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STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss. SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.
Edwin A. Jones, Petitioner for Partition,
vs.
David Pingree et als.

To THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that Edwin A. Jones of Stoughton, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is seized in fee simple and is tenant in common with David Pingree of Salem, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Anna P. Peabody of Boston, in said Commonwealth, and Anna Maria Wheatland of said Salem, and with Thomas U. Coe of Bangor, in the County of Penobscot and State of Maine, sole devisee and executor under the will of Ebenezer S. Coe, late of Bangor, in the County of Penobscot, and State of Maine, deceased; said Ebenezer S. Coe having deceased on the 9th day of December, 1899, testate—but his said will not having as yet been proved and allowed—of and in certain real estate in said Oxford County, viz.—The surplus of the Township Letter C, commonly known as C Surplus, containing twelve thousand two hundred and six (12,206) acres inclusive of public lots, if any.

That the said Jones is the owner in fee simple of ten thousand five hundred and twelve (10,512) acres in common and undivided therein; and the said David Pingree, Anna P. Peabody and Anna Maria Wheatland claim to be owners in fee of eleven hundred twenty-nine and one-third (1129 1-3) acres in common and undivided therein, and the devisees, aforesaid, claim to be the owners in fee of five hundred sixty-four and two-thirds (564 2-3) acres in common and undivided therein.

That the said Jones cannot possess, occupy and operate said township to any advantage while the same lies common and undivided as aforesaid, but wholly loses the profits thereof.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that notice may be issued to said David Pingree, Anna P. Peabody and Anna Maria Wheatland, and to the devisees of the said Ebenezer S. Coe, in due form of law, that your petitioner's share may be set off and assigned to him in severalty, and that such further proceedings may be had, as may be required by law and to your honors seem meet.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 30th day of December, A. D. 1899.

EDWIN A. JONES.

This action was entered at the February term, 1900, of said Supreme Judicial Court, and thence continued from term to term till the present October term, 1902, when said petitioner comes and files the following motion which is granted by the court:

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To THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT:

And now comes the plaintiff, the petitioner in the above entitled case, and says that since the filing of his said petition, he had been led to believe that certain persons, to the said plaintiff known, and certain others to him unknown, have interests in the real estate described in said petition, but that the extent of their said interests is to him unknown. And said plaintiff moves to amend said petition by inserting the names of the following persons as cotenants in said property: Laura L. Norris of Girard, in the State of Louisiana, John Gibbon and Abbie Bigelow, both of Worcester, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Mary Jane Cook, Henry E. Raymond, Thomas C. Raymond and Charles E. Raymond, all of Cambridge, in said Commonwealth, Walter Raymond of Boston, in said Commonwealth, James D. Thurber of Plymouth, in said Commonwealth, Trustee Marianna H. Glover of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, Reginald Gray, Samuel D. Warren, Sidney W. Burgess, all of Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Trustees Charles D. Davis of West Newton, in said Commonwealth, Charles J. Davis of New York, in the State of New York, Emma L. Brown of Brookline, in said Commonwealth, and Henry W. Brown of said Brookline, minor, Elizabeth Rice of Jamaica Plain, in said Commonwealth, Caroline Howard of Buffalo, in the State of New York, and Sarah Whitcomb of New York, in the said State of New York, and certain other persons to the said plaintiff unknown. Wherefore your petitioner prays that said amendment may be allowed and that such notice may be given to said new defendants and to said persons unknown as the court may order.

EDWIN A. JONES,
by Cornish & Bassett, his Attys.

[SEAL] STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS:

At the Supreme Judicial Court, begun and holden at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of October, A. D. 1902.

Upon the foregoing amended petition ORDERED, that the said Petitioner cause an attested copy thereof, and of this order, to be served on the within-named new defendants known by some person duly authorized to serve civil processes in the respective States where each resides, 20 days at least before the term of said court, next to be holden at Paris, aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of March, A. D. 1903; and also give notice to the said new defendants unknown by publishing an attested copy thereof, and of this order, three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said Paris, the last publication to be thirty days, at least, before the term of said Court next to be holden at Paris, on said second Tuesday of March, A. D. 1903, that they may then and there in said Court appear, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted and partition be made accordingly.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

A true copy of amended petition and order of court thereon.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

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FARM AND GARDEN

FEEDING ANIMALS.

Never Let the Calf Lose Its Baby Fat, but Add to It.

There has been considerable said on the importance of making rations appetizing and suggestions made which would contribute to that end. Water makes a food taste better, makes it more enjoyable and increases its value. Early cut hay, for instance, is best not only because it contains more protein than that cut late, but because its aroma and flavor make it more palatable.

It is not well to feed animals too much at one time, as they pick out the most

GRADE SHORTHORN STEER.
[Age, 1,080 days; weight, 1,950 pounds. Mississippi experiment station.]

desirable parts first and mess the other over, which detracts from its palatability and either entails loss of food or products, whereas feeding in different ways and less at a time would give better results from the same food. Mangers, feed troughs and racks should be kept clean both from a sanitary standpoint and in order to make the foods more appetizing and to have more of it eaten and thus get better results, says H. J. Patterson of the Maryland station.

Shelter, Comfort and Kindness.

There are three factors in the feeding of animals that are as much neglected as any other, and, in fact, many people have come to study the needs for making a "well balanced ration" and have entirely ignored these essentials. The attention to shelter, comfort and kindness for animals will save many a pound of food and do much toward increasing the products obtained, no matter whether the returns are to be work performed, milk and butter or meat products.

Winter quarters for animals should be warm and dry and should be furnished with plenty of pure air and good sunlight. Stables should be well ventilated, but without being drafty. There is entirely too little attention paid to having the stable well lighted, especially to having such arrangements as to admit of a flood of sunlight. Sunlight is an effective destroyer of disease germs.

Whatever adds to the comfort of animals increases their ability to properly utilize the food and will enable them to give better returns for that which is being consumed. Kindness is an efficient aid in making animals more productive, and it costs nothing. Abuse and excitement will interfere with digestion and cause a loss of food and product. Kindness and petting make animals contented and put their nervous systems in a condition to properly utilize food and to return their fullest measure of profit.

Feeding For Beef.

In feeding for beef very different rules may be used as a guide from feeding for milk. Even with the calf the object is to produce as much fat as possible, at the same time making growth. If possible, the calf fat with which it is born should never be lost, but continually added to. This means forcing with plenty of muscle and fat-making foods. In feeding for beef more attention should be paid to the age of the animal and period of fattening than is commonly practiced.

Irrigating Garden Fork.

An irrigating garden fork has been constructed by a Florida gardener for the purpose of introducing liquid fertilizer or water to the roots of growing plants. The handle of the fork is a big

WATERS THE ROOT.

syringe, and each of the prongs is hollow, with a hole near the end. The fork is thrust into the ground and the contents ejected without removing any earth from around the plant.—Exchange.

Dressed Turkeys For Shipment.

In shipping dressed poultry there are some essentials to be considered. The prospective city buyer may not know a dry picked fowl from a scalded one, but the commission merchant does. Now, the fowl should be killed by inserting a knife in the roof of the mouth, thereby penetrating the brain. Hang the bird up by the feet to bleed out. When this has stopped, dip hastily in hot water, then at once in cold water and pick. This process hardens the flesh and makes them easy to pick. The packing boxes should be lined with white paper and fowls laid in, alternating head and feet—that is, if ten birds constitute a row, have five heads point one way and five the other. In this way they fit snugly. Some dealers like a ruffle of paper added at the knee. Lay a piece of paper over this layer and proceed to fill the box, not crowding, but fitting snugly. The best paper to use can be obtained very cheaply at any newspaper office and is such as is used in printing. This paper is absorbent also. This may sound like a good deal of bother, but will repay you many times over.—Turkey Culture.

A PLANK FRAME BARN.

The Plank Frame Has Come to Stay. Mr. Fisher's Model.

The Shawver, Wing, Hickox, Fisher and other plank frames are built upon the same general principles, differing only in some details, as to bracing, supports, etc. They have all stood the test of practical use. The plank frame

INTERIOR BENT.

has come to stay, says Ohio Farmer, to which Mr. Fisher has furnished two photographs, one showing an interior bent and the other showing the inventor sitting upon the model, to show its strength. The model shown was constructed of common plastering lath put together with three-quarter inch wire brads, and it supports several

A TEST OF STRENGTH.

times the weight of a man. Mr. Fisher writes that the stability and economy of this frame have been practically tested and triumphantly demonstrated by several large barns built upon this plan.

A CORNMAKER.

The Kind of Ear That Is Most Productive—A Large Cob Liked.

A perfect, well developed, standard ear, a variety that is capable of making the greatest possible amount of shelled corn per acre, must not be shorter than eight inches in length; the grain must not be less than a half inch in depth of grain—three-quarter inch would be better. We are partial to a large cob—in fact, we do not care how large or how long as the depth of grain is maintained. It is farther around a large cob than a small one, hence there is more room for corn, writes G. H. Turner of Mississippi to Southern Cultivator.

Short ears invariably have deep grains and long ears just as invariably have shallow grains. The ears chosen for seed should be even their entire length and well filled out at both ends and should yield 90 per cent of grain. It is possible to get 100 ears that will shell three bushels; it is possible to get a grain so firm and solid that a measured bushel will weigh upward of sixty pounds.

Weight of Ear and Depth of Grain.

The weight of our ears of corn ranges from one and one-half to two pounds per ear, the depth of grain from a half inch to seven-eighths of an inch in depth, and the grain is always solid enough to weigh upward of fifty-six pounds to the bushel.

While the grain should be solid enough to weigh well it should at the same time be soft enough to be easy of both mastication and digestion, yet not soft enough to rot in the field badly.

We have this much to say about seed corn for the reason that maximum yields can never be obtained per acre unless the seed is of the very best.

Preservation of Manure.

The Ohio experiment station considers that it will pay well to give more attention than is done on the average farm to the preservation of barnyard manure, first, by guarding it from the sources of loss which occur in the ordinary open barnyard, and, second, by treating it with materials calculated to reduce the losses from escaping ammonia on the one hand and to increase its content of phosphoric acid on the other.

To accomplish this purpose acid phospate appears to be the material producing the largest and most profitable immediate increase in effectiveness of the manure, but the experiments strongly suggest the possibility that the finely ground phosphatic rock from which acid phosphate is made may be found an economical substitute for the latter by using it as an absorbent in the stables and thus securing an intimate mixture with the manure in its fresh condition.

Agricultural Notes.

Eastern states, and notably Pennsylvania, are going more extensively into beef growing.

The short peppermint crop has brought the price to the highest point ever recorded, according to a trade authority.

Late fall plowing is what hard, stiff soils need.

"Abolish dropping boards," advise some of the poultry experts.

Massachusetts packing houses are said to be ready buyers of home grown pigs.

Very dry road dust is the only form of earth that will kill lice and that hens will bathe in.

A good onion crop is reported for Ohio.

Canadian Wrinkles With Silage.

The Canadian method of preventing the souring of silage is said to be to fill the bottom of the silo to a depth of three feet with cut wheat straw. There will be no loss, as the straw will be eaten by stock as readily as is the silage. Another method is to scatter pieces of marble (carbonate of lime) the size of an egg through the filling, say five pieces on top of each four feet of filling. The carbonic acid gas generated will expel the lighter oxygen and prevent fermentation.

THE MYSTERY OF GRASLOV

By Ashley Towne

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CHAPTER XVII.

"I AM GOING TO MARRY YOU!"

It was noon in Tomsk, and the Princess Olga had not yet slept. She sat at her window, which faced toward the great plaza, and watched and listened. Suddenly there came to her ears the faint sound of a bugle. It came from the direction of the new railway station. The princess smiled. Then came a knock at her door.

"Open it, Therese."

Therese was pale and trembling. The events of the past two nights had shaken her nerves till she was on the verge of collapse. But she obeyed, and the same lieutenant who had assisted during the night came in.

"I fear for your life!" he said. "Neslerov has recovered and is cursing like a madman. He called for me and ordered me to fetch you to him."

"It will not be a difficult task," said the princess. "I will go."

"But he will kill you. He is speaking words that no sane man could ever speak. He says if he is to be destroyed he will destroy you first."

"Does he know that Vladimir is gone?"

"He suspects it. He has not been to see."

Olga looked from her window. Three men were riding abreast, coming toward the palace, and after them a detachment of the soldiers always at the station.

"Some one comes!" said the officer.

"Yes. Do you know who that is?"

"I do not," replied the officer. "It must be one of the generals."

"You will see," said Olga. "Come! We will go to Neslerov!"

The governor glared at her in mad fury.

"You drugged that wine! You put me to sleep!" he shouted.

"I drugged the liquor, for I had work to do," she answered.

"What have you done? Let us be frank. You came here as an enemy and as a spy."

"I came to right a wrong; to avenge the crime of Graslov."

"What do you know?"

"I know the truth."

"What do you intend to do?"

"Restore that which is lost and undo what was done by wickedness."

An evil look came into his face, and he stepped toward the door. The lieutenant blocked it.

"Out of the way, dog!" cried Neslerov.

"I protect her highness."

"You! You protect against my orders!"

"There is a higher than you. I obey the czar."

Neslerov started back, so powerful in effect is the name of the czar.

"The czar!"

At the very door of the palace a bugle blew its blast.

"Make way! Admit his excellency the governor general," came a voice. Neslerov went white and leaped at Olga.

"You sent for him, and this means my death! We die together!"

"In the name of the czar!" cried Olga, and the sword of the lieutenant touched the breast of Neslerov.

"What means this?"

The voice came from a tall and soldierly man wearing a brilliant uniform, who blocked the doorway with his burly form.

"De Muloff! Governor general!" gasped Neslerov.

"Sit down," said the governor general sternly. "You sent for me in haste, princess. I came as soon as possible. Fortunately there was a train."

"The railroad has saved me and the Duke of Graslov," said Olga.

Neslerov darted a look of hatred toward her.

"Bring Therese, my attendant," said Olga to the lieutenant.

There was another commotion at the entrance, and three soldiers and an officer came in with two prisoners.

"To the governor!" cried the officer. "There was murder at Tivoloffsky!"

Olga started up, and so did Neslerov. The governor general turned calmly to see who had come. The two prisoners were Vladimir and Papa Paulpoff.

"Bring them in here," ordered Olga. "Let them be brought before the governor general."

"This man murdered the superintendent of police and Unsgethop," said the officer in charge.

"True," said Vladimir, "I did."

Neslerov was the picture of despair and baffled rage and hate. His glance was venomous, but his very helplessness made him haggard. Therese, white lipped and shivering, came in. Neslerov looked from one to the other. He knew that something was coming—the end of his career. The governor general waited, looking chiefly at Olga, for from her he expected the first bomb.

"Look at that man, Therese!" commanded Olga.

It was a dramatic scene as the girl stood with perfect poise and pointed her finger at Neslerov.

"I see him," faltered Therese.

"Who is he?"

"Prince Nicholas Neslerov."

"Prince Nicholas Neslerov, let me tell you what the governor general already knows," said Olga, and her voice was cold and steely. "For many years my youth prevented a clear understanding of things. I was born after the death of my unfortunate cousin and so did not fully take in the significance of the mystery of Graslov till a few years ago. But when I did learn of it I resolved to sift it to the bottom and make certain that the one who caused her death should be punished. For years my efforts were unavailing. I pursued every line of investigation that occurred to me, and in them all I had the sanction and assistance of the czar. At last, during a sojourn at Graslov in another name, I met this woman whom you have heard me call Therese. Do you know who she is? She is Mme. Dendoff, widow of that Dendoff who was the slave of your wicked father and yourself."

Neslerov was too crestfallen already to show further effect of her words. He made no answer.

"For twenty years this woman has lived with the truth locked in her bosom because she feared her husband. The governor general is here and will hear this case at once, and from that moment when he hears the truth you are in his hands. Therese, who is that man?"

She pointed at Vladimir as she spoke.

"That—is—the Duke of Graslov!" said the woman firmly.

"Tell your story."

"It was twenty years ago, your excellency," said Therese, speaking directly to the governor general, "that the little Prince Alexis was lost. He was missing from the palace at Graslov one evening, and the poor princess was beside herself with grief and anxiety. A search was made, and my husband, who was in the service of the duke, returned from the Kama and reported that the child had been seen wandering on its banks, and he brought back a portion of its garments, which he said he found close to the water. It was believed that the child was drowned, and the princess grieved for her dead boy. The poor princess did not survive the shock long, and when she died there was trouble between the two branches of the Neslerovs. Her family claimed that the duke had misused her and caused her death. It was never settled, and the two families have since been enemies.

"It was not less than two years after when, one night, while he was intoxicated, my husband said something that aroused my suspicion—that he knew what had become of the young prince. I taxed him with it, and he was maudlin enough to confide in me. He had been poor, but since the loss of the young prince he had not worked, but had plenty of money. This also caused me to suspect. He told me, in his drunken fashion, that the Duke of Graslov did not wish the son of the princess to inherit the title or estate. As the father of the boy had died he was the heir, but the duke preferred his younger son, Nicholas.

"The two, the duke and Prince Nicholas, paid my husband to take the child and drown it. He was a wicked man, my husband, and he agreed. He did take the child to the Kama and was about to take from it the telltale clothes when it cried lustily, and a powerful man sprang from the bushes and took the child. There was a fight in which my husband was badly whipped. But he did not dare report to the duke that he had failed, and so he carried out the plans and reported the finding of the clothing at the river. This was the clothing he had taken off preparing to throw the child in the river. To me this revelation was a great shock, but my husband threatened my life if I ever breathed a word of it to a single person. I knew he would keep his threat, and so I dared say nothing, for the house of Graslov was rich and powerful, and I feared to speak even to the police.

"Thus I lived year after year with the shadow of my husband's crime upon my heart, until I thought I would go mad. Moved by an impulse I could not control, I determined to learn if the child was alive. I found it in the house of the blacksmith Paulpoff at Perm. Having learned that the little Alexis was well and happy I felt easier, but resolved that when my opportunity came I would reveal the truth. The old duke died and Nicholas became his heir and finally became governor of Tomsk. A short time ago my husband died, and I was free to tell. There came to Graslov one day a beautiful girl, giving a name that was not familiar, but she was the picture of that lovely princess who had died, and I watched her. I knew she was searching for the truth, and I told her what I knew. We went to St. Petersburg, where she told the czar, and he gave her authority under his seal. We went back to Perm, but the Paulpoffs were on their way to Siberia. The princess resolved to follow, and this meeting is the result."

"How did you know the boy in Paulpoff's house was the young prince?" asked the governor general.

"I saw his mother's picture which had been around his neck. I recognized his face, his voice, his manner, and Paulpoff told me how he came into his possession."

"This is strange," said the governor general, turning to the old man sternly. "How was it that you kept the young prince and did not disclose the fact that he was alive?"

"It was the prayer of his poor mother," said Papa Paulpoff. "I, too, have my story. On that day I was wandering by the river and had been fishing. I heard the cry of a child. I ran toward the sound and saw the man taking off its clothing. He cursed it and struck it and said that its voice would soon be stilled. I knew he meant to murder the child, and so I attacked him. I was a powerful man then, though not nearly so powerful as Vladimir—as the prince—is now. We fought, and I severely whipped him. I then took the child home with me and resolved to restore him to his parents, for I supposed he had been taken for revenge by enemies. When I saw the beautiful face of the princess, I knew it must be the boy's mother, and so I began to think who among the nobles who lived near the Kama had such a woman. I had heard of the beauty of the Princess Neslerov, and so I went to find her, leaving the child at the forge. I saw her at Graslov and asked to be alone with her. She ordered her women away. I showed her the portrait.

"'My picture!' she cried—'the picture that was on little Alexis! Oh, what have you to tell me?'

"I told her what had happened, how I had taken the boy and that he was safe and well in my house. She began to weep tears of mingled joy and sorrow.

"'Who are you? What is your name?' she asked.

"'Michael Paulpoff, princess,' I told her.

"'Oh, Michael Paulpoff,' she cried, and it seemed that her heart would break—'can I trust you?'

"'With anything, lady,' I answered. 'You are welcome to the life or death of Michael Paulpoff.'

"'Listen!' she whispered, turning each way to see that we were not watched. 'I am in the house of enemies. My husband, who was the heir of the duke, is dead. My little son would be the heir of this estate, but the duke prefers that his own younger son should inherit, and so they have plotted to destroy my child. Thank God for placing you on this earth, Michael Paulpoff! You were sent to save my boy. And now listen. Were he to return here or were it to be known that he was alive, no matter in what part of Russia he might be, they would manage in some way to kill him. Even now I tremble lest some spy overhear our words and reveal this truth. I do not wish to have you relinquish him and will give you something now, but you must never come to me. Some day I will come to you and claim my boy. Will you swear, Michael Paulpoff, to cherish my boy and preserve this secret?'

"I gave the promise, excellency, and I have kept it. But she also said, 'In case I die, Michael Paulpoff, guard my boy as you would your own, for I think he will be like his father—strong, but no match for the wicked and designing ones. Do not permit any one ever to know this truth.'

"I have obeyed, excellency. The boy was named Vladimir, and we soon came to love him as our own. He was, as the princess said, strong and of an easy going, simple temperament. He grew up to help me in the forge. The princess did die, and so I held my tongue, as she bade me. But Vladimir—or Prince Alexis—was talented, and he learned to paint. He discovered one day the picture of his mother and became enamored of it. He wished to paint it, and I permitted him. Then one day Neslerov came and saw it. I was frightened, for I knew he would suspect, and I knew from his manner that we would soon hear from him again.

"We were charged with conspiracy, excellency, we who had honest hearts and had never wronged any one, and were bundled off to Siberia. We were sent to Tomsk, where no doubt Neslerov intended to kill the young man when he got an opportunity. Then one day that American named Denton came to our hut in Tivoloffsky. In some way he had learned of the picture. I do not know why he was interested in Vladimir, but he asked to see the picture and questioned me.

"'Paulpoff,' he said, 'Vladimir is not your son.'

"I shivered, for I did not know but he was a friend of the governor. But he said he was going to learn who Vladimir was, so I told him the story. He said that Vladimir could not be any worse off than at present, and he could secure the help of the government to restore the estate to him and punish Nicholas Neslerov. He took the picture, and some one came to our hut after that and whipped my wife to death. Vladimir swore vengeance, and today he has killed Jansky and Unsgethop."

"This is a strange story of cruelty and crime," said the governor general. "But, so far as you are concerned, I congratulate you, Prince Neslerov, duke of Graslov. And this faithful old man, whose life is almost run, how can I show my appreciation of what he has done for Russia? Paulpoff, you shall name your own reward, and it is yours."

"To live with Vladimir," said the old man simply.

"And this American! Where is he?"

"Wounded; lying in the house of a priest at Tivoloffsky," answered Vladimir, or, as he should now be called, Alexis.

"Nicholas Neslerov, what have you to say?" asked the governor general.

"It is a lie," said Nicholas.

"Your own face does not indicate it. I believe this is the truth. You are a prisoner! Call the officer of the guard!"

"I am here, your excellency!"

"This lieutenant," said Olga, "whose name I do not know, assisted me in freeing the prince from the dungeons under this palace. I told him he would be a captain."

"Your name?" said the governor general.

"Ormidoff."

"Captain Ormidoff, conduct this prisoner to the same dungeon in which he had confined the prince, and see that

"I am your slave forever."

he is treated as becomes a murderer and enemy of Russia. This is enough, princess. I congratulate you."

The eyes of De Muloff were moist, and he took Olga's hands and pressed them.

They heard Neslerov cursing as he was led away. He was chained in the dungeon and, in an effort to free himself that night, burst a blood vessel and died, with no hand to help.

As the governor general turned away Olga smiled at Alexis.

"You are not quite my cousin, yet we are in a way related," she said. "I am glad that I have succeeded in giving you your own."

"I am your slave forever," he answered, stooping, with his great shoulders almost covering her, and his lips met hers—and she did not resist.

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In the house of the priest at Tivoloffsky Denton was recovering from his wounds. His first feeling as he gradually came to himself was of great weakness. A cool small hand was placed upon his brow, and he looked up into the face of Frances Gordon.

"Do you know me, Jack?"

"Yes, I know you, Frances. What has happened?"

"You have been ill. You were shot two weeks ago in the house where the Paulpoffs lived. Do you remember?"

"Yes—they came—did they kill poor old Paulpoff?"

"No. Vladimir—the one we know as Vladimir, but now the Duke of Graslov—came and killed them instead. He killed Jansky and Unsgethop and brought you here."

"Then it is proved already!" he said, staring.

"Yes. A princess, Olga Neslerov, cousin of his mother, having penetrated the veil of mystery, came to Tomsk to pursue her inquiries. She unmasked Nicholas Neslerov before the governor general, and he died that same night in the very cell in which Vladimir had been confined."

"I am glad," he said, with a sigh. "I knew he was not the son of the Paulpoffs, and, since you loved him, I did not wish you to marry an unknown. That was why I tried to restore him to his rank. I did not do it, but I am glad it was done—glad for him and for you."

"Poor Jack!" she said, nestling her head close to his. "Did you think I was going to marry him?"

"Yes; I thought you loved him. That was why I wanted to bring him to his own."

"Poor, noble Jack! Do you know who I am going to marry? There was never any love between Vladimir and me. I helped him, and he appreciated it. But I am going to marry the noblest, bravest, best man on this earth."

"I hope you will be happy, Frances."

"I know I shall be, Jack. And—can you forgive me, Jack, for all those ugly things I said? And will you love me—just the same as you used to—for it's you—you, Jack, I want to marry if—you want me."

"Frances!"

"That's right," said the soft voice of the old priest. "He is all right now. I say to you, Denton, that an angel hovered at your bedside, and it was not the angel of death. It was a strong, fine young woman."

"I nursed you, Jack, and papa has been here every day."

"And I'm here now," said the voice of Gordon. "Is he awake?"

"He is awake, but he hasn't said he wants to marry me," said Frances, with a laugh.

"He don't need to say it. Well, old chap, I'm glad you've pulled through, but I'm hanged if I think you would if it hadn't been for Frances."

"I am sure of it," he answered, "and I am going to spend all the rest of my life paying her for it."

She laughed—the happiest laugh of her life—and stooped and kissed him.

THE END.

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Wit on the Stump.

It must have been rather disconcerting to the declamatory speaker who, despising all technicalities, tried to storm his hearers by sheer force of eloquence, but who on uttering the words "in the book of nature it is written" was interrupted by a quiet looking gentleman with a mild request that he would "name the page." Sometimes, however, the interrupter receives a "retort courteous" he hardly bargained for, and a capital story illustrative of this is told of Lord Palmerston. His lordship, who was an inveterate joker, possessed a readiness of repartee and a quaint sense of humor that often stood him in good stead. Once when canvassing Hampshire in conjunction with Sir George Staunton he held a meeting at a hotel which was but dimly lighted at each end by two small windows.

During the noble lord's speech he was frequently interrupted by cries of "No! No!" proceeding from a little fat man in one of the windows, who was butler to an old admiral in the neighborhood. There were loud calls to bring him forward, but Lord Palmerston promptly said: "Pray don't interfere with the gentleman. Let him remain in the window. Providence has denied him any intellectual light. It would be hard indeed to deprive him of the light of heaven!"—London Standard.

Mexico's Dirtiest City.

Merida, the capital of Yucatan is, it is said, the richest city in Mexico in proportion to its population, which is placed anywhere from 50,000 to 90,000. It is also the dirtiest city in Mexico, which is saying something very unpleasant, for there are few clean cities in the sister republic. Merida has neither a water nor a sewerage system, and that it is not depopulated every year speaks well for the constitutions of the inhabitants.

Supply at Hand.

Employment Agent—I have a cook that will just suit you. She is a young widow and is very fond of children.

Mrs. Richleigh—But we have no children.

Employment Agent—Oh, that'll be all right, ma'am. She has six of her own.—Chicago News.

His Bluff Won.

"Thought your dad wasn't going to send you back to college?"

"Yes, dad did kick at the expense, but I threatened to stay at home and help him run the business, and he decided college would be cheaper."—Detroit Free Press.

A Substitute.

Judge—Of course I might let you off, Casey, if you had an alibi.

Casey—Shure, yer honor, Oi haven't wan about me, but here's me lasth quarter if that'll timpt ye.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Very Short.

The Bud—Why does Mr. Spatts wear such short trousers?

Brother—Because they fit him. I asked him for a small loan, and he said he was so short his corns made his head ache.

A DEFLECTED DUEL

By William J. Lampton

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"Why didn't I marry Mirandy Howe?" exclaimed Hiram Hostetter, flushing angrily in response to a taunt from the hostler. "S'pose you ask Milt Burgess over there why he didn't marry her!"

The little crowd loafing in front of the livery stable in the country town pricked up its ears and concentrated its interest on the hostler and Mr. Hostetter, Mr. Burgess in the meantime becoming more intent upon the corncob pipe he was laboriously constructing.

"How's that, Milt?" inquired the hostler in the same taunting tone. Evidently he knew more of the inner history of Hostetter and Burgess than the others did, for they were all curiosity and had no comments whatever to make. Both men were considerably past middle age and had come to the town several years before from the hill country, bringing no credentials other than a desire to better their condition and a fair ability to do so. They were sober, honest and industrious, and beyond that their acquaintances took no concern. The hostler in his more prosperous days had made a number of trips into the hill country, buying horses, and had heard some of the legends of that section.

"Oh, you git it out of Hi if you kin," responded Mr. Burgess, without looking up from his work.

"I never did hear the straight of it," said the hostler, the taunting tone giving place to one of soft persuasion, "and I'm sure these gents ought to know it just for the sake of your reputations. Don't you think so?"

"Well, I ain't objectin'," admitted Mr. Burgess, "if Hi wants to tell about it."

"You tell it, Milt," pleaded Mr. Hostetter.

"No, you do it, Hi," insisted Mr. Burgess. "I kin make a better cob pipe than you kin, but you kin outtalk me. You know that's what Mirandy al'ays said."

Mr. Hostetter's face flushed, partly with pride, partly with embarrassment.

"If you re'ly want to know the perticklers," he said, "and Milt's willin', I reckon I might as well tell it so's you'll git it kerrect. You see, me and Milt was both courtin' Mirandy fit to kill and murder, and it was nip and tuck atween us fer two year er more. As Milt says, I was a talkin'er man than him, but he owned a farm, and there is women that sees more in a farm than perlite conversation, other things bein' equal. As fer me and Milt, disrespective of substantials, Mirandy liked me"—

"Hi was a heap sight better lookin' in them days than he is now," explained Mr. Burgess, whose personal beauty was not, to put it mildly, exactly phenomenal.

"Much obleeged, Milt," said Mr. Hostetter modestly. "But, as I was sayin', Mirandy kinder liked me a shade better, and with that and my talkin' I was neck and neck with Milt's farm. It kep' gittin' from bad to wuss 'twixt me and Milt, though we'd been pardners fer years, so's to'rds the last we got riled every time we met up with each other, and folks begun sayin' there was as likely to be a funeral on the creek as a weddin'. Mirandy seemed to injoy it, though, and kep' us on the tenter hooks, smilin' fust one way and then t'other, and aggin' us on all the time."

"Mirandy could be the aggravatin'est critter," commented Mr. Burgess half to himself and dreamily, as out of the dead past.

"Much obleeged, Milt," acknowledged Mr. Hostetter. "As I was sayin', things kep' gittin' more skeow-wowed, and me and Milt kep' gittin' closeter and closeter, and like as not we'd a clinched some day right where we met, but Mirandy packed up her duds and went over into the adj'inin' county to teach winter school, and when she was gone me and Milt shied off for awhile and didn't have no grievance ag'in each other, leastways not in sight. Mirandy, so we heard, had a sight of beaus where she was teachin', but she never told nobody at home about her business in that line when she come back three er four times visitin'. The school lasted three months, and when it was out Mirandy showed up ag'in, and was jist as smilin' at me and Milt as ever—smilin'er, I reckon, fer before we knowed where we was at we had fit, tooth and toe nail, fer her, right in the road. Neither one of us got the wust, but both of us got it purty bad, and so we agreed to shoot it off with our shotguns and settle it fer once and all."

Mr. Burgess stopped work on his cob pipe long enough to chuckle audibly at something or other which Mr. Hostetter's remarks had suggested.

"Much obleeged, Milt," said Mr. Hostetter, smiling himself. "As I was sayin', we agreed to shoot off the prize, and the live man left over was to git the gal. You see, each one of us was bettin' odds that he was the chosing people."

Again Mr. Burgess chuckled audibly.

"Much obleeged, Milt," said Mr. Hostetter. "As I was sayin', when we agreed to the shootin' proposition we got a second apiece and a kind of general superintendent to manage the match, and we picked out a nice, quiet place over in Brand's holler, where there was a moonshine still once, and nobody had ever been there since the revenoos had scattered it to the four winds and wasn't likely to go, it was so dern lonesome. In course we swore everybody to eternal secrecy, but there's no tellin' how leaky a bar'l is till you put water in it. Anyway we was on hand prompt, fer we meant business, didn't we, Milt?"

"Ruther, I reckon," responded Mr. Burgess to Mr. Hostetter's appeal. "And we wasn't no cowards neither."

"Much obleeged, Milt," said Mr. Hostetter gratefully. "As I was sayin', we was there prompt, and the general superintendent ranged us up about twenty feet apart and give orders that we was not to shoot till we got the word 'Fire!' after he had counted three and drapped a hat."

"There wasn't no foolishness about it neither," put in Mr. Burgess, "fer me and Hi seen to it that they didn't put up no job on us by not loadin' the guns right, fer when they handed them to us, sayin' they was all right, we poured a handful of duck shot in each bar'l, so's there wouldn't be any mistakes."

"Much obleeged, Milt," said Mr. Hostetter. "As I was sayin', we was to shoot at the word, and we stood lookin' at each other, with murder stickin' out all over us till you could 'a' scraped it off with a chip. When a man is bad in love, he's the wust, I reckon. Anyway, we never said a word; no handshakin', no nothin'; just cold killin' was what we was there fer, and we was goin' to have it. Our seconds kinder dallied around as if they was waitin' fer somethin', but we stood there waitin' fer the word to shoot."

"It gives me goosefiesh to think about it even this fur off," commented Mr. Burgess, with a shiver.

"Much obleeged, Milt," nodded Mr. Hostetter in full sympathy with his late antagonist. "As I was sayin', we stood there waitin' with our guns cocked and drawed tight to our shoulders, and the general superintendent begun to count one, two, three, and we tuck sight with intent to kill. The superintendent stopped at three, holdin' the hat ready to drap and say 'Fire!' when all to once there was a rustle in the bresh, and Mirandy come bouncin' through and landed smack between the muzzles of the guns."

"Dern if I didn't think it was an angel drapped out of the sky," exclaimed Mr. Burgess feelingly.

"Much obleeged, Milt," responded Mr. Hostetter. "As I was sayin', Mirandy landed right betwixt us and throwed up one hand.

"'What air you plumb ijits goin' to do?' says she, lookin' first at one of us and then at t'other.

"'Goin' to shoot each other,' said the superintendent, bowin' low.

"'What fer?' says she, lookin' at us.

"'Fer you,' says I.

"'Fer you,' says Milt.

"Then she laughed so loud and kinder raw that it shuck the bark off a hickory tree standin' jist by the edge of the clearin'.

"'Well, gentlemen,' says she, startin' to git out of the way and talkin' in reg'ler book langwidge and as perlite as a basket of chips, 'don't let me interfere with the festivities, but before actual hostilities begin I think I owe it to each of you to say that you had better go over to Pleasant Ridge first and Shoot John Henshaw, for I am goin' to marry him next Tuesday week, Providence permittin'. Fire!'

"Mirandy stood lookin' at us, the superintendent snorted, the seconds laid down in the weeds and rolled over and me and Milt shuck hands and walked off the field, not sayin' a dern word to nobody, and we didn't go to the weddin' neither."

"It's a affydavit fact, gents," corroborated Mr. Burgess.

"Much obleeged, Milt," said Mr. Hostetter. "It shore is."

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Taking the world as a whole, 25 per cent die before they reach the age of seventeen.

Experience worries more men than it teaches.—Chicago News.

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Dec. 16 18.—Maine State Grange, Portland.
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BISBEE BUYS SPEED.

B. H. BISBEE OF EAST SUMNER BUYS IN NEW YORK THE FASTEST MARE EVER OWNED IN MAINE.

To Oxford County now belongs the claim of having the fastest horse ever owned in the state. Mr. B. H. Bisbee of East Sumner attended the great Fasig-Tipton auction sale of fast horses at Madison Square Garden, New York City, recently, and while there purchased and brought to Oxford County a mare of which the New York Trotter and Pacer says: Frederick Dietz sent the well known matinee winner, Bessie Bonehill, 2:05 3-4, into the ring next. This mare held the world's pacing record at 5 years, and when it is considered that only four mares, living or dead, trotters or pacers, have ever beaten 2:05 it shows how rare such a turn of speed is. Mr. Dietz had to accept just one-half what she cost him in the same ring. B. H. Bisbee, of Maine, got the noted mare for $925.

Mr. G. M. Hatch, a well-known Maine writer in the same paper says: Portland horsemen were a bit surprised when Bessie Bonehill, 2:05 3-4, once the queen of pacing mares and still the possessor of the title of queen of the New York Speedway, was brought to that city on Friday night of last week, having been purchased at the Fasig-Tipton sale by B. H. Bisbee, of East Sumner, Me. Mr. Bisbee has had a few good horses. Baby S. (p), 2:22 1-4, now used as a brood mare, is owned by him, and last winter he bought Vermont Chimes (p), and marked him in 2:20 1-4, winning several good races in Maine and selling the horse for a good advance over the cost price. The white mare will be raced a little and should have the Maine free-for-alls at her mercy, and will probably be bred to some first-class sire.

For the benefit of our Maine readers will say the mare is ten years old: has been a mile in 2:07 1-2 to wagon this year. Her sire was Empire Wilkes, 2:29 1-4, a brother-in-blood to Baron Wilkes, being by George Wilkes out of Jane Mosely, dam of two in the list, by Mambrino Patchen. The dam of Bessie Bonehill was Drab Girl, dam of four in the list, by Crittenden, son of Cassius M. Clay, Jr., 22, and Flora by Pilot, Jr. Crittenden got a number of speedy horses, thirteen in the list, and the dams of such as Will Leyburn, 2:06; Belle Colley, 2:09 1-4; Cut Glass, 2:10 1-2, etc. She has been used as a brood mare somewhat, and one or two of her colts have sold for high prices, considering their age. Bessie Bonehill is the fastest horse ever owned in Maine.

JOHN'S LETTER.

HE ANSWERS THE QUESTION ASKED ABOUT "OTHERS OF HER SEX."

I wonder if your West Paris correspondent asked that question with the expectation or the desire for an answer, or did he or she (probably she) ask it just to "pass away the time"? The question as it stands is this: "We would like to know if he still thinks any others of her sex might possibly qualify themselves to vote, besides our honored Mrs. Livermore."

We have, as yet, had no reason to change the views we have always held: that our sisters are the equal of their brothers in every way except in a physical way. Is your question answered in accordance with your views and the facts? It is a matter of history that, given an equal chance in the schools she has held her own and more too. We still think that in the school of politics she would make as good a showing. We hope that she wouldn't become as corrupt. We think the tendency wouldn't set so strong in that direction. We apprehend that the world will know more about that ere another decade has passed away.

In one thing, at least, she is the inferior of man. She can't kick a football so high. There may be a few other minor things she cannot do so well, not necessary to name. But we overlook those things when we remember her other traits and qualifications. We never for a moment forget that they are sweet. JOHN.

HERE AND THERE.

Some sensational testimony was given before the coal strike commission last week, regarding the treatment of the miners by one of the independent operators, also as to an alleged attempt to break the strike by buying off some of the labor leaders. While this does not by any means settle the matter, coming just as it did in conjunction with last week's terrific cold wave, its effect upon a coal-less public is not particularly favorable to the operators.

The newspapers are clamoring to know what has become of all the anthracite coal that has been mined in the month and more since work was resumed in the mines. Its disappearance, they say, is one of the unsolvable mysteries. Nothing mysterious about it. Most of it has been burned up. It seems difficult for some to realize that the mines were idle for five months, and have been at work only a little over one.

President Charles M. Schwab of the United States Steel Corporation is still continuing a prolonged vacation presumably made necessary by the strenuousness of his official labors, and it is more than hinted that he may never again be able to resume his position. What doth it profit a man if he gain the presidency of the biggest corporation in the world, and lose his own health?

A paragraph now floating around through the miscellany columns of the newspapers says that "Tomatoes are said to ripen best by the light of the moon." But that's moonshine.

Maine for the first time leads the United States as a granite producing state and now is ahead of Massachusetts, which heretofore was the leader in this industry. This is shown in the statistics of the industry in 1901. The greatest increase in Maine was in the dressed building stone, crushed stone also showing a remarkable increase. Dressed monumental stone showed a decrease but paving blocks, flagging and curbing showed an increase.

The Kennebec has a good freeze on, and there is a fair prospect of some work being done on the ice this winter.

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. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Maxim left last week for Apopka, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

A large crowd attended the auction at Alfred M. Daniels' Thursday, men coming for miles from all the surrounding towns. Mr. Daniels had some very good stock, and that and everything else went at generally good prices.

Quite a lot of work for the plumber as the result of the frigid blast the first of last week. One of the worst cases reported is that where a hot water pipe froze and burst inside the range in the kitchen. It is not true, however, as has been facetiously stated, that there was a good fire going in the range at the time.

An excellent and bountiful chicken supper was served by the Universalist Circle at the hall Thursday evening. A number of people came up from South Paris, and there was a very good house. The entertainment was the comedy, "The Great Catastrophe," with the cast as given last week. It went with a good amount of snap, had a number of good character parts, and proved as funny as had been promised. The dancing which followed was to music by Stearns' Orchestra, and was much enjoyed by a fair number.

The two Sunday Schools will unite in the observance of Christmas, by invitation of the Universalist school. The exercises will be held on Christmas night, at Academy Hall. A supper will be served to the children at about the usual supper hour, and afterward there will be exercises by the children, fuller announcement of which will probably be given later.

On Friday evening, Dec. 19, at Cummings Hall, the Baptist circle will give a supper and entertainment. Supper to be served at 6 o'clock. Those who promised food two weeks ago will please bring it without further notice.

Rev. Mr. Little will give a sermon appropriate to the Christmas season at the Universalist church next Sunday.

Lewis B. Brown has gone to Niagara Falls for a few days' visit.

Noyes Drug Store, Norway, is just filled this year with useful and ornamental Christmas gifts.

FRYEBURG.

Mrs. M. B. Barker has returned from Boston accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Richard Chase, and her son.

Wiley & Son have sold their grocery business to Warren Eastman & Son. They rent the Wiley store.

Oyster supper and recital by Mrs. Abbott's pupils at New Church Hall Thursday evening.

Friday afternoon rhetoricals at the academy under the auspices of the senior class.

Mr. Conners of Spokane is the guest of Mrs. C. H. Tibbetts.

HIRAM.

Capt. Thomas O. Spring is recovering from a severe attack of kidney complaint.

Mr. Clark H. Weeks of Rochester, N. H., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Cole.

Llewellyn A. Wadsworth went to East Baldwin Tuesday.

Many of our Grangers attended the Pomona Grange Thursday at West Baldwin.

The cold wave on Tuesday reached 15 below zero, and on Wednesday 20 below.

Mrs. Ellen L. Pierce has removed to the house at Hiram village nearest the railroad crossing.

Cyrus Goodwin is working at Rumford Falls.

Miss Lavina C. Cotton has returned from Harrison and is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. A. Hartford, at East Hiram.

EAST HEBRON.

Every one keeps within doors that is not obliged to venture out, with a temperature 20 below zero. School boys froze their ears on returning from school Tuesday afternoon.

The children feel very happy that they were in the new school room during this cold, frozen weather.

Fred Packard has finished trading and is arranging his trade with Mr. Needham. He boards with L. R. Hodsdon.

Hiram Keene has moved from Brighton Hill to his place of work.

Charles DeCosta and his daughter have moved to Sherman Bonney's house known as the J. E. Bonney house. Sherman's health has failed much the past few months. He was unable to work on his farm and has moved to Auburn to live with his mother in his former home.

GREENWOOD.

Old Boreas and Jack Frost have both been in their tantrums for a few days past, the former piling up the snow into drifts ten feet high according to one report, and the latter sending the temperature down to 13 below zero, as cold lacking three degrees as it has been here for 27 years.

Three snow storms have gone on record, none of which, however, were very heavy.

Deer hunting is still kept up on a small scale, but with very indifferent success.

The tracks of a moose where he crossed the road near by here recently, are still plain to be seen, and some think he is the mate to the one that was killed on the railroad.

School commenced in this district Tuesday, taught by Nora Thomas, formerly of this town but now of Bryant's Pond. She has taught here before, also at the Center, and stands high in the estimation of every scholar.

Nothing has been heard from Luella Cole during the week, and all are hoping she will yet recover. Since writing the above news comes that she is dead and buried. Further details when learned.

WEST SUMNER.

The winter school is in session under the instruction of Miss Gertrude Beal of Turner Center. Attendance seventeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tuell of West Paris visited relatives about here the 11th inst.

Miss Almira Minard of North Paris visited last week Mrs. Annie B. Andrews.

Mrs. Clara G. Gardner is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Irish, of Buckfield.

E. I. Brown has his mill about ready for sawing at Redding.

Charles, youngest son of the late Gustavus H. Ryerson, is very critically ill with appendicitis. Drs. Andrews and Caldwell were in consultation Thursday, stating his recovery was doubtful.

LOVELL.

The Woman's Library Club gave a supper and entertainment at the American House Hall Friday evening, which was well attended and very enjoyable. The farce of "Maidens Folorn" was given. After the entertainment, music was furnished by Robinson's Orchestra for dancing.

Jessie A. Chapman came home from Fryeburg Academy Tuesday on account of sickness. She is now well recovered, but will not return until the beginning of the new term.

Daniel McAllister has exchanged his oxen for a pair of horses, and Weeman, his son, will work with them on the job at Stoneham.

F. H. Swett has gone to New York for the winter.

William Knight and E. S. Farrington have brought in three deer in three consecutive days this week.

A telephone has been put in at the parsonage.

NORWAY LAKE.

School commenced last Monday with Miss L. O. Lasselle teacher. Miss Lasselle boards at W. S. Partridge's.

C. W. Partridge had the misfortune of getting hurt in the woods Thursday. A log rolled and jammed his knee quite badly.

Virgil Flood has returned from Stoneham where he has been hunting.

Mrs. Elbridge Gammon and little daughter May were at David Flood's Wednesday.

The Norway Lake Woman's Club will have their annual club supper at Mrs. F. E. Pottle's Dec. 11th.

BUCKFIELD.

Dr. Wm. P. Bridgham is favorably reported since his late illness.

A meat cart coming from Lewiston is well patronized.

After a short retirement, C. B. Atwood, an old-time merchant, is soon to open up a grocery store in G. H. Hersey's stove and steam-fitting ware rooms. He is nearing his eightieth year, seemingly well advanced for trade, nevertheless he is all right yet.

Buckfield air appears to be conducive to longevity, and with it lasting vigor.

Merritt Parsons, our trial justice, lacks but a fraction of, if not quite an octogenarian, while his neighbor, Hamden Allen, about the same age, and Ripley Tuttle, 81, are all vigorous. Dr. Bridgham at 86, until within a few days has well retained both physical and mental faculties.

I fear to drop much below the 80 mark lest I spoil the story. I will just mention one of the 1828 contingent, Carlton Gardner for instance, who has probably done more than any other man in the building and renovating of village property.

There are many aged and well-preserved women, mostly widows, whose domain I fear to enter, or trifle with their ages.

Dr. Harry Heald, Dr. A. E. Cole and Thomas Record spent a large portion of last week in Bethel looking for deer to none effect.

The Baptist ministers' meeting booked for the 9th inst. went up in wind it is presumed.

BRYANT POND.

On Tuesday morning a crew of men commenced the annual sawing of spool strips at Dearborn's mill. The spool makers are still loafing, on account of lack of lumber.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinby Perham will attend the State Grange to be held at Portland next week.

Mrs. Dr. Clark has returned from Freeport where she has been visiting her people for the past week. The doctor and wife are moving into the rent owned by Mrs. Loanza Mountfort.

Dr. Packard of West Paris was in town Thursday and made a professional call on Mrs. Horace Berry, who is still in very poor health.

Walter Arkett is convalescing from his illness.

Mrs. Mamie Crockett is gaining, but not able to go out yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeShon of Auburn arrived at Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Cole's the first of the week.

A cow moose was struck by the local freight train Monday morning, near Whitman curve and killed instantly. The cow weighed about 600 pounds and was dragged on the end of the train to West Paris.

Herman Billings and Frank Davis returned from a hunting trip Sunday night with two deer apiece.

Benj. Billings and Edwin Cole returned from a hunting trip Monday night with one deer apiece.

Edwin Andrews started for the woods Monday morning hunting deer, and has not returned at this writing.

Harry Day is in town.

Chester Lane of West Paris was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mann of West Paris came to town Saturday afternoon and attended the Eastern Star meeting that evening, and visited the next day at Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mann's.

Miss Ada Briggs of West Paris was a guest at Mr. and Mrs. David Swan's Saturday night and Sunday.

Dana Bryant and sister of Freeport have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Emily Felt.

The people in this vicinity realized what it meant to be without coal through the recent cold spell. Frank M. Cole had some coal left over from last year, and has been dealing it out in small quantities to those who had sickness in their families.

Miss Genevieve Whitman is sick at her sister's, Mrs. Clara Hathaway's.

Jerry Farrar, another one of our hunters, returned home Wednesday night with two deer.

Business is driving on the quarry, with a crew of thirty-five men at work and eight more coming Friday night.

Chester Lane, Arthur Mann, John Marshall, Alton Bicknell and Clarence Stevens of West Paris Masonic Lodge visited Jefferson Lodge, F. and A. M., on Friday evening. The third degree was conferred and refreshments served at the close of the meeting.

BROWNFIELD.

Monday night the wind was something awful (or the way it blew) and frightfully cold. No crack or crevice but that it entered. Tuesday morning 25 below zero.

There is a good deal of teaming being done in this town.

There is plenty of snow for all business.

Mr. Fred Farnham has gone to California for the winter.

Mr. E. L. Bennett is teaching a dancing school at Bean's Hall.

Prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

Mrs. Sherman McDonald has a young son.

Mrs. Dr. Fitch is in poor health; also Mrs. George Peabody.

NORTH PARIS.

F. L. Barrett is buying apples in this vicinity.

Several deer have been seen in this vicinity recently. George Davis of South Woodstock wounded one in his field last Tuesday and followed it south to the Perham woods where he killed it. He got into the river above his waist and it nearly used him up.

Sam Estes is working for A. J. Abbott.

R. T. Flavin is working for W. W. Dunham.

A. J. Abbott won several prizes on butter at the Maine Dairy Conference at Waterville last week, a gold watch among them.

B. K. Dow killed a pig 8 months old which dressed 376 pounds. Who beats that?

Simon Dow is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Dow, for a few days.

Charles Starbird has gone to Haverhill, Mass., to work this winter.

J. G. Crawford is laid up with an abscess.

James Thompson is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Fuller and doing the chores this winter.

P. A. Crawford has bought 20 sheep of Abner Benson.

James Thompson's health is quite poor and he thinks he will not be able to stay at G. G. Fuller's and do the chores.

NORTH ALBANY.

The Brown boys began their winter's work by parading wood and bark from the hill down to the main road near the school house.

Leslie and Abner Kimball are hauling cord wood to Bethel with two teams.

John Kimball is cutting pine on Mr. Eben Kilborn's lot and Roscoe Emery and Brice Kimball are to do the hauling.

Ed Good is at work in the woods across the pond for I. S. Morrill of Bethel.

Guy Herrick is visiting in Norway. He finished work for the Paris Manufacturing Co. last week.

Mrs. Elsie Kimball is delivering her picture frames that she took orders for some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Bennett are both on the sick list.

EAST SUMNER.

East Sumner holds the champion belt for rapid and successful deer hunting. Winnie J. Heald and Fred Caswell, in about four hours actual time, hunting one day last week up in Carrabassett, shot and secured four fine deer. One was a nice large buck that dressed over 200 pounds. The head will be mounted by "Ike Shaw," the Buckfield taxidermist. The parties were in the locality only one day and employed no guide.

Asa Robinson and one of his boys returned from a hunting trip in Weld on Wednesday, bringing the legal quota of deer. Hallie Tucker has also brought back two fine buck deer from the Dead River section.

F. E. Foye has shot from near his shop three nice mink this fall.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

Philo Clark and Ed Abbott went to Paris, Dec. 7th, to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, Seward B. Jones.

M. L. Wyman is confined to the house with sciatic rheumatism.

A. J. Knight has two teams hauling cord wood from his wood lot near Zircon.

WEST PARIS.

Last Monday, as a heavy freight train was coming down the grade between here and Bryant Pond at a good rate of speed, a cow moose was seen standing on the track. She turned and stared with curiosity just one instant too long, for before she could turn and run, the engine struck and instantly killed her. She was a good-sized animal, being 9 feet long, 6 feet high at the shoulders, and weighing 600 pounds, although the hunters think she was not more than 2 or 3 years old. The length of her face from between the ears to the tip of the nose was two feet. She was brought here to the station and many curious visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to see a real moose. Permission was given by the game warden to sell the meat, and some who tested it pronounced it very good. Thus a good variety was to be had at the meat shop of A. R. Bucknam, for a deer recently shot by W. H. Barker was also put in there for sale.

A big moose, supposed to be the mate to the one previously mentioned, was recently seen in Greenwood by two hunters from North Paris. Not knowing that the law was on they gave chase, but when informed by a disinterested party of the result should they make a lucky shot, they decided that "discretion was the better part of valor."

Mrs. Fred Lurvey and son Harold of Bryant Pond have been spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Charles Barden.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates left town last Thursday for a two or three weeks' visit to New Haven, Conn.

Mr. H. G. Brown is slowly improving, and is quite comfortable at this writing.

Mrs. Carrie Marshall, who has for some time been stopping at the home of Geo. Ridlon in Portland, has returned, and at present is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Fuller.

A good stock of Christmas goods is being displayed at the store of S. T. White; among them the best assortment of low price pictures ever had in town.

The three church societies of the place will unite in Christmas exercises, preparations for which are in progress. Programme next week.

Rev. R. A. Rich, assisted by Rev. A. K. Beem of Falmouth, is holding revival services at the Methodist chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Beem and three little daughters have been stopping with Mr. Rich.

Mrs. Ida Merrill from Portland has come here to take the position of night operator at the depot for the present.

Mr. Albert Ryder of Gorham, N. H., spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of M. S. Davis. Mr. Ryder is making arrangements for moving here.

Last Thursday evening there was a dance at Dunham's Hall.

An elegant line of the latest things in useful and ornamental Christmas gifts is now offered at the very lowest prices by Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

HEBRON.

This week has been too cold for much news gathering.

Tuesday morning 14° below zero which is very unusual here.

Miss Alice Merrill, who came home Thanksgiving week, is very sick.

Mrs. S. C. Howe has been spending a few days at South Paris.

The telephone is now in working order and greatly appreciated by those having it in their houses.

We learn from good authority that the new sanitarium is now an assured thing for Hebron, and hope soon to be able to give particulars about it.

The little snow is fine for teamsters and they are making the most of it.

Miss Hazel Donham is at home from Bates.

OXFORD.

Rev. Mr. Ladd, Presiding Elder, preached at the M. E. church Sunday morning and held quarterly meeting Sunday evening.

Mrs. Shannon of Worcester, Mass., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

Geo. Ellis of Portland was here for a few days last week.

The Y. P. S. C. E. hold services with the sick and aged on Sunday afternoon.

The Division of Sons of Temperance celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the organization of the order Thursday evening, with an entertainment and supper.

The Parsonage Society met Thursday with Mrs. H. R. Farris.

Mrs. Geo. Jones has been quite sick but is improving.

WILSON'S MILLS.

N. K. Bennett was taken to the Maine General Hospital at Portland Wednesday for a surgical operation.

Dr. Pulsifer of Berlin has kindly stayed by the sick the past week.

E. S. Bennett is laid up with a cut foot.

Died, Dec. 5, of pneumonia, J. C. Bean, aged 70. He had been town treasurer nearly twenty years. Mrs. Bean died very suddenly last July.

Born, Dec. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bean, a daughter.

BETHEL.

Last Monday the community was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. D. Hannibal Grover. Mrs. Grover had lived in Bethel many years. She was a member of the Congregational church and had been an active member of the Woman's Relief Corps and Golden Cross. Mrs. Grover left no children but a husband to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held at her late home Wednesday afternoon.

The town schools opened for the winter term Monday. Owing to the intense cold Tuesday no sessions were held in the brick building.

Mrs. J. U. Purington returned from Andover, Mass., last Tuesday.

Gould Academy re-opened Tuesday after a vacation of two weeks.

Thursday afternoon and evening the ladies of the Congregational society held a Christmas sale. The tables were prettily arranged in Garland Chapel. Dainty articles, especially appropriate for Christmas gifts; pictures and souvenir postal cards; the *very* sweetest, nicest home-made candies; food consisting of cakes, pies and all kinds of pastry, and articles which were placed upon a table appropriately named "Remembrance" table, were for sale. All departments were well patronized even to the "advertising" table which was provided by the thoughtfulness of Miss Susie Twitchell. Nearly $100 was added to the treasury.

Friday evening, The Village Improvement Society held its first entertainment under the auspices of the Columbian Club, who some time ago took up as especial work the improvement and beautifying of our common. Miss True, as president of the Columbian, in a very bright little speech introduced Dr. Spence of Cleveland, who entertained the audience with readings from Dickens and music. The program was very pleasing and most thoroughly appreciated by the audience. The second in the series will be given by Mrs. Tuttle next Friday evening when she will give a talk upon "Prisons for women."

Miss Hattie Foster is spending the week in Lewiston with friends.

Miss Ethel Richardson spent her vacation with friends in Portland.

Mr. Milton Penley, who has been in the meat business here for the past twenty-eight years, has sold out his business to Mr. A. Van Den Kerckhoven.

The ladies of the M. E. society will hold a Christmas sale Tuesday afternoon and evening. At six o'clock a chicken-pie supper will be served. The sale and supper will be in Odd Fellows Block.

EAST WATERFORD.

The winter schools opened Dec. 1.

Guy Dudley, son of Eugene Dudley of the Lake House, teaches in this place, and May Thibodeau of Norway at Temple Hill.

Josephine A. Sanderson is teaching in the Woodsum school house in Harrison.

Frank A. Hall gave a graphophone entertainment in the school house Monday evening.

An eight months old Bay Nelson colt belonging to Herman L. Hill got cast and so badly injured he had to be shot.

Will Emery is at home from Rumford Falls.

Burton Sanderson is at home on the sick list for a few days.

William Bolton, the landscape gardener, was in the place Thursday.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Tuesday night the thermometer at 11 o'clock registered 30° below zero and bright moonlight. At 7 A. M. Wednesday morning, 10° below zero and snowing, which continued all day.

Miss Alice Jones of Eaton, N. H., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Peckham.

The Universalist Circle held a sale of fancy articles for the benefit of the public library.

There are to be several Christmas trees this year. One at the graummar school the afternoon of the 24th; one in Bradbury's Hall, the evening of the 24th, and one Christmas night by the churches in Town Hall. All are to have appropriate services.

Mr. W. W. Johnson shot a fine buck on Mt. Tom in Fryeburg last Monday.

Mr. Fred Farnum has had placed upon his lot, in the Brownfield cemetery, a fine monument, costing not far from $1,000, which is a good piece of work.

A very enjoyable dance was given in Bradbury's Hall last Tuesday night.

Miss S. J. Staples of the firm of S. J. & F. R. Staples, coat manufacturers, has gone to Boston, Mass., to make contracts for next year's work.

Mr. Ernest Hill has moved into his new home that was formerly the post office.

Workmen are clearing the ice upon Burnt Meadow Pond to prepare for the ice harvest.

Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney and her daughter, Miss Belle Stickney, are spending the winter with friends in California.

HARTFORD.

The Universalist Aid Society of Hartford and Buckfield will hold a fair at the residence of Henry Bicknell, Hartford, Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 17th.

EAST BETHEL.

The deer hunters were out early Thursday morning.

Miss Jennie Swan went to Errol the 29th to teach for the winter.

Miss Hester Kimball visited her schoolmate, Miss Minnie Godwin, last week.

Misses Grace Swan and Amy Bartlett are entertaining the measles.

J. M. Bartlett, who has been in the employ of the Berlin Mills Co., has returned to his farm here.

Messrs. White and Curtis from West Paris visited this place last week relative to buying brick.

Mrs. Etta Bean received a Thanksgiving box from relatives in Massachusetts.

The first sleighing came Dec. 4.

School is again in session under the instructions of Mr. Lester Bean.

Miss Hester Kimball has returned to her school at Middle Intervale.

Cleveland Bartlett has returned to school at Gould Academy.

Miss Grace Swan has recovered from the measles and returned to her work in the store and post office.

Miss Florence Rich is stopping with her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Holt.

Mrs. S. E. Rich has closed her home here and is spending a few weeks in Berlin, N. H.

DR. AUSTIN TENNEY,

Oculist,

Will be at

ELM HOUSE, NORWAY, Wednesday, Dec. 17. 9 A M to 8 P. M.

Eyes Examined Free.

NOTICE.

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

In the matter of ROY LEBARON, of Mexico, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of Dec., A. D. 1902. the said Roy LeBaron 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 Dec. A. D. 1902, 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, Dec. 8, 1902.

GEO. A. WILSON, Referee in Bankruptcy.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Oxford County P. of H. Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the election of officers will be held at Grange Hall, South Paris, on Saturday, Dec. 27, 1902, at ten o'clock, A. M.

HENRY D. HAMMOND, President.

There are a few Christmas Gifts

You MUST HAVE. You would like to get off with the smallest amount of expense possible, at the same time you want what you give to be desirable and the quality something not to be ashamed of in a short time. That is about the situation most people find themselves in.

HILLS, THE JEWELER

Of Norway, Me., with an enlarged store and larger stock than ever before, suggests

Watches, Clocks Jewelry, Solid Silver and Plated Ware, Fountain Pens, Spectacles and Eyeglasses, Kodaks, Cameras, Talking Machines, Etc

All desirable gifts, and we can show you an endless variety, and Lowest Prices. All goods engraved free. Goods marked in plain figures. Call and see the Goods.

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Our Dry Goods, Crockery and Carpet Room Departments

contain many useful articles that are suggestive Holiday Hints.

Wise Christmas Shoppers always visit our store before buying.

85 Market Square,
SOUTH PARIS, - - MAINE.

AN INNOVATION

would be to put some of our excellent holiday footwear into the

CHRISTMAS

stockings instead of filling them with things which are almost useless.

A gift of this nature cannot fail to be appreciated by the recipient. It is something at once useful and handsome, and it is not quickly forgotten.

The complete and great variety of our stock of

SHOES AND SLIPPERS

permits us to fit all feet and suit all tastes.

Yours truly,

SMILEY SHOE STORE,

NORWAY, - - MAINE.

E. N. SWETT, Manager and Salesman. F. W. FAUNCE, Salesman.

'Phone 112-3.

BLUE STORES.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

EACH RECURRING SEASON

shows an increasing tendency in the making of useful presents. This we believe to be right, so have prepared in advance a choice assortment of pleasing and useful gifts.

Handkerchiefs—Initial or plain, in SILK, LINEN, LAWN, JAPONETTE and COTTON for 2 to 50 cents.

Neckwear—A splendid assortment of TECKS, FOUR-IN-HANDS, PUFFS, BOWS and STRINGS, 25 to 50 cents.

Fancy Braces, Armlets, Mufflers and Umbrellas are always acceptable.

House Coats and Bath Robes have become a household necessity.

Sweaters—Every boy wants a Sweater. We have them for Men and Boys, 50 cts. to $3.75.

Gloves—Lined and unlined for work or dress. WORSTED GLOVES in various shades are popular, 25 and 50 cents.

Fur Coats, Fur Caps, Fur Gloves and Mittens, Lamb Coats and Leather Coats.

If you want a **Suit, Overcoat, Ulster, Reefer or Underwear** for Man or Boy, please give us a call.

Remember we are always glad to show you our goods whether you wish to buy or not.

F. H. Noyes Co.,

South Paris Norway.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

Christmas Announcement.
Season of 1902-3.

We have a large line of MEDALLIONS, DOLLS AND DOLL HEADS, FANCY AND HAND MIRRORS, TOILET ARTICLES, A FINE LINE OF POCKET AND BILL BOOKS IN THE NEW AND LEADING STYLES, HAIR BRUSHES OF ALL KINDS, DRESSING & JEWEL CASES, FANCY BOX STATIONERY, WRITING DESKS AND PADS, COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES, PERFUME ATOMIZERS, TOYS, GAMES, &c., THERMOMETERS, WORK BOXES, CUTLERY, A FULL LINE OF PERFUME IN CUT GLASS AND FANCY GLASS BOTTLES.

Many other articles too numerous to mention.

Wishing all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, I remain yours,

ERNEST P. PARLIN, Prescription Druggist,

Next door to Post Office, South Paris, Maine

Queen Quality

THE FAMOUS SHOE FOR WOMEN

WHY NOT TRY TO WIN $1000?

Some woman is bound to win it, and why not you? The Makers of QUEEN QUALITY SHOES have offered

$5000 IN GOLD!

To the Hundred Women Wearers of these shoes who will give the best reasons why Queen Quality Shoes are superior to other shoes.

First Prize $1000!

Full particulars and Competition Blank furnished to each purchaser. Fast color eyelets used in all Queen Quality Shoes.

J. F. Plummer, CLOTHIER & FURNISHER,

31 Market Square, South Paris, Maine.

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas time is here again, and you want to make yourself and your friends happy by giving. If you still have gifts to buy look over this advertisement and see how many useful presents you can find. Come in the store and look around. Glad to show goods.

ANNUAL HANDKERCHIEF SALE.

THIS WILL be the largest sale in our history, if pretty handkerchiefs, and hundreds of them will make it.

SEVERAL NEW STYLES in embroidered, gents' initial Japonette, a pretty, soft, good wearing handkerchief, 12½c.

LADIES' AND GENTS' size, initial linen, plain hemstitched, 15c. Ladies' and gents' initial, all linen, plain hemstitched, 25c.

30 STYLES in ladies' and children's lace edge, lace corners, embroidered corners, colored borders, plain hem, very pretty for the price, 5c.

20 STYLES, some plain hem, all linen, some pretty cotton, lace and embroidered, 12½c.

30 STYLES in most all of the pretty patterns you could imagine. These are all linen. Some new style hem, 25c. 15 styles at 50c. These are similar in style to the 25c. grade but of finer linen and embroidery.

ALSO MANY OTHER styles at 4c., 10c., 15c., 30c., 37½c. and 75c. If in doubt about presents buy handkerchiefs for ladies, gents or children.

Children's Dresses

Your little sister would like one of these for Christmas. All sizes 2 to 14 years.

One lot made of good plaids, plain yoke, cuffs and belt, trimmed with braid and pearl buttons, waist lined, this style only - - - - - $1.00

Other styles - $1.25 and $1.50

Dressing Sacques

Now is the time for warm, wool dressing sacques.

One lot of wool eiderdown in pink, blue and reds, collar trimmed with black braid, crocheted edge, fastens with ribbon and frogs, - - $1.00

This is only one from our large stock. Others from - 50c. to $1.98

Shirt Waists

Another acceptable gift is shirt waists. Flannels, the most popular, come in an almost endless number of styles and colors this year.

One pretty style, from French flannel, front with tucks and slot seams, back with wide tucks, pearl buttons, $2.25

One lot heavy white pique for evening wear, tucks, frog fasteners, $2.00

Dress Goods

Goods for a new waist, dress or suit will be an acceptable gift for any lady.

We have nearly every kind of waist goods that a young lady would like, prices from 10c. to $1.00 per yd.

36 in. Knickerbocker in black and blue - - - - - 50c

50 in. Venetian in black and gray, $1.00

50 in. Chevron in black, a new weave, for - - - - - $1.25

Large line of silks for trimmings and waists.

Applique and braids for all grades of dresses.

First-class DRESSMAKER in store, who will tell you the exact amount needed, when in doubt.

Silk Moreen Petticoats

A large line for Christmas, also the sateen ones for common.

One lot Silk Moreens, full skirt, sateen yoke over hips, 12 in. flounce with ruffles, - - - $3.25

Perfumes

A full line of Pratt's perfumes and toilet preparations. All first-class goods.

Bed Spreads

These are useful the whole year and make good presents.

The MANITOBAR, good weight to wear well and wash easy, figured pattern, 7 ft. 3 in. long, 6 ft. 6 in. wide, excellent value, - - $1.00

FRINGED SPREADS.

THE EMPRESS has large scroll center, wide figured border, heavy fringe, 7 ft. 3 in. long, 6 ft. wide, - $1.50

Towel Sale

Linen towels will please most any of your friends. We have the best line of towels we know how to buy, direct from the importers, all prices from 8c. to $1.37 each.

One lot good weight, colored white border, fringe or hem, - 12½c

One lot pure linen, fringed or hem, colored or white border, 18x36 in. 25c

One lot linen huck, wide hem, 22x40 inches, - - - - - 50c

Also Damask towels in all grades.

Rugs

These are useful as well as ornamental. Many styles and patterns from 75c. to $3.87

Gloves--Mittens

Gloves make fine presents for they are used the year round, and can be sent by mail at slight cost.

See our line of warranted kid, pearl clasp fastener, in all colors, $1.25

Mocha gloves, clasp fasteners, in gray and brown, - - - $1.00

Golf gloves in all colors and sizes 25c., 35c., 50c.

Fur Scarfs

Our line of furs for Christmas is better than ever before. Many styles and grades, $1.25, $2.25, $3.75, $5 00, $6.00, $6.50, $8.50.

Our furs are reliable.

Muslin Uunderwear

Be sure to see our line before buying. We have every thing in muslin underwear for ladies, at prices you can afford to pay.

See our lace trimmed gowns for $1.00

Pretty skirt with flounce, lace insertion and edge of hamburg, dust ruffle, good material, - - $1.25

Corset covers in many styles, 25c., 33c., 45c., 50c., 75c.

Suits and Coats

In the suit rooms you will find a good line of useful gifts in jackets for ladies, misses and children.

Also good line of ladies' suits in plain cheviot, pebble cheviot, broadcloth and grey mixtures. Altering free when needed.

White Aprons

These make pretty and inexpensive gifts.

One lot large size, 6 in. hem on sides and bottom, tucks on bottom, 25c.

One lot good material, hamburg insertion, wide hem, large size, 39c

Many other styles.

Sofa Pillows Head Rests

No one has too many sofa pillows. Try one of these for presents. One lot 16 inch pillow, front, back and ruffle of figured China silk, price only $1.00

Large line of pillow tops, some to be worked, others ready to put on pillows for - - - - 25c and 50c

See our new tapestry tops at 50c

Headrests, - - 25c and 50c

Boston Bags

Our Christmas line of bags is complete in all grades from - 50c. to $2.25

One lot kid lined, leather ends, heavy wool covering, dark or light, $1.50

Nice gift for school girls.

Fans

These make pretty gifts for your lady friends. They are also light to send by mail.

One lot carved ivory handle and frame, silk gauze covered, very pretty, for 75c.

Other styles and prices.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Commencing Sept. 28, 1902,

TRAINS LEAVE SOUTH PARIS

Going down (east)—5:36 A. M., (daily, Sundays included) 9:30 A. M., 4:40 P. M. Sunday only, 4:00 P. M.

Going up (west)—10:00 A. M., 3:38 P. M., 8:47 P. M. (daily, Sundays included). Sunday only, 9:22 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. H. S. Pinkham, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 2:30 P. M., in New Hall. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M.

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 meeting Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 31, 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.

W. R. C.—W. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in Grange 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.

Modern Woodmen of America.—South Paris Camp, No. 1567, meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in Golden Cross Hall.

Leon A. Bean has taken the position of book-keeper for A. W. Walker & Son.

The deer will breathe easier in a few hours—or would if they knew what the laws is.

H. R. Morton of Auburn was in town Thursday to visit his parents, J. J. Morton and wife.

Miss Maud Carter is at home from Braintree, Mass., her school having closed on account of the scarcity of fuel.

Walter H. Swett last week killed a pig nine months old which weighed 437 pounds. He isn't in the habit of bragging on pigs, but would like to hear from the one that beats that.

A. E. Morse read at Buxton Friday evening. This week he will assist in entertaining the State Grange, which meets in Portland, and it is a safe guess that he will make them laugh.

L. E. Pulsifer and wife of Natick, Mass., formerly of South Paris, who spent Thanksgiving at West Sumner, have been visiting relatives here a few days before returning home.

Miss Hazel Gerry, daughter of A. M. Gerry of Lisbon Falls, is making a visit of some length to relatives here. Her mother and sister were here for a few days, but have returned home.

The weather was so fierce that only a few got out to the first assembly of the course last Tuesday night, and it was decided to postpone it until Tuesday evening of next week, Dec. 23d.

Rev. C. S. Cummings, sheriff-elect of Androscoggin County, who needs no introduction to Paris people, will give his lecture, "The Home and the Family," at the Methodist church this Monday evening. Admission 25 cents.

For the terms of Supreme Judicial Court for Oxford County during 1903, Judge Spear is assigned to preside at the March term, and Judge Peabody at the October term. This will be Judge Spear's first term in this county.

The scheduled time of the Sunday paper train has been changed from 9:22 A. M. to 10:22. This train is now a regular train, running between Portland and Berlin every Sunday in the year, going up from here at 10:22 A. M., and down at 6:00 P. M.

A recent letter from Portland says: "Miss Jessie Tolman sang to a large and delighted audience in B. of L. E. Hall, Portland, December 3. Miss Tolman has a sweet contralto voice and graciously responded to the hearty applause after each number."

News has been received by her relatives in this place of the death of Mrs. Louise Gurney of West Sumner, Sunday morning, at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, where she was receiving treatment. Mrs. L. B. Andrews went to Lewiston Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kimball returned last Monday from their hunting in the woods near Gilead, where Mr. Kimball had been for several days and Mrs. Kimball for nearly three weeks. Mr. Kimball brought home a small deer, but Mrs. Kimball had to be content with hunter's luck.

A man recently brought a valise to a local repairer to have the lock put in order, remarking that he brought his things home from the war in the valise in 1865, and had never had occasion to use it since and had never opened it. When the valise was opened, there was found in it a silver half dollar dated 1834, the year of the owner's birth.

Hon. O. H. Hersey of Portland was in town Friday. He came to attend a hearing in the estate of the late Stephen E. Kimball, before A. S. Kimball and H. C. Davis, commissioners in insolvency, at Norway. Mr. Hersey is counsel for Mrs. Webber, the executrix. The principal claim on which the commissioners had to pass was one of about $250, put in by Mr. Kimball's sister, Mrs. Newton.

One of the big ten-wheeler freight engines of the Grand Trunk got into trouble Tuesday evening near the south end of the yard. A heavy chain sometimes used for pulling cars, which was lying on the front end of the engine, dropped off, and very shortly every wheel of the engine and tender was off the rails. It took about three hours to get her back on, and meanwhile the evening passenger train spent two hours waiting below the town.

Leslie L. Mason of Portland, a well known lumberman, was in town the last of the week, and negotiations were completed by which the Royal mill, operated for the past two years by the South Paris Lumber Co., will be operated this winter by the Mason Lumber Co., J. A. Kenney manager. They will buy a large quantity of soft wood lumber, birch bolts and all kinds of pulp wood. An advertisement elsewhere in this issue gives particulars.

Paris Grange elected the following officers Saturday afternoon:

Master—H. D. Hammond.
Overseer—O. K. Clifford.
Lecturer—Carrie Briggs.
Steward—Howard Swan.
Asst. Steward—Geo. S. Boutelle.
Chaplain—Geo. Chapman.
Treasurer—W. E. Twitchell.
Sec.—S. E. Jackson.
Gate Keeper—A. B. Talbot.
Pomona—Rose Swan.
Flora—Mrs. O. K. Clifford.
Ceres—Gertrude Hammond.
Lady Asst.—Lizzie Boutelle.
Librarian—Flora Maxim.
Chorister—Annie Fletcher.

Why say anything about weather? Weather is no news. We've had a lot of it, and everybody knows it. There isn't a reader of this paper who doesn't know that last Monday night and Tuesday were the wickedest night and day we have had in a great many years. The thermometer Tuesday morning stood from 15 to 20 degrees below zero in different parts of the village, with a fierce gale blowing which seemed to go right through the walls of an ordinary building. Conditions improved a very little through the day, and Tuesday night there was not much wind, though the temperature remained about stationary. It has not been so bad since, though it is what may be called "good rugged winter weather." We dropped almost without warning from the moderation of a late New England fall into the fierceness of an Arctic winter.

Miss Lizzie Murphy is clerking in the store of C. W. Bowker.

Good Cheer meeting Wednesday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock.

Rev. J. H. Little preaches a Christmas sermon next Sunday which all be pleased with if they go to hear him.

Rev. Mr. Bailey of Portland and pastor of the Vaughn Street church, preached a very acceptable sermon in the Methodist church yesterday morning.

There will be a supper at the Baptist vestry, Wednesday of this week, under the auspices of the Ladies' Circle. Everybody invited. Prices as usual.

R. H. Gates and wife and A. E. Morse left Monday morning to attend the session of the State Grange at Portland. Several other members of Paris Grange will go later.

The second night of the Magnolia Minstrels Mr. Dunn being away Mr. Hilton took his place in the circle and also gave a specialty which was much appreciated, both by the audience and the Good Cheer.

The Universalist Sunday School will give a Christmas Concert followed by a Christmas tree in New Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 24th. Santa Claus will be present. All invited to come. Programme for concert will be announced next week.

Perley A. Ripley of this town was before the Rumford Falls Municipal Court Friday on the charge of beating a board bill of $8.50 in that place in September. He was sentenced to thirty days in jail, but the mittimus was suspended to allow him to make an effort to raise the money and settle.

A Christmas supper will be given by the ladies of the Good Cheer Society for the Universalist Sunday School in G. A. R. Hall at 6:30 Tuesday evening, Dec. 23d. Admission 15 cents. All are invited. Supper free to the children of the Sunday School, also to all children not members of any Sunday School.

The stores are full of Christmas goods, and in all lines, useful, ornamental, and merely amusing or entertaining, they are more attractive than ever. Our advertisers have considerable to say to you about them this week. Read and consider. The sleighing is excellent, and if we can have some good winter weather, this year's Christmas trade ought to be brisk.

A demonstration of the Kodak developing machine was given at the store of F. A. Shurtleff & Co. Friday afternoon and evening. To the disappointment of some of the amateurs of the sterner sex, the demonstrator was not the pretty and becomingly gowned young lady who appears in the advertisements. Instead it was a man, fully familiar with his work, and who accomplished remarkable results. But if photography is thus reduced to a machine process from beginning to end, what becomes of the art which is its greatest charm?

The following is the program to be given at the First Congregational church next Sunday:

Organ, March of the Magi Kings, towards the Star in the East.....Dubois.
Invocation.
Anthem, In the Beginning was the Word.....Perkins.
Responsive Reading.
Gloria.
Notices.
Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
Scripture Lesson.
Anthem, Gloria in Excelsis.....Southard.
Prayer.
Response. Song, Hark! What mean those holy voices? arranged.....Mr. Eaton.
Offertory, Pastoral Symphony.....Handel.
Hymn.
Sermon.
Closing Hymn.
Benediction.
Postlude.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bach Club at the home of Mrs. Cora S. Briggs Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13th, some twenty-five or six members being present. The meeting was opened by the president, Miss Walker, and the following programme was presented:

Roll call, answered by items of interest in Mozart's life.
Essay on the Life of Mozart.....Sara Swett.
Presto, from Mozart Sonata in F.....Mrs. Briggs.
Extract from Mozart Club work in Galveston, Texas.....Lizzie Foss.
Hayden's Serenade, for violin and piano, Grace and Ida Dean.
Mozart's Personality.....Lottie Giles.
Poem on Mozart's Life.....Geneva Young.
Minuett in E flat, piano and organ, Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Penfold.
Song, The Lark at the Window, Miss Rose Monahan.
Mozart's Death and Burial.....Agnes Penfold.
New business.
Adjournment.

The next meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 27th, subject: "Beethoven."

BISCOE DISTRICT.

Howard Swan has sold his apples to Mr. Burns of Oxford.

Mr. Bailey of Portland preached at the school house Sunday.

Roscoe Bennett has hired out to Chas. R. Penley for the winter.

Mr. Will Foster has bought a yoke of oxen of Melroy Cummings.

Fred Farrar and son Raymond are at work painting in New Gloucester, Maine.

The lyceum at the village was well attended by the young people of this district.

Prentiss Crockett, who has been digging a well at this late season, has now running water in both house and barn.

The C. E. Society of this place accepted the invitation extended to them to attend a social at Mr. and Mrs. Pearson's in Buckfield Thursday evening. Twenty-five members went. They received a cordial welcome and spent the evening in social intercourse, singing and games. Refreshments were served during the evening.

NOT THE JONES SHE WANTED!

The late unlamented Arctic wave among other complications was responsible for producing the following conversation between a South Paris housewife and "Central":

"Hello! Give me Jones the undertaker, please."

Central (after a pause)—"Did you call?"

"Yes, I'm waiting for Jones the undertaker. Hurry up, please, for I want to find out whether he can get me thawed out before—"

And just then a laugh from another householder on the wire, who was waiting for a chance to get thawed out himself, nearly split the receiver, and the speaker realized that her tongue had played her false, and it was Jones the plumber she wanted, while she hopes not to need the undertaker for many years yet.

BUTTER PREMIUMS AWARDED.

At the recent state dairy conference at Waterville a good showing was made by Oxford County exhibitors, the first premiums for prints, both dairy and creamery, coming into this county. In the exhibit of dairy prints, A. J. Abbott of North Paris stood first in a list of thirty-five competitors with a score of 96 3-4 points, and in the exhibit of dairy tubs he was seventh with a score of 94. The Waterford Creamery took first on creamery prints, among eleven competitors, and fifth on creamery tub. West Paris Creamery had only four in the list above it on prints, getting a score of 94 against a highest score of 97 1-4. All these exhibitors won, besides the regular premiums, some specials.

The North College building at Colby was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, the 6th. Some of the students had to leave the building in a hurry. Loss, $15,000; insurance, $5,000. John Pooler, pipeman of hose 4, fell from the third story window and was seriously injured.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's family pills are the best.

This week occurs the Forest Carnival of the ladies of the Congregational Society at New Hall the 18th and 19th inst. Thursday afternoon and evening also Friday afternoon the hall will be open for the sale of a large variety of useful and fancy articles, food, etc. Thursday evening a supper will be served to all who wish in G. A. R. Hall for the low price of 15 cents. Admission to New Hall Thursday evening free. An interesting entertainment has been provided for that evening at intervals during the sale.

Friday evening the beautiful operetta "Golden Hair and the Three Bears" will be given with the following cast of characters and a chorus of thirty voices of young people and children:

Golden Hair.....Helen Barnes.
Woodland Queen.....Susie Wheeler.
Troubadour.....James Dunn.
Faithful.....Grace I. De Motte.
Lightfoot.....Elsie Bolster.
Frailty.....Ruby Clark.
Will-o'-the-Wisp.....Ethel E. Noyes.
Big Bruin.....Geo. A. Briggs.
Mammy Muff.....Morton Bolster.
Tiny Cub.....Raymond Penfold.
Accompanist.....Mrs. Cora S. Briggs.

Argument.—A group of children, whose home is in the forest, are gathered in a shady dell, singing of their happy, woodland life. A little flower-girl wandering through the vale, scatters the group to quiet nook and glen. She recalls them to know their mission, and begs to become one of their happy number, which request is granted. She has been previously warned of their beautiful Queen, who, though so fair, would lure her into danger. The Queen, hearing that Bruin has made his home in Forest-land, seeks

"A maiden with such charm,
That she's proof against all harm,"

to go and search the cot, and to bring her the wonderful jewels which she has heard are in Bruin's home.

The flower-girl is summoned, and the Queen, overcome with her beauty, makes her princess upon the throne with herself; giving her the name of Golden Hair. Dwelling in the wood is an ancient Bard, who warns of coming danger, and sings the evening lullaby of the Forest children. In gentle tones he now warns Golden Hair to beware of the wily Queen. Bruin having heard of the Forest children, guards well the treasures hidden in the cot. While at a meal, the Bears near the merry Forest children, and hasten to scatter the foe, returning with a loud hurrah for Bruin, Mammy Muff and Tiny Cub.

The Queen reveals her secret to Golden Hair, and promises wealth and beauty, if the young princess will go and steal the jewels for her coronet. The faithful Bard again appears and warns of coming danger. As night is approaching, Golden Hair reclines upon a grassy mound, while the Bard's sweet lullaby soon carries her to dreamland. The three Bears, on an evening stroll, discover the little maiden, but are frightened away by the Will-o'-the-Wisp, who calls the children from near and far to twilight rest. Again the Bard's soothing lullaby quiets the group, till nodding, they all fall asleep. A new day finds Golden Hair in the home of the three Bears. Bruin and family being away, the maiden examines the cot, tastes the porridge and tests chairs and beds, till wearied she falls asleep upon Tiny Cub's couch. The Bears, returning, declare that some one has been in. Golden Hair is finally caught upon Tiny Cub's bed, and the Bears, in great excitement, proceed to secure the cot, lest she escape, forgetting an open lattice window near by. The voice of the Bard is again heard, below the window, calling her to come quickly, for her life. She hurries to the window, and waving a "good-bye" to the three bears, is soon off through the wood, to the astonishment of the horrified Bears. The Forest children are now searching for their lost one through the wood. Faithful reveals the fact that their Queen has beguiled Golden Hair into a snare, which has probably been the cause of her death. The enraged children depose the Queen from the throne, and in sadness she retires in disgrace from Forest-land. The merry voice of Golden Hair is heard in the distance, returning with the Bard. The happy children hasten to greet her, and cherrily escort her back to the lovely vale. The ancient Bard is crowned in place of the fallen Queen, and the operetta closes with the loud echo of "Long live our noble King!"

Admission 25 cents. All seats reserved. Tickets on sale at F. A. Shurtleff & Co's.

The following is the list of ladies serving at the several booths:

Candy table—Mrs. Gertie Greene, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. F. A. Shurtleff, Miss Mertie Maxim.

Remembrance and Fancy Table—Mrs. T. S. Barnes, Mrs. C. W. Bowker, Mrs. W. L. Gray, Mrs. J. S. Wright, Miss Sue Wheeler.

Punch—Miss Sue Rounds, Miss Mabel Hathaway, Mrs. Howard Daughraty, Mr. Alton Wheeler.

Laundry—Misses Eva Walker, Mertie Walker, Ollie Stuart.

Food Table—Mrs. Nelson Elder, Hattie Haskell.

Ice cream—Mrs. A. W. Walker, Mrs. Walter Swett.

Aprons—Mrs. Theron Hathaway, Mrs. W. P. Maxim, Mrs. Geo. Richards.

Reception Committee—Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Penfold, Mrs. Rounds, Mrs. Chute, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. F. P. Burbank.

Supper Committee—Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. N. D. Bolster, Mrs. H. N. Bolster, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. O. E. Barrows, Mrs. P. E. Wheeler, and Mrs. J. H. Bean.

MAINE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Maine Teachers' Association, to be held in Waterville on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 30 and 31, promises to be of unusual excellence. The program soon to be announced in full will contain addresses by prominent educators from various states. Among these are Prof. John M. Tyler of Amherst College, Frank A. Hill, Secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Education, formerly a Maine man, and who, like so many others, has attained eminence as an educator in another state, Anna J. McKeag, Ph. D., Professor of Pedagogy at Wellesley College, A. J. Demarest, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Hoboken, N. J., Supt. G. A. Stuart of New Britain, Conn., and Principal Philip Emerson of the Cobbett School, Lynn, Mass. The program will include numerous speakers from Maine among whom are President White of Colby, President Fellows of the University of Maine, and State Superintendent W. W. Stetson. Interesting programs of one-half day each will be presented for the five separate departments.

The usual reduced rates are granted by all the railroads of the state.

The full bench of the Supreme Judicial Court handed down a decision last week which affects every one of the agricultural societies in the state where shooting galleries are conducted on their grounds. It was in the case of Thornton, administratrix, against the Maine State Agricultural Association of Lewiston. At the annual fair held by the association in 1901 the husband of the administratrix was accidentally killed by a bullet shot at a shooting gallery on the grounds, he being some distance away. The case was tried in the Franklin County Supreme Court at Farmington and a verdict was returned for the plaintiff in the sum of $2,500. The fair association carried the case to the Law Court on the ground that the verdict was contrary to the law and evidence and that the damages were excessive. The rescript, drawn by Justice Savage, says that the court is of the opinion that it is not clearly shown that the jury erred in finding that the defendant failed to exercise due care in the premises either by letting space for a shooting gallery or in not sufficiently inspecting and supervising the gallery. The damages awarded are not deemed so clearly excessive as to justify the interposition of the court.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

It seems too bad, but in last week's storms several barges and schooners with cargoes of hard coal intended for Maine ports were wrecked.

You can find a full line of trunks, bags, and suit cases, and the prices are right at Smiley shoe store, Norway.

NORWAY.

Coldest for the week was from fifteen to twenty-six below.

The plumbing business has been first-class for ten days.

The market is well supplied with dry hard wood thus far. Prices are reasonable.

Candidates for deputy sheriff's positions are on the war path this month.

A storm entry has been built at the entrance of the Elm House. I. N. Small did the work.

C. B. Cummings & Sons are to have large quantities of pine timber delivered on the lake this season. R. F. Morrill has taken a two-year contract from the firm while all teams and workmen find employment with the firm.

Fred H. Cummings, who has been at Bemis for a long time in charge of the work of C. B. Cummings & Sons, is at home with a sore hand.

E. E. Andrews started for the west Tuesday night for more horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Andrews entertained the Professional Whist Club at their home Tuesday evening.

A. J. Stearns, Esq., was at Bolster's Mills Thursday on a business trip.

The supper and entertainment at Concert Hall Wednesday evening was well attended. The entertainment was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Whitman, Mrs. B. F. Bradbury, Mrs. Frank Kimball, Mrs. H. L. Bartlett and others. The music and readings were first-class in every respect.

The ladies of the Congregational church will not give their usual supper and entertainment, but instead they have arranged with the Æolian Quartette and John David, reader, of Lewiston. The quartette and reader are first-class and the evening will be one of pleasure to all who attend. The quartette consists of Geo. W. Horne 1st tenor, W. L. Lothrop 2d tenor, E. F. Scruton 1st bass, and H. E. Teel 2d bass.

A show billed for Monday evening at the Opera House appeared and disappeared, after a few selections on the street, but gave no show owing to the fact that the audience was rather smaller if anything than the company.

Verne Aldrich has accepted a position in Haverhill, Mass., where he has gone to work.

H. B. Spaulding of Lewiston is the new clerk at the Beal's House.

Frank Murdock has bought out the W. E. Austin machine shop. Mr. Murdock is a finished workman and will give satisfaction. He took possession this week.

Lewis I. Gilbert was on the street this week for the first time for several weeks.

C. W. Palmer, E. C. Thompson and F. E. Stevens enjoyed a hunting trip in Stoneham this week. Their headquarters were at Camp McKinley.

Thursday evening, Dec. 18, the ladies of the M. E. church will serve supper at G. A. R. Hall.

Bert Hosmer, while deer hunting in Greenwood a few days since, shot a deer that weighed nearly two hundred.

Deputy Sheriff Bird presented two tramps before the municipal court Friday. They were sent up for thirty days each.

Edward Cotton, son of Rev. E. S. Cotton of Norway, lost his books and some furnishings when the Colby dormitory was burned Saturday. He escaped by way of the fire escape.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Howe have returned from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Morrison, at Rumford Falls.

Rev. E. S. Cotton will deliver a series of Sunday evening talks on "The Prodigal Son" at the Baptist church.

THOMAS W. BOWMAN

Recent Rochester, N. Y., papers give account of the funeral in that city of Thomas W. Bowman, Nov. 25. Many people of this vicinity well and pleasantly remember Mr. Bowman as a prominent citizen and business man of Buckfield forty years ago. He was born in Sidney, Me., Dec. 31, 1837. He was bred as a farmer boy, with slight educational advantages. When a boy he went to Boston in the employ of an agricultural firm, remaining until he became of age, after which he became a salesman for nursery stock. He married Persis M., daughter of the late William Chase of Buckfield and became resident of that town, entering into partnership with the late Isaac C. Morrill in trade, under the firm name of Morrill & Bowman. While a member of this firm, in 1864, he was elected representative to the legislature, and the year following served as selectman. After a partnership of several years he sold out and went into trade with Charles B. Atwood, remaining several years in prosperous business under the firm name of Atwood & Bowman. In 1870 he located in Canada, where he conducted a large and prosperous nursery business for many years, finally removing to Rochester, where he resided til his death. While in that city he became widely known as a successful nurseryman, enjoying a high standing in business affairs and a broad circle of personal friends. He was a man of high honor and of wonderful business energy. He was an ardent Freemason, having been a charter member of Evening Star Lodge at Buckfield, and was its first master. He was prominent in the church affairs of Rochester, being deacon of Park Avenue Baptist church, from which he was buried with Masonic honors by Genesee Falls Lodge.

Mr. Bowman was twice married, his second wife, whom he married while residing in Canada, with two sons, surviving him.

At the meeting of the state board of pharmacy, which consists of Percy L. Lord of Calais, Joseph F. Young of Augusta, and Frederick H. Wilson of Brunswick, held at the State House Wednesday 14 candidates took the examination for registered pharmacists. Chairman Lord of the board stated: "As far as is known, and the commissioners have made a thorough investigation, there is not a drug store in the state where a registered apothecary is not employed. The commissioners believe the day of the pharmaceutical front with a bar attached in the rear has gone by. During the past year but few complaints have been made about the illegal running of drug stores."

FIGHT WILL BE BITTER.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. B. Beall of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Noyes Drug Store, Norway. Price 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

REVOLUTION IMMINENT.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50 cts. and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE,

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c. at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s, South Paris; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

A COSTLY MISTAKE.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c. at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s, South Paris; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

The young woman students of Bates College and Boston University are arranging a joint debate. The question is, "Resolved, that within fifty years Russia will be the most important power in the eastern hemisphere."

The board of state assessors have committed the semi-annual taxes on trust and banking institutions of the state. The total amount is $11,768.38 against $10,695.40 at the last commitment in June, an increase of $872.92.

BORN.

In Wilson's Mills, Dec. 6, to the wife of R. S. Bean, a daughter.
In Brownfield, Dec., to the wife of Sherman McDonald, a son.
In Bethel, Dec. 11, to the wife of Edward King, a son.
In Bethel, to the wife of L. U. Bartlett, a son.

MARRIED.

In Shelburne, N. H., Nov. 20, Mr. Merton Young of East Waterford and Miss Gertie Clarke of Albany.

DIED.

In Wilson's Mills, Dec. 5, J. C. Bean, aged 7 years.
In Milton Plantation, Dec. 3, George Hopkins, aged about 10 years.
In Hanover, Dec. 2, Jesse D. Russell, aged 74 years.
In Norway, Dec 4, Mrs. Mark (Monk) Crocker, aged 81 years, 2 months, 21 days.
In Bethel, Dec. 8, Mrs. D. Hannibal Grover.

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Girl of fair education to learn a trade. Address, P. O. Box 44, South Paris, Me.

WANTED.

Girl to do housework in small family. Address, A. B., Care of Democrat office, South Paris, Maine.

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Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of ELLIS & McDONALD, as co-partners and individuals, Bankrupts. } In Bankruptcy.

To the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine:

W. CARL ELLIS & RODY McDONALD, formerly copartners as Ellis & McDonald of Rumford, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represent, that on the 16th day of December, 1901, they were duly adjudged bankrupts under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that they have duly surrendered all their property and rights of property, and have fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching their bankruptcy.

Wherefore they pray, That they may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against their estate under said bankrupt Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 28th day of November, A. D. 1902.

W. CARL ELLIS,
RODY McDONALD, Bankrupts.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 13th day of Dec., A. D. 1902, on reading the foregoing petition, it is—

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 2nd day of Jan., A. D. 1903, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 13th day of Dec., A. D. 1902.

[L. S.] A. H. DAVIS, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.
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Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of JAMES A. TUELL, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine:

JAMES A. TUELL, of Sumner, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 6th day of Sept., last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays, That he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 24th day of Nov., A. D. 1902.

JAMES A. TUELL, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 29th day of Nov., A. D. 1902, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 19th day of Dec., A. D. 1902, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 29th day of Nov., A. D. 1902.

[L. S.] A. H. DAVIS, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.
Attest: A. H. DAVIS, Clerk.

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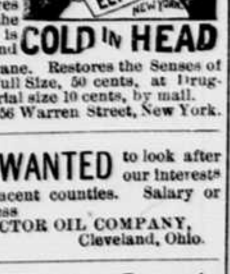

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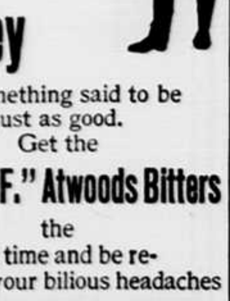

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I.—1. A letter. 2. Joint of the thigh. 3. Stones for sharpening. 4. A great man. 5. A flower. 6. Artful. 7. A letter.

II.—1. A letter. 2. A cover. 3. Profit. 4. A celebrated novelist. 5. To be in great fear. 6. Extreme point. 7. A letter.

No. 375.—A Shrunken Word.

A word of five letters gradually lost all of its letters but one. Guess from the verse below what the word was originally and what letter was left:

They say I was a little loud
Until I lost my eye;
Then I was good upon a scent,
But when they did descry
That I could see imperfectly
They made me blind indeed,
And I became a negative
For men to use at need.
My exclamation then they took,
And all they left to me
Was but a single letter which
In every end you see.

No. 376.—Hidden Names.

Find seven masculine names.

1, 2, 3. Winifred certainly possessed external beauty in a remarkable degree.

4, 5. "If you give her an inch, she will take an ell," Isabel declared with great decision.

6, 7. Nathaniel was made lieutenant in the Salvation Army.

No. 377.—Connected Squares.

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     I.                       II.
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o  o  o  o  o          o  o  o  o  o
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              . . . . .
              . . . . .
     IV.      . . . . .       V.
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I.—1. Domesticated. 2. Solitary. 3. Damp. 4. To come after. 5. To prevent by fear.

II.—1. Witty. 2. A measure. 3. Explate. 4. Tears. 5. A lock of hair.

III. Central square: 1. To send back. 2. To eat into. 3. An example. 4. Faultless. 5. Narrates.

IV.—1. An organ. 2. Wrong. 3. To ascend. 4. An inflammable substance 5. Direction.

V.—1. Impress. 2. A citadel. 3. Informed. 4. Clemency. 5. Gathers spoil

No. 378.—Picture Puzzle.

What two kinds of pictures are here represented?

No. 379.—Numerical Enigma.

1. If it is not already 123-456 me try my hand at a 123456.

2. Tell little 1234-5678 horrible tales. Do not let her hear of such 12345678 men.

3. Did you see the 123-456 at that weed? She evidently thought that it was 123456.

No. 380.—Anagrams.

Do tell that little L-gape-M. to hold her U.-get-on. She has done nothing but the-cart for the last hour.

No. 381.—Transformations.

[Change the middle letter.]

1. Change an old woman to a bird.
2. Change meat to lightning.
3. Change a fault to a prim girl.

Reveries of an Apple.

My cheeks are plump, my glowing skin
Is flecked with red and yellow dapple,
And lofty hopes arise within;
I am a most ambitious apple.

Shall I, puffed up and high of heart
With pride I feel, but may not utter,
Rise glorious into regal tart
Or sink in shame in apple butter?

Shall I in rare roast goose's train
As dainty sauce bid joy betide her
Or by some churlish rustic swain
Be sucked up through a straw as cider?

Alas, the pretty hopes were spoiled
Which used its reveries to sweeten;
'Twas in a vulgar dumpling boiled,
And in a dumpling it was eaten.

Seasoning Needed.

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"Well," replied the king of the Cannon Ball islands, "it strikes me that you are rather fresh. However, pepper and salt are cheap, and I have a good chef."

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 367.—Word Square: 1. Comet. 2. Opera. 3. Medal. 4. Erase. 5. Tales.

No. 368.—Pictured Word: Mascot.

No. 369.—Riddlemeree: Amy Robsart.

No. 370.—Compound Word Building: 1. Round-E-lay. 2. Co-loss-U-S. 3. Came-lo-pard.

No. 371.—Letter Puzzle: T U R K E Y.

No. 372.—Hidden Fish: 1. Blue. 2. Perch. 3. Weak. 4. Shad. 5. Cod. 6. Trout. 7. Bass. 8. Smelt. 9. Flat. 10. Sword.

No. 373.—Anagrams: 1. William Shakespeare. 2. Isaac Newton. 3. Galileo. 4. Nestor. 5. Marat.

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From a Demonstration Lecture Given at Chautauqua, N. Y., 1902, by Ella C. McKenney.

There is no form of amusement more popular than candy making. For a small party, on a stormy day or lonely evening, it is both pleasant and profitable. It is a means of entertainment well suited to all ages and all classes and conditions of men and women.

The time has gone by when pure candies eaten judiciously are considered harmful to any one in good health. Sugar is known to be an important food as well as a flavor. It supplies heat and energy, and is especially valuable in exhaustive labors. The demand for it is on the increase in all civilized countries. The natural appetite craves sugar. Particularly is this noticeable in active children, and as long as they will have it, preferably in the form of confectionery, they should be encouraged to make candy themselves in the right way. It will give them a far purer article than they would be likely to buy, and at a much less cost. While children are making candy they are learning many of the fundamental lessons in cooking, such as neatness, accuracy in measurement, dexterity in handling mixtures, and the care of the fire. No half-way work will ever make first-class candies.

Perhaps the simplest and easiest made candy for beginners is the wafer. Little children can find great pleasure in rolling and cutting them out, even if too young to prepare the mixture for themselves.

WAFERS AND LOZENGES.

Dissolve a tablespoon of gum arabic in two tablespoons of cold water, then heat over hot water. Stir in enough sifted confectioners' sugar to make a stiff dough. Divide into parts, and work in coloring and flavoring as you like. Oil of wintergreen, peppermint, cinnamon and clove are especially good flavors for wafers. When cold, roll thin on a board, and cut out in small shapes exactly as you would cookies, using confectioners' sugar on the board to handle the dough. A very little arrowroot or corn starch may be sifted into this sugar if the wafers stick. Do not pack until they have had time to dry.

Either gelatin or gum tragacanth may be used in place of the gum arabic.

FONDANT.

Fondant is the foundation of all French bonbons and cream mixtures. Many recipes and directions have been given, and practise alone will prove which are the important points to observe. One pound of fondant flavored costs about six cents.

Put into a smooth clean kettle one pound of granulated sugar, three-quarters of a cup of hot water, and one-fourth teaspoon of cream of tartar. Stir until the sugar is dissolved, then remove the spoon, and boil steadily without disturbing until the soft boil stage is reached. This means that the thermometer will register 112 degrees C. or 238 degrees F. Take from fire and cool at once. If you have no thermometer you may resort to other tests. Dip a fork in the sirup and if a thread will form it has boiled enough, or drop a little in ice water and if it works up into a waxy ball with finger tips the right point has been reached.

Sometimes during the boiling crystals will form on the sides of the kettle. These should be removed with a damp cloth.

The sirup should cool to 90 degrees F., or until you notice a ruffled surface when you tip the dish. You can now bear the fingers in it. In boiling large quantities the mixture must be turned out to cool, but for this amount it is useless. Work up with a spoon or knife until the mass turns creamy and begins to stiffen. Then pour at once into a jar and cover for future use. If you wish to shape at once turn into a wet towel free from lint, roll up, and then knead a small portion at a time, coloring and flavoring while kneading. A little experience will teach the exact point at which the mixture should be turned out. It means extra labor if allowed to become stiff in the saucepan, since it must be warmed to get it out. If the sugar is hard and unmanageable it has boiled too long, and there is no remedy but to add more water and boil again. It is possible that very rarely we find some sugar that will never become creamy. In that case use it for pulled candy. I have never known this to happen but twice.

Fondant requires more constant care and attention to detail while in process than most people are willing to give it. For this reason it is often condemned as difficult and troublesome when it is only a case of failure following carelessness. Be sure your sin will find you out. If you have poor results, you will surely be able to study out a reason, which may be avoided next time.

COFFEE FONDANT.

For coffee fondant use strong, clear coffee for the liquid. This gives a delicate color and agreeable taste.

MAPLE FONDANT.

In making maple fondant one-half maple sugar and one-half granulated is a little more acceptable to most tastes than maple alone.

CREAM MINTS.

Put the fondant into a dish over hot water. Keep stirring while it melts to prevent the fondant from turning to a sirup. As soon as it has melted, add the flavoring and drop from the point of a teaspoon on waxed paper, always keeping the fondant of the same consistency. This may be done by the regulation of temperature and the occasional addition of a few drops of water. It takes skill to keep a uniform size, but that is of less consequence than the texture of the mints.

BONBONS.

Here the variety is endless. Select a box of first-class, hand-made goods of professional make and examine them carefully. Cut each piece in halves and use as models. New combinations will continually suggest themselves. The centers should be molded some hours before dipping, if made of fondant. If candied fruit is used, cut in uniform pieces. All nuts should have as much skin removed as possible.

DIPPING.

Have ready a double boiler, a candy dipper, and waxed paper. Melt the fondant and in it dip each centre carefully, being sure that every part is covered. Hold a moment above the kettle that no superfluous candy be left on, and then drop on the paper.

The uses of fondant are by no means limited to confectionery. It makes an excellent frosting, and may be kept on hand ready to be used at any time. Small pound cakes dipped like bonbons in fondant are popular with many caterers under various names.

GINGER CREAMS.

Small uneven sections of crystallized or preserved ginger are dipped in white fondant. These are especially nice to serve with ice cream.

BROWNIES.

When all the bonbons are finished, scrape every particle of fondant that remains into a dish and rub it together with chopped nuts and melted chocolate. Shape in little buttons, and then roll in finely chopped nuts.

PINOCHE.

Boil together one pound of light brown sugar and one cup of cream. Add one cup of chopped pecans after removing the mixture from the fire.

CHOCOLATES.

Good chocolates may be made at home far better than the cheaper priced candies. The best results are obtained by using for the coating unsweetened chocolate and fondant in about equal amounts, a few drops of olive oil or a little butter. Cocoa butter also added makes a decided improvement in consistency.

Almost anything and everything is used for centers—bonbons, candied fruits, and nuts; and other candies, like cream mints, nougats, and marshmallow, are given a chocolate coating.

A nice simple confection may be made by pouring the chocolate all ready for dipping over a layer of nuts. Melt a cake of sweet chocolate and use for the same purpose.—American Kitchen Magazine.

A SERIOUS AFFAIR.

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OUR NATIVE TREES

... By ...
THOMAS H. MACBRIDE, Ph. D.,
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VI.—Forests and Man.

Just what the forests of the world stand for, what they signify in the general economy of the lands of earth, has long been a disputed problem. Of course we all know something of the economic value of forest products—we can all at least use wood as fuel—but that the forest plays also its part in the great economies, in the equilibrium of nature's delicate adjustments, we less appreciate. Indeed it is very hard for even the wisest to understand what the equilibrium of nature is. We know not exactly how it has been brought about and too often discover its existence only by the catastrophe which follows close upon some ill advised bit of interference. Nevertheless the problem of the forest is an earth problem second in importance to none other with which as intelligent men we have to deal, more difficult indeed than most because at once physiological and physical. Forests constitute great physical masses on the surface of the earth, and at the same time they are made up of living plants which as such affect the elements about them. There are those who contend that the very climate of the earth is modified by the presence of trees exhaling moisture, conditioning atmospheric heat, the distribution of electric currents, the chemical constitution of the air and soil, but our information in these particulars is less trustworthy, and we shall perhaps for the present keep within the limits of actual knowledge if we assert that trees associated in a forest affect more or less profoundly local conditions of climate and atmospheric change, whatever may be true of their wider and more farreaching influence.

The climate of the locality occupied by the forest or immediately contiguous to it is affected by the organic activity of the trees, but we do not know how or how much. The climatic effect of the forest as a purely physical object, a physical covering of the earth's surface, we can better estimate and understand. For instance, climate is largely a matter of temperature and moisture. Now, the presence of trees certainly greatly retards air currents, but air currents are the usual efficient agents of evaporation and falling temperature. It might seem incredible that forests of trees a hundred feet high or more should avail to check the movements of the great ocean of atmosphere above our heads, but we all know that it is a fact. Men and beasts are wont to take shelter behind a grove. In fact, in the deep woods the air may be perfectly quiet, there may be a great calm, while the storm wind roars and rides high above the treetops. In such case the atmosphere is of heat an almost perfect nonconductor. Caught amid the trunks and branches of the forest, it is comparable to the air entangled in the meshes of a coat of fur, almost impervious to heat or cold. This is the explanation of the western windbreak. A simple grove of trees makes the prairie habitable. Even the willow and the cottonwood and the despised box elder may bid defiance to the blizzard. On a wider scale groves and forests of greater extent may affect in different ways their immediate surroundings. There are scores of instances where the felling of the forest has changed entirely the climatic conditions of the locality, sometimes to such an extent as to modify the whole industry of the region. Such are the stories of the orange orchards and olive yards of southern France and northern Italy, where the path of the mistral seems to vary as the forests wax and wane. Many years ago Mr. Lapham published a paper on the "Transactions of the Wisconsin Agricultural Society," in which he showed that the wholesale destruction of the forests of Wisconsin had already modified the climate of many localities in so far as concerned the raising of fruit.

But, whatever may be the effect of the presence of woodland in matters of heat and cold, it is in relation to the second climatic factor, to moisture, that the forest is most positive and farreaching in influence and efficiency. Forests are great conservators of moisture—this, too, in a purely mechanical way. In summer they greatly retard evaporation, first, by checking the air currents, as we have seen, which would otherwise carry the moisture away, and, second, by their shadows shutting out the solar heat, which would otherwise speedily dry up, dissipate, any moisture that might have fallen. Trees, it is true, in the process of transpiration take from the soil and give off to the surrounding air an immense amount of water, though probably nothing like so much as has been supposed. Nevertheless in a forest the loss of water due to the life processes of the trees does not compare with the results of evaporation in the unprotected open. Every one must have noticed that woodland roads are muddy, very muddy, long after the highway that passes the open field has become perfectly dry. Indeed, road supervisors often make this an excuse for felling shade trees planted by generous landowners along the public way. Trees are cut down to make the road dry. So much for what happens in summer. In winter the same conditions are efficient to retain precipitation in the form of snow. The snow of the woodland is permitted neither to blow away nor to evaporate. The extent to which a coniferous forest, with its dense, persistent foliage, retains the snow is something phenomenal. The snows in the Minnesota pineries used to accumulate all winter and lie unthawed in June; the snows in the Sierras are sometimes fifteen feet in thickness, though perhaps slowly thawing all the time.

But there is still another way in which trees affect the retention of local moisture, and that is by the physical obstacles they oppose to surface drainage. The bodies of the trees, the fallen twigs and foliage with which they strew the ground, and myriad roots and rootlets with which they crowd the soil, all these things hinder the escape of water by process of ordinary drainage, hold it back and suffer a very slow departure, if it escapes at all. The forest sits on the hillside as a giant sponge. The rains and showers keep it forever saturated. It yields to the atmosphere moving about it some of its moisture, to be sure, but the greater part, led by gravitation, escapes at length slowly at the bottom of the hill.

The effect of all this upon the steadfast flow of springs and streams and even rivers has long ago been pointed out. The surplus water of the mountain side filters through roots and rocks and beds of sand or gravel, finally reaches an impervious layer and approaches the surface, there to become an unfailing source of spring or rivulet. The snows of winter linger long in the shadows of the trees, thawing slowly, yielding scarcely anything to drainage on the surface.

It is evident from the present argument that forests tend by their very nature to keep uniform the water supply in the region they affect. It is not always the amount of water a land receives that determines its fertility. It is rather the amount retained and used. So that even if we concede, as some people would have us do, that forests have little to do with the amount of rainfall in any case it is yet evident that a land with its proportion of woodland is likely to be more moist than one without. The moisture it receives is longer retained. The state of Iowa, for instance, enjoys perchance as much precipitation as it ever enjoyed. Nevertheless the state as a whole is much drier than it was thirty or forty years ago simply because ill advised agriculture is rapidly removing from all the streams their forest cover, is draining every lake and pond. The prairie slopes, trodden hard by the hoofs of ten thousand herds, shed rainwater like slated roofs, and much of the rainfall the state receives today is hurried as rapidly as possible to the sea.

But there is another particular in which the presence or absence of forest may profoundly affect the welfare of civilized men. This also is a matter of the purely mechanical or physical sort. Forests not only hold the air, the water, but they likewise hold the soil on which they stand. Where this is loose, sandy, gravelly or rocky the removal of the trees exposes it to an erosion which, as far as all human purposes are concerned, is often simply destruction. The best illustrations of this are seen in the older countries of the world. Thus in Asia Minor, in southern Europe, lands once the happy homes of millions are now desert; the hills are naked rocks, the uncovered framework of the world; the valleys are drifting sands. But Americans need by no means visit the old world to find ruin of this sort. In almost any of our older states the same thing can everywhere be seen. In northern Mississippi thousands of acres of land have been abandoned of the farmer, sold for taxes to the state, because ruined by erosion. Every river valley in the west shows the same disastrous condition in greater or less degree. In eastern Iowa, where the woods have been cleared from steep clay hills, these now exhibit great ravines and gullies, down which with every storm torrents of water carry loads of sand and gravel, at least of inferior soil, to cover the richer fields and meadows spread below.

When a country loses its forest cover, especially from collecting basins, from hills, ridges and mountain sides, the loss is therefore at least threefold—it loses its timber supply; it loses its water supply, at least in regularity; it loses large portions of its tillable soil, swept away or buried by the force of uncontrollable torrents.

The bearing of all this is plain. Especially is it interesting in view of our present effort to reclaim our western arid lands, to utilize the scant supplies of water that reach our interior mountain ridges. Artificial dams encounter their greatest hazard in the flood. Nothing known to man so holds back a deluge as does a forest. It is thought the Johnstown calamity might have been averted by more regard to doctrines such as these, and the effort is now making by planting trees to prevent the recurrence of the disaster. The fact is the forests are actually part and parcel in nature's equilibrium after all. They are, as we saw in a preceding chapter, the result of geologic changes long gone by.

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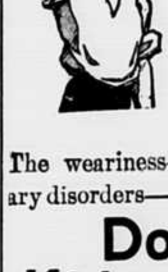

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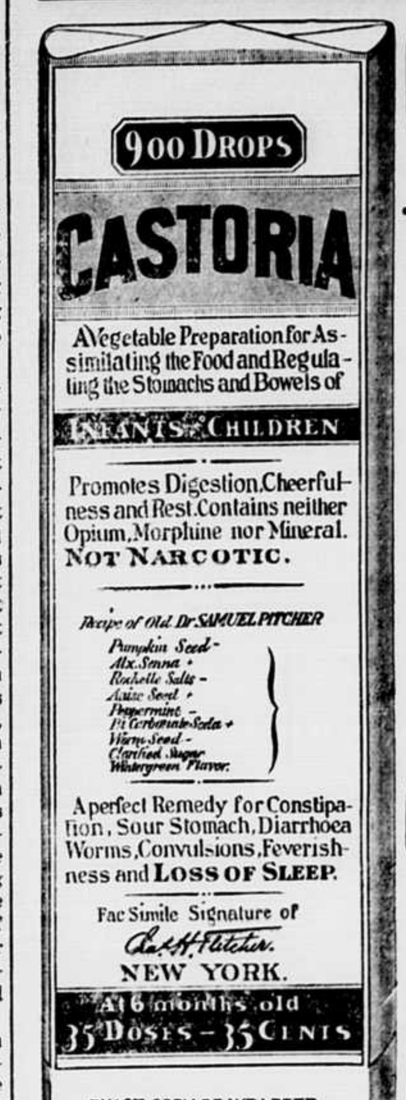

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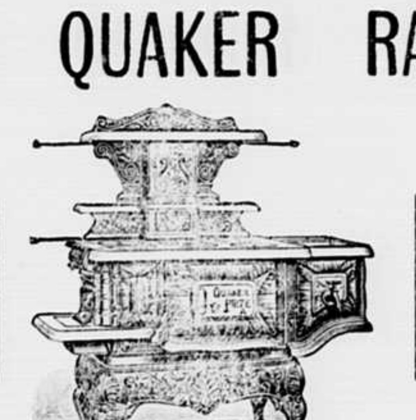

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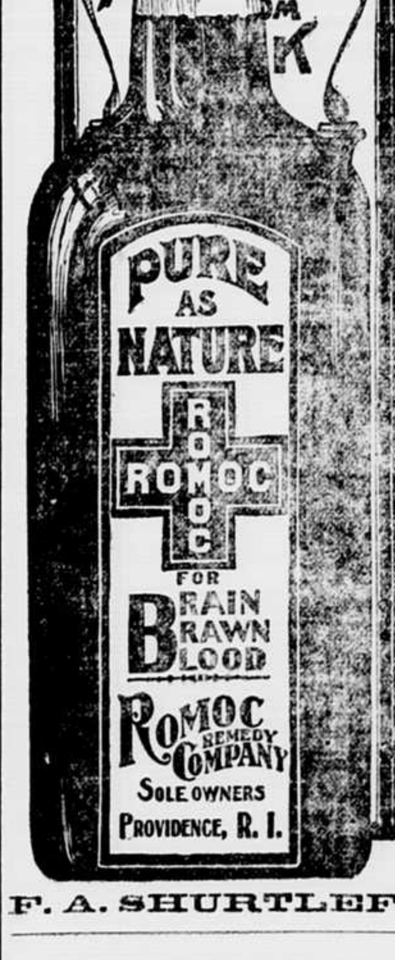

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