also intently observing it, and asked them if we were right in our conjecture. "Waterspout!" said the skipper, with a smile. "Flies." "Flies?" we repeated and turned to Mr. Akeley in the hope of getting from him a more intelligible explanation. "Quite true," he said. "Flies. You've seen the lake fly before?" "No," we retorted, "we haven't, and we didn't know that it flew." Assuring us that neither he nor the skipper had any intention of deceiving us, Mr. Akeley explained that he referred to the insect known as the "lake fly" and not to any spasmodic frivolity on the part of the waters of Victoria Nyanza. The apparent waterspout was nothing more or less than a huge cloud composed of myriads of tiny flies. They sometimes rise from the surface of the lake in such dense columns as to obscure the light of the sun like a pillar of smoke. TRICKS OF LIGHT. Why People Sometimes Feel Dull or Uncomfortable at Table. How few people realize that they are actually suffering from snow blindness in miniature every time they read or work over a white surface on which a brilliant light shines directly. Half tone paper, for instance, which is the common medium for the majority of books we read, will throw a blinding glare into the eye of the reader if the light strikes it at the wrong angle, and it forms an excellent test for the selection of proper lighting for a room and for the placing of the lighting fixtures, for lighting diffusion should be such as to allow comfortable reading from half tone paper in any position. A dome hanging above a dining table on which is white cloth causes the light to reflect into the eyes of those around the table at an angle that produces muscular strain. This has a peculiar effect upon the senses, and drowsiness and mental inertia are apt to result. People are apt to complain of a feeling of dullness at table or that they have indigestion when it is, in reality, the effect of the light. A too brilliant light shining directly into the eye plays many curious psychological tricks. Deaf people, for instance, cannot hear so well if they are facing a brilliantly lighted room, and, as for being able to see better by a bright light than by a dim one, exactly the reverse is the case, for detail of objects become practically lost to the eye when too much light enters it.—Suburban Life Magazine. Advice to Consumptives. The only safe course for a person suffering from consumption is to select a good physician and be guided in all things by that physician's advice. If a new cure is discovered during your illness your doctor will know it. If the cure is genuine he will know that and be the first to insist on applying the new remedy to your case. If the so called cure is a fake his caution will save you from wasting valuable time and strength pursuing will-o'-the-wisps. Meantime, while waiting on new discoveries, he will keep you on the commonplace but effective prescription of rest, plentiful diet and all the fresh air there is. This regime has cured tens of thousands of cases of tuberculosis and will cure hundreds of thousands more.—Chicago Journal. The Psychological Moment. Frances is only a little girl, but she has a quick mind and the gift of language that sometimes distinguishes children who associate much with their elders. The other day Frances came home to her mother with cheeks like roses and eyes like stars. "Oh, mamma," she exclaimed, happily, "I've had the best luck this morning! I got downtown just at the psychological moment!" "Did you, dear?" was mother's pleased inquiry. "And what happened?" Said Frances solemnly: "I saw a parade."—Chicago Record-Herald. His Cleverness. "Don't be so lazy. There's plenty of room at the top, and you're clever enough to get there." "But," replied the lazy genius, "think how clever it is of me to find a place at the bottom, where there isn't so much room." Such a Stupid Man. Fair Customer—I tell you that I wear a No. 2. Clerk—But, madam, this shoe that you just took off is a No. 4. Fair Customer—Yes, I know, but it has stretched horribly.—Boston Transcript. Many There Who Could Do It. "It is said that the devil never takes a vacation." "Well, if he doesn't it isn't because he can't find anybody to run the place in his absence."—Judge. He who follows two hares is sure to catch neither.

The Boston Store GEO. B. TURNER & SON AYER, MASS. On hand at all times the Largest and Best assorted stock of Staple Dry Goods, Small Wares and Fancy Goods in this vicinity. You will always find our prices the lowest, consistent with First-class Merchandise. Shirt Waists Marked Down 98¢ and \$1.25 Waists now 69¢ and 79¢ Closing out our entire Shirt Waist stock at Quick Sale Prices Fine Lawn, Batiste, Linen and Embroidered Waists, the Season's Best Styles, sizes 34 to 44, at 69¢ and 79¢ GOOD DRESSING FOR SEPTEMBER Just Received another lot of Lace and Hamburg Trimmed Kimona NIGHT ROBES AT 49¢. A REGULAR 69¢ VALUE Free at our Pattern Counter Ladies' Bungalow Aprons..... 39¢ Children's Bungalow Aprons..... 25¢ Boys' 50c. Russian Suits now..... 39¢ White aLwn Street Dresses, blue and pink collars and cuffs, sizes 14-16-18 years. Regular price \$1.30, marked to.... 98¢ IMPORTANT NOTICE—During the months of July, August and up to September 11, this Store will be Closed at Noon on Thursdays. Open Monday, Friday and Saturday Evenings. Farm Bargain List of Bliss Fifty acres, with attractive 7-room house, good barn, henhouse, shop, fine shade trees, pretty brook and good orchard. Buildings well back from road and less than two miles to village. Administrator says cut price from \$1800 to \$1600 for quick sale. Grand location to build on 50-acre farm, much of the land good for orchard, good water, orchards, wood and timber. Owner burned out; wants an offer. Reduced \$2000 from former fair price, I now offer one of the best all-round and fully equipped farms in my group of towns—23 head stock, horses, etc., with 120 acres. This farm has splendid roomy buildings in fine repair, and is cutting around 100 tons of hay now. Splendid system of lasting water by gravity. It is a good proposition. Not out of family for 110 years. If you want something good, see me about this. Several good trades now on hand, both in farms and village places. EDWARD H. BLISS, Ayer, Mass. THE RAWLEIGH Gasolene Engine Highest Grade Correct Design Smoothest Running Long Life Minimum of Vibration CHAS. E. PERRIN PLUMBING AND HEATING West Street Ayer, Mass. This Week's Bargains Thursday morning we placed on sale twenty dozen Ladies' Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 12 1/2¢. value, and we have made the price four for 25¢. This is just half the original price. In order to sell them out quickly we made this extremely low price. SHIRT WAIST SALE We have looked over our \$1.00 waists and picked out those which were soiled and crushed and made the price 69¢ KIMONOS One lot of Kimonos, were 50c., 75c. and \$1.00, priced now at 39¢ New, Long Crepe Kimonos..... \$1.00 We have several small lots of Hosiery, including Ladies' Gray 25c. Hose. Sale price..... 15¢ Ladies' Black Dropped Stitch 25c. Hose. Sale price..... 15¢ If you are in need of any Hosiery it will pay you to visit our Hosiery Department SMALL WARES Spool Cotton, 500-yd. Basting Cotton, Darning Cotton, Needles, Pins Buttons, Silkateen, Darners, Feather-stitched Braids, Etc. CASH DISCOUNT CHECKS WITH EVERY PURCHASE A. H. LUCE Page's Block AYER, MASS.



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TOWNSEND.

Center. Mrs. Clarence Sherwin entertained Miss Blanch Lancy and her two sisters, Lilla and Viola, from Lunenburg, on Wednesday.

Miss Mildred Clarke and Miss Mary Hodge, both students at Johns Hopkins medical school, Baltimore, who have been staying in Boston and vicinity this summer, were guests of Miss Ethel Rockwood last week.

Miss Gertrude Rockwood left on Wednesday morning for Portland, Me., from where she will proceed on to Ball Mountain, near Rangley Lakes, where she will be one of the guests at a house party given by Miss Ethel Hinds, of Portland. The party will be there about ten days.

A baked-bean and salad supper was served at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening and a pleasing entertainment consisting of readings, singing and a small farce was given in the evening in charge of Miss Moody, the pastor's daughter.

Baseball. Townsend took the rubber game with the Graniteville last Saturday afternoon at Athletic park in one of the closest and hardest fought battles of the season, the game extending into twelve innings. It was tied in the first of the ninth by the visitors, and Knight finally won his own game, in the last of the twelfth by a fine line drive which brought in the winning run. Graniteville had a classy team and everyone admired the staying qualities and cheerful, persistent manner of Bridgeford, their trappy little pitcher, who up to the last shared equal honors with our own good pitcher Knight, who had splendid control during the whole of the exciting game.

Allen also showed up to be a dandy in his position and Buckingham kept the crowd merry by his capers on the coaching line, and by his manner of hitting, and after Hurley's single he started the ball rolling during the first of the game by cracking out a three-bagger.

There were quite a few close decisions during the game and Umpire Whitcomb did the best he could to do so impartially, but the game being so close, a very close decision on this which meant much to the visitors had the decision being reversed, caused them to bitterly contest the point. The teams were evenly matched throughout and it had to be someone's game with as much honor to those as game as those who won. Both clubs bunched their hits and Graniteville earned all their tallies, while Townsend reserved theirs for the final chapter of the game. The summary:

Table with columns for Townsend and Graniteville players and their statistics (runs, hits, errors, etc.).

West. Oren Powers, who has been with relatives in New Ipswich for a few weeks, has returned and is at present assisting at Patch's stable.

Miss Mildred Basford and friend, Miss Teele, have returned to Peabody.

Mrs. John Johnson has returned from her camping trip to Templeton.

Mrs. Annie King and her daughter Beatrice, from Cambridge, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

The long deferred work on the engine platform back of the Baptist church has been completed, a nice cement platform having been laid.

Mrs. Conway, from Salem, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. J. Manchester.

Grace L. Seaver, who is spending her vacation at Harvard, has been with her relatives in town a few days this week.

Harry Streeter, of Waltham, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselynville.

Miss Kate Ingalls, of Woburn, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George King this week.

Ian and James Rusk are spending the remainder of their vacation with relatives in New York.

Miss Martha Neal, of Derry, N. H., who is visiting relatives at the Center, visited friends in this village this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard, of Wakefield, were at Charles R. Morgan's over Sunday.

Everett Pierce, of Brookline, spent the week-end with his family at the House cottage.

Two large maple trees in front of the residence of Duncan Rusk have had to be cut down because of their dying condition.

W. A. Boutwell, who has purchased Lawrence's store, has added a soda fountain.

Mrs. James Willard has returned from a several weeks' visit to relatives in Dorchester and vicinity, and Miss Dorothy Tyler, her granddaughter, accompanied her home for a few weeks' visit.

Duncan Rusk has purchased a new Overland touring car.

A meeting of the social committee of the Ladies' Study club was held with Mrs. Mary Heath at Clara Warren's on Tuesday afternoon to prepare a program for the coming year's work.

Miss M. Elinor Tower is spending the remainder of her vacation with friends in Maine.

THE FLOCKMASTER.

The time has come when every farmer who is in the sheep business should preserve a part of his corn crop in the silo. It means much in the efficient production of mutton.

Sheep cannot eat silage in as great proportionate quantity as do cattle, though no one seems to know why. However, they do well on it, and it saves a great deal of hay and other feed.

Success in the sheep business depends as much or more upon the care taken as upon the sheep.

Oilmeal is greatly relished by lambs and helps greatly in obtaining a fine finish for the market.

Be sure the flock has plenty of fresh water. If the sheep drink from springs keep the approaches dry.

Corn silage is a safe feed for lambs when it is free from mold and does not contain an excessive amount of acid.

Milk Cows Regularly. Carelessness in This Matter Tends to Lessen Milk Flow.

No greater mistake can be made with good dairy cows than to milk at irregular hours. No good cow will keep her milk flow under such treatment.

Writes H. F. Button in the Orange Judd Farmer. Two milkings a day, twelve hours apart, is the only rule which the cows will abide by. On my own farm we milk at 5 a. m. and 5 p. m., which are as convenient hours as any.

If anything happens to delay the milking even an hour it is noticeable that the cows resent it by giving less milk for a day or two. The reason for this is not far to seek. The solids of the milk are secreted at a very uniform rate between milkings, but the liquid part is mostly formed just before and during milking.

If a cow giving six quarts of milk at a milking was killed half an hour before milking there would not be more than two quarts of milk in her udder. This addition of the liquid to the solids that have accumulated since the last milking constitutes a large part of "letting down the milk" and is under the control of her nervous system.

I do not mean that it is voluntary on the part of the cow, though I have seen men club a cow to make her let down the milk. We all know how emotion, such as anxiety or fright, makes our mouths dry. It is just in this way that any sort of disturbance shuts off a cow's milk.

I have several times found men who failed to milk their cows clean thus drying them up after six or seven months. The best security against this is found in keeping daily milk records.

A spring balance with a dial face and a ruled sheet of cardboard will pay many hundred per cent in the larger flow of milk. I know that many a man who is dishonest enough to leave milk in a cow's udder is not bold enough to put record of his dishonesty down for his employer to read.

Hog Cholera Checked. Methods by Which a Community Stamped Out Disease.

George Glover of the Utah experiment station writes that in one community with which he is familiar and in which hog cholera was rampant the disease was stamped out by the following method:

A competent veterinarian was made a deputy sheriff with instruction to clean up cholera. He did it by first ordering the carcasses of cholera hogs destroyed by fire. Healthy hogs were isolated from sick ones, serum was used with discretion, pens were ordered cleaned once a week and the litter destroyed by fire.

Illness was scattered in the yards and the pens white-washed, the hogs were placed in quarantine, and notices to that effect were posted conspicuously, the moving of hogs on the public roads was prohibited, and all imported hogs were held fifteen days before exposing them to other hogs.

This procedure in a general way, if enforced rigorously, will control hog cholera, and there is no other way. The sanitary authorities must enforce the same general rules in quarantine and disinfection that they do with smallpox and scarlet fever in the human, and there is no reason why the disease cannot be equally well controlled.

Taking Calf From Its Mother. The exact time will depend upon the condition of the calf and its mother at time of calving.

If the calf is strong and in good condition it may be taken away immediately, without allowing it to nurse. If the calf is weak at birth or if the cow's udder is inflamed or caked it is probably a better practice to allow it to remain with its mother for several days.

In case the calf is immediately taken away from its mother it should receive the mother's first milk by all means, as it acts as a laxative and tonic and is very effective in cleaning out the digestive tract and stimulating the digestive organs.—American Agriculturist.

Horses Mean Cash. The man who has mares and young foals in the summer has a right to be proud. Horses bring about the highest price of any animal raised on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Aker held a reception at their residence at Reed farm on the evening of August 9. Thirty-five were entertained, including a number from this village, and a most enjoyable time is reported. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake, chocolate and lemonade were served during the evening.

Miss Kate Ingalls, of Woburn, who has been with relatives in Mason, N. H., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George King.

Miss Gladys Rawson, who has been spending the summer vacation with relatives in Maine, has returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Herman L. Stickney.

Miss Clara Warren and Mrs. Mary Heath are enjoying a several-days' vacation trip to the western part of the state.

Mrs. Lizzie Glazier is enjoying a two-weeks' vacation at Onset, having closed the Perkins cottage on Bridge street during her absence.

Miss Lena Thompson assisted in the postoffice last week in place of Miss Helen Plummer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shapleigh and little daughter, from Cambridge, have been enjoying a brief vacation with relatives in town.

Miss M. Elinor Tower is enjoying a visit to friends in Maine.

Charles B. Stickney has purchased the Welch cottage by the railroad track from L. B. Bowen, of Fitchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson are residing there at present.

Miss Capen, from Boston, is spending a few weeks at Mrs. Alexander Reed's, and Mrs. Winfield Reed, from Woburn, is visiting there also.

Walter E. Wilder, from the Center, occupied the Baptist pulpit in the absence of the pastor, who is away on his vacation. The evening service was held in the vestry and conducted by Perry W. Sawtelle, G. A. Seaver had charge of the Brotherhood and Warren Elliott took Mrs. S. D. Ringrose's place as leader of the Y. P. S. C. E.

A reception committee for the union picnic at the Center on next Tuesday was appointed Sunday, consisting of Perry W. Sawtelle, Mrs. A. E. Waite, Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence and Miss Alice Seaver.

News Items. Mrs. Irving Clark figured in a runaway accident last week with the horse she was driving became frightened at a passing automobile. Mrs. Clark was thrown out of the carriage and was at first thought to be seriously injured. Dr. Royal was called and found no injury beyond a severe shock and bruises, from which she is rapidly recovering.

Friends of the Peabody will be grieved to hear of the recent death of their youngest daughter at their home in Oxford. She had been in poor health for some time from nervous troubles. Mr. Peabody was pastor of the church here several years ago.

The evening set for the library lawn party did not prove as fine as was hoped for, but notwithstanding the unfavorable weather conditions a good many attended and the inside booths well patronized. Most of the out-door sports had to be given up. However, if the financial part was less than usual the sociability was not in the least dampened by the elements. The usual dance will be held on Saturday evening.

Mrs. McAllister and four children, from Lexington, are visiting Mrs. Porter.

Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee has entertained this week Mrs. J. M. Chandler and Miss Maud Chandler, of Portland, Me.; Mr. and Mrs. S. Wetherbee, Waltham; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Newbury, and Daniel Wetherbee and Arthur Houghton, of Worcester.

Mrs. R. Y. Nelson is visiting her daughter at Silver Hill.

Mrs. S. N. Wetherbee and daughter, Mrs. E. L. Bartheaux, visited relatives in Chelmsford the first of the week.

Mr. Poland has returned from his trip through the Great Lakes and reports a delightful time.

Charles Wolfe and Bertha Elms were recent guests at Littlefield farm, and Miss Susie Littlefield is there for the rest of the summer.

The date for the play, "Hiawatha," has been fixed for next Wednesday evening. It will be given in Cobble's field, near the church. This is an open-air entertainment, quite new to us, and given by such an excellent company, cannot fail to arouse much interest.

Little Roger Hager, who has been quite sick, is on the road to recovery.

A recent German patent covers the use of carbonic acid gas in a machine which sprays mortar or plaster on a wall of a building to hasten the setting of the materials so sprayed.

New Advertisements.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, August 9, 1913.

Resources.

Loans and Discounts \$210,717.59

Overdrafts secured and unsecured 13.00

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 100,000.00

Bonds, Securities, etc. 76,972.88

Banking house, Furniture, and fixtures 1,000.00

Due from approved Reserve Agents 29,540.76

Checks and other Cash Items 1,138.54

Notes of other National Banks 6,389.00

Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents 13.68

Legal-tender notes \$9,602.00

Reserve on hand with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation) 5,000.00

Total \$448,387.45

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00

Surplus fund 20,000.00

Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid 15,715.75

National Bank Notes Outstanding 100,000.00

Dividends unpaid 69.00

Individual deposits subject to check 202,602.70

Bills payable, including obligations for money borrowed 10,000.00

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State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss:

I, Henry A. Hill, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August, 1913.

F. Alonzo Blood, Notary Public.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by CHARLES FRAZIER and EDITH L. ORMSBEE with certain papers purporting to be copies of the last will and testament of said deceased, and the probate thereof in said State of New York duly authenticated, representing that at the time of her death, said deceased had estate in said County of Middlesex, on which said will may operate, and praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate of said County of Middlesex, and letters testamentary thereon granted to them without giving sureties on their bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of September, A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

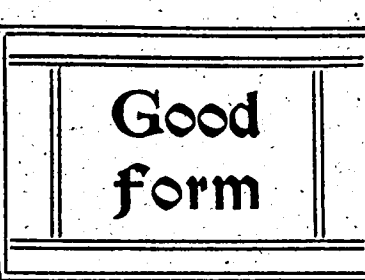
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

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It is bad taste, which means a breach of etiquette, to ask anything about anybody in a crowd, whether it be at a reception, on the street, in a public conveyance or in any case excepting perhaps the name of a person.

Our Courtesy. There is nothing which so exalts and graces a man in the opinion of others as his politeness and consideration for his wife.

Rules for the Well Bred. It is not proper to tuck one's handkerchief inside the open neck of one's gown, making use of this opening as a place of safety for the mouchoir, and no person who desires to be thought well bred will do it.

True Courtesy. Well bred people are always willing to retire into the background, while those who are not polite demand the foreground.

Current Events. Mrs. Henry Worcester and Miss Bertha, of Malden, Mass., who visited Ayer, Worcester, Place, spent the past week with Miss Abbie Read at Fairlee.

Brookline, N. H. Mrs. Rebecca Richardson reached her eighty-seventh birthday Tuesday.

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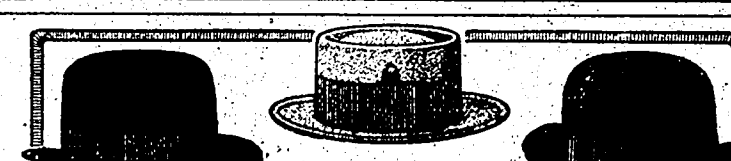
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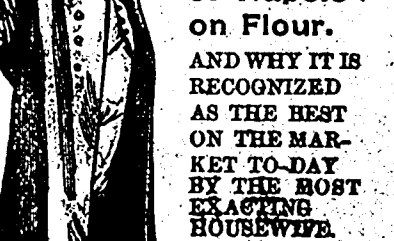
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PEPPERELL.

Current Events.

Mrs. Annie Thompson passed away at her home on Pleasant street on Friday, August 8. She has been an invalid for many years, but the immediate cause of death was acute bronchitis. She is survived by two daughters, Susie and Lena Thompson, both well-known in town. Services were held at St. Joseph's church on Monday morning. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Elmer Foss is experimenting in wireless telegraphy which he has erected on the roof of his garage. He has been able to catch several messages, especially during the evening.

Miss Beatrice Wallace returned last week from Saco, Me., where she had been visiting Mrs. Emily Burns Crossley, who has been spending the summer with her mother at that place.

Frank Ames returned from Boston Thursday of last week. He recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. M. M. Richards started on Monday with a small party for a trip through Nova Scotia, going by boat from Boston.

Misses Leila and Nathalie Moulton, of Kittery, Me., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. J. E. Andrews, on River street.

Miss Ada Whitney is visiting her old friend Mrs. Eicknell, who formerly resided here, but is now living near Poland Springs, Me.

Henry Messer is out again after being confined to his home on Franklin street for some time, from a threatened attack of pneumonia.

Wallace Willoughby and family visited at Gardner last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman. They made the trip by auto and report one of the finest ten-mile roads in this section between Fitchburg and Gardner.

John Frössard has been away on a short business trip this week and expects to go to Wisconsin soon, as he has just made a large shipment of goods there.

Fred Hutchinson, a former Pepperell boy, with his wife, attended the funeral of Mrs. Thompson on Pleasant street on Monday, returning to their home at Somerville that night.

Charlie Parker, son of F. H. Parker, has entered the employ of the Champion International Co., as one of their office force.

It is understood that Earl Dunton, of the American Express Company, will shortly move from his present tenement on Railroad street to the house recently occupied by Mrs. Abbie Shattuck on High street.

Mrs. Timothy O'Brien, who recently had an operation for appendicitis at the Nashua hospital, returned home on last Saturday.

Earl Barker, of Boston, is to open a grocery and provision store about September 1, on Leighton street, in the building formerly occupied by Lessard Bros.

Miss Ethel Reed, of Fitchburg, is visiting Mrs. Wallace Willoughby this week.

The railroad bridge on Main street is still in process of reconstruction. For the convenience of pedestrians a foot walk is made, south of the bridge, opening on Pleasant street, but teams are obliged to go around by Mill and Tucker streets.

The Playground. The children's playground is certainly gaining in favor. The tennis court is rarely deserted and for some days after the "chute" for the juveniles was put in position, that part of the playground resembled nothing as much as an animated ant-hill. Its popularity was somewhat when the swings were installed, but both are still well patronized. In watching the children at their play recently, the writer was pleased to observe some of the boys waiting quietly for their "turn" in the swings, and some of the older children assisting the younger ones up the steps that lead to the slide. If kindness and courtesy and good will are being inculcated in the children who frequent this playground the efforts of the citizens to maintain it are surely meeting with success.

Grange Notes. The regular meeting of Prescott grange was held at their hall on Friday evening, August 8. The resignation of Andrew Woodward, as master of the grange, was given to the meeting and being acted upon was accepted. Mr. Woodward has a position out of town and has not been able to be present at many of the meetings, which was the reason for his resigning. Forrest O. Andrews was elected to fill the vacancy and will serve as master for the remainder of the year.

The entertainment consisted of a whistling solo by Mrs. Edmund Blood and vocal solo by Miss Edna Kittredge, followed by a guessing game contest. Miss Marion McGrath was the winner of the prize in the contest.

The next meeting will be held on the evening of August 22, and will be children's and young people's night. The committee in charge will be Mrs. George Stewart and Mrs. Edmund Blood, and a pleasing entertainment will be prepared and refreshments will be served. All members having children in the family are requested to bring them, and it is understood that children generally are expected to be invited to attend this meeting as it is the special "children's night" of the year.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck and son Gerald enjoyed the fishing at Rindge, N. H., over the week-end, making the trip in their car.

Mrs. Thomas Graham, Mrs. Charles Boynton and friends spent a day last week at Mt. Nussausonic in Goffstown, N. H.

A very successful dancing party was held in Central hall last week Friday

evening, with music by Miss Helen Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shattuck are the proud parents of a four-weeks-old baby girl.

John Rodier has made a rapid recovery from a serious operation and was able to resume his work at the Pepperell card shop on last Monday.

Stanley Tower was a recent guest at the home of H. N. Tower on High street. He has made rapid progress with his music since his course in Germany and it is a great pleasure to hear him perform on the violin.

Frank Bolles is slowly recovering from his accident, but it will be some time before he is in good health again.

The band concert of last week Thursday evening was well attended, but it seems that it would be more convenient if a special evening earlier in the week were set for these concerts so that the surrounding townspeople could enjoy them.

The Misses Althea and Mildred Sawtelle are becoming quite proficient as horsewomen. Nearly every day they enjoy a gallop along the shady roads about town.

Miss Shattuck is enjoying the summer at the Tucker farm on Heald street as is her usual custom.

Waldo Spaulding and family are at their camp in the western part of the town, near Townsend Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Willey, Mrs. H. S. Powers and Mrs. H. E. Frost enjoyed a trip to Whalom Park last week.

Miss Irene Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bancroft and family and friends spent an enjoyable day last Sunday at Silver Lake, Hollis, N. H.

The new state law which prohibits any girl under eighteen years of age from working in a mill or factory will throw a good number of young girls out of work here in town.

Miss Irene Whitcomb is helping about the house at Fred Bancroft's this week.

Miss Grace Chapman, of Leyard, Conn., and George Richards, of Boston, are guests of Mrs. George Maynard.

Word has been received from Los Angeles, Cal., of the death of Martin Brown, formerly of this town and Worcester. Burial service was held on Monday, August 18.

There will be no morning services at the Congregational church on Sunday. Services in the evening as usual.

By An Old Resident. Returning to my old home town after a prolonged absence I noticed a stately building on the river side of Railroad square. "What have we here?" I said to the coachman. "Oh, that is the new bank," he replied.

The new bank building, I had heard that one was in process of erection, but was not prepared to see one on such a grand scale! It is certainly a fine building and in a different location would be an ornament to the town, but where it stands, right among those old wooden rattle-traps, it is strangely suggestive of an American Beauty rose among wayside Burdocks!

Why under the sun with all the many desirable locations in Pepperell was it placed there? Did some interested parties claim it was in the "business section" of the town? This is true, but are there no claims resting upon a community except those of a selfish nature? Is there no civic pride in Pepperell?

Had that building been located on one of those vacant lots on the other side of the river and surrounded, as it might have been, by a clean-cut lawn and trees it would have been an ornament to the town—a thing of beauty and a joy—"for ever," but for many years to come.

Let us hope that as the years roll on and the boys and girls of today feel the need of a second bank in Pepperell they may be wiser than were their fathers and plant their "American Beauty" amid more congenial surroundings. Query.

Methodist Church News. The morning service will be held as usual at the Methodist church.

At seven in the evening Rev. P. R. Stratton will preach on these words: "Christ within you the hope of eternal glory."

Studies from the bible and spiritual life at the noon hour.

The services for prayer and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7.45.

Birthday Anniversary. On Thursday evening, August 7, at Central hall, Pepperell, the eightieth birthday of the Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Unitarian church was celebrated. When started on this date in 1833, it was called the Ladies' Benevolent society and was so called until the year 1846, when it became the Ladies' Social Circle, by which name it has been known to the present day. In 1891, it became a branch of the National Alliance of Unitarian women, taking the First Parish as its missionary field of work.

At eight o'clock the members of the branch brought little silk bags containing pennies for each of their own birthdays, which were received at the door by the treasurer, Mrs. Heald, in a goldenrod trimmed basket. The hall was decorated profusely with colored and other yellow flowers, the circle color. Mrs. Page, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Colson, Mrs. Heald, daughters of former members, with several great-granddaughters, acted as reception committee. Music both vocal and instrumental was rendered by Misses Greenhalgh, Bancroft and Sartelle. A short history of the circle was read by the president, but the important feature of the evening was the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah Varum (she that was Jerusha Hall), arrayed in the costumes of 1830. They greeted the descendants of the charter members with real old-fashioned cordiality and their memories of old days, interrupted now and then by little matrimonial tiffs, added greatly to the success of the affair.

Rev. Dudley R. Child, who came down from Charlestown, N. H., to participate, made an appropriate speech and a delicious birthday cake, made and presented with its eighty blazings candles, "a tribute of youth to age" by Mrs. Louise Richardson, was cut and served by President Heald.

The committee of twelve who arranged the party, dispensed generously by ice cream and cake and the satisfied demeanor of the treasurer led the assembled guests to infer that the contents of the birthday bags were most satisfactory. It was a matter of regret that Mrs. Charles Hale and Miss Lizzie Tucker, of East Pepperell, both daughters of charter members, were unable to be present.

The new United States census shows the number of males of voting age in the country to be 26,999,151, as compared with 21,134,299 in the year of 1900.

Woman's World Mrs. John Jacob Astor's Private Beauty Parlor.



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The beautiful young widow of the late John Jacob Astor, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster, evidently has much faith in the old proverb, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," for she has established in her palatial home on Fifth avenue, New York city, one of the most extensively equipped beauty parlors in the world.

She believes in taking time by the forelock, as it were, and intends wisely to keep herself always young and lovely. In this wonderful parlor can be found all kinds of electric apparatus, invibrators including an "applicator" of great rapidity for the arms and an exquisitely delicate buzzer for the cheeks. A certain powder is placed on this buzzer, which is then rubbed electrically into the skin giving it a peachy glow that can't be detected from the real thing.

The last thing in hair dryers is another accessory of the beauty parlor. Press one button and there comes a draught of cold air. Press another and you get a blast of hot air that any politician would envy. There are two aseptic cabinets for the sterilization of instruments, towels, etc.

But all these adjuncts to beauty cost an enormous sum; face powder alone is used by this sybaritic young matron in said to retail at \$8 for a few thin blifles. Then there must be hair dressers, manicures, complexion coaxers, chiropridists, dentists, masseurs and milds of all degrees in attendance. The woman who wants to look as if she "belonged" must have at least one of each of these treatments a day.

Women on Governing Boards. Concerning woman's availability for state boards of control Mrs. Almah J. Frisby, who served seven years as a member of the Wisconsin board, says: "It ought to be obvious to any fair minded person that the governing board of institutions whose inmates are largely women and children should have women members. The humanitarian side of the work appeals to a woman, while the interest of the male members of the board, I found, was almost entirely confined to the plants and the business connected with the institutions, which is not surprising, as that is the man's chief responsibility are."

"Of the eleven men who were members of the board (thanks to politics) during the seven years that I was a member only two or three took any interest in the internal working of the institutions or showed any efficiency in the work of inspection, which seemed to me a very important part of the work of the board. Certainly the welfare and happiness of the inmates depend quite as much on cleanliness, properly cooked food and kind treatment as upon fine buildings, efficient heating plants and good farms, important as the latter unquestionably are."

An Effective President. "Boshi" said Mr. Nervepp after Mrs. Nervepp had expressed the wish that a woman might be president of the United States for just one week. "What could she do?" "What could she do?" retorted the lady. "I tell you this, James, that if I could get into the White House with a couple of good Swedes to help me I'd do more in a minute than any president we've had in twenty years with both houses of congress and his cabinet behind him."—Harper's.

Films For Summer Use. If amateur photographers before setting off on vacation will lay in a supply of films that have been put up especially for "export" they will have fewer disappointments when they gaze upon the result of their summer snapshotting after the developing is finished. These export films are packed in tin boxes to withstand a tropical climate, and they will be found particularly valuable when one is going to a coast resort.

To Encourage the Feminist Movement. A Sicilian widower of the name of Ciento, who died recently, left \$10,000 to promote the feminist movement in Italy and \$4,000 as a legacy to the first woman deputy.

Mrs. Barton's Bonnet By M. QUAD Copyright, 1913, by Associated Literary Press.

One day, years and years ago, an important event took place in the life of Mrs. Moses Barton, residing in a New England village.

In the days of Mrs. Barton the women of the land, from high to low, wore bonnets.

Mrs. Barton's bonnet, at the time the important event happened, was seven years old. It had gone through many trials and tribulations and had become almost a wreck at last. The good little woman must have a new one, and she sighed at the thought. Moses was a man who hung on to his pennies to the last. The campaign must be got under way, however, and when he came in to rest his back from hoeing in the garden she tremblingly said:

"Moses, I have been looking at my old bonnet."

"Why do you call it old?" he asked. "Because it's seven years old."

"Well, isn't my Sunday hat nigh fifteen?"

"But other women are getting new bonnets," she mildly protested.

"But you have got nothing to do with other women's souls. If they had rather have new bonnets than go to heaven when they die, that's for them to say. You can have 2 shillings to buy some new ribbons to trim with, but it must stop there for two or three years longer."

That settled it. There were tears, but no mutiny.

Next day the important event took place. Moses wouldn't give up the price because he was stingy. If the wife could get \$4 or \$5 some other way he would probably not object to her investing it in a bonnet. Could she wash and iron for a neighbor? Could she make a new rag carpet for some of them? She was scheming away when the matter was settled for her. Moses was going away for a week to visit a relative, and she would go to the big huckleberry marsh and pick and sell berries.

Providence ought to feel very tender toward a woman with a seven-year-old bonnet, and it surely did in this case. Mrs. Barton arrived at the marsh, but hadn't picked a berry yet when she came upon a horse bogged in the swamp. It belonged to a village merchant and was a fine and valuable animal. The thing to do was to throw away the pall and make tracks and notify the owner of the helpless horse. That's just what Mrs. Barton did, and a lot of men went to the swamp and pulled the animal out.

Of course the owner was very grateful. He knew that a neighbor would not take money as a reward, and he asked his wife what could be done.

"Why, you can present Mrs. Barton with a new bonnet," was the reply. "I happen to know that her present one is seven years old and that her husband thinks it ought to last seven more."

The merchant kept a general store, which included even millinery, and the wife selected an eight dollar bonnet and carried it over. There were thanks and tears in return. Mrs. Barton could hardly contain herself until her husband reached home. She had the bonnet on when he entered the house. "Take it off!" he growled after one glance.

"But it was a present to me."

"Then give it right back!"

The wife told him the story of the bogged horse, but he insisted that an eight dollar bonnet was an invention of Satan and could not be allowed in the house. Then something almost miraculous happened. The little and humble Mrs. Barton stood right up before her husband and said:

"I shall keep the new bonnet—so there!"

"Mary!"

"I shall—I shall—I shall!"

"You will take it back to Mr. Brown and tell him you had rather have \$2 in money."

"I never will!"

"Then I will leave the house!"

Despite the threat she refused to obey, and he went to the house of a sister to pass the night. That sister didn't have an eight dollar bonnet, and she didn't want her sister-in-law crowding over her, and so she naturally braced the husband up to carry his point.

Almost before breakfast next morning it was known all over the village that Mr. and Mrs. Barton had quarreled about her new bonnet and separated. The wives naturally said:

"Why, the old curmudgeon! Did you ever hear of the like?"

And the husbands naturally said: "Barton has done perfectly right. These seven and eight dollar bonnets are bringing ruin upon the country!"

Before the sun went down that evening the villagers were divided into two factions and taking things very seriously.

The row was still on and hotter than ever when Mr. Barton fell into the river and was rescued in a half-drowned condition. Among those who called to see him after the water had been pumped out was his parson.

"Parson, do you think I'm in the wrong?" asked the revived. "I surely do."

"Where was I wrong?" "In not spending the same amount of money on new clothes for yourself to match the bonnet."

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