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59¢ each
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45¢ each

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Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers—White and ecru, short sleeves and made with best trimming; 75c. garment
45¢ each

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LITTLETON

News Items.

Supt. F. H. Hill was in town on business this week.

Lieut-Com. George N. Barker reported for duty at the Fore River Works, Quincy, July 29.

The Lowell Courier Citizen of Aug. 7 reports as follows concerning the chemical plant that was located in Littleton for many years and was moved from town following a disastrous fire some six or seven years ago.

The fire in the boiler room of the Avery Chemical Co., in Tewksbury, about nine o'clock yesterday morning caused a loss reported at \$5000, damaging the building and its contents considerably. An appeal to Lowell for help sent Chief Edward Saunders with engine and hose 4 to the scene, where they assisted the Tewksbury firemen and the employees of the plant in extinguishing the blaze. Other buildings in the yard were threatened.

The Tahattawan Camp Fire Girls and their guardian, Mrs. H. F. Proctor, returned from camp at Bare Hill pond in Harvard Thursday morning after an outing of much pleasure.

A group of Camp Fire Girls from Westford have been camping at Lake Warren this week.

Mr. Boss of Fitchburg with his niece and two boys have occupied one of the Kimball camps at Lake Warren throughout the week.

Jane McGovern is visiting relatives in Boston for a week.

Miss Ella Wright is very cozily settled in her attractive home, the "Worth while" cottage at the Center. Many friends welcome her return to town.

James F. Moore has returned from the Peter Bent Brigham hospital in Boston and his townspeople are all glad to see him back and happy to learn of his continual improvement.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard left the Massachusetts General hospital Monday and for the present will make his headquarters at his parent's home in Bridgewater.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Conant with Miss Ella Wright and Miss Elizabeth Thacher as auto guests motored to Pawtucket, R. I. Tuesday and there enjoyed picnic lunches and made an interesting visit to East Providence, Miss Thacher's former home. They discovered a new street in the vicinity of her old home named "Thacher."

N. B. Conant and family are taking their annual vacation at Adams, the home of Mrs. Conant's mother and brother.

The Ralph Conant family has been visiting the W. E. Conants and the P. C. Edwards family. Mr. Conant is now in town for his vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Lambertson and baby son are with friends in Heding, N. H., during his vacation.

The Orthodox Congregational church will be closed again August 11 and 13.

At the marriage ceremony of Miss Gertrude White of Cambridge to Assistant Paymaster Walter M. McKim U. S. N. R. F., which was performed in St. John's Memorial chapel, Cambridge, by Dean Hodges of the Episcopal Theological school, John Allen, U. S. N., of Littleton, was one of the ushers. All the men in the bridal

party, including ushers, were United States navy men.

Charles Rand of Marshfield has been the guest of his Littleton relatives, the P. C. Edwards, the C. A. Hartwell and the F. C. Hartwell families for a week.

Mrs. Edwin Clifford and son Frank are visiting another son in South Royalton, Vt.

Charles F. Flagg is with his son Burton's family at Kennebunkport, Me. Next Monday Mrs. C. K. Hariton and her niece, Beth and Charlotte Pickard, go to Kennebunkport for an outing and Winnifred Pickard, who has spent this week at Kennebunkport, is expected home within a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hartwell, Edna Hartwell and Mr. Perry motored to Gloucester for last week-end and Edna remained throughout the week.

PEPPERELL

News Items.

The National Child Welfare work, which has been carried on in town this week under the chairmanship of Miss Elizabeth Wright, has produced certain results.

The weighing and measuring of the children under five years of age was carried on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon in the town hall and the afternoons of the rest of the week in the Special Aid rooms. There were supposed to be about twenty-five children to be tabulated at the town hall section, but only sixteen reported, while for Thursday afternoon, at the Special Aid rooms, thirty children were measured and they were all 100 percent or perfect children. The committee hope that the parents will do their best to comply with the request to have all children weighed and measured for the government.

Mrs. Howe has been asked to make arrangements for a class of home nurses for women between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five years, to be trained so that more of the longer-trained nurses will be available for Red Cross work overseas.

Walter Smith will come from New York city to visit his family here for a week on August 10 and spend a second week fishing in Maine.

Everyone is invited to the playgrounds on Thursday afternoon, August 22, where the Red Cross will have ice cream and lemonade on sale. The chief attraction will be a ball game between two teams of the Pepperell Men's club, playing off the third in a series. Each side has won one interesting. Other things are planned and a good time is in store for everybody. A collection will be taken for the Red Cross and it is hoped a liberal sum will be received.

Wilton B. Brown, a carpenter, living in Pepperell for a long time, is to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. McKinley, in Lowell. He was a carpenter in Lowell several years ago. His wife, Ena Hodggett Brown, is living in Gardner.

The regular monthly business meeting of the executive board of the Pepperell branch, A. R. C., will be held at the home of Mrs. E. S. Durant on Wednesday evening August 14.

On August 17 the Mt. Lebanon Community association will present a play, "The thirteenth star," in Prescott hall, followed by dancing, proceeds to be given to the Red Cross. We hear from good authority that the play is very pretty and bright, and has been given a good amount of work and time and we hope it will receive good patronage.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will meet Wednesday afternoon, August 14, at the town hall to do Red Cross work. Members of the Community club and all others wishing to work are invited to come between two and five p. m.

Our correspondent was misinformed last week in regard to Mrs. Winslow Parker having received another shock, as she is in her usual health and has suffered no shock other than the one she got when reading the item.

Lighting Regulations.

The United States Fuel Administration has issued the following order regarding lighting, to be effective on and after July 24.

Street illumination automatically lighted shall not be lighted before sunset and shall be turned out not later than sunrise.

The amount of public lighting shall be only so much as may be necessary for safety. All outdoor lights within a city, village or town, which involves directly or indirectly the use or consumption of gas, oil, kerosene or other fuel shall not be lighted until thirty minutes after sunset. The use of light for illuminating or displaying advertisements, announcements or signs, or for the external ornamentation of any building shall be entirely discontinued from sunrise to sunset and shall also be discontinued on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night of each week.

J. A. Saunders, Chairman of the Fuel Committee.

SHALL WE MAKE JELLY?

We have always had such a plenty of everything in this country that it is hard for us to realize that there is not enough of some things to go around. The mere fact that an individual can get sugar is no excuse for his using profusely. Every extra spoonful he uses more than his share just means that someone else has to do without. It is unfortunate that we cannot see this.

It has always been the custom in many households to fill the pantry shelves with jams, jellies, marmalades and preserves during the summer for the delectation of the palate during the winter. There are many customs being done away with in these unusual times and much to our surprise we are liking the new ways better. This is one custom that must go. Our government has done all in its power to supply us with sugar for our canning, but it is neither necessary nor patriotic to demand non-essentials.

Fruit and fruit products are very desirable in the diet as they contain or

ganic acids and minerals so valuable to the body. But when laden with excessive amounts of sugar as we usually find them, the value is partially overcome by the sugar.

Can we make these delicious products and still be patriotic? Of course we can!

In the first place, do not make any jams, jellies, conserves, or preserves this summer. Use your fruits and fruit juices without sugar, and make jellies and fruit butters in the winter.

In the second place, make your jams and jellies with one-half or one-fourth as much sugar as juice instead of equal parts. As our old rules called for a perfect jelly can be made of fruit juice which has jellifying properties by using one-quarter cup of sugar to one cup of juice or one-half cup of sugar to one cup of juice. This must be made as used as it does not keep indefinitely, however, it will keep for at least a month. Thus, the natural fruit flavor will be retained over a longer period of time and the amount of sugar used, decreased.

Once the housewife has tried making her jellies in the winter of the canned fruit juices, she will never go back to the old method of making quantities of jelly during the hot summer months using quantities of sugar.

All fruits can be canned successfully for future use for jams, pie filling, salad purposes, fruit butters, etc., without the use of sugar.

In canning without sugar, can the product the day it is picked. Cut, stem, seed, wash the fruit by putting in colander and pouring cold water over it. Pack the product carefully in clean glass jars.

For small juicy fruits, such as blueberries, blackberries and raspberries, no water need be added. For such fruits as apples, peaches, pears, etc., fill the jar to within one-half inch of the top with hot water. Place rubbers and caps in position, partially sealing the jar. Place in a sterilizer and sterilize for the length of time given below according to the type of outfit used.

Hot water bath 30 mins.
Water seal 214 degrees 20 mins.
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10 lbs. steam pressure 10 mins.

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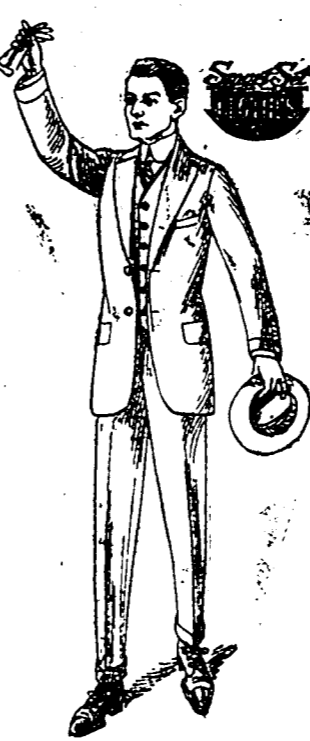
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SHIRLEY

News Items.

James Chebbrough has enlisted in the navy and passed all his examinations successfully. He reported for duty in Boston on Wednesday.

Lester Porter has purchased the house owned and occupied by Oliver W. Balcom.

Miss Blanche Livermore, of Orange, has been a recent guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Louise Livermore, Chapel street.

Miss Lucy Pontbriand was tendered a surprise party last week Thursday evening by a number of her friends, who presented her with a gold pendant and chain. Games, music and refreshments helped to make the evening a most pleasant one.

George Pomret, of Waverley, spent the week-end and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomret.

Wills Conant, of New York, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant.

Mrs. Orin W. Oliver has received word that Col. P. W. Arnold has arrived back in France.

Mrs. John Donovan, a respected resident of this town, died at the home of relatives in Lawrence last Sunday, John Donovan, her husband, passed away last April. The remains were taken to Ayer for burial in the family lot in St. Mary's cemetery.

Sergt. Coddington is confined to his home with a sore knee.

Edmund B. Winterbottom is spending a brief vacation with relatives in Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grenfell, of Dorchester, and party of friends, were visitors the first of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman.

Miss Blanche Wells, of Boston, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wells.

Mrs. Annie Collins has left for a visit with friends and relatives in New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

The congregational church is closed until the second Sunday in September.

Rev. Francis Goodheart, of Milton, N. H., gave an address on Monday evening in the congregational church on "Phases of the World War."

A special meeting of the members of the congregational church will be held in the church vestry on Monday evening at 7:30, followed by a meeting of the parish at eight o'clock, to take action relative to the calling of a pastor.

Mr. Fitzgerald, of Ayer, has opened a barber shop in the work shop of the late J. Fred Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant are spending a couple of weeks' vacation in Portland, Me.

Mrs. Lydia R. Binney is spending a couple of weeks at Marblehead.

Miss Sawyer, telegraph operator at the railroad station, is spending the two-weeks' vacation at Atlanta, Ga.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sampson, Wednesday morning.

Herbert W. McCoy has commenced the erection of his portable house at the corner of South and Maple streets.

The annual field day of St. Anthony's parish will be held at White-lake park this Saturday from one to eleven o'clock. The sports will consist of 100-yd. dash for boys, 50-yd. dash for girls, potato race, sack race, running broad jump, doughnut race, boys' race 12 to 13 years, boys' race under 12 years. These races are free with no entry fee. All wishing to enter any of these races will give their names to Amos Marlon, secretary of the sports committee. There will be a concert from eight to eleven o'clock by the Shirley cornet band. The general committee consists of Michael Gionet, chairman, William Gionet, Frank Gendron, Joseph Thomas, Sylvester Thomas, Amos Marlon, John J. Chaisson, Joseph Gately, Phileas Bulger, Alexander Gionet, Alpheus Joyal, Ernest Michael, Richard Murray, Fred McGrath, Frank Thomas, Mrs. Elizabeth Gionet, Mrs. Miania Bulger, Mrs. Ursule Gionet, Mrs. Martha Gionet, Josephine Boucher, Wonne Gionet, Bernadette Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyal received a telegram on Tuesday evening from Washington, informing them that their son, Private Hermogene Joyal, 23rd Infantry, Co. F, had been severely wounded in France on July 18.

The Fitchburg chapter of the Red Cross will meet in Wallace hall on Wednesday afternoon, August 14, at 2.30. The speakers will include Miss Lavinia Newell, chief of the woman's work of the New England division of Red Cross, and Mr. Corning, assistant director of the New England division. All Fitchburg Red Cross workers and workers in the auxiliaries are invited to be present.

Miss Bernice London, of Crambridge, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holland.

Doris S. Knowles is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Ernest W. Walker in North Leominster.

Train Wreck.

One of the worst freight wrecks Shirley has witnessed in ten years occurred at 3.10 Wednesday morning, when twelve cars of a fast freight train bound for Boston were wrecked when they were derailed by a broken wheel on one of the cars. Three brakemen miraculously escaped injury by jumping from the tops of freight cars on which they were riding. They landed on the soft dirt at the side of the track and escaped with a slight shaking up.

The train was going at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred and before a move could be made to stop it the cars were piled up in a wild jumble and wreckage was strewn in every direction. One of the cars jolted up against the flag shanty at the Phoenix street crossing, lifting it from its foundation. Fortunately, John McCarty, the guard, was on the outside, and he, too, in flagging the train, had a narrow escape from injury.

The cars were loaded with coal, cornmeal and a varied assortment of goods which were thrown in every direction in one great mass. Thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done to the rolling stock of the road, some of the cars being smashed to splinters. In some instances the cars were driven through each other.

The accident happened at the Phoenix street crossing. When the cars left the rails the roadbed was torn up for a long distance and poles were knocked over. A semaphore was also knocked down. The accident interfered with the train for several days, although a handy switch enabled trains to be shifted to the west-bound track to get by the wreck. The wrecking crew was called from Fitch-

burg and it required about twenty-four hours to clear the wreckage.

Center.

Miss Eleanor Longley is spending a few days in Winthrop with her sister, Miss Margaret Longley, who is here for the summer.

Miss Miriam Lacey, of Fitchburg, was a guest last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Miss Helen Bradford returned to Fitchburg with her Saturday and remained over the week-end.

Mrs. C. C. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton and Geoffrey Bolton attended the regimental review on Sunday afternoon at the Harvard R. O. T. C. camp on the Thayer estate in North Lancaster.

Miss Mildred Evans is spending a few days in Princeton with Miss Emma Hubbard.

Miss Vera Bradford is spending a few days this week with friends in W. Ayer.

The knitting circle met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. John C. Ayer.

Mrs. Ruth Clark and baby daughter returned last week Friday to Springfield after a visit of several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Rev. Francis E. Webster, of Waltham, will have charge of the service at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at 3.15.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dustin and Helen Brown, of Reading, Clarence Brown and Joseph H. Wood, of Lowell, and Mrs. William Wood and Miss Shirley Wood, of Everett, were visitors on Sunday at the homes of W. E. Barnard and Mrs. Hattie P. Holden.

Miss Mary Grout, of Fitchburg, spent the latter part of last week at the home of Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Robert H. J. Holden spent Sunday with a former college room-mate, Frank T. Hunter, of Tampa, Florida, who is training at the Harvard R. O. T. C. camp in Lancaster.

It is with regret that we learn that Miss Madeline Sullivan, of Lowell, who had charge of the Center primary school last year, has accepted a position in Lowell and will not return to the Center, as was expected.

The regular August meeting of the Grange was held on Tuesday evening. The state speaker, who was to be present at this meeting, did not materialize and a short program of music and readings was given during the lecturer's hour.

The girls of the Center held a very successful lawn party and dance on last week Friday evening which netted twenty-eight dollars for the local Red Cross auxiliary. A sale of candy, ice cream, peanuts, etc., was held on the lawn, near the town hall, early in the evening. Victrola music was furnished during the sale by a Victrola loaned for the evening by Mrs. Robert L. O'Brien. Following the sale a short entertainment of songs and instrumental music was given by several young men from Camp Devens. The remainder of the evening was given up to dancing, the music being furnished by the men from Camp Devens and several of the local pianists.

Earl Graves, Ralph Graves and Robert H. J. Holden attended the meeting of Lunenburg Grange on Wednesday evening, when Ashby and Ashburnham Granges neighbored with Lunenburg.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton, delivered an uplifting sermon in the Unitarian church last Sunday, taking as theme, "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Madame Arina Delaware sang sweetly as of old, one of her own compositions, accompanied by Miss M. H. Parker on the organ. Ellsworth Snow playing the violin obligato. Mr. Snow responded excellently to a prayer rendered on the violin, with Miss Parker at the organ. On Sunday, August 11, at eleven o'clock, Rev. F. B. Crandall, of Ayer, will preach and will take for his subject "The vine and the branches." Mr. Crandall has often supplied the pulpit of this church in the past, and we bespeak for him a good congregation. Mrs. Snow will sing a solo, and possibly Mr. Snow will again favor the congregation on the violin. A cordial welcome to all.

LITTLETON

News Items.

A minor accident happened near the Orthodox church last Sunday afternoon when an automobile, in passing, crowded a milk motor truck and the latter, for want of sufficient space, struck a telephone pole, crushing the top of the truck, bending the fender over the guardrail, but causing no injury to the driver, impaired parts were righted in a short time and the truck was enabled to pursue its homeward course.

Mrs. Kingsley Woodbridge (Josephine Kimball), of Buffalo, N. Y., who recently visited her mother, Mrs. George A. Kimball, of Mason, N. H., visited Littleton relatives on Monday. The afterwards went to Levereit for her daughter, who has been the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Kimball Adams. She will soon return with her two daughters to their Buffalo home.

Robert Bacon, in training for U. S. N., was the week-end guest of his Harvard college room-mate, A. H. Knowlton.

Misses Mary and Evelyn Kimball are visiting their uncle, E. F. Chamberlain, and family, in their Syracuse, N. Y., home.

The Littleton members of the Sheehan family attended the Sheehan reunion in Concord Junction, Sunday. All attended mass at the local church in the morning, and afterwards enjoyed a picnic lunch, followed by speeches, a business meeting and a musical entertainment at the farm of Jeremiah Sheehan, the honorary president. Edward P. Sheehan, of Littleton, formerly treasurer of the association, was elected president, and his sister, Mrs. Julia Downing, was elected treasurer. It was decided to accept the invitation of the in-coming president to meet at his home in Littleton the first Sunday in August, 1919.

A memorable event in Littleton history was that of the flag-raising at the common last Saturday afternoon. The flag was given by Conant, Houghton & Co., Inc., and their employees who also furnished a flag pole and attended to all details under the leadership of Hugh Foley and able assistants. F. B. Priest, of the public safety committee, presented the speakers, Rev. H. L. Caultkins and Hon. Charles A. Kimball, both of whom spoke time by time, words with the true patriotic ring. The 15th Depot Brigade band of forty pieces, from Camp Devens, played patriotic airs. "The Star Spangled Banner" being the selection when the new flag was unfurled.

The catholic mission enjoyed the patronage of a large company at the Saturday party in town hall last Saturday afternoon and evening. There was plenty of entertainment for people of all ages. The Camp Devens boys came in for a good share of credit, as they furnished most of the entertainment in the afternoon. Miss Coughlin, of Maynard, who possesses a pleasing voice, sang most acceptably. The 15th Depot Brigade band and Camp Devens furnished the band music for afternoon and for the dancing in the evening. A safe and good time was provided by the committee, and it is hoped that a considerable sum was netted, but reports are not available at time of writing to announce the exact amount.

Miss Mary Downing, of Cambridge, is the guest of the E. Sheehan family during their two weeks of vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Flagg and daughter Olive motored to Orange on last week-end with the Jerome Burtt family.

There was a demonstration of drying fruits and vegetables given in the lower town hall last week Friday by Miss Alma Halbow of the Middlesex Farm Bureau, which was attended by a small but appreciative number of housekeepers.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge, of King street, are entertaining his sister and the latter's daughter.

James E. Smith goes to Washington to confer with Secretary McAdoo, and later visits North Carolina and Cincinnati, Ohio, in the interest of the Railway Maintenance Brotherhood, of which he is a prominent executive.

To the Editor:

Littleton's roll of honor of men in the military and naval forces of the United States, as prepared by the soldier's information committee, and published in your issue of July 27, consisted of two lists. The first list contained those who were residents of Littleton at the time of enlistment or registration for the draft, and who are therefore recorded on the State House records as from Littleton. Since there are some men not on this list, who nevertheless have a close family connection with Littleton, and whose residence elsewhere is only temporary, these may be considered as in a real sense belonging to Littleton, and not to some other town. They have been put in a supplementary list, entitled "Littleton boys enrolled elsewhere." The word "boys" implies a sentimental basis of rating, which is perhaps unavoidable in an unofficial list.

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News Items.

Another urgent call for books to be sent to the boys overseas has been received at the library. If anyone wishing to give books will leave them at the library the librarian will see that they are sent. Books written by authors like Jack London, O. Henry, Zane Gray and similar writers are popular in the camps.

A large touring car belonging to a man in Ayer was burned on the state road, near Swanson's, last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duckers, of New York, are guests of Mrs. B. O. Hager at the Hager home.

Miss Mary Hager has returned from Quincy. She has with her for the rest of the summer two of Milton Hager's children, Stanley and Barbara.

Charles Richardson's family and Alvin Richardson's family are camping out at Bar-hill pond at Harvard. The men go in by auto every night. Mrs. Maude Richardson is supervisor of the dining club, and on Wednesday the members of the club enjoyed a picnic with her at the camp. Miss Annie Sherry conveyed the party to her auto.

Early Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbe, Lucy Wetherbe and Royal Wetherbe went to Worcester, by auto, where Miss E. G. Newbeck joined the party and they went on to Springfield. There they had a two-hours' visit with Daniel Wetherbe, who is in a training camp there. Another boy from here, in camp. From there they went to Northampton, where they spent the night, and the next day inspected the school there, where Lucy and Royal will go in the fall.

Next Wednesday afternoon the Ladies' Missionary society will hold their annual lawn party and candle roll on the church grounds. It is especially hoped that all the children possible will be present as Miss Ruby Viets, of Waltham, will be there to entertain them.

Church Notes.

Sunday services: Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister. Subject, "Need for an offensive Christianity." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock. Topic, "Lessons in nature's school." Leader, Florence M. Nelson.

Last Sunday evening our C. E. society voted that we should invite Middlesex Social Union C. E. society to hold its semi-annual convention here on the afternoon and evening of September 7. The motion was brought upon the receipt of a letter from the secretary of the convention.

The pastor will give a talk next Sunday evening on "Isaiah and his message to our times." It is requested that people should have some selective readings before hand.

The neighborhood meeting next Tuesday evening will be held at the home of Mrs. A. B. Hartwell at 7.45 p. m. All the town people are very cordially invited.

RAPID STRIDES IN SURGERY

War Has Brought Discoveries That Alleviate Pain and Heal the Most Dangerous Wounds.

"Blip" is one of the new words that will be added to the dictionary as the direct outcome of the war. "Blip" is a combination of bismuth, iodoform and paraffin paste, and is the name given to one of the most important surgical discoveries of Dr. Rufus P. Morrison, a famous operative surgeon of London. It exercises a strange charm upon the treatment of dangerous wounds.

In the early days of the war doctors employed the older forms of curative surgery, which entailed long periods of suffering to the wounded soldier. By the new process the destroyed tissues and infected areas are excised, the parts thoroughly dried with pure spirit, and after the application of this thin layer of "blip" the wound can in many cases be sewn up immediately with every prospect of primary union and no further distress to the patient. Even wounds associated with bone injuries or damaged joints, have been successfully treated by this method, and compound fractures have lost much of their seriousness.

One of the most marvelous cases is recorded at a London military hospital. A piece of shell penetrated a soldier's chest and diaphragm, passing into the abdominal cavity. These terrible injuries healed without subsequent ill consequences, the track of the missile being excised and the wound sutured after a thorough application of "blip." The word "blip" implies a sentimental basis of rating, which is perhaps unavoidable in an unofficial list.

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JOINED RANKS OF PROFITEERS

Indian Had the Stereotyped Reason for Increasing His Price for Basket of Berries.

An Indian in one of the western reservations was in the habit of bringing to Mrs. Gray each spring several baskets of wild berries for which, from time immemorial, he had always charged 50 cents a basket. A few days ago he paid his annual visit to Mrs. Gray's back door. The maid took the berries and tendered the usual payment. The Indian shook his head. "One dollar a basket now," he said. The maid called her mistress and explained the difficulty. Much surprised, Mrs. Gray again offered the money to the Indian, who once more refused to accept it. "Why is this?" asked Mrs. Gray. "The baskets are the same size as usual, are they not?"

"Yes."

"And the berries are not scarce this year. I know, because I have seen bushes loaded down with them on my rides about the country here."

"Well, then, why isn't fifty cents a basket enough?"

The Indian shifted from one foot to another quite calmly. "The big dam war somewhere," he announced; "Berries one dollar a basket now."

Met Sir Walter Scott.

The Rev. John Douglas, said to have been the only living person in America who had seen Sir Walter Scott alive, died recently. He was ninety-four years old and had been a resident of Minnesota for 50 years, says Minneapolis Tribune.

On his ninety-third birthday, Sept. 11, 1918, Mr. Douglas described in detail his seeing the author of the Waverley novels in 1831. With his father, the Minneapolis man was driving in an old-fashioned, high-backed rickety gig along a road near Abbotsford, Scotland, when "a funny-looking little man with a queer Scotch bonnet on his head and gnarled stick in his hand," hailed them.

Mr. Douglas's father checked his horse and chatted with the man for 15 minutes. Afterward the youngster was told that the little man was none other than the noted author. During the last 20 years persons who could boast of having seen Scott alive have become fewer. Two years ago it was practically conceded that Mr. Douglas had sole claim to the distinction.

Their Epitaph.

"There was the gun, still in position, and beside it two dead hunters, in front of one lay two dead Huns; in front of the other there were three. Our fellows had shot us down, and held out long, as the heaps of cartridge shells around the gun showed plainly." They sold out dear, they held out long. You might write a biography of those two Yankees, fill it with citations of their sterling conduct, recount the whole story of the short, sharp, bitter encounter northwards of Toul in which they died, and at the end all your fine words, all your paraphrased tribute, could express nothing finer than those two simple sentences of fact. They sold out dear, they held out long.

Their epitaph was there beside the two bodies of men in those heaps of cartridge shells that had brought five Huns to the ground right at the gun nozzle, and you shall say how many more boys.

More Dangerous Than War.

It is not always the greatest danger which is accompanied by the most serious results. A young man from Indiana who had gone through two score battles as an ambulance driver working close up among the lines received never so much a scratch. Later he took a walk in the streets of Padua, Italy, where he was hit by an automobile and seriously injured. He got out of commission.

He Was Honest Anyway.

"That novel had a remarkable sale," commented the book store man. "Have you read it? No, no! I wouldn't dare read it, as my duties require me to be enthusiastic in recommending it to customers." Brooklyn Citizen.

Lincoln's Favorite Hymn.

John Hay was asked if he could recall the favorite hymn of Abraham Lincoln, and gave his opinion that the hymn beginning, "Father, whatever of earthly bliss," was Lincoln's favorite.


VEST IS CHARMING

Garment Important Addition to Plain Tailored Suit.

Really Sleeveless Waists—Hold Their Shape Well.

Inasmuch as the plain tailored suit is a garment of perennial popularity, the woman whose wardrobe holds one should in these days of fabric scarcity and high prices take just as good care as possible of her suit, a fashion authority states. She should provide charming new accessories for it. The fact cannot be too strongly or too frequently reiterated that accessories or the lack of them may make or mar a woman's appearance. Detachable, washable collars and cuffs should never be worn the second time, and, except in rare instances, a blouse that will go into the wash tub and come forth like new should be made to work only a day at a time. Blouse styles do not change radically very often, and there is no economy whatever in struggling along with an insouciant number of these garments.

This season separate vests have been and are very much the fashion. These are made in sheer cotton fabrics, with ruffles, tuckings, puffings, etc., in plain white satins and silks, in pique and linen and in combinations of plain and printed silk or crepe. The



Vest to Freshen Up a Suit.

best models, or at least the most comfortable ones, are really sleeveless waists. Vests of this type hold their shape, stay where placed and are much to be preferred to the vests that are merely vests, and which must be planned to the suit jacket of which they form a part.

The sketch gives a suggestion for a modish tailored vest or sleeveless jacket, that may be made of pique, linen, faille silk or satin in white or some preferred light color. This little garment would be easy to fashion, and would be a charming addition to a plain tailored suit.

The well dressed woman is the one who buys carefully and economically the major items of her wardrobe, and who buys as carefully but with a lavish hand the minor items, such as gloves, velvets, hats, shoes and neckwear. A pair of shoe ties for every pair of shoes is also another necessity.

FRENCH PROUD OF DOG HERO

Brave Deeds of Artemis Have Won Him Wide Renown Among the Fighters of "La Patrie."

There was a foggy night once when his acute hearing failed Artemis, who was doing guard duty out on No. 113 Man's Land. Artemis, it must be recalled, is a popular hero of France, a dog of uncertain pedigree, with a mixture of the Great Dane in him and a touch of the French mountain sheep-dog. So serious was the result of this treachery on the part of his ears that a section of his regiment was cut off. Poor Artemis! He had always been so faithful and had so often saved his friends, but they trusted him still and, to prove it, they dispatched him with a note attached to his collar warning their comrades of their danger. It was a hot night on the line, and the bullets were flying fast. Phut! phut! they fell round the flying feet of Artemis, but he paid no heed to them. His reputation was at stake, and he redeemed it. He got through with his message. Aid was sent to his squad. It arrived in time. And there followed a celebration in honor of Artemis, arranged by the colonel himself.

The hero, however, was not yet satisfied that his duty was done. At Ypres he continued to act as courier and patrol, and no accidents interfered with his efficiency now. Finally came a day when the captain commanding him found his own life threatened by the attack of two Boches. None of his men were near him. But Artemis was. The captain managed to kill one assailant. As he did so, the other cocked his rifle to shoot. Whereupon Artemis, exerting all his strength, sprang at the man's throat seized it so viciously that he strangled him. The captain was saved. So was Artemis; but both went to the hospital.—Mrs. Elphinstone Mattland, in People's Home Journal.

WHY PEOPLE LIVE IN CITIES

Subject Discussed in a Way That May Please or Not, According to One's Disposition.

In the American Magazine, Bruce Barton says, in talking about his old home town:

"Toussaint once remarked that he had never lived in Paris, except for one definite reason—to get money enough to live somewhere else. There are times when I have had a similar feeling toward New York. Times when the stress and strain and fretting of the job grew wearisome; when my cylinders all are full of carbon, and my valves give forth a leaky sound; when the white lights are only an impertinence, and the noise of motormen tramping on their bells is madness in my ears.

"When that time comes, as every spring it does, I go home, and, speaking with my wife privately, I say: 'My dear, why linger longer in a world like this? We are but strangers here at best; Foxboro is our home.' And we fill up the cold coffee bottle and place the ham sandwich in the bag, nestling it tenderly beside the fishing tackle, and his us to a land that is better and purer and sweeter; where the straight and narrow way takes the place of the way called Broad, and there is no white light but the evening star."

Bible Saves Life.

During the progress of most wars stories gain currency of how some soldier's life was saved because the Bible which hit him first went through the Bible he was carrying on his breast. There were several such instances reported in the Civil war and perhaps all of them were true. The first to come from France is that of William R. Wilson, nineteen years of age, from Newcastle, Pa. He was carrying a Bible and a trench mirror in his pocket. A German bullet hit him both, penetrating only enough to scratch his skin and do no damage whatsoever though it came from a sharpshooter and was well aimed. Books, especially Bibles, are evidently very efficient breast-plates.

Reforestation in France.

The Pennsylvania department of forestry has offered to the French government 4,000,000 tree seedlings as an aid to that country in reforesting the shell-torn woods in eastern France. The offer is commended everywhere. Though at present France is unable to do much in the way of rehabilitating her devastated lands, the sympathy that is being extended to her from all parts of the globe shows that when the proper time comes she will not lack the material means to recoup herself from the terrible afflictions she has suffered.—Pittsburgh.

Will Exercise His Right.

"I am probably the only man in Kansas City who has not wintered yet. If I ever live and another summer, I will never complain, no matter how hot it gets." I complained last winter, but I reserved the right to complain again this summer if the weather doesn't suit me. So, what sends me, you may expect to hear from me."—Kansas City Star.

More to Speld.

A captain was recently relating experiences and telling of letters he received from wives of his men. One letter ran something like this: "Dear Captain: I hope you will keep Jim in the army. I am getting along better than for a long time. I earn my own money and spend it and his, too. He used to spend mine and didn't earn any of his own. So don't let him come home."

Adds Life to Railroad Ties.

Railroad ties last about eight years under normal conditions, when they have to be renewed, which costs a good deal of money and calls for a large force of labor, says Popular Science Monthly. It is estimated that treated ties which are first kindled and then immersed in hot creosote until saturated, last twice as long. They are absolutely waterproof and impervious to rot.

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GROTON

Miss Helen Forbes has been entertaining for several days a friend from Clinton, who is in the naval aviation, and has been home on a ten-day furlough from Charleston, S. C., where she has been stationed since April. She has been entertained for several days at his home in Clinton.

At the request of the associate members of the 101st Infantry, U. S. A., and the receipt of a joint letter from Rev. M. J. O'Connor and Rev. Lyman Rollins, chaplains of the 101st Infantry, U. S. A., containing an urgent request that such action be taken, we, the affiliated and interested women of the 9th, 5th and 6th regiments, M. I., G. C., in the coming winter when the regiments were amalgamated, have banded together, bound by a common tie, a strong but invisible bond, that of a heart interest in the welfare of the 101st Infantry, U. S. A., and as an organization shall be known by the name that is hereinafter stated, this organization shall be called the Auxiliary of the Associate Members, 101st Infantry, U. S. A. The object of this organization shall be to give in all ways requested, the men now in France all aid and comfort in our power; also, to inspire them with the knowledge that those "back home" are standing solidly behind them.

The following clipping, dated Cleveland, June 28, has been handed to us with the impression that it may be of interest to our local readers: In response to a telegram from Anson Phelps Stokes, of New York, representing the American University Union in France, asking Superintendent of Schools Spaulding to become one of a commission of three American educators to organize a gigantic school and university system for United States soldiers overseas, the Cleveland Board of Education has granted a year's leave of absence to Dr. Spaulding, who will confer with Mr. Stokes in New York next week. In presenting the matter to the board, Superintendent Spaulding revealed plans approved by General Pershing whereby the American army, through the Y. M. C. A., is about to enter upon an educational undertaking, colossal in scope and without parallel in world history. The army Y. M. C. A. and army officers have been making out details of the program for several months. It is planned to make it possible for every American soldier in the expeditionary force to spend a large part of his spare time in school. During the period of demobilization, after peace has been achieved, hundreds of courses will be offered to prepare the soldier to enter civil pursuits, according to Dr. Spaulding. The courses will range from those for illiterates to law, engineering, medicine and various technical and professional lines. Superintendent Spaulding, who is a graduate of Lawrence academy, expects to sail for France in August.

At the motion picture show this Saturday evening Edith Clifton, by Charles Kenyon, author of "Kindling" and "Frank Dan." Also, one reel of Camp Devens, one reel of Screen Telegram and a great comedy—eight reels in all. On Tuesday evening of last week, at the home of Mrs. H. B. Royal, a musical class was given by the music study class, ably assisted by H. A. Thayer, who sang songs by Dvorak and Rubinstein. Other songs were given by Miss Elvira Scorgie, Miss Josephine Baker and Mrs. H. C. Merrill, and two selections by the ladies' quartet, Mrs. J. C. Cleaves, Mrs. H. Cleaves, Miss Baker and Mrs. Merrill. No less pleasing was the instrumental music which was given by the following: Mrs. Lewis Puffer, Miss E. Scorgie, Miss Dorothy Bigelow, Mrs. A. N. Collins and Miss Dorothy Hill. Miss Elsie Hubach presented the program in her usual happy manner, after first making a few introductory remarks in regard to the need of music. The program closed with the national anthem played by Mrs. Calkins. Enough was realized from the proceeds to purchase several well chosen musical records for both grammar school and for the Soldiers club, Ayer.

Letters from England from the boys of the 16th Division that went across last month are beginning to arrive. Frank E. Conant has sold his flock of geese to Mrs. Clara E. Harvey, of Lunenburg. Mrs. J. Livingston and Mrs. F. I. Atwood have been appointed a committee to have charge of the knitting department of the Red Cross Auxiliary in place of Miss Bertha Spaulding, resigned. Those having knitted articles out are kindly asked to bring the same in to this committee as soon as possible so that the quota can be completed on time. As the gauge for the surgical dressings has not arrived at the Auxiliary chairman kindly asks those who usually work in this department to assist in the sewing department at the weekly meetings. Notice is also given that anyone offering to assist any of the committees at the coming Red Cross lawn party August 23, their services will be greatly appreciated. Townsend friends will be interested to learn that Dr. David L. Martin of Dorchester, who was a former pastor of the Methodist church in town has volunteered for overseas service in the medical department and expects to sail soon for France. Dr. Martin is an eye and ear specialist. Misses Florence and Helen Dobson have returned from Boston where they have been working for the Red Cross. Miss Elizabeth French of Ashuelot is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Flora I. Atwood.

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severe injury to her hip, but on the following day found her condition decidedly improved and at present she continues to gain. The vaccination law will be enforced. The law is compulsory and is being observed more rigidly than in previous years. A neighborhood quarrel on Taylor street Wednesday afternoon resulted in Mrs. James Rivets being brutally assaulted. Dr. Christie was called and treated two bad cuts on her head. The case will be tried in the district court at Ayer Saturday morning. The doctors of this vicinity met last evening in Ayer to consider the feasibility of establishing a clinic in Ayer where young children in the district can have the benefit of examination by a specialist from the Massachusetts General hospital at a moderate price. This step follows baby weighing and measuring in the baby saving movement. Miss Gertrude Griffiths has been appointed to a special government position in Washington, D. C., and leaves this Saturday for her new duties. She has been with her parents for a few days before going to the national capital. A letter dated July 7 reported Whitney Caulkins as recovered from the wound received in the trenches on the 8th of May and returning to his company after eight weeks in the hospital, finally at base hospital No. 1 at Vichy, France. In a card, however, dated July 21, he writes again: "Was in the fight for two days. Am gassed and on way to hospital. It is a great battle, and we win! Will write soon." War drama: given Saturday, August 17 in Peppercell. Red Cross benefit; curtain at 8.15. The Merrifield family of Somerville and Littleton have opened their bungalow on New State road. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Edwards arrived from the west this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Osman Needham. Miss Bronnan, music teacher in the Littleton schools; has resigned, and Miss Irma Durkee, of West Acton, will succeed her.

Garden Party. The Girl Scout garden party held on the lawn at F. L. Brown's residence Wednesday proved an unqualified success. The grounds and the house were most attractive and comfortable. The salad dinner, the booths with ice cream, fruitade, candy, knitting bags, fish pond, etc., were all decidedly inviting; the songs and calisthenics of the Girl Scouts beautifully given under the leadership of Charlotte Pickard were very entertaining; the music by Camp Devens group of soldiers, one of whom, a ventriloquist of distinct merit and but recently an actor in "Peg o' my heart," gave much pleasure. Miss Perry, a guest of Hon. F. A. Patch, charmed the audience with her solos, original compositions that were received with keen appreciation. It was intended to have the occasion a pleasant social affair and no pains were spared by the genial host and hostess to make everybody feel at home and happy. The patronage was very good. Old, young and middle-aged, townspeople and visitors from outside were welcomed and all felt that the day of the afternoon was delightfully spent. Just what the net proceeds are cannot be ascertained, but it is estimated about \$35.

TOWNSEND Harbor. Mrs. Carrie Hagar Peterson spent the week-end at Nississquisick, the home of her parents. Clifford Keenan is a recent buyer of an automobile. Miss Hester Burdett and Miss Lillian Warner enjoyed an auto ride to Worcester on Saturday. Miss Warner returned on the evening train. Mrs. Burdett is spending the week in Worcester and West Boylston, awaiting repairs on her car. Miss Elza Delano is recovering from a well developed case of measles. Mrs. Hargraves and her daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Sargent Quimby, are guests of Mrs. Hargraves' aunt, Mrs. Anson Spaulding. Miss Mildred Cleary, of Brighton, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagar. Mrs. Twiliden, who passed her ninety-seventh birthday July 28, caught her foot on a rug Monday and had a bad fall. Dr. Christie cared for her and thought that she had sustained a

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AYER

Next week commencing Monday, the Lando-Stock company offers the eighth week performance at Whalym Park theatre a play entitled, 'A lady of twilight,' which portrays 'A tale of the underworld,' in three acts.

Charles H. Cahoon of Pleasant Lake spent the last week-end with his brother, Russell M. Cahoon.

At the Federation House this Friday evening at 7.45, character sketches, music, social and refreshments for the soldiers.

Two alarms were sounded last Sunday morning at 5.45 o'clock for a brisk fire in the small building occupied by F. J. Nevin's dealer in automobile supplies, on West Main street.

A nomination paper is in circulation in town this week for Representative Frank A. Torrey, of Groton, who seeks re-election from the twelfth district.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church will have an important business meeting in the vestry of the church on Tuesday afternoon, August 13, at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Proctor and three children returned from Hampton Beach, where they spent four weeks, last Saturday evening.

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Tickets for soldiers on furloughs may now be obtained at the camp. The custom heretofore has been to leave this work to the ticket agents at the railroad station, which had added to their already arduous duties.

The Jewish Welfare Board of Massachusetts presented for the use of the soldiers at dedication exercises Thursday, a well equipped recreation building with accommodations for 400 spectators at Camp Devens.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Williams are spending a few days' vacation at York Beach, Me.

The fourth and final payment on the third liberty loan bonds is due August 15.

A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, August 12, at 6.30 o'clock.

Beginning Tuesday the main ticket office at the railroad station will be open continually night and day.

The annual Sandy Pond School association reunion will be held on Saturday, August 31.

The following is the program for the movies for the coming week: Monday, Pauline Frederick in 'Madame Jealousy'; Tuesday, Bessie Barriscale in 'With thumbs up!'; Wednesday, May Allison in 'The Winning of Beatrice'; Thursday, Marjorie Wilson in 'The Hard Rock bred'; Friday, Clara Kimball Young in 'The house of glass'; Saturday, Gladys Brockwell in 'Her one mistake.'

Married in Ayer on August 3, by Rev. J. W. Thomas. Charles E. Higgins, a soldier, and Mary J. Plummer, of Bangor, Me.

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center is a police badge. The flag was purchased by Chief Kendall, who is a son-in-law of H. H. Bliss of this town, and Lieutenant M. T. Kennedy.

Joseph H. Richardson has returned after a visit to Cassino, Me. and other places in that state for the past month. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Alden E. Heffer of Hyde Park, and family. The trip was made by automobile.

One of the largest crowds that has visited Camp Devens since its establishment, came last Sunday from practically all the New England states and New York. Two thousand colored draftees arrived from the southern states at the camp on Tuesday.

Two alarms were sounded last Sunday morning at 5.45 o'clock for a brisk fire in the small building occupied by F. J. Nevin's dealer in automobile supplies, on West Main street.

A nomination paper is in circulation in town this week for Representative Frank A. Torrey, of Groton, who seeks re-election from the twelfth district.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church will have an important business meeting in the vestry of the church on Tuesday afternoon, August 13, at three o'clock.

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Tickets for soldiers on furloughs may now be obtained at the camp. The custom heretofore has been to leave this work to the ticket agents at the railroad station, which had added to their already arduous duties.

The Jewish Welfare Board of Massachusetts presented for the use of the soldiers at dedication exercises Thursday, a well equipped recreation building with accommodations for 400 spectators at Camp Devens.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Williams are spending a few days' vacation at York Beach, Me.

The fourth and final payment on the third liberty loan bonds is due August 15.

A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, August 12, at 6.30 o'clock.

Beginning Tuesday the main ticket office at the railroad station will be open continually night and day.

The annual Sandy Pond School association reunion will be held on Saturday, August 31.

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Ayer to live nine years ago. She leaves two brothers, Albert J. Sargent, a probation officer of the municipal court of Boston, and George A. Sargent, chief of city. She also leaves five sisters, Mrs. Mary O. Sargent, Peterboro, N. H., and Mrs. Annie H. Sargent, of Fitchburg. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning with a high mass of requiem at St. Mary's church at nine o'clock, celebrated by Rev. Frank H. Houston. The bearers were Thomas E. Mullin, Paul J. F. Ayrig and John M. Carrigan. Ayer was interred at the cemetery of Fitchburg. The interment took place in Hudson, N. H.

The death took place on August 7 of Austin F. Smith after an illness of seven months which he bore with great patience. He was born in Westing on July 2, 1874, late in Westing to Fitchburg. He conducted a meat and provision business in Fitchburg and later in Hudson. About eighteen years ago he removed to West Somerville, coming from there to Ayer, in April, 1917, making his home near the willow. His cheerful disposition won him many friends. Services were held at his late home on Friday afternoon at one o'clock, with burial in Hudson. He was a member of Jerusalem Commandery, Knights Templars, of Fitchburg, and an honorary member of Doric lodge of Hudson.

Mrs. John Donovan, formerly of this town and for several years past a resident of Shirley, died at the home of relatives in Lawrence last Sunday. The interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer, Tuesday. Her husband died at Shirley last April.

The W. C. C. S. The ladies of Littleton have presented to the Soldiers' club of the War Camp Community Service a number of flags. The flags, eight in number, are now hanging in the main hall. Beginning at the right, as one faces the stage, the flags are Roumania, Japan, Serbia, Greece, Italy, Belgium, England and France. The United States flag hangs at the end of the line. As one enters the hall the effect of color and decoration is most pleasing, the gift is a great addition to the club. Friday evening the national anthem of each country represented by a flag, was played in turn, the ceremony was impressive. In the near future the Ladies' club of Littleton intends to invite the ladies of Littleton to a dedication ceremony.

Thursday at the Soldiers' club a vaudeville show was given by Private Levinger, comedian, Private Richards, lute player, Serg. Lynch, pianist, and Private Ferris, ventriloquist. The performance deserves high praise for the really professional way in which the men worked throughout the evening. There was a large and enthusiastic audience.

The land now occupied by Ward's Stable has been bought by the War Camp Community Service. The stable will be pulled down and in its place a 58-room building is to be erected. The new building will be on the southern side of the lot, and the old building and the Soldiers' club is to be made into an attractive lawn. With this new building, which will be ready by October, and the up-to-date cafeteria now already installed in the Soldiers' club, the best of food and lodging for those coming to Ayer, the cafeteria is now providing for over eighty regular boarders and has a waiting list.

The Wednesday evening dance at the Soldiers' club was well attended. The Littleton girls were chaperoned by Mrs. Christie, and the Ayer girls by Miss Donaldson. A number of girls came from the telephone house, Miss Simonds being the chaperone.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Conner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Davis and daughter Gertrude left Thursday for California, where they will live for the future. Mrs. Davis and her daughter have spent several weeks at Wells Beach, Me., returned to town Tuesday.

An excellent beginning was made on the August quota of surgical dressings by the Red Cross on Monday afternoon at Hardy's hall. Twenty-two women braved the heat and worked diligently. 30 folded gauze strips were made; 21 red pack dressings were completed. In addition 129 pads were made and sent to the White Ribbon Home, where the bandages are made and applied. Ten pairs of knitted socks were received. Five Sock Kniters are urged to 'speed up.'

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Murphy took an auto trip on Thursday to Portland, Me., and are expected to return on Saturday.

Harry Howe has moved from George Felch's house to the Byram Murphy house.

Walker Fletcher has purchased the Woods house on Oak street.

K. E. Lynch visited her brother and niece in Nashua this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Ward, of Boston, and son Russell, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Thomas Ward.

Putnam Tarbell visited friends in Boston this week.

Mrs. N. S. Perley has returned to Shortfield after a visit of three weeks with K. E. Lynch. Mrs. Perley formerly lived in Ayer.

Mrs. Leslie Stewart and children, formerly of Ayer, now of West Acton, visited Mrs. Orin Kidder on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nullin and family toured to Ware last Sunday and were the guests of Mr. Nullin's niece.

Mr. Carl and son Allan, of Acton, visited with Putnam Tarbell for a few days this week.

Miss Gladys Connelly has returned from a visit of four weeks with her aunt in Wilbraham.

At the meeting of the W. R. C. on Tuesday, Mrs. E. L. Lajoie, post department instituting and installing officer, installed Mrs. Millie B. Mansueti, of Leominster, as secretary, and Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, of Shirley, as patriotic instructor. It was voted to sell the corps piano if a suitable purchaser can be found. Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell and Mrs. Juliet E. Allen are appointed a committee in charge.

Deaths. Miss Lucy A. Sargent died at her home on Grove street, Tuesday morning, after a long illness of anemia and complications. She was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Sargent and is a native of Littleton, where she was born in December, 1859. With the exception of a few years spent in Acton, she had lived in her native town until coming to

concerned. Suggestions were made to changing the line to the extreme southerly end of the park and to a line over the petitioners' present location through Central Avenue, Newton, Washington Street, Cambridge Street and the company's plant over existing locations on West street and the Boston and Maine land. The latter plan was declared impracticable by Mr. Dustin, as the cost would be prohibitive. The cost of putting in apparatus and labor would be about \$8000, which is three times as much as over the location asked for in the petition. Another reason why it would be unwise to take this course, is that when the local plant is moved it would be necessary to change the whole line over again, entailing additional expense and delay in furnishing power.

The matter of changing the location asked for by the petitioner from the north side of the town park to its extreme southern boundary was proposed as an acceptable alternative and was considered with favor by both sides. A question arose as to the legality of the town giving a right to the corporation to run its line through public land for the benefit of a private consumer. The aspect of the situation was finally left, after considerable discussion to John D. Carney, town counsel, and Atty. Cox, attorney for the petitioner, who will decide on the legality of the question.

Other speakers that those already mentioned were Lyman K. Clark, John L. Kennison, Thomas F. Mullin, Eugene S. Barry and Frank J. Maloney, the latter representing several abutters on Grove and School streets.

Edward Devitt pleaded guilty to the larceny of a watch belonging to E. J. Moore last Saturday morning. Coming to the youth of the defendant and his previous good record he was dealt with very leniently, being placed on probation for six months. The defendant, who stated that he was seventeen years of age, told the court that he could give no reason for taking the watch which was found in the plaintiff's room, not knowing whom the watch belonged to. The boy was apprehended by the Fitchburg police after he had pawned it in that city. The watch was restored to Mr. Mooney.

Harry Agel pleaded not guilty to two complaints which alleged that he violated the town by-laws regarding the transportation of passengers for hire between Camp Devens and Depot square by automobile, without a license from the town. He was found guilty and fined ten dollars on each complaint. He appeared in court for the September session of the superior court at Cambridge in \$100 bail. Officer T. J. Phrone was the witness for the government. Agel took the stand and denied the allegations against him. John D. Carney represented the government as counsel.

Another case of alleged violators of this law appeared in court on Monday morning and each were fined ten dollars. All pleaded not guilty. The defendants were Joseph Bakerman of Boston, Samuel H. Israel of Fitchburg, Hester Normandin of Ayer, Hyman Sibert of Boston and Edward Wright of Littleton.

Chief Beatty stated that he is determined to prosecute all such violators of the law and has ordered all local officers to assist him in this work.

J. M. Agel was found guilty this week Friday morning on two complaints for violations of the town by-laws requiring drivers of automobiles to have their headlights in good condition. The first man was fined twenty dollars on each complaint. He appeared and was held in \$100 on each charge for the September session of the superior court in Cambridge.

Joseph J. Cohen and George Lavigne of Boston were arraigned on complaints for larceny. The cases were continued until this Saturday morning. The defendants being held in \$500 bail each for their appearance before the local court at that time. In default of bail they were committed to the local police station.

Wilfred Boddie pleaded guilty Tuesday morning to assault and battery on Joseph King and paid a fine of \$20. The parties are employed in a local restaurant and became involved in an argument which ended according to King's story by the defendant striking King with a glass and cutting it quite badly. The defense put in no evidence.

Louis Friedman pleaded no contest on a complaint charging him with operating an automobile without a town license Thursday. He was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

S. W. Kneass of Fitchburg, pleaded not guilty to similar charge and the complaint was held on the condition that he cease such business in the future, and receive a proper license within the town of Fitchburg.

Oscar Devitt pleaded guilty to driving an automobile without proper lights and was fined ten dollars.

Clarence T. M. Agel and Arthur J. Carney, for not having a license, failed to appear and their default was recorded. Warrants were issued for their arrest.

An assault and battery case from Littleton was continued until this Saturday morning by John D. Carney, counsel, representing one of the parties. The case is in the scrap are three women, Mrs. James Revette, the complainant, Mrs. Laura DeSilvio and Mrs. Peter DeSilvio, who it is claimed committed the assault.

The Girl Scouts and local council of Littleton gave a most successful lawn party in Mrs. Paul Brown's orchard, Knitting bags and fancy articles were on the program. A lunch was served to fifty people at noon and the guests were entertained by a demon-

stration of callisthenics and singing by the Girl Scouts. In the afternoon five members of the 9th Co., Depot Brigade orchestra, Camp Devens, furnished music. Private Doherty, furnished of the Boston Conservatory of Music, gave several selections, which afforded a great deal of pleasure. Corporal Keating sang several solos, which were received with great enthusiasm. Corporal Ferris of the Soldiers' club, Camp Devens, an accomplished ventriloquist, afforded a very novel entertainment, which was enjoyed by all, but particularly pleased the children.

The girls of Groton are planning to have a picnic at the Groton Farm Camp next Friday, under the leadership of Miss Christine B. Wood, their captain.

This following week will be the biggest yet at Camp with fifty girls in residence. Student government is the new feature and the girls have elected officers from among themselves. Ethel West of Boston was elected general.

The Littleton troop will spend a day at camp next week and their troop members will be in residence there.

A grand field day is being planned as a fitting event to close the camp season. Girls from all the towns of the Federation will be present and their parents are cordially invited to attend and inspect the camp.

Letter from France. The following letter has been recently received by Mrs. John H. Turner from Dr. B. H. Hopkins and may be interesting reading to his many friends:

I am finally located somewhere in France after a trip across the Atlantic in a fine boat which landed us without any mishap. I have been in a number of different places in France already, but am now I expect permanently located for some months at least. My duties are both medical and executive and of course I can't say what they are; in fact a letter from France must needs be very indefinite as the censor allows nothing that can in any way give information of importance to the enemy. I find France to be a most beautiful country. Although I have seen on two previous occasions some parts of France, I think I never have realized how beautiful its fertile fields and hills were. I don't wonder that the French people have fought so long and hard for it. It certainly looks worth fighting for.

I am located a long way from the front, although I have been near and have heard the big guns and seen the precautions taken to prevent air raids. I expect I may be located here for the summer months at least; how much longer I do not know. In coming to the station I passed through the region where grape culture is the principal occupation of the people and it was a wonderful sight to see the hills covered with the vines for miles in extent. Of course, I am not allowed to make any remarks about the war, although I might be able to say some interesting things.

Well a letter from here is very unsatisfactory, both to the writer and to the one who receives it, as one can embody in it so little of that which is uppermost in all our minds.

A Mixed Composition. The following piece was written by Frank C. Harmon, aged fourteen years, and Edward W. Richardson, aged twelve years, the composition containing the names of many brands of cigars and cigarettes sold by the C. R. P. Co. Main street:

Peter Schuyler and Charles Deby went up Fort Hill in an Overland to see Bertler at the Hoffman House. On their way they met Mira who was going to St. Regis. In Havana to see Prince Albert. The grape culture is the famous town. I told them saw Ambassador Girard who was using a Public Heer cigarette. Mira's son was on the way to Beacon Hill when he saw a man carrying a Mail Pouch. He was on his way to Lord Salter's house where he was to meet Matt Mall who had asked to take them all to dine at the hotel. The Chesterfield came in and took their order and between the Acts they ate a sensible lunch. After lunch they ate a little of the best of the land. That afternoon on their way to the ball park, they ran into Herbert Tarbell and Miss Winton's wife and Taval, their son. Marjorie was on the way. Velvet cushion which just suits her. After a while they decided to accompany them to Beacon Hill where they were to play the billiards. There was a Honnet Scrap before the game and Hen Tucks gave a speech to them. Grand pitched the first ball. The first man made a Lucky Strike which was turned into a Home Run. A Longhoy was selling Johnson's Private Stock when Girard ordered a Pippo and dropped a 7-20-4 out of his mouth.

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H. H. Proctor

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On the Road to Success.
That young man is wise who makes a plan, organizes his ambition, and makes each day contribute something toward its fulfillment. Success often seems delayed, but it is surely on the way for those who are getting ready for it. Over the desk of the boy or girl struggling with hard lessons that may seem at the present quite useless, let it be written in letters of gold: "I will study and get ready, and my chance will come."

Origin of "Algernon."
The name Algernon was originally "als Gernon," and was first applied to one of the crusading Percys. His name was William, but his fellow knights called him William als Gernon or Gernon, meaning William with the whiskers, or just Whiskers for short. As Algernon the name has persisted in the family to the present time, and the tenth duke of Northumberland, who died recently, was Algernon Percy.

The Lute.
The lute has vanished. It was one of the oldest of instruments, and had a beautiful vibrant tone somewhat like that of the harp. But its size and complexity were against it. It had a long neck, and many strings, and while its size increased its power and range, it also increased its weight and made it cumbersome. The minstrel of today plays on the mandolin, the guitar or the banjo—and the lute is forgotten.

Washington Flag Etiquette.
The United States flag always is hoisted over the senate or house of representatives when in session. The flag floats from the flagstaff of the White House while the president is in Washington, and its absence indicates the absence of the president from the capital. It is displayed over the department buildings in Washington from 9 o'clock a. m. to 4:30 p. m. every week day.

To Calculate Interest.
A rule often recommended for calculating interest for short periods is as follows: To find the interest of any given sum for any number of days, multiply the principal by the number of days and divide as follows: At 5 per cent, by 72; at 6 per cent, by 60; at 7 per cent, by 52; at 8 per cent, by 45, and at 9 per cent, by 40.

Food Value of Fish.
The high worth of fish as a food is strongly upheld by the Journal of the American Medical Association, noting that fish must be better cared for than some other forms of animal food, but concluding "It is no just criticism of fish to say that they may be harmful unless properly cared for."

World's Greatest Cataract.
What is set down as the greatest cataract in the world is on the Iguazu river, which partly separates Brazil and Argentina. The precipice over which the river plunges is 210 feet high, that of Niagara being 167 feet. The cataract is 13,123 feet wide, or about two and a half times as wide as Niagara. It is estimated that 100,000,000 tons of water pass over Niagara in an hour. A like estimate gives the falls of Iguazu 140,000,000 tons.

Safety Matches Cause of Disease.
"Four writers in turn," says the Ugeskrift for Laeger, Copenhagen, "describe cases of eczema which they were unable to explain in the otherwise healthy patients until they learned of Rasch's experience with local poisoning of the skin from the use of a certain brand of safety matches. In most of the patients the burn was on the thighs corresponding to the trousers pockets in which they carried the match boxes."

Peculiar Cause of Celibacy.
Celibacy is almost unknown among the Moravians, and when it does occur it is nearly always the result of a vow, especially in places where Russian influence is strong. Sometimes a girl is not married in consequence of a vow to a deity—if, for instance, has ruined the crops or some misfortune has befallen the family. Such young women are termed the "wife of the hail king."

Where Platinum is Found.
Platinum is recovered principally from the beds of streams, the particles having been deposited there through erosion of large rocks, classified geologically as "tertiary conglomerates." The platinum grains are found with gold, the proportion varying from 5 to 50 per cent of platinum. The two metals are recovered by washing the sand and gravel of streams.

Washington a Free Mason.
That General Washington was an active Free Mason in good standing is shown by the historic statement that "the southeast corner stone of the capitol was laid September 19, 1793, by Brother George Washington, assisted by the worshipful masters and Free Masons of the surrounding cities, the military and a large number of people."

Puzzling.
"Pa," said the young hopelessly, "I can't understand you grown-up parents a tall. You and mother always tell me you ain't got no money whomever I want to buy candy or ice cream dainties, but I take notice you don't seem to have much trouble digging up a nickel for me to take to Sunday school."—Indianapolis Star.

Combs.
Combs have been used in the toilet since very ancient times. The Greeks, the Egyptians and the Roman ladies used them to arrange and hold up their hair; even ladies among the Swiss lake dwellers seem to have been familiar with them. Some of these were made of wood, some of bone, of horn or of ivory. Specimens have often been found in recent years.

RABBITS' EARS NOT HANDLES

Belief That Seems Commonly Accepted is Incorrect, According to Writer in Boy Scouts' Magazine.

Some people seem to think that because rabbits' ears are so long it is a good reason to use them as a handle, says Harry Bradford in Boys' Life, the Boy Scouts' magazine. They have told me that "the mother rabbit carries her young around by the ears!"

I have had a pretty good opportunity to observe such a feat, but I have never seen such a performance. It is all right to hold them by the ears, but I always put my hand or arm under their hind legs to lift them up, and then I know I am not hurting them.

One peculiarity I have always noticed about rabbits is their apparent lack of clear vision. If you will notice their eyes, you will see that they scarcely, if ever, move the eyeball to look up or down or at either side, as a cat does. You can't tell when they are looking directly at you as you can with a cat.

FIRST AERIAL MAIL IN 1803

To President Jefferson Really Belongs the Honor of Instituting Something New in Message Line.

While all unite in praise of Postmaster General Bursison in inaugurating an aerial mail service between New York and Washington, Americans should not make the mistake of crediting the present administration with the first aerial mail service between the two cities.

As a matter of fact, that honor falls to the administration of Thomas Jefferson more than a hundred years ago. It all attended the transmission of the deeds of the Louisiana purchase to France.

Mr. Jefferson, of course, was very anxious about the matter, and after the deeds had been sent from Washington to Paris, and the time had come when the vessel bearing the signed deeds back to this country was due, Mr. Jefferson, unable to withhold impatience, sent some carrier pigeons to New York to be held until the vessel arrived and then released, bearing word of the fact of their arrival. This was done, and accordingly the first aerial mail service dates back not to this spring but to the year 1803.

Pockets for the Government.

The movement of the government toward a conservation of wool through the curtailment of masculine pockets should not be greatly disturbing. Economy and the trend of times now make many pockets as useless as the vermiform appendix.

Why should a man have five pockets in his trousers, six in his vest, and the same number in his coat? Legislation has put the pistol pocket out of business, and from southern states the flask has vanished.

Design Frustrated.

"Pardon me for referring to the matter, Glithersby, but you borrowed \$50 from me some time ago."
"By—just, so I did."
"Er—just at present I'm—"

"And I want to take this opportunity to tell you, Dubwate, that I have remarked to I don't know how many of our friends and acquaintances that you are the biggest-hearted, most considerate fellow I ever knew—the kind of man who would let people owe him money for years rather than hurt their feelings by asking them for it. Fine day, isn't it?"

Gas-Driven Cars in Denmark.

An advertisement has appeared in one of the Australian papers offering for sale machines that can be operated with gas instead of benzine or petrol. The advertisements have been made in a language with a Danish flavor that makes it possible to use gas as fuel for motors. It is said that several thousand of the machines are being used in Denmark, and that they have met with success. The new system is stated to consume from one to two kilowatts of heat (2.2 to 4.4 pounds) per horsepower-hour, according to the quality of the gas. —Commercial Reports.

Force of Habit.

I heard a fellow from Camp Logan remark recently that he supposed the habit of inspections would become so strong with him that after the war and he returned home he would have to lay everything out in the street each Saturday morning and have his mother look it over. —Chicago Tribune.

Goal Always to Be Sought.

The greater good lies beyond the eyes to be reached for but not touched, unimpalpable, unattainable, never despaired of, never found, always in the prospect, never in the experience, something certain for the future, something unknown to the past. —Clifford Raymond.

Daily Thought.

To know how to wait is the great secret of success. —De Maitre.

A CHERISHED KISS

By MIRABEL LEE.
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A series of rapid occurrences aroused Walter Adist from the humming dream of an average young man, and within a week tested ingenuity, courage and the timber he was made of in a singularly exciting way.

He had dallied in the train shed of a big railroad to wave a departing adieu to a friend just as another train pulled in. He stood for a moment, casually watching the passengers alight.

"Oh, Harry! I am so glad!" and from the hand of a daintily dressed miss a suit case dropped impulsively, a pair of arms encircled his neck and right on his lips a kiss was imparted. Then, with a dismayed cry, the bestower of the precious favor flushed scarlet and incoherently stammered:

"I thought it was my brother—!" Her embarrassment was relieved as a man approached her, and Walter started away, lifting his cap, not one bit sorry for the mistake, but too much of a gentleman to remain and further confuse the young lady.

"This is Miss Ward," he heard the man say, as he tendered a card to the young lady which she glanced at casually and listened closely to an evident explanation. She picked up her suit case and with the man walked through the gates and out upon the side depot platform. He signed a cab and helped the young lady into it. She dropped something white as she crossed the platform. Walter picked it up. It was a printed card, bearing the name, "Harry Ward," and an address.

A shriek echoed out. It was followed by a crash. As the vehicle whizzed around a corner there was a clatter of glass as the pane in the door was pushed through.

Walter ran to the corner. The cab was proceeding more rapidly. As it passed under an electric lamp he caught a full view of the face of the driver.

"I'd know him again," soliloquized Walter, "and I wonder what this all means." Within half an hour he was at the address given by the card—a respectable boarding house.

"Mr. Ward? Yes, sir," spoke the maid who answered his summons. "He is ill, but I think he can see you." She led Walter up a flight of stairs, tapped at a door and left him to his own devices.

"Come in," spoke a masculine voice. "Who is it?"

The moment Walter's eye rested on the occupant of the bed he traced a close resemblance to the girl on the train.

"You will pardon me for intruding," he said, "but an incident has transpired that has caused me some alarm and has led me to seek you out," and briefly but clearly narrated the circumstances of the hour.

Harry Ward looked curious, suspicious and then deeply alarmed. His face grew pale and troubled.

"I must get up at once," he spoke excitedly. "Estelle, my sister! Oh! I see it all. She has been kidnaped to prevent—but you are a stranger and it cannot interest you. I met with a bad fall today and one foot is crippled. That was why I was unable to meet my sister. I counted on her being safe to come here alone."

"You mistake if you think I am not sufficiently interested to wish to be of some practical help to yourself and your sister," observed Walter, earnestly. "It is plain to me that mystery, villainy is involved. You are helpless to pursue the man who has seemingly deluded Miss Ward into believing that you sent him to represent you. Tell me as little or as much as you choose, but let me try to aid you."

It was a somewhat remarkable story that Harry Ward recited. He was engaged in prosecuting a claim of his dead father. The opposition had fought the case. A final decision in court was now pending and the evidence of Miss Ward, her brother's lawyer had told him, would win the case.

CAPONIZE MALES FOR CHOICE FOOD

One Way of Answering Call for Greatly Increased Supply of Poultry and Meats.

HAS CONTENTED DISPOSITION

Breeds Best Adapted for Purpose Are Plymouth Rock, Brahma, Cochon, Cornish, Langshan and Wyandotte—Leghorn Too Small.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Caponizing the surplus cockerels is one way of answering the call made by the United States department of agriculture for a greatly increased production of poultry and meat. Capons, the name applied to unsexed male birds, are to the poultry dealer what fat steers are to the beef packer—the source of the choicest food product of their kind. Like the steer, the capon has a contented disposition. It develops more uniformly than the cockerels, and, as it fattens more readily, is larger at the same age. This coupled with the fact that the flesh of capons retains the softness and tenderness of young birds and is, therefore, of superior quality, causes them to command a better price on the market.

Since capons must be held and grown until winter they take up some room which might be used to better advantage for laying hens. In such cases it may be advisable to fatten the surplus cockerels and sell them as broilers. Another consideration is the local market, which must show the demand for capons.

Best Breeds to Caponize.

Large capons bring the best prices, and it seldom pays to caponize males of the small breeds, such as Leghorns. Breeds best adapted for this purpose are the Plymouth Rock, Brahma, Cochon, Cornish, Langshan, and Wyandotte.

Cockerels should be caponized as soon as they are large enough for the operation to be performed easily, usually when they weigh from 1½ to 2½ pounds, or when they are from two to four months old. Cockerels can be caponized when larger and older than this, but at such time there is more danger of loss of blood, and extreme care must be exercised to prevent the birds from bleeding to death. Caponizing is usually done in June, July and August.

Cockerels to be operated upon must be confined and given no feed or water for 24 to 36 hours. This serves to empty the intestines and enables the



Performing the Operation.

testicles to be located and removed more easily. The bird is laid upon its side on a box, head of a barrel or a fable of convenient height, and held in a stretched-out position by means of cords passed about the wings and the legs and weighted with weights equivalent to that of half bricks. The operation must be performed out of doors in a sunlit space, or else artificial light must be reflected into the body cavity in order to allow the operator to locate and remove the testicles.

Use Sharp Knife.

Make the incision with a sharp-pointed knife between last two ribs but before making the incision pull the skin down toward the leg. Then when the operation is over and the bird is released, the skin slips over the wound and closes it. Insert the spreader and enlarge the cut sufficiently to allow the introduction of the testicle remover, but do not cut too far toward the backbone, or into the fleshy part of the body wall, as that will cause profuse bleeding. A thin membrane will be observed covering the intestines. This must be torn with the sharp-pointed hook. The intestines are then exposed and these are pushed aside, two small, white, yellow (sometimes dark colored) bodies will be observed, one on each side of the backbone, and close to it. These are the testicles. Remove these with the testicle remover, taking the lower one first. Persons not expert at caponizing find it impossible to locate the lower testicle. In this case, the upper can be removed, the bird turned over, and the other testicle removed through an incision on the other side. Care must be observed in removing the testicles not to prick or rupture the arteries which run close to them. Should this occur, the bird will bleed to death. Be sure that the entire testicle is removed. If a piece is left, the bird will not act and look like a cockerel instead of a capon, and will sell for less than capon prices. Such a bird is known as a slip. It is advisable for a beginner to practice this operation upon a dead fowl. The place to make the incision, the location of the testicles, etc., can be definitely learned in this way and confidence gained in caponizing live birds.

VALUE OF BACK-YARD FLOCK

Average Size Should Be at Least Ten Hens to Produce 100 Dozen Eggs a Year.

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Here are some safe figures about what can be expected of a back-yard flock. Each hen in her pullet year should produce ten dozen eggs. The average size of the back-yard flock should be at least ten hens. Thus each flock would produce in a year 100 dozen of eggs, which, at the conservative value of 25 cents a dozen, would be worth \$25. But the 100 dozen is more important than the \$25.

Old-Fashioned Idea.

The old-fashioned idea that round eggs would hatch pullets, and long or pointed eggs cockerels, is entirely without foundation.

Use Hens for Brooders.

Don't breed from pullets at all if you can use hens instead.

Origin of Honeycomb.

To the ancients honeycomb was a luxurious beverage prepared with the syrupy secretion of the bee. It was the custom to drink of this diluted honey for 30 days, or a month's age, after a wedding feast. Hence arose the term honeycomb, which is of Teutonic origin.

May Be New Source of Oil.

It is believed that large quantities of an oil with many commercial uses can be obtained from the nuts of the coyol palm, which grows prolifically in central and tropical South America.

POULTRY

WATCH FOR LICE AND MITES

Unless Parasites Are Controlled They Have Marked Effect on Number of Eggs Produced.

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Poultry raisers should be on the lookout for lice and mites, for they get busier than ever with the coming of warm weather. Unless they are controlled at this season they will have a marked effect on the number of eggs produced by laying hens, and the number of chicks raised. Poultry houses should be thoroughly cleaned, whitewashed, or sprayed with kerosene or kerosene emulsion at this season. The houses should also be provided with a good dust box, and insect powder should be dusted among their feathers.

Mites usually stay in the cracks of the henhouses and under the roosts in the daytime, where they lay their eggs. At night when the fowls go to roost the mites come out of their hiding places, attach themselves to the fowls, and feed by sucking blood from the birds. To get rid of them the houses should be cleaned and sprayed thoroughly, including the nests, the dropping boards, and roosts. The poultry house that is kept clean and has plenty of sunlight and ventilation is usually free from mites. Immediately after cleaning the house should be whitewashed or sprayed. An effective whitewash is made by slaking one-half peck of lime in 20 gallons of water. Add one pound of salt, previously dissolved, and two quarts of crude carbolic acid, or one gallon of stock dip, and apply the mixture with a spray pump or brush. Kerosene, crude oil, or some good preservative manufactured from coal tar, sprayed about the interior of the house, especially in the cracks and crevices, is an effective means of killing mites. If kerosene is used it is necessary to continue to spray every 10 days or two weeks



Dusting Louse-Infested Fowl.

throughout the warm weather. The effect of crude oil or wood preservative is much more lasting.

Inasmuch as lice spend a greater part of their time on the fowls, the most effective treatment is that which is applied directly to the birds. The cleanliness of the house, however, is of equal importance if the lice are to be gotten rid of entirely. The two most practical methods of fighting lice are dusting or using a paste or an ointment. Provide a good dust box containing a mixture of road dust or wood ashes and allow the hens to dust themselves. Dusting the hens by hand is effective and is especially recommended for setting hens and fowls that are very much infested with lice. A good homemade dust or louse powder is made by mixing together one and one-half pints of gasoline and one pint of crude carbolic acid with four quarts of plaster of Paris. Allow it to dry, crush to a powder, and work it well into the feathers by hand.

One of the most effective ointments used to destroy lice is a mixture of equal parts of blue ointment with vasoline or lard. Mix these ingredients thoroughly and apply a small portion (about the size of a pea) to the top of the head, under the wings, and around the vent.

Note—Blue ointment should not be used on hatching hens and small chicks.

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THE LITTLE LADY

By JACK LAWTON.
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That is what the people of Farmdale called her, speculating as to her choice of their village as a place of habitation. With some, the words had an affectionate sound, but there were others who omitted the "little" and spoke of her with sarcasm.

The appropriateness of the title, however, could not be disputed. "Little lady" was the new inmate of the old Parsons place.

Farmdale young people were accustomed to labor in homes and factory, theirs the problem of living. But the great old Parsons place was opened, mullin curtains showing behind gleaming windows. The tangled garden was coaxed into order, the town boys scouts spending their spare time in the effort. Happily the little lady directed them and repaid their labors.

"What's she here for anyway?" they said, and "How is she going to spend her time?"

But the little lady only hummed her tunes, bending idly over the sundial. A young officer home from camp was tempted to turn in at the gateway to ask for a drink from the fountain; the day was hot.

"One does not realize in this peaceful setting," he said, the suffering, the prison that others are enduring across the water. "War seems very unreal and far away, yet it is there."

The eyes of the little lady were sympathetic. "Yes," she agreed, but she stopped as she spoke, to train a rose about the sundial.

The official frowned as he went on his way. She had been much, too much, in his thoughts, since they had pointed her out to him, the beautiful stranger who had leased the old Parsons place. Why should he sit in judgment upon her. If she chose to remain carefree in times of seriousness and self-denial, what was that to him?

A girl stood just outside the entrance looking into the garden; she was one of the girls from the factory and her face looked wan and tired.

"I was waitin' for you," she told the soldier; "I wanted to ask about Jim. When do you go over to France?"

"That we cannot tell, Jossie," the officer replied. "But your brother is feeling fine. You are a brave girl to spare him for your country."

"The doctor thought I wouldn't be strong enough to keep on at the factory through the summer," the girl said, "but I reckon I wouldn't try to hold Jim back 'cause of that."

She motioned wearily toward the white-clad figure by the fountain. "Pretty soft, to be like her!" said Jossie.

And as the soldier went on down the path he paused to greet a pale woman in a wheel chair. Her tall husband propelled the chair and his tense face brightened eagerly at sight of the soldier's uniform.

"When are you going back to camp?" he asked, and when upon some pretense the wife had sent her husband away she raised patient eyes to the officer's face.

"It's so hard for him not to be able to go," she said. "If it hadn't been for the accident to my hip he might have gone with the rest. I think Bert feels tied to this chair with a ball and chain. But if I am better, as the doctor promises, next year—"

"You are the kind, Nell!" the soldier exclaimed, and he pressed her hand. Yes, she was "the kind."

Old Henry was glad to see him. He asked, as he made way on the porch, if Jed's boat had got over safe; Jed hadn't written yet. "And if 'twain't for Mattie here," he went on, beckoning an old neighbor from the next cottage, "her boy Ben would a-been in the fight too. Mattie's lame-ness held Ben back." "If I could only get along alone," said the old woman regretfully. "But I can't," she added and sighed.

Yes, there were those in this fair country also who realized the necessity of sacrifice. As the officer strode on his way he thought about these familiar people of his boyhood, anxious in the time of need to do their best.

Across his memory flashed a vision of the little lady, but he banished the picture with firm-pressed lips. There would be one more visit to the town before sailing; when he came again he would avoid the road which led past the great house, so he told himself; but that was the very road which he chose. The grounds had been cultivated wonderfully he noticed, and in the background worked a man's bent figure; "she" was not lingerin' near the fountain. The fact brought unaccountable disappointment. But toward him, down a winding pathway came Jossie—Jossie, brown, radiant, wheeling an invalid chair and in the chair was Bert's wife.

NEW TYPE OF COAT

Slip-Over Has Advantages for Motor or Travel Wear.

Completely Protects Garment Over Which It is Worn—Always Ship-shape and Snug.

Capes have so utterly dominated the field of wraps this season that very little out of the ordinary has been offered in coat styles. While the cape vogue continues, a closer reefed wrap is more becoming to some figures.

The coat shown in the sketch is well worth considering, as it was actually intended by the Paris designer who originated it as a suggestion for a fall or winter coat. This coat would be lovely developed in dark-colored satin and embroidered in a lighter shade, or vice versa, as a summer traveling or motor coat. Pongee or shantung, silk jersey cloth or heavy linen might also be used for it if preferred.

This coat has a number of unusual features, the most prominent being its freedom from fastenings. It is a slip-over model. The belt is attached across the back section, the front ends being loose, so that the coat may be slipped easily over the head, the belt ends being drawn forward and but-



The Slip-Over Coat.

toned as indicated. It is open from hem to waistline on both sides; the buttons and buttonholes being purely decorative, although they may be arranged to hold the coat together if such an arrangement is preferred.

The coat as designed has an elongated back collar, really a small cape, and this may be used or omitted.

A coat that slips over the head is something decidedly new, but for motor or travel wear especially such a coat has many advantages over the conventional open-front garment. It completely protects the garment over which it is worn, and is always shipshape and snug.

If designed for wear during the fall, this coat would be very smart developed in one of the rough wool plaids that are being shown for fall, both in dress and coat materials. Plain color might be used for sleeves and cape facing and for the wide belt.

CORAL JEWELRY VERY SMART

Decorations Prove Decidedly Effective When Worn With Dull-Hued Suits.

One cannot overlook the effectiveness of coral with the blue serge and gray worsted costumes. Coral is one of the most charming shades when overdone in costume, and this season it gives that brightness and contrast that is essential with the rather subdued tones of wartime frocks and tailcoats.

There are long strings of coral beads, which fall over a white or pale blouse waistcoat very effectively, and there are strings of coral and dull gold, to which are attached smart lozenges. Coral-set arrow pins are thrust through convertible coat collars and coral-tipped hatpins project from spring saloons of lustrous black straw.

A woman lounging at a hotel wore a taupe suit, a small black lisse turban draped with a long taupe-colored veil and black patent leather pumps, with taupe-colored spats.

The only bright note of color in her costume was a pair of coral earrings, the spheres of coral set close against her ear lobes beneath waves of dark hair. The warm, bright note of coral gave interest and distinction to her whole costume, otherwise quiet and neutral in tone.

Effective Simplicity.

A satin ribbon band and rosette make effective the simple little turned-down hat of novelty straw, which is developed in colors to match the dress. The parasol is every bit as important an item of daughter's wardrobe as of her mother's. And this rose dotted silk affair is just the thing for the little girl to carry as protection against the rays of the sun in the warm days.

Good Alibi for the Bee.
That bees injure fruit is a common belief in some quarters, but investigations recently carried out in Italy prove it to be without foundation. Bees cannot perforate the skin of fruit, and the damage

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CHICHESTER'S PILLS "I shouldn't say in so many words that Mrs. Gabbott is a liar," observed the lady who weighed well the words of her mouth and the meditations of her heart before releasing them to the public, "but I will say that she is remarkably well misinformed."

STOP WASTE IN GARBAGE

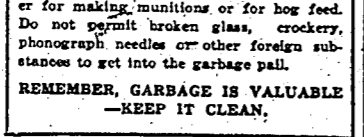
U.S. Food Administrator Launches Nation-Wide Campaign Against Waste.

AN APPEAL TO HOUSEWIVES Watch Garbage Pail and Keep It Free From All Tin Cans and Other Rubbish.

MRS. HOUSEKEEPER: Don't waste or burn your garbage. It is valuable. One Ton of GARBAGE Contains: Sufficient glycerine for the explosive charge of fourteen 75 millimeter shells. Sufficient "fatty acid" for the manufacture of 100 12-ounce cakes of soap.

If Used as Hog Feed Will Produce One Hundred pounds of good, firm, first quality pork. Can you afford to destroy the valuable products when your government needs them to help win the war?

The United States Food Administration Urges Every Housewife To be watchful over what goes into the garbage pail, to put less in and take more out. But what must go into the pail should be kept separated from other household refuse, so that it can be utilized either for making munitions or for hog feed.



REMEMBER, GARBAGE IS VALUABLE -KEEP IT CLEAN.

A campaign for the utilization of garbage has been inaugurated by the United States Food Administration to reclaim millions of dollars worth of material now being wasted and to urge upon housekeepers the necessity for keeping garbage (kitchen and table refuse) in a separate container from other household refuse.

Figures and statistics issued by the Food Administration show that in one ton of garbage there is sufficient glycerine to make the explosive charge for fourteen 75 millimeter shells, enough "fatty acid" to manufacture 75 pounds of soap, fertilizer elements to grow eight bushels of wheat and a score of other valuable materials essential in the manufacture of munitions.

It is also pointed out that 24 cities of over 100,000 are not utilizing garbage and that the combined population, which is estimated to be over 5,000,000, is wasting 4,400,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine and 40,000,000 12-ounce cakes of soap, besides 60,000 tons of tankage which contains fertilizer elements sufficient to produce a 3,000,000-bushel wheat crop. The value of this loss of materials is estimated at \$5,600,000.

In 29 cities where there are garbage utilization plants the figures show that a combined population of 18,000,000 people are utilizing these products, to the value of over \$11,000,000 annually, and that a large percentage of this saving is being directly used by the government in munition making. Plans are under way in several cities for the manufacture of alcohol on a large scale from garbage and from experiments it has been shown that the grade of alcohol produced equals a high grade grain product.

Don't Burn Garbage But in these 29 cities, or most of them, large amounts of garbage are destroyed by burning or made useless by being mixed with other wastes.

This means that around 9,000,000 pounds of grease is lost, or sufficient to produce 1,300,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine, which would furnish the powder charge of about 2,000,000 shells of the famous French "seventy-fives." In addition there is a loss of fatty acids sufficient to manufacture 25,000,000 12-ounce cakes of soap.

It is in these 29 cities the garbage was "kept clean" or free from bottles, tin cans, crockery and other foreign matter, the saving to the government would be many million dollars more. The responsibility devolves upon the shoulders of the housewife, who is urged to see that nothing but garbage goes into the garbage pail. Other household refuse has a value, but its value is lost and the value of the garbage is lost if refuse and garbage are mixed.

The same is true about garbage that is to be used as hog feed. The Food Administration is also urging that table and kitchen refuse be fed to hogs and is driving home to the housekeeper the fact that one ton of garbage will produce 100 pounds of good, firm, first quality pork.

Figures from 300 cities of over 10,000 population, which are disposing of their garbage as hog feed, are daily demonstrating this fact. The combined population of these cities is more than 9,000,000 and the estimated yield of pork should be 100,000,000 pounds. But because of poor separation, incalculable materials and losses, the amount of garbage-fed pork that is actually marketed each year is only 50,000,000 pounds, which has a value of over \$8,000,000.

Electric. New York is estimated to have 2,500 commercial electric vehicles, Chicago 1,050, and Philadelphia 150.

Horticultural Advice

COST OF PRODUCING APPLES Problems of Fruit Growers Made Subject of Study by Department of Agriculture.

To determine the annual cost of apple production per box and to gather such information as to different methods of orchard management practiced by the growers of the Yakima valley, Washington, as might have a bearing upon cost of production, specialists of the United States department of agriculture in the summer of 1915 conducted a detailed study of 120 representative orchards in that section. Their findings have been published in Department Bulletin No. 614, which is the fourth of a series of bulletins on the cost of apple production in four of the leading fruit-growing valleys of the Northwest.

The Yakima valley is a specialized apple-growing section in the south central part of Washington. It has a larger acreage of fruit than any other county in the state, in 1914 there being 47,820 acres in fruit, of which 41,955, or 88 per cent, were in apples. In 1916 7,000 carloads of apples were shipped from this valley.

There are two systems of orchard management practiced in this section, the clean cultivation method and the mulch system. Of the orchards studied, 75 were under the clean-culture system and 45 under the mulch-crop system.

It was found that the annual cost per box for the clean-culture orchards was slightly over 80 cents, while under the other system the cost was slightly over 79 cents. However, the orchards that were cultivated yielded on an average 54 boxes per acre more.

When the total of all costs of the 120 orchards studied was considered, there was found to be an annual cost of \$345.68, or a fraction over 80 cents per box. This is figured on the average annual yield of 432 boxes per acre. The two groups of costs which go to make up this total are the labor cost, which amounted to 35 cents per box, and the material and fixed costs, which amounted to a little over 45 cents per box. The labor cost up to the time of harvest amounted to a little over 14 cents per box, or 41.08 per cent of the total net labor cost. Spraying is an annual practice, the codling moth probably being the worst enemy. On an average, four sprayings were made per year and the average cost per acre amounted to \$25.14, less than 6 cents per box, 7.27 per cent of the cost of production.

TIME FOR PICKING APPLES Crop May Be Gathered When of Mature Color and Comes Readily From the Spurs.

Red apples are ready to be gathered as soon as the mature color appears. By mature color it is not meant that the apple should hang until over-ripe, but there is a change from the green under color to a ripe under color. When this has taken place the apple goes to be said to have reached its mature color. The time to pick yellow apples is determined by the color of the seeds, as the seeds are turning brown. The fruit is ready to pick, that is, if the apples come loose from the spurs readily.

FAILURES IN TREE PLANTING Many May Be Avoided If Tops Are Trimmed Back to Correspond With Roots.

Trees should be cut back when transplanted. In digging the tree the greater length of each root is usually cut off leaving the tree with only stub roots. If the whole top is left on, so many leaves are produced that the stub roots can supply. Many failures in tree planting will be avoided if the tops are cut back to correspond to the way the roots are cut off.

Browning Holds Record. The first Browning gun was made by John M. Browning when he was thirteen years old. It was not a machine gun, as may be surmised. Mr. Browning invented more successful firearms than any ten other men in history.—Forum.

Draw Rusted Nails. First drive them in a little, which breaks the hold, and then they may be drawn out much easier.

TOWNSEND

Center. The body of Stanley C. Warren was brought to town from Portland, Me., last week Thursday, for burial in the family lot in the Hillside cemetery. Prayers were offered at the funeral by Rev. Wm. Weston, Methodist pastor, from the Hillside church building, following a long and painful illness. He was in the insurance business and formerly lived in Townsend, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Daisy Brown Warren, a son Walter, and a granddaughter, Miss Helen Ashborn Miller of Portland, Me.

Ralph Piper, assistant pathologist at Washington, D. C., who has been located at the U. S. experiment station in Beltsville, Md., has been granted a twenty-five-days' leave of absence on account of a serious trouble with his eyes, and at present is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Piper, of Mendon, Mass.

Clarence Wyman has been drafted for special service as a lumberman, and has gone to Syracuse, N. Y., for training. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Reed in Manchester, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hart, of Brookline, are the guests of Mrs. Hart's sister, Mrs. Abbie Bruce.

Aden Swicker is spending a week's vacation with relatives in Worcester. Miss Clara Sheldon, formerly of this town, now employed at the Ayer National bank, is spending a few days as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace.

Mrs. Edgerly, of Worcester, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. G. Upham, at Elm Lane farm.

Charles W. Hildreth has returned from a vacation outing at Brant Rock. Frank A. Woods is the owner of a new automobile.

John Willmott, a student at Amherst college, N. H., organist and choir leader of the South Amherst Congregational church, made a brief visit this week at the summer home of his parents, Mrs. J. B. A. Willmott.

During his vacation Mr. Willmott has occupied the position of demonstrating agent for the Everwear Aluminum Utensil Co., and has been located in Leominster.

Last Sunday, Frank Upham, with Mrs. Edith Dodge, Mrs. Ethel Kinney and Mrs. Edgerly, as auto guests visited Privates E. Kinney and G. H. Upham at Camp Devens.

Mrs. Thomas McGuire, who has been seriously ill, threatened with pneumonia, is beginning to gain, which is very gratifying to her many friends.

Albert Dow, of Athol, a former resident, is in town this week, calling on old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Davis are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, born Sunday evening, August 4, weighing six pounds.

Rev. B. A. Willmott supplied the pulpit at the Congregational church in Amherst on Sunday.

Miss Jennie Ballou, of Boston, is enjoying a visit with her brother, George Ballou, Townsend.

Bertram Curley, of Boston, has been the guest of his mother this week. Mrs. Harry Felch is spending several weeks with relatives in Rockland, Me.

Miss Clara Saunders, of Lowell, is the guest of Mrs. B. A. Willmott.

James C. Woolley, of Portland, Me., is enjoying a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley.

At the union service at the Methodist church last Sunday morning Rev. W. Van Kirk, of Dorchester, a former pastor, occupied the pulpit and preached a powerful sermon on "Onward with God." Appropriate musical selections, "The fight is on" and "Onward christian soldiers" were rendered by the choir. At the evening service a very helpful talk was given by another former pastor, Rev. William Hodge, of Weston.

About sixty attended the Methodist Sunday school picnic at Vinon pond last week Thursday, and report a very enjoyable outing.

The Congregational Sunday school picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 27, at Pleasant View farm, Townsend hill, the home of the Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Abbie A. Barber.

Rev. B. A. Willmott attended the institute at the Agricultural college held in Amherst, under the auspices of the national committee of the churches and the moral aim of the war.

Roy Wright, clerk at S. A. Woods store, is enjoying a week's vacation. Roy Cundy is assisting at the store during his absence.

Mrs. C. B. Carrigan and two children, Howard and Ruth, of Newtonville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Turner.

Mrs. Mary Sherrin, Arthur Bliss, F. A. Woods and the Stearns family went to Ayer last Sunday to visit Private Clarence Sherrin, who has recently been transferred from Fort Slocum to Camp Devens. Private Sherrin, who was in the cavalry division at Fort Slocum, has been assigned lighter duty.

Notice.—The orchestra with Camp Devens orchestra, Sunday night, August 17, is Peppercorn.

Red Cross Lawn Party. The Red Cross lawn party is to be held on Friday afternoon and evening, August 23, at Woodcrest, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Fessenden, and all roads are expected to lead that way on that day. The grounds will be open at three o'clock in the afternoon and many refreshments will be furnished to please all. A supper is to be served in the evening on the lawn at a reasonable price, and during the afternoon and evening there will be a sale of new record, ice cream and soft drinks. Free Cross balloons will also be available and an attractive real fish pond will be a children's mystery package.

Mr. and Mrs. Theobald and son, from Athol, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weston, at their home on Townsend street, spending relatives' time in this city, and spent the week-end with Mr. Smith's father, Mr. Perry M. Swaine, and on Monday the party accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sawtelle, motored to Beverly, where they will spend the remainder of the week with relatives and friends in that vicinity.

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Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the premises on the southerly side of said private way at land now or formerly of Albert Leighton; thence southerly by said Leighton land about one hundred and fifty-two feet to land of Edward Goggin, thence westerly by said Goggin land about seventy-two feet to a corner; thence northerly by land now or formerly of said Goggin about one hundred and fifty-two feet to the said private way; thence easterly by said way about seventy-two feet to the point of beginning; being the same premises conveyed to me by Augustine Millet dated August ninth, 1900."

Terms cash; other terms announced at the time and place of sale.

MOSES P. PALMER, Administrator of the Estate of Martha G. Palmer, Mortgagee. 3148 Pepperell, Mass., July 20, 1918.

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By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by William R. P. Winslow to Moses P. Palmer dated August 6, 1900, recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 2860, Page 168, for breach of the conditions there contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public auction on the premises on Saturday, the 31st day of August, at 2:30 p. m. all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage and described as follows:

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Saturday, August 10, 1918

PEPPERELL

News Items
"Was it so rare as a day in June?"
"What is nicer than a day in June?"
Miss Myrtle Beaumont had to return
to Boston on Monday, but she left Miss
Bessie McDonald of Charlestown, Miss
Myra Grace of Dorchester, Mrs. Clarence
Kidder of Cambridge, Lester,
Winifred and Gordon Bowering of
Dorchester and Charles Crocker of
Cambridge still there. Each one finds
something to do to make the time
spent in Pepperell worth while, and
Mrs. George F. Durgin is a charming
hostess.

Report had it that Herbert Raymond
had gone into the insurance business.
Report was right; he went into the
business and stayed a week—and
found that he did not like the business.
There is to be an entertainment and
dance on Oak hill Monday evening,
given by local talent, and a good time
is expected.
Parker's mill is being torn down by
the Shirley Electric Company.
Last Tuesday Edmund Blood took
several children to Boston on his
truck and came home through the old
city of Salem.
The family of John Foster, of Somerville,
who have been here part of the
summer, on the place that was the
Alfred Boynton place, have gone back
to the city for awhile.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colburn, of
Waltham, were recent visitors to Mr.
and Mrs. Edmund Blood, Oak hill.
Carl Lawrence and son Roger are
having a little vacation with friends
in Lemington.
Miss Jeanne Deal, who has been
with Mrs. Jonas Andrews, and attended
school here, is at Ogunquit, Me.,
for the summer.
The Special Aid met with Mrs. Joseph
Saunders on Monday, and excepting
next week, when there is work to
finish at the rooms, they will meet
with Mrs. Saunders during the hot
weather.
Guy House went last Saturday to
Bath, Me., to enjoy the shipyard.
He has a college friend, who was there
and got him the position.

Arthur Bartlett and family went
last Sunday to Ocean Park, and on
Monday Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buck
joined them at A. F. Parker's cottage.
They will remain two weeks.
Mrs. Charles Bird, Miss Tilly Park-
hurst and Miss George Maynard went
Tuesday to Mason, N. H., to visit old
friends.
Mrs. Earl Farnsworth and little
daughter Jeannette, of Ayer, were vis-
itors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Jonas Andrews, River street, Wednes-
day.
Every night for over a fortnight two
heavy motor trucks have gone down
the Great road loaded with blueberries
and seem to be on the way to
Boston. There is not a very large
quantity of blueberries in Pepperell
this year.
Mrs. George Maynard, South road,
returned home the latter part of last
week after quite an extended visit
with friends in Amesbury and Hamp-
ton Beach.
The group of Pepperellites who have
been spending their vacation at Brant
Rock, all came home with a good
tan, having had a good time with
no mishaps.
Charles Bemis was home from
Seabrook over the week-end.
William Durant, of Hyde Park, who
several years ago used to live in town,
stopped last Sunday at Frank Smith's
to inquire how old friends were faring
here in Pepperell.
Last Sunday Mrs. Ellen Davis, of
Franklin street, gave a birthday party
to her two granddaughters, Anita
Marston, aged nine years, and Bertha
Marston, aged six years, whose birth-
days had occurred that week, includ-
ing her other two grandchildren in the
gathering.
Rev. F. E. Webster, who has spoken
so acceptably in former years, will
preach in the Congregational church
Sunday morning at 10:45. Mr. Webster
will speak again at the Communi-
cations Sing on the lawn at seven o'clock.
C. A. MacGraw will have charge of
this service.
The last two Sundays of August
there will be no morning services, but
people are invited to attend the Meth-
odist church. However, the Communi-
cations Sing will be continued each
Sunday night.

Last week Mr. Lewis attended the
institute held at Amherst as guest of
the national committee on the church-
es and the moral aims of the war and
heard stirring messages from such
men as Dr. George Nathaniel of Wash-
ington, Dr. Frederick Lynch, Hamilton
Holt, Dr. H. A. Atkinson and Dr. A. J.
Brown of New York. The remedy
suggested for permanent peace was
a league of nations. Mr. Lewis
will make Reading his address for the
remainder of his vacation and will
soon be joined by his family.
Rev. F. S. Greenleaf and wife, pastor
of the Baptist church in West
Haven, Vt., is visiting his brother on
Park street.
T. A. Greenleaf has exchanged his
place for his former home, "Peach-
croft," in Hollis.
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Withrow entertain-
ed Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Haynes, Mr.
and Mrs. Russell A. Haynes, Mr. and
Mrs. George Hoar and Mr. Locke, from
Waltham, last Sunday, coming by
automobile, and a very enjoyable day
was spent.

Mrs. J. J. Rowell returned on Wed-
nesday from her trip down to the
islands off the Maine coast.
Frank Wiley and family came last
week from Lunenburg for a little visit
with his mother, Mrs. Annie Wiley, of
Elm street.

It is currently reported that Herbert
Raymond has taken an outside position
with the Shirley Electric Co.
Miss Kate Baker is enjoying a stay
with Mrs. Elizabeth Heald at her cab-
ing, "Pinecroft," on Townsend street.

Mrs. M. E. Read, Main street, who
has been away ever since school closed,
returned last week after spending
some time with friends in Hyde Park,
and with her son Walter in East Lex-
ington. She is feeling mighty fine, as
she is grandma to a bouncing boy,
born on July 11. Richard Leslie Read
was born at the new Malden maternity
hospital and weighed nine pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed, of Wash-
ington, D. C., are expected here on his
vacation, September 1-15.
The persons who are to enact the
wedding for the Red Cross benefit,
while some are residents in town, re-
cently come to town and are new to
Pepperell audiences.
Word has passed around that Mrs.
Summer Shattuck was the only mem-
ber of Prescott Orange noticed at the
Pomona picnic at Whalom on last
week Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pike,
at the Groton hospital, Thursday, Aug-
ust 1, a little girl, who is to answer to
the name of Elizabeth.
Leslie Parker, only son of Mr. and
Mrs. Parker, only son went to Boston
on Tuesday and enlisted in the navy.
He passed all physical tests as perfect.
For about thirty years the Pike
blacksmith shop has been a sort of
landmark. It is now being torn down
and the good lumber used to repair
the house that was burned. The re-
moval opens a pleasant vista over the
adjacent meadows and the hills be-
hind to the south.

Gratton Chester Fuller is the name
of the little man that had such a hard
trip over the stork line to the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fuller. Both
mother and child are gaining slowly.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haskell, who
have lived on Cross street over a
year, have moved their household
goods to Lowell, where he has accepted
a position with the express com-
pany. Miss Dorothy Haskell has been
a great help to the Acoma lodge and
will be missed by the members.
George Gay has given up the mill
board-house known as the Chap-
man house, and gone to Nashua to
open a lodging house there.
Roger Tume came up from Lowell to
spend the week-end with his mother,
Mrs. John Tume.

The thermometer registered 91 de-
grees in the shade on Tuesday after-
noon at four o'clock.
Miss Elizabeth Todd, of Boston,
came last week Friday for a little visit
with her old friend, Miss Ida Shattuck.
Miss Todd lived for many years on
Shepley hill and her father died at the
estate owned by the Bakers. Af-
ter her father's death the family moved
to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Cambridge,
have been visitors with Mr. and Mrs.
A. J. Woodward, Park street.
The employees of the Pepperell
Braising Company enjoyed a picnic at
Whalom Park on Thursday afternoon.
C. A. MacGraw, manager of the com-
pany, had prepared plans for an en-
joyable time.
Walter Bosworth has returned to
town from Newport, R. I., where he
was with U. S. men. He is returned
exempted from service, suffering from
a nervous shock, which is supposed to
take a year to repair. He is able to
be up and could do light work. He
was earning a living; he has done what
the government required; he is honor-
ably discharged, and he is not a heavy
burden on the community. He is back
to the community, broken in health,
no means. If anyone in the communi-
ty needs anything he can do, why go
short of that labor?
Something that will interest Pepper-
ell people is an item in the Boston
Globe of August 8, as it concerns one
of the Pepperell people of the past
few years, a daughter of the old Pres-
cott family. Many officers and men
are making arrangements to attend
the big war party, dance, concert and
attractions of various sorts, to be
staged on the estate of Mrs. Prescott
Leonard, of Groton, on August 16, for
the benefit of the War Camp Commu-
nications Service. Several groups of peo-
ple are intending to take this in from
this town if the taking is fair.
Mrs. Edward Clement left Wednes-
day afternoon for a trip to her brother's
in Cambridge and ran into the
terrible rain that swept Boston that
evening. She is to be back Saturday
at the house of Miss Barbara Bancroft,
is taking place in Rowell's office.

Rest, of the Methodist church, has
stated that he would do his best to
fill the needs of the hour and none
need fear to call on him for any such
service. His telephone number is 38.

Believing that the lawn concert
party for War Camp Community Serv-
ice to be held the evening of August
15 on Leonard's estate at
Groton, will be worth attending, Mrs.
L. E. Starr has made arrangements
for transportation for all who wish to
attend by auto from this town.

Mr. Baker is in the Red Cross work
and some branch of the auto ambu-
lance supply.
The East Village Social club met on
Wednesday with Mrs. Herbert Ray-
mond, of Hollis street. It was a terri-
bly hot day and in most places peo-
ple were sweating in the heat, but
the members of the club placed their
chairs under the beautiful trees and
a gentle breeze came from the river.
The topic under discussion was an
outing out of town, but with the good-
nature present all concurred that
the present position was the sanest
selection of a spot. It was unanim-
ously voted to hold the annual picnic
of the club on Wednesday, August 14, on
Herbert Raymond's lawn. Owing to
the death of sugar each one is to
bring sugar for hot oven coffee and
Mrs. Raymond will furnish hot coffee
for all. Sandwiches are suggested as
easy for lunch. They worked on
quits for little refugees.

The Mt. Lebanon Community associa-
tion met on Wednesday with Mrs.
Edward D. Walker, Mt. Lebanon
street, and the hot weather made a
smaller attendance than usual, but
some work was accomplished and
was good to meet. The next meeting
will be with Mrs. John Holt on Wed-
nesday of next week on Mt. Lebanon
street.

Word was received Thursday in re-
gard to the health of Mrs. Winslow
Parker, and it was learned that Mrs.
Parker had recovered enough from her
late illness to attend the Old Home
Day exercises in Lunenburg on Aug-
ust 11 and seemed to be enjoying the
proceedings of the day as well as could
be expected.

The Ladies' circle, Branch Alliance
of the Unitarian church, held an all-
day meeting on Thursday with Mrs.
Chester Mills, Jewett street. Under
the spreading maples, whose dense
foliage shut out the sun, about twenty-
five gathered, planned, lunched and
listened to the address given by Mrs.
James Bailey, of Arlington, who is director
of this branch of the Alliance; Mrs.
Hayes, national director of the All-
iance, of Boston, and Miss Anna Blood,
of New York and Pepperell, took up
the threads and fitted it into work in
New York, which had a series of
to the Boston visitors and home folks
as well. The next meeting is to be
held on Thursday, September 2, at the
cabin of Mrs. Elizabeth Heald.

Letter from Overseas.
The following is an extract from a
letter from Clinton Baker, of Shepley
hill, dated Salonica, Greece, June 27:
The trip across was made in fine
weather and we encountered no sub-
stantial wind and no serious rain.
France, going at once to Paris, stay-
ing there about ten days, and then
went on to another southern city for
ten days more. From there we went
by train through Monte Carlos and on
down through Leghorn and on to
Rome, where we stayed one night, and
on down to the heel of Italy. From
there we went by boat to a port in
Greece and on to Salonica by auto and
train. Altogether it was one of the
finest trips I ever took. It is rather
warm, about the same as Florida.
The city is mostly in ruins, caused
by a fire a year or so ago. Am in a
camp just outside of the town on a
high hill from where we can look all
over Salonica. Have not got settled
down to work yet, but think there will
be plenty doing in a few days. Would
like to write about the conditions here
and so forth, but don't want to have
the censors have anything to cut out.
Am feeling fine. Clinton Baker.

A Good Time in Store.
There have been reports in these
columns of the two picnics held by the
Pepperell Men's club, one at Ba-
boosic Lake, Amherst, N. H., and the
other at the farm of Dr. Cleveland,
near the Hollis line. There were good
times at each of these outings and
they were held by the club members
as a family. There were rival base-
ball teams in the club and the first
game was played at the farm of Dr.
Cleveland, which was a hotly contested
team with a game. Then Selectman
Willey challenged the Dr. Cleveland
team to play the "rubber" three weeks
from that day. Now circumstances
come so that August 22 is the first
available date and it is decided to play
that game of baseball on the Pepperell
grounds, which lie almost midway
between East Pepperell and Pepperell
Center on the Hollis road. The
grounds are used by the various school
teams and are in fair condition. The
position of the grounds will allow a
goodly number of people to see the game in good
shape as the grounds are not high
ground and are ample enough for a
big game. It is hoped that the day will
bring into a more elaborate affair than
has been seen before. There is to be cake
and punch served and a collection tak-
ing. The proceeds of which go to the
Red Cross.

BE FAIR TO DRAFT MEN.
There seems to be a sentiment in
some business circles that a man sub-
ject to draft is a marked man and
one not to be considered in applica-
tions for employment. Notwithstand-
ing the war department authorities
have ordered all men of draft age to
become usefully employed, frequently
advertisements in the papers for help
state specifically that men of draft age
need not apply. When the govern-
ment was urging upon the people the
selective service act as the most demo-
cratic and the fairest way for raising
an army it was generally understood
that no odium attached to the man who
waited until the government called him
to the particular service for which he
was needed, says Houston Post. It
was the theory, at least, advanced
that there should be no difference be-
tween the volunteer and the draft man,
and in the actions of the government
that spirit seems to have been abund-
antly carried out, for the draft men
in the camps have been well treated,
and if there have been any favors
shown at all by military authorities
they have been toward draft men. In
spite of this some employers apparent-
ly place the convenience of their busi-
ness first and boldly announce that
men of draft age are not wanted, for
fear of an early call inconveniencing
its labor arrangement. If all employ-
ers took this view a good many men
subject to draft would starve to death
while waiting for the government to
call them.

The spirit of giving is not confined
alone to the American people and the
Americans must keep in practice if
they expect to hold the high record
they have made in the past, for the
school children of Paris, a short time
ago, undertook to raise a modest sum to
take care of the first American child
orphaned by the war; before those in
charge of the movement were aware
of what was taking place, the idea
spread throughout the schools of the
French capital, until 200,000 French
children had participated, says Galveston
Tribune. The sum raised was 18,000
francs.

A German writer, deprecating the
English occupation of Jerusalem, says,
"The English flag flutters over Jeru-
salem and fear and mourning fill the
hearts of those who are worrying over
the defaming of holy objects and 'van-
dalsism.'" And this from the nation
that took wanton delight in shatter-
ing the famed cathedrals of Europe,
and in bombing hospitals!

A Chicago dancing master prescribes
salutary exercise as a cure for flat
feet. Medical examiners for the army
are not as dogmatic as they used to be
on the subject of flat foot as a disquali-
fication for military service. Still, the
Chicago "professor's" prescription will
be cheerfully followed.

A Texan advertised: "I will sell
you two good mules for the price of
two good mules." The Memphis Com-
mercial Appeal thinks he was silly, but
he wasn't. He was offering a square
deal. How many people get more than
one dozen eggs for the price of two
dozen eggs?

The man who could not be comfort-
able in an upper berth is no longer
heard from. He will be content if
shortage of Pullman service does not
eventually compel him to make up his
own sleeping quarters.

The dear little girls may not know
it, but they would be much happier if
they would treat their poor abused feet
like friends and emancipate them from
the agony of high heels and toothpick
toes.

All over the country the German
language is being barred from the pub-
lic schools. It may be that the Amer-
ican children will learn English in the
public schools some of these days.

AMERICAN FIGHTER.
Every American fighter is in France
in the pink of condition physically and
morally. Everyone there is inspired
by intelligent understanding of that for
which he is fighting. Everyone of
them is thrilled with the ideals of
democracy, says Baltimore American.

Approaching Kut-el-Amara from the
south by the River Tigris, the first
thing one sees nowadays is a tall, ochre
brick. It stands on ground sacred to
no people in the world but the Brit-
ish, Eleanor Franklin Egan writes in
the Saturday Evening Post. It stands
on the wide, shell-torn and deeply
trenched neck of land—base of the
peninsula on which the town is built—
where for 144 days the shattered rem-
nant of a British army withstood a
double sledge of constant bombardment
and slow starvation.

It is not the least prospect of any such
march through the capitals of the
principal nations. But there is every
prospect the Americans will see the
war through to that point—the sons
of Uncle Sam and their allies march-
ing through the streets of Berlin. That
is their objective, and they will reach it.

German chemists have invented a
drug, according to their claims, which
will prevent hunger from causing head-
aches or inconvenience. There are
plenty of existing drugs which have
the same effect and permanently. It is
not likely that the expert chemist has
improved on these. As for the rest,
militarism has drugged the people al-
ready to the point of unconsciousness.

The story of the captured U-boat
commander who betrayed four other
U-boats when he feared for his own life
on the British boat they might turn-
pedo is quite probable. The style of
fighting which creeps upon an enemy
to stab him in the back and then runs
from danger is not the type from
which one may expect high-minded
loyalty and heroic self-abnegation.

As an example of economy it may
be mentioned that the one addition to
King George's wardrobe this year is
to be a suit costing fifty-seven shill-
ings. A king in a fifteen-dollar suit
of clothes marked down to fourteen and
a quarter represents the true spirit of
democracy.

"Drunk as a sailor" is no longer a
figurative phrase of meaning, if he is
an Uncle Sam sailor. The manner in
which sailors and soldiers have ad-
hered so strictly to the paths of sobriety
is one of the bright spots in
the history of our war preparations.

A great many people assert them-
selves as amateur investigators simply
because they happen to have some
spare time on their hands.

IT'S A PREMATURE MONUMENT
Tall Obelisk Was Raised by the Turks
to Commemorate Anticipated
Capture of Kut.
I saw it first in the wonderful
lights of early evening—a tall white
shaft in a half-circling fringe of palm
trees, lifting itself against a background
of placid river, which lay in a
short, straight stretch to the north,
reflecting the colors of the sunset.

Was ever anything quite so prema-
ture? It makes one realize, as nothing
else could, how confident the
Turks and the Germans were that they
had the British in Mesopotamia per-
manently defeated. Dated. It
seems incredible that anyone could
have imagined it. In the face of things
as they have become, that obelisk
seems to me to express a kind of
whimper of emphy, as though it felt
itself, strangely inappropriate and
would get away if it could to follow
its builders on the long trail of re-
treat to the north. It is a monu-
mental misadventure, the ironic hu-
mor of it being unique and a thing in
which Englishmen may now rejoice.

Brave Sons of Far West
Boys' Sole Object in Going to War,
Like That of Others, is to
"Can the Kaiser."
Maj. E. Alexander Powell, in Scrib-
ner's Magazine, says "It has been my
good fortune to have marched with
many armies, but none of them has
given me the thrill of pride which runs
up my spine when I see these loose-
limbed, brown-faced, clear-eyed sons
of the far West go swinging by under
the slanting lines of steel.

They are for the most part serious
looking, with a curious set expression
about them which makes you feel that,
though they realize the immense diffi-
culty of the task for which they are
preparing, they intend to see it
finished, no matter how long it may
take. Just as their fathers carried the
frontier of civilization westward from
the Mississippi, so these, their sons,
are going to push that same frontier
from the Rhine.

Uniforms Too Tight.
The army council order about the
tightness and fitting of soldiers' uni-
forms led to expert discussion as to
which force has the best, says the
London Chronicle. Wounded officers
with experience ranging from Bagdad
to Ypres voted for the Australian.

His shirtlike tunic with buttoned
sleeves is ideally workmanlike. The
Norfolk jacket-like waistband gives
trimness without necessitating the
wearing of a belt.
And just as unanimously expert
opinion declared the U. S. A. uniform
the worst.

"It's too tight—it's skin tight. Bless
you, the pockets won't hold anything—
they're for appearance. You couldn't
crum a handkerchief in one. And I
used to carry quite comfortably a pair
of socks, a couple of Mills granola
tin of bull, chocolate, cigarettes, and
my revolver in one side of my jacket.
"A thing in your pocket is worth a
stone in your haversack."

"No Lick, No Candy."
"I'm going to buy some candy with
my penny," lisped a little two-year-old
girl.
"I'm not," said her brother, who is
not quite six years old. "I'm going to
save mine and buy another Thrift
stamp."

FOR SALE—Pure Bred Jersey Gilt
bred for pure Bred Boar, due to farrow
in about a week; inoculated against
cholera; fine specimen, price reason-
able. H. BARCOCK, Harvard, Mass.

WANTED—A Night Watchman; dress-
ing in pure Democratic and one
EUGENE BARRY & SONS, 57er, Mass.
FOR SALE—150 May hatched chicks;
large part pullets. E. W. MAXWELL,
Park St., Pepperell, Mass. Box 37.

FOR SALE—One new Rubber-tired
Stanhope Buggy, one Democrat and one
Trap; also, 6 dozen 1-quart Mason Jars
with screw tops and new rubbers,
plus 66r. J. E. J. WHITE,
Westford, Mass. 2118.

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a certain amount of spare time to con-
nect themselves with a live, progres-
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ing jointly with our present agency
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Profession." P. O. Box 3377, Boston,
Mass. 4148.

NOTICE OF HEARING.
Ayer, Mass., Aug. 7, 1918.
The undersigned respectfully asks
for a License to keep and sell gun-
nolls in 2 Five Hundred gallon under-
ground tanks, at property of Boston
& Maine, adjoining the American
House abutting on Shirley Street.
Name, Harry Swartz,
Residence, Ayer, Mass.
Application received August 8, 1918.
JOHN D. CARNEY,
Chairman Board of Selectmen.

Office of the
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ORDERED, that a public hearing be
held on the foregoing petition of the
twenty-sixth day of August, A. D. 1918,
at eight o'clock P. M., in the Select-
men's Room in the Town Hall in said
Ayer, at which time and place all per-
sons interested in said petition may
appear and will be heard; that the
petitioner give notice of the time and
place of said hearing by publishing an
attested copy of said petition and of
the order thereon in Turner's Public
Spirit and the Ayer News, newspapers
published in said Ayer, at least four-
teen days prior thereto, and that the
Clerk of the Board mail written notices
of the time and place of said hearing
at least seven days prior thereto to
all owners of real estate abutting on
the property where said tanks are pe-
titioned to be located, as such owner-
ship is determined by the last preced-
ing assessment for taxation.

JOHN D. CARNEY,
DOUGLAS C. SMITH,
ELWIN H. LONGLEY,
Selectmen of Ayer.
A true copy of petition and order
thereon.
DOUGLAS C. SMITH,
Clerk.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-
SETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court,
County of Middlesex, do hereby order
creditors and all other persons inter-
ested in the estate of EMMA E. HOS-
MER late of Ayer in said County, to
cease, intestate.
Whereas, a petition has been pre-
sented to said Court to grant a letter of
administration on the remaining es-
tate of said deceased, to JOHN R.
HOSMER of Fitchburg in the County
of Worcester, without giving a surety
on his bond.
And whereas, the petitioner has duly
administered to be held at Cambridge
in said County of Middlesex, on the
fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1918,
at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show
cause, if any you have, why the same
should not be granted.
And whereas, the petitioner is hereby
directed to give public notice thereof by
publishing this citation once in each
week for three successive weeks in
Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper
published in Ayer, the last publication
to be one day at least before said
Court.
Witness, Charles J. McFarlane, Esquire,
First Justice of said Court, this seventh
day of August in the year of our Lord
one thousand nine hundred and eight-
een.
2w49 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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