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CURRENT EVENTS

In This Vicinity.

Paris Fair.

The 56th exhibition of the Oxford County Agricultural Society will be held on their grounds between Norway and South Paris, on Sept. 20, 21 and 22.

The first day will be occupied in entering stock and articles for exhibition, with races in the afternoon.

The second day will be a general exhibition of neat stock and horses, with drawing matches for horses and oxen, and races.

On the third day there will be a balloon ascension, drawing matches for both horses and oxen, and races.

The races for the first day will be for colts, three years old and under, and the 2, 3, 7 class.

The second day the 2, 3, 4 and 2, 4, 5 classes will have the track, also colts two years old and under.

The third day, three-minute horses and the 2, 20 class will trot; also a race by green horses and an exhibition of gents' driving horses. At 2 p. m. there will be a consolation race of horses who start in 2, 3, 4 and slower classes and are defeated.

If the weather is unfavorable the fair will be carried forward through the week.

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FACT AND FANCY.

About Our People.

The Village Rambler.

September brings in a new lot of sports. The fisherman and the picnicist are picking up their scattered ends, sorrowfully bidding adieu to this season, but with the perennial hope of mankind, already making plans for another. This is the bee hunter's last chance and he is taking it. By the way, the Rambler has heard a new story in regard to bee hunters. A party of them recently made a startling discovery a few miles south of the village. There are a great many natural curiosities in this vicinity which have attracted the attention of the scientific and poetical. Every tourist of the White Mountains takes a look through the clouds at "the old man of the mountains", which Hawthorne has romanced over as the "great stone face"; and the stone face which rises from the waters of Lewiston Falls and which a local writer has embalmed in verse. This discovery was a face, but it differs from the others mentioned. They are perturbances on the face of nature—cameos, in fact, but this new discovery was an intaglio. It was found near a pond and seemed to be an impression in the mud. How long it had been there the boys could not decide so they gathered round to try to decide the question of origin. Some jumped to the conclusion that they must be the features of the noble red man, but others declared that the face was too narrow and the cheek bones not prominent enough. Then the question arose whether they were the features of some pre-historic man or those of a latter day saint,—whether the type were of Saxon or Celt or whatnot. After considerable discussion one of the party exclaimed: "You fools! Don't you know who that is? I stubbed my toe about an hour ago, on yonder twig and fell headlong into the mud."

The Coon Club is breaking in new members. The delights of this club are many. After a man has belonged to it awhile he becomes first cousin to an owl, both as to wisdom and his ability to keep awake nights. 15 miles travel per night, over hill and dale, through forest and swamp, to the baying of hounds, is nothing to a member of the Coon Club. The pay, however, is ample when you come home when the stars are paling and the first blush of a new day is in the sky, with both feet wet, the coat torn from your back and a long scratch across your nose, but with a fat coon under his arm. Visions of a feast fit for a king is before his eyes and an intoxicating aroma upon his nostrils of baked coon stuffed with sweet potatoes. To the uninitiated it passes for roast lamb.

Mr. Coon is a singular animal in his habits, of the bear family, but strictly nocturnal in his habits. It sometimes happens that daylight surprises him away from home and then he blinks all day long in a strange tree. Several months ago one was stranded on the banks of the Little Androscoggin about three miles above town. Just as the first ray of the sun shot through a hole in the eastern hills he crawled out over the river on a dead limb and started in for a day's nod. Mr. John Jones of Welchville, spied him on his perch, and going up river he obtained a boat, a fish-net and an expert rifleman. They floated down under the tree and the rifleman took aim at the dead limb. The splinters flew and Mr. Coon blinked. A second shot took another third from the limb and Mr. Coon started as from a troubled dream. He saw a great light but its splendor dazzled, and an odor was wafted toward him which might suggest a close proximity to the infernal regions, or Santiago, and returned soldiers tell us there isn't much difference between the two, but he did as clergymen tell us his human brothers do under similar circumstances, he went

back to sleep. A third shot took off the limb and poor coon fell with a splash into the river. It was probably a shock to him, but he struck out boldly toward the shore. His days of liberty, however, were numbered. The net came down over his head and he was captured.

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OUR NEIGHBORS

And Their Doings.

Poland.

Mrs. Jennison, who is passing the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Mellicie Mitchell, "took the cake" at the fair; guessing exactly right on the weight.

S. T. McKenney of Boston, is the guest of J. P. Waterhouse for the week.

The Village Improvement Society held a sociable on Saturday evening last, which brought them \$4.00 toward the sidewalk continuation. In these dusty days this walk is much enjoyed.

Mr. Wm. Rowe is very feeble—is attended by his daughter—Mrs. Elbridge Knight.

Carl Rice, Mellie Mitchell's nephew, has returned to his home in Boston.

BORN

In Topeka, Kansas, Aug. 16, to the wife of Mr. Harry DeCoster, a daughter (Grace Bertha).

In Mechanic Falls, Sept. 5, to the wife of Mr. F. D. Harmon, a daughter.

In Mechanic Falls, Sept. 1, to the wife of Mr. Fred A. Holt, a son.

In Mechanic Falls, Sept. 2, to the wife of Mr. R. A. Pinkham, a daughter.

In Waltham, Mass., Aug. 31, to the wife of Mr. W. C. Bucknam, a son.

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From Quebec, 5.30 a. m. and 4.37 p. m.

From Island Pond and way stations 10.12 a. m.

DEPARTURES.

For Portland and Boston, 5.30 and 10.12 a. m., and 4.37 p. m.

For Montreal and Chicago, 9.24 a. m. and 9.48 p. m.

For Quebec, 9.48 p. m.

For Island Pond and way stations, 3.10 p. m.

Sunday Trains.

ARRIVALS.

From Portland and Boston, 9.54 a. m., and 9.48 p. m.

From Chicago, Montreal and Quebec, 5.30 a. m.

DEPARTURES.

For Portland and Boston 5.30 a. m.

For Chicago, Montreal and Quebec, 9.48 p. m.

For Berlin, 9.54 a. m.

Trains leaving Boston at 8.30 a. m. and 4.15 p. m. will arrive at Mechanic Falls at 3.10 and 9.48 p. m.

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Editorial Notes.

Gov. Powers has received word from Adjutant General Corbin that the 1st Maine will be mustered out in 30 days from arrival in Augusta. This does not include the batteries. What their future will be cannot be guessed at this writing. Battery A has left Fort Popham and is now encamped at Augusta. After the above was written, additional orders were received to include the batteries in the mustering out process. Thus the only Maine troops to receive the baptism of fire was the signal corps, which did valiant service at Santiago, and then received the baptism of yellow fever.

Three embezzlements in one week right at home. Fritz H. Twitchell, a member of the governor's council, twice mayor of Bath, and we know not what, acknowledges that he has stolen \$60,000, and been at the business 14 years. Then comes the deputy state treasurer of New Hampshire with a shortage of \$5,000. Both cases, it is said will be settled without criminal proceedings. This shows the advantage of a pull even in theft. If you are going to steal, steal liberally—25 cent men are always jailed. Lastly came the cashier of the Rigby Pool, who got off with \$22,000. This seems to be a case where the "honor among thieves" was missing. What a glorious thing the New England Fair is, anyway? The pumpkins and jays are missing, but there are plenty of gamblers and Nautch dancers.

The Dog and the Law.

Once it is established that the nature of the species is gentle and that every dog is a law abiding and peaceable Bruno then it becomes necessary, before liability for the vulgar transgressions of a fierce Towser can be fastened on the owner, that he should have previous knowledge of the usual and not to be expected feature.

This is called scienter, and until an owner has this knowledge of his dog's viciousness he is not responsible, though in the error of its ways not acting as becomes a gentleman of the dog species or a lady, as the case may be. To be more accurate and exact, once a dog has departed from the narrow path of rectitude and demeaned itself in ways other than should obtain with a strictly proper and gentle animal, and the owner knows it, then it loses status and caste and must be put down as a vicious animal, and the owner keeps it at his peril. Lord Coleridge, it seems, was anxious to reduce the law on the subject to a nicety in the way of succinctness and brevity, and he succeeded by saying that "every dog is entitled to one bite," and the case has special reference to spring lamb or veal. The expression is varied by making it "every dog is entitled to one worry."—Green Bag.

Racial Repartee.

A Swede and an Irishman, both of them tolerably well known about town, got into an argument in front of the courthouse, and they began telling each other how it was too bad that their ancestors had ever happened to shed the wolf robes and take to living under cover. When things got a bit warm, the Swede remarked that there was no doubt in his mind that the Irishman would be entitled, by reason of his ancestry, to join some of the pedigree associations but for the unfortunate fact that most of those ancestors were hanged for stealing sheep.

"I suppose they did their sheep stealing with the understanding among themselves that they were all kings, and that it was all right to go over into the next county and steal whatever they could lay their hands on," said the Swede in conclusion.

"Yes, an be all accounts," said the Irishman, "your ancestors lived in kingdoms so very small that every time they smelled a stockfish in the yard of a neighbor they jumped over the fence an got it, an if they got back they made a national affair of it if there was any pursuit."—St. Paul Globe.

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OF INTEREST

To Our People

The English Smart Set.

To what a condition has "smart society" fallen! Any one may become a leading light in it, provided that he or she is ready to pay the footing. He or she can at any moment find a person to bid guests to their feasts and any number of guests, guaranteed to be "smart people," will accept the invitations. A year or two ago an American lady intent on fashion took a large house, and an introducer sent out her invitations. At her first party there were many of her own friends present. The introducer explained to her that the right set of people would not come if they were exposed to this promiscuity with those who were not in it. Finally it was agreed that the hostess might invite ten friends to each party, but not more.

What I have never understood is where the pleasure comes in of going to several parties the same evening. Yet there are many apparently sane persons who do this every evening during the season. At each party they probably have to wait at least half an hour before getting out of their carriage and getting back into it when they want to go away. They struggle up stairs, show themselves, stay perhaps half an hour and then hurry off to the next party. Why they should like this mode of spending their evenings no one except themselves can imagine. There is no cootermonger's donkey so overworked as a woman bent on society.—London Truth.

Sung Them to Liberty.

In Marchesi and Music, the famous singing teacher tells this anecdote to illustrate the nobility of heart of a Russian woman, one of her pupils, and a native of Nijni-Novgorod, where the great fair is held every year.

Mile. Nadine Boulitchoff created a great sensation with her beautiful voice and dramatic power, at Moscow, St. Petersburg and Madrid. In the summer of 1880 she sang at Rio Janeiro, Brazil was then the entrepot for the cruel slave trade. At her benefit, Nadine learned that she was to be presented with valuable gifts. She begged that the money, instead of being spent on her, should be used to buy the liberty of several female slaves.

Her deed of charity released seven poor slaves, one of whom had been recently whipped in public by order of her mistress.

On the benefit night, after Nadine had sung, the seven negroes went upon the stage to thank the artiste for their freedom. The crowded house applauded for several minutes; the national hymn was played; the emperor, Dom Pedro, rose, and with him the whole audience, and the songstress knew a moment of thrilling joy such as seldom comes to women.

Usually the Case.

There was once a poor boy who while walking along saw a pin on the pavement before him. Quickly the little lad staid his steps and picking up the pin stuck it carefully and securely in his coat.

A rich man chancing to pass at that time saw the action, and was much impressed by it, so much so that he took the boy into his bank and finally adopted him.

Thirty years have passed and the erstwhile poor boy is a South African millionaire. The other day he drew a check for £2,000 and gave it to a former schoolmate who had not prospered in the race of life.

"All that I am now I owe to you, John," said the millionaire.

"But I don't understand," stammered the beneficiary.

"Simple enough. If I hadn't hated you so at school, I should never have picked up that pin to put on your seat."—Pearson's Weekly.

Wanted—A Patent.

Among the strange applications which reach the patent office one, filed some years ago, was most extraordinary, it being a petition for a patent for an ant guard which consisted in merely drawing a chalk mark around a table or other place by which it was claimed the approach of ants was stopped. It seems that chalk makes an ant's legs slip as sopping a track prevents a railway engine from starting. The petition was novel and caused considerable amusement. The application, however, was refused on the ground that there was nothing new in the invention, that chalk had been used for such purposes before and that such ideas were not patentable.

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Brig. Gen. C. P. Mattocks' brigade has been ordered to Cuba. Probably Maj. B. F. Bradbury of Norway, will go, as he has recently been promoted to brigade surgeon and attached to Gen. Mattocks' staff.

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Khartoum and Omdurman has fallen under Gen. Herbert Kitchener's Anglo-Egyptian troops. The British loss was 500; the Derivishes, 8000.

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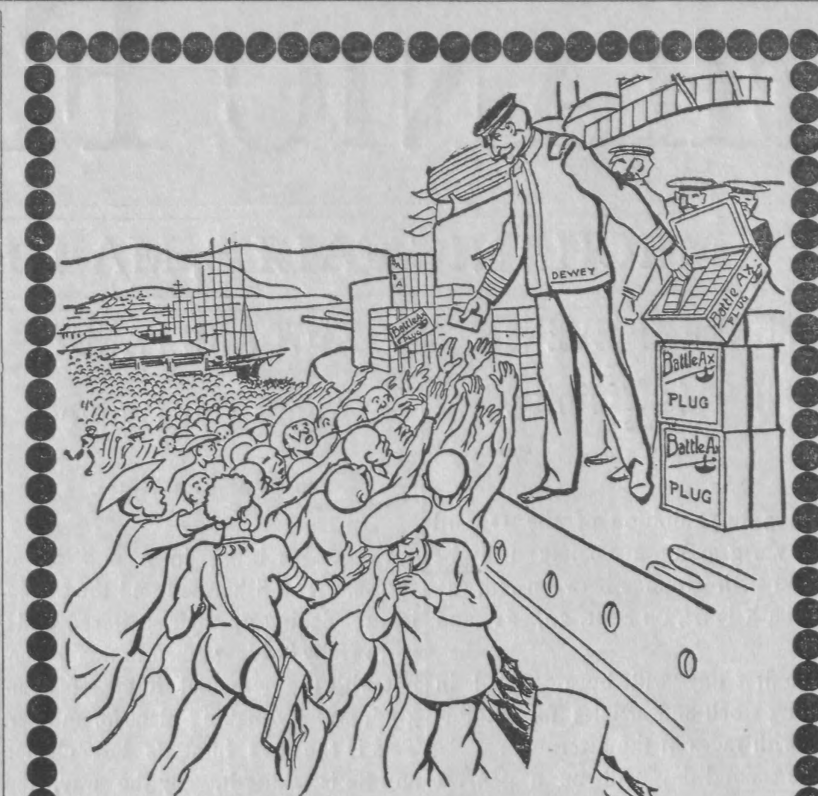
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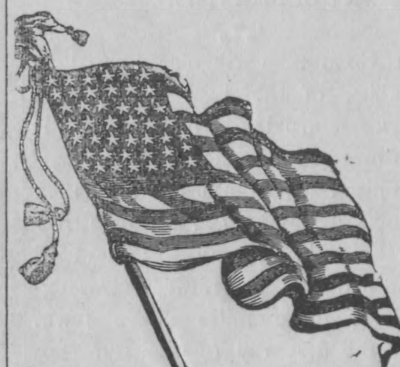
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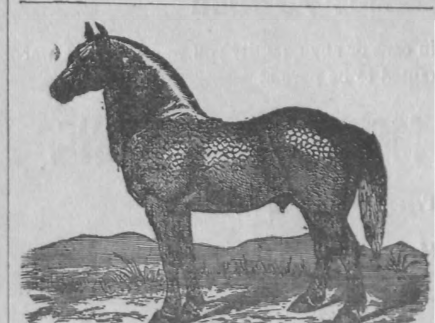
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Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. A. Hamilton, pastor. Sunday services, Prayer meeting at 9.30 a. m., preaching, 10.30 a. m., Sabbath School, 12 m., Junior League, 3 p. m., Gospel and panise service, 7.00 p. m. Class Meeting, Thursday evening at 7.30.

Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—President, Mr. W. T. Kilgore, Miss Ethel Saunders, Sec'y. Meets Tuesday evening at 7.30; social and business meeting on 2d Monday evening of each month.

W. C. T. U. meet every alternate Tuesday at their rooms corner of Elm and Judson streets at 2.30 p. m. Everybody welcome. Mrs. G. S. Chase, Pres., Mrs. O. W. Hawkes, Sec'y.

First Universalist Church.—Rev. M. M. Selman, pastor. Sunday services, preaching 10.30 a. m., Sunday school, 12 m., Y. P. C. U., 6.30 p. m.—Officers of the Union, F. A. Goldermann, Pres., Mrs. F. E. Mason Cor. Sec'y. Business meeting of Y. P. C. U., 2d Friday of each month.

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Pleasant St., Baptist Sabbath School—Every Sunday at 12 o'clock, m. Mr. W. A. Gould, Supt. Mr. Archie Cook, librarian, Miss Blanch Gould Sec'y.

Congregational Church, Elm St., Rev. Chas. W. Fisher, pastor; Dea. C. A. Foster clerk. Sunday services: preaching, 10.30 a. m. Sunday School, P. T. Murray, Supt., session at 12 m.

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 12.10 p. m. Study of Science and Health with Key to the Scripture every Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m., at residence of S. H. Hutchinson.

Secret Societies.

Tyrann Lodge, No. 73, A. F. and A. M.—J. W. Wayne, W. M., L. Jefferies Sec'y. Meetings, Thursday on or before each full moon.

St. Andrews Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.—Fred E. Dwinall, H. P., L. Jefferies, Sec'y. Meeting Thursday following each full moon.

Androscoegin Lodge, N. E. O. P., No. 205, meets 1st and 3d Thursdays of each month, Elba Edgecomb, Warden, Lillian M. King, Sec'y.

St. Elmo Lodge, No. 55, K. of P., meets every Friday evening in their Castle Hall, Perkins' Block, Main St., F. A. Bixby, C. C., F. E. Smith, K. of R. and S.

Oseola Tribe, No. 24, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday evening in K. of P. Hall, C. M. Hutchins, S., O. C. Bridge, C. of R.

Court Mechanic Falls, No. 1728, I. O. F., meets last Friday in each month, D. L. Cousens C.R., C. A. Cousens, R. S.

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W. C. Bridge Camp, No. 29, S. of V. Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in G. A. R. Hall. Ernest F. Smith, Capt., F. Waterman, Lt. Sergeant.

Agassiz Com., No. 245, U. O. G. C., Meetings 1st and 3d Wednesdays at Congregational Vestry, W. N. Hodgdon, N. C., May Walker, K. of R.

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Orion Encampment, No. 27, I. O. O. F.—Cyrus Thurlow, C. P., P. T. Murray, Scribe. Meetings 2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

Miscellaneous.

Board of Trade meets 1st Monday evening in each month at selection's office, J. W. Penney Pres., Charles E. Waterman Sec'y.

MECHANIC FALLS And Her Neighbors.

Items of Interest Picked up by Our Reporters.

Mrs. Mary A. Perkins of Main St., is quite sick.

Mrs. A. W. Butler has returned from Old Orchard.

Mrs. W. H. Lunt of Kennebunk, has been visiting town.

Mrs. Hiram Perkins has been visiting at South Paris.

Master Stanley Allen has returned to his home in Massachusetts.

Mrs. L. A. Billings of Medford, Mass., is visiting at J. E. Saunders'.

Mr. H. C. Herrick and wife returned from Bailey's Island Saturday.

Miss Grace A. Hilton of Damariscotta, has been visiting Mr. H. C. Day and wife.

Prof. Frank E. Briggs returned to Alfred, Saturday. His school began Monday.

A good tenement of five rooms to let, on Elm street. Enquire of Chas. L. Hackett.

Mr. A. F. Cox and family of Portland, has been visiting the family of Mr. F. E. Tufts.

Mrs. C. A. Harriman and daughter, Miss Eva, of Brockton, Mass., have been visiting town.

Mrs. S. R. Peterson is on an extended trip to Aroostook County, where she will visit her sons.

Mr. W. E. Herrick and wife of Albany, Maine, visited at J. E. Saunders' a day or two last week.

Mr. A. A. Woodsum and wife have been taking a carriage drive in western Maine and northern New Hampshire.

Truth wears well. People have learned that DeWitt's Little Early Risers are reliable little pills for regulating the bowels, curing constipation and sick headache. They don't gripe. Merrill & Denning.

The Poole Brothers of Boston, formerly of this village, have been doing some fine printing of late. Some of the work has been views of The Fens in colors (imitation of water colors) and is a fine piece of work.

Mr. H. T. Walker of Minot brought us in a fine collection of vegetables. This has been a hard year for printers and Mr. Walker intuitively seemed to know this. Thanks! It is such as you that stand between us and starvation.

Lord & Gray have moved their steamer from Lake Tripp to the Little Androscoggin below the falls, and navigation on the river opened Friday evening. The trip between the Water Street landing and Hackett's Mills is a very pleasant one.

Private David L. Woodsum of the 1st Maine Regiment is home on a furlough. Unlike the rest of the boys, the climate seemed to agree with him and he is looking well. He is not in the same company with the other soldiers from town, but in Company A.

Excursion to Bemis, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Fare will be only \$2.00 for the round trip. It is expected that arrangements will be made to allow those who wish, to stop over Sunday by paying a small advance over the excursion rates. Full particulars in next week's Ledger.

Deputy Sheriff George E. Huskins of Lisbon, was in town Friday. Mr. Huskins is the Republican candidate for sheriff in Androscoggin County and after next Monday will be the sheriff-elect. Mr. Huskins is very popular in his own town, where he is the collector and constable, and with the court officers and lawyers.

Prof. J. O. Wellman of Augusta, was in town over Sunday. He has just been elected principal of the Paris Hill Academy and left Monday to assume charge of the school which opened Tuesday. Prof. Wellman has been employed in the office of the Secretary of State preparing ballots for election, which occurs next Monday.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Mr. I. W. Parker of Otisfield, was in town Tuesday.

A number of our people are attending State Fair.

Rev. G. F. Durgin of Ipswich, Mass., is visiting town.

Mr. George A. Colton and wife were in Bath, Sunday.

Mrs. C. F. Downs is visiting at Mrs. Dennis S. Perkins'.

New steel is being laid through the Grand Trunk yard.

Miss Millie McCann has been visiting at Bryant's Pond.

Mr. Gilbert Johnson of Portland, was in town, Tuesday.

Mr. Josiah W. Bucknam of Boston, was in town over Sunday.

A party of nine from this place took a deep sea fishing trip Sunday.

Mr. Dallas Lunt, wife and child, have been visiting at East Otisfield.

Mr. S. H. Cobb, wife and daughter, of Lewiston, visited town the first of the week.

Hood's Pill cure all liver ills. Mailed for 25 cents by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Rev. James Albert Libby of West Poland, will preach at Advent Hall next Sunday at 2 p. m.

Mr. "Ted" Bridge of Rumford Falls, came down home Saturday night to spend the Sunday.

Our fire laddies attended the State Fair in Lewiston, Tuesday, to take part in the hose reel contest.

Mr. A. E. Lunt of East Otisfield, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Lunt was a former resident of this town.

Miss Laura Smith of Dover, N. H., has been visiting Miss Blanche Walker for a few days. She will teach in the Edward Little High School, Auburn.

Experience teaches the value of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is constantly accomplishing wonderful cures and people in all sections take it, knowing it will do them good.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has the largest sale of any salve in the world. This fact and its merit has led dishonest people to attempt to counterfeit it. Look out for the man who attempts to deceive you when you call for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. Merrill & Denning.

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Don't forget the low-priced excursion (only \$2.00) to Bemis, Saturday, Sept. 24th.

Mr. H. R. Church and wife of Milford, Mass., who have been visiting in town have returned.

Mr. F. E. Dwinall's trotter, Queen Wilkes, has been taking part in several races of late. She was in the 2.18 and 2.20 races at the Eastern State Fair, Bangor, and won third place in each. She also trots in the 2.20 race at the Maine State Fair, Lewiston, this week.

H. Price Webber will be at Perkins' Hall, Sept. 16 and 17, and will produce the thrilling drama, The White Slave, or The Flag of Freedom, concluded by the laughable farce, A Rough Diamond. Tickets now on sale at A. W. Bridge's. Mr. Webber is a prime favorite here, and has scores of old friends who will be glad to welcome him.

West Minot.

Business rushing at the corn shop this week.

Nathan York of Raymond spent the Sabbath with his brother, L. P. York.

Mr. P. O'Brien of Portland, was at Mrs. Harriet Crooker's last week.

Lila Bridgman returned to her home in Auburn, Sunday.

Mrs. L. P. York spent Saturday and Sunday in Lewiston.

Dr. S. A. Bennett and wife of Norway, were the guests of Mrs. Rose Pike, Thursday of last week.

Mr. George B. Perkins and wife spent the Sabbath in Auburn.

Orland Bonney of Auburn, is visiting his aunt Mrs. Chas. Perry.

Mrs. W. G. Lowell and daughter Hannah, of Auburn, were in the place, Saturday.

Blanche Bemis, who has been spending her vacation with her grandmother, Mary Howard, returned to Upton, Mass., Tuesday.

Mrs. Shuman Bonney and Mrs. Edward Bonney of Auburn, were in the place Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mr. Henry Whitman and wife held their reception in Grange Hall, Wednesday evening of last week. The hall was crowded with relatives and friends. The Mountain Orchestra furnished music. They were the recipients of many fine presents.

South Poland.

Anyone having boats, oars or oarlocks to sell at a bargain, will do well to call on A. W. Bridge, Mechanic Falls. Camps, boats, guns, etc., to sell and to let.

The man who was lost last week, has been found—in the county jail.

One Minute Cough Cure surprises people by its quick cures and children may take it in large quantities without the least danger. It has won for itself the best reputation of any preparation used to-day for colds, croup, tickling in the throat or obstinate coughs. Merrill & Denning.

A young man named Tom Hill, went into Z. Blouin's store in Lewiston last week, bought some clothing, and offered a check in payment, signed by E. P. Ricker. Mr. Blouin took the check to Hon. W. H. Newell, who does the Rickers legal business, and he declared it a forgery. Mr. Blouin returned with an officer and the young man was trapped. He said the check was given him by Mr. Nevens, an overseer at Poland Springs. Mr. Ricker was in court next day and swore that the check was not signed by him. Mr. Nevens said the prisoner had worked for him but under the name of Kennedy. Then the prisoner declared he had worked for an E. P. Ricker in Grove ton and this latter Ricker had given him the check. The court found probable cause for holding Hill on the charge of forging and uttering the check. Not being able to furnish bonds he was sent to jail.

Poland Springs.

Col. Logan, of the 9th Massachusetts Regiment is taking a furlough here. The 9th had its baptism of fire and fever before Santiago. Col. Logan has just recovered from yellow fever. He went to the front as Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment and was promoted to chief command on the death of Col. Bogan.

Tripp Pond.

Messrs. Lord & Gray have taken their steamer from the lake and moved it to Mechanic Falls.

More than 20,000,000 free samples of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve have been distributed by the manufacturers. What better proof of their confidence in it's merits do you want? It cures piles, burns, scalds, sores, in the shortest space of time. Merrill & Denning.

If you want to see some fine fish you should visit the cottage of Mr. W. N. Allen. Don't try to take them from the hook for they are painted, but so natural that you might mistake them for some just caught from the lake. They are the work of Mrs. Eva M. Reed, of Mechanic Falls, whose artistic ability is too well known in this vicinity to need comment.

Pigeon Hill.

Charles Jordan and family have returned to Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Eliza Collins has gone to Boston visiting.

Bert. Pulsifer and wife have gone to Massachusetts for the winter.

Mrs. D. W. True is visiting her son at the farm.

Charles Denning is marketing poultry and eggs at the Springs.

Mrs. Nellie Thayer is at Norway for a few days.

Mrs. Flora Cushman and Miss Lena Perkins of Boston are boarding at Sid. Sanborn's.

J. H. King has a fine "Old Glory" waving in the breeze.

White Oak Hill.

N. H. Boothby is recovering from his injuries which he received helping his brother at D. W. Pulsifer's.

Miss Saphrona Waterhouse fell and broke her leg a few days ago.

A. W. Knight has been quite ill but is now able to be out. They will move into their house this week.

The new barn on the Judkins place is up and about ready to shingle.

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Young Girls Fading Away.

Symptoms that seem like consumption; a lack of blood; friends feared one girl would fall dead on the street; restored to health by a sensible woman's suggestion.

Many girls of sixteen years seem to have consumption, although they have it not.

Their anxious parents and friends watch them slowly fade away.

A death-like pallor, transparent complexion and listlessness are signs of this condition.

The body lacks blood.

Mrs. John Tansey knows the meaning of these symptoms, and the cure.

She lives at 130 Baker Street, Detroit, Mich.

Her advice to mothers has been of great value to her neighbors. She tells the story to help others who are at a distance.

She said:

"When my daughter was sixteen years old she began to waste away.

"Had I not known there was no taint of consumption in the family I would have believed her lungs were affected.

"She grew thinner and thinner every day. She lacked only the hacking cough to show all the outward signs of consumption.

"Our doctor called the disease by an odd name, which I learned meant simply weak blood.

"No treatment seemed to do her any good. "She was fading away before our eyes.

"I was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and the change they made was almost magical.

"Before she had taken half a box there was a great improvement in her looks, appetite and weight.

"She gained strength rapidly. Soon she was in perfect health.

"Since then I have kept Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in the house always and have done much good with them.

"One example:

"There is a young girl friend of my daughter who seemed almost transparent.

"She was white and very thin. We were afraid she would fall dead in the street when she went out.

"I begged her to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and finally induced her to try them. They helped her wonderfully, probably saved her life and restored her to perfect health. Now she is recommending them to other young women.

"I earnestly advise mothers with growing daughters to keep Dr. Williams' Pink Pills always on hand as a household remedy.

Many women's lives are miserable because such symptoms as Mrs. Tansey's daughter showed were neglected while they were developing into womanhood. During that period of rapid development the blood needs the highest degree of strength to repair the tissues that are rapidly wasted.

These needed elements are supplied by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The vegetable ingredients of these pills act like magic in restoring strength to the muscles and roses to the cheeks of growing girls or adults weakened by overwork.

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| \$6.00 Stylish Cape, with Silk Hood, | " \$3.00 |
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| \$5.00 Jacket, | " \$2.19 |
| Full Ruffle Drawers, | " 25c. |
| Hamburg Trimmed Drawers, | " 29c. |
| Hamburg Trimmed Corset Covers, | " 20c. |
| Wide Hamburg Ruffle Skirt, | " 83c. |
| Light and Dark Prints, 4c. | Good Gingham, 5c. |
| Remnants fine Bleached Sheet, 6c. | |
| 40-inch Fine Bleached Sheet, 5c. | |
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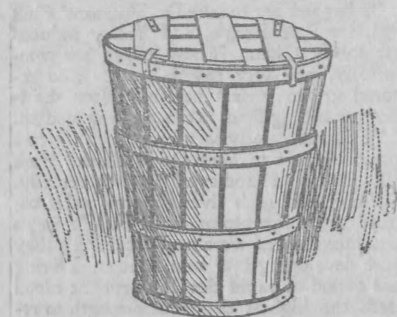


SHIPPING PACKAGES.

A Popular Basket—A Good Fruit and Vegetable Carrier.

One of the editors of The Rural New Yorker, who keeps an observant eye upon the marketmen of New York city, has recorded what he has seen recently in the way of shipping packages handled by them, giving illustrations of the same:

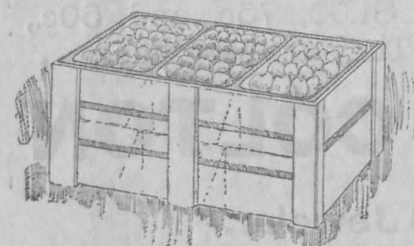
Figure 1 shows a round basket which has come into quite general use, especially with southern shippers during the past few years, and which is certainly a model. The same style comes in two sizes, what is known as the half barrel basket and the third barrel basket, the capacity being indicated by these words,



A NEAT BASKET FROM THE SOUTH.

though some of the baskets look as though they had shrunk. The basket is very strongly built and is covered by a slatted cover well fastened on. It is used by the southern shippers for string beans, peas, new potatoes, onions, squashes, as well as for apples and some other fruits and vegetables. It presents an extremely neat appearance, is very convenient for handling and is well ventilated. Its use might well be extended, especially by northern growers, for fruits and vegetables. I have just seen some of this same style of baskets, the bottoms of which are square with the corners rounded off, thus making the baskets nearly square instead of round. The only advantage I can see for these is that they might be packed together more closely in a car or boat, thus saving space. These baskets vary considerably in size, height and capacity, but are alike in general style.

Fig. 2 shows one of the most popular packages in market for the shipment of fruits and vegetables. It is simply a light, open case made of thin stuff, but tolerably strong, and holding six small baskets a little larger than the common five pound grape baskets. Occasionally some are seen holding eight tins or baskets and sometimes one holding four, but the popular size holds six in two tiers. The one shown is filled with tomatoes, the end baskets showing them as they come wrapped in papers, the one in the center having the papers removed to show the fruit. A larger part of the southern tomatoes come in these carriers, as well as the peaches, plums and grapes, and they are largely used for shipping northern grapes and for



A CARRIER LARGELY USED.

many other products. The construction affords good ventilation, the baskets serve to carry the contents in good shape and are of a size that pleases retailers. The cost ought not to be great, either.

One sees peaches everywhere. The larger part of them are the Elbertas from Georgia, and a fine appearance they make, too, the baskets being those used in the regular carriers, holding perhaps about six quarts. I saw one small lot in octagonal crates, the crates having a partition like orange boxes, and holding probably about three pecks each.

Condition of Crops.

Following is The Orange Judd Farmer's statement of the condition of corn, oats and spring wheat on Aug. 1 by states and the rate of winter wheat yield as so far developed by thrashing:

| | Wheat. | Spring. | Winter. |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| New York..... | 89 | 86 | 17.0 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 85 | 72 | 15.0 |
| Texas..... | 98 | 80 | 21.9 |
| Arkansas..... | 96 | 77 | 10.0 |
| Tennessee..... | 94 | 82 | 11.8 |
| West Virginia..... | 96 | 88 | 12.0 |
| Kentucky..... | 92 | 84 | 15.1 |
| Ohio..... | 85 | 82 | 16.1 |
| Michigan..... | 86 | 82 | 15.0 |
| Indiana..... | 86 | 83 | 17.0 |
| Illinois..... | 78 | 69 | 10.1 |
| Wisconsin..... | 65 | 58 | 22.2 |
| Minnesota..... | 64 | 56 | 18.3 |
| Iowa..... | 62 | 54 | 17.0 |
| Missouri..... | 77 | 61 | 10.0 |
| Kansas..... | 73 | 59 | 15.5 |
| Nebraska..... | 73 | 58 | 18.1 |
| North Dakota..... | 51 | 47 | 9.1 |
| South Dakota..... | 51 | 46 | 7.2 |
| California..... | 65 | 61 | 9.8 |
| Oregon..... | 68 | 62 | 9.6 |
| Washington..... | 69 | 60 | 9.4 |
| Oklahoma..... | — | — | 19.0 |
| Other..... | 92 | 88 | 14.0 |
| Average..... | 85.6 | 80.0 | 15.7 |

Green Manure For Potatoes.

At this season of growth potatoes show very quickly whether any green manure is plowed under for them, says American Cultivator. If it has been, they will almost invariably keep green one or two weeks longer than will potatoes for which a naked stubble was plowed as their seed bed. Earlier in the season the growth of the potatoes on a naked stubble may be the best, but after the potatoes have set and the demand for moisture is greatest is the time when the potatoes over green manure plowed under show their advantage. One week longer in keeping green may double the crop of marketable potatoes.

When the early garden crops, such as peas, early potatoes, corn, etc., are being removed, if a late crop does not follow this year some catch crops should be used to cover the ground. Where it survives the winter sow crimson clover, and it will save a part of your fertilizer bill next year. Later than August I know nothing better than rye to sow for a cover crop. It may not furnish the soil as much as nitrogen when plowed under in the spring, but it is safer to sow late in the fall, as it is a more hardy plant than clover. Nature's plan is to keep the soil covered, and unless we grow some useful plant to cover it she will cover it with weeds. Ground that is covered during the winter with clover or rye does not lose any of its fertility, its mechanical condition is improved by plowing them under, and plant food is supplied in the cheapest way.—Ohio Farmer.

News and Notes.

The Palmetto asparagus seems to resist rust better than many other popular varieties.

It is expected that the apple crop of England will be short, owing in part to the prevalence of insect pests.

Bush cutting is now in order. Out the underbrush close to the ground and heat and drought will do the rest.

Thrashing in some sections is proving the winter wheat crop lighter than was expected. Reductions from the big crops anticipated are reported from Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Mammoth white winter rye is receiving commendation for the excellence of the straw as well as the fine quality of the grain.

The various unfavorable conditions that have surrounded the corn crop from the start make it safe, in the opinion of Orange Judd Farmer, to assume that the total yield will fall materially below that of last year.

The Velvet Bean.

A cut of the velvet bean is here reproduced from The Rural New Yorker. It is from a photograph sent by a Georgia correspondent. The bean is described as a strong vigorous grower, the blossoms attractive to the eye, but of an odor objectionable to most people. According to seedsmen and others, a large acreage has been planted in Flor-



VELVET BEAN FLOWER.

ida and the Gulf states, and small plantings for experiment at the north have been numerous. The bean is described in a bulletin of the Florida station as follows: "The pods are very thick and leathery, do not crack open when ripe and are difficult to open by hand. The pods contain from three to five large, plump, fine looking beans, irregularly colored with purplish and brownish patches. The foliage is much like that of other beans. The vines grow from 10 to 20 feet in length."

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When all the world is old, lad, And all the trees are brown, And all the sports are stale, lad, And all the wheels run down, Creep home and take your place there, The spent and maimed among, God grant you find one face there You loved when all was young! —Charles Kingsley.

DURELL'S MISSION.

Rev. Icabod Durell carefully stroked his quill pen and adjusted his glasses more evenly on his nose and proceeded to write out his sermon, in which he was pointing out the error of allowing merely temporal things to interfere with those of eternal significance. Icabod was a plain, earnest man, who worked faithfully at the problems of a parish in colonial Virginia, which were much like those of every parish everywhere, only that he had come into closer touch with his people than have many ministers before and since his day.

Icabod bit his pen in hope of inspiration, but his thoughts would turn from his theme to one of the younger men in whom he was deeply interested and of whom lately he had seen but little, and he found it difficult to select texts in Genesis and Revelation exactly to illustrate his point. So he sat at his square mahogany table absorbed in thought and drew the plume of his quill pen back and forth in a reflective way across his nose.

James Hopkins came in through the open door and patiently waited for the parson to finish the sentence which he was writing. This Icabod finally accomplished and became aware of Hopkins, standing near.

"I didn't hear you," he said, apologizing.

"No matter," answered Hopkins, and both men sat down beside the big, book laden table.

"Parson, I'm in trouble," Hopkins began, "and I want your help."

"Anything I can do," said Icabod, "you know I will."

Hopkins hesitated. Then he took the plunge. "It's about Sally Daves. I suppose you'll laugh at me for coming," and he fumbled the hat in his hand, "but I can't make her listen to me, and I don't know what to do. She promised to marry me, and now she says that she never will."

The parson waited for him to go on, but Hopkins seemed to have finished all he had to say.

"And you want me to speak to her?" Icabod inquired, looking at his embarrassed caller with some amusement.

"Yes," said Hopkins, "and I want you to make her marry me. You could do it. You know I'd be a good husband, and you could talk about it—and explain things," he ended rather vaguely.

Icabod was silent. He considered a moment.

"Well, James," he answered, "I'll speak to Sally Daves for you, but she has many men to choose from, you know that, and I'm but a poor pleader. Still I'll try."

Hopkins looked appreciative and offered the parson a pinch of snuff. Then he rose, and the two men shook hands, and Hopkins went out into the summer world.

Icabod looked after him with some complacency. So it was this that had been keeping him away. He would straighten out matters with Sally Daves. The girl was a fool not to keep a man like Hopkins if once she had the luck to get him. Meantime there was his sermon, so he went back to the table and again gently rubbed his nose with his feathered pen and tried once more to get the drift of his argument.

The next afternoon Icabod rode over to the Daves plantation, where he found two of his younger brethren enjoying themselves in Miss Sally's company. With patience and long suffering he waited until they reluctantly had gone, and then he proceeded at once to deliver his message.

"And he's a worthy man, and you should be ashamed to treat him to whom you're betrothed in such a fashion," he ended.

Sally listened attentively and arranged her neckerchief.

"It's no different from the way I have treated the others," she answered at last, with no attempt to seem impressed with her own faults. "If James Hopkins would come a-wooing, let him bespeak himself, and not go bothering the parson."

"It's no such great bother," replied Icabod candidly, with the air of one who waives the point merely of quantity, "only you don't seem to understand what your actions mean to James Hopkins. He's no man to be forever chasing after a woman. There are many girls in the county who'd be glad of him."

"They're welcome to him, and you may tell James Hopkins the same and give him my best good wishes," replied Sally, with all sweetness.

So the interview ended. It seemed to Icabod useless to discuss the subject further. He had done his duty, and it was nearing supper time, so he took his leave and rode away, amused and rather sorry and wondering which of the other young men was to marry the prettiest girl in the parish. Her picture came back to him as she had stood on the low piazza, one arm resting against the vine covered post, the sunshine playing on her fair hair, which had blown a little over her brown eyes, so filled with mischief. She certainly was the prettiest maiden in the parish, Icabod thought; mere candor compelled the admission, and he wondered if the tea cakes would be overdone, and accordingly applied his riding stick and hurried on toward the parsonage.

During the Sunday morning, Hop-

kins came to see the parson, and when he learned the result of the interview he was much disappointed.

"Didn't she tell you why?" he asked, looking dubiously at Icabod.

"I don't believe she has any reason," Icabod answered. "Perhaps she needs to be coaxed. Go to see her yourself, man, and don't come bothering me about it."

So the next day Hopkins rode over to the Daves' plantation and again presented himself with some doubt, it is true, as to the wisdom of his coming. Sally was not to be coaxed, and the interview was, short and much to the point.

"And have I a reason?" Sally asked sharply. "And haven't I told you these 20 times that I don't love you? As if that weren't reason enough!"

"You like somebody else," retorted Hopkins. "Probably you've been making promises to Ed Clark, now."

"And belike I may have, though I don't remember them," answered Sally, with no sign of resentment.

"Won't you tell me why?" again demanded Hopkins.

"No," said Sally, standing very straight and looking as severe as so fair a girl could. "No, James Hopkins, I will not tell you my reason."

Hopkins rode away in gathering wrath, and he decided once more to seek the interference of the church.

Icabod listened patiently to his tale, and then told him kindly but firmly that in view of his many duties he simply could not undertake the care of parochial love-making.

"But she won't tell me why," Hopkins persisted. "I'd feel better about it if I only knew her reason. I've asked her time and again, and she only makes fun of me. Won't you ask her that much? Please now, just as a friend of us both."

Icabod hesitated. It was such a bother. "Yes, I'll ask her," he said, at the same time feeling angry with himself for saying that he would.

The next afternoon found Icabod riding slowly along the shady summer lanes toward the Daves' plantation and wondering the while why a woman couldn't be frank and outspoken in such matters and save her kindly disposed friends so much needless labor.

As he came near the house he saw Sally sitting on the low piazza, her workbasket beside her, bending over some bit of sewing in her hand, a picture framed in the green vines which grew over the porch, and Icabod couldn't find it in his heart to blame Hopkins.

Sally saw him and stood up, dropping her work about her in pretty confusion.

"Thank you, father's not so sick we should be bothering you," she said, coming down the first step to greet him.

"I didn't know he was sick at all," answered Icabod in honest surprise.

"He's a little sick," said Sally. "He's gone over to the river meadow now, but I couldn't think what else could bring you again so soon. Not but that you're always welcome," she added, seeing Icabod's evident embarrassment.

He dismounted and sat down on the broad piazza bench. He might as well get through with his fool's errand and be done with it, so he said:

"I've come on behalf of Hopkins."

Sally smiled in enjoyment of the situation, but she kept silent.

Evidently she wouldn't help him, so Icabod continued, "He wants me to ask you why you won't marry him."

Sally hesitated and stroked her work with her needle.

"Do you think I ought to tell him, parson?" she asked.

"Yes, I do," said Icabod, with parochial firmness.

"Will you promise to tell him if I explain my reason to you?" Sally asked, looking squarely at Icabod.

"Yes," he answered, feeling much relieved and smiling back encouragement at the fair girl before him.

"Well," said Sally thoughtfully, "I think I'd be willing to tell you my reason, but, you see, it's not wholly my own. Suppose we leave it this way. I will think about it and I will send you word what I decide, and we won't talk about it any more, please," she ended, rising.

Icabod judged that he was expected to go, and so he took his leave. His visit was most unsatisfactory, but he had done what he could and he was glad the business was ended, so far as he was concerned. He was sorry for Hopkins, poor chap, but perhaps he would be satisfied with Sally's reason. No doubt it was a good one, for the girl seemed very sensible, and so Icabod rode back very contentedly to the parsonage.

The next morning as Icabod was writing at his big table Sally's little black boy brought him this note:

REVEREND SIR—I would be frank in this business. I purpose to marry somebody else. See II Samuel, twelfth chapter, verse 7. With respect, I am y'r obed't SALLY DAVES.

Icabod opened his Bible to the second book of Samuel, the twelfth chapter, and ran his finger down to the seventh verse and read, "And Nathan said unto David, 'Thou art the man,'" and then Icabod sat vacantly looking at the table for a long time.

"Miss Sally told me to fetch an answer," said the little black boy at his elbow.

"Tell your mistress that I will bring it over myself," said Icabod.—Boston Transcript.

His Saving Grace.

"I may not like work," said the tramp, "but there is one thing I don't do."

"What's that?"

"Fritter away my money in idleness, as the newspapers say."—Philadelphia North American.

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He—I could kiss the dust you walk on.

She—What's the matter with the dust that does the walking?

NOTES.

Local and Otherwise.

A Welsh Name.

A correspondent of a London paper says: "I met recently with a translation into English of the name of the village in Anglesey which boasts the longest name in the United Kingdom. I send you a copy below, thinking it may interest your readers: 'Llan-fair-pwll-gwyn-gyll-goger-y-Church | Mary | a hollow | white | hazel | near to | the chwyrr-drobwl | Llan-Disilio-gogoch-rapid | whirlpool | church | (saint's name) | cave | red'—that is, the Church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel near to the rapid whirlpool, and to St. Disilio church near to a red cave."

A Peculiar Paper.

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A Matter of Fees.

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