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The first step for those who would like to see for themselves how much actual truth there is in all of the above, is to address

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WRITTEN BY FRANK M. MAULE, 402 BANCROFT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

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DEER AND MOOSE HORNS.

Interesting Talk About Growth and Shedding of Antlers.

Young Animals Retain Horns Longer Than Old Ones.

BREWER, ME., Jan. 17, 1901.

To the Editor of the Maine Woods:

Answering your enquiries about growth and shedding of horns of moose and deer, will say that deer shed their horns from Dec. 15, to 25th. It is seldom that a deer carries a large pair of horns after Christmas, though some spikes and two prongs are carried into January and in rare cases till February.

I do not think that does ever shed their horns. I have had four pairs of doe's horns and have known of several others. I have known of one pair of doe's horns being covered with velvet when killed about the first of December.

Moose shed their horns a little later, usually from January 1st to 15th. I once saw a moose with one small horn about the first of March. Both moose and deer which have large horns shed them before those which have small ones do. There are two reasons for this. First, the small horns being on younger animals contain less earthy matter and like the bones of a young person are stronger than those of older ones. Secondly, the large horns are more apt to be struck against trees when traveling.

The two horns are seldom shed on the same day or near each other, although I once knew a pair to be shed within a half mile of each other. To the contrary an Indian friend of mine in following a bull moose picked up an immense horn. He followed the bull a good many miles till a snow storm filled the track, but did not get the other horn. He thought that the pair would certainly have

Brought Him \$100 if He Could

have got the mate to the one he found.

The question is often asked why more horns are not found. The reason is that they are soon eaten by mice and I think also by squirrels. If anyone doubts this I can show them a moose horn with one of the points eaten off which plainly shows the marks of the teeth of the mice and I have several times found horns of both moose and deer nearly eaten up by them. Where horns fall out on a bog they last much longer as mice seldom go out on bogs.

Horns begin to grow in May. They grow very fast and are fully grown before the first of July. They are soft till fully grown and covered with a tough

skin covered with a reddish fur or fuzz, commonly called velvet. At first the points are very large and round at the ends and bleed freely when injured. As they begin to harden they shrink and become pointed and the blood vessels dry up and become part of the horn. The deep lines and creases one can always see on the inner side of the palms of moose horns are what were once the channels which supplied the horns with means of growth.

This velvet begins to loosen after the horns have become hard, which is near the last of August, and soon falls off, leaving the horns quite white at first, but they soon become brown after being exposed. When the velvet is shedding, the animals help remove it by rubbing their horns against trees. I once saw a moose with an immense pair of horns which on September 8th had pieces of

Velvet a Foot Square

hanging from each horn, making them look as if dish cloths had been hung on them. The brow prongs were then brown, while the part just shed was white.

By from the 15th to the 20th of September all the velvet is usually off and the horns have the rich brown color one loves to see on horns, although horns of very old animals are not of so good color as those of younger, having usually a whitish weather beaten look.

M. HARDY.

KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE

Between Spoon Hook and a Bear Trap.

Henry E. Capen, proprietor of the Augusta House, is in favor of the plan to license nonresident sportsmen, says an exchange. Mr. Capen, though few are aware of the fact, is a licensed guide and was one of the first to get an official number. He does not follow guiding as a business but he believes firmly in the law and to help the work along took out a license himself. So far as capability goes, he is all right, for few men know the woods better than he. There is nothing which gives him quite so much pleasure as to engage a guide and let the fellow take him for a beginner. When the thing has gone about far enough Capen begins to declare the fact that he knows a spoon hook from a bear trap, and when he winds up by producing his license to guide, the fellow he's hiring usually says things which wouldn't look well in print. There is no guide that enjoys being played for a sucker by one of his own craft.

SHIPPING LICENSES.

Many Pounds of Fish Sent Home by Nonresident Anglers.

Returns from the agents appointed to sell licenses to ship fish out of the state are coming in at the office of the commissioners of fish and game. Among the returns received so far, the largest are from Charles F. Tarbox, Grand Lake Stream, who sold 76; F. C. Barker, Bemis, 67; Chas. A. Judkins, Kineo, 61; T. L. Page, Haines Landing, 48; L. E. Bowley, Rangeley, 22 and American Express company, Greenville Junction, 14. It will be seen that from these six places which are but a few of those where licenses were sold, at least 2,880 pounds of fish were sent out unaccompanied by the owners. Of course many more were taken out when the sportsmen returned home.

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Not Tax Hunters For What They May Fail to Get.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 10, 1902.

To the Editor of the Maine Woods:

After reading in the MAINE WOODS the addresses of yourself and Commissioner Carleton, I feel as though I would like to give my view of the matter founded upon several years experience hunting in the state of Maine.

After considering carefully the fact of the enormous income to the people of Maine through the sportsmen, I take exception to the views of Commissioner Carleton when he says he believes this proposed license fee would not drive any sportsmen away. I think it would have a tendency to keep away a great many men who feel that they cannot afford to go into Maine and pay a fee for something they are liable not to get, for under the proposed license act a man has to pay a license to hunt whether he secures game or not.

This proposition seems unfair to me, to the poor class of hunters whose means are limited, out who, nevertheless contribute considerable of the income to the natives of Maine; it would, I feel, give more to the richer class who are more able to pay this proposed cost. I believe your suggestion wherein you propose to license moose hunters is a good one and should be given a trial.

I honestly think that a license fee enacted wherein the hunters would be taxed for every head they kill would be more justice than the recently proposed act. I think the people of Maine should carefully take into consideration any act that would be detrimental to the present income from the sportsman and pass an act that would remedy the slaughtering evil without killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

Yours very truly,
JAMES PATTERSON.

REV. DR. WALL.

Prominent Visitor at Upper Dam Dies Suddenly In New York.

Many of the happy company who each year gather at Upper Dam House will regret to learn that one of the number will not meet with them again.

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wall, superintendent of Presbyterian hospital, New York City, who with Mrs. Wall spent several weeks last summer at Upper Dam, last Sabbath evening died suddenly of heart disease. He was seventy years of age and much beloved by all who knew him.

GAME AND FISH ODDITIES.

We would invite our readers to send contributions for this column.

Looked Like a Deer, Anyway.

It was a Caribou man who, not long ago, purchased a fine Jersey and fastened her in a tie-up behind the barn. The next morning the good wife called attention of the purchaser to a deer in a field near by. The hero of this anecdote is a sportsman as well as a farmer, and he at once took his trusty rifle and proceeded to annihilate that deer, only to find when the deed was done that he had provided beefsteaks rather than venison steaks. His recently acquired cow had slipped her tether and meandered into the field where she slipped her earthly tether.

Rained Fish.

People in Salem, Mass., were surprised the other day to see small fishes falling all around them during a shower. The fish were dead and frozen. It is supposed that they were taken up into the air by a whirlwind, frozen and dropped.

Interviewed a Skunk.

A young man, writes one of our correspondents, had an experience last fall, with a certain striped animal, that left him rather the worse for it. He had been on a visit to his best young lady, and sometime before morning, started on his bicycle for home. As he was making good time, so as to be on the farm before morning, he did not notice that a small animal was occupying the same track he was. There was a collision in which the low posted animal showed his resentment in the usual way. The young man went home as soon as possible, and, out in the garden, buried his clothes where his father wanted to raise a hurry up crop of vegetables next spring.

Later there was a time when he wanted those clothes. He dug and dug, but no clothes could he find. Finally he told his sister and she took pity on him and dug them up for him.

Mouse Goes To Sleep.

A Bath professional man is making quite a study of mice. He works in his library at night and allows the little animals about the room undisturbed. He said the other day, with a smile, that on cold nights the mice come out, sit on their haunches and warm themselves near the register. According to his story one mouse, while getting the chill taken off the other night, fell asleep and toppled over on the floor and snoozed there nearly an hour.

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The wonderful development of the Rangeley Lakes region within the past few years has resulted in a constantly increasing demand for cottage lots on the shores of the various lakes in that section. With a view to meeting this demand, the Rangeley Cottage company was formed a few months ago. They purchased one of the most beautiful farms on the south shore, so-called, of Rangeley (Oquossoc) lake, facing the west shore of Maneskootuk island, the gem of the Rangeleys and the summer home of Frederick S. Dickson, Esq., of Philadelphia.

This farm is an ideal spot for summer cottages. It is situated close to the trout and landlocked salmon fishing grounds.

It is also especially attractive on account of its clean bold shore along the greater part of the company's half mile of water front.

The farm itself slopes gently, from perhaps the highest point on the south shore, down to the lake. The open part of the land is under a high state of cultivation and being comparatively smooth, it makes a combination that is very pleasing to the passer-by on Rangeley lake or whosoever may be looking in that direction from the Rangeley lake House or other points on the north shore.

To give an idea of the elevation, it would be well to explain that from the highest point on the property of the Rangeley Cottage company, Mooselookmeguntic and Cuspsupic lakes can be plainly seen. This will surprise readers who are acquainted with the territory but have not taken the view from this farm. Dozens of mountains including the White mountain range can be seen.

Very near the highest spot is situated a spring of clear, sparkling water that is always cold in summer and has never been known to freeze over in winter. This water is absolutely pure and has considerable local fame.

A very fortunate thing about the location of this spring is that it can be made to supply any number of cottages. It is the purpose of the company to pipe from the spring for the benefit of the summer residents.

The farm includes 218 acres of land. About 75 acres will be sold in cottage lots and the rest will be reserved as a wood lot.

The company has built a public wharf in the centre of the property and they are now ready to sell lots.

Prospective cottagers will be interested to know that a public highway runs through the farm. This road—offering as it does a very attractive carriage drive—is in itself very important. It is one of the best patronized carriage roads in the whole region in summer.

This farm is just across Rangeley lake from the Phillips & Rangeley Railroad station and it is located on the same shore with the Portland and Rumford Falls Railroad station to be located at South bog only about two miles away.

The Rangeley Lakes Steamboat company will land passengers at the Company's public wharf and furnish prompt and satisfactory service at all times, so that the place can be reached promptly and with perfect comfort.

These lots will be put on the market, at prices that can be well afforded by all who are interested.

OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY.

The directors of the Rangeley Cottage company are: President, H. M. Burrows, 120 Harrison St., East Orange, N. J., treasurer of the Rangeley Lakes Hotel company; Waldo Pettengill, Rumford Falls, Maine, vice president and General Manager of the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway company; treasurer, J. W. Brackett, Phillips, Maine, Publisher of MAINE WOODS.

Mr. Brackett will act as sales agent and business manager for the company and he will be pleased to answer enquiries promptly, but any who may find it more convenient to call upon or correspond with Mr. Pettengill or Mr. Burrows will receive prompt attention from them.

CHAS. L. BLY DEAD.

Well-Known Camp Proprietor Passes Away at Eustis.

[Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.] EUSTIS, Jan. 20, 1902.

Sportsmen who visit Eustis, especially those who used to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. C. L. Bly at Round Mountain Lake, will learn of his death with regret. For some time he has been a sufferer, but failed rapidly during the past year.

He died Jan. 16 at 3.30 a. m. Superintendent Geo. M. Vose, of the Franklin & Megantic railroad, very kindly sent a special train up to Bigelow and brought the family and remains to Kingfield, where they remained over night, going to Andover, Mass., the next day.

Mr. Bly had been connected with Round Mountain Lake camps for a number of years. At the time of his death he was the sole proprietor.

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ICE FISHING.

Abstract of Laws Governing the Sport.

For the benefit of those who wish to enjoy the pleasures of ice fishing we print the following regulations for this sport in the different counties:

Androscoggin County.—It is unlawful to fish through the ice at any time in Lake Auburn, Bethel's, Allen and Androscoggin ponds.

Aroostook County.—No lakes or ponds are closed to ice fishing except Ross and Conroy lakes.

Cumberland County.—It is unlawful to fish through the ice in Little Sebago, Sabbath Day, Thomaston and Great Watishie ponds.

Franklin County.—It is unlawful to fish through the ice on any lakes or ponds.

Hancock County.—It is unlawful to fish through the ice in Noyes, Bubble, Crocker, Jordan, Long and Pickering ponds and Eagle and Tuttle lakes.

It is lawful to fish in Green lake on Fridays and Saturdays of each week during February, March and April.

Kennebec County.—It is lawful for residents of the state to fish in the daytime, with not more than five lines to a family, and to take not exceeding 20 pounds of fish in the ponds in Sidney, Cochewawagon pond, Dexter, Berry, Ford, Pickering and Wayne ponds. Lakes and ponds in Readfield, except Maranocook, lakes and ponds in Litchfield, except Jimmy pond; all the ponds on east side of Kennebec river, except Three Mile pond, in which fishing is allowed only Saturdays of each week; also Horseshoe pond.

Knox County.—It is unlawful to fish through the ice in Cystall lake and Grassy pond.

Lincoln County.—Ice fishing is prohibited in Dyer's pond.

Oxford County.—Ice fishing is permitted in North Bird, Five Kezar's, Moose, Waterford, Denmark and Paris; Bear, Long, Waterford, Denmark, and Porter; Two Speck, Papoose, McWain, Kneeland, Burnt Land, Songo, Crocker, Proctor, Upper Stone, Horse Shoe, Bradley, Dresser, Farrington, Slab City, Brewer, Lower Kezar, Lovewell's, Clay, Haley, Charles, Pleasant, Lower Kimball, Bog, Rattle Snake, Burnt Meadow, Mud, Indian, Round, Twitchell, Hogan, Whitney, Clemon, Middle, Barker, South East, Bangamuck, Keyes, Stearns, Colecord and North ponds.

Piscataquis County.—It is lawful to fish through the ice in Sebago lake, Boyd lake, Cedar lake, Ebenezer ponds, Schoodic, North and South Twin, Fundatuncook, Ambajigus, Debsconag, Nahnikunka, Chesunook, Sebago lake, First Buttermill, Big Benson, Big Houston, Centre ponds, Mooshead, Jo Mary Caribou, Lobster, Chamberlain, Telos, Webster, Eagle, Allegash, Munstang, Millmoock, Canjogomoe, Churchhill, Chenquassabamitcook, Grand, Second and Ragged lakes, Pepper and Whitestone ponds.

Somerset County.—It is lawful to fish through the ice in Mooshead lake, Ellis, Round, Ten thousand-acre ponds, Rowell, Smith, Pickering, Gilman, Pierce, Sibley, Morrill, Fox, Sandy, Wyman, Weeks, Shaw, White, Douglass, Hancock and Gannon ponds.

Waldo and Washington Cos.—No lakes are closed to ice fishing.

York County.—Ice fishing is prohibited in Bonner, Leg, L. Shaker, Middle Branch and Littlefield ponds. It is lawful to fish for pickerel in Boyd lake during the months of December and January.

Franklin County Man's Idea of Hunting License.

C. C. Brooks, East Wilton, in reply to an inquiry as to his idea of a license for nonresidents replied: "I would make a very low tax for first deer and a high tax for the second and have it apply to everyone, nonresident or otherwise, and for the illegal shooting of deer, I would put the penalty at \$200."



BEAR STEALS CODFISH.

Boys Used a Little Headwork and Got The Bear.

Bruin Was After Mutton and Walked Into Trap.

Cub Would Drive Game Dogs Out of Sight.

[Special correspondence to the MAINE WOODS.]

TOGUS, ME., Jan. 18, 1902.

When a man has been for forty years or more employed in the woods as a lumberman, a hunter and a trapper combined it is not strange that he should be able to tell a large number of interesting adventures. Such a man is Mr. Henry C. Hamilton, who resided eight years in Perham Plantation, Arrostook county, and lived a considerable time in Somerset county, Dorchester county, lower Canada, for many years; and therefore, if the scene of the following article changes sometimes from Maine to Canada, it is only a necessary incident in the life of a man who has had such a varied experience. He has hunted bear, moose and many other wild animals, and a few days ago Mr. Hamilton told me some of his experiences with bears.

"Several years ago" said he, about twenty of us woodsmen were employed one summer in building a dam for log driving purposes on Salmon stream in Somerset county. Salmon stream rises on Johnson mountain, and is a tributary of Dead river, a short distance above The Forks. We had been working on this dam some five or six weeks, and it was three miles from the main county road to the stream. Our supplies of provisions had been left at a neighboring house, and a man used to haul them to our camp with a yoke of oxen, on a sled over an old logging road. We had a dining camp built, in addition to the camp where we slept. There was a floor in the center of the dining building and my place at the table was opposite the door.

"One day the tote man brought in some supplies, and there were about 100 pounds of salt codfish, all strongly tied together in one bundle. The man dumped the bundle out in the dooryard, and it was there when we went to bed for the night, as no one happened to think about putting it into the storehouse. The next morning it was discovered that all the codfish had disappeared. The foreman of our crew was inclined to think that some inhabitant from the main road might have prowled round at night and stolen the fish, but no one knew anything for certain about the matter.

"Three or four days passed by without any discoveries having been made, when one morning, as we were eating our breakfast, what should come along but a

GREAT BLACK BEAR.

He looked in 'at the open door, as if he would say, 'Gentlemen, I can tell you something about that missing codfish.' Right behind where I was sitting, there hung on the wall a good, reliable smooth-bore, with a heavy bullet in it. I arose, took down the weapon and aimed straight at the bear. His breast was exposed and presented an excellent mark. The moment the gun exploded, the bear made a jump, and our crew started out after him. Mr. Bruin crossed the stream as we were looking at him, and disappeared on a small ridge in a second growth of thick bushes. He was bleeding freely and we could easily track him by the bloody trail. After going about 200 rods up the hill, the men separated, so as to make a more thorough hunt.

"A short time after that one of the men came across pieces of codfish, both large and small, where the bear had torn open our bundle. Bears like codfish, and we had discovered the thief. It was soon reported that some of the rest of our crew had found the bear lying dead in a little hollow. We dragged the carcass down hill to our camp, and when we had skinned and dissected our game, we found that the bullet had cut a groove the size of that bullet clear through his heart. And yet, after receiving such a wound as that, he had still strength enough to run a distance of something over two hundred rods! Of course, I was very near the bear when I fired, and the powder and bullet have had an excellent opportunity to expend all their force. We did not

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weigh the bear but I should judge that he would tip the scales at from 350 to 400 pounds.

BEARS WERE PLENTY

in Somerset county then and hardly a week passed that we did not hear of one or more having been killed around that neighborhood, and our camp was only four miles from The Forks on the Kennebec river."

Another bear story told by Mr. Hamilton was of the following purport:

"My brother Andrew and myself began rather early in life with the bear business. When he was 14 and I 12 years of age, we started one day for a neighboring pond, on a fishing excursion. Trout were very plenty in those days, and we were then living in the township of Cranbourne and county of Dorchester, in lower Canada. There were several fallen trees along the path, and after going about half the distance to the pond, we sat down upon a log to rest. After sitting there awhile I happened to look behind me, and five or six rods away there was a bear slowly walking along the same path over which we had just passed. Now, we had no firearms with us, for we were on a fishing trip, so I thought I would make use of a little headwork. The bear had evidently seen us, for he sat down on his haunches and looked at us in the most innocent way imaginable. In a little while we started on our way and the bear followed us, but still kept at quite a

RESPECTFUL DISTANCE.

After going some forty or fifty rods we stopped, and the bear stopped, too, sitting down in the path so that he could rest his tired limbs once more. I said to my brother, 'That bear is either sick or he is trying to fool us, for he does not pay much attention to a human being, as most wild bears generally will.'

"But we continued a plan to get him. A little distance ahead there was a fallen tree across the path and a large standing spruce near it. I told my brother to walk slowly forward, and picking up a stout limb about four feet long, hid behind the spruce. Noticing my brother ahead, the bear came on, and just as he had his paws on the fallen tree, trying to climb over, I struck him right below the eyes with my heavy club. The blow killed him so suddenly that he never kicked, but when we came to examine him, his hair was almost all off from his body. It was in June and the hide was of no value. As to killing bears with a club, I may say that the most vulnerable spot is right below the eyes. A blow there seems to affect the brain.

Mr. Hamilton then said that he would give me another short bear story, and here is what he told:

"Within half a mile of that same pond where I have said we expected to fish, my brother-in-law and myself had hired a pasture. Along in the month of May, we drove six calves and twenty sheep to the pasture, in which there were sheds to shelter them in case of a storm. In about a week I visited the pasture to see how matters were getting along, but could not find a single sheep. So I hunted carefully about and at the edge of a piece of woods I discovered six sheep dead and badly mangled. I began to suspect Mr. Bear, and as I had my ax, I built a large

WOODEN DEADFALL

for a bear trap and baited it with some of the mutton. Then I started for home.

"It was not till a week afterwards that I went to look at the trap, and sure enough, there was a bear in it. She had the finest coat of fur that I ever saw, but the weather was warm, and she had been dead so long that the hide was worthless. She must have got into the trap the very night it was set. The fur was at least six inches long, and it was a pity that I had neglected looking at the trap, for otherwise the hide might have been sold for \$20 at least. But I also saw a pitiful sight, for, lying at the mother's breast was a young cub, dead, and soon I saw another cub come wobbling up. It might have been six or seven weeks old but was very feeble, and I had no trouble in catching it, though it

SPIT AT ME LIKE A CAT.

I carried the little fellow home and fed it with warm milk, dipping its nose into the dish. In a little while it became as much domesticated as a puppy would be, and after keeping it all summer, I

sold it for \$12 in Quebec to a British officer who was connected with the garrison. The boys around there would bring there game dogs of a Sunday to have a fight, but as the saying is, the little bear 'could whip his weight in wild-cats,' and was a good match for any game dog around, though at other times he was as tame and affectionate as any shepherd's dog could be."

H. M. CORBURN.

Superintendent of Hatchery.

The Orland correspondent of the Bangor News says:

Rufus E. Gray left last week for Moosehead lake to take charge as superintendent of the new fish hatchery station at Squaw brook about four miles west of Greenville. The buildings were erected on this spot by the state last fall and preparations are being made to have the hatchery business in full operation during the coming season. The managers are fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Gray who has had long experience as one of the employees at the Craig brook hatchery station at East Orland, this station being one of the pioneers in the art of fish propagation. Much that is now known of the business has been the result of careful study and experiment as conducted at this station. The business started here when but little was known of fish culture, but it has now been brought to a high state of efficiency.

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Big Trout Steal Rod and Go Down Stream With It.

(Special correspondence to the Maine Woods.) WILTON, Jan. 18, 1902.

Mr. H. O. Sewall of Wilton remembers that about fifty years ago, before any laws were made against taking trout with grapple, spear or net, he went to Rangeley Lake outlet and in company with an old gentleman named Clark, took from the stream in a very few minutes, ten trout, not one of them weighing less than 8 pounds. A gentleman from Cambridge, Mass., was there at the time and had a nice rod and line with two hooks attached, one baited with worm, the other a fly hook. In a moment after casting, two of the monsters took hold, one taking the worm, the other the fly. In a twinkling not a vestige of the rod or line was left to tell the tale. Mr. Sewall has taken, at the outlet, 200 pounds of trout in a net in one evening.

Mr. Sewall is 83 years old now, but he enjoys fishing as well as ever. Clarence Miller says: "Mr. Sewall is a great fisherman. I bet he can step right out here in the road any day and

Catch a Trout."

If Mr. Sewall recollects correctly, he is high line at Wilson lake, for about twenty-five years ago he took a togue from this lake weighing 10 pounds.

A. W. Chase, a Wilton hunter, shot a hedgehog last fall which was a great curiosity. The animal was about two-thirds grown, fat as a cub, but had no feet or legs or any sign of either. The mystery is how he could get around and obtain his living.

Mr. Chase also shot a crow which had only the under part of his bill left, the upper part having been at some time either shot away or else he was born so. This crow was seen over in East Dixfield, five miles away, two days before, eating corn from a man's dooryard. He of course could not pick it up, but just scooped it in.

TRADE NOTES.

The well-known amateur shot, Mr. H. D. Kirkover, Jr., of Fredonia, N. Y., in a recent letter to the Laflin & Rand Powder Co., under date of December 27, 1901, says in part:

GENTLEMEN—I believe I won the first general average ever won with Infallible Smokeless; that was at Titusville, Pa. I followed that up by winning first average at Erie, Pa. The following week I won first average at Rochester, N. Y. At Kane, Pa. I was third to Fleming and Waters, who used the same powder. This month I attended the tournament at Brantford, Ontario, won not only first average at targets from the scratch but made four clean scores at pigeons from the 32 yard mark.

I mention these things as I know you like to hear good things about your powder. I gave a friend of mine 50 of these shells to try at game, and he reported that he liked the load better than any he had ever used. I induced another friend to try 50 at targets, and he broke 40.

Wishing you a very happy and successful New Year, I am,

Yours,
H. D. KIRKOVER.

THREE BARRELED GUN.

Wilton Man Invents Rifles That Are Good Shooters.

(Special correspondence to the Maine Woods.)

EAST WILTON, Jan. 20, 1902.

C. C. Brooks of East Wilton is an inventor of no mean repute. He has made a three barreled gun for which he has been offered \$150. He has also invented and made a 30-30 sporting rifle, carrying five cartridges and weighing 6½ pounds, which must from its general make-up be a good shooter.

A 30-40 box magazine which he has invented is not a sporting gun but is for army use. Eleven cartridges is its full load, which is more than any other box magazine in the world. Mr. Brooks has patents on several other things that he has invented—scythes, bread knives and machine for serrating cutting edges.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED.

Hon. Henry O. Stanley of Dixfield Reappointed.

Hon. H. O. Stanley of Dixfield has been reappointed by Governor Hill as a member of the fish and game commission. Mr. Stanley has served on the commission for 30 years.

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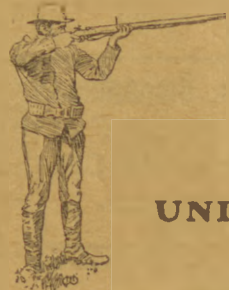
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HUNTERS' TAX QUESTION.

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Tax Game, Not Hunters.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., Jan. 21, 1902.

To the Editor of the Maine Woods:

If there is a good reason to believe that the expenditure of a few thousand dollars will so diminish the illegal killing of game as to keep the supply up to the demand, (of which I should say there was great doubt,) then either let the state appropriate it, or tax the game and not the hunter; or shorten the season.

Most people like to pay their own bills. Does the state of Maine want outsiders to provide the attractions that bring \$15,000,000 yearly into the state? Is there not percentage enough of profit in this \$15,000,000 to afford the appropriation of \$25,000, or say one-sixth of 1 per cent. If they will not do that, then levy a tax of, say \$10 on the second deer and \$10 on the first moose, or reduce the open season.

Be liberal and not exacting with your visitors and you will find it profitable and politic. Every dollar the state spends in adding to its attractions will come back many fold.

Very respectfully yours,
FRED S. POTTER.

Favors a Tax.

BOSTON, Jan. 21, 1902.

To the Editor of the Maine Woods:

I have read with close interest much that has been printed regarding a tax on nonresident sportsmen, and it seems to me there is more need of a tax on hunters than on anglers.

I am one of a large number who travel in Maine, spend considerable money in the state and take great interest in its treasures of forest and streams.

For myself I believe there is too much indiscriminate shooting of game, especially does and fawns, and would favor a tax of not over \$10 for hunters and \$5 for fishers, in order that closer supervision may be had. I believe also that a law providing that only bucks and full grown does should be taken at any time would prove beneficial.

Yours truly,
A. M. WOOD.

Opposes the Tax.

BOSTON, Jan. 21, 1902.

To the Editor of Maine Woods.

Query—The preservation of the hunting and fishing in Maine.

1. How shall the money be raised to pay wardens?

2. What do you think of the idea of taxing nonresident hunters (and I presume fishermen?)

1st. From appropriation by the legislature.

2nd. Decidedly not by taxing nonresident sportsmen.

The sportsmen who come to Maine are as a rule liberal with their money and it seems to me an imposition to place a tax on outsiders, who annually according to the published estimates, spend about \$10,000,000 in pursuit of their favorite sport. I think the principle of the thing rather than the tax itself would have a tendency to drive the sportsmen to other fields. I have good insurance to sell but I do not expect my customers to pay for my advertising in addition to paying for their insurance. The legislature should spend a certain amount to protect its fish and game and that would be legitimate advertising and return an enormous dividend on the investment.

Yours truly,
CHAS. S. ROBERTSON.

Would Skip Maine.

MARLBORO, MASS., Jan. 21, 1902.

To the Editor of the Maine Woods:

I am a devoted reader of your paper, MAINE WOODS, and read with interest both sides of the question of taxing non-residents. I say let Maine make her laws, then if nonresidents do not like them, keep out! As a member of the old Schoodic club of this city, I commenced going to Maine in 1881, going every fall, and in 1885 went in the spring and fall also, and have been twice every year for the past 16 years. I usually go the latter part of September so as to fish a few days and hunt a few also. I think the tax is all right if the money has got to be raised but I do not get as much pleasure with the gun or rifle as I used to. I do most of my shooting with a camera now.

Personally, if a tax is levied on non-residents to fish and hunt in the state of Maine I would keep out, but think it just if the commissioners so decide.

Respectfully yours,
O. H. STEVENS.

Fish and Game Association.

The stockholders of the Spring Lake Fish and Game association held their annual meeting at the office of John R. Viles, Flagstaff, Me., on Dec. 21, 1901. The following officers were chosen for the year of 1902: President, Frank Savage, Sr.; secretary and treasurer, John B. Carville; directors, John R. Viles, A. B. Douglass, A. L. Savage.

The association will be under the same management as in 1901, and improvements will be made to meet the demands of an increasing trade. Our guests of 1901 will be pleased to know that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drew have been engaged to take charge of the camps; to them this will be a guarantee of good food, neat cabins and boats and every care one can possibly receive in the Maine woods. The association voted to have an agent at the Boston and New York Sportsmen's shows and their secretary will be at both places with a log cabin, where he will be pleased to see all interested in this part of our state.

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FAUNA OF AMERICA.

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Mechanics' building will have a numerous fauna when the doors of that great place of recreation are thrown open for the third biennial exhibition of the Massachusetts Sportsmen's association on Washington's birthday. Boxes of birds and crates of animals are arriving daily at the temporary preserve of the association outside the city, one of the recent additions being a flock of canvas-back ducks, everyone in prime condition, and looking good enough to make all who see them wonder that these should be the first of their kind to appear at such an exhibition. It is, however, a fact. Heretofore black, or dusky, ducks, and they are extremely wild and vigilant; mallards, blue-winged teal, wigeon, and several other kinds of wild ducks have been shown, but somehow it seemed quite impossible to round up the wary canvas-back, whose scientific name, "vallisneria," is derived from an aquatic plant known as the wild celery, upon which it feeds, and which is supposed to impart to its flesh that delicate flavor which has elevated the bird so high in the estimation of the epicure.

These canvas-backs were not secured without considerable trouble and expense, but as they round out an almost complete exhibit of our American waterfowl the directors of the association feel that gunners and naturalists and students of nature will appreciate their efforts to try to make the coming show not only attractive and instructive, but complete in every detail.

Many attempts have heretofore been made to take captive the always alert canvas-back to break him in for decoy purposes, or to exhibit him at Sportsmen's shows; but he is a bird of the wide open waters, like the elder duck, and even when sound asleep with head snuggled under his wing he seems poised in the attitude of a thing seeing or scenting danger. Many of them are shot in the waters of Chesapeake and Delaware bays each year, but few of them ever so far relax in vigilance as to allow themselves to be trapped.

An interesting observation which the exhibition will afford will be the effect of captivity and the sight of so many strange things on the flock of ruffed grouse, commonly called birch partridge, which scurry to and huddle in one corner of their aviary at the temporary game preserve whenever a keeper puts in an appearance. The birch partridge, like the black duck, seems to be untamable. Deer, moose, elk, antelope, mountain sheep like "Krag, the Kootenay ram," whose set-up head in the shanty of Scotty McDougall quite haunted that old hunter out of his mind; caribou, bear, all kinds of small game and fur-bearing animals, wild-cats, bison and deer from several of the countries overseas will combine to make the miniature forest in the Mechanics' building abundant with game.

Considerably more space than was ever before occupied will be required for the fish exhibit, which will enumerate in its waters every known specimen of game fishes in America. The process of artificial propagation, without which the sport of angling would be barren of much of its pleasures, will be demonstrated by exhibits from some of the New England hatcheries, and in addition several specimens of game fishes from the tropical waters of the West Indies will be shown.

DEER THREW HIS MAN.

Wilton Animal Resented Being Fondled After Shooting.

Exertion Proved Too Much and Deer Fell Dead.

(Special Correspondence to the Maine Woods.)

WILTON, Jan. 18, 1902.

During the open season last fall, Horace Mosher took his 38-55 one day and started out for a deer. Mind you, that deer were abundant in Wilton, so that Horace was not bothered any to find one. When he discovered his game he pulled up and fired. The deer ran about twenty rods, in the open, and turned squarely around, apparently to see what was up. He stood in his tracks until Horace came up, and took him by both horns, when he gave a snort and a lunge, throwing Horace fully twenty feet down the hill. The deer then bounded away and ran about fifteen rods when he fell dead. It was found that the bullet struck him just back of the shoulder, passing through his lungs.

HORSE NOTES.

A Nicely Matched Pair of Colts In Wilton.

W. H. Chamberlain's five-years-old roan mare, silver mane and tail, attracts attention on the Wilton streets whenever her owner has her out for exercise. This mare is by St. Croix, dam, by Prescott, sire of Prescott, Jr. She is sixteen hands high, with head well up, and is an extra roader.

W. A. Palmer, East Wilton, has the touch on matched pairs, when he hitches up his span of chestnuts, five years old, and weighing 1075 pounds each. The fact is, you can hardly tell one from the other, so near alike are they, each having one white foot behind, to the gambrel, strip in face and light tail and mane. Both heads are up where they belong and although Mr. Palmer has owned many fine horses, probably no better team was ever tied in his stable than these noble chestnuts. One was sired by the Sam McLaughlin horse of Weld; he, by Fred Boone, the other by Cupid.

Guides' Meeting at Rangeley.

The members and contributors to the Rangeley Lakes Guides' association will hold a special meeting and banquet at the K. of P. banquet hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 25. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the revised by-laws and hear the reports of the officers for the past year, and to attend to such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

"Products of Rangeley Lakes."

J. Waldo Nash of Norway has made arrangements to go to the Boston Sportsmen's show and exhibit "Products of the Rangeley Lakes." In his exhibit will be over 50 fish upon which he has exercised his skill in taxidermy. "Nash, of Maine" always has something attractive and unique and there is no doubt but his exhibit will prove a valuable one.

Canoe Builder Dead.

The funeral services of Guy E. Carleton of Old Town were held Jan. 21. Mr. Carleton was the pioneer canvas canoe and boat builder of Maine, having established himself in the business more than 30 years ago.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1902.

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Judge of Probate—Josiah H. Thompson, Farmington.

Register of Probate—Frank W. Butler, Farmington.

Register of Deeds—Charles F. Coburn, Farmington.

Treasurer—Carleton P. Merrill, Farmington.

Sheriff—James F. Worthley, Strong.

Deputies—Alonso Sylvester, Farmington; Herman Sanborn, Wilton; A. J. Merriman, Jay; Heber H. Allen, Jay; Joseph A. Witham, Weld; J. B. Noble, Phillips; W. B. Small, Kingfield; George M. Esty, Rangeley; James H. Jones, New Sharon; Nelson Gould, Farmington.

County Commissioners—Daniel W. Berry, chairman, Berry Mills; Isaac W. Greene, Coplin; George D. Clark, New Vineyard.

Terms of Supreme Judicial Court, the first Tuesday of February, third Tuesday of May and fourth Tuesday of September.

Terms of Probate Court, the third Tuesday of each month.

Regular sessions of County Commissioners Court, last Tuesday of April and last Tuesday of December.

When the rails are slippery the engineer puts on sand and the wheels catch and the train goes forward; in business life advertising is the sand which enables the merchant to get over the slippery places—Advisor.

The question of licensing sportsmen still continues to be a burning one. It is hard to find any two persons who have the same idea about it, unless it is among those who want it left entirely alone. One of our correspondents thinks the idea of licensing moose hunters is all right, but would impose a tax on other hunters only when they have some game to show for their stay. This would not prevent many deer being killed and eaten in camp, while the rest of the world was in entire ignorance of the fact, and there would be no license money coming in for it either.

The sportsmen's shows held in New York and Boston and other cities are recognized as a great factor in keeping people in touch with the woods and camp life. There is inspiration in being where things woody are collected; to see the camps; to brush against evergreen branches; to see the fish and game animals, even if they are in confinement, and to talk with those who live near the forests. Every section in Maine should have a representative at these shows to tell of the benefits and opportunities to be found at this place. Every guide should make an effort to be present and become acquainted with sportsmen.

It is gratifying to note the cheerful tone that is heard on all sides among the farmers. They have had good reason to be happy this winter. Never have so many apples been sent out from this country before; birch is bringing good prices so that a good profit may be brought in during the winter from land that a few years ago was considered worthless.

The birch crop is one that can well be cultivated, as the numerous birch mills that are scattered through the country furnish a good market for the product. Then, too, it is a crop that will grow by itself without care.

To Every Reader of Maine Woods.

PHILLIPS, Jan. 14, 1902.

Our woods and waters are bringing Maine a good deal of money; and more every year. We ought to be sure that the attractions do not wear out; and they will unless we give fish and game some chance to keep pace with fishing and shooting.

The fish and game department needs more money for wardens to patrol our great forests and protect the moose and deer from slaughter.

How shall this money be raised? What do you think of the idea of taxing nonresident hunters to provide the necessary cash?

If you will write us on this subject, for or against, we will do what we can to further our common interest. Be as short as you can; we may want to print your letter.

Yours truly, J. W. BRACKETT.

The subject of Miss Thompson's sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning was "The Seriousness of Living," text, James iv, 14: "What is your life?"

James, the servant of God, not only asks this question, but answers it in brief by saying, "It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away." The statement is a true one, and is proving itself over and over again in our very midst. Even as the mist hangs over the mountain in the early morning, but disappears with the clear rising of the sun, so we for just one brief moment, it may be, come upon the stage of action, and then at the beckoning of a hand unseen, we are called off never again to return. Such thoughts might tend to moroseness should they occupy our mind to the exclusion of all others, but there is a great tendency to light thinking and even light living at the present time. It is well for us then that we call ourselves aside from the world frequently and shut ourselves in with such thoughts as the one which now confronts us.

Life is both glorious and awful. Glorious, because God is in it touching and tinging it with his own radiance, and making it possible for us to add to this brightness by holy living. Life is made awful because of its tremendous possibilities and responsibilities. Who, that has looked life squarely in the face, has not felt both? It is an old adage that if anything be worth doing, it is worth doing well. I admit the truth of this statement, and would commend well doing. But I contend that God expects our best and will be satisfied with nothing short of it.

In dealing with this subject should we ask the question, "What is your character?" we would perhaps get more out of it than in any other way. We are all acquainted with the saying, "Reputation is what men say you are, character is what you really are." The latter then is the more important by far. In fact, by character we stand or fall. Almost any friend of yours could write a book upon your outward life and get it pretty nearly correct. But only God and you self know your inner life, and it is this that shall be revealed at the last day. It is this which we shall be judged. It is this which will decide our eternal destiny.

A master builder, when he begins the rearing of an earthly temple, first looks well to the foundation upon which his building is to stand. It must be strong, tried and sure. We are all builders of a temple which the world may not see, and from which to some extent our own eyes are hidden. The day of God alone will reveal it fully. How necessary then that we look well to the foundation of this spiritual building of ours. God's word declares "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." A temple reared on other foundation than this, however beautiful it may appear outwardly, cannot stand. The earthly builder next looks well to his frame. This must be of the best material if he would have his building stand the shock of the tempest and the wear and tear of time. So we need a character framed by strong purposes and lofty motives.

Next an earthly builder aims for a symmetrical outline. The house must not be built out too much on the one side or the other or the beauty will be marred. To us need to have a care lest we have hobbies or become extremists. If we have as our guide the well rounded gospel of Jesus Christ and live in accord with its teachings, our lives are sure to be symmetrical and beautiful. The earthly architect was guided in his plans by the mind of the person who was to occupy the building when completed. So we must bear in mind that we are the temples of the living God. And our building will not be complete unless filled with his Holy Spirit.

The next question which confronts us in connection with this subject is "What is the purpose of your life?" There are three things which might properly be termed the world's gods, and at the shrine of some of these are to be found the great mass of the world's people today—Riches, honor, pleasure. God does not condemn people for being rich, but he does condemn them for making money their God. He does condemn a man who makes money getting the great end and aim of life. Riches bring comfort, luxury, power, with anxiety and unrest, but they do not bring peace, neither everlasting life. Honor, mere worldly honor may bring a certain degree of satisfaction which begins and ends in self, but honor also brings oftentimes danger, persecution and death. It is not abiding. It must not be the supreme purpose of life.

Hundreds, yea, thousands are chasing the phantom of pleasure today. And, like the child hunting for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, when they get where it seems to be it is not there. They who would spend life merely in pleasure seeking unit themselves for true living, and cause to arise in their hearts a sad, sad cry which will not be repressed until the soul finds its true home, that is God. The one great purpose of every life should be to glorify God. The death sentence was passed upon the ancient king because as Daniel said "The God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways hast thou not glorified."

I would next ask—What is the influence of your life? No life however small or humble, is without its influence. We are either making or marring lives all about us. As we come in contact with men and women, by our influence we leave an impress upon them which will last throughout eternity. There are four great avenues through which influence does its work. The home life, the business life, the social life and the church life. No institution stands for so much in the building of character as the home. The old song has more of truth than poetry when it says "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." How important then that mother's influence be just right in the home. The father, too, needs to look well to it that he makes straight paths for the little feet which are to follow in his tracks. I have been in homes which seemed like heaven itself. God reigned and ruled there. Then again I have been in others which seemed to me a veritable hell. All that was lacking were horns and a little blue flame. Fathers and mothers, you ask me to talk to your children and tell them the

sinfulness of sin and the beauty of righteousness. Throw about them the influence of a holy life and you will not need to call upon a stranger. We realize the importance of our business life. Would to God that all business men realized their obligation to and their opportunities for serving the true and living God. Social life today is not only impure but unreal. How much a life standing for righteousness might accomplish along this line. Lastly our influence upon the church is either positive or negative. There is no neutral ground. We cannot be half saint and half sinner. We may make great pretensions at it, but we cannot deceive God. He is not mocked. And he plainly declares "He that is not with me is against me." We hear a great deal about living too straight and being too narrow. My Bible tells me that the way to God is a straight and narrow way and I choose to trust him rather than the opinion of a worldlyling or a carnal minded professor of religion. There is just one way we may have a right influence everywhere, viz., by being out and out for the Lord.

My last thought upon this subject is—What is the result of your life? This can only be decided from day to day. Thank God this is possible. We need not go fearfully to God's judgment if we live every day as though it were our last. We may not be able to determine the result of our lives as to quantity, but we may most certainly from day to day be able to know the quality. If the quality be good, the more the quantity is increased the better for us. God help us each to make this a personal question "What is my life?"

FARM NOTES.

Wilton Shipped \$100,000 Worth of Apples This Past Year.

Oxen Are In Favor For Doing the Farm Work.

[Special correspondence to the MAINE WOODS.]

WILTON, Jan. 18, 1902.

Horace Mosher, Wilton, marketed 400 barrels of apples the past fall, 235 barrels being Baldwins. Mr. Mosher has 3,000 trees. He would advise anyone about to set out an orchard to go heavy on the Baldwin variety.

Enoch Bridges raised 125 barrels of apples and has handled 1700 barrels besides. They were shipped to Boston. Enoch says, "I \$100,000 worth of apples were shipped from Wilton station alone."

Enoch Bridges is a bustling farmer. He is wintering 47 head of cattle, 58 sheep and 11 horses and colts. He says, "I am going to buy a pair of oxen to work. I have used horses for a long time, but I do like the oxen." Mr. Bridges will have plenty of hay and some to spare. The Bridges farm is known as being among the best.

Good Herd of Guernseys In New Vineyard.

[Special Correspondence to the MAINE WOODS.]

NEW VINEYARD, Jan. 18, 1902.

Dr. E. P. Turner of New Vineyard has a fine herd of Guernseys and some of his cows are making big records for themselves. One of them, Chilli 2d, a thoroughbred Guernsey, gave 327 1/2 pounds of milk in seven days, which made 10 1/2 pounds of butter; also one 2-year-old heifer, Lady Olga 2d, made 13 1/2 pounds of butter in seven days. During December Dr. Turner shipped 720 pounds of butter to New York.

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IN AND ABOUT STRONG.

A Successful Entertainment By Ladies Aid Society.

Well Known Speakers to Appear Here In Near Future.

[Special correspondence to the Maine Woods]

STRONG, Jan. 21, 1902.

The entertainment given by the Ladies Aid Society at Bell's hall Friday evening the 17th was a decided success both in point of numbers and finance. The exercises consisted of songs, quartets, recitations and dialogues, one of which was by Clifford Worthley whose pants were rather large and wobbly and brought the house down. A Dialogue "Going Somewhere" was rendered to many smiling faces also the "Matrimony Hunt" kept the audience in right good humor. At the close ice cream was served, during which time the money taken was counted and reported which was \$51 over all expenses.

It is reported that Major Holman F. Day of Auburn will give one of his amusing entertainments from his own compositions in the near future. The Major is quite well known by his writings from time to time in the Lewiston Journal.

Dr. C. W. Bell has sent his Alclayone mare to Livermore Falls, where she will be trained by the well-known horseman, Mr. W. N. Gilbert.

Mr. F. E. Cook has sold his team of gray horses to Rangeley parties for a

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J. C. TIRRELL, Superintendent.

good sum. He has since bought a fine pair of bays of B. Harvey.

Marathon Lodge, K. of P., installed the newly elected officers Wednesday night, D. G. C. Harry F. Beedy of Phillips, installing officer. After the installation the lodge enjoyed an oyster supper at Hotel Franklin. The "White Crow" minstrels, who were stopping there, furnished music and gave a little entertainment for the lodge.

Mr. P. W. Mason and Miss Ena M. Thompson were in Phillips Sunday night and attended the revival meetings held in the Methodist church.

Messrs. Ralph Knowlton and Arthur Eustis were at Stratton last week, the former selling sleighs and the latter, insurance.

Our postmaster, Mr. Nelson Walker, was in Kingfield, Monday, to consult Dr. Pennell in regard to his eyes. It is to be regretted that the operation which he underwent a while ago did not result in lasting benefit. He was expecting to have another operation performed at his home this afternoon.

The services of the noted lecturer, L. C. Bateman of the editorial staff of the Lewiston Journal, have been secured by Aurora grange for the evening of the 28th at Grange hall. The lecture will be public and all are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Bateman has an enviable reputation as a lecturer and a treat is in store for the citizens of Strong and vicinity.

The members of Aurora grange are preparing for a public entertainment and oyster supper to be given in the near future, a full notice of which will be given later.

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TRANSPORTATION TIME - TABLE. SANDY RIVER R. R. Monday, Oct. 14, 1901.

North.			
	Tr'n 1	Tr'n 3	Tr'n 5
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Farmington,.....lv	11 00	12 10	4 40
So. Strong,.....lv	7 00	17 10	12 50
Strong,.....lv	7 05	12 55	
Phillips,.....lv	7 20	7 30	1 10
Strong,.....lv	7 22	8 35	1 12
Phillips,.....lv	7 35	12 45	1 25
Strong,.....lv	7 45	9 05	1 40

South.			
	Tr'n 2	Tr'n 4	Tr'n 6
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Phillips,.....lv	7 30	8 30	1 30
Strong,.....lv	7 50	9 10	1 50
So. Strong,.....lv	8 10	10 00	2 20
Farmington,.....lv	8 20	10 00	2 20

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Time-Table. PHILLIPS & RANGELEY R. R.

The only all-rail route to Rangeley Lake. The quickest and easiest route to the Dead River Region via Dead River Station. Stage connection with every through train for Stratton, Eustis and all points inland.

On and after Oct. 14, 1901, trains on the Phillips & Rangeley railroad will run as follows until further notice:

EAST.			
	A. M.	P. M.	
Phillips, Lv	7 45	5 30	
*Madrid, ..	8 05	5 45	
*Red's Mill, ..	8 15	5 55	
*Sanders' Mill, ..	8 30	6 10	
Redington Mills, ..	8 40	6 20	
*Log Track No. 2, ..	9 00	6 30	
Dead River, ..	9 40	6 50	
Rangeley, ar	10 30	7 03	
WEST.			
	A. M.	P. M.	
Rangeley, Lv	11 30	2 00	
Dead River, ..	11 42	2 15	
*Log Track No. 2, ..	11 54	2 30	
Redington Mills, ..	12 05	2 45	
*Sanders' Mill, ..	12 23	3 15	
*Red's Mill, ..	12 30	3 30	
*Madrid, ..	12 35	3 40	
Phillips, ar	12 50	4 00	
*Trains stop on signal or notice to conductor.			

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H. H. FIELD, Gen. Man'g'r, Phillips, Me.

Stoppage In Cattle.

EUSTIS, Jan. 20, 1902.

To the Editor of the Maine Woods:

I wish the MAINE WOODS readers would try this if they have any trouble with stoppage in cattle. Tie up about two quarts of fresh horse droppings in cheese cloth and steep in about six quarts of water, give while it is warm. A second dose is not necessary usually. This has never been known to fail. READER.

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TIME-TABLE. In Effect December 16, 1901.

SOUTH.			
	A. M.	P. M.	
Bigelow, lv	11 00	12 40	
Carrabasset, ..	11 20	3 10	
Kingfield, (ar	11 50	4 00	
Kingfield, (lv	7 00	17 10	12 50
*N. Freeman, lv	7 05	12 55	
*Mt. Abram Jct., lv	7 20	7 30	1 10
Salem, ..	7 22	8 35	1 12
*Summit, lv	7 35	12 45	1 25
*W. Freeman, lv	7 45	9 05	1 40

NORTH.			
	A. M.	P. M.	
Strong, lv	8 15	10 00	5 15
*W. Freeman, lv	8 25	10 05	5 25
*Summit, lv	8 35	10 30	5 35
Salem, ..	8 40	10 35	5 40
*Mt. Abram Jct., lv	8 45	10 40	5 45
*No. Freeman, lv	8 50	10 45	5 50
Kingfield, (ar	9 00	11 30	6 00
Kingfield, (lv	9 15	12 30	
Carrabasset, ..	9 45	1 05	
Bigelow, ar	10 15	1 40	

*Flag stations. Trains stop on notice to conductor. Mixed trains.

Stage connection is made at Strong with trains to and from Phillips, Farmington, Portland and Boston.

Stage connection at Bigelow for Stratton and Eustis, at Carrabasset for Flagstaff and Dead River.

GEO. M. VOSE, SUPERINTENDENT.

Portland & Rumford Falls Ry. DIRECT LINE TO RANGELEY LAKES.

Through Time-Table, in Effect Oct. 28, 1901.

THROUGH TRAINS. COMMOD OR SERVICE. GOING SOUTH.

	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Benia, lv	7 20		
Rumford Falls, lv	7 30	2 40	
Mechanic Falls, lv	6 55	10 41	4 07
Rumford Jct., lv	7 27	11 12	4 37
Portland, Union Sta., ar	8 35	12 20	5 45
Boston, (W. Div.) ar	9 45	4 10	
Boston, (E. Div.) ar	12 35	4 00	9 05

GOING NORTH.

	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Boston, (E. Div.) lv	9 00	12 30	
Boston, (W. Div.) lv	8 30	1 15	
Portland, Union Sta., lv	8 30	12 55	5 15
Rumford Jct., ar	9 40	2 15	6 21
Mechanic Falls, ar	9 15	11 08	6 45
Rumford Falls, ar	11 35	4 10	
Benia, ar	5 30		

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ARRIVALS. 9 30 A. M. Leaving Montreal 8 05 p. m., Quebec 2 40 p. m., Greenville 5 30 a. m., Monson 6 55 a. m., Guilford 6 42 a. m., Dover 7 00 a. m., Katahdin Iron Works 6 20 a. m., Carleton Place 7 20 a. m., Milo 7 30 a. m., Lagrange 8 00 a. m.

1 05 P. M. Leave Carleton 6 15 a. m., Presque Isle 6 42 a. m., Fort Fairfield 6 20 a. m., Houlton 8 20 a. m., Ashland 7 00 a. m., Masardis 7 25 a. m., Weeksboro 8 15 a. m., Smyrna Mills 8 44 a. m., Island Falls 9 17 a. m., Patten 9 05 a. m

CORRESPONDENCE.

Madrid.

Mrs. Louisa Chick is still very low. All hope for her recovery.

The county bridge is to be rebuilt and ready for travel by July 1.

S. C. Huntington now does some light work, but is quite feeble.

Mrs. Sylvia Wells visited at W. L. Dunham's one day last week.

Elmon Berry and Ernest Rowe of Kingfield visited relatives and friends in town recently.

The men and boys are hustling to get their supply of sawdust while the good roads last.

Miss May Dunham has returned to Rumford Falls, where she has been employed for a few years.

J. C. Wells is hauling lumber to Reed's Mill preparatory to the building of a barn shed in the spring.

Mrs. Sarah T. Norris of Wayne has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Lufkin, to spend the remainder of the winter.

The School Improvement league met Saturday night and initiated six members. It is in a prosperous condition and a drama, "Uncle Bob," is to be given in the near future.

B. C. Powers, Seymour Berry, Nathan Beedy and one more from Sandy River grange and Chas. Berry of North Franklin grange attended a grange meeting in Rangeley on the 18th inst. They report a very good time. A box supper was in order but the gentlemen bought the women instead of the boxes. A good price was paid for some of them.

REED'S MILL, MADRID.

The Ladies' circle will meet with Mrs. Jane Barker on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Dana Stinchfield hurt his hand quite badly last week.

Miss Bernice Barden was the guest of Mrs. Zornie Webber one day last week.

Master Kenneth Kinney is suffering with scrofula.

Mr. Wm. Chandler lost a valuable colt recently.

Miss Flora Stinchfield is working for Mrs. Lena Reed.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Ranger and Master Alfred of Phillips took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stinchfield and made several other calls in town on Saturday last.

A very pleasant family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kinney on Saturday evening. An oyster supper was served. The following guests were present: Mrs. Jemima Kinney, Wm. Dunham, Chas. Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Dunham and Miss Arlene, Miss May Dunham, Fred Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. Bonney Webber and Master Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kinney and Miss Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. George Stinchfield, Miss Mima and Master Linwood and Miss Mary Sargent.

East Madrid.

The sick ones are somewhat improving in health. N. D. Wing has gained so much as to be able to go to the barn and assist in the chores.

The Sunday school in this place was reorganized Jan. 5; the following officers were elected: Superintendent, N. D. Wing; assistant superintendent, F. H. Thorpe; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Thorpe; organist, Miss Ethel Thorpe; teacher of Bible class, F. H. Hathaway; teacher of young people's class, Mrs. F. H. Hathaway; teacher of primary class, Mrs. F. H. Thorpe.

Weld.

Lester Carleton is ill with pneumonia at his home in Webb.

Mr. Albert Sampson, who has been ill, is on the gain.

Clyde Delano of Dixfield is in town visiting friends.

Geo. A. Young of Portland was in town last week.

Mr. John Hunt of Farmington was in town recently.

R. O. Dolley, who is cooking for Bearce & Wilson in No. 6, was home over Sunday.

H. A. Coburn, who is working at Carthage this winter, was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Stevens is so far recovered from her long illness as to be able to ride out on pleasant days.

Mr. David Barrett, who has been working in West Peru, has finished his work and returned home.

Mr. L. F. Hoyt of Phillips was in town recently, working in the interest of MAINE WOODS.

Mr. K. W. Spaulding, who is teaching in Carthage, was in town over Sunday.

Mr. Charles Kehoe of South Framingham, Mass., is visiting friends in town.

Nathaniel Marden is critically ill with typhoid pneumonia at the home of D. B. Swett, where he has been at work for the past year. He is reported slightly better at this writing.

The electric light plant at the Weld Spool and Bobbin mill, which runs the village lights, has been out of order somewhat for the past week, but everyone is in hopes it will be all right soon.

Two gentlemen from Mexico were in town last week looking for a place to establish a livery stable the coming spring. Such an establishment would be heartily welcomed by the townspeople.

The German Remedy Concert Co., which played here recently, had a good patronage. On Saturday evening, Jan. 11, an amateur contest was held and a prize offered for the person doing the best specialty. Those who took part and their specialties are as follows: Mr. P. D. Nash, song and dance; Mr. Miltred Baker, song and dance; Mr. Fred Phillips, clog dance; Mr. O. E. Conant, song and dance; Master Lewis Dolley, song and dance. The judges were four gentlemen from the audience and three of the Concert company. The prize was awarded to Mr. P. D. Nash. LEE.

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Salem.

Geo. A. French of Phillips was in town a few days since buying cattle. Silas Dunham of Madrid was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Octavia Childs has gone to Madrid visiting relatives.

W. S. Dodge commenced to haul his lumber from yards to his mill Monday. Miss Elsie Tufts of Kingfield was a caller in town Saturday.

Master Ro'and Hinds and sister Rena were callers in town Saturday at F. E. Harris's.

Some of our farmers have been on the hustle to secure their supply of ice the past week. If it were a commodity that would keep some have secured a two years' supply all right.

The ladies of Salem will have a baked bean supper at the Union church next Thursday evening the 23d. It will conclude with a sociable for the young people and the older ones if they choose to avail themselves of the opportunity. JOE JOSH.

Daniel Plaited is doing quite a business in the birch line.

Burleigh Batchelor, who has been away at work, has returned home.

Alfred Berry is quite sick. He is attended by Dr. Pennell of Kingfield.

There will be a baked bean supper and sociable at the townhouse this Thursday evening.

Misses Lulie Heath and Eva Harris were in Kingfield Thursday, returning Friday.

A. S. Gifford of Fairbanks and Marshall Davenport of Phillips with the state agents for the De La Valve and N. S. cream separators were in town testing their separators. ROSCOR.

Stony Brook, Stratton.

Arthur Eustis of Strong was in town last week.

Ralph Lawrence of South Gardiner was here recently.

Misses Eula and Elsie Hinds visited relatives in Flagstaff recently.

There is just snow enough to make good roads and business is lively.

Frank C. Burrell began wagoning logs with one team Jan. 20.

Ralph Knowlton of Strong was in town last week with new sleighs to sell.

Miss Lelia Reed finished the winter term of school at Big low Friday, Jan. 17.

The Stratton band gave a concert in Green & Lander's hall Saturday evening. There was a dance after the concert for the benefit of the band.

Warren V. Larabee has finished work on the Russell Bros. & Estes Co's., new birch mill and returned home. The mill is nearly completed and will be running in a few days.

At a convention of the K. of P., held Thursday evening at Stratton, it was decided to purchase the grange building. The store is occupied by Jones & Durrell as a meat market.

Byron.

G. L. Hall has gone to the lakes. Thomas Gilbert and wife have gone away from town.

Frank Stanley of Roxbury has bought the Ben Brown farm.

Charles Rundlett is cooking for E. C. Poland.

Mrs. W. S. Compton of Mexico visited in town last week.

Farmers are harvesting their ice. A good time for their business.

Several parties are hauling poplar to the Hop City siding.

E. C. Poland is hauling birch from Buckfield hill to Gum Corner.

A school entertainment at the Centre schoolhouse next Thursday evening.

Mrs. Laura Knapp has had the appraisers on to appraise the estate of the late Fred A. Knapp.

Dance at the hall next Friday evening.

A whist party was given there last Saturday evening.

Ernest Knapp is getting out timber to build a new barn to take the place of the one burned last spring.

O. Desille's little boy Joe has been very sick but is much better. He has been attended by Dr. Twitchell of Andover.

West Mills, Industry.

Mrs. Dr. Nichols visited her old home at Geo. W. Johnson's last Sunday.

A series of meetings will be held in this place, beginning next Monday evening.

Nathan Johnson and Frank Blanchard of Farmington are away for a week buying cattle.

Revel meetings are still progressing at Starks, and quite a number, we hear, have been converted.

Mr. T. B. Seekins's children, Theda and Myra of Pittsfield and Minnie of Cumberland Mills, are visiting their parents.

Rev. Fred McNeil preached at our church last Sunday. He will soon go to Prince Edward's Island accompanied by his sister, Mrs. C. O. Perry, they being called there by the severe illness of their mother.

Fairbanks.

It seems to be a general time of health in this vicinity.

H. A. Compton, who is working in Kingfield, spent Sunday at home.

The following are the officers of the Sunday school for 1902: Superintendent, E. S. Bragg; assistant superintendent, H. A. Compton; secretary, Maud Nickerson; treasurer, Eliza M. Compton; librarian, Fannie Wellman; organist, Ethel M. Cripps; penny collector, Albert Burdick; teachers, Mrs. A. C. Nickerson, Mrs. W. A. Hoyt, Mrs. H. A. Compton, Mrs. E. S. Bragg.

Freeman Centre.

Frank Blackley has returned and finished threshing the grain in this section to the satisfaction of all parties, I think.

Eustis Bros. are hauling some fine birch lumber to the toothpick mill in Strong.

Plenty of snow for good sledding now and everybody is busy.

Henry Richards is driving team for his brother Charles Richards.

Eustis.

May King of Stratton visited Alice Durrell this week.

School has commenced again. Mr. Omar Chase is teaching.

Mrs. Fred Gordon has broken out a wood road from the village up on north side of the ridge.

Mr. C. L. Hly passed away Thursday noon after a long illness. He will be greatly missed, as he was a very pleasant man.

A DIVIDED VILLAGE.

Industrious Orchardist to Make
His Own Barrels.

[Special Correspondence to MAINE WOODS.]

EAST DIXFIELD, Jan. 20, 1902.

M. G. Fuller has lately started an apple barrel factory here. He has set up over 2000 already and intends to make enough in the future to supply the increasing demand in this and surrounding towns. Mr. Fuller has 4000 apple trees himself, so it will take a large number of barrels in which to ship his own fruit. The staves are shipped to him in the shuck from New York, but he will later put in machinery and saw the stock himself.

L. V. Prescott, the millman, will saw 500 cords of white birch into spool bars for the Merrill & Stoyell spool mill at Dixfield.

At the comely village of East Dixfield, when one is on one side of the street he is in Wilton, Franklin county, while on the other side he is in Dixfield, Oxford county. The post office is on the Dixfield side, but under a Democratic administration it is on the Wilton side. Queer, this post office business, isn't it?

CRUEL

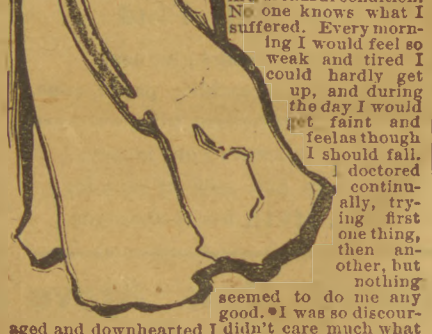
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How Dr. Greene's Nervura
Came to the Rescue.

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"Finally, some one told me to take Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and said so much about the good it did women who suffered from female weakness that I decided to try it. I cannot say enough for this medicine. Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy is the best medicine on earth for nervousness and female weakness, and every woman who suffers from these troubles ought to get Dr. Greene to cure them. I took four bottles of Nervura and my pains are all gone. My periods are regular every month, without the slightest pain, my backache is all gone and there isn't the slightest discharge any more. The folks who see me now, who see how contented and happy and strong I am, think it is a miracle."

Get Dr. Greene's Nervura to-day for your trouble, and write to Dr. Greene for advice. Address 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass.



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I have a nice assortment and the prices are RIGHT as they always are. Anything you can find in an up-to-date Harness Shop.

J. W. CARLTON,

Upper Village, Phillips.

TOWN PRINTING

Some towns, like some people, are not very particular what kind of printing they get. Other towns, like most people, want good, clean printing at reasonable prices. There are many things about printing

that some selectmen haven't learned. They haven't all learned that the printer who insists upon \$1.50 a page, will—if he's honest—give more on a page and better work than the other fellow. One of the select-

men in an

OXFORD COUNTY

town wrote me last year that he and his associates had given up sending their work to anybody who happened to make a price lower than the other fellow. They were paying \$1.50 a page, ignoring lower offers and they felt well satisfied. I saw a sample of the job they got and I know they were not cheated. I don't ask \$1.50 a page. My price is considerably lower. For samples and information, address,

J. W. BRACKETT,

Publisher MAINE WOODS, Phillips, Maine.

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50c All Wool Dress Goods,	25c
60c Black Dress Goods,	39c
8 and 9c Outing Flannel,	7c
7c 30-inch Percale,	6c
\$2.00 Black Waists,	\$1.00
\$2.00 Fancy Waists,	50c
Flannelette Wrappers,	89c

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We have a few heavy Capes that will be sold for less than cost.—A BARGAIN.

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Blacksmithing Solicited.

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Having had years of experience, I can guarantee satisfaction.

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Berkshire and Chester White, Thoroughbred and Registered, at my farm in Greenville, Me. Service fee \$1.00 at time of service. CLARK M. SMITH.

A well painted Wagon or Sleigh gives pleasure to the rider. I can paint them to please you.

I am also ready to do all kinds of wood work.

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Carriage work and wood work of every description done in a

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Iron and Wood Work.

I am now prepared to do all kinds of carriage, iron and wood work and painting. All kinds of hard wood lumber, and all kinds of repair kept on hand. Heavy farm wagons built to order. Horseshoeing and job work a specialty.

I am now able to attend the work myself.

T. R. WING,

Phillips, - - - Maine.

G. E. RIDEOUT,

Blacksmith,

Phillips, - Maine.

Household Column.

Under this heading we shall publish each week cooking receipts which have been tried and proved good. Will our readers please send in receipts for their favorite dishes?

BREAKFAST.
Fruit.
Toasted Wheat Biscuit. Cream.
Broiled Salt Fish. Creamed Potatoes.
Muffins. Coffee.

LUNCH.
Fricassee Tripe.
Tomato and Onion Scallop.
Fruit. Soft Gingerbread. Tea.
DINNER.

Stewed Chicken with Tomatoes.
Rice Croquettes. Golden Sauce.
String Bean Salad. Coffee.
Pineapple Charlotte.

Meats.

STEWED LEG OF MUTTON.

Make a nice stuffing of finely chopped beef suet, bread crumbs, an onion chopped finely, pepper, salt and a little ground clove. Make incisions in the leg, and stuff it well; tie a little bundle of basil and parsley together, lay in bottom of the dinner pot and on it place the mutton; just cover with water and stew slowly. Two hours steady cooking will be all that is required. When tender, take out the mutton and add to the liquor a large spoonful of flour, made smooth with a little water, stir it well, and in five minutes take it off and strain it; pour it back into the pot and add a wineglassful of catsup and lay the mutton in till it is served.

SHOULDER OF MUTTON.

Take out the bone and fill the space with a stuffing made of bread crumbs, salt pork, chopped fine, pepper, salt and sage, or sweet marjoram. A shoulder weighing 8 pounds requires an hour and a half, good fire.

TO FRY LAMB STEAKS.

Dip each piece into well beaten egg, cover with bread crumbs or corn meal and fry in butter or new lard. Mashed potatoes and boiled rice are a necessary accompaniment. It is very nice to thicken the gravy with flour and butter, adding a little lemon juice and pour it hot upon the steaks and place the rice in spoonfuls around the dish to garnish it.

CORN CAKE.

One cup corn meal, 1/2 cup flour, 1 egg, 1 cup sweet milk, 2 tablespoonfuls sugar, 1 teaspoonful cream tartar, 1/2 teaspoonful soda. It should be a thin batter and baked in a quick oven.

Mrs. Wm. Howland.

DOUGHNUTS.

Doughnuts that will not soak fat. One cup sour milk, 1/2 teaspoonful soda, 1 egg, 1 cup sugar, salt, nutmeg, flour enough to roll. Have your fat quite hot.

Mrs. O. White.

LYONNAISE POTATOES.

Take eight or ten good sized cold boiled potatoes, slice them endwise then crosswise, making them like dice in small squares. When you are ready to cook them, heat some butter or good drippings in a frying pan; fry in it one small onion (chopped fine) until it begins to change color and look yellow. Now put in your potatoes, sprinkle well with salt and pepper, stir well and cook about five minutes taking care that they do not break them. They must be brown. Dust in a tablespoonful of minced parsley. Drain dry by putting in a heated colander. Serve very hot.

Ina G. Douglas.

"KIDS" PUDDING.

One cupful and a half of sugar, not quite half a cup of butter, 2 eggs beaten light; add one cup of sweet milk, one pint of flour sifted, one small teaspoonful of cream tartar, one-half teaspoonful of soda in the flour. Bake in a slow oven, allowing an hour before dinner. Serve with wine sauce.

WINE SAUCE. One tablespoonful of flour, mixed to a smooth paste with a little cold water; pour over it one pint of boiling water, a lump of butter and sugar to taste. Boil pretty well and when cold flavor with wine and nutmeg.

"Kid."

Lewistown, Maine.

SPONGE CAKE.

10 eggs, 2 1/2 cupfuls of flour, into which is sifted an even teaspoonful of baking powder, 2 1/2 cupfuls of sugar, the grated rind and juice of a lemon. Beat well separately with the whites and yolks of the eggs. Mix first the sugar, lemon and the yolks of the eggs, then add the whites and the flour, which has been thoroughly sifted several times. Have the batter thin. Bake in a hot oven.

GOLD CAKE.

1/2 cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 6 egg yolks, 1/2 cup milk, 1 1/2 cups flour, 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon mace. Cream the butter, add sugar, well beaten yolks and lemon. Mix the baking powder and mace with the flour, add it in alternation with the milk, and add 1 or 2 more tablespoons

LOCAL NEWS DEPARTMENT.

—Mrs. S. D. Davis has been quite ill the past week.

—Will Bangs was in Rumford Falls over Sunday.

Mr. Curtis Lawrence spent Sunday in Farmington.

Mr. L. E. Vining of Strong was a caller in Phillips Sunday.

—Miss Elise Tufts of Kingfield was in town a few days this week.

—A Phillips man tells us that "Grasshopper Year" was in 1871.

—Miss Daisy Smith has been visiting friends in Bethel the past week.

—The Free Baptist conference will be held in the vestry Saturday evening.

—L. A. Worthley returned from Boston the last of the week bringing with him some prime horse flesh.

—Thomas Emery Oakes has written a couple of poems recently that he is selling for 5 cents each.

—Miss Vesta Beedy went to Farmington Sunday for a visit of a few days, with her mother, Mrs. Eva Beedy.

—Mr. Geo. Smith, who is logging on the Spencer, went to Lewiston last week and bought three big horses for use by his crew.

—Carl Cragin started for Janesville, Ohio—where he is to take a course in telegraphy—from Boston, Thursday noon of this week. He is due at Janesville, Friday night.

—Rev. J. B. Ranger will preach as usual in the Union church, Sunday forenoon. It is understood that there will be a union service at the Methodist church in the evening.

—At the recent installation of the officers of Kennebec Lodge, A. O. U. W., of North Vassalboro, Mr. J. L. Matthews, Maine ex-deputy, acted as grand guide. After the exercises he was among the number who favored the company with interesting remarks.

—Mike Mahoney, who has been at work on the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington railroad, is at home for a few days. He says the road is built to the Kennebec river at Winslow. Next season a \$150,000 bridge will be built. In the spring work will be begun at Farmington and proceed to Waterville. About 60 men are now employed.

—A man who keeps track of the weather pretty well informs MAINE WOODS that a large proportion of the floods in this county of late have done their big damage on Sunday. He cites the one in December as a shining follower of the rule. But the big rain of this week began on Tuesday night. On Wednesday the people were all hoping that it wouldn't continue until Sunday.

—Saturday afternoon Jan. 18, North Franklin grange held their regular meeting, worthy Master C. O. Dill in the chair. The attendance was very good. The third and fourth degrees were conferred in full form. The literary exercises were carried out under the direction of the lecturer, M. C. Cushman, who does all in her power to make the meetings interesting, and it is hoped that all will bear in mind that the next meeting is to be Children's day.

—A pleasant and very ably contested game of dominoes was played at the home of Mr. Albert Sykes last Wednesday evening. The names of the contestants were Mr. Joseph McBeth, leader, who was assisted by Mrs. John Williams, Geo. Oldham and Miss Alice Oldham. The other side was lead by Conductor Charles McCracken, aided by Albert Sykes, John Williams and R. A. Lafimer. It was an understanding before the game began that the losing side should furnish an oyster supper for the whole party. The appointed hour arrived, but Conductor McCracken could not be present owing to his train having to go to Week's Mills, so he appointed a substitute, one of the fair sex, of course, to take his place. The great game began and for one hour it was hard to tell who would win, so ably was it contested, but as luck would have it, the counts were in favor of Mr. Joseph McBeth and his players, and Conductor McCracken's substitute for once was beaten. But the oysters have been provided, the tables were set, and besides the stew, fruits of the season were liberally furnished, candies of all kinds accompanied the repast for the sweet tooth of the fair ones, and cigars for the gentlemen. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed.—Vassalboro Times.



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Weary and worn out all the time. Back weak and lame and aching. Headache, Nervous, Restless, Excitable. The Kidneys are sick.

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cure every symptom of Kidney Ills, from common backache to complicated urinary disorders.

Mrs. Mark Hyde, of 45 Thornley street, Pawtucket, R. I., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills have been used by both my husband and two daughters, and the relief obtained in every case was very satisfactory. My husband was bothered off and on for a long time with pains across his back, which at times became very severe. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, and procured a box from W. L. Wood's drug store. He used them, and in a very short time was rid of the backache. I always keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand, and would not be without them."

For sale by all druggists; 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

LOCAL NEWS DEPARTMENT.

—Mr. W. A. D. Cragin was in Farmington, Friday.

—Mr. Russell S. Currier died Tuesday at the home of E. B. Currier, his son.

—Installation of the officers of Sandy River lodge, No. 115, will occur Feb. 6.

—Up to the time of going to press no damage was reported to the narrow gauge railroads.

—Mrs. Henry Lowell of Farmington has been in town caring for her father, Russell S. Currier.

—Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Noble arrived in town Wednesday. They are the guests of his brother, Hon. N. P. Noble.

—The ice went out of the river Wednesday night and formed a jam above the iron railroad bridge as far up as can be seen from there.

—G. A. French had some fine oxen the last of the week. They were from F. N. Blanchard and were going into the woods at West Phillips.

—A special train from Phillips took the members of Pilgrim Commandery, Knights Templar to Farmington last Friday evening.

—The funeral services of the late Russell S. Currier occurred at Dr. Currier's Thursday forenoon at 11 o'clock, Revs. Whitman of Farmington and Ranger of Phillips, officiating.

—Messrs. E. H. Gowen and J. J. Moore, of the Phillips Water company, arrived Wednesday night. They were intending to repair the water pipe that is broken in the river, but the prospect is that they cannot do the work at present.

—The next meeting of the W. S. R. C. will be Saturday, Feb. 1, in the afternoon. Every member is requested to attend and bring a picnic dinner at 12 o'clock sharp.

—Miss Thompson will close her labors here Sunday night. She will go from here to Rumford Falls, where she will assist Rev. J. D. Graham of the Baptist church.

—Mrs. Chas. A. Bean of Livermore Falls was in town Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. W. B. Hoyt. She and Mrs. Cora Mower drove up. Mrs. Mower visited Mrs. S. S. Hood.

—The fourth Quarterly conference met at the Methodist parsonage, Friday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Clancy asked for a change of pastorate and the request was granted by Presiding Elder Southard.

—The board of trade will soon stage a play entitled "A Family Affair." It will be in charge of Senator N. P. Noble. Among those who have agreed to take part are H. B. Austin, D. F. Field and Miss Montez Ross.

—The Curvo club will meet with Mrs. J. W. Brackett next Tuesday evening.

Program:
Quotations on Venice. The club
History of Italy—Chap. I
Italian Notebook in December magazine.
Reading "A Water-logged Town."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Spool finishers wanted by Huse Spool and Bobbin Co., Kingfield, Me.

Geo. McL. Presson, optician, Farmington.

Printing of all kinds. Call on J. W. Brackett, Phillips.

Rex porous plasters—the best. W. A. D. Cragin.

D. L. Austin, Kingfield, dealer in general merchandise.

A. C. Norton, Farmington, advertises American Beauty F. C. corsets.

Legal blanks and sewing machine needles at Cragin & Hodgdon's, Farmington.

Mark down sale on ladies' button shoes at Fremont Scamman's.

Card of thanks.

Printers' Ink advertised.

AN EARNEST CALL.

Appeal For Greater Interest in Work of Relief Corps.

CHINA, Jan. 13, 1902.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

At the beginning of this new year which marks another milestone in our lives I ask your indulgence for a little space in your paper through which I wish to speak a few words to the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of the soldiers and sailors of the Civil war.

We all know the sacrifice those brave men made for their country, and surely, no one who is related to those heroes by the ties of blood could wish their memory to be effaced from the minds of the people.

What more fitting monument to their deeds can be raised during their lives than this grand organization of women who are so closely bound by kindred ties to that body of noble men who sacrificed and suffered so much that their country might live. Grand and lofty monuments may be raised so their memory in the future when they have passed away from earth, but here and now is where and when they need the comfort and sustaining strength that we can give as they go down the gentle slope of their declining years.

Especially to the daughters and granddaughters do I speak, who can but feel a thrill of pride at the knowledge that their fathers and grandfathers were the blue and fought that we might live in comfort and security.

Awake then! you who are favored by this noble heritage and ally yourselves more openly to these heroes by joining the ranks of the sisters who have already banded themselves together and are known in your town as James E. Cushman Relief Corps, and assist them in their work, than which none can be more noble. Grieved indeed, would we be, were our country to forget the service of these men. Wherefore, then, should we be so forgetful of their valor and heroism? I sincerely hope during the coming year, that the sisters of James E. Cushman Relief Corps will number many among their ranks who have not yet awakened to the call of this great duty and privilege.

It was my pleasure to visit your beautiful village early in November of the year just passed and to meet officially with the Relief Corps and socially with the Post. I found a few earnest workers among the sisters but there should be many more and I earnestly look forward to a consummation of my hopes.

Very truly,
FLORENCE M. WALLACE,
State Inspector U. S. R. C.

IN KINGFIELD-TOWN.

Dramatic Company Plays to a Well Pleased Audience.

Notes About Busy People In a Busy Town.

[Special Correspondence to the MAINE WOODS.]
KINGFIELD, Jan. 21, 1902.

Mr. D. S. Austin has put an acetylene gas machine into his store and will use the gas for lighting purposes. He thinks he will have the entire block lighted with it. He will put a meter in. He has built some small rooms in the basement of his store and will use them to store his groceries in.

The New Portland Dramatic company presented the drama, "The Iron Hand," in French's hall last Wednesday evening. The cast of characters was as follows: Oliver Montford, Geo. U. Hatch; Harmon Van Dorn, Wm. P. Plummer; Jack Minton, Arthur Plummer; Old Ikey, Chas. B. Kimball; Hawkins, Chas. W. Bartlett; Bella, M. Louise Twaddle; Lizzie, Elizabeth M. Dinsmore; Mrs. Dibble, Mrs. Carrie Gilbert; Hannah, Ruby Farrand. The play was spoken of as one of the best that was ever given here. Everyone spoke in praise of it. The characters were exceptionally well taken, and it would be hard work to pick out any that were not the best. There was a large attendance. A dance followed the play.

Mr. Will French has gone to New York, where he will meet his wife and take her to Florida or California, he is undecided which. Mrs. French has been a great sufferer from asthma for a number of years. She hopes to be benefited by the change. Last winter she was with her sister in eastern Oregon. She is now with her brother, Dr. Fred Winter, in New York.

The work is being pushed on the drama that will be given in the near future.

Mr. B. E. Spencer has moved his family into Winter block the past week.

Mr. E. D. Nickerson, who has been spending the winter here, expects to return to St. Louis in a few days.

Mrs. C. O. Wilkins is on the sick list.

Will Morse has begun to harvest his ice. He is expecting to cut about 300 tons.

Mr. A. R. Thurston ably assisted Mr. C. O. Wilkins in his sled manufactory a few days this week.

Mr. H. I. Spinney of Farmington passed through the village Monday on his way home from Bangor and vicinity, where he has been doing machine work in some of the mills.

Mr. Tristram Norton is reported as falling.

The Fourth Quarterly conference of the Methodist church was held in this place Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder Southard was at his best. He preached four sermons and held the audience spellbound. He always interests his hearers. He preached to a crowded house Sunday evening.

Mr. E. J. Snell went to Kent's Hill Saturday after his wife and returned Monday night.

Mr. Alonzo Campbell of Fayette has engaged to work for the Jenkins & Bogart Manufacturing Co. in the novelty mill.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. have their public meeting Sunday evening, Jan. 26, in the M. E. church, when the churches again unite in their warfare against evil. Rev. B. V. Davis will preach. His subject will be "Profanity." Pastors and people are all invited.

Mr. G. H. Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Safford and Rev. A. E. Saunders drove to North Anson last week to attend the Anson Free Baptist Quarterly meetings convened at that place.

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail," says James Prendergast, merchant, Annato Bay, Jamaica, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly warded off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. Sold by W. A. D. Cragin, Phillips; E. H. Whitney, Rangeley; C. E. Dyer, Strong; L. L. Mitchell, Kingfield.

RURAL DELIVERY.

Phillips to Enjoy the Benefits of the System.

Postmaster S. G. Haley has been authorized to start the three free rural delivery routes, which were decided upon some time ago, March 1.

Route No. 1, is over Blake hill to Madrid and back to Phillips by way of Bragg corner, a distance of 23½ miles. G. E. Rideout is to be the driver.

Route No. 2, goes down the east side of Sandy river to Strong, across the suspension bridge and up the river as far as the valley road, over to the Winship schoolhouse and out the Weld road, returning to Phillips, via Blake hill. The distance is 24 miles. Otto A. Badger will be driver.

Route No. 3 takes in Mile Square goes to Cushman schoolhouse neighborhood and East Madrid a distance of 22½ miles. M. H. Davenport will drive.

It is estimated that these three routes would accommodate 1250 people. Over 300 houses are reached by them. The supplies for the routes have not yet arrived. When they do come, it is expected that the people along the routes will be after the boxes in hot haste.

Births.

Farmington, Jan. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Danforth, a son.

Farmington, Jan. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Welch, a son.

Marriages.

Farmington, Jan. 22, by Rev. E. R. Smith, at the residence of J. E. McKee, J. Prentice Flint and Miss Lillian Ann Short, both of Farmington.

Deaths.

Farmington, Jan. 17, Mrs. Betsey K., wife of A. J. Herring, aged 62 years, 1 month, 10 days.

Industry, Dec. 9, Asa Quimby Fish, aged 64 years, 3 months, 24 days.

Sheridan, Cal., Dec. 16, Niron Luce, formerly of Industry, aged 65 years, 6 months, 7 days.

Farmington, Jan. 20, Elias H. Bailey, aged 68 years, 10 months, 29 days.

Phillips, Jan. 19, Mrs. Mary Sanborn, aged 82 years, 4 months and 30 days.

Avon, Jan. 17, Mr. Richard Ellsworth, aged 73 years.

Rustis, Jan. 16, Chas. L. Tily, aged 54 years.

Phillips, Jan. 21, Russell S. Currier, aged 79 years, 10 months and 16 days.

CUT FLOWERS.

For all occasions—Funeral Designs and Society emblems. Prices reasonable. Roses, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per dozen; pinks 35 to 50c per dozen; chrysanthemums \$1.00 to \$2.00 per dozen; white pink and yellow violets, 25c bunch 25 blossoms; statice, 25c string; calla lilies, \$3.00 per dozen, with leaves.

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Don't fail to read our extraordinary offer on page 7.

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My RHEUMATISM CURE is just as certain to cure rheumatism as water is to quench thirst. No matter what part of the body the pain may be in or whether it is acute or chronic, MUNYON'S RHEUMATISM CURE will drive it out in a few hours, and fully cure in a few days.—MUNYON.

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Ninety per cent. of kidney complaints, including the earliest stages of Bright's Disease, can be cured with Munyon's Kidney Cure.

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MUNYON'S INHALER CURES CATARRH.

"Grasshopper Year."

FARMINGTON, Jan. 20, 1902.

To the Editor of the Maine Woods:

I see one of your correspondents wishes to know when the grasshopper year was. It was the season of 1871. I remember it well. As your correspondent says, hay was scarce and very high the winter following. The grasshoppers harvested nearly everything in the shape of forage and most of the farmers in this vicinity lost hundreds of dollars each by being obliged to sell off their stock at reduced prices.

M. V. B. HARDY.

Carriage Painting.

Having just opened a paint shop in Rangeley, I am now prepared to do good carriage painting, house painting, boat painting, etc.

Yours for business,

I. W. MITCHELL.

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JAMES MASTERMAN.

Something About a Sturdy Old-Timer of Weld.

WELD, Jan. 18, 1902.

To the Editor of the Maine Woods:

One of the old settlers of Weld was James Masterman, or Grandfather Masterman as he was known, and who died May 10, 1842, at the age of 83 years.

He was an honorable man and a Christian, rigid in his religious views, and a Democrat in politics. He belonged to the Congregational church, to which he firmly adhered and in which he was at one time deacon. He was small in stature, quick tempered and promptly resented an insult, even to blows. When the Revolutionary war broke out he was sixteen years old. He served as cook in the army for a time, and afterward shipped in a privateer. He became a half-pensioner.

At the close of the war Grandfather Masterman made a number of voyages to sea, several times to the West Indies. On one voyage he went to Bilbao, Spain, and while there he made the acquaintance of a wealthy Spanish lady who owned many vessels. She told him if he would marry her daughter Poll she would give him a brig well loaded with a Dutch cargo. Then, after a pause she remarked, "But there, you wouldn't do it if I should give you all I'm worth." "How do you know, ma'am?" he queried, "Because," said she, "you've had a few hours' conversation with a black-eyed girl in your native country, and you never will be married either of you, until you are married to each other." Her remarks proved true. Masterman found his sweetheart awaiting his return, although he fully expected she would be married to another.

In the winter of 1803-4 Grandfather Masterman and his family moved from Deering, N. H., to Maine. They had got ready the previous winter, but no snow coming they postponed the journey for a year. After waiting awhile for snow they put horn-beam trucks under their pungs and traveled in this way for forty miles, when, finding snow, they pursued their journey on runners.

On reaching Andover they found there was no road through the woods to Weld, then known as No. 5 Plantation, so they were obliged to stay until March. In March the road was broken through Byron, and over the intervening hill to Plantation No. 5, a distance of twenty miles. In No. 5 Plantation they found only five families in as many log houses, in the midst of small clearings. They were surrounded by almost unbroken forests, inhabited with bears, wild-ars, moose and other wild animals, oftentimes bold and troublesome. The early settlers had to keep a constant lookout for the safety of their families and their domestic animals. An abundance of fish was to be found in the pond and its tributaries, and the settlers made good use of the supply.

James Masterman was married to Hannah Dows Oct. 19, 1780, and to this worthy couple were born eight children

viz, James, Jr., Marmaduke, Benjamin, Hannah, Joseph Dows, Sarah Sprague, Daniel Merrill and Rebecca, all long since passed over the "dark river," and yet Weld can now boast of many Mastermans and we hope she may for many years to come.

RAILROAD TIES.

Camp At Bigelow's Foot Where They Are Made Ready.

[Special correspondence to the MAINE WOODS.]

CARRABASSETT, Jan. 20, 1902.

Mr. W. S. Dolbear of Kingfield was here last week putting machinery into the mill of Weaver and Weaver.

These gentlemen are doing big business in getting out railroad ties. The members of the firm are Donald Weaver, who has been in this section for 30 years in this business, and his son Robert. Mr. Weaver, the elder, was here as long ago as when the Franklin company operated in Jerusalem township. This camp is located at the very foot of Mount Bigelow on Huston Brook. The camp is a very nice one, warm, light and neat.

The Weavers have now about 1200 ties on hand piled up in the woods ready to saw and they are cutting 100 a day to a man. Last week they began to haul to the railroad, some being used to help on the repairs that have recently been made. At present they are using a birch machine, but have bought an 8-foot machine which they will use as soon as it arrives. Later they plan to saw out cut dog stock.

Andover.

We are having fine sleighing. The lumbermen would like more snow. The lumber camps are working in full force now. They are hauling spruce from E. S. Poor's camp. Wm. Gregg is hauling lumber for a new barn which he will build in the spring. He has at present 50 horses which he is wintering. Some are very valuable ones owned by parties out of town.

Capt. F. Barker of Bemis was in town Jan. 10, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Poor.

Dr. Leslie has returned from Rockland where he spent two weeks.

Mr. R. A. Grover is improving slowly and we trust will soon be about.

The Knights of Pythias had a public installation Jan. 10th. F. E. Hoyt of Oxford Bear lodge was installing officer.

Ellis Glen assembly had a public installation Jan. 10. Mrs. Beau, G. M. A., and Mrs. Goss, G. C. C., of Berwick, were installing officers.

Lone Mt. grange will have a public installation on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21. The worthy master of the state grange will be present to install the officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harriman of Bridgton are boarding with Mr. O. B. Poor while Mr. Harriman attends to the business of the Andover Manufacturing Co., in which he is one of the owners.

About nineteen ladies, married and unmarried gave a whist party in Union hall on Monday evening, Jan. 20, to the gentlemen. There was whist and dancing.

The Congregational circle will meet with Misses Alice and Bertha Poor on Wednesday evening, Jan. 22.

Mr. Arthur Clark of Providence, R. I., is visiting Mr. Ingalls Bragg, South Andover.

Mr. Tom French spent Sunday at home.

Nathan Akers is home from Errol, N. H., for a few days.

Dr. Leslie has offered to teach chemistry in the High school one hour each day.

East Dixfield.

The Good Templars gave a social dance at Grange hall, Dixfield, Wednesday evening, which was well attended.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. is flourishing at Dixfield. The order now numbers over ninety members in good standing.

E. P. Butterfield, who used to do a large business years ago buying cattle and sheep all through Franklin, Androscoggin and Oxford counties, well known by all old-time farmers, is yet living at East Dixfield, where he is furnished a happy home by his two daughters, who are doing a very successful dry goods business at East Dixfield village. Mr. Butterfield is 87 years of age.

FROM FRANKLIN'S SHIRE.

Annual Inspection of Pilgrim Commandery Knights Templar.

A Very Interesting and Profitable Meeting of Fortnightly Club.

[Special correspondence to the MAINE WOODS.]

FARMINGTON, Jan. 21, 1902.

On Friday evening occurred the annual visit and inspection of Pilgrim Commandery. Grand Commander Clayton J. Farrington of Lewiston was here to inspect. Several candidates received the degrees, and at the close a banquet was served in the banquet hall by Caterer James McKeown.

The meeting of the Fortnightly club on Thursday evening was one of especial value. Mr. C. P. Merrill, Miss Ella Hayes and Mrs. Sewall presented Lowell's "Courtship", to the satisfaction of all. Mr. H. P. White then gave a selection from Wigglesworth. The next was a lecture by Mr. J. M. S. Hunter on his travels in Egypt, illustrated with stereoscopic views by Prof. W. G. Mallett. Miss Cora Lake gave a reading. The entertainment closed with an old-fashioned spelling match, after which refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in a social way. Professor and Mrs. C. M. Pennell, Rev. and Mrs. Kilborn and Miss Annie Riggs were appointed a committee to arrange for the next meeting. The program for that event will be musical.

Rev. John S. Penman of the Central church, Bangor is here this week to assist in the "Forward Movement" services at the Old South church. The subjects for the different meetings are as follows:

Monday evening, The Consecration of the Commonplace.
Tuesday evening, Self Surrender of the Truth.
Wednesday afternoon, Fellowship Meeting.
Thursday evening, Vision and Service.
Friday evening, Responsibility of Each Soul to God.
Sunday evening, The Inevitable Decision.

The Hoyt Cadets have decided to present a drama in the near future. The cast of characters will be given out next week and then rehearsals will begin.

Mr. H. I. Spinney is making preparations for the building of a brick block on the corner of Broadway and Pleasant streets in the spring. It is to be 30x60. He will have his machine shop on the lower floor and a tenement overhead. The building which he now occupies will be moved onto the lot back of where it now stands while the new block is being built.

If you are having trouble with your eyes call upon Geo. McL. Presson. He will find the difficulty and relieve you.

The Knights Templar ball will be given about the 20th of next month and will be the social event of the year. This will be the first given by the commandery in three years.

The display of stationery in Cragin & Hodgdon's window this week is one that attracts buyers. All through their store on Main street one will find a good assortment of the articles they carry. No more agreeable gentlemen to deal with will be found anywhere around.

Probate Court.

The following is a summary of the business transacted in the Franklin county Probate court, Jan. 21, before Josiah H. Thompson, judge and F. W. Butler, register.

Notice on wills of John B. Peterson, late of Farmington, Laura A. Wheeler, late of Chesterville, Henry L. Day late of New Sharon, Felix Chouinard, late of Jay.

Petitions for administration in the estates of Isaac P. Knowles late of Chesterville; Nancy G. Savage late of Wilton; John G. Powers, late of Wilton; Caroline W. Titcomb, late of Farmington.

Notice on accounts in the estates of Mary A. Gordon, David Jeffers, Alfred Hitchcock, Albert Thompson.

Accounts settled in the estates of, Achsa L. Crosby, Albert L. Luce, Sophronia W. Hall, Emeline Luce, Mary M. Allen, Addison Merrill.

Warrants returned in the estates of Drusilla Corbett and Samuel S. Fales.

Petitions to sell real estate in the estates of Elijah Manter and Jonathan Sanborn.

License granted to sell real estate in estates of Lewis P. Rowe, George W. Thornton, Josiah F. Prescott, Ralph C. Stewart.

Petition to sell personal property in the estate of Ebenezer S. Johnson.

Representation of insolvency in the estate of Benning Glines, late of Chesterville.

Distribution ordered in the estates of George W. Harris late of New Sharon; John L. Pratt late of Carthage; James C. Harper late of Wilton; Clarence M. Davis late of Phillips.

A Cure For Lumbago.

W. C. Williamson, of Amherst, Va., says: "For more than a year I suffered from lumbago. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me entire relief, which all other remedies had failed to do." Sold by W. A. D. Cragin, Phillips; E. H. Whitney, Rangeley; C. E. Dyer, Strong; L. L. Mitchell, Kingfield.

Franklin County Real Estate.

The following are the latest real estate transfers as recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds:

Farmington—Cyrene M. Tuttle of Brockton, Mass., to Charles A. Kennedy, land with buildings, \$1 val con., (war.)

Avon—Frank H. Welch of Temple to Chas. T. Hodgkins of Temple, real estate, \$1 val con., (quit.) Chas. A. Gould of Farmington to Sidney G. Haley of Phillips, undivided half of land, \$1 val con., (quit.)

New Sharon—Franklin W. Patterson of Industry to Geo. E. Stone, real estate, \$200. (quit.)

Industry—Geo. W. Patterson to Chas. E. Stone of New Sharon, home farm and undivided half of land, \$133.33 (quit.)

Rangeley—Fred Souto to Dana Blodgett, land, \$1 val con., (quit.)

Township No. 1—Isaac W. Greene of Coplin Plantation, to Frank W. Butler of Farmington, land, \$1 val con., (quit.)

Wilton—Henson W. Brown to C. Fred Blanchard, 1 part in common of land, \$1 val con., (quit.)

MAINE BANKS.

A Gain In Depositors, Deposits and Dividends the Past Year.

Way Owners of Unclaimed Deposits May Be Found.

The annual report of the State Bank Examiner, Hon. F. E. Timberlake has been submitted to the Governor and Council.

Mr. Timberlake finds there is a gain of two in the banking institutions of the state, making 103 at the present time. The total assets makes a per capita of \$133.47 for each inhabitant of the state, and the returns show that the increase comes from the poorer classes. A gain of \$112,553.39 has been made in the dividends and interest paid depositors and stockholders. He takes up the matter of street railroad bonds and finds that the law regarding them is not being lived up to.

Some attention is given to the unclaimed deposits, which have been given considerable prominence of late through the newspapers. A law enacted in 1899 which provided that when a bank closed up its affairs and a deposit of this nature was on its books the amount should be turned into the state treasury subject to redemption within 20 years. Mr. Timberlake suggests that banks should be required to advertise such deposits in the local papers and in that way find many of the depositors.

The Phillips National Bank, Phillips, - Maine.

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NOTICE.

Dr. J. R. Kittridge, Dentist, of Farmington, Maine.

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Hotel Franklin, Strong, Jan. 21.
Lewis Reed's, Ree's Mill, Jan. 25.
Oakes House, Rangeley, Jan. 27 and 28.
Hotel Blanchard, Stratton, Jan. 30.
Shaw House, Eustis, Jan. 31.
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MAINE WOODS

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On Monday, February 17, 1902, a Quaker Range will be given to the lady in Kingfield, Eustis, Stratton, Salem, Bigelow, Dead River Plantation, Carrabassett or Flagstaff, who shall receive the greatest number of votes. Any lady in these towns may enter the contest.

Rules of the Contest.

It is essential to the contest that the names of not less than two contestants appear and remain actively engaged until the close. In the event of the withdrawal of all active candidates but one, there can be no contest and the prize will be withdrawn.

A coupon will be printed in each and every issue of the MAINE WOODS until and including Friday, February 14, 1902, which will contain the last coupon. The contest will close at this paper's business office at 6 o'clock p. m. the following Monday, February 17, when the votes will be counted by a committee representing the leading contestants.

1. For every yearly new subscriber to this paper at \$1 two hundred votes will be given. A new subscriber may pay as many years in advance as he wishes and receive votes at the rate of 200 for each \$1 per year paid; but all these payments must be made in advance at one time.

2. For every \$1 paid by present subscribers, either arrearages of accounts or in advance on present subscription, one hundred votes will be given.

3. Changes in subscriptions from one member to another of the same family, etc., made for the obvious purpose of securing the increased number of votes given to new subscribers, cannot be permitted.

4. Each issue of the MAINE WOODS will contain one coupon, which, when filled out and delivered at the MAINE WOODS office, will count as one vote.

There will be no single votes for sale; votes can only be obtained as above set forth, or by clipping from the paper the votes that appear below.

Votes will be counted each Wednesday during the contest and the figures of such counting printed in the following issue of the paper.

All communications should be addressed to Voting Contest, this office.

Maine Woods Quaker Range

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The standing of the various contestants will be published in the MAINE WOODS every week till the close.

Mrs. H. C. Winter, Kingfield,3370

Mrs. May Savage, Flagstaff,1844

Mrs. J. E. Hatch, Kingfield,1000

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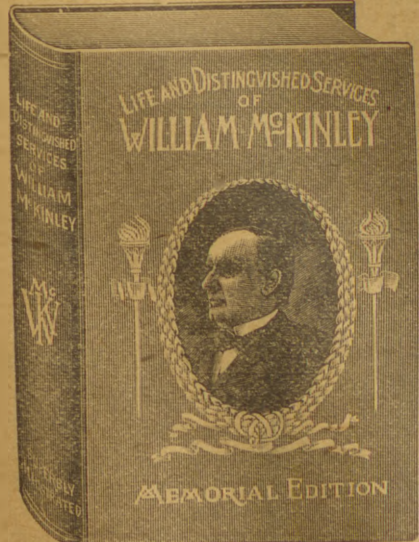
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LOCAL NEWS DEPARTMENT.

—Mrs. E. W. Voter was in Farmington, Friday.

—Mr. E. R. Toothaker was in Portland last week.

—Mrs. F. H. Wilbur returned from Portland Thursday night.

—Mr. Amos True of Sandy River Plantation was in town Saturday.

—Mr. M. S. Hinkley has been confined to the house for several days.

—Mr. H. B. Trask of Weld was over to call upon Phillips friends Saturday.

—Miss Annie Timberlake is confined to the house by a severe attack of erysipelas.

—Mr. I. N. Spofford of Lewiston has been visiting at Mr. G. E. Rideout's for a few days.

—Mrs. Della Toothaker, Mrs. Walter Lowland and son moved to Rumford Falls, Friday.

—The officers of Hope Rebekah lodge, are requested to be present at the meeting Friday evening.

—Mr. J. F. Connolly of the Bangor Commercial was in town Monday and Tuesday of this week.

—Mrs. Julia Hinkley of Farmington is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. D. F. Field.

—Fred O'Connell was called home Friday by a telegram which announced the death of his mother.

—Miss Milia Bangs returned from Rumford Falls, where she has been for a few days, Friday night.

—Have you seen those light one-horse sleds at Sewall & Sanborn's, Wilton? They are offering them at low prices.

—Mr. W. G. Bamford returned to his home in Livermore Falls to remain for a few days before going to his new position.

—Mrs. A. L. Matthews of Lincoln recently underwent an operation for removal of a tumor. She is now much improved.

—Mr. W. H. Drisko, who formerly lived at Redington, has bought out the principal market at Lincoln and is doing a good business.

—Master Harry Hinkley is in Phillips with his mother, and attends the High school in Farmington, going back and forth each day.

—Mr. E. H. Shepard has had an acetylene lighting plant put into his store. If he likes it well enough, he intends to put the lights into the hall above. Earle Larrabee did the work.

—Mr. Richard Ellsworth, who lived on the Mile Square, died Friday night at the age of 73 years. The funeral was held at his late home Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. J. B. Ranger officiating.

—Mr. M. W. Bean says that "Grass-hopper Year" was the year following the big freshet. That would make it 1870. He says he sowed a lot of grain that year and had to cut it green in order to save it.

—The selectmen have paid nearly all of the bills necessitated by the freshet. The amount was about what they estimated it to be. At West Phillips a long piece of road that had been gullied out, was filled in with logs, etc., to last till spring. It is all that could be done at this season.

—There is something of a controversy at the store of A. S. Beedy & Co. over a little matter. They say a man comes in there and buys a pound of meat which comes to 17 cents; going to the counter he picks up a quarter and passes it over; the clerk hands him back 8 cents. Now they are asking how much Beedy is out.

—Willis Hoar has made two music rolls from birch bark that are very neat. The roll is of one piece, has a bark handle and fastener. The only parts that are not bark are the metal pieces that fasten the parts together. It is an exceedingly ingenious contrivance.

—Some of the boys of the village have formed a double quartet and have regular meetings for rehearsal. In the number are Willis Hoar, Leon Timberlake, Albert Carlton, Harold Ross, Charlie Steward, Will Dolbier, Willie Stewart and Norman Butler.

—Mrs. Mary Sanborn, mother of Mrs. A. M. Greenwood, died at Mr. Greenwood's home early Sunday morning. Mrs. Sanborn had been sick for some time. The funeral services were held at the house Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. R. Smith of Farmington officiating. An obituary notice will appear later.

—Saturday, the son of Alonzo Pease, was driving into the village with a load of logs, when the team and a Sandy River engine collided at the Pleasant street crossing. It is not known whether the boy could not hold the horses or not. Sled and logs went down over the bank while the horses ran through the field and towards home.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler came last week for a few days' visit to Mr. Wheeler's relatives. Mr. Wheeler is now located in the southwestern part of Virginia, where he is engaged in the lumber business for a New York firm. He is at the highest point east of the Rocky mountains where there is a regular railroad station. One of his first remarks on reaching Phillips was "How warm it is here." He says he has suffered from the cold there as much as he has here. On their way back to Virginia they will stop for a few days at Mrs. Wheeler's home in Connecticut.

—A Franklin county blacksmith of many years ago was the principal figure in the following episode which illustrates the difficulties of the English language. The blacksmith was a religious man and preached on Sundays. As the work flourished at the smithy, the workman put out a large sign with this inscription: "Loss Shueing." After the old man had endured the remarks of stage passengers and other passers-by a whole week, he got tired and remarked: "I'll jest let them fellers know that I can spell when I've gut to." So he turned to the only book he ever tried to read—his bible—and soon had out a new sign which bore this strange device: "Horse Shewing."—Ex.

RANGELEY NEWS NOTES.

Entertainments Held at Various Places in Town.

Notes About the Sick and Those Who Are Well.

[Special correspondence to the MAINE WOODS.]

RANGELEY, Jan. 22, 1902.

Nat Ellis has sold twenty-five fire extinguishers in town. There are now in the village forty-six of them, which when mustered into service would be pretty sure to hold in check, if not to totally extinguish, any fire liable to occur.

Elliott Russell, who is spending the winter in Arizona, writes to friends in town that he will be back here again next summer.

Bert Herrick has returned from the Massachusetts hospital in Boston, with the trouble that has rendered him nearly helpless the past three months, closely coked in a bottle. He has the assurance that he will have a perfectly well knee next summer.

The grange gave a sheet and pillowcase or basket social at the town hall on Saturday evening. About 100 were present. There were twenty-five baskets sold at auction. One dollar and twenty cents was the highest price paid for a basket.

The rug mania, which we believe is quite general in the county just now, is at its climax in Rangeley. The pioneers of the enterprise have got their rugs but those who came in later are still soliciting coupon purchasers. These coupons are equally effective as a means of defense or offense.

H. A. Furbish and James Mathieson started on the 21st for a second trip into the logging camps to sell jewelry. Their first trip was highly successful as they disposed of about \$1,000 worth at the three camps of Bean & Whitcomb on the Cuscutic.

Fred Haley recently received a severe gash in the face near his jaw, by a falling stub which hit his ax.

The friends of Mrs. F. B. Peabody will be pleased to learn that she has of late been able to sit up and has even taken a few steps.

A workman was brought out from Spaulding's camps on the 10th with a broken leg. This is the first one for the winter in this section. The lumbermen have been quite fortunate thus far.

There is much sickness in town just now. George Wakely, E. I. Herrick, Mrs. E. I. Herrick and Mrs. M. D. Tibbetts are among the number.

Friday evening in the logging woods of Herbert and Abram Ross, gathered a merry party in La Quinta, the camp of Herbert Ross and Jim Wilcox, where Mrs. Ross and daughter and Mrs. Wilcox are spending the winter. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ross, Miss Ida Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ross, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilcox, Jodie and Elbridge Ross. Popcorn and molasses candy were served and a general good time enjoyed. The guests took their departure the next day after a picture of the group had been taken.

School Notes.

The seniors have begun the work on the Phillippian to be published at the end of the term. The following are the members of the editorial staff: Carl Beedy, editor in chief; associate editors, Lee Ellsworth, literary; Charles Kennistown, school notes and quotations; Will Steward, alumni; Christine Cragin, exchanges; Florence Smith, business manager.

The double windows that were put on the schoolhouse sometime during the Christmas vacation are a great improvement.

Miss Katie Toothaker will board at J. B. Noble's for the remainder of the term.

The seniors had a class meeting recently that lasted two hours and thirty-five minutes. This, we think, beats the record.

North Franklin Pomona.

North Franklin Pomona grange met with North Franklin grange at Phillips, Jan. 16, the subordinate granges being well represented and a great deal of interest manifested. This grange now numbers 228, having made a gain in the past year of 108 members. At the appointed hour the master, C. E. Berry called the meeting to order. After the regular routine business was transacted, the fifth degree was conferred in full form. A recess for dinner was declared until 1:30, when the master's gavel again called the meeting to order and the following officers were elected and installed for the present year. C. N. French was installing officer, assisted by E. Dill and M. C. Cushman. Master, C. E. Berry; overseer, W. W. Allen; lecturer, B. C. Powers; steward, S. D. McKenney; A. S. James; Jodrey; Chap., Flora Norton; Treas., D. D. Grafton; Sec., Clara French; G. K., Orrin Hinkley; P., Cora Berry; F., Ella Allen; C., Jane McKenney; L. A. S., Allis Jodrey. Notice was given that L. C. Bateman would give a public lecture in Grange hall, Strong, Tuesday evening Jan. 28.

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Literary Notes.

The January number of the Ladies' Home Journal is noteworthy for its beautiful illustrations. The picture-story of "What a Girl Does at College" occupies two pages, and two more are given to views "Along Country Roads." Mr. Bok has a unique and convincing editorial against the "cramming" system of education. It consists of extracts from sixty-eight letters whose writers have personally suffered great sorrow from the effects of this system. Cardinal Gibbons has a strong arraignment of the "new woman" and Rudyard Kipling relates his experiences in bringing up a baby lion. Lillian Brooks has a clever story—"The Wisdom of the Dove." The serials, "A Gentleman of the Blue Grass" and "Christine" are concluded. The fashion department is enlarged to eight pages and is edited by Mrs. Ralston. One dollar a year. The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

McClure's has a paper by George Smalley on "English Statesmen and Rulers." These interesting personal reminiscences of famous men and women are illustrated by portraits. "In and Around the Great Pyramid," with its clear illustrations, gives to those who cannot travel an idea of the mystery and dignity of Cheops. Cyrus Townsend Brady in "David Crockett" gives an interesting and all too brief account of this picturesque pioneer. Steward Edward White has the second instalment of "The Forest Runner," a story appealing to all who have felt the fascination of wood life. Miss Daskam has one of her inimitable child stories called "Edgar, the Choir Boy Uncles." "Army Jack" is a good dog story, plainly told, and "The One Who Thought" is Boer war tale of special merit. S. S. McClure Co., New York. One dollar a year.

The new department in "Good House-keeping" is called "Good Living on Small Means; Just How to Economize." A unique feature of this department is a breakfast whose nutritive value is pictured in diagrams. Prof. Wiley, head of the federal bureau of chemistry, writes of the dangers of formaldehyde as a food preservative. There is a handsomely illustrated article on Russian Bronzes. The need of studying domestic science in women's colleges is discussed by notable men and women and the various departments are exceptionally strong. One dollar a year. The Phelps Publishing Co., Springfield, Mass.

The American Kitchen Magazine for this month has an article on "Food and the Temperance Question" which shows clearly how often intemperance may be traced to poor food and unattractive home tables. "The Architecture of Country Houses" gives practical suggestions for comfortable and artistic homes. Mrs. Lincoln writes of "Cheese," its varieties, its possibilities as a food and the methods of making and curing the different kinds. Several recipes requiring cheese are given. Home Science Publishing Co., 28 Oliver St., Boston, Mass. One dollar a year.

In the January Cosmopolitan, Gustav Kobbé under "Putting on Grand Opera" shows the vast amount of preliminary work required to effectively stage an opera. "The future of the English-Speaking World" by W. T. Stead is a forcible presentation of the desirability of some form of union between English speaking peoples. In "An Interesting Personality: Elbert Hubbard," Mr. Hubbard himself writes of his life and aims in a characteristic manner. Hjalmar Boyesen, 2nd writes of John Barrymore's work. Mr. Barrymore comes from a family of theatrical fame and is an artist of no mean ability. "Fan-Fan" is a story of Japanese acrobats. It is both simple and touching. "Cupid's Practical Joke" is an amusing sketch of the happy marriage of a frigidly conventional Bostonian with an easy-going warm-hearted Irish-Creole widow of New Orleans. The Cosmopolitan Magazine, Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y. One dollar a year.

Current History for January opens with a graphic and discriminate article on the career and character of the great Chinese viceroy, Li Hung-Chang, written by Richard Gleason Greene. A portrait of Earl Li serves as frontispiece. The usual careful review of the course and status of the world's affairs is presented in a number that promises well for the work to be done in this valuable compend for the year to come. International problems and the events of the day in all lands are presented with impartiality and clearness. Some of the special cover titles are: "The Situation in the East," "British Concentration Camps," "Movements in Europe," "Miss Stone—Who is Responsible?" "The Manufacturer and Reciprocity," "Exclusion of the Chinese," "Operations on the Isthmus of Panama," and "Prohibition in Canada." Address Current History Co., Boston, Mass.

The Outlook in its magazine number for this month has an editorial on "A Strong, Elastic Currency," which, after showing the necessity for some way of securing additional currency in hard times describes the plans of Secretaries Gage and Windom, and the Gresham bill. The editorials discussing as they do subjects of national interest are of great value to thoughtful readers. In "Notable Figures in the Political Field" the new Civil Service commissioner, four governors and three new mayors are discussed. In "Memories of a Hundred Years" Dr. Pale tells some anecdotes of old Boston which possess the interest of having been handed down by word of mouth. "Manilla," is a beautifully illustrated article and the writer gives a clear and concise description of the island capital. There is an interesting paper on "The Work of Brains," and one on "The Primate of England," under which title William Durban describes the life and personality of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Temple, who has been for so long a conspicuous national figure. There are two short stories of unusual merit. The Outlook Company, 287 Fourth Ave., New York. Three dollars a year.

VOTING FOR BABY.

Baby Currier Takes the Silver Pitcher in the Voting Contest.

The German Remedy company gave the last entertainment in their course, Monday night. From the first they have had good houses, Bates hall being well filled every night of the week that they were here. They gave a good clean show every evening to lighten the selling of their remedies.

They secured the attention and aroused the interest from the first by starting a voting contest for the prettiest baby. Of course every baby in town was the prettiest, and had supporters in the claim. The list that appeared at the door of the hall the next morning showed that Babies Morgan, Currier, Hoyt, Davenport, Goldsmith, Butler, Beal and Whittemore were in the race for the silver pitcher that was offered as a reward for the one who could carry the most votes.

This proved a most effective way of disposing of the medicines because votes were given to every purchaser. To say the interest in the contest was great would be expressing it lightly. One of the most curious things about it was the mix up in regard to the Davenport babies. It happens that there are at least three by that name who have received consideration at the hands of those holding votes. The happy papas of these babies are Bert Davenport, Fred Davenport and Marshall Davenport and the heart of each would swell with pride as he saw the increasing number of votes that kept coming to "Baby Davenport," thinking all the time that they were all for his child. There came a rude awakening, however, when it was found that the baby was not one, but three.

On the last night the voting was lively and when the votes were counted it was found that the Currier baby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Currier, was the winner, as he had 17,642 votes. This was some 2,000 more than the one next on the list, Baby Whittemore. The Butler baby was third.

The sleight of hand tricks performed by the Doctor were very clever. Monday night he performed two of them and showed how they were done. The members of the company are all good musicians and gave much pleasure to their audiences in their songs and instrumental selections. The company went to Rangeley Tuesday, and will go to Strong after they leave Rangeley.

BEN BUTLER, TEACHER.

Something About the Way He Handled Big Boys.

Henry L. Whitcomb, Esq., of Farmington, John Perkins of Phillips and Joseph Harden of Weld all agree that Benjamin Butler of Avon, when he taught school, could get around over the schoolhouse the easiest and quickest of any teacher they ever knew. Joseph says: "I have known Ben to be in the back part of the schoolroom, and with one jump, land in the floor in front of the school to the great surprise and chagrin of some mischievous urohin."

Joseph further says: "One winter Ben commenced the school in the Winslip District and of course the first thing was to register the pupils' names. That winter there was a boy stopping at Andrew J. Parker's to do the chores and go to school. He was a strapping fellow, by the name of Allen Howard. Ben passed up the aisle to Allen's seat and said: 'Your name, please?' 'Andrew J. Parker,' said Howard with a grin around the room. So Andrew J. Parker was registered."

At that time it was the custom to have a "fire list," that is, a list was made up of the boys who were big enough to build the fire and sweep the schoolroom. Andrew J. Parker's name was placed at the head of the list. In calling the names from the register (or calling the roll) that night Andrew J. Parker's name was called three or four times, but no one answered "present."

Then Ben said, "Andrew J. Parker will build the fire tomorrow morning," and dismissed the school.

The next morning no one was on deck to build the fire. At 9 o'clock, however, Ben had the fire built and was ready to begin the school. After the usual morning exercises Ben passed up the aisle and took a young man by the collar and fairly lifted him out of his seat, took him into the floor, laid him—not very gently—across a no-back chair, and with that famous old black walnut ruler, took every mite of dust from the seat of the young man's pants. "What is your name?" said Ben. "Allen Howard," was the very prompt reply. "All right, take your seat, and Allen Howard will build the fire tomorrow morning." And the fire was built accordingly.

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Little Wilton Miss Plays Any Tune She Ever Heard.

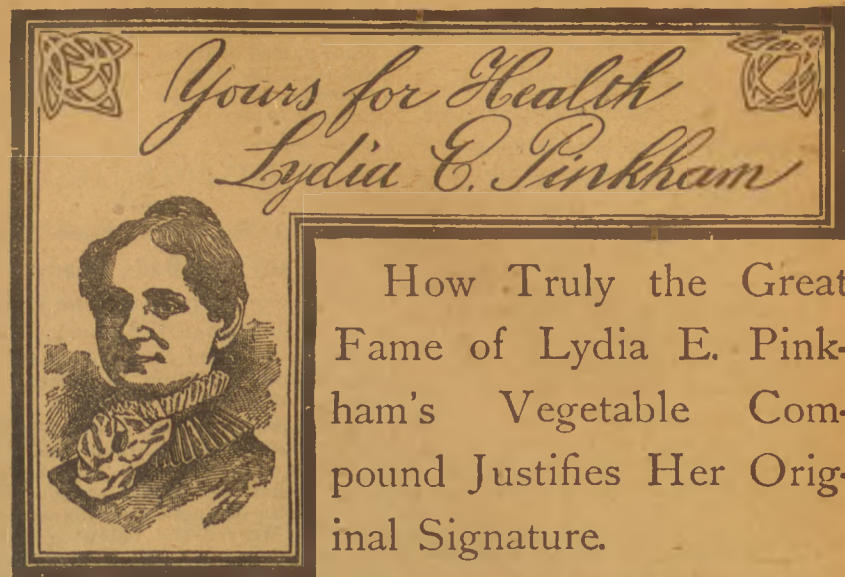
[Special Correspondence to the MAINE WOODS.]

WILTON, Jan. 18, 1902.

Probably little Flora E. Wright, ten years old, of Wilton, is the best accordion player in the state of Maine. This little tot can play any piece she has ever heard. She never has had any instruction whatever, and it is really wonderful the large number of tunes this young Miss can draw from her accordion. She commenced to play at seven years of age.

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A Good Head of Dairy Cows At Lake Webb.

The Wise Man Will Set Out a Good Orchard.

[Special correspondence to the Maine Woods.]

WELD, Jan. 18, 1901.

J. P. Maxwell & Son have an excellent herd of dairy cows, and are milking thirteen this winter. Their farm is just on the outskirts of Weld village, and but a few steps from Lake Webb. The farm is well cultivated, as the large barn stuffed with hay will show.

Charles Dummer says, "A young man would make no mistake in setting out apple trees. New markets are being opened up all along the line, so that the leading varieties will always find a ready sale at paying prices."

F. I. Watts, J. O. S. Scholfield, S. S. Carleton & Son of Webb have got up a good wood pile this winter, the first time for many years.

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