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LESLIE G. PORTER, late of Rumford, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
June 18th, 1901. JOHN P. SWASEY.

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EUNICE C. HARDY, late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
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The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

ZILPHA McDONALD, late of Brownfield, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
June 18th, 1901. FRANCIS A. FOX.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of

LUCINDA MARSTON, late of Andover, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
June 18th, 1901. HIRAM D. ABBOTT.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the 3rd Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, the following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of July, A. D. 1901, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

SARAH D. HAWKINS, late of Norway, deceased. Petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax on certain trust funds left to the First Universalist Parish of Norway presented by Eugene F. Smith and Fred H. Cummings, trustees.

ANDREW MILLS, late of Norway, deceased. Second account presented for allowance by Eugene F. Smith, trustee.

HENRY FARWELL, late of Bethel, deceased. First and final account presented for allowance by Alice J. Farwell, administratrix.

JAMES G. DAVIS, late of Woodstock, deceased. Petition for an allowance out of personal property presented by Lucretia Davis, widow.

WILLIAM A. BURGESS, late of Peru, deceased. Petition for allowance out of personal estate presented by Sarah C. Burgess, widow.

JAMES A. BARROWS of Sumner, ward. Account presented for allowance by Hollis Turner, guardian.

SYLVIA L. PRATT, late of Paris, deceased. Petition for order of distribution of balance remaining in his hands, under the will, presented by James S. Wright, executor.

ARTHUR D. AYER ET AL, of Paris, wards. First account presented for allowance by Herbert C. Ayer, guardian.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—Attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Oxford:

We, the undersigned, citizens of the town of Albany, in said County, most respectfully represent, that common convenience and necessity require an alteration in the highway leading from North Waterford to Stoneham, to wit: commencing near the foot of Rocky Hill, so called, which is situated near that part of said Albany called Lynchville; thence to proceed around said hill on the northerly side and to intersect with said highway at the top of said hill near the residence of E. P. Meader; and the discontinuance of that part of said highway lying between the commencing point, and the terminus or place of intersection as above set forth.

And further to define the limits of that part of the highway leading from North Waterford to Stoneham, which lies within the said town of Albany.

Dated at Albany, Maine, June 17th, 1901.
SELECTMEN OF ALBANY ET ALS.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS:
Board of County Commissioners, May session, 1901; held by adjournment, June 21, 1901.

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the office of the Elliott & Bartlett Company at Lynchville, so called, in said Albany, on the 16th day of Aug., next, at nine of the clock, A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view, a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity, and such other measures taken in the premises as the Commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the Commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Albany, aforesaid, in said County, and also posted up in three public places in said town and published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat a newspaper printed at Paris in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted, at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.
A true copy of said Petition and Order of Court thereon.
ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

AMONG THE FARMERS.

"SPEED THE PLOW."

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is solicited. Address all communications intended for this department to HENRY D. HAMMOND, Agricultural Editor Oxford Democrat Paris, Me.

TIME-SAVING IMPLEMENTS.

The choice of implements and machines is a subject to which every thoughtful farmer has given a good deal of attention, but which will repay further consideration. In fact, it is one of the matters connected with farm operations that cannot be settled once for all. It never gets out of date. This is because of the restless activity of our inventors and manufacturers in developing and bringing to public attention implements and machines that are different from those that were made at an earlier date.

Some of these patterns are great improvements upon any that have preceded them. If the farmer had no appliances for the purpose which these are designed to serve he would not need to hesitate in his choice between some of the newer and most of the older styles. The former would be selected at once. But a great many farmers are already supplied with machines that are in fair condition, and that can be made serviceable for many years. This fact makes the question of purchasing newer machines much more difficult than it would otherwise be.

It has been the common custom to keep a fairly good implement or machine until it was worn out. The farmer who, in order to obtain a better one, would lay aside, or sell for a low price, a harrow, cultivator or almost any other farm implement before it was worn out was regarded as fickle and extravagant. In many places something of the same feeling still exists. But in the country at large it is rapidly giving way to the idea that the greater efficiency of a new implement as compared with that of one already on hand may not only justify a change before the old one has become useless, but may really be quite profitable. This is especially true as it relates to the implements and machines that are used in tillage.

The growing season is short at the best. All the work that is done in preparing for seeding and in the cultivation of crops must be crowded into a brief period. In an unfavorable season even this short term is lessened. But whether the time in which preparation and cultivation can be attended to is curtailed or reaches its natural limits the matter of efficiency is of vital importance. The ground must be well fitted to receive the seed, and the growing plants must have suitable cultivation, or the crop will partially fail. Getting the land in fine condition for grass and putting in the seed before a storm may make all the difference between a good start, succeeded by large crops of hay of fine quality, and a poor catch followed by moderate yields of hay that is badly mixed with coarse grasses and weeds. The difference in the value of the crops to be taken from the ground before it is seeded again will be large. The same principle applies to other crops. A machine that is of enough greater efficiency to enable its owner to get in the seed of wheat or oats "in the nick of time," or give prompt and thorough working to corn and potatoes that would have had only inadequate cultivation if the old implements had been used, may more than pay for itself in a single season. And, in addition, there would be a considerable saving of the team and its driver.

Whether it will be wise to make changes of this kind will largely depend upon the amount of business that is done. Upon some farms it is large enough to enable the owner to stand the expense, and have a handsome profit besides, while upon others it is too small to justify the outlay that would be involved. It is not pleasant to do so, but there are many cases in which it will be wiser to plod along with an old but reasonably effective machine than it will be to go into debt or to use money that is greatly needed for some other purpose by buying a new one. But if a farmer must buy in order to work efficiently there can be no doubt that one of a recent and improved pattern should be obtained. It will be far better to sacrifice something else, to pinch, if need be, in some other direction, than it will to buy an out-of-date machine or implement that either works slowly or does not work well.—Exchange.

THE BOY ON THE FARM.

(Editorial and correspondence from the June number of the State Board Bulletin.)

In arranging to treat the subject of the boy on the farm, it was not our purpose to make any specious plea for the business, or to in any way try to divert the attention of the boy from other means for obtaining a livelihood. We never regret that the boys go where they can make the most of themselves or find that work which is the best adapted to their peculiar tastes. Much depends upon a proper start in life, and no one can ever succeed in any calling unless it is congenial to him. We know that intense work and sacrificing of self, may make for success sometimes for those who are engaged in work not of their own choosing, but it is at a great waste of energy and should not be encouraged.

Our purpose is to try and consider the business of farming in such a way that its advantages, as compared with other pursuits, may be fully realized, and that the attention of our brightest young men may, possibly, be turned toward it more than it has been in the past.

The producer must always occupy an important place in the world. The more we advance in wealth and civilization, the more necessary will he become. The tendency of the times appears to be towards the massing of the people in cities, which are constantly growing larger and extending themselves into the country. The residents of these cities must be fed and clothed. Their food and clothing must come from the soil. They are entirely dependent upon the producer.

It has been truthfully said that this is an industrial age, that great enterprises are constantly springing up, and calling into the ranks of those who labor for them, the best of the talent of our young people. These people are working out the higher destiny of the republic, and helping to make it perpetual, but they at once cease to become producers. They are now dependent upon others, and must buy of those who till the soil. Every young man who leaves the farm and makes a success of life elsewhere, adds relatively two customers to those who remain. Those who go from the farm and make a failure, usually are never heard of again. There can be no gain without labor and no progress without self-sacrifices.

With the advance that has come into our lives, the business of farming has kept full pace. There can be no doubt but that he who tills a field successfully, who grows crops bountiful and luxuriant, who produces flocks and herds of beauty, uniformity and great value, who plans all the details of farm work correctly, and unites with these efforts the maintenance of the farm home, must have higher mental qualities, greater skill and more training, than he who battles with the hardships of life in trade or profession. This fact should be more fully appreciated. The fundamental principles of nature's laws should be more fully understood. Nature studies should occupy more of the attention of the young. Our common schools should begin the work and lay the foundation for that higher training that may be had in land-grant colleges and state universities. If we need legal advice we go to him who has had special training along lines of law. We seek the knowledge and sound judgment which comes as the result of much study. If we need a physician, we go to him who has spent his time to best advantage, in acquiring a knowledge of the experience and observations of others, as recorded in regular text books for that purpose. The Christian church, the great power for good to-day, relies for its strength upon the efforts of those who are learned in the one line, and have made the sacrifice of some of the best years of their lives in preparation for the work. But when we come to consider the great business of the producer, he who must understand, and mould to his use the subtler laws of nature, who has the business of supplying the world with food, we find him compelled to begin his work with no training, and no guide, except the local experience of those who have preceded him, and his own limited observation.

Train the boy for every other calling in life, but let him farm by intuition, has been, too much, the rule. The necessity for agricultural education must be more fully appreciated. The higher possibilities of the farm must be better understood. We are looking for a concerted action in these directions in the near future. Then, we would see farming pushed as a business more than it is. It is well that the farmer's family has its full supply as far as possible from the farm. It is well that it has the best the land affords. For him and his, there should always be an abundance of the best from land and herds, but before we can expect the full fruition of the labor of our best boys there, it must be developed into a business.

The educator has a great work in this direction. He must turn his efforts in the direction of that teaching that shall bring him and his pupil nearer to nature. He must build from the foundation, with this definite purpose in view. The man who follows the plow and shapes the type and usefulness of crops and animals must grasp the higher truths of his business. He must learn to get the most possible from every effort. If the keeping of ten cows pays him, the keeping of fifteen cows under the same conditions will pay as well proportionally, and the net income will be increased.

The same thing holds along all lines of crop and stock production. Think out results along these lines. Interest the young by teaching them of the possibilities of the work. Keep them busy, but not over-taxed. Don't, don't make them do "chores." We would banish that word forever from the farms of Maine. The caring for the farm animals, the managing of the stables and barns and gardens, is *not* "chores," it is a part of the necessary work of the farm and should go into the working day. Begin work as early as you wish, but close up as early accordingly at night. When supper is ready at 6, or earlier if possible, have the labors of the day completed, and allow no boy to be loaded with the thought of "chores" to come afterwards.

Go into partnership with the boy. Put his name with yours on tools and all other articles. Let him understand that he has an interest and a responsibility. Give him an opportunity for special training. With these conditions faithfully observed, he will be a farmer if he ought to be; if he ought not to be, there should be every effort made to turn his mind to that line of work for which he is adapted and in which he can make a success.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

To the boy on the farm as to the boy everywhere, the one important question to be asked of himself over and over again until a satisfactory answer is found is, "What am I good for; what lines of work will give me the greatest pleasure and profit?" To attempt to fit square pegs to round holes, and round pegs to square holes, is a most unprofitable, thankless, and well-nigh hopeless task. A man without a business capacity cannot hope to be his own master, successfully. Such a man must work on salary for others. Find out what you are, your capacities, and your limitations. To know your business thoroughly must be the aim, and in the long run he succeeds best who has the best preparation. A college education is the best preparation for any calling. The world's premium is placed on trained and educated brain, not on muscle. If you would succeed cultivate your brain power. Not only is knowledge power but it is the basis of all true success. The dollar is not the best measure of success, but even on that basis, mental training is in the lead. For without mental training the difficult things can not be done. The world's reward is for doing the difficult things.

"The man who fells the trees in the woods may receive 15 cents per hour; the man who controls the carriage of the great saw mill and decides on the instant what shape and dimensions the lumber shall take may receive 25 cents per hour for simply moving a little lever; a third man causes a piece of the wood to take on the forms of beauty for the great staircase and may receive 50 cents per hour; the fourth furnishes the design for this beautiful staircase, and may receive $1 an hour. The man who does the so-called 'hard' work receives the least pay. Why? Because it is the least difficult. This difference of remuneration holds good on the farm. Mushrooms sell for 50 cents per pound; maize for one-half cent per pound. Why? Because anybody, even a squaw, can raise maize, but only a specially skilled gardener can succeed in mushroom culture. Hothouse lambs bring $6 to $10 when two months old; a poorly bred sheep at two years of age may bring from $2 to $4. Why? The breeding and feeding of the one is easy; of the other difficult."

But if the boy is well trained and educated should he not turn his endeavor to some other calling than agriculture? is the question which arises in the parents' and in the boy's mind. The answer to this is not easy, and must be met for each individual case by itself. To aspire to do some of the most difficult things the world needs to have done is a worthy ambition. Not to try to achieve because of fear of failure is cowardice. It is, however, only the rare man who can achieve greatness in any calling. The rural life has very much to offer to those who are trained to appreciate the beauties of nature and obey her laws. The average farmers always has an assured though modest income, and the better farmer have an ample income for maintaining improved rural homes. If you want to have at your command independence and the comforts of living, I do not know where you can better find them than on the farm.

CHAS. D. WOODS, Orono.
University of Maine, June 4, 1901.

"Diving and finding no pearls in the sea,
Blame not the ocean, the fault is with thee."

Too often when we find no love of the farm in our boy's heart, the fault is with us. There are many boys who gladly choose farming as their profession and remain on the farm from pure love of it. There are others who from uncontrolled circumstances forced to remain against their inclinations. To both of these should farm life be made pleasant. Some drudgery there must be on every farm, but give the boy some part, some interest of his own by which he may derive an income by his individual efforts. Teach him that there is spread before him the grandest book ever studied by mortal. His eyes may behold more beautiful pictures than painted canvas on city walls. Teach him from the earliest years to love the birds, the flowers, the trees, to make them his friends. It takes but little to bend him the right way. Teach him that each has a secret for him, and as he gets near to nature's heart the ties will draw him to the farm.

"He'll hear the ripple of the brook,
See sheen of velvet soil;
And feel these truths all lead him on,
To worship nature's God."

KATE B. ELLIS, Fairfield.

DAGO DIVERS

By CUTCLIFFE HYNE.

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"I'M real glad to be able to call you 'captain,' my lad," said Owen Kettle, and Murray, in delight at his new promotion, wrung his old commander's hand again.

"You've slaved hard enough as mate," Kettle went on. "You've sweated and slaved so much that your clothes hang on you like a slop chest shirt on a stanchion just now. But you'll fill 'em out nicely by the time you get back to England again, my lad."

The pair of them liked one another well, but the ties of discipline had kept them icily apart up to now. Murray's promotion put them on an equal footing of grade.

"Running the Parakeet doesn't seem to have made you very plump, skipper."

"Constitutional, I guess," said Kettle. "I don't believe the food's grown that'd make me carry flesh. I'm one of those men that were sent into the world with a whole shipload of bad luck to work through before I came across any of the soft things."

"You haven't much to grumble at now," said Murray cheerfully. "Here am I kicking you out of the command of the Parakeet, to be sure. And why? Because while you've been her old man you've made her pay so well that the firm's saved enough to buy a bigger ship. They're naturally going to give her to you to scare up more fat dividends. Lord," said Murray, hitting his knee, "the chaps on board here will be calling me the 'old man' behind my back now."

"You'll get used to hearing the title," said Kettle grimly, "before you make your pile. You'll get married, I suppose, on the strength of the promotion. I saw a girl's photo nailed up in your room."

The new captain nodded. "Got engaged when I passed for my master's ticket. Arranged to be hitched so soon as I found a ship. Well, I suppose you go straight home by mail from Aden here?"

"Hello! Haven't they told you?"

"My letter was only the dry, formal announcement that you were promoted to the new ship and I was to take over the Parakeet."

"They don't waste their typewriter in the office. I suppose they thought I'd hand on my letter if I saw fit. Read through that," said Kettle and handed across his news. This is how it ran:

Dear Captain Kettle—Having noted from your cables and reports you are making a good thing for us out of tramping the Parakeet, we have pleasure in transferring you to our new boat which is now building on the Clyde. She will be 3,500 tons, and we may take out passenger certificate. Your wage on her will be £21 per month, with 2½ per cent commission, as before, but for the present, till this new boat is finished, we want you to give over command of the Parakeet to Murray and take on a new job. Our Mr. Alexander Bird has recently bought the wreck of the steamship Grecian, and we are sending out a steamer with divers and full equipment to get the salvage. We wish you to go on board this vessel to watch over our interests. We give you full control and have notified Captain Tazzuchi, at present in command, to this effect.

"Birds are getting on," said Murray. "But I've big doubts about three new boats all at one bite. One they might manage on a mortgage. But three? I don't think it. Old Ikey's too cautious."

"Messrs. Bird are your owners and mine," said Kettle significantly.

"Oh," said the newly made captain, "I'm not one of your old fashioned sort that thinks an owner a little tin god!"

"My view is," said Kettle, "that your owner pays you and so is entitled to your respect so long as he is your owner, but you've got such a big notion of your own rights that we're not likely

"How do you think those crafty imps have managed it?" he cried.

to agree. Besides, you've got to check my accounts and see I've left it all for you shipshape. See you again before I go away, and we'll have a drop of whisky together to wish the Parakeet's new 'old man' a pile of luck."

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At the edge of the harbor Aden baked under the sun. The salvage steamer rolled at her anchor at the opposite side of the harbor, and Kettle and two portmanteaus were transshipped direct in one of the Parakeet's boats.

He was received on board by an affable Italian, who introduced himself as Captain Tazzuchi. The man spoke perfect English and was hospitality personified. Tazzuchi put the best room in the ship at his guest's disposal and said that anything that could act for his comfort should be done forthwith.

"Y'know, captain," said Tazzuchi, "this is what you call a 'dago' ship, and we serve out country wine as a regular ration. But I thought perhaps you'd like your own home ways best, and so I've ordered the ship's chandler ashore to send off a case of Scotch, and I sent also for some London pickles. I know how you English like your pickles."

In fact, all that a man could do in the way of outward attention Tazzuchi did, but somehow or other Captain Kettle got a suspicion of him from the very first moment of their meeting.

Perhaps it was because the civility was a little unexpected and even effusive. Putting himself in the Italian's place, Kettle certainly would not have gone out of his way to be pleasant to a foreigner who was sent practically to supersede him in command.

But perhaps a second letter which he had received had something to do with this hostile feeling. It was from the same hand which had written the firm's formal letter, but it was couched in quite a different vein. Isaac Bird was evidently scared for his very commercial existence, and he thrust out his arms to Kettle on paper as his only savior. It seemed that Alexander Bird, the younger brother, had been running a little wild of late. The wreck of the Grecian had been put up to auction. Alexander strolled into the room by accident and bought at an exorbitant figure. He came and announced his purchase to Isaac, declaring it as an instance of his fine business instincts. Isaac set it down to whisky, and recriminations followed. Alexander in a huff said he would go out and overlook the salvage operations in person. But forthwith Alexander, still in his cups, gets to brawling and is next discovered in hospital with a broken thigh.

"I have found Alexander's department of the business very tangled," wrote Isaac, "and the thought of this new complication drove me near crazy. Salvage is out of our line. Alexander should never have touched it. But there it is; money paid, and I've had to borrow. And engaging that Italian firm for the job was the best thing I could manage. What English firms wanted was out of all reason. I don't wonder at Lloyd's selling wrecks for anything they will fetch. A pittance in cash is better than getting into the hands of these sharks. And what guarantee have I that the firm will see even the money outpaid again, let alone reasonable interest? None."

There were several words erased here, and the writer went on with what was evidently considered a dramatic finish.

"'But stay,' I say to myself. 'You have Kettle. He is down in the Red sea now doing well. You had all along intended to promote him. Do it now and set him to overlook this Italian salvage firm while the new boat is building. He is the one to see that Isaac Bird's foot doth not fall, for Captain O. Kettle is a godly man also.'"

The letter was shut off conventionally enough with the statement that the writer was Captain Kettle's truly and ended in a postscriptum tag to the effect that the envoy should still draw his 2½ per cent on net results. The actual figures had evidently not been conceded without a mental wrench, as the erasion beneath them showed.

However, although in his recent prosperity Kettle had assumed a hatred for risks and bred a strong dislike for all those commercial adventures which lay beyond the ordinary rut and routine of trade, he took up his duties on the salvage steamer with a stout heart and a cheerful estimate for the future.

Murray tooted him cheerful farewells on the Parakeet's siren as the little Italian salvage boat steamed out of Aden harbor, and ensigns were dipped with due formality. Tazzuchi was all hospitality. He invited Kettle to damage his palate with a black Italian "Virginia" cigar with a straw up the middle; he uncorked a bottle of the Scotch whisky and put it ready for reference when his guest should feel athirst.

Kettle accepted it all with a dry civility. He had every expectation of upsetting this man's plans for robbery later on. Though it was Tazzuchi who presented the Virginias, he took it for granted that Messrs. Bird, Bird & Co. had paid for them, and he was not averse to accepting a little luxury from the firm.

The wreck of the Grecian was out of the usual steam lane. She had, it appeared, got off her course in a fog, two of her compartments had been stove in, and then she had been steered for the shore in the wild attempt to beach her before she sank. She had ceased floating, however, with some suddenness, and when the critical moment came not all of her people managed to scrape off with their lives in the boats. Those that got away found themselves in a gale, and when they were picked up could only give her whereabouts vaguely. However, they stated that the Grecian's mast trucks remained above the water surface, and this fact was brought out strongly by the auctioneer who sold the wreck and had due influence on the enterprising Alexander.

The salvage steamer wandered for several days among an intensely dangerous archipelago and many times over had narrow escapes from piling up her bones on one or another of those reefs with which the Red sea in that quarter abounds. Tazzuchi navigated her in an ecstasy of nervousness, and Kettle, who regarded himself as a passenger for the time being, kept a private store of food and water bottles handy and saw that one of the quarter boats was ready for hurried lowering. But nowhere did they see those much talked about mast trucks. They did not sight so much as a scrap of floating wreckage.

There seemed, however, a good many dhow coasters dodging about in and among the reefs, and from these Kettle presently drew a deduction.

"Look here," he said to Tazzuchi one morning, "what prevents those gentry ashore from having found the wreck already? I guess they aren't out here taking week end trippers for sixpenny yachting cruises."

"No," said Tazzuchi, "and they are not fishing."

"Well, I give you the tip for what it's worth," said Kettle, and that afternoon the steamer was run up alongside a dhow, which tried desperately to escape. Her captain was dragged on board, and at that juncture Captain Kettle took upon himself to go below. He knew what would probably take place, and, though he disapproved of such methods strongly, he felt he could not interfere.

But presently came a noise of bellowing from the deck above, and then that was followed by shrill screams as the upper gamut of agony was reached. Kettle was prepared for rough handling, but at information gained by absolute torture he drew the line. It was clear that these cruel beggars of Italians were going too far.

"By James," he muttered to himself, "owners or no owners, I can't stand this!" And he started hurriedly to go back to the deck. But before he reached the head of the companionway the cries of pain ceased, and so he stood where he was on the stair and waited. The engines rumbled, and the steamer once more gathered way. A clamor of barbaric voices reached him which gradually died into quietude. It was clear they were leaving the dhow behind.

Captain Kettle drew a long breath. They would stick at little, these dagos, in getting the salvage of the Grecian, and it seemed preposterous to suppose that once they gripped the specie in their own fingers they would ever give it up for the paltry pay which had been offered by Bird, Bird & Co. Their own poverty was aching. Still, the poverty of these Italians was no concern of his. They were paid servants of the owners, and it was his duty to see that they earned their hire. He took it that he was one against the whole ship's company, but the odds did not daunt him. On the contrary, his old fighting spirit, which had been of late hustled into the background by smug commercial prosperity, came back to him. And, besides, he had always at his call that exquisite pride of race which has so many times given victory to the Anglo-Saxon over the Latin.

By a sort of instinct he buttoned up his trim white drill coat and stepped out on deck. There would be no scuffle yet awhile. With the specie yet snugly stored on the sea floor, the dirty, untidy Italians were still all affability. Indeed, as soon as he appeared, Tazzuchi himself stepped down off the upper bridge to give him the news.

"How do you think those crafty imps have managed it?" he cried, with a gesture. "Why, they dived down and cut off her masts below water level. The funnel was out of sight already. They just thought they were going to have the skimming of that wreck themselves. No wonder we couldn't pick her up."

"Cute beggars," said Kettle.

"I've begged a pilot. If he takes us there straight, he gets backsheesh. I think," said Captain Tazzuchi, with a wide smile, "that he'll take us there the quickest road."

"Shouldn't wonder," said Kettle. "But don't be surprised if his friends come round and make things ugly."

"Let them come. We were ready for this sort of entertainment when we sailed. If there is any trouble, we shall shoot, and if we begin that game we shall just imagine they are Abyssinians and shoot to kill."

Under the black captive's guidance the salvage steamer soon put a term to her search. For two more hours she threaded her way among surf which

The shovel jarred against something solid underfoot.

broke over unseen reefs and swung round the capes of a rocky archipelago, and then the pilot gave his word, and the engines were stopped, and a rusty table roared out till an anchor had got hold of the ground. A boat was lowered away with air pump already stepped amidships, and the boat's crew with eager hands assisted the diver to make his toilet.

"Your chaps seem keen enough," said Kettle as he watched the trail of air bubbles which showed the man's progress on the sea floor below.

"They have each got a stake in the venture."

"I bet they have," was Kettle's grim comment to himself.

The kidnaped skipper of the dhow, it seemed, had done his pilotage with a fine accuracy. The salvage steamer had been anchored in a good position, and between them two divers in two boats found the Grecian's wreck in half an hour.

They came up to the air for a quarter of an hour's spell and made their announcement, and then the copper helmets were clapped into place again, and once more they faded away into the depths. A gabble of excited Italians kept pace to the turning of the air pumps, and of that language Kettle knew barely a score of words. Practically these people might have weaved any kind of a plot noisily and under his very nose without his being any the wiser, and this possibility did little to quell his suspicions.

But still Tazzuchi was all outward frankness. "It's as well we brought out this little steamboat just to skim the wreck and survey her," he said. "If they'd waited to fit out a big salvage expedition to raise her straight off, I reckon there wouldn't have been much left but iron plates and coal bunkers. These Red sea niggers are pretty useful at looting, once they start. The beggars can dive pretty nearly as well and as long in their naked skins as their betters can in a proper diving suit."

Each time the divers came up from the opaque white water they brought more reports. Binnacles, whistle, wheels and all movable deck fittings were gone already. The charthouse had been looted down to the bare boards. Hatches were off both forward and aft, and already the cargo had begun to diminish. The black men of the district had been making good use of their time.

News came from the cool, mysterious water to the baking region of air above almost at the second hour of the search that the Grecian could never be refloated. In addition to the holes already made in two of her compartments, she had settled on a sharp jag of rock, which had pierced her in a third place, aft. This one piece of rock was the only solid spot in the neighborhood. All the rest of the sea floor was pulpy white clay, and in this the unfortunate wreck had settled till already it was flush with her lower decks. There were evidences, too, that the ooze was creeping higher every day, so that all that remained was to strip her as quickly as might be before she was swallowed up.

Tazzuchi asked Captain Kettle for his opinion that night while in the charthouse. "I'm to be guided by you, of course," he said, "but my idea is that we should go for the specie first thing and let everything else slide till that's snugly on board here. Birds gave £5,400 for the wreck, and there's £8,000 in cash down there in a room they built specially for it over the shaft tunnel. If we can grab that, it will pay our expenses and commission and all the other actual outlay, and Birds will be out of the wood."

"Yes," thought Kettle; "you want those gold boxes in your hands, you blessed dago, and then you'll begin to play your monkey tricks. I wonder if you think you're going to jam a knife into me by way of making things snug and safe?"

But aloud he expressed agreement to Captain Tazzuchi's plan. He felt that this was diplomacy, and, though the diplomatic art was new and strange to him, he told himself that it was the correct weapon to use under the circumstances. He had risen out of his old grade of hole and corner shipmaster. He was a captain in a regular line now, and wild fights and scrimmages were beneath the dignity of his position.

Accordingly, as soon as dawn gave a waking light the boats put out again, and the divers were given orders to put all their efforts into getting the specie boxes on to the end of the salvage steamer's winch chain. A lot of dhows were showing here and there among the reefs, obviously watching them, and Tazzuchi was beginning to get nervous.

"We're in for trouble, I'm afraid," he said to Kettle. "That rock on which she's settled astern has made a hole in her you could drive a cart through."

"Well?"

"Didn't you hear the report they've just sung off from the boats? Oh, I forgot; you don't understand Italian. Well, the news is that the rock's split a hole in the bottom of the strong room, and those gold boxes have toppled through."

"And buried themselves in the slime?"

"That's it. And Lord knows how many feet they've sunk. It's dreadful stuff to dig among; slides in on you as soon as you start to dig and levels up. They'll have to brattice as they work. It'll be a big job."

All that day Kettle watched the sea with an anxious eye. From below the mud came up in white billows, and out beyond, in and among the reefs and along the distant shore, swung and shimmered in the heat haze hungry dhows prowling like carrion birds temporarily driven away from a prey.

Tazzuchi and the chief engineer busied themselves in binding together fragments of fire bars with iron wire. The Italian shipmaster had a great notion of the damage his signal guns could do against a dhow if they were provided with orthodox solid shot. As soon as the second night came down and the darkness became fairly fixed in hue there began to crackle out of the distance a desultory rifle fire from every quarter of the compass. It was not very heavy. At the outside there were not a score of weapons firing, but it was annoying for all that, and as the marksmen and their vessels were completely swallowed up by the blackness of the night it was impossible to repay their compliments in kind.

Morning showed the damage of one port window smashed, two panes gone from the engine room skylight and the air pump in one of the boats alongside with a plunger neatly cut into two pieces, but there was a spare air pump in store, and after dawn came work went on as usual. The dhows came no nearer; neither did they go much farther away. Tazzuchi, full of enthusiasm for his artillery, tried a carefully aimed shot at one of the largest, but the explosion was quite outdone in noise by the cackle of laughter which followed it. So slow was the flight of the missile that the eye could trace it. So short was its journey and so curved its trajectory that it came very near to hitting one of the boats of the divers.

"Well," thought Kettle, "these are pretty cool hands for dagos anyway. I'm going to have a fine tough time of it when my part of the scuffle comes."

That night he had a still further taste of their quality. So soon as darkness fell the dhows closed in again and recommenced their sniping. They kept under way, and so it did little enough good to aim back at the flashes. But Tazzuchi and half a dozen keen spirits got down into one of the boats with their rifles and knives and a drum of paraffin and pulled away silently into the blackness.

There was silence for quite half an hour, and the suspense on the anchored steamer was vivid enough to have shaken trained men. Yet these Italian artificers and merchant seamen seemed to take it as coolly as though such sorties were an everyday occurrence. But at the end of that time there was a splutter of shots, a few faint squeals, and then a bonfire lighted up away in the darkness. The blaze grew rapidly and showed in its heart the outline of a dhow with human figures on it. With promptness every man on the steamer emptied his rifle at the mark and continued the fusillade till the dhow was deserted.

Tazzuchi and his friends returned in the boat safe and jubilant, and for the rest of that night the little salvage steamer was left in quietude. With the next daybreak the divers and their attendants once more plied themselves to labor. Kettle as he watched was amazed to see the energy they put into it. Certainly they seemed keen enough to get the specie weighed and on board. Whatever the piratical plans they had got made up were evidently for afterward.

But when day after day passed and none of the treasure was brought to the surface he began to modify this original opinion. Tazzuchi, translating the divers' reports, said that the cause of the delay was the softness of the sea floor. The heavy chests had sunk deep into the ooze, and directly a spadeful of the horrible slime was dug away more slid in to fill the gap. Of course this might be true, but suspicion had got so deep a hold on Captain Kettle's mind he began to cudgel his brain for some new method by which the Italians could serve his purpose. He put himself suppositiously in Tazzuchi's place and made piratical theories by the score. Most of them he had to dismiss after examination as impracticable, but finally one stood out beyond all the rest.

For one thing, it did not want many participants, only the actual divers and Tazzuchi himself. For another, it would not brand the whole gang of them as criminals and pirates, but, properly managed, would make them rich without any advertised stigma or stain. In simple words, the method was this: The gold boxes must be removed from their original site and hidden elsewhere under the water close at hand. The friendly slime would bury them snugly out of sight. The old report of "un-get-at-able" would be adhered to, and finally the steamer would give up further salvage operations as hopeless and steam away to port. There Tazzuchi and his friends would charter a small vessel of their own and go back for the plunder.

Kettle felt all an unimaginative man's complacency in ferreting out such a dramatic scheme and began to think next upon the somewhat important detail of how to get proofs before he commenced to frustrate it. Chance seemed to make Tazzuchi play into his hand. The air pump which had been damaged by the rifle bullet had been mended by the steamer's engineers, and as there were two or three spare diving dresses on the ship Captain Tazzuchi expressed his intention of making a descent in person to inspect the progress.

"I didn't do it before because I didn't want to make the men break time. Will you come off in the boat with me, captain, and hand my life line?"

"I'll borrow one of those spare dresses and share the pump with you," said Kettle.

Tazzuchi was visibly startled. "What do you mean?"

"The pump will give air for two, and I'm coming down with you."

"But you know nothing about diving, and you may have an accident."

Tazzuchi lowered his voice. "To tell the truth, I'm going to pay a surprise visit. I want to make sure those chaps below are doing the square thing. If they aren't, there'll be a row, and they'll use their knives."

"H'm!" said Kettle. "I've got no use for your local weapon as a general thing, but at a pinch like this I'll borrow a knife of you, and if it comes to any one cutting my air tube you'll find I can use it pretty mischievously."

"I wish you wouldn't insist on this," said Tazzuchi persuasively.

"I'm going to, anyway."

"I'm going down merely because it's my duty."

"That's the very same reason that's taking me, captain. I must ask you not to make any more objections. I'm a man that never changes his m

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Supreme Judicial Court.

Terms for 1901.

Second Tuesday of February.
Second Tuesday of October.

Terms for 1902.

Second Tuesday of March.
Second Tuesday of October.

Probate Court.

At South Paris.

Third Tuesday of each month except August.

At Fryeburg.

First Tuesdays of June and December.

At Rumford Falls.

Second Tuesday of February, second Tuesday of May, third Tuesday of August, second Tuesday of November.

Court of County Commissioners.

At South Paris.

Regular sessions:—Second Tuesday of May. First Tuesday of September. Last Tuesday of December.

County Commissioners.

John M. Philbrook, Chairman, Bethel.
Jonathan Bartlett, East Stoneham.
Randall L. Taylor, Mexico

County Officers.

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Ellery C. Park, Bethel, County Attorney.
J. Hastings Bean, South Paris, Register of Deeds.
Eckley Ballard, Fryeburg, Register of Deeds, (Western District.)
Addison E. Herrick, Bethel, Judge of Probate.
Albert D. Park, South Paris, Register of Probate.
George M. Atwood, South Paris, County Treas.
James R. Tucker, South Paris, Sheriff and Jailer.

Deputy Sheriffs.

Henry E. Hammond, Crier,	Paris.
James L. Parker,	Norway.
Thaddeus Cross,	Norway.
Albert P. Bassett,	Norway.
Cyrus M. Wormell,	Bethel
George G. Shirley,	Fryeburg.
Edgar L. Flint,	East Hiram.
James W. Chapman,	Porter.
Walter C. Bassett,	Lovell.
Don A. Gates,	Dixfield.
Ronello A. Barrows,	Canton.
A. F. Warren,	Buckfield.
Harris L. Elliott,	Rumford Falls.
John F. Davis,	Bridgton
Milton Penley,	Bethel.
Fred A. Porter,	Rumford Falls.
Addison E. Holt,	Waterford.
Wellington Bird,	Bryant's Pond.

COMING EVENTS.

July 4.—Horse races and base ball tournament, county fair grounds.
July 10, 11.—Lewiston District Epworth League convention, Norway.
July 16-29.—Fryeburg School of Methods, Fryeburg-on-the-Saco.
July 31-Aug. 12.—Fryeburg School of Theology and the Church, Fryeburg-on-the-Saco.
Aug. 6.—Oxford Pomona Grange, West Minot.
Aug. 10-17.—Old Home week.
Aug. 12-24.—Maine Chautauqua Union, Fryeburg-on-the-Saco.
Aug. 26-31.—Sunday School Institute and Bible School, Fryeburg-on-the-Saco.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bauer's Laxyne-Quinine Tablets.
Notice of Appointment.
Harness! Harness! Harness!
Cow-Oil-Ene.
New 4th of July Goods.
Our store will be open all day Thursday, July 4th.
Men's "Fixin's."
Haying Tools.
New, Fresh Stock of Fire Crackers, Etc.
Notice.
5 Bankruptcy Notices.
Cook Wanted.
Notice—Eastern Telephone Co.
2 Public Notices.
Annual meeting.

JOHN'S LETTER.

HOW HE DODGED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK.
—ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

When Mrs. Burgess had concluded her address she invited her hearers to shake hands with her, declaring she had a hand that would give them an electric shock. As the night was dark and the way was long, we didn't dare to chance it lest we should wander. We got into the ditch as it was—temperance meeting, too. We don't know about her hand, but there is electricity in her tongue, beyond all question, as a cloud of witnesses can testify. We cannot recall a speech from male or female that gave us so much genuine satisfaction. Her picture of the Jericho Road and the transactions thereon was presented in a clear light and in an effective manner, as were all her pictures and illustrations.

It was a red-letter day at our grange Saturday, the 22d. District Deputy Stetson was there to inspect the work, and he expressed satisfaction at the appearance and the work in the warmest terms. A few members from the new grange that has been started here were down, and they looked as though they might be interested in the proceedings, and that is the way they talked it. We wish that Buckfield might have a large and thriving grange, and there is no reason under the sun why it may not have. We have a suspicion that Buckfield doesn't always know a good thing when she sees it, and if she keeps her eyes shut it will be extremely difficult for her to see it. Well, we "shall see what we shall see." A start has been made with twenty-five members. It should be an even hundred before snow flies.

One of the questions discussed at our last meeting was the question of capital punishment. Say, has this law of God been repealed? "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." If it has been repealed a state that executes a murderer is itself a murderer. Isn't that straight goods? I believe it is in force to-day, for the Almighty doesn't change His laws quite as often as our law-makers, once in two years. If it was a righteous law 4,000 years ago, what is the matter with it now? That law was enacted and enforced for the protection of society no doubt. Has not the society of these days the same need of protection?

Yes, I know, but the fact is, they don't stay shut up. They are turned loose, too often, to repeat the performance may be.

However, we don't believe in capital punishment just the same, except by spurts. When a particularly horrible murder has been committed we say: Hang him high as Haman! Send him direct into the immediate presence of Him who suffered a monstrosity with a murderer's head on his neck to enter into existence. He will know so much better than we how to manage him. But when a nice, clean, first-class murderer has been thrown on the screen—why, bottle him, put in the cork, let him slip out of life in the usual way, and may the Lord have mercy on his soul. JOHN.

The body of Mrs. Nellie M. Allen of Lewiston who disappeared March 23d, was found Saturday, June 22d, in the Androscoggin River about a mile below the south bridge, by a young French Canadian named Joseph Gilbert. Under the corset was a leather pouch containing $269 in bills. There have been theories of suicide and foul play in connection with the case. The coroner's jury decided that they did not know whether the drowning was accidental or not.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

PARIS HILL.

First Baptist Church, Rev. H. H. Bishop, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M.

Universalist Church: Rev. J. C. Snow, D. D., pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M.

The Baptist Circle has decided to hold a fair this summer. It will be known as Uncle Sam's Farm, and the date is Aug. 14. This date is not subject to change except for good and conclusive reasons. Committees to have charge of the work have been appointed.

Mrs. O. E. Curtis and son, who have been visiting relatives in town for a few weeks, returned to their home in Kennebunk the first of last week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ernest F. Shaw, who will make a visit with them, and on Saturday Mr. Shaw went to Kennebunk for a week's stay.

S. S. Rowe and wife of Boston have recently visited his brother, N. M. Rowe.

Miss Mills of Newark, N. J., arrived at Old Brick Friday for a visit of several weeks.

Miss M'Cready of New York is a guest at Mr. Case's.

Miss Margaret Leal of Plainfield, N. J., is visiting her friends, Misses Mary and Adelaide Case.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Brooks and daughter are in Dixfield for a short visit.

During the shower of Friday afternoon lightning struck a maple tree at the edge of the sidewalk in front of Mrs. York's on Tremont Street. No damage except a little to the tree.

Maynard Maxim of Holyoke, Mass., and daughter are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Maxim.

Mr. Case arrived on Saturday.

Capt. Lyon came Friday night for a week's s ay at Lyonsden.

Dr. A. C. Hamlin of Bangor and E. R. Haley of Gardiner were here for two days last week. Dr. Hamlin will come again in about a fortnight, when he will finish the arrangement of the minerals in Hamlin Memorial Hall.

Among the arrivals at the Hubbard House last week were C. E. Williams and wife of Auburn.

The Streaked Mountain ball team went to West Paris Saturday afternoon to play a team at that place. The game was deferred till after the shower, for obvious reasons. Score 20 to 9 in favor of Streaked Mountains.

Cyrus L. Doe of Cambridge, Mass., spent Sunday at B. S. Doe's.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Thayer of Portland were at O. A. Thayer's Sunday.

Recent arrivals at James L. Chase's are Miss Gertrude Pereda, Ocallo, Fla.; Mrs. Annie McGrath, Florida; Miss Whitney, Boston; Mrs. J. I. Libby, Miss Sarah Doten, Portland.

The week's arrivals at The Beeches are Mrs. J. Westengard, nurse and child, Mrs. Carrie Fogler and Miss Gertrude Fogler, Mr. Severedge, Miss Lucy Burgess, Boston, Mrs. E. Johnson, and Miss Johnson, Owatonna, Wis., Miss Pratt, Boston.

Mrs. H. P. Hammond, Faustena and baby Roy spent Sunday at her father's, J. Hooper Jackson's.

Mrs. William H. Atwood and Mrs. Abbie Cushman of Buckfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Atwood last week.

LOVELL.

Clifford Eastman of North Waterford has bought a number of good horses in this town recently.

Mrs. J. H. Walker has returned from a visit to Portland.

J. H. Walker and C. K. Chapman were in Portland Saturday.

Quite a number of boarders have come to Fairview.

The poles for the telephone line are drawn for the most of the distance from Fryeburg to Lovell Centre.

One day the past week, Mrs. O. E. Andrews saw two bull moose fighting near the house. She took her camera and walked up until she got a good view and took an excellent picture. She was so near to them that as one was pushing the other down hill they came near running over her; seeing her they retreated to the edge of the woods, where they renewed the fight. There was a cow moose, but she does not show in the picture. This was near the spot where Mrs. Andrews got the picture a short time ago of two moose.

NEWRY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Allen were called to South Paris last week to pay the last tribute of respect to a dear and beloved aunt, Mrs. J. M. Hannaford, whose sudden death has filled all our hearts with grief.

Mr. and Mrs. Small went to Stoneham last Sabbath to attend the funeral of his mother, who suffered a stroke of paralysis and survived but a few days.

Mrs. Eglena Hammons, of Anoka, Minn., has returned to her mother's home with her daughter Marjorie. Her husband died last September and it is expected that she will make her home in Maine.

Uncle Jonathan Bennett, the oldest man in town, is rapidly failing.

Mrs. Congdon still remains an invalid. It is hoped she will soon be better.

Mrs. Augustine Powers, who has been ill for several months, is able to ride out.

There was a slight frost a week ago, but no serious damage was reported.

Crops are looking finely.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

The selectmen have made arrangements to have all the guide boards in town put in first class condition and some new ones put up.

Miss Maria Mansfield has sold an undivided fourth part, it being her interest in the farm of the late Wm. Mansfield, to G. G. Mansfield for $460.

James R. Hill has purchased of the heirs of the late Wm. Ordway an undivided two-fifths for $150.

Mrs. Devereaux and daughter, Messrs. Wm. Reardon and Chas. Finnigan of Boston are at the Hill farm for the summer.

EAST BETHEL.

Miss Elsie Bartlett from Lowell, Mass., is at home on a short vacation.

Mr. E. Billingsworth, who has been spending a two weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, has returned to Waltham, Mass.

Mrs. I. I. Young is entertaining relatives from Danvers, Mass.

Miss Lillian Kimball closed the school in this place last Friday. Forty-one scholars were registered, but owing to mumps and chicken pox prevailing thoroughout the term, the average number in attendance were not as many.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mrs. Annie F. Emery and Mrs. W. H. Farnham drove to Rumford Falls Thursday. They took tea with Mrs. W. F. Clark and rode home in the evening.

Archie Cole of Albany stopped at W. H. Farnham's Tuesday night.

Harry B. Farnham rode his wheel to North Rumford Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Annie Emery was papering for Mrs. S. S. Felt Friday.

Geo. Marshall of West Paris has been working on his cottage on South Pond the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cummings are at one of their tenements in the village, doing repairs on their rents. Mrs. Cummings' son, Chas. Bean of Iowa, is visiting his mother. He has not been east before for twenty years.

EAST SUMNER.

Some of the hottest days on record last week.

A few have begun haying and report a good crop.

The wife of Rev. P. E. Miller and her sister, Miss Alma Pinkham, formerly of East Sumner, but now of Cumberland Center, have been calling upon old friends in the place. Mr. Miller is expected later.

We hear that a post office is to be established on Sumner Hill with Chas. M. Sewall as postmaster. This will make five post offices in town and the end is not yet. Old Sumner for a back country town will be in touch with the outside world as regards post offices and telephone service. It has also five churches with regular supply in four of them. Oh, we shall get there by-and-by.

BUCKFIELD.

Thursday the mercury was playing about 100° in the shade.

Mrs. Hobart (Mollie Gardner) of Chicago, is visiting old friends. Her parents, Carlton Gardner and wife, expect to spend the coming winter at her home.

Mrs. Jeanette Atwood and Mrs. Abby Cushman have visited G. M. Atwood at Paris.

Mrs. R. B. Ellis, widow of the late Gideon Ellis of Canton, has lately visited Mrs. Clarinda Hooper of Turner, Mrs. V. P. DeCoster and Mrs. Gilbert Tilton of Buckfield, and her cousin, James Barrows of East Sumner.

Miss Shirley Hall came home from her school at Barre, Vt., Thursday.

Miss Amy Shaw is to have an extended vacation from teaching at Braintree, Mass.

Chas. Withington and wife have been on a visit to Bridgton friends.

Albert Austin of Deering has been in town of late.

Can making has closed. 610,000 is the output.

Wednesday evening "Brass Buttons" was played at Nezinscott Hall by a company of ladies (firm name unknown). The main thing was the receipts, about $32. Nothing but home talent need apply with reasonable expectation of paying expenses at this place.

Friday, Cole and son of Paris, put on the carpet finish on the plastering at the library and Al Holland is painting the same.

By virtue of their charter the corporators of the Buckfield and North Pond water works are organizing for business. At a meeting called for the purpose of organization, T. S. Bridgham was chosen president, C. H. Prince, treasurer, and Alfred Cole, clerk.

NORTH BUCKFIELD

Eugene Greene is on a visit to his uncle, Willard Mason.

Mrs. C. Keene and her daughter, Mrs. Fred Heald, are on a visit at West Sumner.

Mrs. Celia Dunham took an outing at Mer ymeeting Park, the 26th.

Mrs. Mert Warren has been on a visit to her parents in Turner the past week.

Geo. R. Hammond and son of Paris have been at work for Carl Heald a few days moving a building.

Mrs. David Murch of the lower village is visiting her aunt, Mrs. N. B. Emery, this week. Mrs. Emery has two other nieces from Portland as guests.

Guy Turner, of Sumner, and his sister, Mrs. Charles Gibbs, of Livermore Falls, were at S. D. Swallow's the 26th.

R. N. Stetson, wife and daughter, were at B. F. Heald's the 23d.

Elva Heald and Josie Monk were at R. N. Stetson's last week.

HEBRON.

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

Mrs. Dr. Donham has been in Auburn a few days.

Prof. J. F. Moody, and J. F., Jr., are at home for a vacation.

Miss Grace Bumpus is visiting friends in New Gloucester this week.

Mrs. Cordelia Everett has gone to her cottage at Old Orchard for the summer.

Mrs. C. E. Harden is at home to the Birds' Nest again.

Miss Daisy Cushman closed her school in the academy district Saturday, the 22d. The exercises were very pleasing and the children had a happy day.

E. M. Glover has a fine new wagon for the mail route. Next Monday will see him once more our mail carrier.

Miss Etta Sturtevant is at home from Auburn.

Mrs. H. L. Whitney got home from a few days' trip to Boston Tuesday. Mr. Whitney is now at their summer home.

Mrs. A. D. Bartlett is very comfortable.

DENMARK.

Mr. Norman Davis, son of Mr. S. G. Davis, Washington, D. C., is spending a short vacation here.

Mr. Walter Berry will take possession of the stage route from East Denmark to Brownfield July 1, and has purchased a pair of gray horses of Mr. Henry Smith to drive on the route.

Mrs. N. C. Burnham and daughter have returned to their home in Portland after a two weeks' vacation here with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Belcher.

Mr. Ed Whales has gone to Medford, Mass., to work on an ice wagon.

The ladies of Silver Rebekah Lodge, No. 19, held a strawberry festival and ball in Odd Fellows Hall Wednesday evening, which was a success in every feature.

PERU.

Clarence Robinson is at home from Hebron to spend his vacation and to help his father on his farm.

Alfred Hall and his sisters, Marion and Alice, are at home from Turner to spend their vacation.

P. G. Barrett and wife went on the excursion to Livermore Falls on the 20th to the Rebekahs.

Hattie Gatchell and her sister, Edna Rolls, went to Livermore on the 22d to the field day of Canton Grange.

Green Hodsdon has bought widow Roberts' farm.

Joe Casey is at work for L. E. Irish hoeing corn.

EAST HEBRON.

We have not had much rain from the clouds that gave a prospect of very heavy showers.

Apples are falling from the trees. Some orchards have but a very few left on the trees.

The warm days have given vegetation a fine boom the past two weeks.

O. O. Roberts is expected from Auburn to assist his father in haying. A. G. Roberts can get around but very little and cannot labor.

Mrs. B. F. Holmes visited her father, C. F. McKenney, last week, from her home in North Auburn.

Field strawberries are very large and abundant.

Jane M. Allen is having a turn with neuralgia in her arms and stomach and is quite feeble of late.

L. R. Hodsdon, Fred Packard and Willie Packard went to Four Ponds on a fishing tour on Friday and returned Monday af ernoon; cannot report the number of fish caught by them.

Potatoes of early varieties are in bloom but the prospect is not very fair for many for the fourth; last year we had fine ones from the garden June 22d.

Our blacksmith, L. R. Hodsdon, is kept busy with all the work he can perform; when away his son Frank runs the work as that is his trade.

WEST BUCKFIELD.

J. K. P. Simpson returned to Redding Saturday.

Frank Warren and Mabury Mayhew of North Buckfield are shingling Harry Buck's barn.

David Bonney of Norway and R. C. Lowe are at work for Shirley Bonney.

Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Wilder from Chase's Mills were at Shirley Bonney's Friday.

Frank Quimby, wife, and two lady friends, were at Shirley Bonney's Saturday.

Mr. Dimmock was in the place Tuesday, looking after lambs.

Mr. Cummings was also here for the same purpose.

Mr. Cook from Grand Manan was in the place Tuesday repairing sewing machines.

Joseph Bolus was through here peddling Monday and Tuesday.

Gertrude and Jennie Bonney went to Norway Tuesday shopping.

Miss Bonney entertained a party of friends from Norway Sunday.

Ethel Bradbury is at home from school for the summer vacation.

The road commissioners with a crew cut down the hill by Cooper's Monday and Tuesday.

92 in the shade Wednesday.

Sarah Morse is quite sick with sciatic rheumatism.

RUMFORD.

Mrs. Needham has returned from a visit in Massachusetts and is at present the guest of Mr. A. D. Thurston and wife.

Mr. Sargent is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. W. Stuart.

John Sylvester from Bryant Pond was at S. L. Moody's this week working.

Mr. Hutchinson from Massachusetts is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ezra Morton.

The road agents are abroad and such roads! almost impassable.

Mr. Amos Elliott passed through our village Wednesday with a piano.

The potato beetles are destroying the potato plants.

WEST BETHEL.

Oh, for a wild, weird narrative
To make our blood run cold;
And oh for a nice, cool million
Of dollars, all in gold,
And oh for a cow that will give ice-cream,
And oh for a dish and spoon,
And oh for the time when the frost collects
On the whiskers of the moon.

Oh for an ice-box cold and deep
Wherein to crawl and hide;
And oh for a glacier high and long
On which to take a ride.
And oh for the sound of the skaters' shoes
As they ring in merry rhyme,
And for an iceman who
Will sell us ice on time.

—Chicago Post.

The day we celebrate comes this week.

The days are growing shorter and hotter.

Frank Barrows has been spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. Vienna Holt.

A number of men and teams are employed here in getting out piling, mostly hard pine.

Charles Burgess, Elmer Briggs and Fred Murphy camped Monday night in the woods of Mason.

Orin Kimball and family, formerly of Norway village, moved back to that place on Tuesday last.

Charles A. Dunham is learning the trade of a blacksmith, and has taken his first lessons of a cousin in Bolster's Mills.

Miss Lottie Mason, who, for nearly a year, has been attending school in Framingham, Mass., came home last week.

The oldest daughter of Mrs. G. D. Morrill had one leg fractured last week by falling under a loaded team on which she had been riding.

Joseph H. Briggs, who recently moved from Albany to Gilead, celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday by visiting his nephew, Edwin R. Briggs.

GREENWOOD.

Some one has sent us several late copies of the Commoner. It is a 12-page paper, printed in pamphlet form, about the size of the Christian Herald, and edited by W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Nebraska. It is well spiced with poetry, and, apart from its political features, it is well-filled with interesting and valuable matter. Thanks, Mr. Somebody, we will read as many of those papers as you will send along, but can't promise to be made over into a 16 to 1 man. But then, almost anything is possible, nowadays, and we are not like the man who said he stood open to conviction at all times, but he would be d—— if any living man could convict him.

And now the reports come that the potato bugs were never half so numerous at this time of the year, eating the potato leaf as soon as it is out of the ground, laying their eggs on the leaves of grass or little sticks, if near by, and one man says he picked a handful the other day from the potatoes and off the ground without moving out of his tracks. Whether the man who told the story, considered himself under oath, while relating it, is somewhat doubtful.

The striped squash bug and kissing bug have not yet put in an appearance, although the humbug is continually with us, not absenting itself even during the winter season.

The place where Reuben Whitman got his hand-car smashed on the G. T. R. recently was within a few rods of the place where William Day and ourself lost ours in a similar manner away back in the sixties. No one harmed in either accident.

Mrs. Frank Bennett has not yet returned to the hospital for the reason that she is too feeble to admit of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Swan's boy baby arrived at Bryant's Pond on the summer solstice, June 21, the longest day in the year. Congratulations are in order.

Glad to hear that Capt. Lewis Bisbee of Buckfield is still this side of the river, and enjoying so good health in his old age. Hope he will be here to celebrate his 100th birthday; perhaps more so from the fact that there is kindred blood coursing through our veins.

BYRON.

J. C. Taylor of Roxbury was in town Tuesday, looking for help to peel poplar.

Dr. S. Taylor and daughter and A. S. Young and wife were at the A. C. conference at Rumford last week and over Sunday.

At this writing parties are moving the 8-ton boiler and engine from the siding at Hop City to the mill on the A. R. Merrill place, West Byron.

J. S. Mitchell of West Byron died at his home on Saturday, the 22d inst.

We learn that Clarence Young and Gervais Hodsdon have bought a farm in Peru, and are soon to take possession of it.

We learn that L. A. Thomas of Roxbury has hired Harry Bancroft's pasture.

M. S. Whitney is thinking of selling his farm to Geo. Bissone and Thomas Gilbert.

A. S. Young is shipping potatoes to the lake.

Dr. S. Taylor lost the hand piece to his dental engine on the road from Farmer's Hill, Roxbury Notch, Frye station, Hop City to Buckfield Hill. It is a small, nickel-plated, swivel arrangement to carry small burrs to excavate teeth. Any one finding the same will do him a favor by leaving it at Albert Robbins', Frye station.

J. E. Shaw has bought a new Buckeye mowing machine.

WEST FRYEBURG.

Dean Andrews and Miss Mary Webber visited his brother, Henry Andrews, last week on their way to Sweden, where they always spend their summers.

B. Walker McKeen lost a valuable cow recently.

Fred Meserve and wife spent a few days in Jackfon last week.

The schools closed Friday, June 21, after very successful terms. Miss Day presented each of her scholars with very pretty souvenirs of the school.

The S. L. C. met with Mrs. Rhoda Wiley June 25. The usual program was well carried out, after which a delicious lunch was served.

BROWNFIELD

Hot, hot, anywhere from 90° to 100°.

J. W. Perkins has purchased a parcel of spruce timber of Ivory Cole, near New Boston.

Wm. Boynton has bought the Oliver Cotton farm.

Wm. Brooks has bought a timber lot of Henry Day.

Levi V. Milliken has sold one-half of his farm to his son, Arthur Milliken, and a parcel of lumber to L. R. Giles, and the Messrs. McDonald are peeling the hemlock and poplar.

R. Linscott, proprietor of the Pequawket House, is shingling his stable. The Pequawket House is having an increased patronage. No reason why it should not as patrons are sure of courteous treatment, good food and cool, comfortable rooms.

Mrs. J. L. Frink is visiting her daughter in Portland.

Field crops are growing finely.

Abundant hay crop is anticipated.

OXFORD.

Children's Day was observed at the Congregationalist church Sunday afternoon and children's concert Sunday evening. The services will be held in the morning instead of the afternoon during the summer at the Congregationalist church.

Mrs. Corning and Miss Corning of Brookline, Mass., came here on Tuesday and will spend the summer here.

A surprise party was given to Dr. H. R. Farris Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Farris are in Boston.

Mrs. Arthur Bumpus is visiting friends here.

The village schools closed with the usual examinations.

LYNCHVILLE.

Beryl McKeen picked a handful of ripe blueberries June 24th.

Iva Rice has been quite sick with the mumps.

Mrs. Eugene McKeen is now on the gain. She had an operation performed Monday. Dr. C. M. Coolidge of North Waterford and Dr. Sylvester of Harrison performed the operation.

Forest McAllister and wife visited at Newton Moore's at the town house Saturday and Sunday.

Winnie McKeen is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gammon, of West Stoneham, this week.

The thermometer registered 100 degrees in the shade here June 26th.

Mrs. J. Bartlett and Mrs. Mell Bartlett of Stoneham called on Mrs. Will Palmer Tuesday.

BETHEL.

Wesley K. Woodbury, Esq., and wife, arrived as guests at J. U. Purington's last Monday, and returned to their home in Pottsville Monday, July 1.

Tuesday the W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting, and the delegates reported the county convention.

Mrs. James S. Wright of South Paris spent several days the past week with her cousin, Mrs. Purington.

Rev. Mr. Varley, Misses E. Burnham, Mabelle Rand, Angie Chapman, Winona Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bowler attended the East Oxford Local Union at Andover.

A very pretty church wedding took place at the Congregational church Thursday evening when Miss Alice Purington, daughter of J. U. Purington and granddaughter of the late Judge Woodbury, was united in marriage with Mr. John Voorhis Holt of Andover, Mass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Webster Woodbury, uncle of the bride, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Varley. After the beautiful, impressive ceremony a reception was given at the residence of the bride's parents. The numerous and valuable presents testified to the esteem in which the bride and groom are held by their many friends. The couple left on the 11 o'clock train for a short trip through the mountains. Mr. Holt is with the old banking firm of Boston, Lee & Higginson, but they will reside at Andover, where they will be at home to their friends Sept. 1st.

Mr. Howard Wiley is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wiley.

Friday a severe thunder shower passed over Bethel in the afternoon, and quite a number of people were much affected in different parts of the village. At the Bethel House two gentlemen received quite a shock. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Emery were knocked down, also Mr. Will Bryant. At the butter factory two men received a severe shock, and a telephone pole near the depot was struck, and the lawn of Miss Curtis' residence was torn up. At the corn shop the workmen were more or less affected.

Mrs. Samuel Hawley came from Mechanic Falls to be present at the Holt-Purington wedding.

Rev. Judson Shaw delivered a fine address in the interest of the Young Citizens' Loyal League.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wiley was the scene of a very pretty home wedding at high noon Saturday, when their daughter Bertha was united in marriage with Dr. Norman Gehring of Cleveland, Ohio. The young couple were the recipients of numerous costly presents. Friends from Cleveland attended the wedding, and the immediate friends and relatives of both bride and groom were present. The young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.

FRYEBURG.

Mr. Herbert Abbott of New York spent Sunday with his brother, Rev. E. H. Abbott.

Miss Fanny Tibbetts has returned from her visit in Vermont.

The village schools closed last week Friday, the 21st.

Mrs. Charlotte Powers has come home from Portland.

Telephone poles are being carried to extend the line to Lovell.

Our educational corps are returning. Miss Florence Wiley from her school in Arlington, Mass.; Miss Louise Abbott from Wellesley College; Miss Lena Howe has graduated from Miss Page's Normal Kindergarten at Danvers, Mass.; Miss Martha Abbott has been teaching Kindergarten at Bath, and Miss Katherine Abbott has completed her three years' course at the Boston Normal Art School; Thomas Ward has graduated at the University of Maine electrical course and is assisting in raising the electric wires in the street.

Mrs. T. L. Eastman and Enoch have been spending a week at Old Orchard.

"Ned" Page is to be at Cliff Cottage, Cape Elizabeth, during the season.

Mr. Dean Andrews of Danvers, Mass., was in town last week on route to Sweden for the summer.

Miss Anna Barrows spent Thursday at her father's, leaving at 6 A. M. Friday to attend the W. L. U. field day at the Ottawa, returning to Boston at night. She leaves next week for Chautauqua, N. Y., taking in the Household Economic Conference at Lake Placid in the Adirondacks.

The Congregational Circle supper at Cassius Pike's was largely attended, the "good cheer" attracting many of the husbands and sons.

Miss H. C. Osgood is to leave on Saturday for Hallowell where she will substitute as matron in the Industrial School during the matron's vacation.

Mrs. Leah Chase will return to Boston on Saturday.

Jerry Kisman and family have moved to his relatives, "out West."

Mrs. Cragin and son of Farmington have visited at Mrs. Lydia Locke's.

Several Portland families are to be at the Oxford during the season.

The "torrid term" of the past days is being broken (Friday afternoon) by a welcome shower. The mereury has risen to 97 degrees on tested thermometers while others have shown more than 100.

Henry Hyde Smith of Boston and Hyde Park, Mass., a former principal of the academy here, has been asked by Col. E. C. Stevens, Superintendent of State Public Buildings at Augusta, to contribute a painting of his father-in-law, the late Gov. John Winchester Dana of this town, to the collection of paintings at the State House which Col. Stevens, in behalf of the state, is making of men who have been notable in Maine's history. To the collection which Col. Stevens is making a painting of Gov. Enoch Lincoln, who resided here four or five years previous to 1817, when he removed to Paris Hill, was recently contributed by Lincoln N. Kinnicutt of Worcester, Mass., executor of the estate of Gov. Lincoln's niece, the late Hester N. Wetherell.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Mrs. Maud Brooks has gone on a fortnight's visit to her old home in Rangeley, and Mrs. Daisy Searles is holding the fort while she is gone.

Mrs. J. H. Clergue and her sister, Miss M. E. Lombard of Bangor and B. J. Clergue of St. Sault, Marie, are guests of S. S. Bennett.

Miss Addie Flint arrived home the 23d for a three weeks' vacation.

NORTH PARIS

Children's Day at the church at North Paris was in the evening, June 30.

Children's Day at West Paris Grange was observed June 22, and the young people enjoyed the ice cream and cake very much, and their elders enjoyed the exercises by the children.

Mrs. Angie Robbins and children visited her mother, Mrs. Mel Dunham last week; also Mr. Robbins was here on business later.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Fuller visited at W. E. Curtis' June 26.

Mr. Harlow of South Paris and a Mr. Hatch were here June 25, selling a wall map.

The road machine has been run here two days. The men having charge are Jesse Howe, Charles Cummings and Jim Robinson. They did a good job.

Mrs. Annis from Bethel visited her brother, G. G. Fuller, one day last week.

SUMNER.

Henry Ripley is sick with the measles.

Hezekiah Stetson commenced haying last week.

Ethel Morrill is working for Mrs. George Palsifer.

Charlie Hammond is sick at his uncle's, E. H. Thompson's.

C. M. Parlin bought a horse of Daniel Fletcher of Hartford last week.

The Lake View Sunday School will hold a 4th of July picnic in H. A. Sturtevant's pine grove.

NORWAY LAKE

School closes to-day. Miss Lasselle is a fine teacher and we hope to have her back in the fall.

Norway Lake Woman's Club met with Mrs. James Crockett, June 25, for the last meeting of the club year. They elected officers for the next year to begin the first Wednesday in September:

President—Mrs. Christine Stephens.
Vice-President—Mrs. Frances Partridge.
Secretary—Miss Ellen Partridge.
Treasurer—Mrs. Winnie Hall.

Miss Sarah P. Newhall came home from Boston last Tuesday. We are glad to have her back with us again.

WEST PARIS.

Catching weather for those who have begun to cut their hay.

C. N. Child, who went to South Union not long ago, has been here and taken away the material to enable him to go to housekeeping, and reports that he has a fine job and good pay.

Mrs. Lottie Childs is at home from Roxbury for a short time.

E. R. Berry and wife of Roxbury have been visiting relatives in this place and vicinity for a few days.

Jacob P. Curtis, who a few weeks ago went to the Maine General Hospital for a surgical operation, has returned and is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. R. Tuell.

Mr. H. H. Bates has returned to business at New Haven, Ct., and Mr. L. C. Bates has returned here.

E. H. Brown and son, C. L. Brown, were at home from Rumford Falls on Saturday last, and returned Monday morning. Mr. Brown reports that the accommodations are good, and the job with Mr. Willis is a pleasant one.

Miss Jennie M. Brown is at "The Beeches," near Paris Hill, caring for a little child belonging to one of the patients.

F. A. Young and wife have been visiting their children at Bethel.

Mr. John Ricker, of Somerville, Mass., is visiting his brother, Mr. A. J. Ricker, of this village.

Geo. F. Farnum, who has for some years worked for the Paris Manufacturing Co. and lived in his house here, has on account of better facilities for schools, and the trouble and expense of traveling, moved his family to South Paris.

Mrs. W. F. Carr has been to Yarmouth to visit her husband and look for a suitable rent.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

This is the hottest day for the summer thus far, Thursday, June 27.

We are having strawberries with sweet cream and sugar nearly every meal with warm biscuit and butter—good enough for the king, or the queen either.

F. R. Andrews has his new stable nearly completed.

I. W. Andrews had another of his bad spells a few days ago, but is better now.

Rev. Mr. Rich from West Paris preaches at the M. E. church every Tuesday evening.

Hiram Bacon and Alton Day are running the Gaius Swan farm this summer, having hired it this year.

Orsamus Nute and daughters have moved into the Eldron Russell house.

BRYANT POND.

Mrs. Caleb Besse, an old resident of this town, died Friday, June 21. The funeral services were held at her home the following Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Brown spoke appropriate words for the occasion, and Mrs. Brown furnished singing. Mrs. Besse has been suffering from an incurable disease for a good many years. She leaves two sons, Arthur and Albert, who were both present at the funeral. Charles Godwin of Waterford, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Ordway of South Paris were relatives of the deceased and attended the funeral. Also Mr. and Mrs. Moses Drew of Sumner were present. The interment was at North Woodstock.

Miss Lizzie Stevens is at home on her vacation.

Hans Muller of South Waterford has been visiting at J. L. Bowker's for the past week.

Rev. W. W. Hooper of Woodfords held services at the Universalist church last Sunday. Owing to the rain the congregation was small.

Mrs. Ansel Dudley returned home from Portland on Thursday. Her daughter is not able to be moved home at present, but is doing well.

Miss Pearle Bowker is taking a vacation of three weeks from the post office.

The Bap'st society are endeavoring to collect by subscription a sufficient amount to enable them to hire Rev. Mr. Brown and wife to hold services every Sunday for the ensuing year. The committee reports favorably so far.

Mrs. Mont Chase and son Teddy have been visiting her people in Turner for a few days.

Summer boarders do not arrive very plentifully, there being the smallest number here at present there has been at this time for a number of years.

HIRAM.

On Sunday morning the lightning struck the barn of Charles F. Howard, shattering one corner post, and doing other slight damage.

Mrs. Mary F. Rankin and family have returned from Gorham and will occupy their house at East Hiram.

The thermometer of June 26 and

The Oxford Democrat.

SOUTH PARIS.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Commencing June 2, 1901,

TRAINS LEAVE SOUTH PARIS

Going down—5:02 A. M., (daily, Sundays in cluded), 9:32 A. M., 4:20 P. M. Sunday only, 6:00 P. M.

Going up—10:00 A. M., 3:38 P. M., 10:15 P. M., (daily, Sundays included). Sunday only, 10:22 A. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church. Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., pastor. Preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sunday School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 P. M.; Church prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All, not otherwise connected, are cordially invited.

Methodist Church, Rev. A. W. Pottle, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6:15 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.—Paris Lodge, No. 94. 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.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 20, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in Relief Corps Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, from May 1 to Oct. 1, meets second and fourth Saturday; during the remainder of the year, meets every Saturday, in Grange Hall.

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

N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

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

Miss Helen Barnes is visiting relatives in Portland.

C. A. Record joined his family at Geo. B. Crockett's last week.

Percy F. Hathaway and Clarence G. Morton are at home from Colby College.

Mrs. James S. Wright attended the wedding of Miss Alice Purington at Bethel Thursday.

Mrs. Jennie Bennett has been in Buckfield for the past week or so caring for her sister who is sick.

Mrs. Lydia Rounds and Miss Sue Rounds are spending a short vacation at Stroudwater and Falmouth Foreside.

Mrs. Soule of Pownal is visiting her brother, Milton Morton. Mrs. Soule is a former resident of South Paris.

Mrs. J. P. Richardson is spending a few weeks with relatives and friends in Waterville, Madison and other places.

The house occupied by Charles L. Hersey and family on Main Street is undergoing quite extensive repairs and improvements.

Deputy Sheriff Bird of Bryant's Pond was here Tuesday, and left with Sheriff Tucker four gallons of hard liquors which he had seized.

Charles H. Merrill has moved his family from the Crockett place which he sold to A. S. Penley, into the Durell house on High Street.

Hawkins' excelsior factory is now making excelsior at a commercial rate, the first carload being shipped last week. They shave out something like a ton a day.

Lester DeCoster and wife, formerly of South Paris, have moved from Westboro, Mass., to Bridgeport, Conn., owing to the removal of the concern by which Mr. DeCoster is employed.

Mrs. Boynton of Chicago, formerly Miss May Harmon, a school teacher in South Paris some years since, called at N. D. Bolster's Thursday. She came from Turner, where she is visiting relatives.

Marion Bessey a few days since sold a pair of 4-year-old steers to Sumner Wardwell, which weighed 2775 pounds. They are not beef cattle, but are intended for work and have always been worked.

Rev. A. F. Godwin of Richmond, Indiana, preached a very interesting and helpful sermon at the Methodist church last evening. A large audience was present, and a collection was taken for the Church Aid Society.

Ora Marston is carrying around a bandaged right hand. While at work in the sled factory, Saturday, June 22d, he got his hand against the cutter on a pointer, taking off the tip of his thumb, down to about the middle of the nail.

Chandler Swift came home from Rumford Falls Wednesday, and is sick with the measles. It does seem as if an old soldier of the civil war ought to have got the measles out of the way at least forty years ago, but it appears that he didn't.

The June Bugs added another to their list of victories Thursday afternoon, when they played a Norway nine on the fair grounds. Score 28 to 10 when they stopped at the end of the eighth inning because the Norway boys didn't want to play any longer.

The man's shirt waist question was out of sight, as a rule, last week. There was no question about it. Most of the men simply peeled off coats and vests as articles which were worse than useless. No use dying too many deaths before your time comes.

Hon. James S. Wright was at Rumford Falls Thursday in attendance on the hearing before the county commissioners on the location of the Swift River bridge. The commissioners granted the prayer of the petitioners asking for a location near the mouth of Swift River, in place of the old location about a mile farther up the stream.

Judge Wilson is at work on the plans for grading the addition on the north side of the court house grounds. A driveway will be built down the north side of the lot, and the terraces will be extended to this with a reverse curve, bringing the ends of them toward the front and making them approximately symmetrical with the south ends. A. W. Walker & Son have engaged to do the work of grading.

A delegation from the Christian Endeavor Society of this place attended the meeting of the Local Union at Andover last Tuesday. They drove from here with a pair of horses, going Monday afternoon and returning Wednesday. In the party were Rev. and Mrs. Dr. Brooks, Mrs. T. S. Barnes, who is president of the Local Union, Miss Mertie G. Walker, Miss Gertrude Bryant, Miss Grace Bennett, and George Clifford.

A very pleasant affair occurred Saturday evening at No. 40 Hill Street, when Miss Edna Winnefred Faunce was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur Augustine Dascombe of Auburn. A goodly company of friends and neighbors were present. The gifts were numerous and valuable. Refreshments served were bountiful and appetitive. The happy pair never looked prettier. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. W. Pottle.

There is a very definite prospect that the Eastern Telephone Co. will come into South Paris. As most of our readers will remember, the last legislature granted the Eastern Telephone Co. the right to extend its lines anywhere in Maine. The general manager of the company, Maynard S. Bird of Rockland, was here last week, and as the first step in establishing business, purchased the Maxim lines, including all the local lines and instruments owned by W. P. Maxim in South Paris and Norway. It is the intention of the company to put in an exchange including South Paris, Paris Hill, Norway and Norway Lake. At Paris Hill they strike the Sumner and Paris line. With this and the connecting lines of the Oxford County Telephone Co. centering at West Sumner they already have a contract for direct connection, so that when they are connected all these country lines will become for all practical purposes a part of the Eastern system. George E. Allen of Rockland is now here working in the interest of the Eastern Co. If these plans are carried into effect, we shall have an opportunity to observe the effect of competition in the telephone business.

A piano has recently been placed in Pythian Hall.

W. J. Wheeler has sold four good horses within a week.

Walter Pulsifer of Abington, Mass., is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. W. W. Walker was in Portland a few days last week with her husband.

Mrs. Louisa J. Briggs is visiting in Portland for two weeks.

Charles R. Elder, Esq., of Boston, is visiting his mother here.

Miss Ethel Merritt of Brockton, Mass., is visiting Misses Isabel and Kittie Morton.

Miss Helen M. King, who teaches in Portland, is at home for the summer vacation.

Elmer O. Millett is building an addition to his carriage painting shop on Pleasant Street.

Miss Mabel G. Hathaway, who teaches in Quincy, Mass., is at home for the summer vacation.

Edward L. Greene and wife have returned from Gorham, he having completed his job there.

Arthur Atwood and wife of Auburn spent a few days visiting friends here and at Norway last week.

Professor W. T. Hewett and daughter of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., are guests at Mrs. Hewett's.

Mrs. Effie Howe, Mrs. Rose Powers, Miss Stiles and Miss Lucelia Crockett are on a carriage drive to Rumford Falls.

N. Dayton Bolster & Co. will not run their order teams on Thursday, July 4, but will keep the store open until 9 A. M.

The Young People's Society of the Methodist church hold a lawn social on the grounds of the church this Monday evening.

Mrs. Dora Greene spent Sunday in Gorham, N. H., the guest of Mr. Adams' family, who were for a time residents of South Paris.

Wm. K. Kimball Post and Relief Corps will have a basket picnic at Electra Park on July Fourth. All old soldiers and their wives are invited to come.

A. E. Morse gave readings at Mechanic Falls last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Red Men, and at Bethel Friday evening at an Odd Fellows' entertainment.

One more victim of red, red liquor is at the jail for thirty days. His name is Burchard alias Burns, and he comes from the city on the Androscoggin, Rumford Falls.

Mrs. J. G. Littlefield went Monday with a party of relatives and friends from Norway to Falmouth Foreside, where they will occupy the O. G. Curtis cottage for a few weeks.

J. D. Haynes and wife spent a few days last week visiting Mrs. Haynes' relatives in Sumner. The present week they will spend at Falmouth Foreside, where they have taken a cottage.

No more revenue stamps on telegraph and telephone messages, express receipts or bank checks, not to mention those other necessaries of life, chewing gum, patent medicines and promissory notes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bodge and two children of Minneapolis are visiting Mrs. Bodge's relatives in Paris. After a week or two here, they will spend the rest of the summer somewhere on the Maine coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Royal are enjoying a visit from their son, Arthur T. Royal, wife and little daughter Florence, of Worcester, Mass., where Mr. Royal has a good position in the employ of the Rice & Griffin Manufacturing Co.

Harvey Thayer of Portland made a short visit to his grandmother, Mrs. Hewett, last week. He has been engaged in teaching in St. Louis for some time, but will enter Columbia University next fall, to do work leading to the degree of Ph. D.

A number of Chapter Masons from this place, members of Oxford Chapter, went with that chapter to visit Oriental Chapter at Bridgton last Thursday evening. About twenty-five went from Oxford Chapter, and managed to enjoy themselves in spite of the terrific heat.

There is serious talk of a game of ball between the South Paris High School nine and a team of local players. Considerable interest has been excited, and they talk now of playing Wednesday of next week. The town team will have several college men, as well as several who are just now out of practice.

The Grand Trunk people are talking of changing their water supply system at this station. As it is now they use Norway water largely. If the proposed plan is carried into effect, they will put in a pump to take water from the river into a tank at the station. The change is not decided on, but is now under consideration.

Mrs. James R. Tucker was visited Thursday by four of her sisters—Mrs. J. B. Field of this place, Mrs. B. S. Doe of Paris Hill, Mrs. F. L. Barrett of Sumner, and Mrs. Abbie Lowe of North Paris. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates were also there from West Paris the same day. Among the articles on the bill of fare for dinner were green peas from the garden of Frank L. Starbird.

The South Paris W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly meeting at the Methodist vestry Thursday afternoon. The special topic of the day was the flower mission. Mrs. H. A. Morton read a paper, and Mrs. E. W. Morton gave an interesting account of the recent county convention at Buckfield. The meeting was made a sort of informal reception to the new members of the Union, and fruit punch, cake and fancy crackers were served, and a social hour enjoyed.

Alton C. Wheeler has secured a position for the coming year as sub-master of the high school in Woburn, Mass., at a good salary. It is a good position, and he is receiving the congratulations of his many friends. He appeared before the Woburn school committee last week, and found a not unusual condition of things; six of the nine members of the committee were Maine men, including two physicians and four lawyers, and four of them from Androscoggin County.

The showers of Wednesday afternoon made it necessary to postpone for a day the lawn party of the Baptist Circle, advertised for that evening at Geo. B. Crockett's. It was, however, duly held on Thursday evening, when the intense heat obliged everybody to stay out-doors. The grounds were illuminated with Japanese lanterns, and were very attractive. There was music by the Western Avenue orchestra, and various games were played by way of diversion, though it was a night when all unnecessary exertion was shunned. Ice cream was sold, and needless to say, was taken as fast as it could be served.

The fireman on one of the gravel trains, Archie Dumore, had a close call Thursday. He was out painting the smokestack, while the train was running between Lewiston Junction and Danville Junction, and in some way fell off on to the cowcatcher. He was out of sight of the engineer, and his fall was not noticed. He managed to catch on and save himself from being thrown off in front of the engine, though one leg was dragged along the track under the cowcatcher for quite a distance. It was thought at first that some of his ribs were broken, but that proved not to be the case, though he was badly bruised and had to lie off for a few days.

Quite a job of plumbing has recently been done at the jail and jailer's house. The work includes a bath tub in the jail and a bath tub in the house, with a large steel range and tank for heating water. There is also a pipe connecting the jail bath tub with the big boiler in the basement. It has sometimes happened in the past that a particularly frowsy new arrival has brought in with him a large population of undesirable visitors. Now a new arrival's clothes, or any other infected articles, can be placed in the tub, and by means of a jet of steam any individuals which are not wanted may quickly be reduced to the condition of the traditional good Indian.

The high school boys got their first goose egg for the season at Mechanic Falls Saturday. Score, Mechanic Falls 7, South Paris High School 0.

Advertised letters in South Paris July 1:

W. H. Dunham.
Miss Glenna Cotton.
E. G. Harlow.
Mrs. Edwin M. Allen.

The following stores in South Paris will close for the day, July 4th, at 9 o'clock A. M.:

W. D. Clark.
N. Dayton Bolster & Co.
J. F. Plummer.
W. L. Farrar.
J. P. Richardson.
F. H. Noyes Co.
W. O. & G. W. Frothingham.
Mrs. E. A. Howe.
C. G. Curtis.
B. Y. Russell & Co.
J. Pierce.
F. A. Thayer.

The Congregational Circle will hold a box supper and lawn party July 3d at the residences of Mrs. Wallace Ryerson and Mrs. A. W. Walker. Supper will be served at 6:30 at Mrs. Ryerson's. Later in the evening the lawn party will be held on the grounds of Mrs. Walker. The grounds will be specially lighted by electricity for the occasion. Stearns' Orchestra will furnish music for the evening. Ice cream and cake on sale. Should the weather be stormy, the lawn party will be postponed to Friday evening.

THE FOURTH

The celebration of the Glorious Fourth at South Paris will open with a hose reel race at 7:30—beg pardon, but that was a slip of the pen. Everybody knows that the celebration will open several hours earlier.

However, the first event of the day will be the hose race, which will be run in Market Square at 7:30. The purse, raised by subscription, is $20.00, divided, $10.00, $6.00 and $4.00. Rules of the contest were published last week. Hose Companies No. 1, 2, 3 and 5 have entered.

The first ball game at the fair grounds will be called at 9:30 A. M. The base ball purse is $100, divided, $50.00, $25.00, $12.50, $12.50. In the forenoon there will be one game between Mechanic Falls and West Paris and another between Oxford and Lewiston Volunteers. The two winning teams in the forenoon games play in the afternoon for first money.

The horse races will be called at 1 P. M. Three classes, as follows:

No. 1, 2:45 class, trot and pace. Purse $100.
No. 2, 2:27 class, trot and pace. Purse $125.
No 3, 2:21 class, trot and pace. Purse $150.

Four to enter and four to start in the above races. Should not No. 3 fill—the 2:27 class purse will be $150.

A new ball ground has been laid out, on the opposite side of the grounds from the old one and in front of the grand stand, so that those on the stand can see the game. The turf inside the diamond has been taken off, and the surface smoothed and rolled, so as to make a first-class ground.

C. E. LOCAL UNION.

The semi-annual meeting of the East Oxford Local Union of Christian Endeavor Societies was held at Andover, Tuesday, June 25. The attendance was good and the meetings inspiring. The ladies of Andover provided for the material wants of the visitors in a most excellent manner. The programme was as follows:

FORENOON.

10:00 Devotional Services, Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., South Paris.
10:15. Welcome, Mr. E. M. Bailey, Andover. Response by President of Union, Mrs. T. S. Barnes, South Paris
10:30. Business
11:00. Reports from Societies. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON.

2:00. Devotional Service, Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D., South Paris.
2:15. Every Christian a Soul Saver, Miss Mabelle Rand, Bethel.
Soul Saver's Outfit:—
(a) Sympathy, Gertrude Bryant, South Paris.
(b) Tact, Mr. Carroll Raymond, Mechanic Falls
(c) Bible Knowledge, Rev. C. W. Fisher, Mechanic Falls.
(d) Prayer, Mr. M. A. Howard, Andover.
3:00. Open Parliament.
3:30. Quiet Hour. Led by Rev. Arthur Varley.
4:00. Conference of Committees.
Social Hour.

EVENING.

7:00. Praise Service.
7:15. Business. Rev. Arthur Varley, Bethel.
7:30. Address, "Distinctive Features of the Christian Life," Rev. C. S. Cummings, Auburn.
Collection.
Roll Call by Societies.
C. E. Benediction.

LETTER TO FRANK E. BARROWS, SOUTH PARIS

Dear Sir: You buy your horseshoes and nails; your grand-father, if he was a blacksmith, made 'em. You can't afford to hammer them out by hand, when you can buy as good, or better perhaps, readymade to your hand, for a little more than the cost of the iron.

What do you think of a painter who goes on buying his linseed oil and whitelead, and mixing and tinting by hand, and charging his time for work that is far better-done than he can do it, done by machinery, done as your horseshoes and nails are made.

Mistake isn't it?

He is wasting his chance in the world. There is no better stuff to do business with than good horseshoes and paint; and no better work than putting them on. Good horseshoes well put on: It's the putting 'em on that makes you a blacksmith: no matter who makes 'em.

Who wants to go back to old times, and make his own horseshoes?

Between us two, that painter don't know how to make good paint—he used to; but paint has run away from him.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & Co.

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Some time in the night of Saturday, June 22d, three young men of Lewiston were drowned in Lake Auburn. They were Nicholas Doyle, Jr., Guy N. Ross and Joel A. Boomer. The capsized boat was found Sunday, with Doyle's body underneath, tangled in a fish line. The other bodies have not been found, but every effort is being made in the search for them, especially as Lake Auburn is the water supply for the cities of Lewiston and Auburn. Doyle was the only married man. He had a wife and one son 4 years of age. The other two were young, industrious men of good habits.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mt. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge desire to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to those of our lodge and especially to those outside of the lodge who so kindly assisted them in the opera Mikado.

PER ORDER OF LODGE.

PENSION MATTERS

Lowell B. Smith, Canton, has been granted an increase to $8.00 per month.

A STRONG GUARANTEE.

For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Influenza, Whooping Cough and all Throat and Lung troubles, Bauer's Instant Cough Cure is generally conceded to be the quickest and surest remedy known to science. It loosens and clears the bronchial tubes and prevents pneumonia. Constant coughing racks and inflames the lungs. It weakens their action and consumption often follows. Why do you run such a risk when in Bauer's Instant Cough Cure you have a remedy that acts quick and sure? It is pleasant to take and does not cause that nausea at the stomach so commonly following the use of other cough cures. Children can take Bauer's Instant Cough Cure and they like it. This famous remedy is sold under the strongest guarantee possible. If it does not do the work your money will be cheerfully refunded. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.; A. Dudley, Bryant's Pond; Orin Stevens, Oxford.

The Twitchell Brothers of Oxford will serve a baked bean dinner at their booth on the fair grounds 4th of July, so don't bother to put up your dinner.

CATARRH CANNOT BE CURED

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., props., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

COUNTY W. C. T. U.

ECHOES FROM THE RECENT CONVENTION AT BUCKFIELD.

The pretty little village of Buckfield, dressed in her very best June attire, was a charming place to hold a convention, and as the train arrived Tuesday morning the ladies of the local W. C. T. U. gave the white ribboners a warm welcome.

The convention was held in the Methodist church, which had been very tastefully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants around the chancel and on the platform.

The convention opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Nellie Burger of Missouri, after which the President, Mrs. Martha Chapman, took the chair and declared the convention ready for business.

The roll-call was answered by a large percentage of the county officers and superintendents of departments. One of the pleasant features of the convention was the welcome given to the Union just formed at Rumford Falls, consisting of forty-one members.

Norway Union has made the greatest gain, now having a Union of one hundred and nineteen, and the membership thoroughout the county has more than doubled during the year.

Mrs. Clara Withington in behalf of the Buckfield Union in most fitting words brought the greetings and welcome of the Buckfield ladies to the visitors, and Miss Maria Irish of West Paris gave a very cordial response. The president's address was a very plain statement of facts and presented thoughts well to be considered by all who are working for an improvement along those lines that promote a higher standard of citizenship.

The music furnished by the West Paris Union was very pleasing. Mrs. Anna White sang a solo and was accompanied by Miss Lulie Tuell upon the organ and Miss Jennie Brown violinist.

The parliamentary drill by Mrs. Burger gave the ladies real practical work. Mrs. Fannie Clifford of Hiram gave a very thoughtful paper upon Purity, which was followed by a paper from Miss Jennie Brown, West Paris, "Woman's Influence in Political Legislation," also Mrs. Elizabeth Morton presented a paper entitled "How can Women best Promote the Cause of Temperance?" These papers were well written and in the near future will be printed, also papers presented by Mrs. C. P. Barnes of Norway, subject, "Obedience," and one by Mrs. DeCoster of Buckfield, "Intemperate Mothers." Every woman in our country should read these papers, for they were full of choice thoughts and can but prove helpful.

The superintendents of departments gave encouraging reports, and more work than ever before has been done by the Unions. Norway especially in its charity work and mothers' club has done a grand work, and other Unions can well learn a lesson from their efforts.

Rev. Mr. Munson, pastor of the Methodist church, Mr. Prince and others showed their interest in the work by their presence and their words of cheer. Mrs. Wilder and other representatives of the Turner Union were also visitors. Rev. Mr. Mabry and wife, formerly of Buckfield, were present.

The event of the convention is always the evening session, when business is laid aside and an address is given. This year Mrs. Nellie Burger of Missouri was the speaker, and her personal charm, combined with a real earnestness and consecration to the work, at once captivated her audience, and for an hour and a half she held the closest attention of a packed house. The L. T. L. gave a very interesting exercise before the lecture and from these children comes the great hope of the future.

The committee on resolutions presented the following:

Resolved, Whereas, We recognize that every good and perfect gift comes from our Father in Heaven, we will continue to thank him for guidance in the past and go forward with increased courage and faithfulness to the various departments of our work, looking always unto Him from whence cometh our help.

Resolved, That we thank the local Union of Buckfield for their hearty welcome and generous hospitality.

Resolved, That the convention extend their thanks to the M. E. Society for the use of their church, and also to the committee on decoration, the Portland and Rumford Falls and Grand Trunk Railways, and the papers of Oxford County, who so kindly report notices and all other temperance writings.

Resolved, That we thank Mr. Davis of Bethel for carrying boxes sent by the Unions to the lumbermen, free of charge.

Resolved, That we thank Mrs. Burger for her presence at this convention, and we ask her to accept our most cordial appreciation for helpful and inspiring words.

MRS. R. A. RICH,
MRS. F. P. WITHINGTON, } Committee.
MRS. J. D. GRAHAM,

Thus closed the convention of 1901, to meet in Norway next year. With the encouragement of the past year's work the officers will take up the work of the new year with hope and earnestness.

The ladies of Buckfield proved themselves royal entertainers, and all present will carry the memory of this convention as one of the pleasures of the year.

EMMA WOODBURY CHANDLER,
Recording Secretary.

THE BRYANT'S POND ACCIDENT.

BRYANT'S POND, MAINE.

Editor Democrat:

As there have been many stories concerning the death of E. A. Jordan's 18 months old son, we wish to publish the truth. The little fellow was not drowned as stated. Between 5:30 and 6 P. M. he ran out of sight. In no time he was missed. He seemingly ran to a little brook, lost his balance and fell in, struck his head on a rock, as the bruise was on his forehead, lost consciousness and was strangled, as there was no water found in him. He was never neglected, even for a minute. It was simply a very sad accident. He was an exceedingly bright and handsome child, just learning to talk and walk. The family was very much shocked, his mother being very low for a time, in fact, the whole village was saddened. Everything was done that could be done to save him. If a skillful physician had been at hand, undoubtedly the child could have been saved.

MRS. R. M. WHITNEY.

IT DAZZLES THE WORLD.

No Discovery in medicine has ever created one quarter of the excitement that has been caused by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Its severest tests have been on hopeless victims of Consumption, Pneumonia, Hemorrhage, Pleurisy and Bronchitis, thousands of whom it has restored to perfect health. For Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Croup, Hay Fever, Hoarseness and Whooping Cough it is the quickest, surest cure in the world. It is sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co. who guarantee satisfaction or refund money. Large bottles 50c. and $1. Trial bottles free.

TROUBLES OF A MINISTER.

To benefit others Rev. J. T. W. Vernon, of Hartwell, Ga., writes: "For a long time I had a running sore on my leg. I tried many remedies without benefit, until I used a bottle of Electric Bitters and a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me sound and well." Sores, Eruptions, Boils, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum show impure blood. Thousands have found in Electric Bitters a grand blood purifier that absolutely cures these troubles. Satisfaction is guaranteed or money refunded by F. A. Shurtleff & Co. Large bottles only 50c.

NOTICE TO WHEELMEN.

There's positively no need to endure discomfort by reason of chafing, sunburn, insect stings, sore and perspiring feet or accidental bruises. You forget these troubles in using Buck'en's Arnica Salve. Infallible for Pimples, Blotches, Skin Eruptions and Piles. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co. 25 cents.

A POOR MILLIONAIRE.

Lately starved in London because he could not digest his food. Early use of Dr. King's New Life Pills, would have saved him. They strengthen the stomach, aid digestion, promote assimilation, improve appetite. Price 25c. Money back if not satisfied. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., druggists.

AUCTION SALE.

George L. Chase will sell at auction, July 3d, at 9:30 A. M., at the Eugene Hammond farm, North Paris, seven horses, farm implements, wagons and tools, and the standing grass on the place. H. O. Tuell auctioneer.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Rideout, Pastor. Preaching service Sunday, 10:40 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Men's Prayer Meeting at 6:30; Social Meeting, 7:15 P. M.; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening; Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting Friday evening 7:30.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Pastor. Preaching service on Sunday, at 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12 M.; Y. P. C. U. meeting, 7:00 P. M.

Methodist Church, Rev. B. F. Pickett, 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. Rev. J. A. Harding, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M. Prayer Meeting Sunday evening 7 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge No. 18, in Masonic Hall, Friday Evening on or before full moon. Oxford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 23, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon. Oxford Council, R. & S. M., Friday evening, after full moon. Oxford Lodge, No. 1, Ark Mariners, Wednesday evening after full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Norway Lodge.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Wildey Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Ha l, 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. Lake Assembly, No. 33, P. S., second and fourth Friday evenings 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 first Tuesday 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.

O U. A. M.—Norway and South Paris Council, No. 10, meets at G. A. R. Hall every Tuesday evening.

U. O. P. F.—Elm Tree Colony, No. 199, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

U. O. G. C.—Norway Commandery, No. 247, meets second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month

James Dunn enjoyed his vacation with friends and relatives in Lynn, Mass.

S. D. Andrews, who has been stopping in Boston, where he was treated for his eyesight, has returned much improved.

The Gormand & Ford Stock Co. played at the Opera House during the week. Each evening the whole entertainment was new.

Leon M. Longley, accompanied by his sister, Sarah Longley, are visiting the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo.

O. I. Pitts is stopping with his Norway friends for a time.

Aaron Paige entertained his brother, James Paige, and wife, of Topeka, Kan., this week.

The Eastern Telephone Co. of Rockland, having purchased the local line in Paris and Norway from W. P. Maxim, has asked the selectmen of the two towns for permission to extend the line.

Rev. J. A. Harding, who graduated from the Newton Theological Seminary this year, is at home for a short visit. He is now preaching at Pondville, Cape Cod.

The village streets have been improved this week with the road machine.

Carolina De Fabritiis of Somerville, Mass., who has enjoyed several seasons with her many Norway friends, and is soon expected to return to Norway, graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston this month.

Mrs. O. H. Robbins of Lynn, Mass., is visiting at Mrs. Jackson Clark's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ham of South Paris with their children are enjoying life at their cottage on the west shore of the lake.

Mrs. A. A. Laferrier and daughter, Annie B., attended the graduation of A. L. Laferrier at Brunswick.

Rev. J. W. Lewis and family accompanied the remains of Mrs. Lewis from Maryland Ridge, where Mr. Lewis has been preaching, to Nebraska. Mr. Lewis went from Norway to Maryland Ridge. He formerly lived in Nebraska. We understand he will not return to Maine.

Fred Young has a large crew at work painting the B. F. Spinney & Co. shoe shop. The interior is being whitewashed. When the work is completed the Radcliffe Shoe Co. will exchange shops with the B. F. Spinney Co.

The Masons reported a most pleasant day at the St. John's Day picnic held on the fair grounds the 24th inst. The beans baked in the ground were first-class.

A large delegation of Chapter Masons visited the Bridgton chapter Thursday evening and took part in the work. About fifteen drove over from Norway in single carriages and returned Friday morning.

C. F. Ridlon has had his house painted. Chaney and Henry did the work.

The new telephone and telegraph line is being built by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. from Norway to Waterford and Stoneham. Many of the posts have been set already.

Mrs. Frank T. True of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is visiting in this place for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sanborn will occupy the tenement over Mr. Sanborn's store.

C. E. Cragin of the Maine Medical School at Brunswick is spending his vacation on the Norway and Paris electrics.

Freeland J. and Robley H. Morrison are enjoying their visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Howe, at their cottage.

C. B. Cummings & Sons are building a first-class driveway to their mills east of Bridge Street. They evidently know how to build roads.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Sanborn attended the graduation of their son Walter at Brunswick and their daughter Agnes from the Gorham Normal School.

A. S. Kimball, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M., attended the centennial of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, at Eastport last week.

The members of Harry Rust Post, No. 58, G. A. R., and the relief corps, by invitation of Mrs. Edwin Morse, held a picnic at Mrs. Morse's place on Pike Hill Tuesday. The attendance was large and all reported an excellent time.

W. L. Sanborn has accepted a position as purser for the Eastern Steamboat Co.

Benjamin F. Faunce, son of F. W. Faunce, recently graduated from the Maine University, has a position in Harrisburg, Pa., in the machine shop of the Harrisburg Engine Co.

The employment of Horace Sanborn as night watchman gives marked satisfaction. He is an excellent man for the position.

The lightning struck B. W. Marston's barn in Yagger during the thunder shower Thursday afternoon. A valuable heifer calf was killed and the hay fired. The damage done by fire was slight as Mr. Marston was at hand and extinguished it at once.

The special town meeting held Saturday afternoon was not very largely attended. E. F. Smith, Esq., was elected moderator. After a discussion of the question of building a new road along the lake side it was voted to pass over the article.

FULL PRICE FOR THE EMPTY BOTTLE.

If Cleveland's Lung Healer doesn't cure your cough return the empty bottle and get all your money back. But it will cure you. It never fails. It has cured thousands of cases which other remedies failed to relieve the slightest. Don't wait until the persistent cold or distressing cough develop into fatal consumption. We will give you a trial bottle of this wonderful remedy free. Large bottle, 25 cents. E. P. Parlin, South Paris; Williamson & Kimball, Norway.

ANNUAL MEETING.

MARKET SQUARE BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Market Square Building Association will be held at the office of the Treasurer in South Paris, on Tuesday, July 16th, at 1 o'clock P. M.

GEORGE M. ATWOOD,
Clerk and Treasurer.

South Paris, Me., July 1, 1901.

NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of
ROY MOORE, of Canton, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Roy Moore, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of June, A. D. 1901, the said Roy Moore was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House, in South Paris, on the 24th day of July, A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, July 1st, 1901.

GEO. A. WILSON,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

BORN.

In Paris, June 20, to the wife of L. Harry Emery, a son.

In Rumford Falls, June 28, to the wife of Peter Nadeau, a daughter.

In Rumford Falls, June 19, to the wife of Timothy Parent, a son.

In Rumford Falls, June 23, to the wife of Daniel Stewart, a son.

In Rumford Falls, June 8, to the wife of Alphonse Lalliberte, twin sons. (Willie and Joseph.)

In Rumford Falls, June 10, to the wife of E. Gallant, a son. (Auguste.)

In Rumford Falls, June 19, to the wife of Willie Wright, a son.

In Rumford Falls, June 19, to the wife of Ernest Lavoie, a son.

In Albany, to the wife of Geo. Cummings, a daughter.

In Kezar Falls, June 12, to the wife of Eugene Edgecomb, a daughter.

In Byron, June 17, to the wife of F. A. Knapp, a son.

In Fryeburg Center, June 15, to the wife of William P. Chandler, a son.

In Bryant's Pond, June 21, to the wife of Roscoe Swan, a son.

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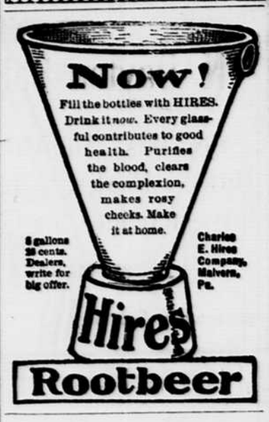

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THE PUZZLER

No. 158.—Rhomboid.

Across: 1. A kind of vessel having one mast only. 2. A feminine name. 3. Striking effect. 4. A feminine name. 5. Abounding with seeds.

Down: 1. A letter. 2. An exclamation. 3. A number. 4. At one time. 5. Small medicinal balls. 6. Freedom from pain; facility. 7. To fasten. 8. A masculine nickname. 9. A letter.

No. 159.—Letter Puzzle.

Long double H, E, A and T
And brown U, R, E, F and Z
Gonzalo longed for, tempest tossed,
When all was given up as lost.

No. 160.—Diamond.

1. In Naples.
2. A fur tippet.
3. Praiseworthy.
4. A beverage.
5. In Naples.

No. 161.—Central Acrostic.

All the words described contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed and written one below another in the order here given, the central letters will give an important date in American history.

Crosswords: 1. A sylvan goddess. 2. An equestrian. 3. The salted flesh of a pig. 4. Stones. 5. A juicy fruit. 6. A cross, ill tempered woman. 7. An elf. 8. Birds which are the symbols of gentleness. 9. A young person.

No. 162.—An Octagon.

1. A rich man of the Bible in whose fields maidens and others gleaned.
2. The chief god of the Greeks.
3. John G., an American humorous poet.
4. An explorer who antedated Columbus and colonized Greenland.
5. Two poet sisters who lived in New York city and died within six months of each other.
6. A royal house founded by Edmund Plantagenet.
7. The chief timber in a boat.
8. An English essayist and humorist.

No. 163.—Picture Puzzle.

What household article is here represented?—New York Journal.

No. 164.—What Bird?

What bird is described in each selected quotation?

I.
Even the blackest of them all
Renders good service as your men-at-arms,
Crushing the beetle in his coat of mail
And crying havoc on the slug and snail.

II.
With arched neck
Between her white wings, mantling proudly, rows
Her state with oary feet.

III.
As coy and wild
As haggards of the rock!

No. 165.—A Few Arts.

Which art is a plant somewhat resembling a thistle, a portion of the head of which is used for food?
Which art is crafty, deceitful?
Which art is guileless?

No. 166.—Cities.

A kind of carpet—A city in Belgium.
A child's game—A city in Denmark.
A vegetable bean—A city in Peru.
A Bible character—A city in Minnesota.
Part of a vessel—A city in England.
African beasts—A city in France.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 147.—Metagram: Mate. 1. Fate. 2. Late. 3. Date. 4. Rate. 5. Hate. 6. Gate. 7. Pate.

No. 148.—Illustrated Conundrum: They are going to sail 'em (Salem).

No. 149.—Riddlemeree: Chimpanzee.

No. 150.—Transpositions: O'er, roe, ore; own, now, won; d'ye, dey, dye; eat, tea, ate; ram, arm, mar; are, era, ear.

No. 151.—Anagrams: 1. Overcoats. 2. Pantaloons. 3. Trousers. 4. Waistcoat. 5. Newmarkets. 6. Polonaise. 7. Raglan.

No. 152.—Numerical Enigma: Infer, finer, fern.

No. 153.—Word Squares: 1. June. 2. Ural. 3. Nags. 4. Else.

No. 154.—Enigma: Turnstile.

No. 155.—Changed Words: 1. Cart, wart, walt, wain. 2. Gold, sold, lost, dost, dust. 3. Lute, late, hate, hart, harp. 4. Pen, pin, kin, ink. 5. Ben, ten, ton, Tom. 6. Wool, solo, soil, silk. 7. Part, mart, meat, meet. 8. Earl, lake, Luke, duke.

No. 156.—Rivers In France: 1. Tarn. 2. Rhone. 3. Seine. 4. Loire. 5. Aisne. 6. Dordogne.

No. 157.—A Set of Saws: 1. Sauce. 2. Saucer. 3. Arkansaw. 4. Saw-pit. 5. Saw-wort. 6. Saw-fish. 7. Saw-fly. 8. Sausage. 9. Sauciness.

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CANNING, PRESERVING AND JELLY MAKING.

In this article the term canning refers to vegetables and fruits sterilized and hermetically sealed in tin cans, glass jars or bottles. The word preserving refers to fruits put in a thick syrup made from sugar and water, and kept in ordinary tumblers or jars.

Fruits are much more easily canned than vegetables. There are constantly floating about us in the air a great variety of wild yeast plants together with the bacteria. If a single plant, or the bud of a plant, alights in a favorable place, as on the under side of the lid, or at the edge of the jar before the lid is fastened down, it is quite sufficient to cause fermentation in a can of corn or peas, or in any materials containing sugar. The generic name of the yeast plant is saccharomyces, which really means a plant living on sugar or needing sugar for its proper development. For this reason fruits canned with sugar are much more liable to fermentation than those simply canned in water.

ALL PRESERVING POWDERS ARE INJURIOUS.

To be successful with both fruits and vegetables, surgical or absolute cleanliness must be observed. This does not mean simply washing and wiping the cans; it means to have them absolutely sterile, sufficiently heated to kill anything that may fall into or upon them from the air. To be still more explicit: If the vegetables have been cooked in the jars, and you have neglected to adjust the rubbers previous to cooking, and you put on the rubbers after taking the jars from the boiler or sterilizer, there may be, perhaps, millions of microscopic plants on one rubber; and in a few days the whole can will be filled with fermentation. Washing or wiping the rubber would in no way prevent it; it must be heated sufficiently to kill any germs that are fastened to it. New rubbers are necessary each year.

Another word of caution will, perhaps, be wise. All preserving powders, no matter under what name they are sold, are more or less injurious to digestion. Common sense teaches that a material that will prevent the life of a plant, or kill a plant, and prevent all fermentation, will, naturally, also prevent perfect digestion. These preparations are not wholesome. Better do without canned vegetables in the winter than to risk one's health.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES MUST BE FRESH.

The process of canning different fruits varies but little. Select perfectly sound and fresh fruits, and they may be canned with or without sugar. Sugar takes no part whatever in their preservation, and frequently causes fermentation. All fruits should be lightly cooked, that they may retain their natural flavor. It is wise to fill the jars to overflowing. As the liquid cools it will condense, leaving a space at the top of the jar.

Wash the jars, rubbers and tops; adjust the rubbers on the jars. Throw the tops into cold water, and bring slowly to boiling point, and allow them to stand in this boiling water until you are ready to use them. They must be thoroughly covered with water. Twirl the jars also in boiling water. Be sure that you plunge the whole jar down, filling it entirely, or it will crack. Look over the fruit very carefully; wash, put it into the jars; adjust the rubbers, stand the jars in a wash-boiler, the bottom of which has been protected with a rack or strips of wood. Surround the jars partly with cold water, put on the lids loosely, do not fasten them down. Cover the boiler, and bring to boiling point. Boil the small fruits ten minutes after they begin to boil. You may now fill two jars from a third to allow for the condensation.

TO KEEP PRESERVES AND JELLIES IN A DARK PLACE.

Lift the jars, one at a time, and fasten the tops. Wipe each jar off immediately and stand it in a cool place over night. Next morning, if you have screw tops, give each one an extra turn; if not, they will be sufficiently fastened. Wipe them off, and put them in a cool, dark closet for keeping. It is a question whether or not light affects fruits. Personal experience has proven to me that it does not make much difference whether fruit is kept in the light or the dark. I have kept quantities of fruit in the sunlight all summer, and have had them in perfect condition the next year. I have, however, noticed that the flavor is not so true after they have been standing in the sun. For this reason I recommend the dark.

Large fruits, such as peaches and pears, should be packed in the jars, the jars filled with cold water, the rubbers adjusted, the jars placed in the boiler with the same amount of water as before, and the lids placed loosely on top; the boiler covered, and the cooking continued for fifteen minutes after the water has reached the boiling point.

WHERE SUGAR IS USED IN CANNING.

Where sugar is used at the time of canning, and the materials are cooked in a porcelain-lined kettle, the following rules should be closely observed: The jars must be washed, plunged into scalding water and rolled around quickly. The lids put into cold water, brought to boiling point and kept there. The rubbers adjusted. The jars filled one at a time and fastened. Each jar should be placed, to prevent breakage, on a folded damp towel in a plate or pie dish. A wide-mouthed funnel will facilitate matters very much. The jars should be filled to overflowing and the tops fastened down. There is no advantage whatever in having a press of any sort in the top of the jar. It is not necessary that the fruit should be under the liquor. Fruits that will mold outside of the liquor in a jar are not sterile, are unwholesome, and have been carelessly canned.

CURRANTS AND RASPBERRIES.

To each full quart of large red raspberries allow half a pint of currant juice and half a pound of sugar. Put the berries into a porcelain-lined kettle—a layer of berries and a layer of sugar; pour over the currant juice. Bring the fruit slowly to boiling point; skim, and fill into the cans.

PLUMS.

The following recipe will answer for gages and all sorts of plums. Where sugar is used allow half a pound to every pound of plums. Wash the plums, stick them carefully with a large pin to prevent the skin from cracking. Weigh. Put a layer of sugar and a layer of plums into a porcelain lined kettle, having not more than four layers of plums. Let them stand for an hour or two on the table; then put them over a moderate fire; bring very slowly to boiling point; skim, and fill into the jars as directed.

There is always a great deal of surplus juice in canning plums and small fruits, and this may be put aside to boil down for jelly.—Ladies' Home Journal.

DELICIOUS CAULIFLOWER SALAD.

Take a head of cauliflower and boil in a piece of fine cheesecloth. Remove from the cloth, drain, and sprinkle over it two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice or vinegar, and stand aside to cool. At serving time break the head apart into flowerets; arrange them neatly on a dish, sprinkle over a little chopped parsley or the wild sorrel; cover with French dressing and serve.

When toast is served under asparagus, or any other vegetable, it is eaten or not as desired. The toast serves merely as a medium for draining the superfluous water from the vegetable.

A golden rule is never to use knife or spoon when a fork will suffice. Jellies, if served with meat, are eaten with a fork. Fruit pies with fork and spoon on account of the juice.

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THE PAN-AMERICAN.

A new booklet just issued for the Pan-American Exposition, tells a very charming story of its history and creation and describes the beautiful city in which the festival has been developed and brought to completion. The book is embellished with many illustrations, including twelve colored plates of Exposition buildings and views. These will be sent free to applicants by the Bureau of Publicity so long as the edition lasts.

Everyone who has visited the grounds of the Pan-American Exposition during the last few months has been astonished beyond expression upon beholding the magnitude and exceptional beauty and novelty of the enterprise. It is very much larger than people generally have supposed, and it is apparent that the $10,000,000, which is the approximate cost of the Exposition as a whole, has been expended most wisely and with the happiest results. The particular novelty that is to be noted in this Exposition is discovered in the fact that in its exterior aspect it is a radical departure from former expositions. The buildings are arranged upon a harmonious and well-developed plan, producing court settings and vistas of very charming character. The use of molded staff work and decorative sculpture upon the buildings and at all salient points within the courts, the liberal employment of hydraulic and fountain features, the floral and garden effects, the exquisite colorings of buildings and architectural ornaments, and the illumination of the whole with more than 300,000 electric lamps, combine to make a picture of unsurpassed loveliness. The musical features are also of great importance and interest. The exhibit divisions are very complete and embrace the gamut of industrial, scientific and artistic activities of the people of the Western Hemispere. The Midway, claimed to be the greatest in the world, has more than a mile of frontage. The restaurant features are perfect and the Exposition, so far as human ingenuity and the wise expenditure of money can accomplish such a work, is complete to the last detail.

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"I always did say, that if a poor but respectable young man fell in love with our Sarah he should have my consent."

The young man started with alarm.

"She has acknowledged to me that she loves you," continued the mother, "and whatever is for her happiness is for mine."

"I—haven't—" stammered the young man.

"O, never mind; make no apology. I know you haven't much money, but, of course, you'll live in my house."

"I had no idea of—" he began.

"I know you hadn't, but it's all right," continued Sarah's mamma, reassuringly. "With your wages and what the boarders will bring in we shall get along as comfortably as possible."

The young man's eyes stood out like hatpegs, and he arose and tried to say something.

"Never mind about thanks," she cried. "I don't believe in long courtships. June 20 is my birthday, and it would be nice for you to be married on that day."

"But—but—but—" he gasped.

"There, there! I don't expect any reply," she laughed. "I'll try and be a model mother-in-law. I believe I'm good tempered and kind hearted, though I did once follow a young man a couple of hundred miles with a broomstick for agreeing to marry my daughter and then backing out of the engagement."

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HARD ON SMOKERS.

Old Time Legislation Against the Use of Tobacco.

It is one of the curiosities of old time legislation that the use of tobacco was in early colonial days regarded by the magistrates and elders as far more injurious, degrading and sinful than that of intoxicating liquors. Both the use and the planting of the weed were forbidden, the cultivation of it being permitted only in small quantities, "for meere necessitie, for phisick, for preservation of the health, and that the same be taken privately by annoient men." But the "creature called tobacko" seemed to have an indestructible life. Mrs. Alice M. Earle writes of these early restrictions about tobacco in "Stagecoach and Tavern Days:"

Landlords were ordered not to "suffer any tobacco to be taken into their houses" on penalty of a fine to the "victualler" and another to "the party that takes it." The laws were constantly altered and enforced, and still tobacco was grown and was smoked. No one could take it "publicquely" nor in his own house or anywhere else before strangers. Two men were forbidden to smoke together.

No one could smoke within two miles of the meeting house on the Sabbath day. There were wicked backsliders who were caught smoking around the corner of the meeting house and others on the street, and they were fined and set in the stocks and in cages.

Until within a few years there were New England towns where tobacco smoking in the streets was prohibited, and innocent cigar loving traveler were astounded at being requested to cease smoking.

Mr. Drake wrote in 1896 that he knew men, then living, who had had to plead guilty or not guilty in a Boston police court for smoking in the streets of Boston.

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HE DID HIS BEST.

Celebrated Musician's Adventure In a Swiss Country Village.

The late Sir John Stainer, one of England's most celebrated musicians and composers, was several years ago in a small Swiss village, and the English clergyman was on the lookout for a musician to assist at the service. Stainer was in the smoking room of the hotel when the clergyman found him and started the conversation with "Do you play the harmonium?" "A little," was the reply of the ex-organist of St. Paul's cathedral. "Will you, then, be good enough to help us out of our difficulty on Sunday? We will read the psalms, and the hymns shall be the simplest I can select," added the delighted parson. "I will do my best," said Stainer, with a smile.

The service passed off all right, but the congregation, instead of rushing away at the close, listened to a brilliant recital. When the parson heard the name of his assistant, he asked him to dinner. "Do you smoke?" he said at the close. "I will do my best," muttered Stainer, and the ensuing laughter was the prologue of an entertaining exchange of Oxford reminiscences.

Stainer was a great story teller. One anecdote he was fond of relating had reference to the days when there were amateur orchestras in churches. The "Messiah" was being sung, and as the line "Who is the King of Glory?" approached the man playing double bass whispered to the violoncellist in front of him, "Let us have your rosin, and I will show 'em who is the king of glory!"—London Tit-Bits.

Land Crabs.

One of the commonest and the largest of the Christmas island land crabs is the well known robber crab, which is found in most of the tropical islands of the Indian and Pacific oceans. It sometimes reaches a length of two feet and may measure seven inches across the back. Its colors are of a very gaudy description, the ground color being a bright red, upon which there are stripes of yellow, but in some cases a purplish blue is the prevailing tint.

The eyes are fixed on stalks which can be moved independently of one another, and there are two pairs of feelers, one long, the other short. The latter pair are continually jerked up and down. There is a pair of powerful claws, then several walking legs. In general appearance these animals are much more like rather stout lobsters than crabs, and one's first encounter with one of these creatures in the middle of a forest far from the sea is productive of much astonishment on both sides.

Another species of land crab common in Christmas island is a little bright red animal which in general shape is much like the common shore crab. This variety makes burrows in the ground, and in some places the soil is honeycombed with hundreds of holes. The crabs spend most of their time collecting dead leaves, which they carry in their claws, holding them up over their heads, and drag down into their burrows, into which they scuttle at the least alarm.—Pearson's Magazine.

Crabs In Disguise.

Human beings are not the only creatures that have discovered the appetizing, though indigestible, qualities of crabs, and some of these animals have been compelled to resort to various defensive measures. Disguise is one of these and is practiced with great effect by spider crabs.

These deliberately bite up seaweeds and plant them on their backs, very soon establishing a growth which harmonizes perfectly with the surroundings and deceives many an enemy. Should the weeds grow too vigorously, the crab industriously prunes them with his claws and every now and then scrapes the whole lot off and starts a fresh garden on his roof, so to speak.

The sponge crab behaves in a similar manner, nipping off little bits of living sponge and sticking them on his back, where they grow vigorously. The same end is served as in the other case. It is very amusing to keep crabs of one or other of these kinds in an aquarium and deprive them of the usual means of concealment.

They get very nervous and agitated and try to cover themselves with bits of paper or anything else that may be provided. One such captive is said to have had a little greatcoat made for him, which he put on in a hurry as soon as it was handed to him.

Japanese Babies.

The Japanese baby is a model baby so far as keeping quiet is concerned. He may be seen as he is carried on the shoulders of little brothers or sisters while they run about in earnest play or attending to various duties. His head bobs up and down or lies over on his shoulder without any support, and, as it is uncovered, it is freely exposed to the heat of the blazing sun. One would think the brains of the children would be well nigh roasted by the heat. They are, however, seldom heard to cry as they are carried in this fashion through the streets by their brothers and sisters. It has often been the subject of remark that Japanese babies are so seldom known to cry, and no satisfactory explanation has yet been given for their phenomenal respect for the comfort of others in this regard.—Book World.

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