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2d dam Full Cry, by Vandal.

3d dam Springbrook, by Lexington.

ELECTIONEER 125, by Hambletonian, 10; sire of Nettie, 2.18, and 29 others. Daughters are dams of 110, including Stamboul, 2 07 1-2, Ballona, 2 11 1-2, Greenlander, 2.12, and champion of two miles in harness, 4.32, and grand sire of 1611, including Nancy Hanks, 2.04, Mascot, 2.04; first dam Green Mountain Maid, who has nine in 2.28 3-4 and better, making her the greatest brood mare; she is also grandam of 184, including Arion, 2.07 3-4, and holder of the two-year-old record, 2.10 3-4; by Harry Clay, 45, second dam Shanghai Mary, not traced.

PLANET got Dame Winnie, dam of Palo Alto, 2.08 1-2; Paola, 2.18, Altivo, 2.18 1-2; Gertrude Russell, 2.23 1-2; and Big Jim, 2.23 1-2; and is full brother to Exchequer, 3551, Sire of Lucille, 2.21, and Rigolette, 2.22.

VANDAL got the dam of Proctor, 2.29 1-2, sire of Charley Green, 2.24 1-2.

IMP. TRUSTEE appears as frequently in trotting pedigrees as almost any thoroughbred horse, remote crosses of his blood being found in Palo Alto, 2.08 1-2, Hopeful, 2.14 3-4, Antico, 2.16 1-4, and others.

IMP. GLENCOE, thoroughbred, got the second dams of Faronia, 2.15, and J. B. Richardson, 2.17 1-2; while his thoroughbred son Rifleman got Col. Lewis, 2.18 3-4; and Col. Grayson, another thoroughbred son, got the dam of Loretta F., 2.18 1-4.

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THREE ROVING CLASSES.

THE WELL-TO-DO, SHIFTLESS AND YOUNG LEAVE THE FARM.

There are three distinct classes which have been moving from rural communities to towns and cities. The first is the hard working well-to-do farmer who has passed his three-score or more of years, and with his moderate wealth and economical ways, chooses the town or city—but preferably the town—to spend the remainder of his days with freedom from the cares and excessive labors of the farm. The second is the discontented shiftless class who are never satisfied with existing conditions, good or bad. The third class, and by far the larger class, are the young people from the farms who have, in various ways, imbibed false views of country life and are attracted to the city by the glitter and excitement which is seen and felt on the rosy side of city life. While it is true that the cities demand a certain amount of brains and vital force from the country to supply the wear and energy caused by the rush and excitement incident to city business life, there is no demand and no legitimate place in the cities for the large numbers who have left the country. The present congested condition of the wage earning population of the cities, from the salaried clerk to the day laborer, and the extreme poverty of large numbers is positive evidence that the great movement to the cities is uncalled for, that nine times out of ten it is unwise for the individual, and a detriment to the best interests of the country at large. The prime factor in the exodus from country to city is a faulty education, not in books, but in false views of life and erroneous opinions of what constitutes real happiness. Happily a change is taking place in this direction, and the farmer's boy and girl are beginning to appreciate life in the formation of character and the producer of happiness.

The grange has been of untold value in this connection, and its work in social and educational lines is highly appreciated by all who have given the matter any attention. With the present trend of thought I think that the movement towards the towns and cities will decrease until an equilibrium is restored. The rural population is too sensible as a whole, to long continue a movement that is detrimental to their personal interests and an injury to the country.—New England Farmer.

EDUCATION FOR FARMERS.

The prominent attention called to educational matters through the commencement exercises held by colleges, academies and high schools during the past month naturally suggests inquiry as to the part such education will take in the list of the tillers of the soil who constitute nearly one-half the population of the country, and it will be found upon investigation that not one in ten of the graduates who go out from these educational institutions with flying colors will take their places in the ranks of farmers, and we are obliged to meet the stubborn fact that the fundamental industry of the country, upon which all other interests depend, and in which there is an opportunity for the greatest research, must continue to exist under the direction and management of men without special training for their business except that acquired through the practice of it. This was all very well in those times when there was comparatively nothing to be learned from books, and few men qualified to instruct in the matter of agriculture, for upon farms was then the only opportunity of acquiring knowledge along this line, and about the only possible means of obtaining information upon farming matters was from the practical, successful and intelligent farmers, who, in like manner, had obtained their knowledge of farming from predecessors. All of this is changed and there is no profession to-day offering more information to the student than agriculture; and yet the number of doctors, lawyers, mechanics, electricians, engineers and craftsmen of various kinds graduated from educational institutions outnumber the farmers ten to one in a country where there are a hundred farmers to one of either of the classes named. These facts call for serious reflection by those who have the welfare of the country prominently in mind, by reason of holding responsible positions in the management of public affairs, for the stability and prosperity of any people so prominently engaged in agriculture as our own depend in a large measure upon the intelligence and skill of the tillers of the soil.—Mirror and Farmer.

FEED THE CLOVER.

I have never advocated growing much clover in New England to plow in for improving the soil, for I believe it is far better economy to feed it to cattle and then apply the manure to the land. In this way there is a double profit. I am sure, however, that not nearly as much clover is grown in New England as there should be. This conviction is made doubly strong since the scientists have learned just how clover growing increases the fertility of soils.

The best time to sow clover is the last of July if the weather is at all favorable to seed germination. It is also the best time to sow all the grasses. The next best time is in early spring, but on many farms the annual weeds are so abundant that the clover sown then would be in danger of getting smothered by them. Clover is well worth growing as a separate crop to be cut twice and then the sod turned in for improving the condition of the land for succeeding crops. But here in New England the common red clover that all are familiar with is a good enough variety.—New England Farmer.

The Iowa experiment station has conclusively settled the matter that the popular fancy of city butter tasters, that fresh cow's milk makes higher flavored butter than strippers, is all a fad. Butter experts will finally learn that it is easier for them to distinguish differences in flavor than it is for them to give the cause.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

One of the most favorable "signs of the times" in the horse business is the fact that most of our crack performers—especially the pacers—are in the hands of gentlemen and genuine sportsmen. The king-pin pacers, John R. Gentry 2:00 1-2, and Robert J. 2:01 1-2, belong to Banker Tewksbury, a gentleman of culture and a true sportsman. Star Pointer 2:02 1-2, is owned by Jos. A. Murphy, another wealthy gentleman sportsman, while Mr. Marks, the new owner of Joe Patchen, is a wealthy business man, possessing a high estimate of true sport, and against whom no word of criticism has ever reached the public ear. The great trotting stallions, Directum 2:05 1-4, William Penn 2:07 1-4, Arion 2:07 3-4, Stamboul 2:07 1-2, Kremlin 2:07 3-4, and Lockheart 2:08 1-2, though probably permanently retired from the turf, are each owned by gentlemen of high repute as men and sportsmen. It can therefore be truthfully said that not one of these great light-harness kings is owned by a man who prizes an ill-gotten dollar—or a hundred thousand of them—above the prerogatives of true sportsmanship. Plainly, then, the trotting-horse business and the trotting-turf sport is gradually, but surely, drifting to a higher plane of human gentilities. True, very true, wealth is not an infallible stamp of respectability, but culture, with wealth behind it, is much more potent in its influences than culture without wealth, and though this country is full of true horsemen and sportsmen in mediocre circumstances, the more cultured wealth the trotting turf has behind it the greater are the assurances of its prosperity and perpetuation.

The maintenance of the trotting turf and the trotting-horse business, from first to last, has depended on the timely appearance of gentlemen fanciers of means. In the earlier years of the business, Robert Bonner, with his ample means and unselfish love for a great horse, was the mainstay of the business. Later, when the breeding craze, now generally recognized as an arch enemy in the disguise of a benefactor, struck the country, millionaires by the score thronged the sale arenas and laid down hundreds of thousands for trotting stock. This was a great bonanza at the time for breeders, both great and small, but in after years this same move cost them five dollars for every one they got out of it. Fortunately the gentlemen breeders have subsided, and in their stead have appeared gentlemen owners, who, instead of spending ten thousand dollars in the breeding of a thousand dollar horse, are liberal buyers of the mature article at good wholesome prices, and the business is again well on the road to prosperity. Tewksbury, Marks, Murphy and a few others have counted out their thousands and got what they wanted, while their opposing bidders, by the score, with just as high impulses and plenty of "coin," are still unsupplied and on the anxious seat for "something better."—The Western Horsemen.

POPULATION DRIFTS LIKE THE TIDE.

SET LAWS GOVERN ITS MOVEMENTS.

The laboring population will drift towards the easiest place to obtain livelihood and will flow back again when from over supply in that place, the conditions change. Labor saving machinery is to the laborer, what quick assets are to the business man, for machinery as a rule does away with skill, to acquire which necessitates long practice at low pay. As the farmer's family becomes too large for the farm, the older sons try the city and find ready means of obtaining money that has been so scarce at home.

They also find that money goes more easily, but they are wedded to the new life, their children know nothing else, so they become shop hands, whose chance of preferment grows less with the establishment of trade unions that better their common conditions, but at the expense of their individuality. When, at last, the city is over supplied—and no possible means can be found for paying for labor which is not needed—the farmer's boys will begin to stay at home and the country supply to city population will grow less. Farming will grow relatively more profitable, until once again it is over done. This statement of the case is too broad for present application, still it gives the key to the present problem.

We have seen the price of manufactured articles declining so that a dollar will buy more of them than formerly. Machinery first, then an over supply from competition with machinery explains this decline. The products of the farm have also declined because of agricultural machinery and because of the modern unparalleled facilities for transportation, which alone makes possible competition amongst remote sections of the country. But when the population drifts city-wards the cities become larger and need more farm land to support them, so that the present tendency must be towards increasing the demand for farm products and therefore towards placing the farmers at an advantage for many years to come as these changes are slow, and few observe the turning points, or take advantage of them when they see them, but go on where they are, bitterly complaining of their hardships and hotly contesting for remedies, the value of which exists only in their imagination.

Few things are harder to the average man to understand than when he is well off, and the thinking farmer's boy is beginning to stay at home.—New England Farmer.

IMMENSITY OF THE POULTRY PRODUCT.

It is stated that the immensity of the poultry product is seen in many ways. Between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 eggs are consumed by New York city each day. New Jersey does not produce as many eggs as its citizens consume at home. Half a dozen western states supply the bulk of all the eggs which are consumed in New York city. Indiana sends the largest number. Next in the list are Ohio, Michigan and Iowa. It is estimated that Indiana is the largest egg-producing state in the country. Illinois has a large poultry industry, but nearly all of its product goes to the Chicago market. Not one of the New England states has any place in the markets, yet there are thousands asking for some one to direct them to the straight and narrow path leading towards prosperity. If the state of Maine should increase its egg output a thousand fold, the fact would hardly make a ripple at the distributing centre, yet the eggs and poultry of Maine are worth to the farmers of Maine at least two and a half millions annually. The increase would help many a man pay taxes and insurance and go to the circus. If New England should extend the business until it supplied the home markets no one would be injured in the least, but a mine of wealth would be opened of inestimable value. There would be dollars in circulation and the wallet of the farmer, who would be the hen man, would make a tramp's mouth water.

KILLING SQUASH INSECTS.

Dissolve one-fourth pound of saltpetre in water. Make a small ditch about the hills of cucumbers, squashes or pumpkins while the vines are small and pour in this solution of saltpetre. It will keep off striped squash bugs and kill the squash or flatiron bug which eats the vines.

The real good milker is made the first year. By this is not meant that breeding is a matter of no importance, but she must be made to do good service the first season if she is to keep it up. Letting the calf suck the first season or permitting it to run with the dam is a very bad way to make a good milker.

MIDSUMMER.

Why rail against the radiant summer sun
Because it beats too harshly on some days,
Because it brings not joy to every one,
Nor peace, nor comfort to all human ways,
Because with sudden potencies it beats
Upon the city in death-burdened heats?

What season of the year has not its sting?—
Winter is glorious, yet may freeze the heart;
There is subtle poison in the breath of spring,
And autumn harbors an envenomed dart;
Each has its charm, each feels its own desire,
As every soul its own imperious fire.

These days of summer are so rich with bloom,
So sweet with perfumes of the flowers and trees,
So wonderful with starlights hazed in gloom,
So full of mystery on melodious seas,
So tender, dreamful, with bird-haunted noons
And songs of soft winds under yellow moons,

That we who live them with love-lighted souls,
Gather their sweetness to ourselves and grow
Beyond the commonplace of common goals,
Beyond the dull restraints that all men know,
And we are thrilled with a divining sense
Of love and its supreme omnipotence;

Now earth seems like a garden where our thought
Blossoms anew in fresh and tender guise,
Where beauty has the power of life full wrought,
And youth sees far with wide, enchanted eyes,
And where the air is scented as it flows,
With fragrance of the jasmine and the rose.

—Harper's Weekly.

SOME RAMBLING THOUGHTS.

BY "NEMO."

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To LIVE is, as it were, to set sail over an unknown sea over routes never traveled before, for no two follow the same course through life. Experiences never met before will be ours and storms that no others ever grappled with must be endured. Storms cannot be escaped by wishing for calm weather, but must be met and ridden through by all the seamanship we can control. It is in the storm the simple ones, brought up in fair-weather ports, go to wreck; it is the storms that spare the staunch and seaworthy to ride at peace at last in the rippling haven, filled with those who, guided by the stars of heaven, have rejoiced in breeze and in calm to do their best. Complain not at the fierce onslaughts of angry waves. They try men's souls and wash the unworthy overboard, to leave behind those whose manful spirits are a glory to our glorious race.

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To LIVE is, as it were, to climb a mountain whose beetling sides defy conquest by shrinking men, but whose very roughnesses and projections give foothold to the fearless who look ever upward and who strive the more, the more they are hindered. He who is unsuccessful at one point, and draws back only to rest for further effort is bound by the moral uplift of his purpose to rise higher and higher above the heads of the fearsome crowd in the valley below. But the climber is never safe; all his faculties must be on the alert, his muscles braced for effort, his eyes open for crevasses, that with him are errors of judgment, his ears attent to the sound of the freezing avalanches above him, that with him are chilling criticisms, his soul filled with the spirit of "Excelsior," and yet never too full to resist the benumbing influence of long continued effort in an atmosphere rarer than that breathed by men who stagnate.

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To LIVE is, as it were, to be in a battle where, amid noise and confusion, the plans of the commander are nevertheless being carried out. The struggling of strength against strength is decided by calmness and co-operation. There we learn to stand shoulder to shoulder with those who think as we do. There also we learn that all who fight on one side are not of necessity agreed on all things. We give blows and take them under the eyes of our watchful leader, content to know that even if we perish in the doing, he has others in reserve to carry on his work in our place. It is in life when *lived* that we learn to stay freed from "sins that so easily beset us," with the thought of doing better service for our side. Those who fight for good throw aside the hindrances of life that their hands may be free for the weapons that slay evil and put down the enemies of progress.

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To LIVE is, as it were, to burrow in the mine, cooped up and cramped, if only the precious thing sought may be found; content to undergo hardship and become begrimed with mud and water and soil if one gem be brought to light. The patient plodding in darkened ways that some of us do, ever urged on by impulse to further effort, is mining in every sense. We see no light of heaven and yet on we go, we hear no sounds of joyous Nature, yet onward ever, the things we conquer are hidden far from the eyes of men and beyond the point where their praise would be audible, yet sustained by the motive of our quest, our patient work *is* there and *is* known by the few whose hearts sympathize with us, and to *One* from whom no secret is hid.

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To LIVE is, as it were, to traverse a swamp whose quaking mire offers no lasting footing. Its foul gases endanger us, and in our hours of gloom its fitful lights, arising solely from decay, yet appearing to promise comfort, only lead us further away from our direct course. Without stepping stones, we grow in experience to fear the hampering, clinging, engulfing mass, until we learn that the solid supports for our trembling steps, are made up only of the things we throw away. He who casts aside selfishness, he who tramples passions into the mire, he who denies himself daily of the things that enervate, he who keeps his eye fixed on one noble purpose and controls his wandering glances towards things more glittering but less noble, treads fearlessly onward, safe amid dangers and undiverted amid gloom.

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To LIVE is to be all you can wherever or whatever you are. The quiet "*shut in*" on bed of sickness or couch of pain may *live* and influence by being just all she may. The crippled man, weak by inheritance and robbed of his best by the sins of his ancestors, may be too incapable to climb and yet may prepare to set others on the way. He may be too stiffened for seamanship, and yet attend the lights along the shore, too feeble for battle and yet the comforter of those who are wounded and would return, too sightless to traverse a swamp, and yet able to show how stepping-stones may be made of discarded self.

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To LIVE is to recognize that the world has a right to the best that is in us: that we owe it a service. To *live* is to rejoice in every good work and wish it "God-speed" whether our hands have anything to do with it or not. To *live* is to step out of selfish narrowness into the breadth of interest in our fellows that is worthy our divine nature; to breathe the air of world-citizenship no matter how narrow the confines of our physical sphere; to glory in world-progress and feel our kinship to all who are good and great. This is "To Live," and this is to give proper scope to our natures that are a little lower than the angels' in as far as we are narrower than the Eternal.

A SHREWD GAME.

One day it was raining heavily in Berlin, when a wealthy merchant, on leaving the exchange, hailed a cab and asked to be driven to a distant part of the city. On the way the merchant discovered that he had forgotton to put his purse in his pocket. What was to be done! On reaching his destination he got out of the cab and said the driver.

"Will you please give me a match? I have droped a sovereign on the floor of the cab."

Instanter the cabman whipped up his horse and soon disappeared around the next corner.

CENTERED.

To each man's life there comes a time supreme—
One day, one night, one morning, or one noon,
One freighted hour, one moment opportune
One rift through which sublime fulfillments gleam,
One space when fate goes tiding with the stream,
One once, in balance 'twixt too late, too soon,
And ready for the passing instant's boon
To tip in favor the uncertain beam.
Ah, happy he who, knowing how to wait,
Knows also how to watch and work and stand
On life's broad deck alert, and at the prow
To seize the passing moment, big with fate,
From opportunity's extended hand,
When the great clock of destiny strikes now!

—Mary A. Townsend.

"THE PARISIAN."

In the regiment he was certainly not a favorite with the officers, but he always managed to get along very well with his fellow soldiers, for he was so lively and had such a fund of ready wit. He had scarcely had any education, as he was apprenticed at a very early age, but he had read a great deal—everything, in fact, that he had been able to get hold of—novels, newspapers, books of travel and adventure, all kinds and sorts of literature, and as he had an excellent memory he was certainly capital company.

Then, too, he could sing fairly well, he recited like a born actor, and he was always up to the most irresistible nonsense, so that he was the very life and soul of the regiment. He had been nicknamed by his fellow soldiers, on account of his liveliness and wit, "the Parisian," and no one ever thought of calling him by any other name. As far as discipline was concerned, he was a very second rate sort of soldier, for nothing had ever been able to persuade him that he owed implicit and passive obedience to the officers, of no matter what rank they might be.

On the other hand, he kept his uniform and his arms in the most immaculate state of cleanliness, he was a first class shot and could march any distance. When it was announced in his regiment that volunteers were wanted for Tonquin, he enrolled himself without a moment's hesitation, for, as he said, he had always wanted to have a look around in other countries. On board the Mytho, the vessel which transported the troops, he very soon made himself quite at home.

In the first place, he managed to get himself employed down in the kitchen, and in a very short time was the favorite of the head cook.

Then, when he was off duty, he would install himself comfortably in the forecastle, and, while smoking cigarettes made with tobacco contributed by the sailors, he would entertain his audience by reciting monologues and by imitating the Parisian street cries of the various hawkers.

He was wonderfully clever, too, at imitating people and animals, and he had baptized everything and every one on board with the drollest of names of his own invention, so that even the officer leaning over the bridge during the watch would often roar with laughter at the absurd nonsense going on down below.

For six months the Parisian had been incorporated in one of the companies of a marching regiment, and there had been some hard fighting several times, but so far, as he himself said, "he had kept his skin whole," and, what was more extraordinary, he had escaped all fevers and illness of every kind. He was just as lively as when in France, and many a time his gayety had put new courage into some of the younger soldiers.

His superiors appreciated his bravery and sang froid when under fire and the happy way he had of making the best of all kinds of privations and fatigue.

"He's a fine soldier," remarked his lieutenant one day to the captain, but the latter, who had noticed his tendency to insubordination, answered:

"Yes, a fine soldier during the campaign, but a bad one in the barracks—a headstrong fellow to deal with."

A little later on a detachment of the regiment was told off to occupy an isolated point of observation near the banks of the Song-Cau. For some time the country round had appeared quite calm and peaceful, and, as the guards were on duty as sentinels, the soldiers had for the time being neither fatigue nor privations to endure.

In order that their inaction should not have a demoralizing effect on the men, the officer in command saw fit to occupy them in various ways, such as digging trenches, collecting fagots and all kinds of details connected with their temporary encampment. One afternoon a section of the troop was engaged in clearing out the quarters, under the direction of Sergeant Butin.

The Parisian had never been able to reconcile himself to handling the pick-ax, and generally he passed his time in looking on while his comrades did the work, and as he always kept them entertained with his jokes and nonsense neither the men nor the subofficer in command had ever made any difficulty about this. As it happened, though, on the afternoon in question Sergeant Butin was in a very bad humor, for he had that morning been hauled over the coals himself by his superior officer.

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On seeing the Parisian, therefore, seated on the ground making a cigarette, he called out to him roughly to take his place and work as the others were doing.

"Oh, they'll get through it without me," he urged.

"Take your place," said the sergeant roughly.

"But, sergeant, I assure you my trade is in metal work, and I don't know how to go about turning the soil over."

The sergeant was furious, and seizing the soldier by his arm thundered out:

"Enough of your foolery, and you can take a day's prison for change."

With one bound the Parisian was on his feet and had shaken himself free from the sergeant. He was livid with indignation, and there was no sign of joking about him now. He stepped up close to the subofficer, and looking him straight in the face said simply, but in a hoarse voice:

"Never lay your finger on me again, or—look out for yourself!"

The sergeant, exasperated, laid hold of him again, shouting:

"To prison with you, and we'll see"—

He did not finish his sentence, for the Parisian raised his hand and dealt him a blow on the cheek, and while the sergeant stood there as though rooted to the spot, wild with rage and stuttering out threats of vengeance, the soldier, without even throwing away his cigarette, moved away slowly toward his comrades, murmuring in a low voice:

"I knew it would come to that sooner or later."

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The Parisian was imprisoned while waiting his trial by court martial. The captain, on hearing of what serious misdemeanor he had been guilty, judged it necessary to make an example of him, and so he was sentenced to await in prison the day of his trial at Hanoi.

He made the best of his situation, and when he answered the questions which were put to him by the officer who had been appointed to make the preliminary inquiries about the affair he appeared to be quite resigned to whatever fate might be awaiting him.

It happened to be the lieutenant in command of the section to which the Parisian belonged, and, though he was sorry in his heart for the culprit, the officer knew that military discipline had to be maintained, particularly during a campaign.

One night toward 10 o'clock firing was heard in the distance, and almost at the same moment the sentinels gave the alarm to the little troop. Then, all at once, a fierce, deafening volley of firing was heard, and fearful shouts and yelling seemed to come from all sides at once.

In a few seconds every man of the little company was on foot, and, with his gun placed in the gap of the bamboo palings, was firing recklessly on the enemy, who had surrounded the fort. At the very first shot the Parisian, knowing that under present circumstances no one would trouble about him, escaped from his prison, rushed for a gun and cartridges and, mounting the slope, began to fire with all his energy.

His lieutenant in passing by recognized him and said:

"That's right, my good fellow. Get wounded, and I'll answer for your other affair."

"I'm sure to, lieutenant," answered the trooper, smiling bitterly, and then, without troubling himself about the balls which fell around him thick and fast, the Parisian continued shooting. It was very evident that his one desire was to meet his death there rather than to be shot dead by his comrades by order of the court martial.

After an hour's desperate firing the assailants, numerous though they were, gave up their attempt to take the post and beat a retreat in all directions. The captain, wishing to teach them a lesson, went out in pursuit of them with part of his troop, and, following them up across the ricefields, caused them a considerable loss of men.

Then, on seeing that he was himself some 500 yards outside the fort and fearing to have his retreat cut off, he gave the order to return. On arriving within their own fortifications and after having the gate closed securely, he kept his men in their ranks.

"Sergeant Butin," he said, "call over the names."

The sergeant did not appear in answer to his chief's command, and a shudder of horror ran through the little troop. If he were still out on the plain! * * * The enemy never had mercy, and prisoners and wounded would have to endure a long and cruel martyrdom before death released them. * * * The soldiers disbanded, and search was made everywhere within the camp, and then a little band of men went round outside the fortifications.

It was all in vain. Sergeant Butin had not returned with the others, and soldiers and officers all hoped that, at any rate, he had been killed outright—shot through the heart by a ball.

"Poor fellow," they said to each other as they were moving toward their quarters for the night.

Just at this moment a loud shout was heard outside.

The sentinel raised his gun and called out, "Qui vive?"

"Open the gate!" replied the voice of some one gasping for breath. "Quick! Quick! It is Sergeant Butin!"

The soldiers rushed to the gate and flung it wide open, and then, dark though the night was, they could distinguish the form of a man almost bent double, carrying on his back a soldier on whose sleeves the gold lace glittered.

No sooner had he passed through the gate than he staggered and fell. The soldiers crowded round, and by the flickering light of a lantern they recognized the Parisian. He was deadly pale and covered with blood. One hand was pressed tightly to his side, and with the other he still grasped the sergeant's arm.

"You!" exclaimed the captain on recognizing him. "Who let you out of your prison?"

"I let myself out, captain," answered the Parisian in a weak, broken voice. "I should have gone back when the shooting was over. I found the sergeant out there on the plain—he was wounded in the leg—and I wanted to get him back. I've managed it, but—I've got a bullet in my side. I don't think I shall go—to Hanoi—captain. It's better, though—than—having—12 French bullets through my skin. There—good-by—all of you"— And with these words he expired.—From the French of Paul d'Argency in Strand.

Injured.

"When I was in the lightning rod business," said the drummer, in a reminiscent mood, "I"—

But the smoking room had suddenly emptied, and he was an outcast among the traveling men thereafter.—Hardware.

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COMING EVENTS.

Aug. 3-21.—Chautauqua Assembly, Fryeburg.
Aug. 7-13.—Muster of Maine National Guard, Augusta.
Aug. 11.—Reunion 16th Maine Regiment Association, Rumford Falls.
Aug. 16-21.—New England fair, Rigby Park.
Aug. 18.—Reunion Twenty-third Maine Regiment, Peak's Island.
Aug. 24-26.—State C. E. convention, Biddeford.
Aug. 30.—Oxford County Medical Association, Bryant's Pond.
Sept. 3-Sept. 3.—Maine State Fair, Lewiston.
Sept. 8.—I. O. G. T., District Lodge, Canton.
Sept. 14-16.—Oxford County Fair, Norway and South Paris.
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MAINE NEWS NOTES.

Islesboro announces three whales in the harbor, this week, and is now awaiting the rush of summer visitors.

Within a week Bowdoin college is to receive its large share of the Fayerweather bequest which has been contested in the courts for several years. All Maine extends sincere congratulations.

A Pittsfield apple tree agent who was taken for a highwayman because he hailed a passing team one evening and asked for a ride, says there are so many rogues in the world now that honest and harmless people like apple tree agents, book agents and insurance agents have no show.

A yankee genius at Northeast Harbor, who is innkeeper, blacksmith, lumberman, etc., rises to explain that the great inventor Ferris owes the Ferris wheel of World's Fair fame to a contrivance erected by himself for a Fourth of July celebration, several years ago, in the town of Amherst.

Brunswick is holding its breath. A contractor has been at work there estimating on contracts for the building of a new station, though it is understood no action is yet taken by the road toward commencing the work. The plans for the new station show no provision for a train shed and no rooms for a restaurant.

The discovery of a deep well in West Market square, covered over and unused for 50 years, made a sensation in Bangor last week. After discussing the matter thoroughly the local historians and scientists have come to the startling conclusion that in those old days the thirsty people of Bangor used water for drinking purposes.

About six years ago a young woman in Belfast was making sale vests and put her name and address on the back of one of the tickets. Last week she received a letter from a man in one of the Western states saying he had just bought the vest and inquired in regard to the time and circumstances in which it was made. The strange part of the affair was that he did not propose or ask for a photograph. He may do this later, however.

The renovation of Appleton hall on the Bowdoin campus resulted in the discovery by the workmen of an old coffin, a log and various other articles in a large underground room whose existence was not before known to the world at large. Just what it all means is not clearly known—to most people—but no doubt certain Bowdoin boys who have been through the hair-lifting orgies of initiation into a secret society could explain the mystery.

Assessors in some Maine towns and cities report that the personal valuation seems to be slipping away from them. Horses, for one thing, are depreciating in value right along. Bicycles are growing more numerous every year, but they are also going cheaper. Wheels have to be taxed on the basis of their value and there are a great many old wheels that are constantly depreciating. It is true also that traders are running lighter stocks of goods than ever before.

The people of the good city of Auburn are disciples of temperance, and that explains the following story of an Auburn man who was doing some plastering for a firm in Lewiston. He had prepared his plaster and went in the store and turned the faucet, but when the pail was about full, the proprietor came tearing into the room and shouted, "Here, what are you about, don't you see that is beer?" Auburn people are not used to seeing lager pour forth from the city water works.

Machias Republican: The worst kind of a quarrel in the world is a quarrel spiced with dog. Such a quarrel commenced in Whiteyville the other day when John Haley told Thomas Carney that he was harboring a vicious dog. Thomas said he was a —— and John threw Thomas into a puddle of water and made his ears shine. This resulted in a law suit and John had to pay one dollar and costs, amounting to $10. There is a counter suit, on the ground that Carney is keeping a dog without paying a license, and also for indulging in profane language in violation of the commandments, and also of the Maine statute. We understand that William Carney, father of Thomas, has appealed, or had his case postponed to the October term of court. Be that as it may there are rumors of suits and counter suits for various offences and it now looks as if the dog will be the best man and be worth the most money when the sheriff and lawyers are paid, unless something unseen interposes to sidetrack the contestants.

With a wheat crop of 575 million bushels in sight in the United States and an unusually light crop predicted in all the other great grain-producing countries of the world, the prospects of the American farmer are bright. The recent issue of "Bradstreet's," which is usually very conservative in its views as to the business future, calls attention to the fact that the stock of wheat in hand at present is unusually light, being only 75 million bushels, while nearly all the great grain-producing countries of the world have unusually light crops this year. Recent reports, it says, from Russia, Germany, France and Hungary point to decreased wheat harvests, and that India will hardly supply her home dedemand, with like reports from Australia and Argentine, and adds: "This brings the United States to the front as a prominent wheat exporter under similar conditions to those which existed in 1879 over the revival succeeding the great panic after five or six years of retrenchment and economy." The same publication calls attention to the fact that during the month of June there was an advance in cotton, cotton-seed oil, tobacco, bacon, lard, rice, corn, oats, barley, peas, milk, wheat, and other farm products.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

PARIS HILL.

First Baptist Church, Rev. H. A. Roberts, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00 P. M.

Universalist Church: Rev. E. W. Pierce, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Meeting of Young People's Christian Union, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. J. P. Thompson and children, Master Jamie and Miss Olive, are at O. A. Thayer's.

Rev. Mr. Pierce's theme for next Sunday morning will be the answer to the question, "What doest thou here, Elijah?"

Miss Mattie Austin returned to Paris Hill for the summer last week. She is accompanied by a friend, Miss Kneeland.

Mr. Lewis B. Brown of Harvard University is here for the summer vacation.

Miss Mabel C. Snow of Hyde Park, Mass., is with her aunt, Mrs. V. K. Parris, for a few days.

Miss Barstow, who has been at Mr. Lewis M. Brown's for several weeks, returned to her home in New York Thursday.

Miss M. Rose Giles of Portland arrived at the Hill Saturday.

Wm. H. Reed of White Creek, N. Y., and Chauncey Reed of Cambridge, N. Y., were at the Hubbard House last week.

C. L. Dodge and wife of Fall River, Mass., were at the Hill last week.

Mrs. Lydia S. Hammond and Mrs. Gertrude D. Hammond spent Saturday at Portland, where they attended the birthday party of Mr. Edward P. Chase. About twenty of the immediate relatives of the family were present and participated in the pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Quinby of Newton, Mass., arrived at the Hill Monday.

Last week's arrivals at "The Beeches" were Mr. William Jones of Newtonville, Mass., Mrs. G. A. Wilson, Mrs. D. C. Swift, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thayer of South Paris, Misses Elizabeth and Frances Hunneman of Roxbury, Mass., Mrs. A. C. Hinds and son of Portland, and Miss Elizabeth C. Hinds of Worcester, Mass.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Mercury at 96 degrees July 5th, and ranged from 92 to 98 degrees the entire week.

There were twenty-four people from both settlements who went to Portland to celebrate the 4th.

Father Kemp's minstrel band at Fred York's hall made a diversion for those that attended, and another show at Errol Saturday called out the young, gay and able-bodied.

Master Winthrop Estabrooke and his guide, R. A. Storey, returned to Parmacheenee Friday.

J. C. Bean has had water brought to his buildings, from a spring on the hill back of his house; a convenience they have been sadly in need of for years.

WEST BUCKFIELD.

Miss Alice Flagg went to South Paris last week to visit her brother Charles.

Mrs. Bisbee, of Waterford, was at H. Flagg's last week.

Gertrude and Hazel Warren from North Sumner spent the week at Harry Buck's.

Gertie Bonney is at home from South Paris.

RUMFORD.

Leslie Moody and Elias Abbott will cut the hay on the Rolfe and Walker farm.

Will Elliott has returned to Dartmouth to continue his studies. He spent the six weeks' vacation at Rumford with his parents.

S. L. Moody has some very fine pond lillies. Sunday morning he picked ninety which he gave his friends.

The mail leaves here at 6 A. M., the stage at the usual time, to connect with the morning train from Portland.

HARTFORD.

Mrs. Corthell from Boston is visiting her friends in Buckfield and Hartford.

Frank Berry is a smart, intelligent lad of eleven years, and has not missed a day of school for the last four terms, and in consequence has been presented with a valuable gold watch from a relative from Boston.

Decatur Irish lost a good work horse last week on account of the heat.

Greenwood will tell about the late rain.

ROXBURY.

It is very seldom that our river is so high in July as it was in the big rain storm this week.

Our roads were badly washed and haying was nowhere.

Our station agent Stanley is building a store close to the station.

Roscoe Peabody is at work for Mr. Locke haying.

Mr. Chapman has a large crew of men tying up and sending off spool stock and wood.

News from the hospital is that Mrs. Aldrich has had a shock and cannot live but a few days. She was steadily gaining up to the time of the shock.

Through the kindness of Mr. Stanley we were treated to a generous portion of an eight pound salmon, caught at the lakes and sent to him.

GREENWOOD.

Although the weather did not look very promising Monday morning, the wind being out, many went haying, and now wish they hadn't. Early in the afternoon the "drouth" was broken by a smart shower that soon developed into a southeast storm, which at this writing, Wednesday evening, still continues with a high wind. The fall of rain has been so heavy as to damage the roads somewhat, and the streams are up. But let it not be supposed because people commenced haying Monday that their hoeing was all done, as such was not the case. It is no uncommon thing for farmers to carry along both kinds of work at the same time.

Ernest Brooks has gone to his work again in Bethel. While his foot was healing he spent one week with his brother Leon in Paris.

Ransom Cole has four sons, the youngest of whom, Stanton, was 21 years old the first day of July. When an infant he had a severe sickness which prevented his growth in part so that now his height is only four feet and eight inches, and his weight 70 pounds. But his sickness did not injure his intellect, and it takes a boy much larger than himself to have any business with him when it comes to close quarters. In person Stanton Cole has a light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, and would have quite a moustache if he wished to be in style. In short the girls call him a pretty little fellow, and he is claimed to be the smallest man in the county.

Harry Cole continues to have hard luck with his cows. It will be remembered that last summer he found one of them in his pasture with her leg broken so that he had to kill her. And last week his best cow produced a calf, did well for the time being, but was afterwards taken sick and soon died. The cause of her death is unknown. Soon after the cow died the calf was taken sick and died in a similar manner.

Thursday morning, fair weather once more, and let us hope it will continue so for a fortnight.

The scholars of Districts 3 and 4 who have not missed one-half day are as follows: Mattie Tubbs, Flora Edgerly, Lois Swan, Moses Corbett, Bertha Corbett and Archie Edgerly.

EAST SUMNER.

The remains of Mrs. Abbie (Bosworth) Ellingwood of Mechanic Falls, were brought to East Sumner for burial on Wednesday. Brief services were held in the Congregational church before depositing the body in Elmwood Cemetery.

On Tuesday the remains of Mrs. Emeline A. Briggs, widow of the late Harrison Briggs, were buried in the same cemetery.

The powerful rain of Tuesday did much damage to roads and delayed haying. But little grass is suffering by the delay however.

Owing to the absence of the pastor there will be no preaching services at the Congregational church for three weeks.

Mr. E. H. Stetson and bride of South Weymouth, Mass., are spending a few days at the residence of his father, Dea. J. T. Stetson.

BETHEL.

Miss Ida Cushing, daughter of Dr. Cushing of Merrimac, Mass., is the guest of her friend, Miss Purington.

Mrs. W. E. Skillings of Boston is visiting her mother, Mrs. Abner Davis.

Mr. Marshall Davis, teacher in Roxbury Latin school, is with his mother in Bethel.

The friends of R. A. Frye, Esq., will be pleased to learn that he has so far recovered from his recent illness that he rode down to his office Thursday.

Bethel has been visited by the largest summer freshet that we have had in the last forty-five years.

Farmers will begin haying next week.

The Universalist Society will hold its fair June 29. The royal entertainers, Smith and Gorton, are engaged for the evening.

Misses Bert Burnham and Alice Mason have gone to Orr's Island for a vacation.

The Ladies' Club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. B. Tuell. Plans for the coming fair were discussed and Aug. 12 was the date fixed for holding it.

The hotels and boarding houses are fast filling up with visitors.

Tuesday afternoon a very pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Lucinda Knapp, when her daughter Grace was united in marriage to Mr. John Yates. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. E. Barton, pastor of the Universalist church, in the presence of a few neighbors and friends. They were the recipients of very pretty and useful presents from their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Yates went to Gorham, N. H., on the afternoon train, where they will reside for the present. Their friends all unite in extending congratulations.

Mr. J. A. Brown, wife and daughter, and S. G. Turner and wife, all of Grand Rapids, Mich., are visiting Mr. Brown's brother, N. F. Brown. They left Grand Rapids Saturday on the special from Detroit to Portland, and arrived in Bethel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Herbert Coburn, after a long illness, died at the home of his sister July 9th. Many friends extend sympathy to the widow and little daughter.

EAST WATERFORD.

Mrs. D. G. Pride's cousin, Thomas Hobbs, from the West, visited her last week.

Miss Grace M. Pride is spending the week at Norway.

Mrs. Annie Whitney is visiting at her grandfather's, P. N. Haskell's.

Miss Mattie Upton, of Auburn, was at D. G. Pride's recently.

Mrs. Angeline Sanderson is visiting on McWain Hill.

Miss Ada Cobb, of North Bridgton, spent last week with her cousin, Mrs. C. H. Pride.

The roads were washed quite badly by the late rain. The regular repairs were finished the 10th, all the money raised for the purpose having been used.

Abraham Norwood is in the place to sell his grass. He drove up from Westbrook.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

Geo. R. Hammond has finished J. C. Heald's house.

A. F. Mason has sold his wool.

N. Mason has gone to Auburn for a while.

Mrs. Dr. Gibbs of Livermore Falls and her two daughters are on a visit to her father, Elijah Turner.

Levi Turner of South Paris was in our place last week.

Mrs. C. Dumas of Boston is with her mother, Mrs. Abbie Farrar, for a while.

Mrs. Martha Record is at home from Salem, Mass., where she has been through the winter and spring.

BROWNFIELD.

Lee's circus performed in Brownfield Friday.

Mrs. Gardner and children from Massachusetts have taken rooms for the summer at Mrs. S. B. Bean's.

The Central House is open for boarders.

The village schools have closed for the summer.

Mr. Harding continues in very poor health.

Mrs. E. P. Eastman and two children, from Danbury, N. H., are visiting friends in the village.

Miss Linna Frink is doing dressmaking at her home on Main Street.

HEBRON.

The first arrivals at Greenwood Hill Spring are Mr. J. Frank of Boston, Miss Kate Slack, Miss Addie Hyde of Framingham, Mass.; Mr. Harold Bond, wife and three children, of Malden, Mass. More are expected soon. Full house expected through August.

Mrs. M. L. Stevens, botanist, Cambridge, Mass., a member of the Agassiz Association, Barton Chapel, Boston, arrived in Hebron Saturday from the botanic convention, Dover, Maine, and is stopping with Miss Bailey.

Dr. and Mrs. Donham are visiting friends in Livermore this week.

Mrs. S. P. Cushman has gone to the beach.

Miss Winnie Harden is in Appleton.

Mrs. S. A. Bartlett is in Boston and vicinity visiting relatives.

Mrs. H. M. Everett went to her cottage at Old Orchard this week.

Mr. N. Q. Bachelder of Boston is at C. E. Tripp's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cushman of Auburn are at H. A. Cushman's.

Our thanks are due Mrs. Lucy Turner for a fine collection of beautiful roses.

Rev. S. D. Richardson had his hay cut last week.

Mr. Richardson had sweet corn spindled July 4th.

Green peas at Rev. C. E. Harden's July 5th.

Mr. Joseph Hibbs sent two barrels of apples to Portland before the 4th and got $4 per barrel.

WEST PERU.

The body of George Robertson, who was drowned at Rumford Falls, July 9, was recovered last Sunday. Several men were standing on the bridge between Mexico and Peru, when they noticed something peculiar floating from up river and upon nearer approach it proved to be a body. Two or three got a boat and moved after it; landing near mouth of Spear Stream. There was a suspicion of foul play as his face was bruised up quite badly, but the doctor said that the marks could have been made upon rocks as he came down. He was buried by the selectmen of Peru. His age was 22 years. He was a native of Auburn, Prince Edward Island, in which his parents now reside.

The rain last week damaged the Rumford Falls Brick Co. to the extent of two hundred dollars, by destroying the brick which were not under cover.

The Good Templars took in two new members last Wednesday night.

C. E. Knox had an auction last Saturday and sold all of his goods. M. Hall auctioneer.

L. Wyman's horse ran away from him in front of J. A. Arnold's mill, last Monday, across R. W. Burgess' garden, into H. Rowe's grass field. Nothing was broken.

WEST PARIS.

Rev. Dr. Bolles, who is spending the summer in our village, preaches for the Universalist society in the Baptist church every other Sunday at 10:30 A. M. He will preach next Sunday, the 25th.

NORTH ALBANY.

Brice Kimball has bought a mowing machine.

Mrs. A. P. Bryant of Lowell, Mass., is visiting at her uncle's, B. E. Kimball's.

Robert Kimball came home Monday after an absence of nearly a year.

J. E. Good has had some plastering done which adds much to the looks of the house.

Nearly all the farmers are haying and some of them had hay out through the rain of the last few days.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mrs. Geo. Hussey is on the sick list.

Miss E. Lillian Luce of Auburn is caring for her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Farnham, who has been sick for a month or more with pneumonia but at present is gaining.

S. S. Felt is at work in Portland. His house, "The Mountain View House," is quite well filled with summer boarders.

Alfred Felt of Portland is in town.

The farmers are busy haying.

H. C. Ayer has taken the job of cutting Abner Libby's hay. Percy Farnham is helping him.

The hay crop is the most abundant for years, while hoed crops will be much smaller.

FRYEBURG.

Miss Sadie Locke is at home for her summer vacation.

Miss Reba Eastman and Miss Neal of Portland have been visiting at T. L. Eastman's.

Guests are arriving at the Oxford.

Prof. Joseph C. Pickard of Kansas, was in town Wednesday night.

Mr. L. H. Cobb, editor of the Portland Press, and family, are at Mrs. Randall's. Also Miss Fernald of Portland.

Summer boarders are coming into the different private boarding houses.

The heavy rain caused the most extensive freshet for many years. Much hay was under water and other crops are seriously damaged.

A washout at Bartlett prevented trains passing for a day or more.

Miss Alice Evans, who is in a training school for nurses at Boston, is now at home.

Mrs. Hastings and Miss Alice are at home, having spent the winter in Milwaukee.

The Mission Band gave a very pleasant lawn party in the academy yard on Friday evening, 16th.

LOVELL.

The late storm damaged the roads to quite an extent.

Road commissioner H. D. Walker is on the sick list.

Dr. E. C. Andrews, wife and little son, of North Anson, and Mr. C. C. G. Reynolds of Brookline, Mass., are visiting at W. O. Brown's.

M. F. Charles and family of Reading, Mass., are visiting at Warren Charles'.

Mr. Charles W. Foster of Bridgton and his sister, Mrs. Clara Hagan, were in town Thursday.

Mr. William H. Russell of Brooklyn, a grandson of our former townsman, Major George Russell, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. M. Farrington, at the Center.

The storm caused much damage to the strawberry beds of M. A. Charles.

SNOW'S FALLS.

We have just seen the biggest freshet that has visited us since the big one of March 1st, 1896. The water rose five feet in the flume at the mill but fortunately no damage was done. George W. Hammond's house was again surrounded by water and the river invaded the road in three places, making a total length of submerged road of about a thousand feet.

Mrs. Lombard and Mrs. Littlehale of Upton, mother and sister of Mrs. James L. Suckles, spent a few days with Mrs. S. last week.

Will Gaetz has left Levi Stearns' and gone to work for George F. Hammond on Paris Hill.

Mrs. Nellie H. Murdock of Clarendon Hill, Mass., is visiting Mrs. Fred J. Wood.

SOUTH HIRAM.

The much talked of ball game between the South Hirams and the Kezar Falls first nine came off Saturday last on Newton's grounds. Owing to a wrong decision made by the umpire, in favor of Kezar Falls, that club won the game by one score. Following is the score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Kezar Falls,	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	4	0—12
South Hiram,	0	2	0	1	1	3	0	4	0—11

About 4 1-2 inches of rain fell here Tuesday. The largest rainfall known in this vicinity for years.

Horace Sawyer and wife of Boston, are stopping at John Stanley's for a few days on a visit.

Ivory Keniston, a resident of Porter, died in Hollis Sunday, July 11. His remains were brought to Porter for burial Wednesday.

I. S. Gould and Henry Clay attended the Gould reunion at Steep Falls, Saturday, July 10.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. R. W. Knight of Monson is visiting at her father's, Samuel Partridge's.

School closed last Friday. Those not absent for the term were Iva and Grace Kilgore, Willie Flood, Grace Hill and Ethel Kilgore. Those absent only one day were Evelyn Partridge, Donald Partridge and Elden Hall. Miss Lafarier is a fine teacher.

Maud Partridge is at the village visiting at her grandmother's, Mrs. B. G. Barrows'.

D. T. Welch is at work for the electric road company.

CANTON POINT.

Wanted, some good haying weather.

The recent flood raised the river some ten feet, which is a very uncommon occurrence at this season of the year. Hundreds of acres of grass land under water, which will be a great damage to farmers.

P. Bartlett is at work for B. C. Waite.

W. Treat is slowly improving from his recent sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leonard have finished their work with Esquire B. C. Waite and will return to their former home at Waterford, Me.

E. H. Johnson is haying for A. K. Foster, Esq.

During the recent flood B. C. Waite's ferry boat was swept away, but the bridge is left.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Perkins are spending their annual vacation at J. C. Bennett's.

Prof. Bartlett recently exchanged horses again.

Capt. F. White is haying down country.

Geo. A. Cole was in town one day last week.

Sarah G., wife of J. C. Bennett, died at her home July 8th, at the age of sixty-nine years, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett having lived together nearly forty-six years. Mrs. Bennett was a kind and good mother and wife and will be greatly missed by all.

Some of our roads have been nearly five feet under water.

J. M. Ludden shows us a rhubarb leaf which was 36 inches wide and 30 inches long.

EAST HEBRON.

Farmers who hired by the month, commencing July 5th, are singing hard times.

Many were caught with an abundance of hay out. On Monday all began work in earnest.

Sunday morning Ernest E. Merrill, a lad 15 years of age, a son of Howard N. Merrill, left home; as he did not return that night the family thought he went to North Auburn and remained with his aunt there, Mrs. O. N. Judkins. They traced him to Lewiston and there lost all trace of him. They learned by one of his mates he intended to go to sea, said "his mother was dead and now no one cared for him." He was called a very good boy and had a good home. It was thought very singular, his desire to run away from the family. Mr. Merrill advertised the case in the Sun and received a card from Mr. Morse of Auburn, stating he rode with him last Sabbath. His father went again in search of Ernest in company with Baker Phillips and found him at the house where Mr. Morse left him, a short distance below Auburn city. H. N. Merrill lost his wife a few weeks since. Two years ago his buildings were burned with all his cows and horses and many household goods and furniture. The boy dearly loved his mother and is very sad and dejected since her death.

Adrian Pierce's family of Lewiston are visiting at their uncle's, Frank Pierce's.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

Fred Putnam is working for Mrs. Belle Jones through haying, and Peter Thomas for M. L. and W. A. Wyman.

South Rumford post office gets its mail at noon now as the mail carrier, Dr. J. F. Putnam, makes only one trip a day, going down to the Falls in the morning and staying till after the 11:35 train comes in.

The river is higher than it has been before this spring.

EAST BETHEL.

Farmers commenced making hay Monday, July 12th, with good courage, but their enthusiasm was somewhat dampened the next morning to see their tumbles of hay floating in water.

The late rain has greatly damaged the hay crop on the intervales.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blake and two children are spending their summer vacation with their parents in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cobb of Portland visited relatives in this place last week.

Mrs. W. O. Holt has returned home from her summer visit.

BUCKFIELD.

Miss Lucy Prince is at home from Waterville for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Towle of Haverhill, Mass., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Gerrish the past week.

James F. Jewett went to Boston Tuesday, the 13th.

The mid-summer freshet of the past week has been the theme most discussed after the torrid spell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Irish visited friends in Boston and Portland.

Miss Douglass of Hebron Academy was the guest of Miss Amy Shaw Saturday, the 10th.

Mrs. W. E. Pike of Rumford Falls visited friends in town this week.

Mrs. H. C. Prince of Waterville was the guest of Capt. C. H. Prince and family over Sunday, the 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jones of Boston are at Amial Jones'.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell of Newburyport, Mass., are guests at R. Crockett's.

Tons of hay got soaked Tuesday and Wednesday last, and the attending gale prostrated trees, corn and truck.

Mrs. Fiske of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Rawson, for a few weeks.

HIRAM.

Mr. Edwin Welch of Bowdoin College is visiting friends in Hiram.

Saco River is higher than ever known in July before.

Mr. John Norton has gone to Gorham to work in haying.

Roy MacKenzie of Montreal arrived at Eli C. Wadsworth's Saturday, and wil spend the summer here.

The selectmen are placing guideboards in various parts of the town.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a very pleasant circle at Pythian Hall Friday evening.

Prof. Henry Hitchings of Dedham, Mass., is boarding at Mountain View Farm, and making some fine sketches.

NORTH PARIS.

Ida Abbott has returned from her visit to Massachusetts friends.

Miss Blanche Chase is quite sick.

Geo. Chase and Charles Ross have come out of the woods and want a job in haying.

Mr. Nute and family of Massachusetts, are spending the summer in this place.

Mrs. Robbins is keeping house for Charley Stevens.

Rev. Seth Benson, Geo. O. Chase and J. Bradford have bought new Adriance Buckeye mowers.

Rev. H. A. Roberts preached a sermon to the Grangers last Sabbath with a good attendance.

The grange received about $23 for their quilt and strawberry festival. The evening was uncomfortably warm, but all seemed to enjoy themselves. E. F. Barrows was the fortunate drawer of the quilt. The grange are holding their meetings evenings now.

Mr. Soper of Sumner is cutting G. G. Fuller's hay, also Mrs. Diantha Fuller's.

There was a bad washout on the Churchill hill, caused by the recent heavy rain. It took a good many loads of rocks and dirt to fix it.

J. F. Littlehale is at work for W. W. Dunham haying.

LYNCHVILLE.

Mrs. Austin McAllister has been stopping a few days at her son's, Leslie McAllister's of Stoneham. Mr. McAllister's wife has a baby girl.

H. B. McKeen is building him a slaughter house.

Grant McAllister's family is visiting relatives at Bartlettborough this week.

Willis Plummer from Rumford Falls, was at his father's, Henry Plummer's, over the Fourth.

Cephus Cobb is haying for Sumner Evans of Stoneham.

Lula McAllister is at work at Norway in the shoe shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buck visited in Woodstock recently.

Ed Carver, wife and baby, from Stark, N. H., were at Charles Buck's Saturday night.

SWEDEN.

The recent storm washed some of our roads very badly, necessitating fixing them in many places.

Edgar Tower has put an addition of about fifteen feet on his barn.

A little son of Charley Jones of Boston, Mass., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jones.

Ruel Jefferson is at R. O. Moulton's.

OXFORD.

Rev. Mr. Stanley attended the Epworth League convention at Portland.

Rev. Mr. Varley and wife returned on Friday.

There were no services at the Congregationalist church on Sunday as Rev. Mr. Varley was sick.

The Y. P. S. C. E. elected the following officers:

Pres., Harry Farris.
Vice-President, Florence Farris.
Sec., Florence Farris.
Cor. Sec., Mrs. Fisher.
Treas., Mrs. E. W. Edwards.
Lookout Com., Florence Hayes.
Missionary and Prayer Meeting Com., Mrs. Hazen.
Social Com., Florence Farris, Jennie Hayes, Ida Hawkes, Bertha Hazen.
Flower Com., Ida Hawkes.
S. S. Com., Mrs. Fisher.

Mrs. Augustus Perkins and daughter, of Cambridge, Mass., are visiting their relatives here.

Merrill Brackett lost a valuable cow with milk fever.

SUMNER.

Walter Abbott, of Providence, R. I., is visiting at his father's, W. G. Abbott's.

A party had a picnic dinner at the pond last Monday and enjoyed the day in boating and fishing.

White lilies are plenty and look splendid in the morning.

E. H. Thompson and son of Rumford Centre are in the place looking after the hay on their farm.

Walter Thomas is at work for O. L. Newell.

NEWRY.

If the rain of this week was not a wet rain, what was it? The streams were bank full, and in many places more than full. Much grass on the low lands was flowed, and as a general thing all the heavy grasses were badly tangled and lodged by the fierce southeaster.

Mrs. A. H. Powers has come home from Dr. Carroll's very much improved in health by the doctor's treatment.

W. A. Foster went to Gorham, N. H., this week and got his wife, who had been visiting her parents at that place.

Some poachers on Sunday River got nipped lately, so I hear.

A good many in these parts were lucky enough not to have cut any hay before the rain. Nevertheless a good deal of hay was out.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Schools have closed for the summer. Parents and children well pleased with the teacher's work.

We are to have a Sunday School conducted by Mr. Woodbury of Bethel. Hope all will attend.

Mrs. Bean has been sick.

A few more cases of measles.

A lot of summer company here now.

Miss Locke has over twenty boarders.

A few commenced haying this week.

The Jackson boys are cutting Miss Stearns' grass.

Mr. Stowe sold his stand to Mr. Williamson.

There has been a great abundance of wild strawberries.

WELCHVILLE.

Miss Belle Lunt is very sick.

Mrs. Lizzie Chaplain is improving slowly.

Miss Maude Stuart has returned home from Harrison where she has taught a very successful term of school.

Horace Howard and John Rowe are in Poland haying for Mr. Rowe's father.

Mr. Chester Coy, of Gorham, N. H., who has been visiting his cousin, Mr. Howard Coy, has returned home.

DENMARK.

Mr. Lyman Walker, an inmate of the almshouse, ended his life by taking laudanum. His body was found in the cemetery at East Denmark.

Miss Florence Butler of Dorchester is a guest at the Maplewood.

Mr. Lockhart of Boston is spending a few weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Pendexter.

The heavy rain Tuesday caused a great many washouts, and the roads are in bad condition. Mr. Augustine Ingalls was obliged to stop work on account of high water. Great damage is reported all over this section.

WEST BETHEL.

The entertainment of the royal entertainers, G. Paul Smith and Willard Gorton, which was postponed on account of the severe storm, will be given at Bean's Hall Tuesday evening, the 27th, for the benefit of the church. Since their advent in this state in January the Maine papers have devoted columns to their praise, and as "actions speak louder than words," it should be noted that everywhere they have appeared for the season they have been engaged to return.

C. C. Merrill has sold his farm to Mr. McAllister, who was lately burned out, and has purchased the George P. Kimball place.

Minnie and Flora Wheeler are visiting friends in South Paris and Norway.

Ernest Morrill is cutting E. G. Wheeler's English hay.

The drenching rain of the last few days has badly injured much hay.

Roy Brackett is having trouble with his eyes.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Mr. Albert Linscott and his little daughter are visiting friends and relatives in this place.

The Misses Carrie and Viola Johnson of Waltham, Mass., are visiting their brother, Mr. A. F. Johnson.

Mrs. Hiram Gatchell and her daughter, Miss Georgie Gatchell, are visiting Mrs. Gatchell's mother.

Mrs. Sarah Harnden, of Lynn, Mass., is visiting her son, Mr. E. E. Rounds.

Mr. Randall Hartford has gone to Fryeburg to work for Frank Thoms.

DR. J. C. GALLISON.

[Dr. J. C. Gallison of Franklin, Mass., is one of the Oxford Bears who has gone out and won honor. He is a Woodstock boy, son of John M. Gallison, the old carriage maker, of North Wood stock. The following sketch is from a paper published at his home, Franklin.]

A number of years ago after the most careful and conscientious training and with ample credentials and testimonials, Dr. J. Cushing Gallison came from his native state of Maine, where from brave-hearted and ambitious boyhood he had made his own way and won his own fight, and settled as a resident physician in Franklin. His neighbors very soon discovered that he was not only a very learned and gifted member of the medical fraternity, but that he was a most delightful gentleman and companion of versatile and varied gifts, and of rare abilities of the very highest order. His practice grew until it outgrew his physical ability to take care of it, and he had to call in the aid of a younger and very able brother to assist him.

With his charming wife he took a leading position in local literary, scientific and social circles, while among the medical fraternity of the commonwealth he was treated with marked consideration and loaded with professional honors.

He proved his right to be ranked among the very facile and gifted poets of the vicinity, while his work with the pencil and brush always commanded marked attention as works of real artistic merit.

The conscientious thoroughness of the man is fairly illustrated by the fact that after he was 50 years old, and after he had won fortune and fame in his professional calling, he deliberately took upon himself the arduous task of entering and going through the Harvard Medical School, in order that he might be sure to justify the confidence of his hundreds of friends and patients who put their health and lives into his keeping with implicit trust.

While the people of the county of Norfolk began to realize that in the doctor they had a man of rare parts and great possible value, even after his natural bent for political activity began to develop itself, they did not realize that in him they had a statesman of commanding stature and broad beam that he has proved himself in his brief legislative career of two sessions.

He was handsomely elected by the votes of men of all parties to represent the old 8th district in the legislature of 1896. Upon the organization of the House the Speaker, upon the solicitation of some of the leading men of the State, put him upon the railroad committee and upon the committee on public health. He gave himself to his duties with unselfish and exacting devotion, and at once took a commanding position upon the floor of the House, becoming in the first year a recognized Republican leader therein.

Careful and patient as a listener, rarely gifted as a polished orator, brimming over with wit and fun, moving and pathetically eloquent when occasion demanded it, his help in the advocacy of almost every measure was earnestly sought by his fellow members. He came out of the House of 1896 as a recognized Republican statesman all over the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The work of this session added to his professional and other cares was too much for his highly organized and overwrought make-up, and he was prostrated almost immediately after the session, but in this crisis the wisdom of the ways in which he had lived his life, came to his rescue, and he rallied where many a less exhausted man would have sunk away and died.

He and his wife immediately sailed for Germany to visit their daughter resident there, and he to add further to his knowledge of certain specialties in surgery at Vienna and Prague. During his absence his constituents, without either discussion or question, re-nominated and re-elected him from the new 10th district, which is simply the old 8th re-numbered. In the House of 1897 he was put back again upon his old committees on railroads and public health.

Standing as he did at the beginning of the session among the recognized Republican leaders of the Commonwealth, he was enabled to render signal service of the very highest worth and order both to his constituents and his state, and all through the session from start to finish he has been without question one of the most thoroughly popular and frequently commended members of his branch.

While he has been throughout an enthusiastic and stalwart Republican, at no time has he allowed either his judgment or his sense of fair play and right to be either warped or influenced by partisanship. He has proved himself to be a most excellent politician, but at the same time a better statesman.

His advocacy of public monuments for Butler and Banks were not only specimens of splendid forensic eloquence but they

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SOUTH PARIS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after June 14, 1897, trains leave South Paris: Going down: 5:14, 8:33 A. M., 4:16 P. M.; going up: 10:13 A. M., 3:40, 10:11 P. M.

Sunday trains: Going down, 5:14 A. M.; going up, 10 P. A. M., 10:11 P. M.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

Office Hours: 6:00 to 7:00 A. M, 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Mails close For Portland, &c., 8:13, A. M., 3:20 P. M. for Gorham, &c., 10:03 A. M., 3:25 P. M.

Mails arrive at post office: From Portland, &c., 10:23 A. M., 3:50 P. M.; from Gorham, &c., 8:43 A. M., 4:16 P. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, R. J. Haughton, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. I. A. Bean, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service, 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church. Rev. T. J. Ramsdell, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings, Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

R. of H.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 39, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, second Saturday of each month. The Grange store is open for trade Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

U. O. G. C.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

I. O. G. T.—South Paris Lodge, No. 311, meets first and third Monday evenings of each month in the G. A. R. Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets Saturday on or before full moon, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets in G. A. R. Hall first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

K. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Masonic Hall.

O. U. A. M.—Norway and South Paris Council, No. 16, meets in G. A. R. Hall every Tuesday evening.

Miss Annie Shaw of Portland is at the Andrews House.

Miss Susie Rounds is spending the summer at Kennebunkport.

Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Sargent of Hebron Academy were in town Thursday.

Mrs. D. J. Lunt of Malden, Mass., is visiting her brother, C. H. Lunt, in this village.

Dr. C. L. Buck will resume his monthly trips to West Paris, beginning Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown of New Jersey were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lunt, last week.

The can makers at the corn shop finished their season's work a week ago. They made between 500,000 and 600,000 cans.

W. P. Morton of the Paris Advertising Company has completed the new drop curtain for the pavilion at Electra Park.

Dr. C. R. Davis of Washington, D. C., formerly in the practice of dentistry at South Paris, is visiting relatives and friends here.

A hot box started a smoulder in the felt on the sand wheel at the sled factory Friday, but it was taken care of before any damage was done.

Miss Susie Wheeler went to Andover last Friday for a week's vacation and quiet away from the disturbing influences of electrical contrivances.

During the high water of last Tuesday and Wednesday quite a quantity of hay went over the dam. The people who cut their meadows Monday missed it.

Mrs. Wm. B. Edwards entertained her Sunday School class at Electra Park last Friday afternoon. The children enjoyed the park attractions and a picnic supper.

A party consisting of Frank H. Skillings, Henry Gary, A. C. T. King and Dr. Horatio Woodbury are contemplating a trip to Four Ponds in Byron, as soon as the doctor's practice will admit of his taking a vacation.

Sewall Parker advertises to sell at auction next Saturday, July 24th, at 1 P. M., his place on the Stony Brook road in this village, consisting of house, stable and about two acres of land, also horse, wagon, harness, etc.

The members of Mt. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge will have a picnic supper at Electra Park Tuesday, July 20th. They will leave the square at 5:15. Every member is requested to be present and bring a friend. Smith and Gorton entertainment in the evening.

Charles Gowell was digging out a water pipe near his residence last Thursday, when at a depth of about five feet, the side caved and securely fastened him into the ditch by the legs; help was at hand and he was promptly dug out, fortunately with no worse result than a pair of sprained knees.

The Banner Match Co.'s factory started up again last week, in charge of Winfield H. Young. They are now making a hundred and fifty gross per day, employing about twenty hands, but expect to increase the output to two hundred gross per day. A large quantity of pine lumber has been bought, the delivery of which will begin at once.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Norway chartered Electra Park last Thursday evening and invited the Paris Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to join them in a social time. The evening's entertainment consisted of one of Col. French's illustrated lectures, dancing with music by the Norway orchestra, etc., and a first rate time was enjoyed by a large number.

There's no telling what the business of house painting may lead to. Recently it brought our genial friends, the Smart brothers, on to the town farm, and last week it got them into the county jail, where they were locked behind the bars in regulation manner until they had painted the inside steel cages or cells. In order to identify them from those who were serving longer sentences, they were allowed to wear variegated instead of striped suits. They are out of jail again now—look out for them!

One of our well-known business men, who is taking a vacation at the islands, engaged some hay before his departure. It was delivered during his absence. Calling at the business man's place of business the hauler of hay enquired for the buyer of hay and was informed that he was out of town. The hay vender seems to have been a man of action rather than words, for without further conversation he proceeded to the business man's residence, unloaded the hay upon the ground in front of the stable door and went home. The business man hasn't been heard from yet—he'll do *his* haying after he gets home.

One of A. W. Walker's horses, at work in a dump cart on the grading at the court house, gave a Saturday matinee performance last Saturday afternoon. The animal got so gay and frisky as to take a run around the county buildings with the cart and was headed straight for a plunge down over those handsome terraces in front when Divine Providence or something else saved them. After scoring up around the back of the court house and jail, and getting up a good pace, and just before reaching the top of the upper terrace, the cart tipped over and turned the horse a complete somersault. It did no harm to the grading beyond the tearing up of a little earth by the cart wheels. The horse appeared to be all right after the show was over.

Saturday, July 17, the South Paris Gun Club held their thirteenth shoot. The afternoon was favorable for shooting and the boys made good scores. Seven out of twelve got ten and better. Following are the scores made:—

	Known Angles.	Unknown Angles.	
F. Harlow,	110111111111111001001	0	—15
F. Rooney,	101111011100111111100	1	—14
E. McArlie,	101011010011101110111	1	—13
J. Parsons,	011111000101110011101	1	—12
C. E. Brett,	010011110010010101010	1	—10
W. Stanley,	011101101000000001110	1	—10
C. DeCoster,	000111110000101111001	1	—10
F. DeCoster,	100101101100010010000	1	— 8
E. Doble,	010100001000101000001	1	— 6
L. DeCoster,	000111000000110100000	1	— 6
M. Maxim,	100010010010000001010	1	— 5
F. Wright,	000010000000100000000	1	— 2

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July 17.

W. E. Kenney was at home over Sunday.

Mr. E. L. Jewell will go to North Waterford on a business trip Wednesday.

Miss Mertie Maxim is employed at the Hammond Sanitarium during the season.

Mrs. A. W. Walker and Miss Alta are on a visit of two or three weeks to Denmark.

N. D. Bolster and family are expected to return from the islands the first of this week.

Mrs. Dinsmore, who died in Norway last week, was a sister of Mrs. J. J. Morton, Mrs. A. M. Hammond and Mrs. John Woodman of this place.

Edwin J. Richardson of Rumford Falls was committed to jail last week to await the October term of court, on the charge of larceny of $22 in money.

The crossing stones taken up when the grading was done in the Square will be dressed before being relaid. M. A. Stowell of Bethel is now at work on the job.

George W. Cook and family went Monday morning to Poland Camp Ground for a week's stay. Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Willis go to the same place Wednesday.

The Norway Universalist Sunday School have invited the Paris Hill Universalist Sunday School to unite with them in a picnic at Electra Park on Wednesday of this week.

What's the matter with Paris for a fruit town? Last Wednesday Charles Edwards brought to the Democrat office ten different varieties of apples, all sound and good. That's not bad for the middle of July, is it?

J. C. Harlow, the boot and shoe repairer, is preparing to move from his present quarters over Shurtleff's to a room on the ground floor of the Williams harness store building. A room on one side of the front has been partitioned off from the club room, and a double front door put in, so as to give an entrance on each side. Mr. Harlow will occupy the room on the right of the entrance.

This week at Electra Park "the Royal Entertainers," G. Paul Smith and Willard Gorton, will appear three evenings—Monday, Wednesday and Saturday—weather permitting, and if rainy on these evenings the pleasant evenings will be utilized instead. The programs include character impersonations, crayon sketches and comediettas. Ten cents pays for round trip on street cars including admission to park and entertainment. All fun and no vulgarity. Everybody goes.

BASE BALL.

NORWAY 2; LEWISTON ATHLETICS 1.

Saturday, the 17th, Lewiston Athletics came up to play a third game of base ball with the Norway team.

So far each team had won a game from the other; and considerable interest was manifested in the outcome of the third and deciding game.

The Norway team was strengthened by several new men;—Pulsifer of Bates, who played on the team representing Lewiston in the Maine League, Hastings of Bethel, and Rawson, of Coburn Classical Institute.

A much larger crowd than usual occupied the side lines and the game was called almost on time.

The game proved to be as close and as interesting as the most critical could demand. For five innings not a man of either team saw third base.

In the sixth Mehaney, of Lewiston, got a hit, went to second on an error for the first baseman and soon scored when McCormick failed to hold a thrown ball.

No more runs were made until the ninth and it looked as though Norway, whose men were hitting in the worst of luck, would be blanked for nine innings. The Norway men hit Minahan quite freely, the Lewiston outfielders getting eight put outs, while Norway outfielders got but four.

At last the ninth came and the score was still 1 to 0 with Norway at the zero end. The Athletics were retired in one, two, three order. H. Nevers was the first man at bat for Norway and brightened things up with a two base hit. Pulsifer was next and the crowd waited expectantly for he is known to be a heavy hitter. But his short infield play was taken by Lowell and Nevers still stood on second. The crowd grew less joyous but more anxious for the big Hastings of Bethel was at the plate. The unexpected happened, as it often does in base ball, and Hastings had struck out for the second time in the game.

Two men out and no runs! Little wonder it was quiet when McCormick stepped to the plate. He cracked out a single that allowed Nevers to cross the plate.

The rest was easy. Rawson got a hit. Bridgham sent up a fly that ought to have been caught but two men collided in trying to field it and McCormick came in with the winning run.

The playing was sharp and clean as the error column shows. And one very seldom finds a more gentlemanly lot of players than were the visiting team of last Saturday.

Mr. Dyer umpired a game that allowed no chance for dispute, and every decision could be heard with ease by the spectators.

Tabulated score:

NORWAY.

	AB.	R.	IB.	P.O.	A.	E.
Wilson, r.f.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nevers, H., 1b.	4	1	1	12	0	1
Pulsifer, l.f.	4	0	0	4	0	0
Hastings, c.f.	4	0	0	0	0	0
McCormick, 3b.	4	1	2	0	2	2
Rawson, s.s.	4	0	3	1	2	0
Bridgham, 2b.	4	0	0	2	5	0
Cushman, c.	2	0	1	7	0	0
Shaw, p.	3	0	0	1	4	0
Total,	32	2	7	27	13	3

ATHLETICS.

	AB.	R.	IB.	P.O.	A.	E.
Boardman, 3b.	4	0	1	2	3	0
Mehaney, 2b.	4	1	1	0	4	0
Dostie, c.f.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Lowell, s.s.	4	0	0	3	0	1
Peterson, 1b.	4	0	0	9	0	1
Mynihan, l.f.	4	0	1	3	1	0
McCarty, c.	4	0	1	4	0	0
Curran, r.f.	3	0	0	3	1	0
Minahan, p.	3	0	0	0	1	0
Total,	34	1	5	*26	10	2

*Winning run made with two men out.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Norway,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—2
Athletics,	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—1

Earned runs, Norway 1; 2 base hits, Nevers, Rawson; base on balls by Shaw, Minahan; by Minahan, Wilson, Cushman; struck out by Shaw, Peterson 2, McCarty, Lowell, Dostie, Boardman, Curran; by Minahan, Pulsifer, Hastings 2, Shaw. Umpire Dyer.

What has become of the wild pigeons which were once so plenty in the State of Maine? asks an exchange. Many of the older people can remember when they were here in countless numbers, but now we rarely see a pigeon. It is twenty years or more since they have been here in any numbers. The blueberry plains were their great feeding grounds, and they were caught in nets and marketed to quite an extent. Pennsylvania was formerly one of their greatest breeding grounds, but the birds were harried and persecuted by the pigeon hunters during their nesting season until they were driven out entirely, and their next great nesting place was Michigan. There the persecution was kept up and they were destroyed at the rate of 750,000 a week. The next nesting ground was in British Columbia, but even there they found no resting place for they were still pursued and like the buffalo were doomed to be exterminated. What a pity that man is so greedy.

A Portland clergyman has lost his old time confidence in mankind. There came to him the other day a man who said he had not had a square meal in a week. The minister gave him a note to a hotel keeper, saying that the man could have what he wanted and that he, the minister, would pay the bill. "How much do I owe for that poor fellow's meal?" he asked. "Sixty-five cents," said the hotel man. "What did he have to cost so much?" asked the unsuspecting minister. "Five beers and a Manhattan cocktail."

During their week's engagement at Electra Park, commencing the 19th, G. Paul Smith and Willard Gorton will present the comediettas of "A Happy Pair," "Cr Prime's Courtship," and "Cut off With a Shilling."

COMBINATION CASE CONTEST.

HOW THE SCORE STANDS THIS WEEK.

It moves.

Four new candidates enter the lists this week.

Plenty of material to chose from in Class No. 6 while in Class No. 1 a new candidate heads the list. Send along your points and watch results.

Would it not be a good plan to start your candidate with a few votes at once and thus notify their friends that they are in the field.

Several of the candidates who have started have had votes sent them from friends who saw their names in the list.

Remember that someone will get a case in each class.

The entries and points deposited at this time are as follows:

CLASS NO. ONE.

Includes the South Paris Village Corporation

Charles S. Stuart, South Paris,	**2000**
Elsie M. Bolster, South Paris,	**1984**
Mrs. C. L. Buck, South Paris,	**1650**
Donald H. Bean, South Paris,	**378**

CLASS NO. TWO.

Includes the town of Paris outside the village corporation.

Paris Hill Academy, Paris Hill,	**625**

CLASS NO. THREE.

Includes the town of Norway.

Francis H. Swett, Norway,	**3663**

CLASS NO. FOUR.

Includes the towns of Rumford and Bethel.

Florence M. Hoyt, Rumford,	**558**
Nina Swain, Rumford,	**5**

CLASS NO. FIVE.

Includes the towns of Buckfield, Canton, Dixfield and Oxford.

Mollie S. Cole, Buckfield,	**2210**
Wade C. Trask, Dixfield,	**2075**

CLASS NO. SIX.

Includes the towns of Fryeburg, Brownfield, Hiram, Porter, Denmark, Lovell, Waterford, Greenwood and Albany.

Eunice M. Barker, Fryeburg Ctr.,	**159**
Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, Brownfield,	**105**
A. Maude Witham, Denmark,	**30**
Edith M. Walker, No. Fryeburg,	**25**
Josephine B. Stearns, Lovell Center,	**23**
Ellsworth W. Sawyer, Porter,	**8**
Fred N. Frye, Fryeburg Center,	**5**

CLASS NO. SEVEN.

Includes the towns of Hebron, Sumner, Hartford, Peru, Andover and Woodstock.

Ella S. Heald, East Sumner,	**7350**

CLASS NO. EIGHT.

Includes the towns of Mexico, Roxbury, Byron, Gilead, Mason, Hanover, Newry, Grafton, Upton, Stoneham, Sweden, Stow and the several Plantations in Oxford County.

Oscar G. Mason, Mason,	**600**

CLASS NO. NINE.

The defeated candidate scoring the highest number of points regardless of class.

CLASS NO. TEN.

The defeated candidate scoring the second highest number of points regardless of class.

EUREKA!

MR. TILTON HAS FOUND OUT THAT IT'S A DEVIL OF A WEED.

Coming to my present residence a little more than five years ago, I found on my lot of an acre or more various kinds of flowering plants or weeds, some of which seemed to defy all efforts of extermination, and this accounts for an occasional tirade through the press against an indiscriminate introduction of the many known and unknown varieties by florists and their agents.

On my first season on this place, among the bad lot was one very modest, innocent appearing flower. Hydra-headed, orange blossom, supposed to be one of those choice varieties of flowers which had preceded me, and yet it might have originated with western grass seed. If such be the case I have no apology to make, for I have been sufficiently punished with other brands.

I did not learn until this season the nature of the plant, and then by observing small patches where it had taken full possession and eradicated all else. Then commenced a war of extermination, hunting every blossom, pulling roots, and cutting with the hoe, and I finally decided to turn under the sod where it was the more prolific. I have shown the weed and made inquiry of what it was or whence it came, all to no purpose.

To-day, on perusing the Democrat, I learned its name "King Devil weed."

The name is good enough for the weed—as the old farmer said of Webster's reply to Hayne, "Just what I should have said." And if any good fellow will get down on his hands and knees and claw with his fingers and don't think Devil, I would be pleased to make his acquaintance.

You may think, Mr. Editor, that I am exercising undue haste in referring to this matter, but acting on the principle that "misery loves company," all the misery I desire to inflict is to stir every man to join in the fray to exterminate, and the sooner the better. We are filling our fields with all manner of weeds from western seed.

GILBERT TILTON.

MAN DROWNED AT MEXICO.

Friday morning, the 9th, James V. Robertson from Prince Edward Island, was drowned in an eddy near the mouth of Swift River, reports the Rumford Falls Times. A half-witted Frenchman said that he accompanied him part way in the morning and later went down to the sand bar where he found his clothing, and went down again about 6 o'clock to see if he had returned for his clothing. A man who lives on the Mexico side came along then to cross Swift River, and seeing the clothing made some inquiry and spread the alarm.

Some effort was made that night to recover the body, and the next morning a large number went from Rumford Falls as well as from Mexico, among whom were some of the authorities from each town. The eddy was dragged with grapples, and considerable dynamite was used without finding the body.

Sunday as Dana Eastman was crossing the Dixfield bridge he saw the body floating down the river and gave the alarm. Chas. Frost and George Dorr took a boat and rowed down to the mouth of Spear Stream, where they came upon the body. They got it partially ashore and telephoned F. A. Porter, coroner, who replied that an inquest was not necessary, as there was not any evidence of foul play. The body remained on the shore until nearly night, when the Peru authorities buried it. It had bloated so in the sun that a casket could not be found large enough to hold it, and it was necessary to use a plain box. It is supposed that Mr. Robertson went in to learn to swim and was carried into the current, which is very strong under the surface and came near upsetting several good swimmers who waded out into the water Saturday morning.

Here is a story from the Penobscot woods that will make the mouths of sportsmen water. On Sunday, the station agent at Holden took a trip into the woods and came across a nest of rabbits. He wore a large straw hat and he put the little rabbits in it, and carried them under his arm. A few minutes later, he passed an old hemlock tree, and was frightened by a deer that jumped only a few feet from him. He saw that a fawn was following the deer, so he dropped the hat and the rabbits, and started to catch the fawn. The doe stood and stamped her feet at him, and made as strong a show as possible of protecting her young. He did not catch the fawn, so came back after his rabbits. When he arrived where he dropped the hat, it was there, but the rabbits had disappeared.

The most unique fence in Maine is that of a Harpswell fisherman. His front yard fence is composed of the swords of sword fish, many of which have figured in exciting epsodes.

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NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline B. Angell, Pastor. Preaching service on Sunday, at 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 11:45 A. M; Y. P. C. U. meeting, 7:00 P. M.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Rideout, Pastor. Preaching service Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 11:45 A. M.; Social Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening; Young People's Meeting Friday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. F. Grosvenor, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting, Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church, J. L. Harding, Pastor. Preaching service, 2:00 P. M; Sabbath School, 3:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting, Saturday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C., No. 36, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, in Masonic Hall, Monday Evening on or before full moon. Oxford Council, R. & S. M., Friday evening, on or after full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Wildey Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 58, meets on first and third Friday of each month.

K. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block, every Thursday Evening. U. R., A. O. Noyes Division, No. 12, meets third Friday of each month.

P. of H.—Norway Grange meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month at Grange Hall.

G. A. R.—Harry Rust Post, No. 54, meets in New G. A. R. Hall on the third Friday Evening of each month.

W. R. C.—Meets in New G. A. R. Hall, Monday evening.

N. E. O. P.—Lakeside Lodge, No. 177, meets in New G. A. R. Hall, on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

It is reported that the I. O. O. F. Block will soon be completed.

L. P. Bartlett, Jr., and A. F. Marston, of the firm of B. F. Spinney & Co., were in town this week.

Mrs. F. E. Drake is visiting her sister at Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass.

The indications are that work will soon commence on the Oxford Central Railroad. It is understood that a Boston firm, O'Brion & Davis, have taken the job to grade the road, and work will be commenced as soon as the railroad commissioners make the location. Wheelbarrows, shovels, picks and other tools are at the depot here.

Alfred Louis Lafarrier and Walter Lyman Sanborn have passed the examination for admission to Bowdoin College.

Fannie Cummings and her brother, Fred H. Cummings, are enjoying a month at Martha's Vineyard, where Miss Fannie will attend the summer school of oratory.

The exceedingly heavy rains this week caused the water to rise higher in the lake than at any time during the last half century. Geo. A. Brooks has kept a high water record for thirty-one years, and is authority for that time. Of course the usual "scare" was in order. The water ran through and around the old red mill house, and teams were at once put to work hauling dirt and stone to fill the gaps. At "Buck's dam" the gates were opened, thus taking much of the water on to the meadows. Water was over the Crockett bridge road and Pleasant Street. The dam did not give way but will be "re-built in the fall." No damage of importance was done. Some hay on the low land was carried away and the grass well covered with water and earth.

A. S. Cobb of Portland visited at J. H. Porter's, at Lakeside Farm, this week. Mr. Cobb is the advertising agent for the Harpswell Steamboat Co.

Station agent G. E. Lasselle has done a big job grading in the front yard at his residence on Deering Street.

The E. E. Rose Theatre Co. was at the Opera House Friday and Saturday evenings. Owing to the exceedingly hot weather the attendance was small.

Prof. A. G. Wiley, of the high school, was in town this week looking after the school interests.

After 40 years' absence A. T. Hobbs, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, visited his relatives in town this week. He found very few Norway citizens whom he left here when he went to his then new home. He has a delightful fruit-growing farm on the shore of Lake Michigan.

Mrs. Caroline Knight, of Woodford's, is visiting Mrs. Littleton B. Holden.

The farmers are hard at work cutting their hay crops, which are reported as being extra good.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Q. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Smith are taking a vacation at Newry.

Freeland Howe, Jr., of the New York World, and Lilly Buck, of Tufts College, are enjoying life at the Howe cottage.

A brick sidewalk will be put down in front of A. L. F. Pike's residence.

John W. Carter and family, who have been living at Hallowell, have moved back.

Geo. D. Swift will build Mrs. Abbie J. Tubbs' house on Danforth Street.

Two electric transformers, weighing about one ton each, have been put on at the shoe factory.

Daniel B. Johnson has sold his place on Danforth Street to M. M. Kilgore, and purchased a farm at Denmark where he will move at once.

Cora Bell Shedd has returned from Old Orchard where she has been enjoying a few weeks.

Mrs. John Swain and Nellie L. Andrews are at Old Orchard.

V. W. Hills, Norway's popular jeweler, has put in a water motor from which he will obtain power to run a polishing lathe and to grind lenses. He will also connect a fan with it for the store. Later he contemplates putting in a dynamo for plating.

H. J. Bangs has trimmed up the big elm tree, corner Main and Whitman Streets, and will cut the whole tree down, as it is rotten, and the limbs are constantly breaking and falling. The old tree is of some interest to Norway citizens, as it is an old landmark, being one of the oldest trees in the village.

Smiley Brothers, of Clinton, Mass., formerly in the dry goods business in this place, have bought out Noyes & Andrews' dry goods store in Noyes Block. Noyes & Andrews will continue their clothing business at the Blue Store.

C. B. Cummings & Sons and L. S. Billings have contracted with the Banner Match Co. of South Paris to deliver to the company 400,000 feet of pine lumber to be made into matches. Timber to be delivered this summer, fall and next winter.

The lot of land in front of the shoe factory on Main Street is being cleared and fixed up for a park.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Alteration sale at the Blue Store still continues.

Men's overshirts 19 cents at the Blue Store, Norway.

100 pairs work pants at 69 cents a pair at the Blue Store, Norway.

Boys' crash suits $1.25 at Noyes & Andrews' Blue Store, Norway.

38 cents for 50 cent overshirts at Noyes & Andrews' Blue Store, Norway.

Boys' and youths' suits for a little money at Noyes & Andrews' Blue Store, Norway.

H. P. Millett is agent for the Adriance Buckeye mower for South Paris and vicinity.

Greatest bargains ever sold in Maine in men's suits at $4, $5, $7.50 in the clearance sale at Noyes & Andrews' Blue Store, Norway.

Hills, the jeweler, Norway, offers no such inducements to patrons as cheap work, still his prices are no higher than any first-class workman.

Hills, Norway, is the only practical optician in Oxford County; the only one in this county who ever attended an optical school, and has diploma for same. No mail diplomas. He can back up his statements and use no wind.

In warm weather people do not like to take life too seriously. Realizing this, "The Royal Entertainers," G. Paul Smith and Willard Gorton, will present a sparkling comedy bill each night of their engagement week of the 19th at Electra Park. These gifted performers have no superiors as wholesome funmakers, yet their selections are always of the most refined character.

OFF FOR THE SEASIDE.

Parties contemplating pleasure with business while taking treatment for Alcohol, Morphine and Nervous Prostration, go to the Keeley Institute, Portland, Maine. Boating, sea-fishing, island life, aquatic pleasures are at your command. One month's treatment for Nerve Exhaustion is equivalent to twelve months' pleasuring and much cheaper.

A. P. Bassett of Norway has been recently appointed fish and game warden, he also holds the office of state detective, coroner and constable. Any business reported to him in either line will receive prompt attention. All letters are held strictly confidential and promptly answered.

Noyes & Andrews, Norway, in their custom department have about 50 pant patterns, they will make up through July for the price of ready-made.

What do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and tastes like choice coffee but costs about 1-4 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c.

Cereal Coffee Drinkers BEWARE!

If you have been deceived and tried one of the cheap bran substitutes now on the market, claiming to be the original and to have great food value, and you got a pound of poorly roasted bran for your 25c. and a poor, weak, sickish drink (what can you expect from bran), don't be discouraged but try GRAIN-O. It is made from solid grain, nicely browned and 2 pounds for 25c. Grain-O takes the place of coffee at 1-4 the price. Get a package of your grocer to-day.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy; gives instant relief to corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Cures and prevents swollen feet, blisters, callous and sore spots. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for sweating, hot, aching feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Trial package FREE by mail. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

BORN.

In South Paris, July 17, to the wife of Howard E. Stevens, a daughter.

In South Paris, July 18, to the wife of Charles A. Allen, a son.

In Stoneham, to the wife of Leslie McAllister, a daughter.

In Norway, July 9, to the wife of Ira W. Towle, a son.

In Norway, July 6, to the wife of Arthur Graves, a son.

In Denmark, July 9, to the wife of George Whaley, a son.

In Oxford, July 4, to the wife of Will Twitchell, a son.

MARRIED.

In Bethel, July 13, by Rev. F. E. Barton, Mr. John Yates of Gorham, N. H., and Miss Grace L. Knapp of Bethel.

In Saco, July 8, by Rev. E. C. Strout, Herman C. Paragard and Jennie H. Clouch, both of Norway.

In Fryeburg, July 4, by Rev. B. N. Stone, Daniel M. Gray and Rhoda A. Day, both of Brownfield.

In Mexico, July 3, by J. L. Howard, Esq., Mr. Henry F. Weeks and Miss Lillian M. Rundlett, both of Roxbury.

In West Paris, July 8, by Rev. A. K. Bryant, Mr. William C. Woodis and Mrs. Ellen T. Landers, both of Greenwood.

In South Paris, July 15, by Rev. T. J. Ramsdell, Mr. Hiram E. Thurlow and Miss Lula E. Perry, both of South Paris.

DIED.

In Bethel, July 9, Herbert Coburn, son of Melvin Coburn, aged 36 years.

In West Peru, July 9, by drowning, Clifford W. Burgess, aged 17 years and 10 months.

In Hartford, July 11, Mrs. Emeline A. Briggs, widow of the late Harrison Briggs of East Sumner, aged 75 years.

In Hollis, July 11, Ivory Keniston of Porter.

In Canton Point, July 8, Sarah G., wife of J. C. Bennett, aged 67 years.

LOST.

On Sunday, July 11, somewhere between Paris Hill and Norway, a pocket bon-bon box of silver wire. Finder will be suitably repaid for the trouble by leaving it at the Democrat office, or with

M. P. INGRAHAM,
Paris Hill.

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South Paris, Me.

STATE OF MAINE.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

In conformity with the provisions of Chapter one hundred and four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and upon the petition of five or more citizens of the State, and deeming it for the best interest of the State, the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, after due notice to all persons interested in the subject matter of said petition, and public hearing thereon in the locality to be affected, and deeming it necessary and proper for the protection and preservation of the inland fish of the State, hereby adopt the following needful Rules and Regulations relating to the times and places in which and the circumstances under which inland fish may be taken in the waters of Cupsuptic Pond, Lower and Upper Black Ponds, Barker's Lake and Moose Bog in Townships 4, Range 5 and 6 and Township 3, Range 5, in Oxford County.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Section 1. The taking, catching, killing, destroying or fishing for, any kind of fish in any of the above named waters is hereby absolutely prohibited for a term of four years from July 5th, A. D. 1897, except with an artificial fly or artificial flies.

Dated this fifth day of July, A. D. 1897.

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STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.—June 28th, A. D. 1897.

This is to give Notice, that on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1897, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of JEFFERSON JACKSON, of Rumford, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1897, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, or, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

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No. 151.—Charade.

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And brightens the surrounding.
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With many intricacies;
Sometimes they vex, sometimes they cheer,
According as the case is.
To learn of totals interview
The leading politicians;
They're flexible, ambiguous too,
Conforming to conditions.

No. 152.—Easy Word Squares.

1. A stringed musical instrument. 2. On the surface. 3. Related. 4. Terminations.

1. A tree; an acid fruit. 2. A thought. 3. A confusion; a soldier's meal. 4. A cardinal point.

1. A river in England. 2. A weathercock. 3. At one time; formerly. 4. Necessity.

1. An island in the Mediterranean. 2. Thin; to incline toward anything. 3. A place for storing grain, hay, etc. 4. A female Christian name.

No. 153.—Transposition.

The schoolroom's one all silent grow
As the famed meeting of the Quaker;
The teacher raps his desk, although
It bears the two of many a blow,
And asks, in tones severely slow,
"How many rods will make an acre?"

"O, one's plenty," Daniel Dee
Feelingly answers, all at once;
Indeed, he is no knowledge-three.
Four all the land, from sea to sea,
I doubt if anywhere will be
A more complete, consummate dunce.

A shout arises, soon suppressed;
The rod that makes the "five" is near;
The teacher, smiling like the rest,
Says: "That reply is Daniel's best,
And his improvement to attest,
I'll mark him 'perfect' once this year."

No. 154.—Numerical.

6-1-2-5 4-6 is an opening for the admission of light.

11-8-9-7-7-12 is a way or road in a city or town.

3-2-10 is a kind of antelope.

Whole, of 12 letters, is a motto which a great many people carry in their pockets.

No. 155.—Illustrated Zigzag.

All the words pictured contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed and placed one under another in the order numbered, the zigzag, reading from the upper lefthand letter to the lower lefthand letter, will spell the surname of a celebrated author.—St. Nicholas.

No. 156.—A Letter Puzzle.

The name of a country.
Three Ts, two Ss, a single D,
A lonely U, an A, double E,
Then I will stand with N combined
To give what I have now in mind.

No. 157.—Anagrams.

Words with definitions.

1. A pit for Eno. Both soft and loud.
2. It enters. Payment for use of a valuable commodity.
3. Can he, Molly? A depressed state of mind.
4. No drug. Surface of the earth; foundation; cause.
5. My Norah. "A concord of sweet sounds."
6. A—— did sin. Contempt.
7. I ran at D——. Beaming with light.
8. Lamp in cot. Expression of dissatisfaction; disease.
9. Fee, churl. Looking on the bright side.

Conundrums.

What's the difference between a gardener and a billiard marker? One minds his peas, the other his cues.

What is that which denotes the state of the mind and of the body? The tongue.

Why is a chrysalis like a hot roll? Because it's the grub that makes the butter fly.

Why is a baker a most improvident person? Because he is continually selling that which he kneads himself.

Why is an egg overdone like an egg underdone? Because it's hardly done.

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Take an ordinary visiting card; bend down about a half an inch at each end at right angles and let the card rest on the bent ends on a table. Then ask any person to blow it over. This seems easy enough, but you may blow yourself out of breath without succeeding. It may sometimes be done by blowing sharply on the table at some distance from the card.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 145.—Anagram: Temerity.

No. 146.—Illustrated Rebuses: 1. Honor and shame from no condition rise, act well thy part, there all the honor lies. 2. Soon as the soil receives the fruitful seed make no delay, but cover it with speed.

No. 147.—Numerical Enigma:

The summer time has come again
With all its light and mirth,
And June leads on the laughing hours
To bless the weary earth.

No. 148.—Geographical Acrostic: Sumatra. 1. Superior. 2. Unst. 3. Milan. 4. Andes. 5. Thames. 6. Rochester. 7. Abingdon.

No. 149.—A Puzzle of Figures: 12.

No. 150.—Enigmas of Authors: 1. May (Sophie). 2. Winter (John Strange). 3. South. 4. White (Henry Kirke). 5. Smiles. 6. Hardy ("A Hardy Norseman"). 7. Hare. 8. Jackson ("H. H.")

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SIX RECIPES FOR SANDWICHES.

"Would you know how first he met her?
She was cutting bread and butter"—

Thackeray says, and quite an art truly is this cutting of bread, and transforming it into the dainty little sandwiches which have a place at so many functions, from the unconventional picnic to the most formal of afternoon teas. If one's sandwiches are to be perfect the first things to be procured are, a loaf of excellent home-made bread, and a roll of sweet-flavored, lightly-salted butter. These at hand, there is a great variety of fillings, from which one may choose the most tempting, or those most convenient to the season or occasion. Here are a few recipes which have the advantage of being somewhat unusual, as well as delicious.

CHEESE AND CELERY.—Whip a gill of thick, sweet cream, and add enough sharp, freshly grated cheese to make a stiff paste. Spread bread with this, and sprinkle thickly with very finely minced white stalks of celery.

CHICKEN AND TOMATO.—Take firm, ripe tomatoes, peel, and slice very thin with a sharp knife. Have ready a teacupful of finely minced breast of chicken, mixed with two large tablespoonfuls of mayonnaise dressing. Spread the bread with butter, cover with a layer of the chicken, add a slice of tomato, nicely seasoned; lay on the corresponding slice of buttered bread, and cut into narrow strips.

SARDINE.—Mince two hard boiled eggs and a handful of cress, and mix with two spoonfuls of mayonnaise. Butter thin slices of brown bread, spread with this mixture, add a layer of tiny sardines, boned and halved, join the slices, and cut in squares.

SHAD ROE.—Wash the roe, and put in a saucepan of salted boiling water, sufficient to cover. Boil very gently twenty minutes. Allow it to cool, then remove the outer skin, and mash fine with a fork. Season well with salt, cayenne, and a dash of lemon juice. Place a layer of it between two slices of buttered bread, and cut in any shape desired.

GAME.—These are delicious made with either brown or white bread. The game should be roasted or broiled, to have the finest flavor, then shaved in the thinnest possible slices, placed over the prepared bread, seasoned and dotted with bits of currant jelly.

SWEET BREAD.—Blanch, parboil, and saute the sweet breads. Chop rather coarsely, and season well. Prepare the bread, put in a layer of the mince, cut in rounds, on each one place a very thin slice of lemon, without the rind, and close. If lemon is not liked, one may substitute a thin circular slice of grape or other tart jelly. This makes a very delicate sandwich.

In spreading bread for sandwiches many think it easiest to spread each slice with butter before cutting it from the loaf. If this is done the slice must of course be halved as no corresponding slice could be cut.

All sandwiches should be made as shortly as possible before serving, but if it is necessary that they should stand, let them be well wrapped in a dampened cloth. Of course when finished they may be tied with ribbons or arranged in any way which fancy dictates.

WHEN GREEN PEAS ARE PLENTY.

Freshly picked, promptly prepared and carefully cooked green peas are one of the delights of life, at this season of the year. The housewife, who can have them plucked and podded during the early morning hours for dinner the same day, has a manifest advantage over those who are dependent on the flabby kinds that have been transported either by sea or by rail, miles and miles away from their places of growth, interspersed along the way with rough handling, though various grades of climate and dusty belongings. Such as these are without appetizing or nourishing qualities, and are too often tasteless and insipid.

To have an enjoyable and satisfactory dish of green peas, the pods should be washed or rinsed, but not the peas when podded. After shelling, the peas should be kept in a cool place and covered with a moistened cloth, to keep them from the air as much as occasion may allow. The boiling should be done in salted water, sufficient to cover them well, and when tender drained well before turning into a sauce pan for seasoning, in which operation good, sweet butter should not be overlooked. Seasoned in a saucepan, after a few minutes cooking and a dish fit for the gods will be the result.

Among the many new ways for cooking peas, the following has the assurance of one who has tried the recipe, as "found in a newspaper," of being "very nice, indeed":

"To cook peas with lettuce, procure a solid head of lettuce, remove the outside leaves and cut the remainder into ribbons. Put one quart of young peas into a saucepan with one small onion cut into halves and the prepared lettuce and pour over the whole one gill of stock or water. Season with salt and pepper and a generous supply of butter. Cover the pan and let the contents slowly cook until the peas are tender. Beat one egg light and stir into it two tablespoonfuls of cream. When the peas are cooked, add the egg mixture, remove the onion and serve as soon as possible."

At the opening of the green pea season, care should be taken not to cook too long. The genuine green pea flavor is almost entirely lost by overmuch cooking, but as the season advances, the danger lies with the other extreme. Peas should always be cooked and seasoned, according to age and condition of fresh or stale peculiarities and propensities.

LIVING BEYOND INCOME.

Many people are living among luxuries which are suited to their tastes and their desires, but are not suited to anything else about them. Their circumstances, would we could thoroughly apply that word, are not their real surroundings—not those of their proper standing.

The false start is made with the wedding presents. Foolish friends give to the bride of the young clerk or bookkeeper articles of luxury suited to an establishment that should expend $10,000 a year. It would knock out a great deal of the sentiment, no doubt, for wealthy and liberal well wishers, to send a check expressive of their interest, but it would give a little freedom to the newly-married folks, to put it away for a future demanding more expense. Of course the foolish bride might instantly spend it in some personal or furnishing finery, might feel under obligations to the giver to do so, when the money should be considered rather as a "nest egg."

As it is now, everything is made hard for them. They are expected to compete—in church and out of it—with incomes five times their own. They are asked to contribute, with the rich, to every charity that is going. They have never studied the economies of housekeeping or cooking, and neither of them knows how to save coals nor how much to teach the ignorant servants who come into their service.

CARE OF THE TABLECLOTH.

When the tablecloth is removed after a meal, it should not only be very carefully folded in the creases into which it was ironed, but it should be laid away under some heavy weight. A small marble slab, if procurable, is excellently adapted for this purpose. If the well smoothed cloth is laid beneath it three times daily, it will keep its freshness remarkably and last much longer before need of change.

Miss Parlos says that one of the secrets of the genuine French bread, which it seems to be the ambition of many housekeepers to duplicate in their kitchen, lies in the fact that the dough is worked without too much dry flour. It is not kneaded very much, and what little kneading there is is accomplished with less flour than the average breadmaker would consider possible. This scant kneading accounts, too, for its quick drying. French bread, like French butter, is for this day only. The more dough is kneaded the finer grained it will be and the longer it will keep. Another caution in the attempt to make French bread is that it must not rise too long.—Good Housekeeping.

NOT YET MARRIED.

BUT UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT THEIR FAULT.

All of the young people in Chicago who have been kept out of the blissful state of matrimony by parental forbiddings do not owe it to the neglect of the means which providence has put into their hands by a great deal. A certain North side couple, who had come to the conclusion that they were born for each other tried for a long time by all means in their power to soften the hearts of the obdurate, objecting parents.

They coaxed and threatened, and the young lady, at least, feigned impending death from a broken heart, while her suitor was heard to mutter, within easy carrying distance of his mother, something about joining the army.

But at last their patience was exhausted. They gave up all thoughts of obedience, and determined to elope. One day in April they made the attempt, but it was frustrated by the disclosures of an eavesdropping servant. They were brought back before they had gotten a dozen blocks from the house. This, however, in no way dampened their ardor.

They simply looked upon it as a false start, and while outwardly showing all tokens of submission, they determined to watch for another opportunity. This came some time afterward, when the young lady had obtained permission to visit for a few days a relative in another part of the city.

But this relative kept such a close watch that they had to put up with disappointment once more. So they waited again.

By a long interval of good behavior surveillance had become somewhat relaxed, and they were allowed to see each other freely once more. This time they planned and carried into effect their most thrilling attempt. By several master strokes of strategy they managed to get away together, and on board one of the excursion steamers for Milwaukee.

While the escape had been executed in an able manner, they did not feel by any means secure. They were afraid the young lady's father, if no more relations, would take a train and meet them at the other end of the journey. This made them very uncomfortable.

The captain of the boat was used to such matters, and being a shrewd fellow, soon guessed what they were about. He got into a familiar conversation with the young man. The latter finally told him of their anxiety and its cause. The captain brightened up immediately.

"I can fix that up for you in a jiffy," he said.

"What do you mean?" inquired the young man.

"Why, there's a clergyman on board the boat. It would be dead romantic, and at the same time save you and the lady lots of worry," he concluded significantly.

The lady in question was seen, and after a hurried consultation it was agreed that the captain's suggestion was just the thing. It was ascertained that the clergyman was in the cabin, and the captain led the couple that way. When the young lady caught sight of the minister, she gave an unearthly scream and fainted.

In explanation the latter managed to convey the intelligence that he was her uncle. They have not been married yet.—Chicago Times-Herald.

ABOUT THE FOOL BICYCLIST.

The Bible does not take an encouraging view of fools. "Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a mortar among the wheat with a pestle yet will not his foolishness depart from him." If a person is destitute of the common power of understanding there is nothing like the possession of a bicycle to bring out the fact, and according to the view of the average intelligent observer, there is, if anything, less hope for a bicycle fool than for fools in general, says the American Cyclist. Getting killed unnecessarily is essentially a vice of the bicycle fool. Perhaps the fool-killing properties of the wheel constitute one of the ends for which it was created. While not many fools get actually killed, such of them as do almost invariably have nothing to thank for it but their own folly.

The untimely ending of a simpleton now and then is not fraught with much inconvenience to the world, but there is a graver side to this fool business. The fool may cause somebody beside himself to get killed, and it is for this reason that strong efforts should be made to keep the bicycle out of his hands. The law seldom undertakes to protect the individual against the consequences of his own rashness, but where the safety of others is involved, legal restraint is often secured against foolishness. There are laws almost everywhere against reckless riding through city streets, although they are seldom enforced in cities destitute of cycling policemen. New York has an ordinance against child carrying which should be adopted by other cities. In Hartford, for instance, riders are sometimes seen passing trolley cars with children without turning from the space between the double tracks. Such infernal stupidity as this should be met with sharp penalties.

In the case of brakeless riders who coast steep hills, those who ride a hundred miles when they are fit for not more than 10, and the others who through want of common sense continually invite injury or death, we suppose nature must be left to take its course. Preaching and argument are vain and the law refuses to bother about it.—Springfield Republican.

An Evasive Answer: Mamma (sadly holding up an empty jar)—"Rachel, have you been at my preserves again?" Rachel (intently combing her doll's hair)—"Mamma, didn't grandma teach you when you was a little girl, same as you have me not to be too 'quisitive?"

BRUNSWICK, June 26, 1897.

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