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Everyone would laugh to see how quickly you can stop a **Headache** or break up a cold with a few doses of

DeCoster's Headache Powders.

They work like a charm.

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In Effect Oct. 3, 1898.

DEPARTURES.

10:04 a. m. and 2:59 p. m., for Rumford Falls

6:55, 10:40 a. m. and 4:01 p. m. for Lewiston,

Portland and Boston.

ARRIVALS.

10:40 a. m. and 4:01 p. m., from Rumford Falls

10:04 a. m., 2:59 and 4:45 p. m. from Lewiston,

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Connections at Rumford Falls with R. F. & R. L. R. R.

Steamers connect at Bemis for all points in the

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In Effect Oct. 3, 1898.

ARRIVALS.

From Portland and Boston, 9:33 a. m., 3:10 and

7:30 p. m.

From Montreal and Chicago, 6:40 a. m., and

4:37 p. m.

From Quebec, 6:40 a. m. and 4:37 p. m.

From Island Pond and way stations, 9:58 a. m.

DEPARTURES.

For Portland and Boston, 6:40 and 9:58 a. m.,

and 4:37 p. m.

For Montreal and Chicago, 9:33 a. m. and 7:30

p. m.

For Quebec, 7:30 p. m.

For Island Pond and way stations, 3:10 p. m.

Sunday Trains.

ARRIVALS.

From Portland and Boston, 9:54 a. m., and 7:30

p. m.

From Chicago, Montreal and Quebec, 6:40 a. m.

DEPARTURES.

For Portland and Boston 5:30 a. m.

For Chicago, Montreal and Quebec, 7:30 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 7:30 p. m.

Trains leaving Mechanic Falls at 6:40 and 9:58

a. m. and 4:37 p. m. will arrive in Boston at 10:16,

4:15 and 9:25 p. m.

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A Large Stock of Clothing

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Will be Sold at Cut Rates!

A Man's Suit, Brown Plaid,

All Wool, Extra Heavy,

\$7.50,

Warranted.

Boy's Suits,

Boy's Sweaters,

Men's Sweaters.

A. A. WOODSUM.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Mechanic Falls

Loan and Building Association will be held at

the selectmen's office, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1898,

at 7:30 p. m. A. A. WOODSUM, Sec.

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sons in this state to manage our business in their

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year and expenses—definite, bonafide, no more, no

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FACT AND FANCY.

About Our People.

The Village Rambler.

The Rambler has heard many remarks on the letter of Mr. Fred H. Waterhouse. Almost everybody is interested in it, the country is so new and strange. The mining phrases stir up the old forty-niners, the surroundings are so familiar. In talking with Mr. Waterhouse's father, Mr. D. B. Waterhouse, he said the terms were transplanted from the west, and were the same that he used to hear and use years ago in Wyoming. Gold hunting is a fascinating but uncertain business. Just when you are reaping a harvest and everything is serene, the lode will take an unaccountable twist to the right or left, and your profits suddenly sink to the zero point. What a world of thought may pass the brain of the miner in his pursuit for the shining sands. Here is an innocent looking stream which is boring into the mountain or subterranean ledge, with the strength of dynamite, breaking into the laboratories of nature, which were sealed ages ago when the world was new. For countless centuries this stream has been at work, boring pot-holes in the bed rock and filling them with auriferous sand,—not always in the same bed but silently and steadily working just the same. Yes, before the days of the river there was the glacier plowing a furrow to last for all time, and grinding in its course every substance with which it came in contact. All these facts are spread out to the miner every day of his life, but in his rush for wealth many times he passes it unheedingly by. Shoveling is the hardest of all work. A little of it is a good gymnasium, for there isn't a muscle it doesn't use; but a good deal of it is a breeder of rheumatism. It is generally the poorest paying of all occupations, but that is the impiment which the miner uses and he shovels out, sometimes \$1, sometimes \$2, and sometimes \$100 a day. This is what Mr. Waterhouse has done. His largest day's work was \$1600. He did not do this alone, however. It took 70

men and three sluices running day and night.

Someway the occupation of Cuba and the Klondike region go hand in hand, although opposites, the one frigid and the other torrid. The rush for both places began at the same time. Both are foreign territories, but Cuba is and has been more closely connected with us (and by us we mean Mechanic Falls and vicinity) than many suppose. Gomez and Garcia were educated at Yarmouth. This is something we have been proud of, although there is a revulsion of feeling at the present time. We have had a closer connection, however. 25 years ago, every village had its cooper shop, Mechanic Falls had them, Pages Mills had them and ad infinitum. These shops were making shooks for the Cuban molasses trade. As an auxiliary to this business every farmer who owned woodland, was getting out shook-bolts. The hills north of the village were covered with oak and click of the axe and the whing-whang of the cross-cut saw was familiar music in those days. If hogheads are to be made they must have hoops and so that business flourished too. These were made in the same locality out of oak sprouts, 16 ft. long. Until comparatively recent years piles of "shims" could be found in the edge of the woods at frequent intervals, marking the spot where a hoop-shaver had set up his jack, and a reminder of our former neighborliness with Cuba.

Most of us are not interested in foreign trade. Home trade is good enough for us. Just now the hen is looming up into prominence—important enough to have a census taken of her. There are 1,577,252 hens in Maine, and 2554 in Mechanic Falls. The eggs and poultry produced in Maine amounts to \$1,871,781.17; giving Mechanic Falls her pro rata her yearly hen product amounts to \$3,013.72. Most people look upon an egg as something that cannot be counterfeited, but such is not the fact. There are factories in France where artificial eggs are made which cannot be told from the genuine both as to form and contents.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Any one can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at Merrill and Denning's Drug Store.

How to Prevent Croup.

We have two children who are subject to attacks of croup. Whenever an attack is coming on my wife gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it prevents an attack. It is a household necessity in this country and no matter what else we may run out of, it would not do to be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. More of it is sold here than of all other cough medicines combined.—J. M. Nickle, of Nickle Bros., merchants, Nickleville, Pa. For sale by Merrill & Denning, Mechanic Falls, and S. H. Mann & Jordan, Casco.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. Grain-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1-4 the price of coffee. 15c. and 25c. a package. Sold by all grocers.

Pain has no show with Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

CURRENT EVENTS

In This Vicinity.

Auburn Court.

The Grand Jury has found more indictments than usual against people in this vicinity. An indictment was found against Chas. G. Owen for search and seizure; one against Herbert L. Estes for felonious assault; Albert P. Heath two indictments for forgery; James Gallant three for larceny; Edward C. Kennedy alias Thomas Hill one for forgery.

The following disposition was made of these cases: Albert P. Heath plead guilty and was sentenced to two years in the state prison; Edward C. Kennedy plead guilty and got two years in state's prison; James Gallant plead guilty and will serve nine months in the county jail; Herbert L. Estes plead guilty and got eighteen months.

The civil case of Davis vs. Owen was defaulted.

Bucklens Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Merrill & Denning.

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[NOTE FROM MRS. PINKHAM'S DIARY.]

THE real heroines of every day are in our homes.

Frequently, however, it is a mistaken and useless heroism.

Women seem to listen to every call of duty except the supreme one that tells them to guard their health.

As long as they can drag themselves around, women continue to work. They have been led to believe that suffering is necessary because they are women. What a mistake! For proof read this:

"I was so weak and nervous that I thought I could not live. I had falling of the womb and leucorrhœa, and thought I was going into consumption. I had dragging pains in my back, burning sensation down to my feet, and so many miserable feelings. I was not able to do my work. People said that I looked like a dead woman. Doctors tried to cure me but failed. I had given up when I heard of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I got a bottle. I did not have much faith in it but thought I would try it, and it made a new woman of me. I have been doing my work ever since for a large family. I wish I could get every lady in the land to try it, for it did for me what doctors could not do."—Mrs. SALLIE CRAIG, Baker's Landing, Pa.

If you are ill and need counsel you can secure advice from Mrs. Pinkham's vast experience without cost. Write to her at Lynn, Mass., and tell her the whole truth; you can talk freely to a woman.

The following is the experience of Mrs. Meier in her own words:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to inform you of the benefit I have derived from the use of your medicine. I have suffered for two years, and have spent over one hundred dollars for doctors. There was not a week passed without my doctor being called to my bedside. He said I had falling of the womb, and that I must wear a rubber ring. I wore it six months, but I still had those terrible bearing-down pains, and pains in my back and side. Menstruations were so painful that I was compelled to take to my bed. I have taken four bottles of your medicine, and am cured of all those pains. I never felt better in my life than I do now. I would recommend it to all who suffer from female weakness or womb trouble. To all suffering women I would say, "Take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It will not only save dollars, but restore you to perfect health."—Mrs. C. E. MEIER, Jacksonboro, Ohio.



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THURSDAY, OCT. 6, 1898.

Editorial Notes.

Poor Fanny Davenport is no more.
Close time on deer and men expired
Friday at midnight.

Nova Scotia has given a big majority
for prohibition. They evidently prefer
blue noses to red noses down there.

Canada is to have one-cent postage
across the seas to England but it yet
costs three cents to send a letter
across the street by mail at home.

Gen. Miles is not a favorite of the ad-
ministration, nor is he afraid of it and
we shall have to call him a brave man.
It takes more back bone to beard the
powers that be in their den than to
stop Spanish bullets in Cuba.

Gen. Boynton says 425 volunteers
and one regular have died of fever at
Chickamauga. This shows one of two
things: Either seasoned troops can
stand climatic changes better than raw
volunteers, or they were cared for bet-
ter.

The new bonds are finding their way
back to Washington as security for
bank circulation. About one-third
of them have arrived. This may not
be as popular a loan as has been rumo-
red, but if money circulates any
better we won't say anything.

Many of our returned soldiers are
looking for the jobs they left before
they went to war. People had an ache
then that they called patriotism, and
they told the boys in blue that the fat-
ted calf should be killed for him when
he returned; but their substitutes are
doing so well and working for so
much smaller pay that they bid fair to
be in permanent possession. What is
patriotism, anyway?

The Dominion of Canada has just
voted for prohibition. The vote was
small and the majority in favor of pro-
hibition 18,000. It is so small that it
is said that the officials will not act up-
on it. In other words, they are going
to work the Czar Reed racket and pre-
tend that all the stay-at-homes voted
against the measure. Perhaps they
are right as to their intentions—they
are certainly indifferent about the mat-
ter; but it isn't always that the officials
are willing to help the voters out this
way. The bent of the official mind
can easily be seen in this matter.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard is dead.
He has had a busy, public life, and he
has filled it in a way fairly creditable
to himself. When ambassador to Eng-
land he made a speech, that while
eminently just and strictly true, was
not flattering to American vanity. This
was taken up by the opposition, who
did all they could to make him unpopu-
lar. This was unjust and is so ad-
mitted, now that he is dead, by the
opposing newspapers, which shows the
"cussedness" of politics. Mr. Bayard
has passed several seasons at Poland
Springs, including that just past, so he
is of almost local interest.

The remains of Christopher Colum-
bus are about to be carried to Spain.
Poor Chris. They won't let him rest
even in death. His first burial place
was at Valladolid in Spain (1506) but
shortly after his remains were transfer-
red to the monastery of Las Cuevas,
Seville. In 1536 his body was exhumed
and carried across the sea, together
with that of his brother, Diego, and
was interred in the cathedral at San
Domingo. When the Spanish ceded
that island to France the remains were
again moved to Havana. It is said
they made a mistake in this removal of
1796, and that they took the ashes of
Diego instead; but the proof of this
charge is not altogether satisfactory.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Bil-
iousness, Indigestion, Headache,
Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

DOINGS Of Our People.

Hunting for the Red Ear.

It was a large and merry party of
both sexes that gathered in Chas Pen-
ney's capacious stable, Monday eve-
ning, for the purpose of husking out a
nice lot of yellow corn, that had that
afternoon been suitably arranged in
piles so as to accommodate all those who
wished to get at them. The way the
corn husks and stalks flew around
there for an hour or two was a caution
and by 9 o'clock there was a large pile
of handsome golden grain in one cor-
ner of the stable and the rest of the
floor was covered knee deep with husks
and stalks.

It was but the work of a few min-
utes, however, to clear out an open
space in the center large enough to ac-
commodate all who wished to dance,
and about that time supper was an-
nounced. All repaired to the yard
where was found a long table literally
groaning with good things. Baked
beans, brown bread, white bread,
doughnuts, pies, cakes, coffee, honey,
and in fact, everything one could wish
for and in ample quantity. Some over
50 sat down to supper, filling the table
twice.

After eating their fill (and, by the
way, some of them had to be forcibly
taken from the table) they all made a
grand rush back to the stable and then
the dancing begun. "Old Zip Coon"
and several others of the same kind
were put through in the good old
country style and an occasional waltz,
shottische and polka were dropped in
between to rest those who only danced
the contras and quadrilles.

The party broke up about 1 o'clock
and all were loud in their praises of the
entertainment they had received from
the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs.
Penney. We predict from the looks of
the nice pile of corn in his stable that
he will be able to have some hulled
corn, brown bread, "Johnny Cakes"
and in fact anything that requires good
sweet corn meal, this winter that will
be fit for a king to eat.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,
Lucas Co., ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he
is the senior partner of the firm of F.
J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the
City of Toledo, county and state afore-
said, and that said firm will pay the
sum of \$100.00 for each and every
case of Catarrh that cannot be cured
by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed
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[Seal.] A. W. GLEASON,
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best is to be chosen for a medicine in
the first place; what experience tells
you is best to be chosen in the second
place; what reason (i. e., theory) says
is best is to be chosen in the last place.
But if you can get Dr. Inclinatio, Dr.
Experience and Dr. Reason to hold a
consultation together, they will give
you the best advice that can be given."

When you have a bad cold Dr. In-
clinatio would recommend Chamber-
lain's Cough Remedy because it is safe
and pleasant to take. Dr. Experience
would recommend it because it neve
fails to effect a speedy and permanent
cure. Dr. Reason would recommend
it because it is prepared on scientific
principles, and acts on nature's plan in
relieving the lungs, opening the secre-
tions and restoring the system to a nat-
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The more Grain-O you give the child-
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through their system. Grain-O is
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ly prepared tastes like the choice
grades of coffee but costs about 1-4 as
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OUR NEIGHBORS And Their Doings.

West Minot.

Ed. Cloutier of Oxford was at his
father's, J. B. Cloutier's Friday.

H. W. Bearce has captured 8 coons
and one fox this fall.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick head-
ache, biliousness and all liver ills.

Mr. Charles March and wife of Au-
burn, were at H. R. Dimock's Sun-
day.

You invite disappointment when you
experiment. DeWitt's Little Early
Risars are pleasant, easy, thorough lit-
tle pills. They cure constipation and
sick headache just as sure as you take
them. Merrill & Denning.

The grange hold their fair Oct. 8.
There will be a baaket picnic at noon,
the grange furnishing the coffee, and
an entertainment in the evening. All
are cordially invited.

Pigeon Hill.

F. D. True and family returned to
Portland, Monday.

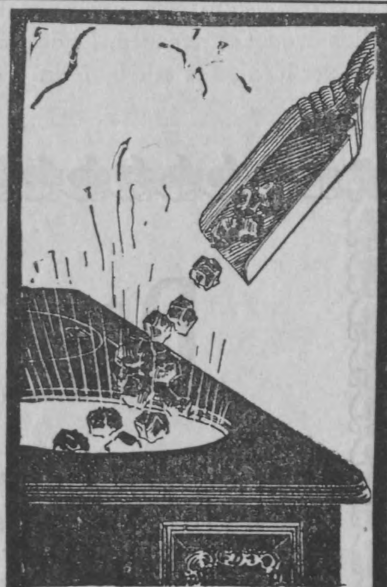
Mrs. Collins arrived home from her
visit in Massachusetts last week.

Mrs. C. K. Smith is visiting her
neice, Mrs. Mary Hall, at Oxford.

Miss Ethel Saunders visited her sis-
ter, Mrs. Rich, last week.

J. C. McIntyre is spending a few
days with his family at the cottage,
gunning and fishing.

Miss Davee is teaching her fourth
term at the Oxford school house.



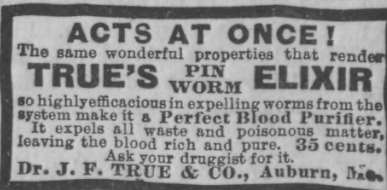
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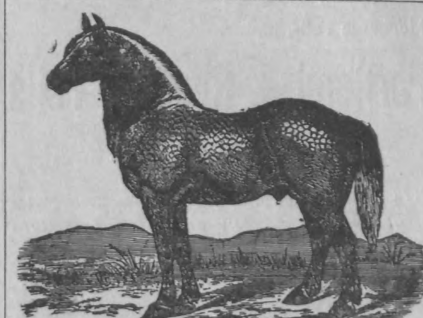
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School, 12 m., Junior League, 3 p. m., Gospel
and praise service, 7 p. m. Class Meeting, Thurs-
day evening at 7.30.

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
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Pres., Mrs. O. W. Hawkes, Secy.

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.—Of-
ficers 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.

Pleasant St., Baptist Church—"Strangers Sab-
bath Home." Seats Free. All welcome. Rev.
Geo. S. Chase, pastor, J. S. Merrill, clerk. Sunday
service, 10.30 a. m., 7 p. m. Tuesday and Friday
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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.

Tyran Lodge, No. 73, A. F. and A. M.—J. W.
Wayne, W. M., L. Jefferies Secy. Meetings,
Thursday on or before each full moon.

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

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

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. R. M., 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.

Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., meet-
ings 1st and 3d Wednesdays, Flora R. Thurston, N.
G., Kate L. Denison, Sec'y.

Dwinal Chapter, Eastern Star, meetings 2d
and 4th Wednesdays, Kitty P. Libby, M., Ella J. Bal-
ley, Sec'y.

A. A. Dwinal Post, No. 3, G. A. R., J. H.
Shackley, C. L. P. Davis, Adgt. Meets every
Tuesday evening at G. A. R. Hall.

W. C. Bridge Camp, No. 20, 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. O., Meetings
1st and 3d Wednesdays at Congregational Vestry,
W. N. Hodgdon, N. C., May Walker, K. of R.

Monami Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., W. H. Spear,
N. G., E. K. Holbrook, R. S. Meets Monday eve-
ning at Odd Fellows Hall, Elm St., at 7.30.

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

Miscellaneous.

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

MECHANIC FALLS

And Her Neighbors.

Items of Interest Picked up by Our Reporters.

Mr. Harry Mosier is visiting Oakland.

Tumblers two cents each at J. S. Merrill's.

Mrs. W. S. Strout has returned from Portland.

Mr. H. T. Sands has returned from his vacation.

Mrs. Charles Pulsifer of Saco, was in town Monday.

Dr. W. B. Haskell of Oxford, was in town Saturday.

Messrs. W. N. Allen and Alvin Reed visited Byron last week.

Miss Edna Robinson of Otisfield, is attending school in this place.

Mr. A. B. Parsons and wife of Rumford Falls were in town Friday.

Mr. Frank Hanscom returned to Haverhill on his wheel, Sunday.

Mr. H. M. Crosby is at home from Boston, working for I. F. McCann & Co.

Mr. John French of Andover, is again in the office of J. W. Penney & Sons Co.

Mr. I. W. Ellingwood saw two deer on the upper end of Elm Street one day last week.

Mr. S. Bridgman and wife of Braintree, Mass., have been visiting at Mr. S. R. Penney's.

Miss Evie Burns, who has been visiting for several weeks in New Hampshire, has returned.

Mr. Fred McCann had the misfortune to break his leg, while in a friendly scuffle the first of the week.

The annual meeting of the Loan & Building Association will be held Tuesday evening at the selectmen's office.

Mr. J. E. Saunders and wife took a carriage drive through the northern part of Maine and into New Hampshire, last week.

We hear that C. B. Cummings & Sons of Norway, have purchased the grain business of Mr. S. S. Waterhouse. Mr. Waterhouse will manage the business.

The Eastern Star will give an entertainment at Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12, exclusively for members of the order, who are requested to be present.

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.

Mr. C. R. Denning and wife, who have been visiting in town, returned to Berlin, N. H., by carriage, on Saturday last. Mr. E. A. Gammon and wife accompanied them as far as Paris Hill, remaining with them for dinner at Hotel Hubbard.

The steamer Gladys took her last trip through town Saturday. It was an overland trip to the depot, en route to Wayne Pond where she will make trips in the future having been sold to parties in Wayne. She has about as good a reputation for overland trips as the battleship Texas.

The little engine built by the Penneys, mention of which was made in the last Ledger, was sent to the Newton factory of Messrs. F. E. & F. O. Stanley, where it was greeted with a crowd of interested spectators to large to gain admittance to the building. We hear it was perfectly satisfactory to the Stanleys and has won many compliments from experts.

Mr. A. A. Root, of Buffalo, N. Y., was in town one day last week, to inspect the new engine made by the Penneys. Mr. Root is building an aluminum canoe at the Bath Iron Works, 14 feet long and weighing 200 pounds and he thought this engine would be just the thing to furnish motive power. Mr. Root had a cigar cutter with an advertising attachment, with him, which was one of his inventions.

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Mrs. S. H. Davis, who has been sick is recovering.

Mr. C. J. Kelley of Troy, was in town last week.

Mr. E. A. Whittier of Lewiston, was in town Friday.

The stable to the Baptist parsonage is being finished.

Call in and see new goods received daily at J. S. Merrill's.

Mr. L. T. Allen is building an addition to his house on Pine Street.

Messrs. D. A. Buxton and E. P. Staples of Portland, were in town Friday.

Mr. Forest Waterman has entered the drug store of Otis Cook, Auburn.

Mrs. F. Edwin Dwinal is visiting in Auburn, the guest of Mrs. Wm. Greenleaf.

Mrs. Eliza Bryant of Buckfield, was the guest of Mrs. J. H. DeCoster last week.

Mr. Frank H. Downs and wife of Lynn, Mass., are visiting at Mr. E. H. Downs'.

Mr. Kendricks of Boston, has recently been the guest of Mr. E. A. Gammon.

A jolly, good time was had at the husking at Mr. C. V. Penney's Monday evening.

Mrs. H. H. Tufts of Skowhegan was the guest of Mr. F. E. Tufts and wife last week.

Mr. A. B. Hutchinson and wife of Lawrence, Mass., are visiting at Mr. J. E. Saunders.

Miss Georgia Brett of Beverly, Mass., has been the guest of Mr. A. W. Bridge and family.

Orion Encampment worked the Royal Purple degree last week and had a banquet afterward.

The Ladies' Circle and Aid Society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. S. L. Hawley last week.

Mrs. Ruth Young and Miss Tena Young of Locke's Mill have been the guests of Mr. A. G. Tinkham and family the past week.

Miss Miriam Boothby, neice of the late Hon. Mark P. Emery of Portland, will spend Thursday in town, the guest of Miss Clara Dwinal.

Monday, Oct. 3, Mr. Wm. Towne picked a large raspberry bush that had a lot of ripe berries on it and also green ones and some just out of blossom.

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.

Our little boy was afflicted with rheumatism in his knee; and at times unable to put his foot to the floor. We tried in vain, everything we could hear of that we thought would help him. We almost gave up in despair, when some one advised us to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. We did so, and the first bottle gave so much relief that we got a second one, and to our surprise, it cured him sound and well.—J. T. Bays, pastor Christian Church, Neodesha, Kan. For sale by Merrill & Denning, Mechanic Falls, and S. H. Mann & Jordan, Casco.

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Mr. L. F. Allen is visiting Brockton, Mass.

Mr. E. G. Parsons of Onset, Mass., is visiting town.

Mr. Ellis Gray returned from the hospital Monday evening. He is not entirely well yet but is gaining every day.

Mrs. C. F. Downs returned to her home in Boston, yesterday. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Sarah Bucknam.

A baked bean, pastry and cold meat supper will be served at the Baptist church this (Thursday) evening. Supper, 15 cents.

Mr. A. Davenport Cox, a Hebron student, occupied the Baptist pulpit Sunday, in the absence of Rev. Geo. S. Chase, who is at Houlton attending the Baptist State Convention.

The Union Temperance Meeting will be held at the Congregational Church next Sunday evening at 7.30. Plans have been made for an interesting meeting and it is hoped that many will attend.

A Young People's Lecture Course has been formed at South Paris and among the speakers that have been engaged is Rev. George S. Chase, whose subject will be, "With the American Army in the Field".

Mr. F. H. McDonald received word from Washington, D. C., the first of the week, to appear at the Custom House, Portland, on Wednesday of this week, to take an examination for a clerkship in the Treasury Department. We wish him success.

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.

The first supper of the season will be given by the ladies of the Universalist society, at Murray Hall, Thursday evening, Oct. 13, from 6.00 to 7.00. In addition to the "regular beans", a clam chowder will be served by one of the best caterers in town. A short entertainment after the supper. Everybody cordially invited.

Myrtilla, widow of the late George Bridgman, died Saturday, at the home of her son, Mr. G. G. Bridgman, in this village. She was 82 years and 2 months old, and left three daughters, Mrs. B. C. Stone and Mrs. C. W. Richardson of Portland, and Mrs. Georgia Littlefield of Minneapolis, and two sons, Mr. G. Grosvenor Bridgman, of this place, and Mr. Wm. C. Bridgman, of Bridgton, to mourn her loss.

There was a change of time upon both railroads Monday. With the exceptions of the up evening train and the down morning train on the Grand Trunk, there are no very great changes. Trains leave the Maple Street station, P. & R. F. Ry., for Lewiston and Portland at 6.55 and 10.40 a. m. and 4.01 p. m., arrive from the same stations at 10.04 a. m. and 2.59 and 6.45 p. m. On the Grand Trunk trains leave for Lewiston and Portland at 6.40 and 9.58 a. m. and at 4.37 p. m., and arrive from the same stations at 9.33 a. m. and 3.10 and 7.30 p. m.

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The Grand Orient had 28 victims, Thursday night.

Fall carpets just in. See samples at J. S. Merrill's.

Mr. E. K. Chapman of Stroudwater, was in town Wednesday.

The Epworth League will hold its business meeting and social, Monday evening, Oct. 10, with Mrs. Charles Green on Lewiston Street.

At the Methodist Church the pastor will preach a series of sermons on Sabbath mornings on the following themes: October 9, The Carnal Mind; Oct. 16, The Marvellous Change; Oct. 23, The Blessed Cleansing; Oct. 30, The Baptism of the Holy Ghost. A welcome to all.

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A goodly number of friends gathered at the Methodist Church vestry Saturday evening, and gave the pastor, Rev. A. Hamilton, and family, a good pounding, to the amount of \$21.00. A short entertainment was given followed by a social hour. All went home feeling that they had enjoyed a very pleasant time.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Horsesness and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs are surely cured by it. Call on Merrill and Denning Druggists, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or money refunded.

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The wife of a clergyman tells the story of her suffering with neuralgia of the heart, with the hope that her experience may indicate to others the way to regain health.

Few bodily afflictions are more terrible than heart disease. To live in constant dread and expectation of death, sudden, instant death, with last farewells unspoken, is for most people more awful to contemplate than the most severe lingering illness.

The slightest excitement brings great suffering and danger to people so afflicted. Such was the experience of the wife of a well-known clergyman. She tells her story for the sake of doing good to others. "I feel," she said, speaking carefully and weighing her words, "that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People relieved me of a lifetime of sickness and sorrow, and I cheerfully recommend them."

This grateful woman is Mrs. Wamsley, wife of the Rev. C. E. Wamsley, who lives on West Sheridan Street, Greensburg, Ind. She continued:

"My heart became affected after the birth of my youngest child, about six years ago. The pain was constant. Frequently it grew so severe I would be forced to cry out. 'I could not endure any excitement.'"

"It would increase the pain so I would scream and fall down in a state of collapse. In this condition I was helpless."

"These spells would come on me at home, in the street, or anywhere I might be. 'I could not sleep at night. I ate very little.'"

"Different doctors were called in. They said I had neuralgia of the heart, resulting from nervous prostration."

"The doctors treated me, but the relief they gave did not last."

"I was a physical wreck, when my eye fell on an item in the local paper describing how Mrs. Evans, of West End, had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Her suffering was like mine. 'I hope other sufferers who read this account will have the faith I had when I read of Mrs. Evans.'"

"My husband bought me one box of the pills. The change they made in my condition was encouraging. I took another box; then bought six more boxes."

"All the time I gained in health, strength, hope, nerve force—steadily, surely!"

"Before I finished the eighth box I ceased the treatment. I felt perfectly well, and the doctor said I was entirely cured."

To add weight to her story Mrs. Wamsley made affidavit to its truth before John F. Russell, a Notary Public of Greensburg. Neuralgia of the heart is only one of many serious evils that grow out of derangements of the nervous system or of the blood. The remedy that expels impurities from the blood and supplies the necessary materials for rapidly rebuilding wasted nerve tissues reaches the root of many serious diseases.

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A MAD REVENGE.

My name is Morgan Grenoble, and today I have reached the turning point of my thirtieth year. People say that I look "odd" with almost snow white hair and wonder how it came to be thus to one so young.

Eight years ago on the 29th of this very month I stood at the altar with Laura Comstock.

I was a telegraph operator and was stationed at Wayburg, a station 20 miles from Stockton and at the terminus of the then D. G. and C. R. railway.

Returning from our honeymoon, I left my wife in Stockton and proceeded to Wayburg, intending to remain at my old post until relieved, which I thought would be in a few days, as my offered resignation had been accepted at headquarters. The engineer on the "up" train was Mark Moore, a rather handsome young fellow, who had been my rival for the hand of the woman I called my wife.

When the train stopped at Moreland's, I alighted from the passenger coach and walked forward to the engine. Mark was busily engaged oiling the machinery.

"How are you, Morgan?" he said as he espied me and held out his hand. His disappointment seemed to have left him, and he was very pleasant. "Going to Wayburg?"

"Yes."

"Just get in with me, then," he said.

I replied that I would do so, and when the train moved away I was occupying a seat in the engine, chatting with the engineer.

"One hardly notices the ascent, but the descent is an entirely different thing. I was thinking, Morgan, what a terrible thing it would be if an engine with full power on were to become unmanageable at the top of the grade and dash away."

"And if a man bent on revenge were to place a fellow creature bound on the engine, what a terrible death he would hasten to with almost lightning rapidity!"

The following night was dark and tempestuous, and I alone occupied the station, watching the little machine before me. That day a new engine had arrived, and Mark Moore had been put in charge of it. From 2 o'clock in the afternoon to 6 I saw him moving about the engine. Until 10 I watched the little machine. Then Mark opened the door and stepped into the small apartment.

"Are you receiving a dispatch, Morgan?" he asked.

"No, Mark. Why do you ask?"

"Because if you are not I wish you would leave the cinders a bit and come and look at my Red Bird by lantern light. I am going to run down grade to Chalmers, reverse the engine and run back. The train will not be due here for an hour, and I can go to Chalmers and return within 20 minutes."

We walked into the great temporary shed where the new and beautiful engine stood, ready to run off at the command of its master.

"I dare not be so long absent from my post at this hour, Mark."

"Pooh, man, there's no danger. You must go with me."

"But I cannot, Mark."

He put his lantern on the ground and then sprang erect.

"You shall, Morgan Grenoble!" he cried, and before I could answer him he dashed me to the earth and planted his knees on my breast.

"Not a word out of you, Morg," he said fiercely, producing a rope. "I'll tell you what I'm going to do. You know we were discussing the consequences attending the rush of a maddened engine down the grade. I reckon I won't go to Chalmers, but will send you clear to the bottom of the grade."

"Mark Moore, you are mad," I said.

"Would you murder me in cold blood and others who are coming up on the 11:10 passenger?"

"Yes," he said coldly.

I might have resisted, but resistance would have availed me nothing, for I was constitutionally weak, while he was a lion.

"There!" he said at last as he closed the furnace door. "Everything is ready for your ride. You'll go right through Stockton, but I reckon you won't have time to stop to speak to loving Laura. Goodbye, Morg. Write when you get to the foot of the grade."

The engine was moving, and he leaped off.

"May heaven have mercy on your soul, Mark Moore!" I shouted after him.

The grade between Wayburg and Chalmers was quite steep, and before I reached the little town the speed of the Red Bird and its tender seemed to rival that of the telegraph.

The towns with their glimmering lights appeared and were gone in a flash.

The manner in which I was bound permitted me to look out of the window.

I did so, and Stockton, the home of my wife, greeted me with its many lights.

Ahead I saw many people waiting for the 11:10 passenger.

The next moment I was carried past them.

I saw their astonished faces and heard a piercing shriek.

I recognized the voice as my wife's.

There was one hope for me—just one.

Perhaps the operator at Stockton had telegraphed down the grade, and thus warned the coming train would switch and save its passengers from death.

Looking out, I saw far ahead the glaring headlight of the southern train.

To me it looked as though it stood on my track. Evidently the train had not been warned.

Suddenly I heard a man shout, "Stand back!" and then, crash! it was dark!

"Is he injured much?" somebody asked.

Sympathizing faces bent over me, and a surgeon was examining my wounds.

"The ties stopped the engine," said the surgeon. "We received a telegram from Stockton informing us that the new engine was rushing down the grade. The southern train was switched off upon its arrival here, and we set to work to pile immovable ties on the track, which, thank heaven, checked your mad career."

"Telegraph to Stockton," I said, "to my wife."

It seemed as though every bone in my body was broken, and I cannot tell how I ever survived through the prostration that followed.

But I did, to find my hair rivaling the spotless purity of the snow and crow's feet on my youthful forehead.

My rival was never tried, for the third day following his arrest he was conveyed to an asylum, a hopeless maniac.—Exchange

In Disgrace.

"I understand Susie Smartweed was dropped from the hospital service in disgrace."

"Yes. She used the chief surgeon's best knife to sharpen her lead pencil."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SELECTIONS

A Fascinating Stranger.

"A Worcester man," says the Worcester Gazette, "who makes frequent trips to Europe fell in with a fascinating stranger the last time he was across. The stranger, who may be designated as Ferguson because that does not sound at all like his real name, was an American, his manners were those of a gentleman, and he seemed to be well supplied with money and to know a great many people worth knowing. In conversation with the Worcester man one day Ferguson said: 'Worcester is a charming city, and I have some very dear friends there. I presume you know Colonel E. J. Russell? He is an old and highly esteemed friend, to whom I am deeply indebted for many favors.'"

"When the Worcester man returned home, he met Colonel Russell one day and in course of conversation remarked that he had met a man in Europe who said that he was an old friend. Colonel Russell thought for a moment, and then he replied: 'Oh, yes, I remember Ferguson very well! I ought to, for he lived with me for seven years once. It was when I was warden of the state prison at Charlestown, and I will say that Ferguson was one of the quietest and best behaved prisoners that I ever had.'"

A Lost Opportunity.

The Chicago Record says that some time ago a young organist secured permission to practice on the big organ in the Auditorium. An elderly man walked in and took a seat a few rows away from the musician. The young organist noticed him, and was encouraged to "show off" and do a few tricks of playing for his audience. He rambled on for an hour, and the elderly man sat there, apparently impressed. The young man tired at last and was about to lock the organ when the elderly man approached him and said in broken English that he wished to play for a few minutes.

"They don't allow any one but an experienced organist to touch the instrument," said the young man loftily.

With a little gesture, suggestive of meekness and humility, the stranger presented his card, "Alexandre Guilmant, Paris."

Then it was time for the young organist to swoon. He had missed the chance of his life. For an hour he had been entertaining the great master with homemade drivel.

Vindication.

"Are you not ashamed to look your children in the face?" hissed the unhappy girl.

Her father bit his lips; that done, he cut loose.

"I will no longer endure to be unjustly reproached!" he cried. "You kids get your pug noses from your mother's folks!"

Sinking into a chair, he wept weak tears, not strong enough indeed to phase the colors in the upholstery.—Detroit Journal.

Poisons In Food.

Decomposition in animal products often develops poisonous alkaloids, and cases of illness from eating canned goods are usually traced to this source. There is also an element of danger in salts that may be formed by the action of the contents of the can. Both these sources of danger have been reduced to a minimum by improved methods of canning, but it is idle to deny that they exist, and they demand reasonable precaution in purchasing and using canned goods.

A French physician has apparently proved to a certainty that the contagious period in whooping cough comes previous to the appearance of the "whoop."

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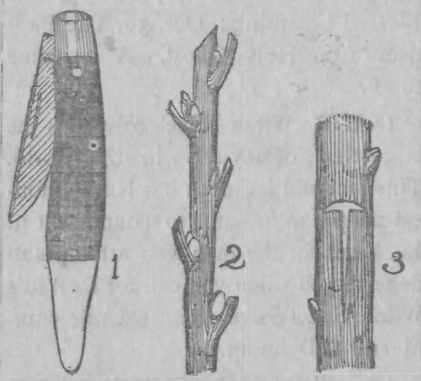
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NO. I—BUDDING ILLUSTRATED.

young trees or the branch of a tree which is to receive the bud—has begun to form its terminal buds, indicating that it is ripening its growth for the season." With the foregoing explanation The National Stockman gives directions for this important operation, which are in substance as follows:

In performing the operation it is best to have a budding knife (Fig. 1), but successful work has been done with a good barrow. The requirements are a thin blade, with the point a little rounding and a very keen edge. A prepared "stick of buds" ready for work is shown in Fig. 2. It must be a shoot of the present season's growth. As soon as the scion is cut the leaves are to be removed, allowing a short piece of the foot stalk to remain—a third of an inch or so. A piece of the point of the shoot—two or three inches—is to be cut off and rejected, as several of the younger buds are usually too immature, and the same with two or three inches of the base of the shoot, the buds on this part being imperfectly developed. These sticks of buds are to be kept in damp cloth until used.

The most convenient size of stock to be budded is half an inch or so in diameter. The best point at which to insert the bud in a young tree is two or three inches above the surface of the ground. Trees 3 or 4 years old or more would have to be budded in the branches. With the rounded point of the knife an upright incision of an inch or 1 1/4 inches in length is made in the bark, and at the upper end of this incision a short horizontal one. This is illustrated by Fig. 3. An oblique incision, instead of the horizontal one, has this advantage, that the tying material will cross it instead of dropping into it, which it might do without proper care. The bark is now to be raised gently, beginning at the upper end of the long incision. In doing this the thin piece of bone or ivory on the lower end of the handle of the budding knife comes into play.

The bark being raised on each side of the incision, a bud is to be cut from the prepared stick of buds. The knife should enter about half an inch below the bud and come out three-quarters of an inch above it, taking a very thin slice of the wood along with the bud (see Fig. 4).

The bud is now held by the short piece of footstalk and inserted under the raised bark, beginning at the upper end of the incision and pushing it down gently to the lower end. Should a por-



NO. II—BUDDING ILLUSTRATED.

tion of the upper end of the bud extend above the incision the protruding portion is to be cut off so as to make a neat fit. The bud in place is shown by Fig. 5.

Tying is now in order. The material may be narrow strips of muslin candlewick, woolen yarn (four or five threads together), linn bark or the imported raffia. Beginning at the lower end of the incision the wrapping is continued upward—moderately firm, but not too tight—until every part of the incision is covered, but leaving out the footstalk and the point of the bud. These must not be covered by the tying, but it should come as close to them as possible. The finished work is shown by Fig. 6.

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Magazines.

The October Delineator contains the best information in regard to fashions, and a diversity of literary features and household hints. There is a paper on English Society by Mrs. Fenwick Miller; two stories about college life, one concerning Bryn Mawr by Edith Child and the other of Wellesley by Katharine Reed; amateur photography is continued by Sharlot M. Hall; Dr. Grace Peckham Murray discourses on the diseases of the skin; while the voice is treated by Eleanor Georgan; women's club life is considered by Helen M. Winslow.

The wonders of the flying machine are set forth in the October Demorest, also, an article of interest, even though the war is done, on the army paymaster. The serial, A Municipal Experiment, has an installment in this number and there are several excellent short stories. In this number there are 24 designs of the newest fall and winter styles. The patterns of any one of these designs cost only the price of postage.

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