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Thoughts of others are pre-eminent at this Christmas time—there are loved ones far away perhaps this year—there are many more friends that are nearer to us than ever before. Gift lists should be all ready for that systematic shopping which most of us are bound to drift into at this time. But don't be too systematic this week—half the pleasure is roaming around through the different sections finding "something you hadn't thought of." Please carry the small parcels as far as possible, for deliveries this weather are bound to be delayed.

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Knitted Caps	29¢, 50¢, 59¢	each
Infants' Mittens, with or without thumb	29¢, 65¢	pair
Infants' Knit Leggins, with or without feet	59¢, \$1.25, \$1.69	pair
Infants' Long and Short Dresses	59¢, \$1.00, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.25	each
Infants' Bath Robes	\$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.49	each
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AYER

Camp Notes.
One hundred seventy-five soldiers from the camp were the guests of the Rotary club at its dinner at Hotel Brunswick Monday night. The club paid all of the expenses of the men's trip from Ayer. Special trolley cars took the soldiers to and from the North station. No detail which could help to make the men enjoy themselves was overlooked. Each visitor was promised letters from the man at his sight at the time provided that he would leave his name and military address. All accepted this offer.
Orders from division headquarters allow eighty percent of the soldiers four days' leave of absence for Christmas. The remaining twenty percent will be kept at camp for guard duty as an emergency force in case of fire and for other necessary duties. The vacation period begins at noon on December 22 and ends on December 29, at 6:45 a. m. The new year's holiday will extend from December 31 to January 2, under the same percentage as for the Christmas vacation.
The temperature at the camp last Saturday morning dropped to four degrees below zero, which made drilling impossible. It is planned to have an indoor shed to practice shooting when the weather is severe.
Twenty-six men were transferred last Saturday to the quarters of the public utilities department of the camp. This department will keep the camp buildings and equipment in shape and then men assigned to it will probably remain at this work for the duration of the year. The large building formerly used as a restaurant will be fitted up for living quarters for the men attached to this department.

Last Saturday's arrival of recruits to fill up the ranks of those who were discharged below zero, which made drilling impossible. It is planned to have an indoor shed to practice shooting when the weather is severe.
Three hundred sixty officers who have received commissions at the close of the second infantry training camp will report at the camp for duty this Saturday.
There has been a marked increase in the number of colds since the steam heat was put into the barracks, which bears out the statement of health experts, who say that more colds are contracted in overheated quarters than those underheated.
Two military prisoners, Privates Frank Lyons of Company M, 101st Infantry, and Joseph E. Gaudreau of Company M, 23rd Infantry, were taken to Fort Banks last Saturday to serve sentences for failure to appear to be transferred to a southern training camp with the rest of their comrades. Ten others tried to escape by going south with several hundreds of others the past week.
Four more men who belong to the national army, classed as deserters, were brought to camp last Saturday. They failed to appear when men from their cities were sent to the camp. Two were from New York city and two from Bridgeport, Conn.

One thousand men left the camp for other cantonments during the past week. One group of 37 men went to the aviation training school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and other contingents to Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., and to the mechanics' school at the quartermaster's department in Washington, D. C.
Charles Guerin, a private in Battery C, 301st Artillery, who overstayed his leave of absence, and who was found guilty of desertion by court martial, was sentenced to two months' confinement at hard labor and the loss of two-thirds of his pay during that period, last Saturday.



Useful Christmas Gifts

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Here you will find everything that Men and Boys wear. This year, more than ever before, the useful things—the needed things—are the only proper and desirable things to give for holiday gifts. You will find at this store hundreds of desirable articles for every member of the family, only a few of which are enumerated below. All new fresh goods, and the prices are very low and much under today's market values.

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Linen Handkerchiefs	25¢ to 50¢
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Silk Handkerchiefs	50¢ to \$1.00
Wool Gloves	50¢ to \$1.50
Leather Gloves	\$1.50 to \$3.50
Lined Gloves	\$1.25 to \$3.50
Mocha Gloves	\$2.00 to \$3.00
Sweaters	\$1.50 to \$10.00
Pajamas	\$1.25 to \$2.00
Night Shirts	75¢ to \$1.25
Silk Hose	50¢ to 75¢
Cotton Hose	15¢ to 35¢
Wool Hose	25¢ to \$1.00
Neck Ties	25¢ to \$1.00
Boston Garters	25¢ to 50¢
Paris Garters	25¢ and 35¢
Bath Robes	\$5.00 to \$12.00
Arm Bands	10¢ to \$2.50
Mufflers	\$1.00 to \$4.50
Belts	50¢ to \$1.00
Cuff Links	50¢ to \$1.50
Scarf Pins	50¢ to \$1.50
Suspenders, in boxes	25¢ to \$1.00
Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Sheep-lined Coats	\$9.00 to \$35.00

GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS

Flannel Shirts	\$2.50 to \$4.00
Socks	25¢ to 75¢
Wrist Watches	\$3.50 to \$4.50
Air Pillows	\$2.00
Kapo Pillows	\$1.00
Money Belts	75¢ to \$2.00
Toilet Kits	\$1.50 to \$5.00
Sewing Kits	65¢ to \$1.00
First Aid Outfits	\$1.50 and \$2.50
Sweaters, sleeves	\$5.00 to \$8.00
Sweaters, sleeveless	\$3.00 to \$7.00
Sweat Shirts	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Helmets	75¢ to \$2.00
Gloves, wool	50¢ to \$1.50
Auto Strop Safety Razor Outfit	\$5.00 to \$7.00
Trench Mirrors	35¢ to 75¢
Wristers	25¢ to \$2.00
Swagger Sticks	35¢ to \$1.50
Wool Underwear	\$1.25 to \$2.50
Khaki Handkerchiefs	15¢ to 25¢
Silk Khaki Handkerchiefs	50¢
Leather Gloves	\$1.50 to \$3.50
Knit Mufflers	\$3.00
Rubber Blankets	\$2.00
Rubber Overshoes, Khaki color	\$1.75 to \$4.75

GIFTS FOR BOYS

Sweaters	\$1.50 to \$3.00
Pajamas	\$1.15
Blouses	65¢ to \$1.00
Watches	\$1.25
Wool Toques	50¢ to \$1.00
Helmets	75¢ to \$1.25
Rubber Boots	\$2.50 to \$3.75
Overshoes	\$1.75 to \$2.25
Golf Caps	25¢ to 65¢
Neck Ties	25¢ and 50¢
Shirts	65¢ to \$1.00
Mackinaws	\$5.00 to \$8.00
Hose	19¢ to \$1.00
Handkerchiefs	5¢ to 20¢
Union Suits	75¢ to \$1.50
Rubber Coats	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Suits	\$3.50 to \$10.00
Shoes	\$2.00 to \$3.50
Gloves	35¢ to \$1.50

FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Toques	50¢ to \$1.00
Toques and Scarfs	\$1.00 to \$3.50
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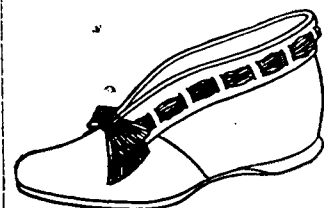
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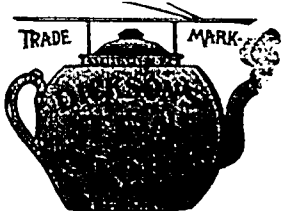
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WESTFORD
Center.
Mrs. Fred A. Wright of Washington, D. C. is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright.
Miss Susan C. Preston of Dorchester was an over Sunday guest of her long time friend, Mrs. Howard A. Lincoln, at the Georgeanna home on Monday evening. Mrs. Lincoln invited a group of friends to meet Miss Preston.
Mrs. George T. Day underwent a serious operation at the Lowell General hospital Saturday of last week. Her many friends sincerely sympathize with her in her suffering, but are glad to hear that she is doing as well and resting as comfortably as can possibly be expected.
Donald Fluke (Cameron) of Lowell and Westford, a member of the club of 1915, Phillips andrewer, has recently received honors in chemistry, German and trigonometry.
Miss Julia H. Fletcher entertained the Christmas club at her home on Thursday afternoon of last week.
Mrs. Nellie Carlin has finished knitting her seventh sweater for the soldiers. Mrs. Carlin is somewhat of a shut-in and her health is not always the best and this amount accomplished represents much effort, especially as her knitting is of the best.
In a letter from Wesley Hawkes, Jr. to his home people written from "Somewhere in France," he speaks of being well and as this letter was written just preceding Thanksgiving he told of preparations and plans for a pleasant recognition of the holiday for the men in uniform so far from home. He further told of one of his comrades, a Groton boy, receiving a copy of this paper and how much they enjoyed reading every bit of the news therein from this and the surrounding towns. We hope that more copies of this paper may reach these men in far off France to greet them with messages of greeting and good will from the people who know them here.
The snow storm of the first of the week for the amount of snow made the hardest kind of work to get the branch line electric back to schedule. The intense cold on the ice-covered rails made them hard to clear and the car getting off the track added to the hard work.

The Public Safety committee met last evening and arranged plans for Westford to its part stricken Halifax. The town was divided into districts and canvassers appointed for each district. Those appointed were Edward M. Abbott, John P. Wright, Arthur E. Day, J. Herbert Fletcher and Charles O. Prescott. The others were Edward T. Hunt, George Wilson, Frank L. Furbush, A. G. Hawkes, Mrs. Eita W. Fletcher, O. Lundberg, Walter A. Whidden, Harry L. Nesmith, Alexander McDonald, Fred Blodgett and J. E. West. Results of the canvass will be given next week and it is expected that the response for the suffering and homeless people in Halifax will be worthy of Westford.

The meeting of the Tadnuck club next week will be in charge of the committee on public health, Mrs. W. H. Sherman, Mrs. O. V. Wells and Mrs. A. E. Loveless. Current events will be given by Ericson Roundhouse of the academy, and Dr. W. H. Sherman will give an address on "Community health problems."

The children of the Frost school will hold their Christmas exercises at the town hall on Tuesday evening, December 18, at 7:30 o'clock. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. The pupils of each of the four rooms contribute their share of the entertainments and it is hoped that a good audience will be present to appreciate the children's efforts.

The members of the home guard held a well attended meeting on Tuesday evening in the town hall. They were in the hall for the inspection, but owing to bad weather the inspecting officer did not put in an appearance.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church met at the home of the president, Mrs. John P. Wright, Thursday afternoon. The completion of some Christmas work occupied the afternoon.

The Red Cross held its meeting on Wednesday afternoon with an interesting program. The meeting was held in the library hall. There were good attendances at both meetings and much work accomplished on the special consignment of surgical dressings this branch is asked to do this month. A recent letter of appreciation has been received from Lowell headquarters for the fine quality and quantity of work sent in last week from this branch. In speaking of the large attendance and good work accomplished at library hall much credit should be given to those who work so faithfully in their homes every week and who cannot come to the hall.

Mrs. William E. Wright gave a very pleasant birthday party for her little son Kenneth last week Friday afternoon at her home on the Boston road. This commemorated his fifth anniversary and it was a very pleasant event with games, entertainment and refreshments. There were eleven little people in attendance.

About Town.
The W. J. T. U. held a splendid meeting at the home of Mrs. James Kimball on Friday afternoon of last week. An excellent talk was given by Mrs. Charles Jones, who is the evangelistic superintendent of the W. J. T. U. for Middlesex county. Just before Thanksgiving the Union sent a box to the Frances Willard Settlement. A vote of thanks was given to Percy Wright for making the offering to Boston. A check and another vote of thanks was extended to Emory J. Whitely for packing it for transportation. The Union decided to purchase some of the goods from the children of the Frances Willard Settlement. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, superintendent of the M. E. Sunday school in Westford, held a dinner for the teachers of the school last week. Over twenty were present and a fine time was enjoyed. It was a treat for the time and Mrs. Fletcher, by the way, together with her assistants, are doing a splendid job of their work.

An annual meeting of the Middlesex Farm Bureau, held in Groton last week, the following officers were elected: N. Howard, president; I. W. Dean, Vice-President; Gordon Hutchings, Correspondent; C. B. Willard, Waltham; Mrs. M. E. Bowditch, and Mrs. Mary S. Miller of Wakenfield, Mrs. L. P. Richardson of Pepperell, Mrs. H. E. Thompson of Arlington, members of woman's council.

Miss Martha M. Seavey gave the Gamma Delta toast at the annual banquet of the Gamma Delta society of the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University on Wednesday evening, December 5. The bill of fare was headed by "Hoover's" and the menu cards by the heading "War banquet." The Gamma Delta society is the largest social organization in the university. It is made up of all the young women of the College of Liberal Arts, regardless of their fraternal or fraternal relations.

A great nation bound in the fetters of autocratic power and dominated by an ambitious and unscrupulous Emperor who desires the conquest and subjugation of the entire world.

Forge Village.
A collection for the relief of the Halifax sufferers was taken up in the mills of the Abbot Worsted Co. Monday morning. The employees, who are always generous, contributed willingly. The money was paid in Monday afternoon and was forwarded Tuesday to the relief headquarters by the Abbot Worsted Co.

As the Boston and Maine officials have refused to have the express on Saturday from Ayer to Lowell stop at this village, where about 100 to 150 people would be glad to patronize the train, attention is turned to the officials of the Fitchburg trolley line with the request, that a little more consideration be shown the patrons of that line in this village. Last Saturday at noon the electric were so crowded that for three hours they ran express to Lowell. The patrons of the line here left shivering in the cold anywhere from one to three hours. Double headers would do much to relieve the congestion in the afternoon and evening. With the Christmas already here the people here are very indignant at the means of transportation accorded them. An addition is being built onto the power house with which when completed may help to out the but in the meantime extra trips should be made to accommodate the public.

Rev. Angus Dun announced Sunday at St. Andrew's mission that a meeting of the Forge Service Unit would be held next Thursday evening. A large number are expected to be present. A meeting of the Girl Scouts will also be held. Rev. Mr. Dun also requests all boys over ten years of age, who wish to join the Boy Scouts, to present. Only those who wish to become efficient scouts in every sense of the word as Mr. Dun expressed it, need apply, as it will not be a meeting for amusement.

Miss Eva F. Payne requests all those who have sewing for the Red Cross to turn it in as soon as possible, as there is a demand from headquarters for these articles. A quick response would be greatly appreciated. Santa Claus in spite of the war has promised the Sunday school children of St. Andrew's mission that he will visit them. He will be on hand Tuesday evening, December 18, at 7:30. All those who have attended Sunday school regularly will be rewarded. A concert pending the arrival of Santa will be given by the children, under the direction of Miss Sarah Precious. Everyone is cordially invited to the exercises.

Burton Griffith has returned from Passaic, N. J. where he spent Thanksgiving at the home of his brother.

Miss Hazel Comery of Boston spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Comery. Robert Orr, jr., a private in the depot brigade Camp Devens, left for Washington last week.

Twenty-five Russian residents of this village received notice to appear at Boston State House, Wednesday, as after eleven o'clock they are in the service of Uncle Sam.

The pupils of Cameron school will give the cantata, "Ye little folk," by Polly Simpkins in Abbot hall next Wednesday evening for the benefit of the local branch of the Red Cross society.

Cameron school will close next Friday, December 21, for two weeks Christmas vacation.

Granvilleville.
Raymond Wall, while driving a Ford runabout down what is known as the "town hill" from Westford center, on last Saturday morning, minus chairs on his tires skidded when near the bottom of the hill and the machine turned turtle, being young Wall beneath it. Fortunately H. F. Leith of Groton, soon came along in his auto and thinking that someone had abandoned the machine after the accident, seeing no one near, was about to continue his journey to Granvilleville, when he heard an outcry and going to the opposite side of the car found young Wall pinned by the arm and leg. The top of the machine was smashed and the front wheel, which was driven home on its own power, apparently none the worse for the tumble. After Mr. Leith had freed up the machine young Wall was found to be no worse for the accident aside from a few bruises on the arm and leg. Slippers roads with other combinations caused the accident and it was a miracle that the accident had no serious consequences.

The children of St. Catharine's Sunday school have already begun preparations for the Christmas tree exercises that will be held in the church this year as usual.
The blizzard of last Saturday has put the skating out of commission, but the youngsters can console themselves with coasting for the time being.
In spite of the cold weather work still continues to be pushed on the new buildings now being erected in this vicinity.
Aldat Langley of this village, a member of the aviation corps, has arrived in France. Young Langley, who is deeply interested in this branch of the service visited his parents here a few weeks ago. Before his departure

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Mortgagee's Sale
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated August 15, 1917, given by CHARLES E. CLUTE to FREDERIC H. PARKER, and recorded in the Middlesex South District Deeds, book 4155, page 201, for breach of the condition of said mortgage, and to foreclose the same, there will be sold at public auction on the premises on Saturday, December 29, 1917, at three o'clock P. M., all in singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and described therein as follows:
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the Northernly side of the intersection of Groton and Mill Streets in said Pepperell, containing 3.87 acres and bounded as follows:
Beginning at a point on said Groton and Mill Streets thence North 61° 51' West by Groton Street 236 feet; thence North 58° 25' West by said Street 148.32 feet; thence North 27° 20' East by land of Frederic H. Parker 421 feet more or less; thence South 64° 35' East 362.3 feet to said Mill Street, thence South 17° 33' West by said Mill Street, 220.70 feet, thence South 31° 12' West by said street to point of beginning. Together with all reparian rights appurtenant thereto in the waters of the Nissitissit River.
The premises will be sold subject to a prior mortgage of five thousand dollars and all unpaid taxes. Terms: \$500 in cash will be required at the time and place of sale; other terms at sale.
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TOWNSEND

Center. Miss Helen Higgins substituted at the Harbor school in the absence of the teacher, Mrs. Hudson A. Bray, who attended the State Grange meetings in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morgan and Mr. Morgan's brother, L. Watso, came to town last Saturday evening from Leominster to the home of Mrs. Morgan. The parents of Mr. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, Mr. Morgan has enlisted in the naval reserve and left town Tuesday for Texas, accompanied by his brother, Mrs. Morgan will remain for the present with her parents.

Edward Taylor, a former resident of Townsend hill, was in town this week, calling on friends on the hill and at the Center. Miss Harriet Kaiser, of Mason, N. H., was the mid-week guest of Mrs. Angie Lang.

It is reported that the Methodist L. B. S. cleared thirty-five dollars at their sale held last week. The children will be given a Christmas party on Monday afternoon, December 24, in Memorial hall at three o'clock. Games and a general good time is being planned for the little folks with a Christmas tree and Santa Claus. Children under eight years of age will receive a present. A motion picture-entertainment will be given in the hall in the evening.

Friends are sorry to learn that Mrs. Lewis Morse is very ill with double pneumonia. At the Parent-Teacher association meeting Tuesday evening they were again disappointed in not being able to hear Mr. MacKay, of Ayer, speak as he was called away to Boston. The audience, however, enjoyed the talk given by Mr. Lowe, of Ayer, who came as a substitute. The evening's program was varied by the singing of patriotic songs by the school children, saluting the flag and singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

At the December meeting of the Birthday club it was voted to change the date of the meeting from the first Thursday in the month to the first Tuesday, so as not to conflict with the date of the Red Cross meeting. The president, appointed Mrs. Emma Lacey, Mrs. M. B. Bliss and Mrs. Angie Lang a committee to nominate officers for the new year and report at the next meeting.

The attendance at the motion pictures on Saturday nights has been disappointing. The committee in charge of the Athletic association is to continue giving the pictures the finances must at least come out even. For the month of November there was a net of \$11.00. Mrs. George A. French, of Westfield, a former resident in town, has been the guest this week of Mrs. Angie Lang.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller left town Wednesday morning for the south, where they will spend the winter at New Smyrna, Fla. and where Mr. Miller is to be employed at his carpenter trade. On account of the extreme cold and bad traveling Dr. James Rosa, of Fitchburg, was not able to be present and speak at the Grange Monday evening. Piano selections were rendered by A. G. Seaver and readings by Mrs. Louise Tenney, Mrs. Emma Seaver and Dr. A. J. Atwood.

A Letter from France.

The following letter has been received from Private James Wallace Green, Company B, 101st U. S. Engineers: Somewhere in France Nov. 16.

My Dear Mother—Bill thinking of you and hope every day I will home. I have not received any word from you yet and it seems rather strange. I am well and as happy as can be. Hope you and the rest at home are the same. I was reading the Townsend paper and that one of the other boys had received a letter from you yesterday and he is looking fine. I am waiting anxiously to hear from you but it does not seem to come.

Many letters have been sent Wallace and the home folks do not understand why none have reached him. When Chaplain Hoyt addressed the Monday club this week he emphasized the fact that when the boys were in camp in this country everything possible was done for them, and the home friends could see them often, but when they "were across" it was not possible to do so much, and the homesick hours would come to the soldier boy and he urged that many frequent letters be sent to our own town boys and to other others whose address it might be our privilege to know.

Sale and Entertainment. The L. E. S. of the Congregational church held a successful supper and entertainment in Memorial hall on Wednesday. The various booths were attractively decorated with laurel, hemlock, flags and the national colors.

West. Miss Martha Jones of Mason, N. H., has arrived at the Squannacook Inn, where she will spend the winter. Mrs. J. W. and daughter, from Bolton, have been visiting Stillman Rand at the Inn the past week.

The Ladies' Literary and Social circle will postpone their fortnightly meetings for the present, owing to the illness of several of their members. The Ladies' Study class will meet at the reading room on Monday afternoon, the meeting being in charge of Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. Boynton, taking up the topic, "Our island possessions."

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard, who have been recent guests of Mrs. Susan Morgan, have returned to their home in Stoneham. Mrs. Mary Forsythe, who has been spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Mae Stetson, returned Saturday to Newton Highlands.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry B. Boynton have returned from a few days' vacation spent with Mrs. Boynton's relatives in Franklin, Me. Mrs. Herman L. Stickney is on the sick list suffering from an attack of influenza.

Owing to the cold weather and the snow storm the Sunday morning services at the Baptist church were held in the vestry. A special collection was to have been taken for the sufferers in the Halifax disaster, but as the attendance was very small it was thought wise to divide the village into sections to be canvassed by a committee of six.

The regular monthly meeting of the All-ready class was held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Doris Tenney and a good time was enjoyed, the business meeting being followed by a social hour with the games. The next meeting will be announced later.

Mrs. William T. Cook, who has been visiting her home here for the past few days, has returned to Utica, N. Y., where she and Mr. Cook are spending the winter. She was accompanied to Worcester by Mrs. Charles Chase, who cares for her home during her absence, and who will spend a few days in that city.

The terrible disaster in Halifax touches even this little village, and one of those in deep anxiety over the fate of relatives in Mr. Ennor, the owner of the town home, whose sister's residence was situated near the water front in the devastated section.

A most successful sale and entertainment was held at Seminary hall on last week Friday evening under the auspices of the L. E. S. The program consisted of the presentation of the Kate Douglas Wiggin's pleasing little play, "The Old Peabody pew," with Mrs. Joseph McKean as reader, and she held the interest of the audience throughout the entire program. The parts were all well taken and the principal characters, Nancy Wentworth, played by Miss Gladys Atwood, and Justin Peabody, impersonated by W. Arthur Eastwell, did excellent work, especially in the long and difficult second act; the character of Mrs. Burbank, the president of the Dorcas society, and of Mrs. Baxter, the minister's wife, were well taken by Mrs. Charles Hodgman and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, and equally good were the three widows impersonated by Misses Inez Hill, Vera Brown and Sara Lucas. The part of the two old maids by Misses Alice Seaver and Emma Adams furnished much amusement, and the quaint costumes and local hits afforded much mirth.

A MASSACHUSETTS MASSACRE The following article is taken from the Boston Transcript of December 7: "The slaughter of the deer is especially of does in the western counties of the state has gone on merrily this week. Of nine deer recorded as killed in North Adams yesterday five were done so by the hunters on Wednesday three deer were killed, all does. Small yearling bucks, down to one hundred pounds in weight, are recorded as having been shot here and there.

In the main the popular sort of deer shooting in the western hills is a warfare on the female and the infant of the species. Everybody is out, beating the woods and hemming in the frightened creatures. At Palmer, according to the Worcester Telegram, where thirteen deer had been killed up to Wednesday, dogs were used for the purpose of driving the deer. "Hunters" conceal themselves amongst the underbrush and lie in wait while the deer are driven along. Those who are not hunters and who venture on the roads frequently see deer limping along with broken legs. Many will die in the woods after the season is over.

There is a curious but by no means an incredible report that deer are found making across the state line into Connecticut or Vermont. We cannot suspect the poor deer of a knowledge that the game laws of those states are more humane than those which prevail in Massachusetts, but they are at least aware of the wild fustigate that is being kept up against them in this state, and by instinct they flee in the direction of comparative safety.

The season in our western counties looks a few weeks like massacre than it does like sport. A tablespoonful of turpentine boiled with water will greatly aid the whitening process. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell the personal property of the late Dexter L. Spinney East Acton, on Saturday morning, December 15, at nine o'clock—cows, horses, sheep, pigs, and household goods, etc.; also, on Friday, December 21, second grand special sale of 125 head of cattle for Hall & Loring in Farmington, Me.; also, on Friday morning, December 28, at nine o'clock, the personal property on the North Reading town farm. The above are very large sales.

New Advertisements. Dr. F. R. McGrail Formerly of Pepperell, with Dr. R. H. Wylie - Dentist Barry Block, Ayer 2w15 Fireman Wanted With or without license; family man preferred; steady job with no last time. Apply to Mr. Clarence M. Carter, CONANT, HOUGHTON & CO., Inc., Littleton, Mass. 2w15

NOTICE. Estate of WILLIAM H. JENKINS late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, represented insolvent. The subscribers, having been appointed by the Probate Court for said County Commissioners to receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said William H. Jenkins, hereby give notice that the time within which creditors may present and prove claims against said estate is hereby extended to and including May twentieth, 1918, and that they will meet to examine the claims of creditors at the residence of JOHN L. BOYNTON on Main Street, Pepperell Center, on the third day of January next at two o'clock in the afternoon. SAMUEL R. MERRILL, JOHN L. BOYNTON, Commissioners. November 21, 1917. 3t15

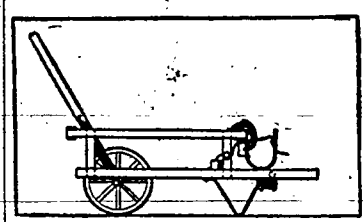
NOTICE. The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 14, 1918, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon the following business: To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting. CHARLES A. NORMAND, Cashier. Ayer, Mass., December 11, 1917.

USEFUL WEIGHTS

The following weights may not be exact, but they are near enough for ordinary calculations: One cubic foot of water, 62.4 pounds. A volume of air equal to 12.4 cubic feet weighs 1 pound. One barrel contains 31 1/2 gallons. One cubic foot of water contains 7.48 gallons. One gallon of water weighs about 8.33 pounds. One pint of water weighs about 1 pound. Pine weighs about 35 pounds per cubic foot. Oak weighs about 45 pounds per cubic foot. Concrete weighs about 150 pounds per cubic foot. Stone weighs from 135 to 200 pounds per cubic foot. Seventeen cubic feet of clay weighs about a ton. Eighteen cubic feet of gravel in bank weighs about a ton. Twenty-seven cubic feet of gravel, dry, weighs about a ton. Lime weighs 75 pounds per bushel.

USEFUL AS FODDER BUNDLER

Device invented by Ohio Man for Receiving Stalks of Corn and Holding in Compact Form. The Scientific American in illustrating and describing a device adapted for receiving stalks of corn, invented by J. L. Wolfe of Willshire, Ohio, says: This device is adapted for receiving stalks of corn and for holding them in a compact form in such manner that



Fodder Bundler. It may be placed on the bundle while so held, and wherein the bundler is well supported for easy transportation, and wherein means is provided on the bundler for supporting cord and for permitting the cord to be drawn off to be used as ties for the bundles, and for compressing the bundle prior to the tying.

FEED SWINE CULL POTATOES

Spuds Are Poor in Protein, But Rich in Carbohydrates, Thus They Are Fat Producing. (From the United States Department of Agriculture.) It is estimated that four and one-half bushels of potatoes equal one bushel of corn in producing weight gains on hogs. Potatoes resemble corn in composition, and this is especially true of sweet potatoes. Both corn and potatoes are poor in protein and rich in carbohydrates, thus they make fat rather than bone and muscle. The potatoes should be boiled or steamed until they form a mealy mash, which should be mixed with some other feed such as corn-meal, shorts or bran. Only enough water should be added in the cooking to prevent burning and to make a thick mash. While some potatoes may be fed raw to add succulence to the ration, they should be given only at intervals and in small quantities. Too many are likely to cause scours. A potato ration should be supplemented with feeds rich in nitrogen, such as old-process linseed-oil meal or fish meal. Where sweet potatoes are plentiful and cheap a combination with gluten meal and skim milk makes a good ration.

CORN LACKING IN MINERALS When Fed as Sole Concentrate in Rations for Swine Bodily Weakness Will Result. Because of its low content of mineral matter, particularly lime, corn should not be fed as the sole concentrate in rations for swine. Bodily weaknesses result from a deficiency of mineral elements when other feeds are not supplied with corn. In experimental feeding tests conducted by Dr. E. B. Forbes of the Ohio experiment station, hogs fed mainly corn had weak bones often resulting in lameness and fractures. Such injuries do not occur with hogs on pasture or with those given feeds rich in lime, such as clover, alfalfa, rape, skim milk and tankage. Bone flour, wood ashes, corncob charcoal and lime are useful supplements to rations deficient in minerals.

RIGHT CARE OF SPRAY PUMP Different Parts Should Be Gone Over, Cleaned and Oiled—Keep Machinery Under Cover. Are you taking care of your spray pump? Go over all the different parts of the pump, cleaning them off and oiling them. Unless this precaution is taken your pump will be out of order when you will need it! The spray materials rust the metal parts and they soon become useless unless they are cleaned and oiled when the season is over. Don't fail to keep the pump and all other machinery under shelter when not in use.

Old Theory Exploded. I have known vast quantities of nonsense talked about bad men not looking you in the face. Don't trust that conventional idea. Dishonest people will stare you out of countenance any day in the week if there is anything to be got by it.—Dickens.

Nature's Sense of Humor. "Nature has a sense of humor," says Lima Beans. "There is no other way to account for the kangaroo."—Toledo Blade.

TEN MILLION Members Wanted For the Great RED CROSS at ONE DOLLAR per year Between December 17 and 24. Everyone knows at least something of the great work being done by the American Red Cross—an all-American largely Volunteer organization, devoted to Practical Humanitarian Service in Peace and in War. New England's quota is One Million Members, plus Five Hundred Thousand already enrolled here. In no other way can you make a dollar-work so hard or so efficiently for humanity as by joining the Red Cross during the Christmas Membership Campaign, December 17 to 24. Not all of us can go to the trenches, not all of us can do active duty here, but everyone can, and should, JOIN. They also serve who join the Great Red Cross

The Family Circle A Rayo Lamp draws the family together in pleasant intimacy. The bright, steady, flickerless illumination gives a perfect light for reading, sewing or playing. Rayo Lamps give a flood of soft light that reduces strain on the eyes. Rayo Lamps are easy to re-wick and to keep clean—no cheap ornamentation to catch dirt. No light them without removing either chimney or shade. Artistic in design, they are built to last a life-time. For best results use So-Co-ny Kerosene. Standard Oil Co. of New York Principal Offices: New York, Buffalo, Albany, Boston. SHIRLEY CASH MARKET ALWAYS ON HAND WITH A FRESH SUPPLY OF BEEF PORK VEAL LAMB SMOKED, PICKLED and CANNED MEATS At Your Door in Ayer Every Tuesday and Saturday Every Day in Shirley FRESH FISH FRIDAYS VEGETABLES IN THEIR SEASON CHARLES A. MCCARTHY, Prop. CUTFLOWERS, PLANTS, FLORAL DESIGNS, ETC. HARDY ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS AND VINES H. Huebner Florist Groton, Mass. Greenhouses near Groton School

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willoughby and daughter, Mrs. Belle Patterson, of Manchester, N. H., and Edward Duffy of Newton spent Thanksgiving and the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Patterson, of Springfield. Mrs. Belle Patterson remained at home for a vacation.

Miss Irene Tyrrell, having spent the holiday and last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Tyrrell, has returned to her school duties as teacher in Springfield. Mr. Tyrrell, a capt. Knowlton moved Saturday into the house recently vacated by Miss Nettie Hill.

Miss Elsie E. Shattuck of Chester, N. H., has returned after a pleasant holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shattuck, of Elm street and expects to move there soon.

Fox skins this fall bring from \$16 to \$18. As there are more foxes in the country than for a number of years, fox hunters expect to realize a lot of money between now and spring.

Mr. F. C. Bishop attended the state Granite meeting in Worcester this week, going Tuesday morning and returning Thursday.

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West Groton. The Improvement society will hold its monthly meeting on next Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Phillips of "Windykub," Wrentham, have leased for the winter the house at 79 Mt. Vernon street. The house for a year was occupied by Mrs. James Lawrence and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence. This year Mrs. James Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence are at 386 Commonwealth avenue, Boston.

The Groton Branch of the American Red Cross sent in November 29 sleeveless coats, 4 mufflers, 4 pairs of socks and 5 pairs of wristers.

A Christmas program will be given by the pupils of the high school in the main room on Friday afternoon, December 21, at 12.50 o'clock. The program is extended to the parents and friends. Special music will be a feature of the hour, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Lowe.

Charles H. Gerrish, a prominent and life long resident of the town, died at the age of seventy-two years, at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., December 8, after an illness of eight weeks, due to a growth in the intestines. Mr. Gerrish was the son of Charles and Sarah Jane Gerrish of this town. He was one of five boys, one having died in infancy; Frank, who lived to the age of nineteen years, and Samuel, who passed away a number of years ago. About three hundred dollars was realized from the whole affair.

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Christmas NIGHT ROBES, ENVELOPE CHEMISE and CORSET COVERS Each packed in fancy box. Prices 59c to \$2.69 GIFTS FOR THE MEN Neckwear 25c to \$1.00 Arm Bands and Hose Supporters, in fancy boxes 50c Suspenders and Arm Bands in fancy boxes 25c and 50c GLOVES In Mocha and Dress Kid, fur and fleece lined \$2.25 to \$5.00 Cuff Links 25c to \$1.00 Shaving Sets \$1.89 and \$2.50 Safety Razors—Gem, Eveready and Auto Strop \$1.00 to \$5.00

Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes—3, 4, and 6 handkerchiefs in a box—for Men, Women and Children. Prices from 15c to \$2.00 SHIRT WAISTS Handsome Lingerie and Silk Waists, packed in individual boxes. Prices \$1.98 to \$5.50 LADIES' NECKWEAR Latest novelties in Crepe, Satin and Organdie Collars \$50c to \$1.75 Collars and Jabot novelties in plain and embroidered laces \$50c to \$1.50

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AYER

While returning from Lowell last week Thursday evening in an automobile John M. Wallace was in an accident in trying to avoid running into a party of small boys who were coasting in Graniteville. In trying to prevent further injury to the boys, Wallace swerved the machine sharply to one side and ran into a stone wall. A light, the two forward springs and the number plate were broken.

The public schools in town close next Friday for the Christmas vacation, and will reopen on Wednesday morning, January 2.

The K. P., I. O. O. F. and S. of V. whist clubs will have supper at Hotel Devens on next Friday evening at 8.30.

Loomister lodge, I. O. O. F., worked the second degree on six candidates of Robert Burns lodge on Tuesday evening. Lunch was served.

A birthday party was given for Miss Annie Connors, of Fitchburg, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Harlow on Saturday last Saturday evening. It being Miss Connors' twentieth birthday. Twenty-five friends were present, including several soldiers from Camp Devens. Miss Connors was presented with a purse of money and other gifts. Private Miles Nash of the camp making the presentation speech. Singing, piano recital and phonograph numbers made up the entertainment of the evening. Refreshments were served. Miss Connors is living temporarily in Ayer and is a well-known former resident of this town.

There will be a rehearsal of Prof. William B. Rose's music class in the Christian Federation building, West Main street, Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. All former pupils and those who have kindly assisted him in the past are invited to come to the rehearsal.

Married in Ayer, December 13, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Albert Pratt, a soldier, of Wilton, Me., and Marion Cornelia Dwellley, of Brunswick, Me.

The program for the meeting of the Women's club on Wednesday, December 19, will be in charge of the public health committee, Mrs. Nina Lovejoy, chairman, and will be open to the public. Dr. Simpson of the State Department, Dr. G. H. Jones, M. D., of the sanitary department, Camp Devens, and Dr. Alice Roble of the health department of the state federation of Women's clubs will attend. The program will consist of a solo by Mrs. Madeline Sargent and a piano duet by the Misses Proctor. The business meeting will begin at 2.30; the program will start at three o'clock sharp. The solo will be given in concert with the chairman, Mrs. Avila Fisher, Tuesday afternoon, December 18, at 2.30. The subject will be "Folk songs vs. the home songs of the people." All interested, especially those who can sing, are urged to be present. Mrs. Fisher attended the music conference in Boston on Wednesday.

Under the auspices of the Ayer Branch Alliance a white elephant and experience party will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 20, at 2.30 o'clock with Mrs. Alice and Miss Emma Butterfield, Pond street.

At the annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons held on Monday evening the following officers were elected: Ellis B. Harlow, master; Kimball W. Martin, s. w.; Earl C. Merriman of Shirley, j. w.; E. A. Richardson, treas.; E. H. Bigelow, sec. The installation will take place January 7.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, December 18. Work—Mark Master Mason degree. Lunch—Newell D. Atwood, of Quincy, auctioneer, who was in charge of the auction sales at the stores of L. Sherwin & Co. and Mullin Bros., has filed a petition in bankruptcy—liabilities \$43,007, assets \$15,117.

The following additional contributions have been added to the Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle fund: Previously acknowledged, \$84.95; Ayer Machine Tool Co., \$20.00; John H. Sanderson \$5.00—total, \$914.95.

Sunday will be observed at the Baptist church as "Bible day." The pastor will preach at 10.45 on "What is the Bible?" Sunday school at twelve. Some services at 8.45. Rev. F. Peterson, who has been preaching for several Sunday evenings, has decided to remain longer at Camp Devens and will preach again at seven o'clock, E. Y. P. Tuesday, December 19. Mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30.

Married in Ayer on December 8, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Corp. Robert J. Dyer, of Camp Devens, and Louise Hall, of Turner center, Me.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, December 17. Work—Master Mason degree. Lunch—"Civilization," Thomas H. Ince's masterpiece, and one of the greatest of all film productions, will be shown three times Christmas day—afternoon and evening—at two, six and 8.30 o'clock. See advertisement on another page.

The Unitarian Girls' club are to hold a social dance in Hardy's hall on Tuesday evening, December 18. Music by musicians from the camp.

The last meeting of the year of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held on Wednesday evening with Mrs. F. Verne Pillman, Washington street, who, with Mrs. George O. Fillebrown, will be the hostesses.

At the Federated church Sunday morning the subject of the sermon will be "The American forefathers as agents of divine blessing." The Sunday school will meet at noon. The church will observe the Christmas music and it is hoped that every pupil will be present. C. E. meeting at 6.45, closing with address by the pastor. Business meeting of the Boy Scouts on Thursday at the government is to establish a big munitions plant in town is in circulation. The story cannot be confirmed.

The triduum at St. Mary's church ended last Sunday evening with a congregation that completely filled the church. During the three evenings of prayer services were conducted by chaplains from Camp Devens in addition to the priests, Frs. McGinn and Houston, who are connected with the church. Soldiers from the camp assisted the choir during the three evenings. The closing sermon on Sunday evening was delivered by Rev. George O'Connor of the 301st Field Artillery at Camp Devens and made a deep impression upon all who were fortunate to hear it.

Harbinger lodge has completed arrangements for the visit of Peter Woodland lodge degree team of Lynn which will arrive in Ayer on Monday evening, December 13. The event will undoubtedly be the greatest and best of its kind ever held in this vicinity. The meeting will be called promptly at seven o'clock. The degree team, consisting of ninety members, will have supper at Hotel Devens at 8.30. The Fitchburg and Butler Amey, Lowell and Frank teams will act as ushers at the hall.

Monday afternoon a delegation of Grand officers and other members of the order paid a visit to Camp Devens, where a fine ambulance purchased by members of the order and the government was presented to the government. The presentation was made by Clifford E. Jones, grand chancellor, at division headquarters. The gift was received in behalf of the government by Colonel Powell.



Useful and Attractive Gifts for Every Member of the Family

Our stock of goods suitable for Christmas Gifts is most complete. Here are suggestions for Gifts that are practical and sure to be appreciated. Many of the articles are enclosed in Handsome Christmas Boxes. Come in while the assortment is good and let us help you make your selections.

- HANDKERCHIEFS: Men's Linen, initial or plain... 25c and 50c each; Men's Embroidered, initial... 10c and 15c each; Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs in Christmas Boxes... 6 in a box \$1.50 to \$2.50; SWEATERS—For the Whole Family: Men's Coat Sweaters, all colors... \$1.75 to \$8.00; NECKWEAR: The new Cheney Styles in four-in-hands; beautiful colorings, in Fancy Christmas boxes... 65c to \$1.00; ARM BANDS: Fancy Arm Bands in Christmas Boxes... 25c and 50c; SUSPENDERS: All styles in Christmas Boxes... 25c, 50c and \$1.00; DRESS SCARFS: All colors—Cheney Silks and Knit, in Christmas Boxes... \$1.00 to \$3.00; BATH ROBES: Warm Flannel Gowns in beautiful colorings... \$3.50 to \$7.00; PAJAMAS: Both Flannel and Cotton... \$1.00 to \$2.00; WOOLEN SHIRTS: Grey, Blue and Tan... \$1.50 to \$5.00; UMBRELLAS—Men's and Ladies': All prices, from... 75c to \$4.50

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The installation of officers of Harbinger lodge is expected to take place on January 7, with Frank L. Paine, d. c., of Arlington, as chief installing officer. Other Ayer matter on pages one and four. District Court. Sam Kupenik, of Shirley, was arraigned Tuesday on a complaint for larceny. The complainant was the J. P. Chaffin Company, of Fitchburg. It was alleged that the defendant bought a Victor phonograph and several records from the company, the goods to be paid for on the partial payment plan. After paying five dollars on account the defendant, according to the government, disposed of the property to a Pole in Shirley for seventeen dollars. A search warrant was procured in September and property claimed to belong to the company was found in the latter's house. A salesman of the company, Walter E. Gough, who sold the goods, upon questions put to him by the defendant's counsel, John D. Carney, could not positively identify all the records, but there were two he was sure the company had sold the defendant. The witness identified the phonograph as being of a type sold by the company and other dealers, although there was a difference in the serial number, the one sold being marked "E" and the one described in the search warrant "F." This difference the witness attributed to a mistake of the typewriter in copying of the missing articles. The case was finally settled by the defendant paying five dollars toward the machine, the remainder to be paid later. Two records belonging to the company were returned to them, the others going back to the Pole to whom the defendant made the sale. The case was then dismissed. Judge Atwood said it was one of the most complicated cases heard in court in a long time. Alfred Dedeur, a local public jitney driver, was found guilty Thursday morning of a violation of the automobile law which requires lights to be burned on all machines during the night. He was fined five dollars. David Martin, of Boston, another jitney operator, was arraigned on complaints for reckless driving and overspeeding. The alleged offenses were committed within the limits of Camp Devens, near what is known as the "four corners" on December 1, when Martin's machine ran into an automobile in which were Lieut. Horace Gray and Major Joseph Pratt of the medical reserve corps, painfully injuring both officers. The two officers and Chief Beatty were the wit-



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NOTICE OF HEARING.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 14, 1917. To the Board of Selectmen: The undersigned respectfully asks for a license to keep gasoline, 165 gallons at Lawton Street. Name, New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. Residence, Lawton and Concord St. Application received December 8, 1917. JOHN D. CARNEY, Chairman Board of Selectmen

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JOHN D. CARNEY, DOUGLAS C. SMITH, LYMAN K. CLARK, Selectmen of Ayer. A true copy of petition and order thereon. Attest: LYMAN K. CLARK, Clerk.

LITTLETON

The Lyceum committee is able to announce for the evening of December 13 an entertainment that will be attractive to the Littleton people.

The Baptist vestry for morning services was commented upon very favorably last Sunday.

There were fourteen present at the telephone meeting held at the N. H. W. last Thursday evening.

Harry W. Knights' show held exhibited at the great international stock show Chicago.

Sally Kimball is suffering from a re-lapse of the influenza and is again obliged to remain at home from school.

The Massachusetts Bureau of Immigration, room 362, State House, Boston, is maintained for the information, advice and guidance of our residents of foreign birth.

Miss Hazel Murray, who has been out of school for several weeks because of an operation for appendicitis, returned to her studies on Monday.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley was a guest of her brother, Austin K. Kimball, Monday and Tuesday.

Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Peck, of Brookline, and Frank Tenney's family, of Cambridge, returned to Littleton on the W. H. Tenney's.

Deacon F. S. Kimball, George H. Kimball, Hon. C. A. Kimball, Mrs. Austin T. Kimball and Miss M. H. Kimball attended the funeral of their uncle-by-marriage, A. K. Porter.

viewed some aspects of the delightful trip which she, in company with Mrs. Hosmer, of Orange, another former Littleton girl, enjoyed two years ago.

The names of many places in the itinerary were of pessimistic tone and some of the inhabitants of the country correspond in spirit with them.

On this journey Mrs. Lemley started from Boston and made frequent stops along the route.

The Cascade Mountains, with their numerous peaks 9,000 feet high, and numerous cascades, presented many attractions appealing to the artistic sense.

To the wrecks in Seymour and Ringal Narrows the speaker alluded impressively.

Two children, Mrs. William A. Lawrence, of Groton, and Fred P. Porter, of Leominster, one granddaughter, Mrs. Alfred Green of Fitchburg and one grandson, Carl A. P. Lawrence, of Groton, survive the decease of Mrs. Porter.

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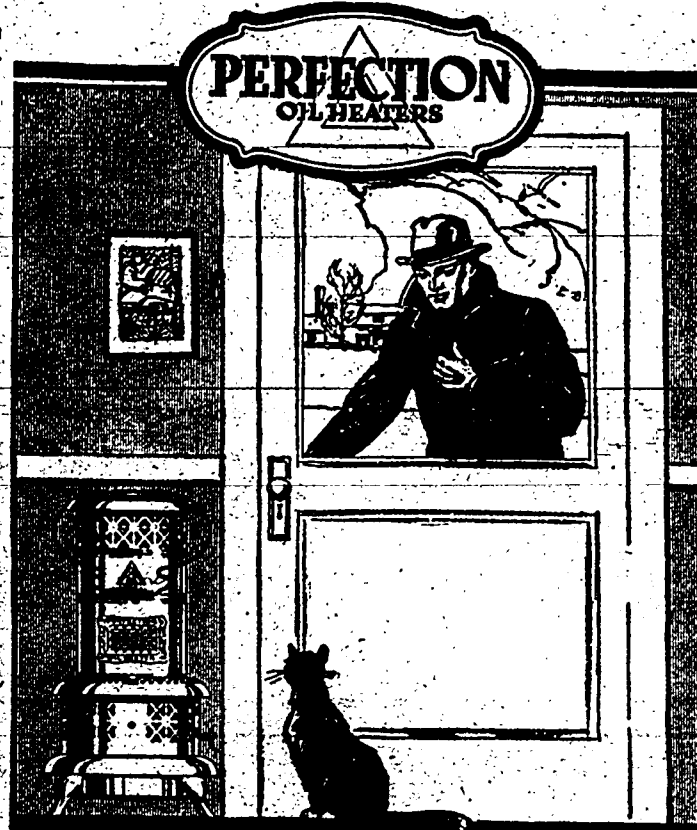
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"When we add the savings made by the clubs, private and public institutions, and householders it would amount, if conservatively estimated, to very much more than double the above amount... Several ladies from town attended the union fair of the Protestant churches in Ayer on Tuesday...

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"The Government should have the first call for everything... and the first call for money... "Coffee is subject to the attacks of about twenty different pests and diseases in India, some of which are very serious...

PEPPERELL

Latest messages from Ensign General A. Shattuck, from Philadelphia, state that although somewhat expected to be transferred to France a short time ago, it is now probable he will remain in his present position as assistant paymaster in the navy, and at Philadelphia during the winter... Several Pepperell men who have been working in Ayer at the transfer station, were laid off last week and have found employment in town...

The meeting of the Women's club on December 4 was well attended... The Oak Hill Women's club held an all-day meeting on Friday last week, accomplishing much work in the line of bandages and hospital supplies... Several ladies from town attended the union fair of the Protestant churches in Ayer on Tuesday...

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Service Flag Honored

An impressive service was held at St. Joseph's church on Sunday morning to honor the large service flag... The ceremony of presentation and the blessing of the flag was held at 10 o'clock... The names of the boys who were included in the service were as follows: Leo Thayer, Edward J. Riley, Ensign Frank Miller, Fred Milson, Lieut. F. H. McGinn, Thomas M. G. O'Neil, John G. O'Neil, Ernest Bergeron, Walter Green, Wallace Green, Amos Nettle, Frank Riley, James O'Toole, John McGrath, Leo McGeehan, Joseph Sullivan, Arthur Connor, Matthew E. Powers, Henry J. Dwyer, Maurice E. O'Brien, John F. Haggerty, John Tierney, Frank Melonson, Joseph J. Lacey, Michael J. Sullivan, John J. Leary, Michael J. Sullivan, Thomas J. Breen, Nicholas Moriarty and Goldfrid Lavalluhy...

Commonwealth of Massachusetts... Supreme Judicial Court in Equity... JOSEPH HOLDEN et al., Plaintiff vs. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH... PETITION TO THE HONORABLE THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT... RESPECTFULLY REPRESENT your petitioner, JOSEPH HOLDEN of Hancock, County of Berkshire and JOSEPH PHILLIPSON of Harvard, in the County of Worcester, and all in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Trustees of the United Society of Believers, called Shakers, a voluntary religious association in the town of Harvard, aforesaid, that certain tracts of land hereinafter described with the buildings thereon have been conveyed to them and their predecessors in office, to hold in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter set forth...

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss. July 30th, 1917. Then personally appeared the named Joseph Holden and made oath that the statements hereinabove made are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Before me, D. C. PARSONS, Justice of the Peace... Commonwealth of Massachusetts Worcester, ss. December 8, 1917. On the petition aforesaid, it is Ordered, that the petitioners notify all persons interested therein and in any way interested in the real estate described in said petition, to appear at this Court at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the first Monday of February next, by publishing an attested copy of said petition, except that instead of the description by metes and bounds of said real estate set forth in said petition, it may be described as follows: Said tract or parcel of land contains by estimation about six hundred twenty (620) acres, and is shown with particularity of description on two plans made by Parker, Bateman & Chase dated respectively, July 1917, and October, 1917, and filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Worcester and in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex, and this order in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed in Ayer in the County of Middlesex, once a week three weeks successively, the last publication to be at least before said first Monday of February, and by serving an attested copy of said petition and this order of notice upon all persons interested therein residing within this Commonwealth, and by mailing an attested copy of said petition and of this order to all persons known to said petitioners as interested therein and residing outside this Commonwealth, postage prepaid, fourteen days at least before said first Monday of February, that they may show cause why said petition should not be granted...

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Michael F. McMahon of Harvard in the County of Worcester in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Patrick McMahon and Mary E. McMahon of said Harvard, dated February 16, 1908, and recorded with Worcester Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, in the County of Worcester, in the County of Middlesex, page 323, will be sold at public auction upon the premises on Saturday, the twenty-ninth day of December, A. D. 1917, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and thereon described as follows: "A certain tract of land situated in the southerly part of said Harvard in the westerly side of the road leading from Lancaster to Boston, containing three (3) acres more or less... Also another tract of land containing ten (10) acres more or less situated in said Harvard on the southerly side of the road from Harvard to Boston, containing fourteen (14) acres more or less...

MARY E. McMAHON, Surviving Mortgagee. Harvard, Mass., Nov. 26, 1917... Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss. December 8, 1917. Wherein a petition has been presented to the Probate Court of said County of Middlesex, to grant a letter of administration on the estate of FANNIE L. NORRIS late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate... You are hereby cited to appear at the Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of December, A. D. 1917, 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 ninth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 314 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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PEPPERELL

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

Having been appointed by the President a member of the Legal Advisory Board of division 15, which includes Pepperell...

Deaths

The sudden death of Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick, which occurred very early on Monday morning, December 10, at her home on Cottage street...

The campaign for the Y. W. C. A. war fund in this town was a successful close on Monday with the sum of \$400 collected through the efficiency of the committee...

The entertainment committee of Acoma Recreation lodge provided a pleasant evening's program of whist and dancing on Tuesday evening...

The work of the Special Aid society during the holidays and through the coldest weather in the spirit of saving, especially of fuel, will be done at the various women's interest...

The East Village Social club were delightedly entertained at the home of Mrs. N. W. Appleton on Wednesday...

A consistent member of the Hoover Conservation committee here in town is Mrs. N. W. Appleton, who has taken a firm stand against selling social tea or other refreshments at the recent meeting of the East Village club...

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Frank and Carroll Robbins, Cross street, on Wednesday afternoon of next week...

Howard Slocumb went to Philadelphia on Monday, where he will be employed at the army camp.

The Pepperell Card and Paper Co. have put on their new American running machine this week to keep up with their orders.

Mrs. Leon Farr of Proctorville, Vt., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Rodier, the week past. On Wednesday morning she went to Proctorville to visit her mother, Mr. H. E. Frost, who is reported as improving at the sanatorium.

Moseley Hale of Groton, with one of the officials from Camp Devens, has been in town this week purchasing hay of the farmers to supply the requirements of 2000 or 3000 horses at the camp.

William Channing Appleton of Boston recently visited his brother, Nathaniel Appleton, of this town. His wife, William Channing Appleton, who went to France with the Harvard unit in May, would have graduated from the college in June, but took his exams earlier in order to sail for France. He joined the American Red Cross and his term for enlistment expired last month. He decided it was his duty to remain and reenlisted in the Aviation corps...

Mrs. Mrs. J. B. Henderson left town Wednesday morning, closing their residence at the farm and will reside in their Boston apartments for the winter.

Sunday school. The entertainment will be at 7.15 and will consist of a farce by the young people, entitled, "Man of the House." There will also be music and readings...

The Camp Fire Girls of the town have been asked to help in an entertainment to be given at Camp Devens in W. M. A. hall on the evening of Thursday, December 20. Mr. Allen is making the arrangements.

Mrs. Charles Allen and two children who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, returned to Salem on Saturday. Her father, Mr. Charles, who has been with his grandparents for some time, returned with her. He will be missed at the Oak Hill entertainment, where his singing has been a decided feature during his stay here.

The Paugus Camp Fire Girls held a ceremonial meeting in charge of Miss Gertrude Carter, the guardian, last week. Miss Annie Peabody took the part of the bearer and received the appropriate pin.

Meetings of the Boy Scouts were held on Wednesday evening, divided into three groups. They are working on qualifications, at present taking up first aid.

Pupils from one of the rooms at the High school building were dismissed Wednesday forenoon on account of inadequate heat. The afternoon session was held as usual.

The account of the proposed work of the Groton Information Committee in your last week's paper was read with great interest and approval by the members of the committee...

Henry Hutchinson died at his home on Park street on Wednesday, December 12, after months of failing health in his eightieth year. He was a member of one of the oldest families in town, although he has spent much of his life in New York and California.

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About Town

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held in Saunter's hall on Tuesday afternoon, December 18, at the usual hour. The afternoon will be in charge of the Educational committee. Speakers, A. R. Pauli on an educational program for Pepperell...

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church met on Wednesday with Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook.

The Altruistic club will meet next Thursday afternoon at 8.30, the meeting to be in charge of the directors.

The first department held a dance in Odd Fellows' hall last Thursday evening.

At the session of the Sunday school at the Congregational church the sum of \$25.50 was raised for the Halifax Relief fund.

Rev. A. Alexandria Case, of Cherryfield, Me., preached last Sunday morning at the Congregational church and held a collection for the relief fund.

John Holland of Leominster, has accepted the position of meat cutter at the Shirley Cash market, succeeding George Morin, who has enlisted.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden have returned home after spending a few days at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Holden, in Shrewsbury.

The following is a list of telephones recently installed in town: Personal Service, Home, 60; Walter Desmond, 57-3; Lester G. Holden, 16-12; Levi Landry, 12-11; E. B. Lincoln, 17-2; Shirley Tea Room and Clubhouse, 10-2.

Thursday a good number from the Congregational society met and cleaned the church. At noon a Wednesday morning luncheon was held, with the sociality of the hour made the labor light and the day was one of profit and pleasure combined.

H. W. Knights is reported as having sold his automobile and plans to leave for Chicago, since the recent exhibition of his herd in Chicago.

The Newtown surgical dressings committee have much to show for their busy hours spent at Mrs. Titcomb's Thursday afternoon. Next Thursday their work will be continued at Mrs. Ames' home, Tabattawan road.

Eugene Esten is at home from Tufts the holiday season and vacation of three weeks.

Mrs. Arthur F. Blanchard, of West Acton, has a new addition to her family, Miss Fanny and Gertrude Sanderson, Thursday.

SHIRLEY

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Even some public signs come direct to the point. They do not waste any time in wondering how the reader will feel about it. "Don't smoke around the tank. If your life isn't worth anything, gasoline is!" Lime and hot water mixed to a cream will brighten zinc.

HOW MATCH FIGURES IN WAR

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HARVARD

About forty men from Camp Devens were entertained at the Baptist vestry on last Sunday afternoon. Refreshments were given, and a supper of sandwiches, coffee and pies furnished, after which a lot of the men gathered around the piano and with Miss Thayer, pianist, they sang much to the pleasure of the people.

Perhaps it would be as well to say that the soldier boys entertained us, rather than that we entertained them, how? Fred Healey enlisted Monday and started for Fort Slocum, N. Y., Thursday morning. His younger brother enlisted last spring and is now in camp at South Carolina. Fred tried four or five times to enlist previous to this, but was rejected, because of light weight, but he put on weight the past few months and was enabled to pass.

Mrs. Eliza Grassie and Miss Mary Cumming, who have been with Frank M. Frank Sprague since Thanksgiving, returned to their home in Leominster Monday.

C. P. Willard is having a furnace installed in his house.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In Pepperell, Massachusetts

By virtue of a license granted to the subscriber, as administrator of the estate not already administered of Frank H. Behrens, late of said Pepperell, deceased, by the Middlesex County Probate Court on the fourteenth day of June 1917, there will be sold at public auction on the premises below described, Monday, December 31, A. D. 1917, at three o'clock in the afternoon, a certain parcel of land situated in the easterly part of said Pepperell on Cottage street and recorded with Middlesex County District Deeds in book 1553, page 220.

A deposit of two hundred dollars will be required at time and place of sale. Other terms made known at said time.

ARTHUR F. WRIGHT, Administrator of the Estate not already administered of Frank H. Behrens, Pepperell, Mass., December 13, 1917.

The remodeling of the old Turner farm house on Sill River road, owned by Mr. Macaulay, is nearly completed and the house will be ready for occupancy about the middle of next week.

Miss Della Clough, for many years companion to Miss Emily Hildreth, of this town, died very suddenly while on a visit with friends in Cincinnati, Ohio, on last Sunday of ptomaine poisoning. Her reports an abundance of snow throughout New York State.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brooks close their home here this week and will locate in West Acton, where Mr. Brooks will be better located regarding his work in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mead are to go to Worcester this month to reside, having had orders from Camp Devens to vacate their farm buildings by January 1.