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Now for
Holiday
Fancy Work.

Chamois Skins,
10 cents to \$1.00

Sachet Powder,
All Odors.

Imported Tissue and
Crepe Papers

Figured Crepe Tissue,
Something new and very pretty.

Artists' Paints,
Academy Board,
Canvases stretched to order.

All the above you can buy at a
fair price, of

MERRILL & DENNING.
Prescription Druggists.

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"Both my wife and myself have been
using CASCARETS and they are the best
medicine we have ever had in the house. Last
week my wife was frantic with headache for
two days, she tried some of your CASCARETS,
and they relieved the pain in her head almost
immediately. We both recommend CASCARETS."
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Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good, Do
Good, Never Sickens, Weakens, or Gripe, 10c, 25c, 50c.
... CURE CONSTIPATION. ...
Selling Remedy Company, Chicago, Montreal, New York, St.

NO-TO-BAC Sold and guaranteed by all drug-
gists to CURE TOBACCO HABIT.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM
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 1:15 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 12:50,
1:10 and 9:15 p. m.

Christmas

IS COMING

and now is the time to get a suit of
clothes—from \$3.00 to \$8.50.

Boys' Short Pant Suits
\$1.50 to \$3.50.

Men's Ulsters, \$4.50 to \$8.50
Boys' Ulsters, \$2.00 to \$4.00.
Boys' Reefers, \$2.50 to \$3.50

Hats, Caps, Fine Neckwear, and
Neck Scarfs.

Gloves, Mittens.

Everything at Lowest Prices.

A. A. WOODSUM.

WANTED—SEVERAL TRUSTWORTHY PER-
sons in this state to manage our business in
their own and nearby counties. It is mainly office
work conducted at home. Salary straight \$900 a
year and expenses—definite, bonafide, no more, no
less salary. Monthly \$75. References. Enclose
self-addressed stamped envelope, Herbert E. Hess,
Pres., Dept. M, Chicago.

CURRENT EVENTS

In This Vicinity.

The Crown of Fame.

The Ladies of the Congregational
Circle will hold a fair and festival at
Murray Hall, next Tuesday and Wed-
nesday evenings.

On Tuesday evening the entertain-
ment will be called "The Crown of
Fame", in which 25 persons represent
the following characters:

Goddess.
Queen Isabella.
Queen Elizabeth.
Cleopatra.
Miriam and her 4 attendants.
Samantha Allen.
Grace Darling.
Topsy.
Mother Goose.
Mrs. Partington and Ike.
Bridget O'Flanagan.
Minnehaha.

"There are others" but their identi-
ty has not been divulged to the Ledger;
but we are told that every figure is a
work of art and that every one will
want to see them.

Ice cream and cake will be sold.
The entertainment will begin at 8
o'clock and the admission will be 20
cents.

On Wednesday evening there will be
a supper, served from 6 to 8, after
which there will be a concert with the
following program:

Violin Solo,
Ladies' Quartet.
Piano Solo.
Ladies' Trio.
Violin Solo.
Ladies' Duet.
Solo.
Piano Duet.

The supper will cost 20 cents and
the admission to the entertainment
will be 10 cents.

BORN

In Mechanic Falls, Nov. 29, to the
wife of Mr. C. A. Cousens, a daughter.

Catch Cold Easily?

Are you frequently hoarse?
Do you have that annoying
tickling in your throat? Would
you feel relieved if you could
raise something? Does your
cough annoy you at night, and
do you raise more mucus in
the morning?

Then you should always keep
on hand a bottle of

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

If you have a weak
throat you cannot be too
careful. You cannot begin
treatment too early. Each
cold makes you more liable
to another, and the last
one is always harder to
cure than the one before it.

Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plaster
protects the lungs from colds.

Help at Hand.

If you have any complaint
whatever and desire the best
medical advice you can pos-
sibly obtain, write the doctor
freely. You will receive a
prompt reply.

Address, DR. J. C. AYER,
Lowell, Mass.

FACT AND FANCY.

About Our People.

The Village Rambler.

Just now people are indulging in rat
stories. Some one, a few days since,
was bragging in the Portland Press
that he had enticed six rodents into a
trap at one time and intimated that he
considered he had broken the record;
whereupon, next morning, a woman
bobbed up serenely and claimed to have
had 14 in a trap at one time. The
teller of rat stories is treading on dan-
gerous ground. No one has dared to
tell a champion rat story for 1000
years. Bishop Hatto did that business
up brown in the 10th century and no
one has dared to venture on the ground
since. He was archbishop of Mainz,
and showed a truly christian disposi-
tion, if we can believe the legend as
told by Southey. The peasants were
starving in the vicinity, but the bishop
had plenty of corn in store houses and
he was asked to divide. It seems he
didn't believe in socialism, any more
than some of our modern prelates. He
was a past master in dramatic cruelty,
however, so he intimated to the popu-
lace that if they would assemble at his
graineries on a certain day something
would happen in which they would be
interested. Something did happen.
When everybody had arrived the bish-
op sat fire to the graineries that these
starving people might witness the de-
struction of the food necessary for their
maintenance. The populace were
not the only ones interested. There
were millions of rats secreted about the
buildings and levying tribute on the
grain. Rats, rabble and all, are differ-
ent from human beings, inasmuch as
they know their own when they see it
it and propose to have it. You have
only to look at a rat to perceive its
cunning and sinister intelligence. The
fire drove the rodents out. As might
be expected they did not enjoy this
priestly auto da fe any more than their
human counterparts in Spain. They
seemed to understand the cause of
their misfortune and pursued the bishop
so closely that he beat a hasty retreat
to his island castle near "Bingen on
the Rhine", known as Mausethurm,
closely followed by the rats. They in-
vaded the lower story and the bishop
found it necessary to go to the top-
most tower. The rats followed. They
came up through the floors and in
through the walls. The first visitor to
his holiness found—well, they found
his ske on a well preserved state.

But the Rambler did not start out to
tell this legend dim with years and
large with historic accumulations, but
a modern rat story told him by Mr.
Charles C. Rowe of Oxford, and one
of the selectmen of that town. Mr.
Rowe was taking up his barn floor a
few days since and found that the nar-
row space between it and the ground
had been entirely preempted by rats.
There were rats of all sizes, sexes and
conditions. As might be expected,
this attack on their headquarters made
a commotion among rats. Mr. Rowe
armed himself with a shillaleh and
his son seized a dung fork and together
they made a war for humanity on rats.
The young man made a jab with the
fork and impaled four—one on each
time. Altogether they killed 51, and
nearly as many got away.

Rats are ferocious creatures, and may
have stripped the bones of Bishop
Hatto for all we know to the contrary.
One of our citizens can bare testimony
to the ferocity of their nature. Mr. E.
C. Rawson, when a mere boy, was as-
sisting his late father in moving a
slaughter house which was infested
with large and ferocious rats. His
father left him for a few moments
when he was attacked by 5 giant ro-
dents with such fierceness, that, had
help not arived, they might have
killed him.

DOINGS

Of Our People.

Tyrian Lodge.

The following officers of Tyrian
Lodge were recently installed by Dis-
trict Deputy G. H. Goding, assisted by
P. M. Prescott R. Cobb as marshal:

J. W. Wayne, W. M.
M. C. B. Prince, S. W.
M. W. Morrill, J. W.
A. J. Weston, Treas.
L. Jefferies, Sec.
N. P. Downing, Chap.
C. R. Edgecomb, Mar.
E. A. Hammond, S. D.
Alvernon H. Briggs, J. D.
F. L. Marston, S. S.
Dudley S. Perkins, J. S.
Geo. E. Moore, Organist.
O. N. Bailey, Tyler.

There is a Class of People

who are injured by the use of coffee.
Recently there has been placed in all
the grocery stores a new preparation
called GRAIN-O made of pure grains,
that takes the place of coffee. The
most delicate stomach receives it with-
out distress, and but few can tell it
from coffee. It does not cost over 1-4
as much. Children may drink it with
benefit. 15 and 25c. per package.
Try it. Ask for Grain-O.

IT IS THE FACT, Think as You Please

It is not generally known, but it is a fact readily proven by the
investigations of science, that the real danger from every
known ailment of mankind is caused by inflammation;
cure the inflammation and you have conquered
the disease in each case. Inflammation is
manifested outwardly by redness,
swelling and heat, inwardly by
congestion of the blood ves-
sels and growth of un-
sound tissue, caus-
ing pain and
disease.

INFLAMMATION

External inflammation accompanys bruises, bites, cuts, stings, burns, scalds, chaps, cracks, strains, sprains, fractures, etc., and is the chief danger therefrom. Internal inflammation frequently causes outward swellings, as instances familiar to all we mention pimples, tooth-ache, stiff joints and rheumatism. Yet the great majority of internal inflammations make no outside show, for which reason they are often more dangerous than the external forms.

Causes Every Known Disease!

Inflammation of the nervous system embraces the brain, spine and bones, with all their aches and pains. The breathing organs have many forms of inflammation, such as colds, coughs, catarrh, asthma, pleurisy, bronchitis, la grippe, pneumonia, etc. The organs of circulation and digestion have a multitude of inflammatory troubles, as do also the generative organs of both sexes. Every part of the vital organs form one complete plan with separate functions mutually dependent; therefore inflammation anywhere is felt more or less every-where, and impairs the health. Early in the nineteenth century, the late Dr. A. Johnson, a noble hearted, old fashioned Family Physician, set himself the task to study out a certain and prompt remedy to relieve pain and cure inflammation. After long and patient investigation, he originated and produced Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, in 1850. From that time to the present it has steadily increased in demand and popularity, and is today the Universal Household Remedy in very many families throughout the United States and Canada. It is the great vital and muscle nerve. Dropped on sugar suffering children love it. Its special province is for the treatment and cure of inflammation, INTERNAL, as much as EXTERNAL.

Johnson's Anodyne Liniment

Cures Every Form of Inflammation.

It is important everyone should understand the nature and treatment for inflammation. Send us at once your name and address and we will send you free, our New Illustrated Book, "TREATMENT FOR DISEASES." This is a valuable and complete treatise which every person should have for ready reference. It gives a practical treatment for every disease at home.

Send for our Book "Treatment for Diseases" and Care of Sick Room, Free, The Doctor's Signature and Directions are on every bottle. Price 35 cents; six \$2.00. Sold by all Druggists. I. S. JOHNSON & CO., 22 Custom House Street, Boston, Mass.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

CONFIDE IN A WOMAN.

Women may write about their troubles to Mrs. Pinkham and avoid the questions of a male physician.



The questions asked of a woman by a male physician are embarrassing and frequently revolting to a sensitive nature. In consequence the whole truth is not told! This makes it difficult for female troubles to be successfully treated, and is the reason so many women grow worse rather than better.

Mrs. LUCY A. LOUGHERY of New Lebanon, Ind., describes how wretched she was until she received Mrs. Pinkham's help:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I propped myself in a chair and wrote to you, and as soon as I commenced to take your Vegetable Compound I began to improve. I had suffered with severe pains in my hips, back and head. The doctor said I had bladder trouble and falling of the womb. I had spells when, if I did not sit down, I would fall. I was sleepy all the time. I was also troubled with leucorrhoea and itching piles. People thought that my end was near. Had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and advice, I would have been dead and buried long ago. I hope that this letter may be the means of helping all women who suffer as I did.

Women understand women better than men can. The whole truth is freely told to Mrs. Pinkham, and women only see the letters received by her at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is freely offered.

Here is a convincing letter from a woman in Bethlehem, Pa.:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Words cannot express my gratitude for the good that your Vegetable Compound has done me. I have taken five bottles, and feel better in every respect. Menstrues heretofore lasted too long and were very profuse, and made me very weak. Your Compound is a miracle. Before writing to you I had tried doctor's medicine, but of no avail. I would not give up your Compound for female complaints for all the doctor's medicine in the world. My friends want to know what makes me look so well. I do not hesitate one minute in telling them what has brought about this wonderful change. I cannot sing its praises enough. I hope every one who suffers as I have will give Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound a trial; and I know that, if taken according to directions, it will cure.—Mrs. EDWIN EHRLI, 413 Church Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

All women who suffer should secure Mrs. Pinkham's counsel. Female troubles are real troubles, and must be treated understandingly. For a quarter of a century Mrs. Pinkham's advice and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound have been helping women to be strong and well, more than a million women have been benefited by it.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound
A Woman's Remedy for Woman's Ills.

BARGAINS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Pearl Letter opener with Sterling Silver handles only 25c. each.

Ladies' Purses with Sterling Silver Trimmings, \$1.00 each.

Paper Cutters with Sterling Silver Handles 50c., 75c., \$1.00.

Nail Files with Sterling Silver Handles 25c. each.

Solid Gold Pens with Pearl Handles \$1.00 each.

Tooth Brushes with Sterling Silver Handles 50c. and 75c.

Glove Hooks with Sterling Silver Handles 25c. each.

Boot Hooks with Sterling Silver Handles 50c., 75c. and \$1.00.

These goods are right from the manufacturer and I will guarantee the prices the lowest. Come early before our assortment is broken as it will be hard at this time of the year to duplicate the goods. We also have a large lot of other goods to numerous to mention. Remember it is no trouble to show goods. Goods laid away for Christmas if so desired.

GEORGE A. COLTON,

Optician and Jeweler.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1898.

Editorial Notes.

The mystery of the Portland or the horrors of the wreck have not decreased during the week. Almost every day brings a new victim; also almost every day brings a new theory of the wreck. The wreckage so far brought ashore is of the upper works of the steamer and there is no vestige of the hull. This has given rise to the theory that several steamers as well as sailing craft were in the vicinity of this fatal spot at the time of the accident, which has caused some people to conjecture that the Portland met her doom in a collision. The bodies which have come ashore, both passengers and crew, would indicate that the cause of her destruction came suddenly and perhaps unexpectedly. Women were apparently washed from their berths, while men were walking the cabins or peering at the storm from protected places. The sailors also were unprepared to fight the elements, showing that up to the time of the disaster both passengers and crew had faith that Capt. Blanchard would bring his steamer with its precious freight safely into port. That few bodies have come ashore would seem to indicate that the majority of those on board went down with the ship there to remain until the sea gives up its dead. There has been a sorrowful pilgrimage to the Cape Cod villages the past week by relatives and friends of those supposed to have been on board, and the features of every corpse given up by the sea have been scrutinized by hundreds each with the hope that it might prove to be some loved one of their own. Our own village has anxiously sought the daily news hoping that the bodies of Mrs. Dennis or Mr. Kirby might be added to those reclaimed from the sea, but so far their watch has been in vain. Indeed the list of dead and missing friends has been increased since our last issue. Mr. A. R. Turner, with his wife, publisher of the Androscoggin Directory, are among the missing passengers of the Portland. Mr. Turner's business brought him to this village frequently, where he had many friends. It was but a few months ago that he was in this office to have the proof of his new directory, so far as it related to Mechanic Falls, read, that errors might be reduced to the minimum. It is more than probable that no one escaped alive, but the non-appearance among the wreckage of any portion of the life boats holds out a faint ray of hope. Whether we shall ever learn the history of that night or whether the sea will forever chant a requiem over the victims of the Portland, time only can tell.

OF INTEREST To Our People

The L. C.

The Ignoramus Club is now fairly organized and on a working basis. The season will end June 25 next and 34 meetings have been arranged for. The first regular meeting was held Oct. 25th last. The programs for all the meetings are very interesting. At present there are 28 active, 5 associate members and one honorary member, as follows:

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Mrs. W. N. Allen.
Mrs. A. W. Butler.
Miss Sarah Bucknam.
Miss Sallie A. Bullock.
Mrs. Arthur A. Bumpus.
Miss Bernidene Jewett Butler.
Miss Nancie Bucknam.
Miss Alice B. Cobb.
Mrs. C. W. Cole.
Mrs. George A. Colton.
Mrs. H. A. Clarke.
Miss Clara A. Dwinall.
Mrs. J. H. DeCoster.
Mrs. F. E. Dwinall.
Miss Nellie B. Douglass.
Mrs. F. Edwin Dwinall.
Mrs. E. A. Gammon.
Mrs. H. F. Hayford.
Miss May A. Hawkes.
Mrs. E. E. Jordan.
Miss Augusta A. Jackson.
Mrs. Jesse M. Libby.
Miss Edith M. Maxwell.
Mrs. L. W. Mason.
Mrs. F. O. Purington.
Mrs. J. B. Perry.
Miss Ida Record.
Miss May Smith.
Miss Alice True.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Howard Elwell.
Mrs. C. H. Milliken.
Mrs. Fred L. Perkins.
Mrs. H. T. Sands.
Mrs. Charles E. Waterman.
HONORARY MEMBER.
Rev. Marcia M. Selman.

The meeting this evening will be devoted to magazines, past and present. The following papers will be presented: Fiction, Miss Clara A. Dwinall. Illustrations, Mrs. A. W. Butler. Fact, Mrs. J. M. Libby. Advertisements, Miss Augusta Jackson. Review—Standish of Standish, Mrs. E. A. Gammon. The meeting last Friday evening was well attended. In the absence of the president, Mrs. A. W. Butler, who has been sick for the past week or so, the vice president, Miss Clara Dwinall, presided.

The roll call was responded to with items from the events of the week. There were two interesting papers read, one on Science by Miss Sarah Bucknam, and the other on poetry by Miss Nannie Bucknam. Among other things in the paper on Science was mentioned the first railway in America, with the legislative limits on speed on account of supposed danger, which looks so curious to people in our day. Quite a portion of the paper on Poetry was devoted to Kipling.

Bucklen's 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.

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

The New Library.

The new library enterprise is being pushed along in good style. All the books will be free to the inhabitants of the town. Some of the best new books published in the world will be put into the library and others added from time to time. The plan to get additions by means of free contributions is an excellent idea. A large number of books are already pledged. It is hoped that nearly every family in the town will look up one or several books to add to the pile and bring them in next Saturday.

The library will be opened as soon as the books are in and a new catalogue made up and printed.

In connection with this subject please read what the celebrated Channing says about books:

"They give to all who will faithfully use them the society and the presence of the best and greatest of our race. No matter how poor I am; no matter though the prosperous of my own time will not enter my obscure dwelling, if learned men and poets will enter and take up their abode under my roof,—if Milton will cross my threshold to sing to me of Paradise; and Shakespeare open to me the wonders of imagination and the workings of the human heart; and Franklin enrich me with his practical wisdom, I shall not pine for want of intellectual companionship and I may become a cultivated man although excluded from the best society in the place in which I live.

"Nothing can supply the place of books. They are cheering and soothing companions in solitude, illness or affliction. The wealth of both continents could not compensate for the grace they impart. Let every man, if possible, gather some good books under his roof, and obtain access for himself and family to some good library."

CEYLON INDIA T

Is noted for rich wine-like body.

The delightful flavor of that imported and sold by Chase & Sanborn in pound and half-pound air-tight packages, under the name of Orange Pekoe, is indeed most enjoyable.

Truly it is said that

**Chase & Sanborn's
Package Teas**

are the "Royal Gems of the Kingdom of Tea." They are famous throughout the country for richness, flavor, purity, and superiority.

One pound makes over 200 cups.

"You pay your money and take your choice."

when you buy something to eat, drink or wear. The assortment in the market and your financial condition provide the only limits. Sometimes with the hope of improvement you buy new things, don't you?

Then Listen.

Your wife has been sweeping carpets for years with a corn broom, an instrument as unfit for such work as would be the antiquated stage coach to serve in place of the modern trolley car. Sweeping with a corn broom is the hardest kind of labor, with the single exception of sawing wood, that a person can do about home. Think of this and the fine dust the broom swinger spreads over everything forcing extra work afterward each time with the dust brush. Think of this and decide whether it is your choice to continue to buy corn brooms or a modern Bissell Carpet Sweeper at \$2.50. Like "The Furniture Protector", there is nothing that will bring more joy as a Christmas Gift. No investment you can make to compare with it.

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199-203 Lisbon St.,
Lewiston.

Do You Want

To Save Fuel?

If so, buy the best stoves and ranges. Investigate and make no mistake. We keep the best stoves made at any price; also cheap ones from \$2.50 up.

Hawkes & Whitney.

Portland & Rumford Falls

RAILWAY.

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 6.45 p. m. from Lewiston,
Portland and Boston

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

Steamers connect at Bemis for all points in the
Rangeley Lakes while lakes are open.

Close connections made at Portland for Boston
and all points south and west.

For tickets and other information, apply to
H. F. HAYFORD, Agent,
Mechanic Falls.

R. C. BRADFORD, Traffic Manager,
Portland, Maine.

E. L. LOVEJOY, Superintendent,
Rumford Falls (in e.)

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERY-
where for the "Story of the Philippines" by Mur-
ray Halstead, commissioned by the government as
official historian to the war department. The book
was written in army camps at San Francisco, on
the Pacific with Gen. Merritt, in the hospitals at
Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches
at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Agui-
naldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey,
and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bo-
nanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures
taken by government photographers on the spot.
Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight
paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial
war books. Outfit free. Address, F. T. Barber,
Sec'y, Star Insurance Bldg. Chicago.

It rests with you whether you continue the
nerve-racking tobacco habit. NO-TO-BAC
removes the desire for tobacco, with-
out nervous distress, expels nicot-
ine, purifies the blood, re-
stores lost manhood,
makes you strong
in health, nerve
and pocket.
NO-TO-BAC
is your own druggist who
will furnish you. Take it with
a will, patiently, persistently. One
box, \$1. Usually cures; 3 boxes, \$2.50,
guaranteed to cure, or we refund money.
Selling Everywhere, Chicago, Montreal, New York.

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L. A. MOULTON & CO.'S.

BREVITIES

PERSONAL CHATS.

Among this year's Princeton students is Kin Beung Suh, a graduate of Roanoke college, the first Korean to take a B. A. degree.

Captain Robert M. Wagstaff, who died in Detroit recently, was a sailor on the first boat carrying gold seekers round the Horn in 1849.

Ned Glover, a former slave, lives with his wife and 95 descendants upon the plantation in Twiggs county, Ga., where he was born 96 years ago.

George Julian Zolnaz, the sculptor, has completed his bust of Edgar Allan Poe, and it will be placed in the library of the University of Virginia.

Admiral Dewey says ship service is as hard on shoes as city life. "I have," he adds, "a great many pairs and never wear a pair two days in succession."

The German emperor's hobnobbing with the sultan has recalled the fact that Bismarck once said that the Turks were the only gentlemen in the whole orient.

In order to work quietly at his compositions Paderewski has been forced to lock himself up in a villa near Mont Blanc and announce that he is "not at home" to any one.

Scott Lord and Ella Deveraux Lord of New York have given the 44 acres of land known as "Cuckold's Delight," near the Catholic university at Washington, for a Franciscan monastery.

A friend of Colonel Waring says that upon his return to New York he said, "Well, I was afraid that job might cost my life, but I knew I could clean the place, and I was bound to try."

The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz has just celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday. He is thus only five months younger than Queen Victoria. The king of Denmark, however, is older than either, having passed his eightieth year, while the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, the oldest of the rulers of Europe, is over 81.

David Kahnweiler, the inventor of the cork jacket life preserver, who died in New York a few days ago, lost a fortune several times and made it again by new inventions, among which were a milling machine, a metallic life raft and a cash carrier system for use in large stores. He was born in Bavaria and was 72 years old.

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TURF TOPICS.

Marous Daly will send a string of thoroughbreds to England next year.

The Kendall stock farm, Valley Falls, Kan., has weaned a crop of 12 foals, most of them fillies.

Miss Margaret, by Direct, made her first start of the year at the Greenburg (Pa.) races, and won a heat in 2:16.

When Charlie P trotted in 2:29 1/2 at the Washington state fair, he was the first of the get of Baymont to take a standard record.

A polo club has been organized in Kansas City and now has 16 members, including some of the leading horse fanciers in the city.

Ponce de Leon has a record of 2:13, and his son Percy, who recently died in Cleveland, had a record of 2:13 also. Same old "13" again.

When Monterey, by Sidney, trotted the second heat of the free for all at Glenbrook park, California, in 2:09 1/2, he lowered his record from 2:11.

The 8-year-old colt Louis Purcell, 2:29 1/4, owned by N. J. Sebald, Middletown, O., took his record five weeks after having been taken from pasture.

The Duke of Westminster, England, recently offered W. B. MacDonough, San Francisco, \$50,000 for the thoroughbred stallion Ormonde, but the offer was refused.

When Driver Bunch was fined \$100 for laying up a heat in the recent Los Angeles races, he raised his hat to the judges in acknowledgment when he passed the stand the next heat.

The American trotter Monadnock, who has been for the past few years campaigned in France, has been sent to Austria, to race there, and in his first race reduced his European record.—Horseman.

WOMEN'S WAYS.

Women always talk about it when a couple get married after a short engagement.

When it rains on a reception, the women who are not invited feel that the Lord is on their side.

One of the first indications of a growing discontent in a woman is that she refers to dishwashing and managing her husband as "problems."

HUMOR

View of a Layman.

Bill—What do you reckon that doctor tumps me all over de chest fer?
Jake—Tryin to see how much dough you had in your inside pocket, of course.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Wolves at the Door.

Lecturer—My friends, we have the raging heathen at our very doors.
Mudge—Sure—bill collectors.—Indianapolis Journal.

This Literary Age.



Her Ladyship—Going to Madie's—want to know something good.

The Count—Let me see. Have you read—er—um—"Mottled and Plain?"

Her Ladyship—Oh, I mean modern works! That's been out three weeks!—Ally Sloper.

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Photographing With a Fly's Eye.

A writer in Knowledge describes a method for mounting the eye of a dragon fly in such a way that, with the aid of a microscope, photographs can be made through the lenses of the insect's eye. The photographs thus produced are multiple, because the eye of the dragon fly consists of a large number of minute lenses distributed over its surface, each bringing the rays of light to a focus independent of the others. In fact, every dragon fly carries in its eyes about 25,000 minute and perfect lenses, each of which, when properly manipulated, is able to produce upon a sensitive plate a photograph, microscopic in size, but sharp and distinct.

Agricultural Brevities.

Ashes and lime are the Long Island gardeners' remedy for insects in the onion field.

The Carman grape, a namesake of Mr. E. S. Carman of The Rural New Yorker, has been awarded a gold medal as the best grape on exhibition at the recent meeting of the Texas State Horticultural society. It is a Texas grape produced by Professor T. V. Munson.

Cranberry picking was formerly done by hand, but a scoop invented for the purpose of hastening the work made considerable strides in favor last fall.

Oats, potatoes and buckwheat have been found to thrive better than wheat or clover on recently reclaimed bogs.

Rural New Yorker says it seems necessary to keep saying that there is never any nitrogen in wood ashes. They contain potash, phosphoric acid and lime, but nitrogen in some form must be added to make a complete fertilizer. Ground bone does this well.

Advice to Consumptives

There are three great remedies that every person with weak lungs, or with consumption itself, should understand.

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LOCAL YARNS

From Various Sources.

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Magazines.

The Christmas (December) number of the Delineator contains an elaborately illustrated description of winter fashions in millinery and dress. In the literary department are found the following, which are of interest: Two stories—A Modern Christmas Saint by Clara E. Laughlin, and The Reboso of Senora Vigiel by Eva Wilder Brochead—Washington Society During the War by Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, a Christmas poem by Edith M. Thomas, The Common Ills of Life, by Dr. Murray, Amateur Photography, The Cultivation of the Voice by Eleanor Georger, Poster Tableaux by Lina Beard, with a large number of departments.

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OUR NEIGHBORS

And Their Doings.

Oxford Depot.

Mrs. E. H. Boynton, of Berlin, N. H., was here recently.

Summer Wardwell loaded a car of cattle Monday.

Mr. Harrison Hall is improving.

W. H. French and wife have returned to their home in Hackett's Mills.

Constipation prevent the body from ridding itself of waste matter. DeWitt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure sick headache, biliousness, inactive liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea.—Merrill & Denning.

Miss Annie Caldwell is teaching in district No. 7.

Miss Lettie Smith has recovered from her recent illness.

Bert Hall and Earl Gilbert have gone to Hebron to work in the woods.

West Minot.

School began Monday with Mabel Bonney teacher.

Miss Alice Howard teaches in the Jackson district.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Parsons spent the Sabbath with friends in Auburn.

Mrs. Fred Packard and two children of Hebron, are visiting Mrs. Rose Pike.

When you ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of piles being cured by this, than all others combined. Merrill & Denning.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Whitman have hired out with Mr. Penley of Auburn and began work there last Monday.

H. W. Bearce and A. J. Eamon have returned from their hunting trip with two deer each.

A. F. DeCoster and Mrs. Rose Pike spent a few days last week with friends in Turner.

Poland.

The newly decorated Grange Hall is a thing of beauty. It has a steel ceiling overhead, painted cream color, the walls are newly ceiled and papered and there is to be new scenery for the stage.

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Ernest Russell and Miss Amy Heald of Buckfield, were the guests of S. Waterhouse on Sunday.

Miss Edna Waterhouse is in Boston.

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