

TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT.

Fifty-fourth Year

Ayer, Mass., Saturday, December 17, 1921

No. 16. Price Five Cents

What to Buy

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| Pocket and Meat Knives | Chinaware |
| Razors and Scissors | Electric Flat Irons |
| Hair Clippers | Asbestos Flat Irons |
| Razor Straps | Sterno Stoves |
| Flashlights | Perfection Heaters |
| Thermos Bottles | Rayo Lamps and Lanterns |
| Thermos Lunch Sets | Pyrene Fire Extinguishers |
| Three-Coin Banks | Cobbler Sets |
| Coffee Percolators | Clothes and Mop Wringers |
| Pencil Sharpeners | Ash Sifters and Ash Barrels |
| Tea Kettles | Skates, Sleds, Skis |
| Alarm Clocks | Playing Cards |
| Food Choppers | Snow Shovels |
| Dog Collars | Sidewalk Cleaners |
| Cello Water Bottles | Hockey Sticks |
| Bread Mixers | Fish Reels |
| Savory Roasters | Air Rifles |
| Nut Crackers and Picks | Boy Scout Axes |
| Lunch Baskets | Game Traps |

I. G. DWINELL
Main Street Depot Square AYER, MASS.

That They All May Be One

The Ministers' Union Seeks the Oneness in Good Will, and in Practical Co-operation, of All the People!

It is not a local body, but, like the Hay Stack Prayer Meeting of over a century ago, a World body. But it was founded at Ayer. Its first meeting was held there, in 1895. It can never cease to appeal for the earnest good will of all the people of Ayer and vicinity!

AYER

News Items.

Rev. Frank B. Crandall of the First Unitarian parish has been appointed chairman of the church membership campaign in this town to recruit a twenty-five percent increase in members in a nation-wide "follow-up" of

the successful financial canvass of last year when approximately \$2,400,000 was raised within the denomination. The Ayer Branch Alliance held a very pleasant and instructive meeting at the home of Mrs. Theodore Barry December 8. At the close of the business meeting each member who wished, presented one dollar to the

Alliance and told how she earned it. Delicious cocoa and sandwiches were served by the hostesses.

Miss Joy Higgins, who assisted in elegant work here during the war, directed the Christmas pageant, "The Star that Shone," given in Boston Monday evening. She also assisted in the production of a mystery play, "The Traveling Man," the same evening.

Clayton B. Hart has returned to work at the News office, having resigned his position in Boston.

Guy and Earl Stone have bought the farm of Mrs. Clara Davis in Harvard, which they have rented for some time past. Mrs. Davis will reside in West Mansfield.

The Unitarian Girls' club ran an invitation dance in Hardy's hall last Tuesday evening. Wilson's orchestra furnished music.

Other Ayer matter will be found on page eight.

A serious fire was averted at the town hall last Saturday afternoon by use of a fire extinguisher. An overheated stovepipe leading from Chief Beatty's headquarters to the rear of the building had set fire to some rubbish on top of a closet over which it runs. Dennis J. Flaherty, who was working there, put out the fire, about forty dollars being the estimated damage.

Mrs. Charles R. White's dancing class was being conducted in the upper hall and was promptly dispersed. The fire alarm box near the town hall was tried but failed to work.

Harbinger lodge, K. of P., visited Daniel Hines lodge of Lowell, witnessing the rank of esquire last Tuesday evening.

Frank C. Harmon, Frank R. Mason and Mrs. Grace M. Bradshaw are attending the annual meeting of the State Grange in Springfield this week.

Mrs. Caroline Niles of Albany, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward E. Puffer.

Miss Gladys I. Porter appeared in a one-act play, "Suppressed Desires," from the Provincetown players presented by the Masque, the dramatic organization of Jackson college in Medford last week. Miss Porter is of the class of 1922. Her mother, Mrs. Lois E. Porter, attended the performance.

Woman's Club.

The Woman's club will hold its regular business meeting at three o'clock Wednesday, December 21, at Hardy's hall. The program is in charge of the legislative committee, Mrs. Edith D. Johnson, chairman. The speaker is Howard B. White, representative in the twelfth Middlesex district. Mr. White's subject is "The duties of a representative to the legislature." All club members are reminded that this is an excellent opportunity to hear their representative.

The postponed lecture by Prof. Roland E. Dixon of Harvard is to be given at Hardy's hall Tuesday evening, December 20, at eight o'clock. The subject of the lecture is "A thousand miles through the Himalayas," illustrated by lantern slides. This meeting is open to the public and the Woman's club cordially invites its friends to enjoy this lecture. No admission to be charged.

The chairman of the home economics department has sent the following message to all Federated clubs of Massachusetts: "At the suggestion of the Bureau of Markets our state committee has carefully considered the advantages and disadvantages of the present method of marketing celery. The committee now recommends that those best informed confer with a resolve, that this body disapprove of the practice of spiking celery and will lend its assistance to effect a change in the present custom, which it believes not only a waste, but an injury to the local celery industry."

CHRISTMAS

As A Man Wants It



Buy His Christmas Gifts at Brown's

THE STORE OF A THOUSAND-AND-ONE THINGS THAT MEN APPRECIATE

Men's Christmas things can best be bought at a Man's Store. This is a practical Christmas year—a year when everybody is choosing gifts that will mean real pleasure and service.

For Men and Boys the gifts we have are just the gifts most appreciated. This store offers a great variety of merchandise, the very best qualities and the lowest prices in many years. Come to the Men's Store and you may be perfectly sure that your selections will be best and most appropriate.

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

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| Embroidered Initial | 15¢ to 25¢ |
| Japanette Initial | 15¢ |
| Linen Initial | 40¢ to 75¢ |
| Linen Hemstitched | 25¢ to 75¢ |
| Fine Cotton | 10¢ to 25¢ |
| Fine Cambric—3 in Christmas box | 50¢ and 75¢ |
| Linen Hemstitched—3 in Christmas box | \$1.50 to \$2.50 |
| Silk Handkerchiefs in Fancy Colors and Plain White | 50¢ to \$1.50 |
| Little Boys' Handkerchiefs in Christmas box | 15¢ each |

GIVE HIM GLOVES

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| Men's Dress Gloves, Unlined Cape | \$2.50 to \$4.00 |
| Men's Genuine Arabian Mocha, unlined | \$4.00 |
| Men's India Mocha, unlined | \$2.50 |
| Men's Genuine Buck, fine quality | \$4.50 and \$5.00 |
| Men's Domestic Mocha, lined | \$1.50 to \$2.50 |
| Men's Horsehide, lined and unlined | \$2.50 to \$5.00 |
| Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens | 50¢ to \$2.00 |
| Men's Work Gloves, Leather, lined and unlined | 50¢ to \$2.50 |
| Men's Mocha Gloves, fur lined | \$5.00 |
| Men's Fur Gauntlet Gloves | \$4.50 to \$7.50 |
| Men's Leather Gauntlet Gloves, lined | \$3.00 and \$3.50 |
| Boys' Gloves and Mittens | 35¢ to \$1.25 |

GIVE HIM A SWEATER

- Nothing Could Be More Acceptable Than a Good Warm Sweater
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| Men's Coat Style, all colors | \$3.50 to \$10.00 |
| Men's V-Neck Style, all colors | \$4.00 to \$10.00 |
| Men's V-Neck, White, with collar | \$10.00 |
| The Famous Tom Wye Knit Coat | \$7.50 |
| Boys' Sweaters, all colors | 98¢ to \$7.50 |

GIVE HIM A Necktie or a Muffler

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| Four-in-Hands in Christmas Folders | 50¢ to \$2.00 |
| Boys' Four-in-Hands | 25¢ to 50¢ |
| Silk Mufflers | \$3.00 to \$6.00 |
| Wool Mufflers | \$2.50 to \$4.00 |

MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS AND TOQUES

- Caps of Every Kind for Men and Boys. Toques and Knit Caps for Men, Boys and Children
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| Men's Cloth Caps for Winter | 75¢ to \$2.50 |
| Men's Fur Caps | \$5.00 to \$8.50 |
| Boys' Cloth Caps for Winter | 50¢ to \$1.00 |
| Men's Yarn Toques | 75¢ and \$1.00 |
| Boys' Yarn Toques | 39¢ to \$1.00 |
| Boys' Aviation Caps | 50¢ and 75¢ |
| Children's Hats and Caps | 50¢ to \$1.00 |
| Boys' Muffler Caps | \$1.50 |

Christmas Sale of Hosiery

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| Fine Cotton Hose, all colors | 25¢ and 35¢ |
| Lisle Thread Hose, all colors | 40¢ and 50¢ |
| Silk Hose, all colors | 50¢ to 85¢ |
| Silk Hose, full fashioned | \$1.00 |
| Cashmere Hose, fine quality | 50¢ to 75¢ |
| Heavy Wool Hose | 39¢ to \$1.00 |
| Boys' Black Cat Hose, according to size | 25¢ to 55¢ |

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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| SUSPENDERS—Many kinds, in Christmas Boxes | 50¢ to \$1.00 |
| ARM BANDS—Many kinds, in Christmas Boxes | 25¢ to 50¢ |
| CUFF BUTTONS—Good assortment | 25¢ to \$3.00 |
| COMBINATION SETS—In Christmas Boxes— | |
| Arm Bands and Garters | 50¢ to 75¢ |
| Suspenders and Garters | 75¢ to \$1.00 |
| UMBRELLAS—Men's Umbrellas | \$1.50 to \$5.00 |
| Ladies' Umbrellas | \$1.50 to \$3.00 |
| Gloria Silk, in colors, ivory tips | \$4.00 |
| Pure Silk, in colors, ivory tips | \$7.50 to \$9.00 |
| TRAVELING BAGS—Give Him a Bag— | |
| Imitation Leather | \$5.00 |
| Genuine Leather | \$7.50 to \$20.00 |
| SUIT CASES—Give Him a Suit Case— | |
| Imitation Leather | \$2.00 to \$5.00 |
| Genuine Cowhide | \$12.00 to \$18.00 |
| MACKINAWs—We have the Patriek-Duluth make— | |
| Mackinaws for Men | \$8.00 to \$19.00 |
| Mackinaws for Boys | \$6.00 to \$13.50 |

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| SHEEP-LINED COATS—For Men | \$7.00 to \$18.00 |
| For Boys, 10 to 18 years | \$7.00 to \$12.50 |
| PAJAMAS—Domet Flannel | \$1.50 to \$2.50 |
| Cotton, in plain colors or fancy stripes | \$1.50 to \$2.50 |
| Boys' Domet Flannel | \$1.50 |
| NIGHT ROBES—Made of Domet Flannel | \$1.50 and \$2.00 |
| Plain Cotton and Pepperell Twill | \$1.00 to \$2.00 |
| BATH ROBES—Give Him a Bath Robe— | |
| Made of good weight blanket, trimmed with corded braid and girdle | \$7.00 to \$12.00 |
| HOUSE COATS—Give Him a House Coat— | |
| All Wool, double faced goods, well made and trimmed | \$9.00 to \$13.50 |
| SHIRTS—Big Variety of Shirts— | |
| Percales and Madras | 95¢ to \$2.50 |
| Satin Stripes | \$2.50 to \$5.00 |
| Silk Shirts | \$6.00 to \$7.50 |
| UNDERWEAR—Union Suits— | |
| Union Suits for Men | \$1.50 to \$4.00 |
| Union Suits for Boys | 85¢ to \$1.65 |

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| Waldemars | \$2.50 to \$8.50 |
| Knives | \$2.50 to \$4.50 |
| Pencils, Eversharp | \$1.00 to \$4.50 |
| Chains, neck or pencil lengths | |
| Butterfly Lockets | \$1.50 to \$5.00 |
| Bar Pins | 59¢ to \$30.00 |
| Mesh Bags | \$5.00 to \$15.00 |
| Vanity Cases | 50¢ to \$10.00 |
| Bracelets | 59¢ to \$6.50 |
| Real Jet Necklaces | \$4.50 to \$7.50 |
| Real Amber Necklaces | \$6.00 to \$10.50 |
| Pearl Beads, neck or opera lengths | |
| Cameo Brooches | \$1.00 to \$16.00 |
| Rosaries | \$4.50 to \$18.00 |
| Rosaries in cases | \$1.00 to \$20.00 |
| Lingerie Clasps | \$2.50 to \$4.50 |
| Ribbon Sautiors | 50¢ to \$3.00 |
| Belt Buckles, men's | 50¢ to \$2.00 |
| Cigarette Holders | \$2.00 |
| Signet Rings, solid gold | 50¢ |
| Colored Beads | \$2.50 |
| | 59¢ to \$8.50 |

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- Sure to delight the heart of any woman, for what woman doesn't love soft, white fluffy, pretty underthings? In our Christmas collection of Undermuslins are
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| Bloomers | 79¢ to \$1.98 |
| Envelope Chemise and Step-Ins | |
| Night Gowns | 79¢ to \$1.98 |
| Corset Covers | \$1.00 to \$4.50 |
| White Petticoats | 69¢ to \$1.98 |
| Two-Piece Pajamas and Billie Burkes | \$1.00 to \$5.98 |
| Flannelette Gowns | \$1.50 to \$2.50 |
| Philippine Gowns and Chemise, all hand-made and hand embroidered | \$1.25 to \$1.98 |

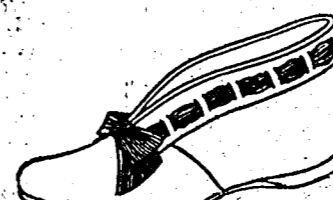
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- High Buckle Arctics for Men and Boys
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- SLIPPERS FOR WOMEN—Felt "Comfy" \$2.00 to \$2.75
Felt Slippers, other makes \$1.00 to \$2.00
Felt Juliettes, leather sole \$2.75
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Saturday, December 10, 1921

PEPPERELL

News Items. The meetings of the East Village Social club will be discontinued until conditions are changed, and the walking becomes better.

Mrs. E. D. Walker has been restricted to her home on Mt. Lebanon street by illness the past week. Mrs. Thomas Sawyer is under the care of a physician at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell, in Nashua, while recovering from the effects of her recent flight.

Although the Tyngsboro Electric Light Company are doubtful that normal service can be restored inside of a week or more, it is probable that the street lights may be on in the principal streets before next week if all goes well and the extra linemen are not interrupted by heavy storms. A part of the lines were working on Thursday night.

Mrs. F. A. Harrington came from Leominster on Wednesday for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Marchant, and family, Pleasant street.

A statement has been issued to the citizens by Gov. Cox, urging them to "Resist to cut down trees that have been damaged, instructed that have been issued to local tree wardens and through them to the general public that the town of Ayer is a commissioner of conservation, giving directions concerning the care of damaged trees, many which might seem almost destroyed by the tearing ice storm may recover if properly treated, so that another season the breakage of limbs will not be so noticeable.

H. J. P. Hampton arrived here from Pittsburgh, Pa., last Saturday, coming through by auto. He found no damage from the ice storm until within fifty miles south of the center. He found his own big walnut already felled when he came, and has entered into negotiations with parties concerning its disposition, as the lumber is of good quality and rare in these parts. The tree, which was cut fairly close to the ground, measured about four feet in diameter where it was cut.

Several of the members of the Mt. Lebanon Community Associates enjoyed the party at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Morgan, on Wednesday, although many were detained at their homes by illness and the uncertain state of the walking in that section. An expression of sympathy was sent from the meeting to their president, who was unable to be present on account of illness. Work on Christmas articles was taken up individually. Five o'clock tea was served by Mrs. Morgan.

At a meeting of the D. A. R. with Mrs. H. N. Tower on last week Thursday afternoon, there were nineteen members present. Mrs. Shumway, the state reporter, was the leading name made the appointment here for that date, but was evidently detained by weather or traveling. There was a short business session.

Mrs. Lucy Dow Cushing announces the marriage of Miss Dorothy Fairfield to Charles Kennedy Miller of Groton-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. Mrs. E. J. Davis returned last week Friday from her visit to some days with her daughter, Mrs. Tilton, Boston.

Mrs. Simon Johnson and daughter, Hazel, returned Monday with Mr. Johnson to Franklin, N. H., where he has been working in the International papermill. Their goods were moved there about the middle of the week. Mr. Johnson and family also moved there on Tuesday from the Palmer house, Tucker avenue.

Arthur Morrell, who came from Warren, N. H., to work in the mill, has recently given up his work in town, and his tenement in Mrs. Parker's house on Townsend street, and with his wife, has returned to New Hampshire.

Mrs. Belle Nowell, who was summoned by the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Erbert Williams, returns home on Monday following a week, after a visit with her niece, Mrs. Bailey, at Hanover.

Lyman Crockett has recently accepted a position at the Peabody Normal school, and resigned his work in the Pepperell Card shop.

Miss Amy Aldrich, one of the teachers in the Clara M. Shattuck school, attended a meeting of the Hyman Project Teachers' association, held at Hotel Bellevue, Boston, December 3. This association was formed by the class at the Hyman Summer school, of which Miss Aldrich was a member. Its object is to study the new method of teaching, at present called the Project method.

Open season on deer is taken advantage of by some of our local hunters, for a part of the week. Fred Bennett going to Royalston on Monday for a week's sport. They expected to be joined by Mr. Torrey and Frank Cheney for a part of the week.

The power plant of the Nashua Paper Co. was run to full capacity last week, they were receiving no current over the lines of the New England Power Co. Only two power machines were running at one time, but more were started on Saturday of last week, and will probably be continued. It is understood that the Nashua Paper Co. are indebted to the mill company for a partial supply of the current, keeping the commercial line running, after only two nights of darkness. The street lights will still off.

By special request of many disappointed patrons 'The old nest' will be repeated Tuesday, December 13, at The Strand, Ayer. Same prices as before.

We have received this week a communication signed by "A Reader of Your Paper." As we have a few hundred readers of this paper we do not know you to give credit and therefore the communication remains on the editor's file, awaiting identification. There may be more truth than poetry contained therein, but any person or persons ashamed to sign their name to a communication sent for publication to this office must assume the responsibility. If requested a name be given to any communication published.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Morgan motored to Lowell for the day on Thursday. Other Pepperell matter on page 3.

Deaths. At an early hour on Monday morning Mrs. Julia Borgatti, wife of Primo Borgatti, passed away at her home on Third street, aged thirty-one years. Mrs. Borgatti had been ill for a long time, the disease at the last being pronounced tuberculosis of the throat. She was brought home only last week, when the treatment proved unavailing.

Mrs. Borgatti was a native of Nashua, but has lived in town for several years of her married life, her husband conducting a fruit store, where she was also a frequent helper in years past. She leaves a husband and three small children to mourn the loss of wife and mother, and many friends in this town. An aged mother, Mrs. Corbani, who has resided with her; sister, Alena Corbani and two brothers, Joseph and Michael Corbani, of Boston.

High mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Casey at St. Joseph's church on Thursday. The Rev. Fr. Casey is to be taken to Nashua for interment.

TOWNSEND

Harbor. John Abbott, who has been for several years station agent for this village, has been transferred to a position at Farley. Mr. Abbott left to take up his new duties on Monday. John Dacey of Walham will have charge of the Harbor station. Mr. Dacey began his duties on Monday. He will board in the Reed house with Charles O'Brien.

On Tuesday our R. F. D. mail carrier, Antonio Perenna, and little son, barely escaped what might have been a fatal accident. Driving along near William Robbinsville's place, he overturned, spilling the occupants and frightening the horse. The horse smashed the shafts and harness somewhat, but ran to the woods. Mr. Perenna caught him. The child was unhurt. Mr. Perenna was somewhat lamed and shaken.

Coasting parties have been popular the past week. The crusted hills have made fine sliding. Line men have been busy the past week putting up the main lines through the village. It will be some time before local telephones can be in working order. The storm did so much damage to all lines it will probably delay wiring for the new street lights.

The ice storm hit Harbor snags trees as hard as anywhere. One beautiful great elm in front of Mrs. Hanker's house was split in two, one great branch falling the street and completely obstructing passage and carrying down every wire on the street. Another big elm in front of Mr. Keefe's house was split. The trees of this village have for many years beautified the state road, and it to be hoped all that can be done to preserve them. The damage done to orchards on neighboring farms cannot be estimated.

Mrs. Another big day is visiting relatives in Philadelphia. G. A. Proctor and Lillian Warner called on Major Jones at Burbank hospital on Sunday. They found him in a comfortable condition, and were returning to the Harbor. Mrs. Helen Warner is next on the list of the A. Y. L. Club as hostess, and Mrs. Adney Grey, lecturer.

Deer hunting has been the popular sport of the past week. The woods of Pittsburg was the lucky one to get a buck. It was shot in the woods between Cape and South Row. Edward Henney spent Thanksgiving in Boston in company with Mr. and Mrs. LeBlanc of Leominster.

A large number of candidates took the third and fourth degrees at a special meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening. Among the number were Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Wood and George Doran of this village.

AYER

News Items. Mrs. Albert C. Perkins of Petersboro, N. H., formerly of Ayer, was in town for the union fair.

George Paulus, Miss Anna Paulus and Anthony Hanson attended the wedding of their friend, John Pappas, in Lowell, last Sunday. Mr. Thomas Evans, the popular letter-carrier, has moved his family from Shirley to the residence of William H. Reynolds for the winter.

The business meeting of the Woman's club at Hardy's hall on Wednesday afternoon it was planned to have the lecture by Professor Dixon, postponed on account of the storm, over the date.

Mrs. Annie Norris of Leominster has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Forest Bush.

Mrs. Ada Hall has moved from the upper tenement in the house owned by Robert Murphy & Sons' Co. on Green and Main streets to the house on East Main street, formerly occupied by Capt. Charles H. Crocker.

Miss Elizabeth Thacher of Littleton is visiting her niece, Mrs. Henry L. Brown.

Mrs. Annie Norris, who formerly resided here, is to return and will live at the home of Mrs. Almira P. Sawyer. Mrs. Norris is with her son, Roy, in Leominster for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Zoller entertained Mess Bernice Davis of Boston over the week-end.

George W. Luddington is to move from the cottage on Page street owned by Fred Livingston and the Luddington homestead on Third street, to a new home on Fourth street.

The meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club to have been held last Wednesday evening was omitted on account of the storm.

Mrs. Lucinda Dorey is to occupy one of the tenements in the house owned by Arthur E. Dykes on East Main street. Her mother, Mrs. William Shaw, of Torrington, N. S., is to live with her.

The next dance given by the Unitarian Girls' club will be held in Hardy's hall next Tuesday evening.

Miss Hazel Livingston and Ralph Livingston attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Abbie Livingston, on Greenville, N. H., last week Saturday.

Rev. William J. Kelly visited his summer home in Coaticut on this week. He returned on Sunday, after being wrecked by the storm as in this vicinity.

District deputy grand master, Herbert E. Plimley, visited Mr. Houston Lodge, I. O. O. F., in Ayer, on Sunday, in his jurisdiction last week Friday evening, the third degree being worked. About 160 were in attendance.

Home Davenport, who has been assisting the tree warden, John E. Keegan, in clearing away the debris from the storm, was knocked down last week Saturday on the bridge, Mr. Davenport is not seriously injured but the blow landing on his back will probably make itself felt for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. St. Leger are living in the apartments at the Herbert A. Downing residence on Prospect street.

The New England Power Co. are to move their railway station to their land on Park street near the remount and will have a transformer station there.

The Ayer Electric Light Co. have decided not to build a station on Central avenue as previously announced. They will build a plant on land near the New England power plant on Spring street, the high tension wires on Newton, Washington and Cambridge streets, and central avenue will be done away with. A retaining wall is planned to run wires on West Main street and Blith streets over land which is mostly owned by private parties to the new electric plant.

Ralph W. Scruton has entered the employ of the local tannery.

Ayer Grange will hold a meeting in Hardy's hall on December 14. Patrons will please observe the date.

High Sign of Art. "See that picture on the outside of my paint box" said Gertrude, the student artist. "Well, that's my introduction to any other student who's trying to become famous along the lines of Rosa Bonheur and happens to know about the idea. There's no special picture painted on the box, if you know what I mean, but just something that will let the fellow toilers in oils know the other is striving also to reach artistic heights. In this way many acquaintances are made and a helpful exchange of ideas results. We meet students who know of the idea almost everywhere."

Insect With Spring-Board Nose. Among the curious insects of the Malay peninsula studied by a member of the London Zoological society is one called the lantern-fly, which is remarkable for its sudden leaps, made without the aid of its wings. It was only after the observer had carried a specimen to London and carefully examined it that he discovered that a curious projection on the front of its head, a kind of nose with a crease in it, was the leaping organ. When bent back under the abdomen and suddenly released it sent the insect flying.

Addition to Commandments. Four-year-old Bessie had been to Sunday school, where the Ten Commandments were being studied. She had an older brother who was noted for being sick or crippled if there was work to be done. One day their mother asked the boy to fill the woodbox. Immediately he developed a sore foot and limped slowly toward the woodpile. Bessie looked at him reproachfully and said: "Thou shalt not hypocrite."—Chicago American.

Signal Fires. In Terre del Fuogo news is conveyed and conversation sustained between the different tribes inhabiting the islands by means of fires on the high peaks of the mountains. The natives are always on the lookout for these fires, and know just what they are intended to mean.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Bad Enough as It Was. The baby was sitting in his go-cart and Jack was wheeling him up and down the sidewalk. Some men passing asked him if the baby was his brother. Jack looked at him a moment, and then said: "Sure; you wouldn't catch me hauling a strange kid around."

Origin of Various Colors. From madder growing in Hindustan) we obtain the paint color Turkey red. From the yellow sap of a tree in Slam, called by the natives in coconut shells, gamboge. Raw sienna and raw umber from earths in Stenna and Umbria, Italy.

Dreaming of Banishment. To dream of banishment signifies that you will have sorrowful news, but it will be of short duration; for a woman to dream that she is banished is a very lucky omen and denotes that she will speedily attain her most genuine desires.

Remember There's a Limit. "Every man is entitled to his own opinion," said Uncle Eben. "But dar an' any use of your puttin' yoh own idea of what de time o' day ought to be agin dat of de gemman dat's runnin' de railroad train."

Parachute Long Known. The real designer of the parachute was Leonardo da Vinci, in 1500, although at the coronation of the Emperor Fo Kien, as early as 1300, Chinese acrobats were seen to jump from a high scaffolding with huge parachute umbrellas.

Extensive Canadian Province. An area equal to three times the area of France, which is 215,893 square miles, could be cut out of the province of Quebec and there would remain an area twice that of Hungary.

Parachutes. The prevailing idea that parachutes frequently fall to open is a fallacy. In 600 parachute descents from observation balloons during the war, only three failures occurred.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Stevenson's Prayer. Give us to awake with smiles, give us to labor smiling. As the sun lightens the world, so let our loving kindness make bright the house of our habitation.—Stevenson.

Few Attain Old Age. Of a thousand persons only one reaches the age of one hundred years, while only one couple in 11,000 live to celebrate their diamond wedding.

Three Ways—All Futile. There are at least three ways of setting about reforming the world—all of them ineffective.—London Saturday Review.

Toys. There are possibilities in clay as a toy for your child. Let him model. It may develop a talent, it will increase his imaginative genius and amuse him.

Ashes Clean Glasses. For cleaning glasses which have contained milk there is nothing equal to wood ashes.

But Only Then. Most women hate flattery—when they hear it applied to other women.—Boston Transcript.

It's been a good while since anybody used the expression, "too much sugar for a cent."

Bob's Silent Partner. By HAZEL SMITH. (Copyright, 1921, Western Newspaper Union)

Robert Stewart, young, athletic, bronzed, and in outing costume, walked up the steps of the Empire hotel with boldness and defiance. It took lasting nerve to assume a happy, independent air in his situation. His condition was desperate.

"Just one dollar in my pocket," he soliloquized, "and this is a two dollar a day house. Well, I spent my last change sending a telegram to my brother in Chicago. If he is home he will wire a remittance promptly.

It was not a very elaborate apartment, but it was good enough till the funds came. He told himself philosophically. Scarcely, however, had he turned on the gas and prepared for a refreshing wash, when there was a timid yet imperative tap on the door.

"Oh, Mr. Stewart, sir," almost gasped the pompous boniface, "a dreadful mistake has been made.

"Clark just noticed your name. This way, if you please, sir—if you please," and graciously and solicitously the speaker ushered Robert into a magnificent apartment on the parlor floor.

"See here," blurted out the mystified Robert, "this expense—"

"Ordered, paid for, Mr. Stewart, I assure you, sir," interrupted the landlord. "Expected you, sir. A guest, Mr. Stewart, an honored guest. The best in the house is at your command, sir. Indeed the whole city. Judge Slattry says so. I shall telephone him and he will be here at once to welcome you, sir."

It took quick-witted Bob only a brief thinking spell to understand that Robert Stewart was a common name.

MILLINERY SALE. BIG REDUCTION. TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED HATS, RIBBONS AND FANCIES. E. F. COPP. 1 Main Street. Tel. 113-2. East Pepperell, Mass. Christmas Suggestions. Electric Chafing Dish, Electric Curling Iron, Electric Heating Pad, Electric Iron, Electric Percolator, Electric Range, Electric Reading Lamp, Electric Sewing Machine, Electric Vacuum Cleaner, Electric Washing Machine, Electric Christmas Tree Outfit. We Have Something Electrical for Everyone—On Display at Our New Store in Saunders' Block. A Phone Call Brings a Demonstration to Your Home.

Tyngsboro Electric Light Co. Phone Pepperell 9. East Pepperell, Mass. MAKE THIS AN ELECTRICAL CHRISTMAS. FLOUR. ONWARD—Per Barrel in wood \$10.50, 1/8 Bag \$1.25. W. Sponge, 1/8 Bag, \$1.25. King Arthur, 1/8 Bag, \$1.50. Golden Crown, 1/8 Bag \$1.25. Genesee Pastry, 1/8 Bag \$1.00. MOLASSES. New Orleans "Fancy" \$1.00 gallon. Barbabos "Fancy" \$1.10 gallon. TEA—"OOLOGONS". Best 60¢ per pound. Good 40¢ per pound. CHEESE 30¢ lb. BUTTER 47¢ lb. Mild, Full Cream Cheese 30¢ per pound. Old, Full Cream Cheese 35¢ per pound. Sage, Full Cream Cheese 35¢ per pound. Cream Cheese 15¢ pkg. Roquefort Cheese 20¢ pkg. Snappy Cheese . . . 15¢ pkg. Pimento Cheese . 25¢ pkg. HAYES' MARKET. GROCERY STORE. Railroad Square. East Pepperell, Mass.

HARVARD. News Items. If electricity in the town hall is available the government films will be shown and the director of the Warner lecture trustees on next week Tuesday evening. By special request of many disappointed patrons "The old nest" will be repeated Tuesday, December 13, at The Strand, Ayer. Same prices as before. Bull River. Electric light service came on Thursday evening and certainly after having to get along with lamps and candles for ten days we have learned to appreciate the electric juice as never before. Services were resumed at the Baptist church last Sunday morning after a three-weeks' vacation of the pastor. Miss Edna Robinson spent Sunday with the Bakers at their new home in Camp Devens.

Used Cars FOR SALE. 1918 CHALMERS ROADSTER. Has just been overhauled. A bargain. SEVERAL SECOND-HAND CARS IN GOOD CONDITION AT REASONABLE PRICES. Customers interested see R. L. & W. H. Hackett. Peppereil 113-3. Ayer \$256. Union Cash Market. Ayer, Mass.

LARGE SUPPLY OF GRAPEFRUIT GOOD ORANGES 35c dozen FRESH HAM 18c lb. FANCY BRISKET CORN BEEF 15c lb. BOTTOM ROUND 18c lb. CORN and FRESH THICK RIBS 15c lb. BEST TOP ROUND STEAK 40c lb. BEST RUMP STEAK 50c lb. YEARLING LAMB LEGS 25c lb. LEGS and LOIN LAMB 25c lb. PORES OF LAMB 15c lb. SMOKED SHOULDERS 15c lb. SKINNED BACK HAMS 17c lb. PORK ROAST 18c lb. FRESH SHOULDERS 16c lb. FIRST RIB ROAST BEEF 25c lb. BACON 22c lb. GOOD ROAST BEEF 18c lb. PURE LARD 11c lb. PEACHES, large cans 25c. CONDENSED MILK 14c can. EVAPORATED MILK 11c can. East Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 6, 1921.

What to Buy

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| Pocket and Meat Knives | Chinaware |
| Razors and Scissors | Electric Flat Irons |
| Hair Clippers | Asbestos Flat Irons |
| Razor Strops | Sterno Stoves |
| Flashlights | Perfection Heaters |
| Thermos Bottles | Rayo Lamps and Lanterns |
| Thermos Lunch Sets | Pyrene Fire Extinguishers |
| Three-Coin Banks | Cobbler Sets |
| Coffee Percolators | Clothes and Mop Wringers |
| Pencil Sharpeners | Ash Sifters and Ash Barrels |
| Tea Kettles | Skates, Sleds, Skis |
| Alarm Clocks | Playing Cards |
| Food Choppers | Snow Shovels |
| Dog Collars | Sidewalk Cleaners |
| Cello Water Bottles | Hockey Sticks |
| Bread Mixers | Fish Reels |
| Savory Roasters | Air Rifles |
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| Lunch Baskets | Game Traps |

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That They All May Be One

The Ministers' Union Seeks the Oneness in Good Will, and in Practical Co-operation, of All the People!

It is not a local body, but, like the Hay Stack Prayer Meeting of over a century ago, a World body. But it was founded at Ayer. Its first meeting was held there in 1895. It can never cease to appeal for the earnest good will of all the people of Ayer and vicinity!

AYER

News Items.
Rev. Frank B. Crandall of the First Unitarian parish has been appointed chairman of the church membership campaign in this town to recruit a twenty-five percent increase in members in a nation-wide "follow-up" of

the successful financial canvass of last year when approximately \$2,400,000 was raised within the denomination.

The Ayer Branch Alliance held a very pleasant and instructive meeting at the home of Mrs. Theodore Barry December 8. At the close of the business meeting each member who wished, presented one dollar to the

Alliance and told how she earned it. Delicious cocoa and sandwiches were served by the hostesses.

Miss Joy Higgins, who assisted in preparing work here during the war directed the Christmas pageant, "The Star that Shone," given in Boston Monday evening. She also assisted in the production of a mystery play, "The Traveling Man," the same evening.

Clayton B. Hart has returned to work at the News office, having resigned his position in Boston.

Guy and Earl Stone have bought the farm of Mrs. Clara Davis in Harvard, which they have rented for some time past. Mrs. Davis will reside in West Mansfield.

The Unitarian Girls' club ran an invitation dance in Hardy's hall last Tuesday evening. Wilson's orchestra furnished music.

Other Ayer matter will be found on page eight.

A serious fire was averted at the town hall last Saturday afternoon by use of a fire extinguisher. An overheated stovepipe leading from Chief Beatty's headquarters to the rear of the building had become so hot that it burst on top of a closet over which it runs. Dennis J. Flaherty, who was working there, put out the fire, about forty dollars being the estimated damage. Mrs. Charles R. White's dancing class was being conducted in the upper hall and was promptly dispersed. The fire alarm box near the town hall was tried but failed to work.

Harbinger lodge, K. of P., visited Daniel Hines lodge of Lowell, witnessing the rank of esquire last Tuesday evening.

Frank C. Harmon, Frank R. Mason and Mrs. Grace M. Bradshaw are attending the annual meeting of the State Grange in Springfield this week.

Mrs. Caroline Niles of Albany, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward E. Puffer.

Miss Gladys I. Porter appeared in a one-act play, "Suppressed Desires," from the Provincetown players presented by the Masque, the dramatic organization of Jackson college in Medford last week. Miss Porter is of the class of 1922. Her mother, Mrs. Lois E. Porter, attended the performance.

Woman's Club.

The Woman's club will hold its regular business meeting at three o'clock Wednesday, December 21, at Hardy's hall. The program is in charge of the legislative committee, Mrs. Edith D. Johnson, chairman. The speaker is Howard E. White, representative from the twelfth Middlesex district. Mr. White's subject is "The duties of a representative to the legislature." All club members are reminded that this is an excellent opportunity to hear their representative.

The postponed lecture by Prof. Roland E. Dixon of Harvard is to be given at Hardy's hall Tuesday evening, December 20, at eight o'clock. The subject of the lecture is "A thousand miles through the Himalayas," illustrated by lantern slides. This meeting is open to the public and the Woman's club cordially invites its friends to enjoy this lecture. No admission is to be charged.

The chairman of the home economics department has sent the following message to all Federated clubs of Massachusetts: "At the suggestion of the Bureau of Markets our state committee has carefully considered the present method of marketing celery. The best informed conferred with those best informed conferred with a resolve, that this body disapprove of the practice of spiking celery and will lend its assistance to effect a change in the present custom, which it believes not only a waste, but an injury to the local celery industry."

CHRISTMAS As A Man Wants It



Buy His Christmas Gifts at Brown's

THE STORE OF A THOUSAND-AND-ONE THINGS THAT MEN APPRECIATE
Men's Christmas things can best be bought at a Man's Store. This is a practical Christmas year—a year when everybody is choosing gifts that will mean real pleasure and service.
For Men and Boys the gifts we have are just the gifts most appreciated. This store offers a great variety of merchandise, the very best qualities and the lowest prices in many years. Come to the Men's store and you may be perfectly sure that your selections will be best and most appropriate.

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS



- Embroidered Initial 15¢ to 25¢
- Japanette Initial 15¢
- Linen Initial 40¢ to 75¢
- Linen Hemstitched 25¢ to 75¢
- Fine Cotton 10¢ to 25¢
- Fine Cambrie—3 in Christmas box 50¢ and 75¢
- Linen Hemstitched—3 in Christmas box \$1.50 to \$2.50
- Silk Handkerchiefs in Fancy Colors and Plain White 50¢ to \$1.50
- Little Boys' Handkerchiefs in Christmas box 15¢ each

GIVE HIM GLOVES

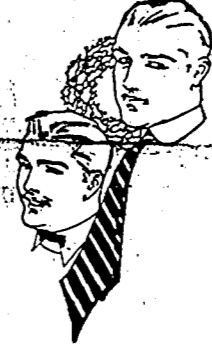
- Men's Dress Gloves, Unlined Cape \$2.50 to \$4.00
- Men's Genuine Arabian Mocha, unlined \$4.00
- Men's India Mocha, unlined \$2.50
- Men's Genuine Buck, fine quality \$4.50 and \$5.00
- Men's Domestic Mocha, lined \$1.50 to \$2.50
- Men's Horsehide, lined and unlined \$2.50 to \$5.00
- Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens 50¢ to \$2.00
- Men's Work Gloves, Leather, lined and unlined 59¢ to \$2.50
- Men's Mocha Gloves, fur lined \$5.00
- Men's Fur Gauntlet Gloves \$4.50 to \$7.50
- Men's Leather Gauntlet Gloves, lined \$3.00 and \$3.50
- Boys' Gloves and Mittens 35¢ to \$1.25

GIVE HIM A SWEATER

- Nothing Could Be More Acceptable Than a Good Warm Sweater
- Men's Coat Style, all colors \$3.50 to \$10.00
 - Men's V-Neck Style, all colors \$4.00 to \$10.00
 - Men's V-Neck, White, with collar \$10.00
 - The Famous Tom Wye Knit Coat \$7.50
 - Boys' Sweaters, all colors 98¢ to \$7.50

GIVE HIM A

Necktie or a Muffler



- Four-in-Hands in Christmas Folders 50¢ to \$2.00
- Boys' Four-in-Hands 25¢ to 50¢
- Silk Mufflers \$3.00 to \$6.00
- Wool Mufflers \$2.50 to \$4.00

MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS AND TOQUES

- Caps of Every Kind for Men and Boys. Toques and Knit Caps for Men, Boys and Children
- Men's Cloth Caps for Winter 75¢ to \$2.50
 - Men's Fur Caps \$5.00 to \$8.50
 - Boys' Cloth Caps for Winter 50¢ to \$1.00
 - Men's Yarn Toques 75¢ and \$1.00
 - Boys' Yarn Toques 39¢ to \$1.00
 - Boys' Aviation Caps 50¢ and 75¢
 - Children's Hats and Caps 50¢ to \$1.00
 - Boys' Muffer Caps \$1.50

Christmas Sale of Hosiery

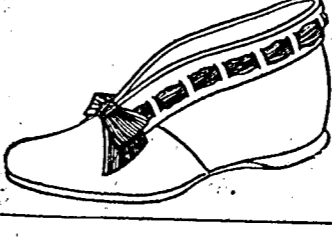
- Fine Cotton Hose, all colors 25¢ and 35¢
- Lisle Thread Hose, all colors 40¢ and 50¢
- Silk Hose, all colors 50¢ to 85¢
- Silk Hose, full fashioned \$1.00
- Cashmere Hose, fine quality 50¢ to 75¢
- Heavy Wool Hose 39¢ to \$1.00
- Boys' Black Cat Hose, according to size 25¢ to 55¢

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- SUSPENDERS—Many kinds, in Christmas Boxes 50¢ to \$1.00
- ARM BANDS—Many kinds, in Christmas Boxes 25¢ to 50¢
- CUFF BUTTONS—Good assortment 25¢ to \$3.00
- COMBINATION SETS—In Christmas Boxes—Arm Bands and Garters 50¢ to 75¢ Suspenders and Garters 75¢ to \$1.00
- UMBRELLAS—Men's Umbrellas \$1.50 to \$5.00 Ladies' Umbrellas \$1.50 to \$3.00 Gloria Silk, in colors, ivory tips \$4.00 Pure Silk, in colors, ivory tips \$7.50 to \$9.00
- TRAVELING BAGS—Give Him a Bag—Imitation Leather \$5.00 Genuine Leather \$7.50 to \$20.00
- SUIT CASES—Give Him a Suit Case—Imitation Leather \$2.00 to \$5.00 Genuine Cowhide \$12.00 to \$18.00
- MACKINAWs—We have the Patriek-Duluth make—Mackinaws for Men \$8.00 to \$19.00 Mackinaws for Boys \$6.00 to \$13.50
- SHEEP-LINED COATS—For Men \$7.00 to \$18.00 For Boys, 10 to 18 years \$7.00 to \$12.50
- PAJAMAS—Domet Flannel \$1.50 to \$2.50 Cotton, in plain colors or fancy stripes \$1.50 to \$2.50 Boys' Domet Flannel \$1.50
- NIGHT ROBES—Made of Domet Flannel \$1.50 and \$2.00 Plain Cotton and Peppercorn \$1.00 to \$2.00
- BATH ROBES—Give Him a Bath Robe—Made of good weight blanket, trimmed with corded braid and girdle \$7.00 to \$12.00
- HOUSE COATS—Give Him a House Coat—All Wool, double faced goods, well made and trimmed \$9.00 to \$13.50
- SHIRTS—Big Variety of Shirts—Percales and Madras 95¢ to \$2.50 Satin Stripes \$2.50 to \$5.00 Silk Shirts \$6.00 to \$7.50
- UNDERWEAR—Union Suits—Union Suits for Men \$1.50 to \$4.00 Union Suits for Boys 85¢ to \$1.65

Holiday Footwear for Every Member of the Family

- WE HAVE A BIG LINE OF THE GENUINE DANIEL GREEN "COMFY" SLIPPERS FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
- SLIPPERS FOR MEN—Felt "Comfy," many styles \$2.00 to \$2.85 Felt Slippers, other makes \$1.25 to \$2.00 Everett "Comfy," leather sole \$2.75 Leather Moccasins \$2.50 to \$4.25 Leather Slippers \$1.50 to \$3.50 High Buckle Arctics for Men and Boys High Rubber Boots for Men and Boys
 - SLIPPERS FOR WOMEN—Felt "Comfy" \$2.00 to \$2.75 Felt Slippers, other makes \$1.00 to \$2.00 Felt Juliettes, leather sole \$2.75 Leather Moccasins \$2.50 to \$3.50 High Buckle Arctics for Women and Girls Rubber Boots for Girls and Children High Cut Leather Skating Boots for Boys and Girls



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- Waldemars \$2.50 to \$8.50
 - Knives \$2.50 to \$4.50
 - Pencils, Eversharp \$1.00 to \$4.50
 - Chains, neck or pencil lengths \$1.50 to \$5.00
 - Butterfly Lockets \$1.50 to \$2.75
 - Bar Pins 59¢ to \$3.00
 - Mesh Bags \$5.00 to \$15.00
 - Vanity Cases 50¢ to \$10.00
 - Braacelets 59¢ to \$6.50
 - Real Jet Necklaces \$4.50 to \$7.50
 - Real Amber Necklaces \$6.00 to \$10.50
 - Pearl Beads, neck or opera lengths \$1.00 to \$16.00
 - Cameo Brooches \$1.50 to \$18.00
 - Rosaries \$1.00 to \$20.00
 - Rosaries in cases \$2.50 to \$4.50
 - Lingerie Clasps 50¢ to \$3.00
 - Ribbon Sautoirs 50¢ to \$2.00
 - Belt Buckles, men's \$2.00
 - Cigarette Holders 50¢
 - Signet Rings, solid gold \$2.50
 - Colored Beads 59¢ to \$8.50

EASY PATTERNS IN STAMPED GOODS

- Still time for embroidery work if it's not too exacting. We prepared for just such an emergency. There are hundreds of pieces ready for your needle which include:
- Scarfs, Center Pieces, Pillow Covers, Gowns, Towels and Novelties too numerous to mention
 - Made up Articles—Madera Scarfs and Center Pieces, Lunch Sets, Napkins, Tray Cloths, Pillow Cases, Handkerchief Cases, Gown Cases and Pillow Covers, Cluny Lace Center Pieces and Scarfs
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 - Embroidery Silk and Cotton, Necktie Silk Yarns, Inside Pillows, Pin Cushions and Asbestos Mats

A DAINTY GIFT—"UNDERTHINGS"

- Sure to delight the heart of any woman, for what woman doesn't love soft, white fluffy, pretty underthings? In our Christmas collection of Undermuskins are:
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 - Envelope Chemise and Step-Ins 79¢ to \$1.98
 - Night Gowns \$1.00 to \$4.50
 - Corset Covers 69¢ to \$1.98
 - White Petticoats \$1.00 to \$5.98
 - Two Piece Pajamas and Billie Burkes \$1.50 to \$2.50
 - Flannel Gowns \$1.25 to \$1.98
 - Philippine Gowns and Chemise, all hand-made and hand embroidered

SUPERFINE SHIRTINGS

Specially priced in boxes if you wish. A gift suggestion of exceptional merit. Our wholesale department sends over a case of unusual value, 3000 yards of the finest of cotton weaves, very slightly imperfect, a most delightful fabric for Misses' and Children's wear. Several very attractive patterns, all white with self stripe, tan with blue or lavender. White with pink or blue, pretty smallish checks. The value is most emphatic, for a dollar a yard would be fair. We offer this case at

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Third Floor

LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. Charles L. Smith has gone on a visit to her daughters, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Roberts.
Electric light and power service has been partially restored, and will be completed the first possible convenience of the men diligently at work with all possible speed.
The Grange meeting of last week was postponed on account of weather, but every member is expected to attend the meeting of next week Wednesday, and each is expected to bring an inexpensive present for the Christmas tree.
Walter H. Boleau of Cambridge was the week-end guest of Mrs. A. T. Kimball.
Miss Henrietta A. Pratt of Waltham spent last Saturday and Sunday with Miss M. E. Kimball.
The lechouse is being reconstructed by a company of carpenters employed by the Boston and Maine railroad. They have their headquarters in cars that are side-tracked, and a cook serves the meals and looks after household affairs, the men asks no favors of any one.
The concert and entertainment of the Baptist church has again been postponed to January 21. Please remember the date and arrange for no other entertainment on that evening.
Rev. W. C. Brown is expected home from the west next week and with his family will spend Christmas at their home on Foster street. The daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret, are expected home next week also.
Have you seen the Christmas and New Year cards, also, postcards at Miss Wright's at the Center? They are still on sale.
Mrs. Thomas N. Ayers has inserted an advertisement in this week's issue that should prove of interest to those who wish to remember their friends with candy, cigars, etc. for Christmas.
Douglas Fairbanks in "Mark of Zorro." One of his greatest pictures at Strand, Ayer, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 and 21.
Congregational Church Notes.
The every-member canvass of the church took place last Sunday afternoon with very favorable results.
The children of the Sunday school will have their Christmas festival next week Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. An entertainment, games, Christmas tree and all that goes with it, will be provided under the direction of Mrs. Blodgett and competent assistants on the committee.
Rev. Clarence Pike of Royalston will occupy the pulpit as a candidate next Sunday. Don't fail to hear him.

PEPPERELL

News Items.

We beg to correct an announcement made in our columns last week, that the announcement made by Mrs. Lucy Cushing was of the marriage engagement of Miss Dorothy B. Croton-on-on the Hudson, N. Y. Instead of the notice as printed by error.
Miss Mary Wood reported gaining slowly from her recent illness which left her very weak. The first diagnosis of the trouble of an abscess did not prove correct, as erysipelas developed, and was the cause of the head trouble.
The house on Pleasant street recently purchased by Frank Taylor of Brookline, owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCarthy is being improved by steam heat and a bath-room is also to be fitted up.
There is no record yet that any of our local boys has been fortunate enough to secure a deer last week. The hard, snapping crust seems to have been the reason for the poor luck.
Mr. and Mrs. Adams recently came here from Hingham, N. H., to look up a rent or rooms for the winter, as Mr. Adams is to be assistant station agent on the Boston & Maine, taking the place next week.
Mrs. George W. Pierce has Mrs. L. S. Gilson stopping with her for a short time, as she is still under treatment for eye trouble with a specialist.
Christmas decorations are commencing to appear, the store of Lane Bros. being among the first and most elaborate.
Lawrence Sliney, who has been troubled with lumbago, is under the care of Dr. MacAusland, bone specialist. At the last treatment given by his physician at the Nashua hospital, he expressed himself well pleased with the progress of the case.
Prescott Grange held their regular meeting last week, the entertainment being a book social. Many of the members representing the different well-known books. The next regular meeting will be postponed from December 22 to the 29th. At the first meeting of the Grange in January the first and second degrees will be conferred on a class of candidates.
John Sliney has been restricted to his home on Lovell street by a case of the gripe.
Roger Wetherbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Wetherbee, is at his home in town from Cushing academy on account of an injured knee.
Miss Irene Salter is able to be out once more, having recently been taken to consult Dr. MacAusland at the Nashua hospital, where an X-ray was taken of her right shoulder, which is still stiff, affecting the whole arm.
B. W. Parker had a recurrence of his ill turns, apparently caused by indigestion last week, confining him to his home for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Tower recently went to Maine to pass the holidays with relatives.
Friday morning of last week was the coldest thus far this season, thermometers ranging from twelve to eighteen degrees above in the early hours.
The warm day Sunday brought out more auto and street car riders, which had the preference last week.
Mrs. Carroll Robbins and daughter, Mildred, are convalescing from an illness, which was pronounced last week Friday to be tonsillitis.
Miss Ada Whitney is still at the home of her cousin, James Hall, in Nashua, N. H., where she is to remain over the holidays.
The story of Peppereil's Card & Paper Co. was shut down Friday and Saturday of last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell, who went to Petersham for Thanksgiving, is remaining there at his former home for the present.
Miss Clara Shattuck received news recently from her sister, Mrs. C. C. Tucker, at Herndon, Va., of another ill turn, which she is now struggling to the invalid, and was disappointing to all after her apparent improvement after going south to Washington last fall.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tower, who went from Newport, R. I., to Charleston, S. C., last fall, now writing of being finely situated, having recently taken furnished apartments there for the winter. It is probable that Erskine Tower will be stationed there for some time.
We note that Norman D. Fletcher, who is known here through his appearance before a Peppereil audience, and also from frequent visits at the home of his brother, Charles Fletcher, is making a fine record in his college work at the St. Lawrence university in New York, where he is taking a combined college and theological course. He has for some time been preaching in the First Universalist church at Winthrop, N. Y., in a pulpit occupied for the first time for years by a student-preacher. Mr.

Fletcher has occupied the pulpit at the Unitarian church at Shirley Center for two summers past.
On an honor, interesting in Odd-Fellow circles, has been given recently to Miss Essie P. Rugg, well-known here, a membership of the installing suite for Acacia lodge on several occasions. Miss Rugg has been elected as president of the Col. John T. Simpson auxiliary, to Cantor, Hebron, Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., of Fitchburg.
Members of Beacon lodge who attended a meeting of the Canton Hebron, I. O. O. F., last week at Fitchburg, taking the degree of Patriarchs Militant, were C. D. Gilman, D. E. Weston, J. G. Willey, H. Brooks, C. W. Card and Robert O. Coy.
Miss Mary Glidden of the Nashua River Paper Co.'s office force is rooming with Mrs. H. N. Tower, High street.
Charles Blanchard, who was at the Starr home and afterwards went to F. Kennedy's and enlisted in the world war from Nashua, N. H., was a caller at the home of Mrs. Starr at Spring Springs, Fla. Mr. Blanchard attended the high school when Mr. Bryant calls him alternate weeks in Boston and Jacksonville.
Community Church Notes.
A particularly noteworthy service was held at this church last Sunday morning, the sermon by the pastor being the second in the series on the theme, "I believe in God, maker of heaven and earth." The hymns by the young people were of good character, which was requested to be carried out through all the month of December. The church decorations were more elaborate than usual, furnished by the Sunday school class of Deacon Merrill, and consisting of a variety of chrysanthemums. Consistent among these was a handsome bouquet of carnations with green settings, in memory of the late Rev. J. W. Gray, who died on the 10th anniversary would have taken place on December 9. The pastor paid tribute to the active church work accomplished by Rev. J. W. Gray during his long and useful lifetime, and his continued interest in spiritual things up to the last days of his life, and his worth as a counselor, friend and citizen in the community.
At 10:30 next Sunday morning the pastor will preach the third sermon in the series. By request the anthem of the young choir will be the Christmas subject, "Come to my heart, Lord Jesus." The decorations will be furnished by members of the Sunday school class of Miss Clara M. Shattuck. Church school at noon will open with "Songs of the nativity." All are invited to remain. The annual meeting of the church school will be held at this hour, at which time there will be reports given from the different departments, and the officers will be chosen for the coming year.
On Friday, December 23, the Christmas festivities in the vestry will take the place of the motion picture service. All the children are invited to come at four o'clock to the church vestry, where games will be enjoyed. A lunch will be served at six o'clock, and the gathering for the Christmas tree will be at seven o'clock. The Christmas program, which has been under rehearsal this week, will be presented.
Methodist Church Notes.
All the services were exceptionally well attended at this church last Sunday, the membership at the Sunday school being the largest on record for the year, and the collection generous accordingly. At the evening service of the Hope Circle, by special arrangement, the rite of baptism was bestowed on one party by the pastor. At the service at 7:30, although a few of the young ladies of the vestry choir were absent on account of colds and other ailments, there were twelve to join in the processional, and assist in and lead the singing. The contralto solo by Viola Harris is especially worthy of note as her earnest rendering of the hymn, "My only hope," was very marked.
Next Sunday there will be the usual praise service at 10:45 followed by the Sunday school. At 6:30 the meeting of the Hope Circle girls in the vestry and the Wesleyan class of boys in the study at the parsonage at the same hour.
At 7:30 the pastor will give one of his earnest talks, and there will be special music by the vestry choir, the quartet, the Misses Winship, Martin, Harris and Parker, rendering "Thou'rt sins be as scarlet." Miss Marjorie Gray will render a piano solo as offertory.
Other services of the week will be the evening meeting on Tuesday at 7:30, meeting of the Boy Scouts on Thursday evening, and Epworth League night on Friday evening.
Sale of C. C. W.
On last week Friday afternoon, commencing at four o'clock, the December committee of the Community Church Workers held an apron and candy sale, the committee being Mrs. Tower, the chairman, with Mrs. Albert Lewis, Mrs. Leroy A. Cook, Mrs. J. A. Saunders and Mrs. J. E. Dunn. At the sale tables Mrs. P. J. Hayes and Mrs. Charles Wain presided over the aprons, and Miss Bertha Gibson was chairman of the candy table, but was unable to attend, and the sale was conducted by Miss Barbara Hancock, Miss Helen Pond and Miss Kathleen House. There was good patronage at both booths.
At six o'clock an innovation was made by the ladies, as instead of the usual supper, they had sandwiches, cake and ice cream, with hot coffee, and it seemed to please the crowd.
For entertainment, all went to the moving pictures in the church, increasing the regular attendance.
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Peppereil Men in Georgia

Friends of Russell Wright are pleased to learn that his promotion, which transferred him from Boston office of the "Historical Review to Atlanta, Georgia, is a most notable one to him. The southern business of the periodical has formerly been conducted from the office at Philadelphia, but it is now being conducted from a new office at Atlanta, Ga., which has been called the "New York of the South."
Mr. Wright, who sets in line for promotion, was given the position manager in the new office, and after trying it out, will be given the option on such terms as having an office in further this way. He took his vacation in November, and was lucky enough to leave New England for Philadelphia, the Sunday before the ice storm, which cut us off for several weeks in the Philadelphia office, making arrangements for the transfer of his part of the business, and is now in the office, and everything seems to be working satisfactorily.
Another Peppereil man has been discovered in Atlanta, as Mr. Wright has received a letter from here stating that John Kerin, who is traveling in the south as distributor for a moving picture firm, is in that city just at present.
Branch Alliance Meeting.
The Woman's Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church met for an all-day session at the home of Mrs. W. E. Francis E. W. Woodard on Thursday last week. Inaugurated by the Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Woodard, J. O. Bennett, Miss Harriet Woodard, Lucy Young, and Mrs. Harold Woodard from Milton, N. H., there were twenty-three present. Mrs. A. S. Woodard, a

member, came up from Ayer to be present.
There was a short business session in the forenoon and the service closed at one o'clock, Mrs. Woodard acting as hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Bennett.
The afternoon session was opened by the president, Mrs. Bennett, with the usual service and hymns. The speaker of the afternoon was Miss Harriet Dow and she gave personal reminiscences of work as a member of the relief commission in the day, among the people of France, particularly among the children and orphans. Her talk was illustrated by many small pictures, taken with her kodak camera, showing the relief work of the condition of the children and the homes of these children and the little ones themselves. She claimed that they were easily won and obedient and grateful, and quick to understand. In her short afternoon talk she gave insight into the character of the children and the needs of the people.
Telephone Service.
Probably not half of the telephone patrons realize that Peppereil has favored over other towns during the period of destruction from the ice storm. Groton was afflicted more than our town. Townsend was cut off from any communication with the outside world by telephone, and Brookline, N. H., had no telephone service left.
Here in town some lines were never affected. On Monday it was stated from the telephone exchange that ninety-five telephones were still out of order, the entire Oak Hill section being completely out of duty.
The work of the repair crew began to take "amount of stock" on the morning after the worst was over, which "amount of stock" was something which telephone lines had received from the repair crew, the orders were for repair of the trunk lines.
Communication with the outside world was restored by the repair crew here at Ayer instead of the usual way by the outside world, which was Groton, and only one line to Nashua, N. H. In local work first attention was given to "emergency lines," which included the telephone lines, having to do with some part in restoring the electric and telephone lines. The force have worked nights and Sundays, and the end is not yet in sight. As in many cases the repairs are only temporary, it may be several months before normal conditions are restored.
Newly Organized.
The Home Economics club of the Groton Street school has been organized with sixteen members. The club has elected the following officers: Elaine Vandergast, president; Beatrice Allen, vice president; Lillian Archambault, secretary. They have chosen as their club name "The sixteen success chasers of Groton Street school."
Miss Rolfe, teacher of grades five and six, acting as club leader, and at the last regular meeting, gave a report of the leaders' conference held in Boston, Saturday, December 3. The club met this Friday at the close of the afternoon session, and the meeting will be in charge of Miss Dies and Miss Peild, the domestic science teachers, who will instruct the girls in planning, cutting and sewing the garments, which each member is required to make. The secretary's report shows a number of hours' housework already credited to each girl. There are fourteen girls taking the sewing course and two the bread-making course. The leader will appreciate any interest, prizes offered for the club to attend other clubs which are discussing home economics questions, which the public will offer to the girls. The object of the club is to make better homes for the community so community help and interest are solicited.

GROTON

News Items.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church held a business meeting in the church parlor on Thursday afternoon, December 3, when they continued their sewing for Dr. Greenfield's mission. Plans were made for the lunch to be served at the Christmas gathering on December 24.
The Alliance of the Unitarian church met at the home of Mrs. E. B. Brien on Thursday afternoon, and was well attended. The paper by Mrs. William J. Lawrence, of Boston, on the subject, "From the Congregational church," was very interesting. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Miss Nettie Stone, Miss Grace Brooks and Mrs. Branigan.
The postponed meeting of the Neighborhood club was held on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. F. G. May in aid of the work of the public health nurse.
Mrs. Grace Culver Small passed through town on last week Thursday way to attend the funeral of her niece.
Mrs. Morton Souther and Mrs. Daniel Whalen spent a few days last week with relatives in Boston.
Charles B. Wright, district deputy grand master, J. W. Smith, grand master, Herbert W. Taylor, Horace W. Buchanan and Mr. Peterson attended the visitation of the grand master to the Apple lodge of Odd Fellows in Fitchburg on Wednesday evening of last week.
Mrs. B. J. Crowley returned from her stay in Boston on Friday afternoon of last week.
The regular meeting of the Women's club was held on Friday afternoon of last week, which was Federated by Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Somerville, the second vice president, the State Federation, was present and addressed the club, giving an interesting account of her work accomplished in various clubs. There were several vocal solos by Miss Susan P. Hill, and refreshments, sandwiches, cake and hot beverage were served by the hospitality committee, and a social hour enjoyed.
After twenty years of faithful service Peppereil has sent in her resignation to the Farmers' and Mechanics' club.
On Sunday afternoon a bronze tablet commemorating the sacrifices of the dead soldiers of the 101st Field Artillery was unveiled and dedicated to the Commonwealth army. Allston, under the auspices of the 101st Women's club, and everything seems to be working satisfactorily.
The tablet was unveiled by Gen. John H. Sherburne, the first colonel of the regiment, and was presented by Mrs. John H. Sherburne, who has accepted the gift on behalf of Gov. Cox. Col. Robert Goodwin delivered the dedicatory address, and Mrs. Peter Clarence Edwards and Major Peppereil also spoke. The memorial is set in the vestibule wall on the west side of the building, and is ten feet high by twelve and one-half feet long. It is subscribed for by the families and friends of members of the regiment at a cost of \$470. Of the eighty names on the tablet that of Laurence W. Gay is inscribed with three others of the headquarters company.
At the reception given in November at the Copple Plaza, Boston, by the Francis E. W. Woodard settlement, \$1500 was cleared at the toll table alone, one doll selling for \$50. Miss Boutwell of Elizabeth Hill of this town stood in the receiving line with the sixty pioneer women who were present as guests of the settlement.
On Tuesday evening Mrs. Fred Marchant and Mrs. Mary P. Peppereil, acting as a constant party, refreshments being served afterwards.

The old-fashioned minstrel show to be given on the evening of Saturday, December 17, in the town hall at Ayer, will be a good one, by the Laurence W. Gay troupe. It offers an attractive entertainment to those who enjoy joy fun. There will be eight entertainers, nine soloists, and thirty-five representing local talent. The first half is the grand circle; second half, "Fowl deeds."
Mrs. John Bradley spent a few days in Boston and vicinity last week. Mrs. George Woods, though making a good recovery from her operation, was not well enough to attend the State Grange sessions held in Springfield this week. Mrs. Grace Bradshaw represented the Grange in her place.
Mrs. William H. Souther was pleasantly reminded on last Sunday of the eighteenth anniversary of her birthday by a number of callers, neighbors, relatives and other friends who came to bring their good wishes, her daughters, Mrs. Paul Adams and Mrs. Norman Shattuck, were present, bringing fruit, a birthday cake and other articles, and Mrs. W. S. Clark W. R. C. sent her oranges and a shower of postal cards with their birthday greetings. Mrs. Souther, though convalescing, was able to sit up for awhile during the celebration and enjoy the birthday celebration. One of her friends, Mrs. Ellen A. White, passed in the birthday card with original verses on it.
Wedding.
Donald L. Priest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman E. Priest, and Miss Evelyn L. Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Fletcher, were married on Wednesday evening, December 7, at seven o'clock at the most fashionable wedding seen in Stow in many years. Fully 200 guests were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Sidney Moulton, the pastor, a brother of the groom, was best man, and Eleanor Fletcher, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The ushers were John H. Lord, William F. Smith, Howard F. Gleason and Frank H. Woodard.
There was no reception in the church parlors with luncheon served by a caterer. Afterward Mr. and Mrs. Priest left on their honeymoon, which will be passed in the south.
Mr. and Mrs. Priest will reside on a farm in Groton purchased by the groom not long ago.
Mr. and Mrs. member of Doris Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and Hudson post, A. L., and Royal Arch chapter of Dorchester, Scotland, which he entered during his service as sergeant in the 31st Company, 20th Engineers.
Mr. and Mrs. Priest graduated from the Stow high school, and the bride is a graduate of the Children's hospital of Boston. The farm in Groton purchased by Mr. Priest was sold to him by James A. Bailey, of Arlington.

Union Services.
A union service was held in the Congregational church on last Sunday morning, when the united congregations of the Baptist and Congregational churches had the pleasure of listening to Rev. George A. Gordon, of Boston, assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. Rev. J. W. Fisher, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the services and introduced the speaker, who gave a very able and convincing address on the work and needs of the Anti-Saloon League, introducing some humorous anecdotes very effectively in illustration of the arguments brought forward by the speaker. He stated that there were thirty-six or more organizations working to bring about legislation which would virtually nullify the amendment, and therefore it was necessary for the Anti-Saloon League to continue its work. Opportunity was given for contributions to the support of the league.
The first musical selection was "The Lord is my strength," by the choir, and the second, "The heart," by a trio, Misses Ruth Gleason and Alice and Miriam Knapp. The floral decorations, including bouquets of carnations, combined with green and a lovely centerpiece of white narcissus.
The social service before the church school, opportunity was given for those who chose to look at the collection of dressed dolls prepared by Mrs. M. S. Shattuck of the eighth class to send at Christmas to a mission school in Kentucky. The dolls had been dressed with taste and skill and were very attractive. The collection, and no doubt will be much appreciated by the recipients.
The union service at the Baptist church in the evening was conducted by the pastor of the church, who preached an earnest sermon on "Christian service and the way to seek for the Holy Spirit," "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove."

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To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.
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Ayer, Mass., December 6, 1921.
CHARLES A. NORMAND, Cashier.

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News Items. There will be an important meeting of all persons interested in the work of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics in the lower town hall on next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

Rev. Arthur V. Dimock preached on Sunday morning at the Calvary Baptist church in Lowell, where he preached when he was thirteen years old, and spoke at the Y. M. C. A. there in the afternoon.

Mrs. Oric Bates assisted at the sale at Herophilus hall, Boston, on Tuesday and Wednesday for the benefit of the Baby Hygiene association.

At the December meeting of the Old Concord chapter, D. A. R., held in the chapter house on Lexington road last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. George Warren of Groton, N. H. (formerly Miss Mary Palmer of Groton) was the speaker of the afternoon, giving a travel talk on Alaska, which she visited two years ago.

At the special town meeting called for last Saturday evening at eight o'clock to appropriate money for the repairing of damages caused by the ice storm, it was voted to appropriate \$800 for the use of the electric light department, and \$500 for the work of the tree warden's department, but the article including appropriation for the highway department was voted down.

John Bordman started Tuesday for the Philippine Islands, having been in the United States for a number of months on business. His sister, Mrs. Harriet B. Robinson, and her son, Burton, spent a day with him in Boston recently.

There is to be a rehearsal of Christmas carols and hymns at the town hall next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The choir plans to bring their music. These carols will be sung around the community Christmas tree on the common near the bandstand Christmas night at six o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Groton unit of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau will be held at the town hall following the planning meeting of the County bureau of agriculture and home economics, which is to be addressed by County Agent J. T. Tilton next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the lower town hall. At this time a local director for the coming year is to be chosen. Plans made for the activities of the unit, especially with reference to the purchase of supplies. The work of the larger bodies, including the local unit is a member of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, and the American Farm Bureau, will be discussed.

On Sunday, December 13, the every-member canvass of the Union Congregational church will be taken. The work will be done by Arthur E. Sargent, Mrs. G. W. Shattuck, Mrs. Arthur Wood, Mrs. Wallace Brown, George E. Meyette, Miss Elizabeth Gibson, Mrs. F. B. Woods and Frank D. Lewis. If anyone interested should be overlooked, it would be appreciated if he would report to some member of the committee.

The Grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, and later on during the lecture hour, enjoyed a box social, when the boxes were opened and the lunches eaten, with a social time together.

Miss Edith Sturgis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sturgis, was presented Tuesday, December 6, at a tea given at the home of her parents, 7 Commonwealth avenue, Boston. Miss Sturgis, who received with her mother, wore a gown of changeable pink and gold, and Mrs. Sturgis wore French blue chiffon. The following young ladies were among those who poured tea: Miss Betsy Maudran of St. Louis, a guest of Miss Sturgis, Miss Ethel Cummings, Mrs. Josephine Cushman, Miss Mary James, Frances Sturgis and Miss Cole. There was dancing throughout the afternoon.

Mrs. Harvey Roberts and young son of Waltham, Mrs. Sargent of Nashua and Mrs. George Cook and daughter of Nashua were in town last Saturday, coming to attend Mrs. Ella P. Woodley's Christmas sale of fancy articles.

Mr. and Mrs. Flanders and family moved Monday from the Cunningham house on Main street into a new home recently purchased of Mrs. W. B. Warren. Mr. Flanders also bought some of the furniture with the house.

Edward H. Bailey of Arlington, a member of the class of 1922, is captain of the 1922 ice hockey team at the Middlesex school in North Concord. Bailey played a star game at right wing during the last season.

It is reported that Sherman Monroe had the misfortune to have his five-passenger touring car considerably damaged on Monday, sliding in the car was in Ayer, standing in the square close to the old express office quarters, when a snowslide from the roof of the railroad station buried it under a load of ice and snow and broke the top, windshield and other parts. Fortunately the car was unoccupied at the time.

The Groton chapter of the D. R. met with Mrs. W. H. Bruce on Thursday, when their regent, Mrs. C. Z. Southard, gave an account of the meeting of the state at which she is one of the councillors. This society is soliciting voluntary contributions of pieces of yarn, no matter how small, to be used in knitting afghans for charitable purposes. The yarn contributed may be left with Mrs. Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Eber J. Kneeland entertained Mr. Earl Kierstead of Lowell this week.

Mrs. William H. Burnham of Littleton, a patient at the Groton hospital recently, returned to her home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Sargent are to occupy the lower flat in Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst's house on Champney street, their furniture having arrived on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moison announce the marriages of their daughters, Frances Louise Moison, to Harold Henry Sargent, and Alice Amelia Moison, to David Putnam Sargent, on Saturday, December 10.

The Woman's club is planning a community Christmas tree, with caroling on six Christmas stanzas at six o'clock. Everyone is cordially urged to join the school children in the singing, which will be accompanied by several horns.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning it is planned to have the anthem, "Sweet is thy mercy," (Joseph Barnaby) by a mixed choir, and in the evening an anthem, a quartet number and a solo.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bishop entertained Charles Whittier of Milford, N. H., over the week-end.

Mrs. George Culver, small of New Castle, N. H., made a short stay in town the first of this week, visiting relatives and returning home on Thursday.

Other Groton matter on page 3. Douglas Fairbanks in "Mark of Zorro." One of his greatest pictures at Strand, Ayer, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 and 21.

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sumers who have not had service since the storm they are requested to notify the superintendent at once, so that the trouble may be given his immediate attention.

School Notes.
The high school will hold its Christmas services on Wednesday morning, December 21, at eleven o'clock in the town hall. The tableaux will be as follows: Busy Elves, The Match Girl, The Three Kings, Irving at Bracebridge Hall, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim, The Three Wise Men, The Other Wise Man, Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night.

At two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the town hall the Boutwell school will give a cantata, to which the friends of the children are cordially invited.

Grades seven and eight of the Butler school will give a Christmas entertainment at the Butler school next Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

The entertainment will consist of a short play, taken from "The Birds" Christmas carol, and dramatized by the pupils, and a second play entitled "The Day after Christmas." There will also be music and recitations by Florence Blodgett, Ethelyn Chase, Eleanor Donahy, Edith Anderson and Willard Tolles. There will be a Christmas tree with gifts. The members of the committee in charge are Dorcas Cross, Louise Cunningham, Robert Murphy, Adam Malonski, from grade eight, and Gladys Johnson, Alice Frazee, Robert Campbell, Douglas White, grade seven.

On Wednesday, December 21, there will be presented at the Tarbell school by the members of the school, a cantata. This also is open to friends.

New bids for the desks in the main study hall of the high school arrived this week. Electric light fixtures for the Butler and Chapin buildings have also arrived and are being put in place.

The cooking and manual training classes will meet on Tuesday. The superintendent has been giving

in all the schools penmanship tests, which will be graded by the Ayer's scales.

The honor lists for grades seven and eight in the Butler school for November and December, are as follows: grade 8, highest honor, Thais Atwood, Willard Tolles. There will be a Christmas tree with gifts. The members of the committee in charge are Dorcas Cross, Louise Cunningham, Robert Murphy, Adam Malonski, from grade eight, and Gladys Johnson, Alice Frazee, Robert Campbell, Douglas White, grade seven.

Interesting Talk.
About twenty persons listened to H. Emerson Tuttle of Groton School describe his experiences with wild animal life on the upper Michigan Peninsula, along the south shore of Lake Superior last Monday evening. Mr. Tuttle described the country as hav-

ing been left in a rather barren condition after the heavy lumbering operation of the last century. Though bird life as a whole is rather scarce, there are rather rare forms still present there, which are of special interest. Among these are the raven and the bald eagle. A photograph of a raven was made at a garbage heap, which the bird regularly visited, in company with crows, herring and gulls. On these occasions a crow always stood guard for the other birds as well as his own kind, and one warning from his rancorous throat sent all the birds instantly into the air. The man was made at a garbage heap, which the bird regularly visited, in company with crows, herring and gulls. On these occasions a crow always stood guard for the other birds as well as his own kind, and one warning from his rancorous throat sent all the birds instantly into the air. The method of the duck hawk in capturing its prey was described—the overtaking of and rising over the pursued bird, and the terrific downward stroke by the hawk's foot which knocks the victim unconscious.

made a great leap toward them, and stood facing them for a time in a most disconcerting manner. Even after her cubs had made good their escape into the trees, she circled about for some time, scolding and moaning. The presence of the cubs undoubtedly accounted for this unusual show of boldness.

West Groton.
Mr. and Mrs. William Baker of Buffalo, N. Y., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, William Baker, Jr., born on November 29. Mr. Baker is the son of Mrs. P. E. Smith, and received a part of his education in this town. He has been with the Dupont people in Buffalo since last winter.

Mrs. C. A. Small and her little daughter have returned to Watertown, Mrs. C. L. Thompson accompanied them for a few days' stay.

C. L. Thompson spent Wednesday and Thursday in Boston.

Professor Dawber of Boston university gave a very interesting entertainment on Saturday evening at Squan-

nacook hall. Songs, piano solos, witty stories and monologues kept the audience in a state of laughter. On Sunday morning and evening the church was well filled with people anxious to hear him preach.

The Christmas sale held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society on Friday afternoon and evening of last week was well patronized. Seventy dollars was added to the treasury.

Miss Ella Barney of Keene is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. N. A. Nutt.

Mrs. F. H. Worster of Fitchburg was the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Williams, on Wednesday of last week.

C. E. Bixby received the sad news on Tuesday of the death of his friend, William Hale, whose body was brought to Shirley for burial on Wednesday. Mr. Hale died in Maryland where he made his home after the war.

At Squannacook hall next Wednesday evening the feature picture will be "The shark master," with Frank Mayo.



AYER

News Items. Miss Barbara Sullivan, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan, observed the fifth anniversary of her birth on Monday afternoon at her home on West Main street by entertaining a number of her friends.

At the regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons last Monday afternoon the Master, Mason degree was conferred. Elson H. Bigelow catered for the dinner.

transacted. Mrs. John H. Parke was elected chairman of directors to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Arthur M. Winslow.

Mrs. Tenie Bulkeley is to have a sale on Tuesday afternoon, December 20, from 2:30 to 5:30 of articles suitable for Christmas, at Miss Maude Briggs' millinery rooms, Barry block.

Miss Ruth Huntington arrived Wednesday night from the Dr. Arnold Physical Institute school, New Haven, Conn., for a winter vacation at home.

Mrs. Seth Bannister is employed at Herbert H. Proctor's dry goods store. Last Monday evening at the annual communication of the Odd Fellows lodge of Masons the following officers were elected.

Mrs. George W. Burgess is quite ill at her home. The members of Ayer Grange were addressed Wednesday evening by Game Warden Edward P. Backus of Harvard.



The Store of Gifts for Everybody

The ladies, especially, will be glad to know about the great variety of things to be found in a store like this that are suitable for gifts for men.

You will find it here in the widest possible assortment. Rich silks, conservative colorings for the winter months. Four-in-hands in the new narrow width and bows in heavy silk.

- NECKWEAR
You will find it here in the widest possible assortment. Rich silks, conservative colorings for the winter months. Four-in-hands in the new narrow width and bows in heavy silk. All in pretty Christmas Boxes.
Prices from 35¢ to \$2.00
The Latest "Whip" Bows in Boxes 50¢

- GLOVES
Street Gloves in Capes and Mochas. are made of the heavier weight stock for good hard wear. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for men and boys in great variety.
Boys' Mittens... 50¢ and 65¢
Men's Capes and Mochas, both lined and unlined \$2.00 to \$5.00
Men's Work Gloves... 19¢ to \$2.75
Men's Leather Mittens... 50¢ to \$2.00
Men's Fur-Lined Gloves... \$6.00 to \$7.50

- BAGS AND SUIT CASES
One of the most useful gifts one could receive. All kinds and sizes.
Boston Bags... \$2.50 and \$3.50
Traveling Bags... \$6.50 to \$15.00
Suit Cases... \$2.00 to \$12.00

- SHIRTS
The newest patterns and the latest conceptions in shirt-craft in the best known makes. A Useful Christmas Gift.
Heavy Work Shirts... 98¢ to \$5.00
Dress Shirts... 98¢ to \$4.50

- HANDKERCHIEFS
A great variety of both Men's and Ladies' Handkerchiefs, with or without initial, cotton, linen or silk in pretty Christmas Boxes.
Prices for either plain or initial... 10¢ to 25¢
Men's Silks... 65¢
Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs, three or six in a box; per box 65¢ to \$2.00

- SWEATERS
Are an essential article in a man's wardrobe, and is certainly appreciated. We have them in all colors, including white—some V-neck and some with collars.
Prices from... \$2.00 to \$12.00

- SEASONABLE UNDERWEAR
With colder weather just approaching the time for winter weights in comfortable undergarments is with us. What would be more appreciated than a set of unions?
Two-piece Suits... 69¢ to \$2.00
Unions from... \$1.25 to \$5.00

- HATS, CAPS AND TOQUES
Hats and Caps of all kinds for men. Heavy winter caps, dress caps or toques for the little fellows.
Men's Hats... \$3.00 to \$7.50
Men's Caps... \$1.00 to \$2.50
Boys' Caps and Toques... 69¢ to \$1.50

- RUBBER GOODS
Our Rubber Department is well stocked with Rubbers and Overshoes for every member of the family.
Ladies' Rubbers... \$1.00
Ladies' 4-buckle Arctics... \$4.50 and \$5.00
Men's Light Rubbers... \$1.50
Men's Heavy Rubbers... \$1.85, \$2.00, \$2.25
Men's 1-buckle Arctics... \$2.50
Men's 4-buckle Arctics... \$4.50 and \$4.75

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Proctor's Strand, Ayer

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18—Double Feature Bill "A LIGHT WOMAN," with Helen Jerome Eddy, Charles Clary, Clair Dubrey, etc.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 SESSUE HAYAWAKA in "Where Lights Are Low." Century Comedy. Educational News.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 AND 21 DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS "The Mark of Zorro"

From the All-Story Weekly Novel "The Curse of Capistrano" by Johnston McCully Directed by Fred Niblo

Brings to the screen a wholesome, gingery mixture of melodrama and vigorous comedy, crammed with whirlwind action, thrills, suspense and irresistible funny angles.

Special Comedy, "THE VAGRANT" PRICES—Matinee—Children 10¢ Adults 25¢ Evening—Children 15¢ Adults 35¢

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 WILLIAM DUNCAN in "Steel Heart." Sunshine Comedy. Review. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 EDNA MURPHY and JOHNNIE WALKER in "Live Wires." A Fox Picture. 13th Episode of "Hurricane Hutch."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 "THE RIDER OF THE KING LOG." A Holman Day story. Matinee at 2.00 o'clock Evenings at 6.15 and 8.15

The service in St. Andrew's Episcopal church on Sunday will be morning prayer at 10.15.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are holding a Christmas tree for the children of members at their lodge rooms this Friday evening.

The Ladies' Benevolent society met in the Federated vestry last Monday afternoon. Routine business was transacted.

The Strand. This Saturday the Strand presents Earle Williams in "Bring him in."

Camp Devens News. Staff Sgt. James Payne of the veterinary service has reported at camp for duty with the camp veterinarian.

New Advertisements. KODAKS FOR CHRISTMAS Can you think of any more appropriate or acceptable gift?

WE HAVE OUR USUAL EXTENSIVE LINE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS SHOP EARLY DRUG STORE Ayer

Thomas, who has been on duty with the remount service, has been ordered to Boston.

Fabian J. Olson, formerly foreman tailor with the salvage division, but now employed in Boston, was a camp visitor last week Friday.

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varying success. This year Capt. Curry, who created somewhat of a sensation while captain of the Camp Devens championship football aggregation last fall, did not attempt to make the team in the south.

No longer is the sound of the bugle heard in camp at any time of the day or night as the transfers of last week are the first time since June, 1917, that the various calls are not announced.

A board, consisting of Capt. H. C. Sweeney, Capt. Edward A. Austin and Capt. Harry E. Storm, has been convened to examine all candidates for commissions in the reserve corps.

The old Q. M. C. engine No. 1 is receiving a coat of O. D. paint to prevent too great a damage by the elements this winter.

Office hours in the camp are now from nine in the morning until four-thirty in the afternoon.

The commanding officer, Major J. C. Morrow, has placed in operation a traffic system with one-way streets, closing a large area of the camp to all vehicles but government transportation.

Capt. Harry Curry, formerly at Camp Devens with the 12th Infantry, but now at the infantry school in Camp Benning, Georgia, has received honorable mention of merit in the sporting columns of the various southern papers.

The Hostess House will be reopened on Saturday evening, December 24, for the purpose of having a Christmas

celebration to which all members of the command, their families and friends will be invited.

The department of agriculture has shipped out recently more than one hundred trucks which had been purchased from the abandoned stock at camp.

Sergt. Raymond Murphy, formerly regimental supply sergeant of the 36th Infantry, but now with the 16th Infantry at Fort Jay, N. Y., has been in camp for a few days visiting his brother-in-law, Sergt. Maynard D. Rankin.

Sergt. Richard Dobbin has returned to camp after a three months' furlough.

The camp finance office has been moved from the sports building that it has been maintaining and is now under the same roof with the other activities in the headquarters building.

Who is our new paper boy in camp, Tom?

P. Donlon & Co. CHRISTMAS TREES HOLLY LAUREL and EVERGREEN WREATHS

FRESH NORTHERN TURKEYS FOWL, CHICKENS, GESE and DUCKS FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES OF ALL KINDS OYSTERS and FISH in THEIR SEASON

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TOWNSEND

The high school basketball team opened the season auspiciously Friday evening with a victory over Murdock high school of Winchendon by a score of 21 to 16.

Though the game was a great success from an athletic standpoint, the attendance was not what it should have been, many of the old fans missing the opportunity to see a fast game in which Townsend's plucky team came from behind and eventually won out.

The high school second team was clearly outplayed by the Employed boys of the Fitchburg Y. M. C. A., who lost by a score of 23 to 14.

On account of the senior class play the high school has no basketball game scheduled for this Friday night.

The body of Frank Warren, of Townsend was brought to the family lot in the Riverside cemetery for burial on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Warren was a native of this village, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boardman Warren, and his sudden death of heart disease was a great shock to his many friends here.

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The funeral of Charles H. Weare, Sr., was held from his late home last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. S. J. Burpee officiated and Mrs. Madeline Sargent of Ayer sang "Nearer, My God to Thee" and "Some sweet day by and by." The bearers were Henry F. Burpee, Karl E. Goodrich, John M. Stevenson and Walter Knowles.

Among those from out-of-town were the sons, Lloyd, and wife, and Arthur, Mrs. Munroe of York Harbor, Me., a sister and Mrs. Laura Boynton of Norwell, a cousin of Mrs. Weare.

Mrs. Weare has been confined to her bed this week and her son, Arthur, is staying with her.

Ruth Merrill of Center road is recovering from an attack of chicken pox.

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Christmas Suggestions

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PEPPERELL

At the Opera House this Saturday there will be shown some extra fine pictures, afternoon and evening. The annual concert and dance of the fire department is to take place this Friday evening in Prescott hall. The music will be by Nowell's orchestra, with a concert program from eight to nine o'clock, and dancing will follow. The floor director will be William D. Scanlon; John B. Shiley, assistant; Ernest McLeod, John Rodier, James Winchester, Perley Dexter, aids. Ice cream and cake will be on sale. There will be free transportation from Railroad square.

At the meeting of the Men's club announced that a regular meeting will be held at Saunders' hall on Monday evening, for club members. The entertainers and orchestra secured for November 23 will give the postponed entertainment, the dance to follow. Mrs. Nellie McGrath is in Concord, where she will remain for the winter. "The Willows" on the South road is not a fit subject for the admission that has formerly been given by the townspeople and motorists. Many of the trees have been cut down, and the ground is strewn with limbs. The line of willows leading to the Richardson farm is in about the same condition, and owing to this breakage the telephone lines are badly tangled.

gave them warning of the approaching hunters. The New England Power Co. is already working on necessary changes incidental to moving the sub-station from its present location to a site between Ayer and Grotton. The Altruistic club met Thursday afternoon in the municipal building. There was a short business session, at which one new member was elected. The speaker, H. G. Townsend of Fitchburg, was detained for some reason and the meeting adjourned early. Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., initiated one candidate Thursday evening and one application for membership was received. Next Thursday evening the first and second degrees will be conferred on four candidates. Annon Encampment of Leominster has invited the members of Freedom lodge, I. O. O. F., to be their guests on Saturday evening at their hall in Leominster.

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LITTLETON

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barker left on Friday for Washington, D. C., Annapolis, Md. Robert Elwood Conrad Jones, Jr., of John's Military school, Manlius, N. Y., will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jones. Cadet Jones is a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the war department. He is taking a college preparatory course.

BOXBOROUGH

The next meeting of the Grange will be held December 22. Each Grange member is requested to bring a ten-cent present for the Christmas tree. There will be musical entertainment in charge of the music committee and refreshments furnished by the men officers. The library will be open in the afternoon on Saturday, December 24, but not in the evening. There were ten "Boxborough players" who took part in the cast of "The Electric Callings" in Clinton town hall last evening. The production was very well given, the last act being very effective. Mr. Duckers, who was in charge of the production, it would be difficult to make special mention of the others, as for amateurs they all did remarkably well.

SHIRLEY

Pepperell has been fortunate in having electricity so soon, as many towns are still without it. The other towns under the supervision of the same company, in Shirley and Hollis, the work is completed, including the street lights, and Dunstable and Tyngsboro nearly finished, but there is still a large amount of work as the damage was great, and much of the work has been but temporary to supply the current. New house service to quite a number are still waiting as it was necessary to first repair the damage caused by the storm before undertaking the new work. It is probable that all the new customers will be connected before Christmas.

SHIRLEY

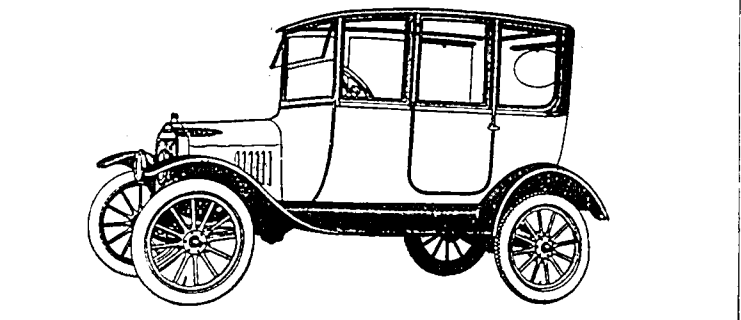
Douglas Fairbanks in "Mark of Zorro." One of his greatest pictures Mrs. Addison Wood and Wednesday, December 20 and 21. The usual services will be held in the Congregational church next Sunday. The subject for the morning service will be "The test of faith." Roland Hocquard and Mrs. Freeman Rouse are still confined to their homes and not able to be around. The others who have recently been in the hospital are able to go out. At the military whist party held in the bandroom at the Inn last Thursday evening by J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., nine tables were filled. The highest score, 10, was won by Russell Miner, Eddie Moon, Louis Simon and Lawrence Paucok, who received the trophy. The lowest score, 2, was won by Mrs. Charles Stebbins, Miss Anna Fissette, Miss Alice McDevitt and Alfred Gionet, who received lollipops. The Ladies' circle met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Jennie S. Knowles. The treasurer reported \$57.87 from the supper and sale last week. It was voted to give ten dollars to the hospital fund this year. Mrs. Emma Lash was made a life member of the Home Missionary society. Bossie Badger was in charge of the missionary meeting, which followed the business. She read two interesting articles, "What the Home Missionary society is" and "Frontier experiences and possibilities." Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting, December 23, will be held at 7:30 o'clock. Anyone wishing to have quilts, please notify the directors. The Congregational church will hold exercises and have a tree in the vestry on Friday evening, December 23, at 7:30.

HARVARD

The party who has been drilling a well at the Moore place, completed his labors after going down 200 feet, and has moved his machinery to George Galt's place in Harvard, where it is being used. Mr. Charles Simmons has been appointed as one of the teachers in the grammar school in Harvard, commencing her duties last Monday. Miss Erza Baraban was in Boston on Thursday. There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the vestry on Saturday evening, December 24. Margaret Farnsworth, of Worcester, was the guest of her grandfather, Deacon W. A. Farnsworth, Saturday and Sunday.

TOWNSEND

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cummings from Trenton, N. J., are guests at Ed Cummings'. Mr. Cummings contemplates starting in the poultry business in this vicinity, provided a suitable location can be found. Mrs. Gilman Conant and little daughter Sylvia have returned from a visit with Mrs. Conant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson, at the Center. Mrs. S. T. Locke returned to Boston on Monday. She will leave in a few days for St. Louis, where she will spend the holidays with her son Harold and family. A petition to the state highway commission is being circulated. The petition is for a state road to connect the state road through the Harbor with the state road through Lunenburg. This road is called Warren road in Townsend and Harbor street in Lunenburg. The road will be about five miles long, extending from the bridge at the Harbor to Callum's corner, Lunenburg. In summer this good dirt road is very pretty and muddy, and much used by autos. Wood and snow one feels like singing "The last long mile." This is the longest long way to St. Louis from Fitchburg, and the west end of Townsend, Manchester and the



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