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Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out.
Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

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For Sale by Merrill & Denning.

Bargains in Real Estate.

Anyone wishing to purchase or dispose of real estate of any description would do well to consult

A. A. WOODSUM.

Foley's Honey and Tar for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

WALL PAPER.

I wish to announce to the people of Mechanic Falls and vicinity, that I have just received a large lot of the latest styles of room paper, which I wish to exchange for money. I have also several lots of sample books to select from, and am ready to do all classes of inside work.

C. A. CONANT,
33 ELM ST.

Pepsoids Dr. Oldman's famous Pepsoid cure Sour Stomach. He artburn, Belching of wind. Price 50 Cents!

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Flowers furnished for all occasions from Boston or Lewiston florists.

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J. F. Liscomb, Agent, Franklin Wharf, Portland
Calvin Austin, Vice Pres. and Gen. Man., Boston, Mass.

CURRENT EVENTS

In This Vicinity.

Grand Pow-wow.

A large number of our local Red Men attended the "Grand Pow-wow" in Portland Friday night, given by Madockawando Tribe, which was largely attended, 52 tribes being invited. The degree team of Osceola Tribe, the names of the members of which appear below, worked the Adoption Degree:

C. A. Cousens, Prophet.
F. D. Harmon, Sachem.
C. M. Hutchins, Senior Sagamore.
F. I. Dwinall, Junior Sagamore.
E. S. Knight, First Sannap.
Arthur Eastman, Second Sannap.
Amos Chapman, First Warrior.
E. D. Dudley, Second Warrior.
A. A. Maybery, Third Warrior.
Ralph Bancroft, Fourth Warrior.
C. A. Goodwin, First Brave.
P. H. Keene, Second Brave.
Guy Campbell, Third Brave.
Chas. Brazier, Fourth Brave.
G. R. Bancroft, First Scout.
Harry Herrick, Second Scout.
A. E. Wescott, Guard of Wigwam.
C. A. Keene, Degree Master.

A Western Wonder.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for coughs, colds and consumption. Now after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure cough and cold cure. Guaranteed by Merrill & Denning, druggists. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Judge Assignment.

Chief Justice L. A. Emery, who has succeeded the late Chief Justice A. P. Wiswell, has made the following assignment of judges for Androscoggin and Oxford counties:

Androscoggin

January Term—F. H. Powers.
April Term—A. R. Savage.
September Term—W. R. Whitehouse
Oxford.
March Term—H. C. Peabody.
October Term—S. C. Strout.

A Miraculous Cure.

The following statement by H. M. Adams and wife, Henrietta P., will interest parents and others. "A miraculous cure has taken place in our home. Our child had eczema 5 years and was pronounced incurable, when we read about Electric Bitters, and concluded to try it. Before the second bottle was all taken we noticed a change for the better, and after taking 7 bottles he was completely cured." It's the up-to-date blood medicine and body building tonic. Guaranteed. 50c. and \$1.00 at Merrill & Denning's drug store.

Why Refer to Doctors

Because we make medicines for them. We tell them all about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and they prescribe it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, consumption. They trust it. Then you can afford to trust it. Ask your own doctor.

The best kind of a testimonial—
"Sold for over sixty years."

Made by J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Also manufacturers of
SARSAPARILLA.
PILLS.
HAIR VIGOR.

We have no secrets! We publish the formulas of all our medicines.

Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

ALL SIZES In

BLANK BOOKS,

PASS BOOKS,

DIARIES.

to start the new year with can be had at store of

Apollo Chocolate For All

MERRILL & DENNING,

Prescription Druggists.

Mechanic Falls, Maine.

GLIMPSES

At the Wide, Wide World.

The Grand Trunk at the Jamestown Exposition.

All the arrangements for the Grand Trunk Railway System Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, Norfolk, Virginia, have been completed and the Company have decided to erect a handsome building for the purpose. The building will be in the form of a cottage of unique architecture and one that will not fail to attract the attention of the visitors.

It will combine in its entirety an effect colonial with a wide verandah surrounding the front half of the structure. It will be situated on a plot 50x100 feet, in one of the best locations on the grounds, within a stone's throw of the Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building and a short distance from the "War Path,"—that portion of the grounds set apart for the lighter attractions and which will be on similar lines to the "Midway" at the Chicago World's Fair and "The Pike" at the Saint Louis World's Fair.—The interior will be of Elizabethan design and finished in dark colors—a series of large photographic views being inserted in the panels that will form the inner sheathing of the walls. A decorative frieze in colors and executed in oils will adorn the upper portion of the walls, and will consist of subjects symbolical of Canadian manufactures, industries, summer vacation haunts, transportation, hunting in Canada, etc. A collection of mounted animals, fish and birds native to the Canadian forests and waters will also be shown, and a series of moving picture machines projecting scenes along the line of the Grand Trunk will form another attractive feature. This exhibit will be one of the best advertisements that Canada has ever had in the United States.

It is estimated that from eight to ten millions of people will visit this exhibition during its life. The exhibition is to open on April 26th, 1907 and lasts until November 30th, 1907.

A Man with a Sprained Ankle
will use a crutch, rest the ankle and let it get well. A man or woman with an overworked stomach can't use a crutch but the stomach must have rest just the same. It can be rested too without starvation. Kodol will do it. Kodol performs the digestive work of the tired stomach and corrects the digestive apparatus. Kodol fully conforms to the provisions of the national pure food and drug laws. Recommended and sold by Merrill & Denning.

K. C. DeWitt & Co.

of Chicago, at whose laboratory Kodol is prepared assure us that this remarkable digestant and corrective for the stomach conforms fully to all provisions of the national pure food and drug law. The Kodol laboratory is a very large one, but if all the sufferers from indigestion and stomach troubles could know the virtues of Kodol it would be impossible for the manufacturers to keep up with the demand. Kodol is sold here by Merrill & Denning.

AMUSEMENTS

Of Our People.

Christmas Concert.

A very pleasant and successful concert was given at the Methodist Church Christmas evening in spite of the storm. Following is the program:

Voluntary.
Song, School.
Prayer, Rev. E. L. Farnsworth.
Song, Children.
Recitation, Bertha Rand.
Recitation, Leslie Holt.
Solo, Alta Rand.
Recitation, Mary Bridge.
Recitation, Lawrence Hopkins Clark.
Recitation, Bert Keene.
Recitation, Marguerite Frank.
Song, School.
Recitation, Ira Strout.
Recitation, Elmer Allard.
Duet, Vernon and Bert Keene.
Recitation, Lila Thurston.
Recitation, Henry Holt.
Duet, Rev. E. L. Farnsworth.
Mrs. A. A. Mayberry.
Three Little Girls.
Stella Mayberry.
Clasell Frank.
School.
Aaron Thurston.
Vernon Keene.
Bertha Mayberry.
Elizabeth Frank.
Lena Strout.
School.
Alta Rand.
School.
Closing Chorus.
Distribution of gifts.

Long Tennessee Fight.

For 20 years W. L. Rawls, of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface. This caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c. at Merrill & Denning's, druggists.

New Year's Ball.

The Cutter Girls at the paper mill are to give a masquerade ball at Perkins Hall on New Year's Eve, which promises to be a very pleasant social event. The young ladies propose to decorate the hall and have everything made attractive to those who attend. The following young ladies have charge of the affair:

Miss Maude Campbell.
Miss Blanche Campbell.
Miss Bessie Stanton.
Mrs. Hiram R. Lawler.
Miss Katie Campbell.
Mrs. Ida Farris.
Miss Ina Peterson.
Mrs. Beatrice Pinkham.

Millions

of bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar have been sold without any person ever having experienced any other than beneficial results from its use for coughs, colds and lung troubles. This is because the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Guard your health by refusing any but the genuine. Merrill & Denning.

Grain as Foodstuff.

To most people of our present time, says Dr. A. E. Gibson in the Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette, the necessity of bread consumption for the maintenance of bodily existence stands as a central, unquestionable fact. That such a high reward for grain as foodstuff, however, is overdrawn is evident from the circumstance that entire races of men have been and are yet found to sustain a magnificent physical health and strength on a diet wholly exempt from bread. The great majority of African and Australian aborigines are enjoying physical health and strength though in perfect ignorance of a nourishment prepared from our familiar grains, and the entire Mongolian race finds in rice a substitute for bread. In tropical countries fruits and nuts were always found to supply the natives with an ideal diet, while the various species of grass served the roaming herbivorous animals as a means of subsistence. This grass diet, originally a purely animal diet, has, under the influence of cultural incidents, and a misguided palate, been turned into a diet for man. For grain, even including the "king of grains"—wheat—is botanically a grass gone to seed.

We Wish to Thank You

one and all for your generous patronage during the holidays, and would announce that our line of

New Year Gifts

will help you out if you have forgotten Mary, John or Harold. It is Christmas until New Year's.

See our line of New Year's Postals.

S. L. Hawley.

Christmas Sale of Furnishing Goods.

Men's Neckwear 50c. kind for 38c.

Men's and boys' collars 15c. kind for 10c.

Men's coat shirts \$1.00 kind for 50c.

Men's best linen cuffs 25c. kind for 19c.

Men's stockings, 9 to 19c.

Garters, collar buttons, etc., at cost.

After this week call on me at my new store over Merrill & Denning's.

P. T. MURRAY.

Alfred Light and Power Co.

First Mortgage, Thirty-year

5 per cent Gold Bonds

We recommend these bonds as a desirable and conservative investment
Call or send for circular

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MECHANIC FALLS

And Her Neighbors.

Items of Interest Picked up by Our Reporters.

The village schools closed last Friday.

Miss May Cabana spent Christmas in Portland.

Mr. Chas. A. Walker has moved to South Paris.

Mrs. Charles E. Waterman is spending Christmas in Paris.

Miss Agnes Walker is home from Colby College for the holidays.

Mr. Harry Fielding, of Rumford Falls, was in town over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lewis and little daughter Helen spent Christmas in Portland.

Mr. C. S. Allen, of Melrose, Mass., is spending the holidays with relatives in town.

Mrs. Ethel Fogg, of Sumner, was the guest of her father, Mr. Frank Wyman, on Monday.

Rev. J. K. Wilson, D. D., editor of Zion's Advocate, will preach at the Baptist Church next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Andrews, of Webster, Mass., are guests of Mrs. S. C. Andrews over the holidays.

Messrs. J. F. and Frank Sawyer, with their wives spent Christmas in Auburn with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dunham.

January 23 to 26. The Famous Turner Art Exhibit at High School Building. A novel, instructive, satisfying entertaining.

Remember! the Oxford baker is here in town every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, with a full line of bread, cakes, cookies, pies and pastry of all kinds and respectfully solicits your patronage.

Mr. A. W. Bridge announces that he has the best stock of masks that can be found this side of New York and respectfully requests that all who need same for the mask ball next Monday night to give him a call.

Miss Henrietta Douglass, who has been assistant in the grammar school for the past two years, has finished her labors here, having accepted a better position in the public schools of Gorham, N. H. She left for her home in Bethel, Saturday.

It is a mistake to use a violent cathartic to open the bowels. A gentle movement will accomplish the same results without causing distress or serious consequences later. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are recommended. Sold by Merrill & Denning.

At the Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday, the pastor, E. E. Farnsworth, will preach a New Year's sermon in morning at 10.30. Sunday School will meet at 11.45 in the vestry; Junior League at 4 p. m.; prayer and praise service at 7 with a short address. The public are cordially invited to attend these services.

Christmas was stormy and of course was more or less disappointing thereby to many people; nevertheless, it was enjoyed so far as the storm would permit. The several churches had Christmas Trees—the Baptist and Universalist on Christmas Eve, the Methodist and Congregationalist on Christmas evening. Quite a number of old residents spent the day in town.

Open the bowels and get the cold out of your system. Kennedy Laxative Cough Syrup opens the bowels and at the same time allays the inflammation of the mucous membranes. Contains honey and tar. Drives out the cold and stops cough. Absolutely free from any opiates. Conforms to the national pure food and drug law. Pleasant to take. Sold by Merrill & Denning.

Given Up to Die.

B. Spiegel, 1204 N. Virginia St., Evansville, Ind., writes: "For over 5 years I was troubled with kidney and bladder affections which caused me much pain and worry. I lost flesh and was all run down, and a year ago had to abandon work entirely. I had 3 of the best physicians who did me no good and I was practically given up to die. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended and the first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking the second bottle I was entirely cured." Merrill & Denning.

OUR NEIGHBORS

And Their Doings.

Oxford.

Mrs. Willis Wing is in a critical condition at the Central Maine Hospital, Lewiston.

Miss Bertha Hazen is at the General Hospital, Portland where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her mother is with her.

A pair of horses belonging to Chas. Andrews broke through the ice on Hogan Pond one day last week. They were rescued in about 20 minutes with no other injury than a cold bath.

Word has been received from the Herrick Seed Co., of Rochester, N. Y., that they want a good man or woman to represent them in this section, taking orders for their fruit and ornamental stock, also farm seeds. They advise us that they have 1000 acres devoted to their business and if any of any of the Ledger readers want a steady position this fall or winter, write them for terms.

Chas. P. Durell, principal of the high school at Abbington, Mass., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durell.

Alton Hatch and wife have severed their connection with the Lake View House, and gone to Boston.

Thomas Coulton is in Boston.

Everett and Ethel Cook leave Monday for Ormond, Florida.

Oena White is home from Abbott Academy for the holidays.

Joseph Robinson is home from Phillips-Andover for the holidays.

F. W. Lord spent a few days in Portland last week.

A. L. Estes has been repairing the Robinson house recently damaged by fire.

J. J. McNeil has recently returned from a trip to Upton.

The schools took a holiday recess over Christmas.

The Congregational Sunday School had their Christmas tree Monday evening.

Danger in Asking Advice.

When you have a cough or cold do not ask some one what is good for it, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparation. Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds, and prevents pneumonia. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Merrill & Denning.

West Minot.

Jerry Hilborn got kicked by colt recently and was quite badly hurt.

Merton Rowe has recently returned from a hunting trip in Byron.

Mrs. J. B. Cloutier returned a short time ago from a visit to Lisbon.

Jennie Girard, of Lisbon, has been visiting in town.

L. C. Bridgman is home from his school in the eastern part of the state.

F. E. Rowe and wife were in Augusta last week attending the State Grange.

H. W. Bearce and daughter Janice were in Boston last week.

For chapped and cracked hands nothing is quite as good as an application of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Put it on before going to bed, use an old pair of gloves and see what a difference the morning will bring. Sold by Merrill & Denning.

A. F. DeCoster was in Lewiston last week, the guest of his daughter.

Mrs. Geo. Perkins was in Lewiston several days last week.

H. W. Harrington and wife are visiting in Massachusetts.

Eva DeCoster is in Lewiston this week.

There was a Christmas Tree at the Grange Hall Christmas evening.

Poland.

John C. Goodall has received his appointment as deputy for the new Sheriff Hastings.

Catherine G. Briggs, who has been at Poland Springs for some time, has gone to her home in South Paris.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures the most obstinate coughs and expels the cold from the system, as it is mildly laxative. It is guaranteed. Do not risk taking any but the genuine in the yellow package. Merrill & Denning.

Anna Crooker is enjoying her school vacation at South Paris.

Minot.

The children of the Methodist Sunday School gave a cantata on Christmas.

Howard A. Gibson and wife and Mrs. Hattie Granger, who have been visiting in town, have returned to their home in Boston.

Mrs. Inez Cobb and daughter May have gone to Kennebunk.

It is noticeable a cold seldom comes on when the bowels are freely open. Neither can it stay if they are open. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup tastes as pleasant as maple sugar. Free from all opiates. Contains honey and tar. Conforms to the pure food law. Sold by Merrill & Denning.

Mrs. Amanda Cobb was in Augusta last week.

Frankie Gibbs, of Augusta, was in town last week.

Hattie Richardson, of Woodfords, has recently been visiting her grandfather, John Stone.

Public Speakers Interrupted.

Public speakers are frequently interrupted by people coughing. This will not happen if Foley's Honey and Tar were taken, as it cures coughs and colds and prevents pneumonia and consumption. The genuine is in a yellow package and contains no opiates. Merrill & Denning.

Welchville.

Mrs. Frank Lovejoy is on the sick list.

The schools are taking a holiday recess.

Chas. H. Brett, of Otisfield, has moved onto the A. K. Richmond place, which he has recently purchased.

J. W. Hunting and wife were in Augusta last week attending the meeting of the Maine State Grange.

John Axon and wife, of Boston, are visiting in town.

The Methodist Sunday School had their Christmas tree Monday evening.

New Cure for Epilepsy.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over 2 years." Best body cleansers on earth. 25c. at Merrill & Denning's drug store.

PLANT RETARDATION.

The Method of Producing Flowers Out of Season.

Lilies of the valley and many other plants are now placed on the markets of the world's great cities months after they are out of season. This is accomplished by "plant retardation," holding back the development by means of cold and darkness until whatever time is desired. Then they are once more subjected to light and warmth, when they blossom. The most prominent feature of a plant retardation establishment is the huge cold storage building in which the plants are stowed away. Under the care of the guide the visitor passes the portals. In a moment he steps from the warmth and light of a summer's day into the cold bitterness of a winter's night, the darkness of which is but feebly relieved by the flickering hand lanterns. The interior of the building is divided into various chambers, and each one of these is allotted to some particular kind of plant. One chamber is full of lily of the valley roots, the next is packed with boxes containing lily bulbs, while again a compartment is crammed with small potted plants of azalea and spiraea.

Each and all of these varieties are in a dormant condition, sleeping away their time entirely unconscious of the changing seasons in the outside world. The walls of the chambers are thickly coated with a deposit of frost crystals, and millions of these flash like diamonds in response to the rays of light from the lamp. The degree of cold is usually obtained by means of a compressed air apparatus, and the freezing current is led into the different chambers through wooden channels.

In course of time these passages get choked with hoarfrost, and it becomes necessary for a man to enter them and clean the accumulation away. This is a cold job. In places the temperature is as low as 20 degrees below zero. The costume of a workman engaged in this clearing out operation is practically an arctic outfit. Every part of the body with the exception of small holes for eyes and mouth must be protected with thick wool. Otherwise serious frostbites would ensue.

Retarded plants may be kept in check for eight months or at times as long as a year, and curiously enough they do not seem to be any the worse for the treatment. Indeed, the experience seems to make them grow all the faster when they are allowed to make a start. Some varieties grow at a tremendous rate when they are brought into heat.—Chicago News.

A TALL TIGER.

The Way the Sleek Brute Impressed an Excited Frenchman.

Tigers are impressive creatures, especially when one meets them in the forest. George Maxwell writes of them: "There is little doubt that almost every one has a peculiar sensation of the almost godlike beauty, power, activity and strength of a tiger. A tiger will overawe and make conscious of his inferiority a man who would be unaffected by the bulk of an elephant. The feeling is, however, elusive of description, and I can perhaps best explain it in the words of a most charming French gentleman who was once manager of a great tin mining company in Perak. We had just finished lunch when he entered in a state of tremendous excitement. Walking alone and unarmed along an unfrequented path through the forest, he had walked almost on to a tiger."

"He gave us a most vivid narrative of the encounter—how the tiger had been lying down concealed in some long lalang grass beside the path; how he was within ten yards of it before he saw it; how then it rose and looked at him; how it yawned at him; how it then walked slowly across the path in front of him and then stopped and looked at him, again yawning, and how it then deliberately walked away into the forest, whose depths finally hid it from view."

"Some one asked the Frenchman whether it was a big tiger. He answered: 'Well, messieurs, I cannot say if he is a big tiger. My eyes see that he is big, but I cannot say how big I see him to be, and if I say how big I can tell you, messieurs, how big I feel him to be, and I can tell you the truth. When he is standing there in front of me I tell you that I feel he is not less than thirty feet high.'—Exchange.

Fall Pigs.

A pig weighing fifty pounds is more likely to pass through the winter in good condition and with less concern to the owner than one-half as heavy, says a writer in the Ohio Farmer. If it is possible, see that none of the fall pigs go below the larger weight at the beginning of the year. No difficulty will be experienced with the pigs as long as they have some nourishment from their mother. But when this falls they should be well cared for so that they do not dwindle in flesh. Their skins should be kept clean, they should have clean sleeping places, and they should be induced to exercise freely.

Luxuries of the Farm.

The annual products of dairying, of fruit and vegetable raising and of poultry keeping aggregated nearly \$2,000,000,000 in farmers' hands in 1905, or three-tenths of the gross value of all farm products, and these particular products belong to the class of those for which there is a tendency of demand to be greater than supply. In the case of none of these products is there a desired quantity satisfactory in quality obtainable by consumers at moderate prices. The public is underfed in the higher grades of these luxuries of the farm.



Those who take Father John's Medicine advertise its merits for us. Col. Miles, Washington, D. C., says: "Father John's Medicine saved my life." It is free from chloroform, morphine and alcohol. Cures colds and all bronchial troubles. Guaranteed.

For Sale and Recommended by Merrill & Denning, Mechanic Falls.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
Cures Colds; Prevents Pneumonia

S. M. DAVIS,

IS STILL IN THE

Fish and Meat Business

and wishes to thank the people of Mechanic Falls for past favors and ask for their continuance in the future; also to announce that he will run a cart through the village on

Friday of Each Week

Notice.

This is to notify and warn all persons not to harbor or trust my wife, Nora E. Rand, on my account, as I shall pay no bills of her contraction after this date.

LEROY D. RAND,

Mechanic Falls, Me., Dec. 14, 1906.

A. W. BUTLER,

Walker's Block, 2d Floor, Room 2,
MECHANIC FALLS, ME.

Specialties:

Preservation of natural teeth, gold crown and bridge work.

On Jan. 1st

we shall remove to our new location in the

J. A. BUCKNAM Building

store formerly occupied by P. T. Murray,

where, with additional room and increased facilities for displaying our goods, we hope to merit in the future a continuance of the patronage so generously bestowed on us the past year.

OUR AIM

is to keep such goods as appeal to those who desire Reliable Quality in the Best Designs. Not "how cheap," but "HOW GOOD" for the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE, will be our earnest endeavor during the coming year.

Wishing all our patrons

a bright, prosperous and "Happy New Year," we remain, as ever,
Yours very truly,

William H. Cushman.

Economy in House Paints

Our half-century of experience in manufacturing good paints is at your service without charge. We'll tell you the best way to use paints, stains and varnishes for any kind of work, and now to save money in buying your stock and getting the best results. We'll tell you just why "Portland" Liquid Paints are made better and wear longer than any other paint that is sold, regardless of price. We have abundant proof to make good all that we claim. If your dealer cannot supply you write us for our handsome color sheet of 48 samples sent free on request. Please mention your dealer's name.

BURGESS
PORTLAND, MAINE
FOBES & CO

We Wish to Thank

all of our friends who have visited this store. We wish you all a Happy New Year. We have just a few Christmas goods left which we shall close out regardless of cost.

M. H. T. Merrill.

Hawkes & Whitney.

sell the best stoves and ranges made anywhere at any price.

We have a lot of second-hand

ranges and coal stoves that we know are all right at low prices.

If anything is wanted in the stove line call in and look them over.

We can also get repairs for nearly all kinds

of stoves and ranges; also coal linings for ranges.

Loaded For Hawks

By C. B. LEWIS

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There was a great clattering and outcry among the fowls back of the farmhouse, with one long piercing shriek from a single hen, and Aunt Sally Warner dropped the breakfast dish she was wiping and ran out to see a hawk sailing away with a fat pullet in his talons. She waved her hands and cried "Shoo! Shoo!" but there was no salvation for the victim.

"What is it, aunt?" asked her niece, Miss Nettie Ward, from the city, who had come out to the old farm for a vacation.

"Why, another of them hawks has grabbed another of them chickens," was the reply. "I told pa only last night that he ought to get out and load the shotgun for me. I s'pose that hawks have got as much right to live as other folks, but I'll be snuffed if—"

"But he did load the gun, and it's there behind the door," interrupted the niece.

"So it is! What an old goose I am getting to be! Nettie, did you ever fire a gun?"

"Never."

"Then I must show you how to do it. You take it in both hands this way. You draw it up to your shoulder this way. Then you shot your eyes and pull on the trigger with your finger, and the hawk drops dead. A hawk may come while I'm down cellar or upstairs and you are out here alone, and you want to be able to shoot him."

There were only uncle, aunt and Nettie at the farm, and the girl from the city soon wore off the newness and the novelty and became a bit lonesome. On account of this lonesomeness she almost bowed to a young man who passed the gate one evening at dusk and almost bowed to her, and when she went in she asked her aunt who it was.

"I hadn't seen no strange young men around here myself," was the answer, "but I understand that the Stevenses, half a mile below us, have got a summer boarder. I guess he's the one you saw."

Things happen suddenly out in the country the same as in the city. Two days after seeing the young man Miss Nettie woke up with the toothache.

She had hardly come downstairs and told of it when the rural mail carrier left a letter for the aunt, which stated that a sister living ten miles away was ill and wanted her to drive over at once. She couldn't drive, and so Uncle Joe must go along. There was room for Nettie to go along, but the toothache kept getting worse. It didn't take her long to decide to stay home and doctor it. She could put on a bag of hot ashes, hold hot vinegar in her mouth and now and then press a wad of cotton batting wet with peppermint essence against the offending molar, and there was hope that she would be all right before night came.

During the long day, if the ache permitted, she could swing in her hammock, climb the cherry tree after the ripe fruit, hunt for hen's eggs in the barn and watch the ducks and goslings in the horse pond.

"There is only two things to look out for," said the aunt when she was ready to drive away. "Keep your eyes out for hawks and tramps. As we haven't seen a tramp for six weeks, I guess you won't be bothered, but then hawks are liable to drop down any time. If one comes, you be sure to shoot it. I've heard that shooting a gun has been known to cure the toothache."

Uncle and aunt had been gone an hour when the toothache ceased, and Miss Nettie piled into her hammock under the pear tree with a book. She was just opposite the kitchen door and only thirty feet away, and just inside the door stood the shotgun. The maid had great confidence that if hawk or tramp came along she would play the part of a heroine.

At 11 o'clock, when the young man who boarded down at Stevens' came past the house with his kodak, he was satisfied from the swinging of the hammock that Mrs. Nettie was reading.

Two hours later, when he had snapped an old lop horned cow, a crab apple tree and a brook that seemed to be flowing up hill, he returned to find the hammock so still that there was no doubt in his mind that the occupant was asleep. He had not past the house, walking as slowly as possible, when he caught sight of half the body of a man in an open window on the other side. Whoever it was had come sneaking down through the cornfield.

It was up to the young man to investigate. He started out with the impression that the intruder was a tramp, and he picked up a club, sealed the picket fence and gave a shout. The man in the window heard and drew back. He saw and dropped to the ground and ran around the corner of the house. He ran into the hammock and its sleeping occupant and fell over them and bounced said sleeping occupant out on the grass.

At about the same moment the young man from Stevens', who had started to pursue the unknown, caught his foot and took a roll, and he was so slow in picking the currant bushes out of his curly hair when he did get up that he turned the corner just as the bewildered Nettie had dashed into the kitchen, seized the gun and was ready for hawks.

She had been rudely awakened, more rudely dumped on the grass and

stepped on, and in her half awake state she didn't know a hawk from a man until it was too late.

In a cool moment she never could have mastered the mechanism of the old shotgun. Under the momentary excitement she not only fired it, but sent a liberal quantity of bird shot into some one's legs.

She had only heard the report of the gun when she became panic stricken and fled into the kitchen and shut and bolted the door, and for the next three or four minutes she was in a half faint. Then she realized that she had shot a man. She remembered that he had cried out; she remembered that he had fallen on the grass. She wasn't overcome with horror at the thought. On the contrary, she had shot a tramp, and was entitled to all praise.

Presently, as Miss Nettie listened with her ears against the door, she heard groans. That meant she had only wounded the tramp. Her heart was touched by those groans. She could not see the man after she had opened the door an inch or two, because he was just around the corner of the house, but she called out to him: "Are you going away before I shoot again?"

"I-I can't say," was the reply. "I'm afraid I can't walk without help."

"Why not?"

"Because you have shot me in the legs."

"But my aunt told me to look out for hawks and tramps."

"But I am neither one nor the other." Judging from his voice, he was a gentleman instead, and after drawing a long breath and breathing a prayer the girl stepped out and peered around the corner of the house. That young man from Stevens' was lying on his elbow on the grass. His face was very pale, and there were blood spots on the legs of his trousers. At sight of her he smiled faintly and said:

"My name is Arthur Welbourne. I am stopping with my relatives, the Stevenses. I live in the city and am an artist. If you will pardon me, I will say that I have heard you are Miss Ward. In passing the house while you slept in the hammock I saw a tramp climbing into a window. I gave the alarm, and he escaped. He it was who tumbled over your hammock and awoke you."

"And I thought you were a hawk or a tramp and shot you!" gasped the girl as she wrung her hands.

"But fortunately without serious results. All the shot struck my legs, but I may need assistance to get down home."

"But I shan't let you get down home. Here, take my hand and see if you can stand on your feet. Now hang on to my arm and let me get you into the house and on to the lounge. How could I have been such a silly girl? Now, then, you lie down here, and I'll run for Dr. James. I know he lives in the first house above here. I'll bring him right back with me."

She was gone before Mr. Welbourne could protest and was back in half an hour with the good natured country doctor. It took about an hour to pick out the score of bird shot that had been fired into the young man's legs, and during this time Miss Nettie walked up and down in the back yard with tears in her eyes and no care if the hawks came down and took every hen on the place.

The doctor assured her that Mr. Welbourne would live. Mr. Welbourne himself assured her that he was bound to live to make her further acquaintance, and he was taken down to the Stevenses in the doctor's buggy. He limped for three or four days, during which time Miss Nettie and her aunt called twice, and then he ceased limping and returned the calls.

Inside of a week he was something more than a caller. It beats all how fast a girl who shoots a man and the man who is shot by her can get acquainted—very well acquainted. Matrimony and hawks are sometimes shot at with a gun.

The Land of Ducks.

There are more ducks in China than in all the rest of the world. China, literally, is white with these birds, and day and night the country resounds with their metallic and scornful voices. Children herd ducks on every road, on every pond, on every farm, on every lake, on every river. There is no back yard without its duck house. There is no boat, little or great, without its duck quarters. Even in the cities of China ducks abound. They dodge between the coolies' legs. They flit, squawking, out of the way of the horses. Their indignant quack will not seldom drown the roar of urban commerce. All over the land there are great duck hatching establishments, many of them of a capacity huge enough to produce 50,000 young ducks every year. The Chinese duck is extremely tender and delicate—the best table duck for eating in the world. Duck among the Chinese is the staple delicacy. It is salted and smoked like ham or beef, and duck eggs are eaten as chicken eggs are in America.

The Oldest Bank Notes.

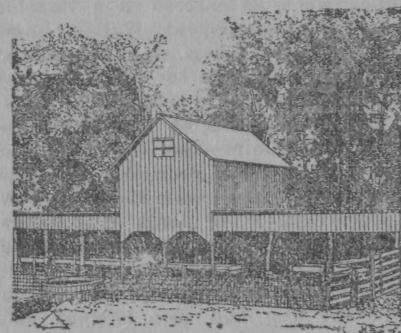
The oldest bank notes in the world are the "flying money," or convenient money, first issued in China in 2957 B. C. One writer tells that the ancient Chinese bank notes were in many respects similar to those of the present day, bearing the name of the bank, the date of issue, the number of the note, the signature of the official who issued it and its value in both figures and words. On the top of these curious notes was the following philosophical injunction: "Produce all you can; spend with economy." The note was printed in blue ink on paper made from the fiber of the mulberry tree. One of these notes bearing the date 1399 B. C. is still preserved in the Asiatic museum at St. Petersburg.



FEED LOTS.

Brick Paved Yards With Shelter Give Satisfaction.

Muddy feed lots are an unprofitable as well as disagreeable feature in cattle feeding, especially when no provision is made for shelter. In a summary of replies to a circular of inquiry regarding the methods followed by practical feeders compiled by H. W. Mumford and L. D. Hall of the Illinois experiment station the question of muddy feed lots was considered. Not



BRICK PAVED FEED LOT.

withstanding the fact that the disadvantages of mud and dirt were recognized, only thirty-six of the 500 and more cattle feeders who furnished information on this point reported definite provisions against such conditions. Of these ten have the surface of feed lots paved or otherwise artificially covered and fifteen use rock, gravel, cinders, bricks, planks, corn cobs or sawdust alone and in combination in various parts of the lot—for instance, about the feed troughs, water tanks, sheds or gates.

Ten of the correspondents state that they have made the lots dry enough for feeding purposes by a tile drain, while two report that the yards have been graded and the mud and manure removed by means of dirt scrapers. Several of those who use coal cinders for filling the muddy portion of the lot state that care must be taken to keep them covered with straw, corn stalks or other bedding material in order to avoid injury to the feet.

The first cut shows a brick paved feed lot, with convenient shelter, water and feeding arrangements, designed to accommodate about fifty cattle, which has given satisfaction. The pavement is 24 by 80 feet and is made of brick laid flat on six inches of gravel packed until solid. The curbing consists of curbstones eighteen inches wide and three inches thick set edge-wise. Feed bunks were placed in the shed. The shelter consists of a building 20 by 26 feet, with two wings, both 20 by 30 feet. The upper floor of the middle position is used for storing dry corn fodder, which can be conveniently cut and fed through an open shaft to the feeding bunk below.

The second cut is a feed bunk, with platforms for use in a muddy lot, which is inexpensive and has proved satisfactory. Platforms of the sample described were 16 by 6 feet and were there are three advantages in the floors. The feeder always has a dry place to walk when putting in feed; the cattle are out of the mud and not in a strained or cramped position while feeding; by having the floors six feet wide all wasted feed and droppings fall upon the floor, and the horse get all before it is lost in the mud.

made of two inch bridge plank cut six feet long. The feed bunks were made in the usual way, two feet six inches high, three feet wide and sixteen feet long.

Winter Protection For Orchards.

One of the most important points in preparing bearing apple trees for winter, in my opinion, is to remove all rubbish that may afford shelter for mice or other vermin, says a writer in American Agriculturist. Be sure there are no declivities at the immediate base of the tree. A slight mounding that will hold water to freeze at times of sudden falls in temperature, thereby greatly damaging trees. If mice or rabbits are feared, protect with wire netting. Cut with shears into proper sizes, roll around an old broomstick or any round object to give it a circular shape, the stick removed, and the wire will spring around the trunk and hold itself in place. See that all drains are in good order.

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PROFITABLE MANAGEMENT.

Properly Housing Machinery Prevents Rusting Out.

In the matter of profitable management the care of farm machinery is of importance. Writing on this subject in the Kansas Farmer, A. M. Ten Eyck gives some sound advice as follows:

Although it is essential to have enough good machinery to do the work well at the right time, yet the purchase of more machinery than is actually needed is often an element of unnecessary expense which may greatly reduce the net profits of the farmers who are improvident in this way. Buy the best standard machinery, even at the higher prices. The best is usually the cheapest. Make good use of the machinery and take care of it, both in the field and after the work is finished. Keep the bearings clean and well oiled, burrs tight and the machinery in good running condition when at work.

When Not In Use.

Shed the machinery when not in use. More machinery is rusted out than is worn out. In the western United States probably less than one-fourth of the farms are provided with machinery sheds. A farmer can make no better investment in adding improvements to the farm than by building a good machinery shed.

Cleaning and Repairing.

When machinery is brought from the field and put in the shed it should be overhauled and cleaned and notes made as to what repairs are necessary. These repairs should be secured, and on some rainy day the machine should be put into proper running condition for next season's work.

BLIGHT OF PEAS.

The Green Varieties Are Most Strikingly Affected.

In 1904 the damage in Ohio from this blight was apparently greater than in previous years. It was first noticed on French June field peas which had been sown with oats as a forage crop on the experiment station farm. A close examination of the diseased plants showed that the stems had been attacked at many points, frequently as high as one and one-half feet from the ground, though most severely near the ground, where the disease starts.

On the leaves were orbicular or oval dead spots one-eighth to one-half inch in diameter.

Perhaps the most important thing in connection with the life history of the



BLIGHT FUNGUS ON LEAVES.

fungus is that the vegetative part, or mycelium, infecting these spots of the pods grows through the husk into the seed. Frequently it grows entirely through the pod, forming similar spots on both sides. When the fungus grows into the seed, brown spots may be formed on the surface. In the worst cases half the surface is frequently discolored and the seed adheres to the pod. These areas are much more striking on green colored peas, such as the Market Garden variety, than on the yellowish varieties, such as the Admiral.

Horse Talk.

Many colts are given ugly tempers by cruel and careless currying. To scratch and hurt a colt or horse will cause him to hate the operation and the operator.

Many currycombs are knocked all out of shape, and some of the teeth cut like knives.

Look at your currycomb. It is often an instrument of torture.

Teach the boys to use it gently and keep it in order.

Be generous in the use of the brushes, but sparing in the use of the comb.

FALSE ECONOMY.

You Cannot Win Superior Results With Inferior Methods.

A Paris bank clerk, who was carrying a bag of gold through the streets, dropped a ten franc piece, which rolled from the sidewalk. He set his bag down to look for the lost piece, and while he was trying to extricate it from the gutter some one stole his bag and ran away with it.

True economy is not stinginess or meanness. It often means very large expenditures, for it always has the larger end in view. True economy means the wisest expenditure of what we have, everything considered, looking at it from the broadest standpoint. It is not a good thing to save a nickel at the expenditure of 25 cents' worth of time.

Comparatively few people have a healthy view of what real saving or economy means. I have seen a lady spoil a pair of fine gloves trying to rescue a nickel from a mud puddle. Several people have been run over by street cars or teams in New York while trying to rescue a dropped package, a hat, an umbrella or a cane. Bargain hunters are often victims of false economy. They buy, because they are cheap, a great many things they do not actually need. Then they will tell you how much they have saved. If they would reckon up what they have expended in a year, they would generally find that they have spent more than if they had only bought what they actually wanted when they needed it and had paid the regular price for it. Many people have a mania for attending auctions and buying all sorts of truck which does not match anything else they have. The result is that their homes are a veritable nightmare as to taste and fitness of things. Then, they never get the first, best wear of anything. The secondhand things are often just on the point of giving out and constantly need repairing. This foolish buying is the worst kind of extravagance. Quality, durability, should be the first consideration in buying anything for constant use. Yet many people keep themselves poor by buying cheap articles which do not last.

No greater delusion ever entered a business man's head than that cheap labor is economy. Trying to cut the payroll down to the lowest possible dollar has ruined many a concern. Business men who have been most successful have found that the best workmen, like the best materials, are the cheapest in the end. The breakage, the damage, the losses, the expensive blunders, the injury to merchandise, the loss of customers resulting from cheap labor, are not compensated for by low wages.

Any one who tries to get superior results from inferior methods, from cheapness in quality of material or service, deludes himself. Cheap labor means cheap product and cheapened reputation. It means inferiority all along the line. The institution run by cheap help is cheapened and means a cheaper patronage.—Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine.

Her Directions.

Before Mrs. Sage left her home for her annual summer visit at her mother's she told her husband that if he wanted anything that wasn't in plain sight to write to her for directions. "Don't turn the house upside down, as you generally do," she said, with unhappy recollection. "I will answer by return mail and tell you just where it is."

Mr. Sage found everything to his hand, but soon after his wife's departure a neighbor came in to borrow a pattern which she was sure his wife had. Mr. Sage wrote, as he had been requested. His wife's reply subsequently found its way into the Springfield Republican.

"You will find it hanging on the wall by the attic stairs," ran the letter, "or in the box on top of the sewing machine in Ellen's room—the green box or the red one, I forget which. Perhaps, though, it is on the top shelf in the closet in our room—left hand side, if I remember correctly. But look on the other side too."

"If not there it is in the bottom drawer of the high boy in the upper hall. That is where I keep my patterns, and don't untie all the bundles. It is among them somewhere. I am not sure but it is in the second drawer from the bottom. It is somewhere upstairs anyway, so don't rummage downstairs."

"P. S.—Come to think of it, I may have lent it to Mrs. Hall. Write me if you find it."

Feeding a Rubber Plant.

A New York woman has a rubber plant which she considers king of its kind. Standing on the sill of her front window, it reaches almost to the top of the upper pane, some of its leaves being over eighteen inches long.

"It puts forth one new leaf every week without fail," she explains proudly. "And did you ever see such a fine gloss and quality to the leaves of any other rubber plant? I'll tell you how it is. It's all due to feeding it properly. My plant gets good rich food. Every time I buy mutton or beef for dinner I wash it carefully in a saucepan instead of holding it under the spigot, and afterward I pour the water, which has some of the blood of the meat in it, over the roots to give them strength. Then I also give my plant a tablespoonful of cod liver oil once a week. I feed it to the earth, and the plant drinks it up. I never heard of any one else feeding a plant this way. The idea is all my own, and I'm proud of it. I have never seen another rubber plant so strong and healthy as mine is."—New York Press.

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Advent Christian Church.—Mrs. Jessie Jordan, pastor. Advent Hall, Pine St. Sunday preaching service at 10.30 a.m.

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First Universalist Church.—Rev. F. H. Cole, pastor. Sunday services, preaching 10.30 a.m., Sunday school, 12 m., vesper service 4.30 p.m.

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Y. P. S. C. E., M. N. Royal, Pres., Mrs. S. L. Hawley, Sec'y, meets Sunday evenings at 6.30.

Christian Science.—Services every Sunday at 10.45 a.m. Study of Science and Health with Key to the Scripture every Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m., at Penney Hall.

Secret Societies.

Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, A. F. and A. M.—C. R. Edgecomb, W. M., L. Jefferies Sec'y. Meetings, Thursday on or before each full moon.

St. Andrews Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.—R. L. Lamb, H. P., L. Jefferies, Sec'y. Meetings Thursday following each full moon.

Androsoggin Lodge, No. 205, N. E. O. P. meets 1st and 3d Saturdays of each month, W. S. Strout, Warden, Bertha Welch, Sec'y.

St. Elmo Lodge, No. 55, K. of P